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Honoring Our Veterans

In honor of all the veterans who have served in our country's armed services, we commemorate Veterans Day on November 11th.

Let's reflect on the service and sacrifices of one local veteran, David Dale Hunt. Dave grew up on a farm northwest of Gary with his parents, Marvin and Mable and two brothers, Darold and Darwin. He attended local schools and graduated from Gary High School in 1964. He was attending SDSU when he received his draft notice in January of 1968. He was to report to the Selective Service Office at the Deuel County Courthouse on February 5, 1968 for forwarding to the Armed Forces Induction Station in Sioux Falls, SD. He was then sent to Fort Polk, Louisiana for Basic Training and AIT. Fort Polk had been home to a basic training camp for years, but in 1962, the mission of Fort Polk was expanded to include Advanced Infantry Training in preparation for war in the jungles of Southeast Asia.



At the fort, Vietnamese villages were simulated with earthen berms, bamboo stake defenses, and booby traps. These hamlets were complete with everything the soldiers might encounter in and around a Vietnam village from buildings to farm animals, shrines, schools, and tunnels. Soldiers were trained to search for weapons and how to question the villagers to see where their support lay. They also practiced night maneuvers with enemy role players trying to breach the defensive lines surrounding the village.

Of the more than 2.5 million soldiers who saw action in Southeast Asia, more than 1 million were trained at Fort Polk. Sections of the fort were pine forests with heavy undergrowth which duplicated the terrain and conditions in Vietnam. The climate was also comparable to Vietnam's as the temperature and humidity were much like Vietnam. Thus the troops were acclimated prior to arriving in Southeast Asia.

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Dave arrived in Vietnam in July of 1968 and served with the 25th Infantry Division - the Wolfhounds. He suffered several injuries in the first six months he was there. He was injured from shrapnel in his legs, back, and lungs as well as being exposed to Agent Orange. Dave's last injury occurred on November 22, 1968. After that, they wouldn't let him go back into the field, so he became a jeep driver for a General in base camp at Cu Chi. This enabled him to attend the Bob Hope Christmas show! In July of 1969, he was given an early trip home to help with harvest on the farm. He was instructed not to wear his uniform on his trip home. He was not the same Dave when he returned home; he was humble and quiet and more serious. After his leave, he headed to Fort George G Meade, Maryland where he was transferred to the Army Reserves in October of 1969 and served until



February of 1974. Dave is the recipient of four Purple Hearts with Oak Leaf Cluster, Bronze Star Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with 4 Bronze Service Stars, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm Unit Citation 2nd Award, Republic of Vietnam Civil Actions Honor Medal First Class Unit Citation, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Combat Infantry Badge, 2 Overseas Service Bars, Expert Badge Rifle M14, and Marksman Badge Rifle M16

After several years, Dave reconnected with some of his Wolfhound Brothers at reunions- some were shocked because they thought he had been killed in the last incident when they found his helmet with a bullet hole through it! These gatherings are the best therapy for the veterans as well as enlightening for the spouses. The men could talk for hours on end. The reunions with his Army buddies took place all over the United States and the entire 25th Infantry Division holds regular reunions in Hawaii. The Wolfhounds also sponsor a children's orphanage in Japan which is also very therapeutic for them all.

Dave returned to civilian life and married his girl back home, Brenda Baer, on November 22, 1969. Over the years, they created a family and built careers, all the while dealing with the VA and the health issues due to his service. His leg was possibly his most troublesome issue, but he was determined that it not be removed. Eventually he received a 100% disability rating from the VA. He passed away on February 21, 2017. He is remembered as a humble, hard-working Christian man who simply loved God, family, and country.



“150 Years of Memories”

Kathy Limberg of rural Gary recently commissioned a quilt to be donated to the Historical Museum in memory of her grandmother, Ruby Gordon Johnson. Kathy had a very fond relationship with her grandmother as she lived with her grandparents during her youth and wanted to honor their legacy. Ruby Vesper Gordon was born in Gary, South Dakota on October 16, 1898, to Wilford and Florence Collins Gordon. The family homesteaded in Perkins County SD in 1909 but returned to Gary in 1911. Ruby Gordon and Lawrence Johnson exchanged marriage vows in the afternoon of October 27, 1920, at the home of Earl Gordon, brother of the bride. Rev. Donald Bruce, Methodist minister, officiated at the ceremony. Other members of the wedding party were Miss Johnson, sister of the groom, and Howard Gordon, brother of the bride. Little Geraldine Jensen, cousin of the bride, was the ring bearer. The marriage was written up in the Gary Interstate newspaper. The couple settled on a farm in Lowe Township, northeast of Tunerville, where they raised three daughters, Irene, Lorraine, and Vivian (Kathy's mother).

Granddaughter Kathy arrived from California with one suitcase to stay with her grandparents. She attended and graduated from Clear Lake High School. She loved South Dakota so much that she decided to stay - this might have had something to do with the young man she met at a dance at the Prairie Moon Ballroom in Tunerville and later married - Lyndon Limberg.

Ruby and Lawrence retired from farming and moved into Clear Lake. Ruby passed away in 1987 and Lawrence in 1999 and are buried in the Lakeview Cemetery in Clear Lake.



The quilt was designed and pieced by Patti Haas and is a duplicate of the one raffled during the sesquicentennial celebration in 2022 and won by Neil Schumacher. Please visit the museum to enjoy this and all the exhibits on display.

Fairchild Farmgirl

Happy Halloween! Or almost. Let's start out with this, do you know how I personally feel old as of late? My daughter Rachel; a Halloween baby will be 17 on the 31st. Egads! Wasn't she just dunking her pacifier in the cattle waterers when we were checking cows? This literally makes me sad. Here when she was about 3, she told me that she was going to stay small forever. Turns out she's a big liar. It seems like every free moment that we hang in the office together were talking college plans or adulting. What's happening? Keeping with the theme of Ron and I getting older, our daughter Kara is getting married this weekend to her sweetheart Jon. I mean, we are ecstatic, yes. But really? The next phase of life is grandparents. Wowza. How can I quick make up a rule about not having kids until you've been married at least five years? I kid of course; what happens, happens. And really, my hair's gray and Ron doesn't even have any hair, so it's all okay and were on track for this...I guess. In truth, Ron and I have never been without kids, so when this hits (of course not for 6 years, why am I even worrying?) it'll for sure be different. When we were married, we had kids from previous relationships. So as much as we talk about being excited for no more elementary school concerts as Tedd has only 2 years left there, it's getting pretty real. We've been together 18 years and always had someone underfoot. In six years, we will just have us...what do we do? Get a string of foreign exchange students? Foster? Adopt? Buy another dog and call each other dog dad or cat mom? Umm no. That's where I draw the line. Or face the music and realize that it'll just be us two and we better start having fun doing grown up stuff. But what? Like traveling, lawn maintenance, polishing the silver? Take sewing classes or join book clubs and exercise groups? I'm at a loss. But for now, we need to be content and loving the life that were in. Our daughter Grace who's the Maid of Honor this weekend had me read her speech for the reception. She spoke of how Jon just fit right in and before he knew it, he was coming along for Kara's siblings football games, volleyball, golf, barrel racing, whatever, he was there. In her speech she talked about our kids' boyfriends or girlfriends that haven't "cut the mustard" when meeting our family, because they couldn't take the chaos. She was right. We are lucky that he blends in so well. Our life is so busy. Since school has started this year, I've had football 4 nights out of the week and rounding out another is religious ed. It did make me think however, how bored I'll be when we won't have that chaos anymore. Even though I'm still up for any of kids letting us build a Granny Pod for us in there backyard, it'll never be the same as right now. I do so love this life that we've built together and all these kids we have. Yes, nine children is no walk in the park, but I wouldn't change it for anything. I'm pretty proud of our brood. Now that I think about it, I may need those grandchildren after all. But kids...ease us into it, ok?

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Until next time, Fairchild
 "in less than a week,
 I'll be someone's
 mother in law" Farmgirl

A Look Back...**100 years ago, November 1923**

Campfire girls organized
 HG Schulte injures left hand in corn picker accident
 Cold weather coming get your horse blankets
 Interesting program given by Dist. 57
 Senior class presents "The Mouse Trap"
 Last payment made on new fire truck
 New doctor in Gary, Dr. Norman H. Cain located over Peterson drug store
 Marriage: Olive Kenyon & Arthur Kluckman
 Auction: SA Harkins
 Special: picnic ham -- 15¢ a lb.

75 years ago, November 1948

Gerald Mason fractures leg in car repair accident
 Airplane strikes REA wire near golf course
 American Legion plans for annual turkey fun night-- Nov. 23
 Senior Who's Who-- Mavis Benner
 Marriages: Ella Meyer and Lloyd Braucher
 Dorothea Jones and Donald Kurtenbach
 Doris Swanson and Alfred Streich
 Mr and Mrs Guy Norton
 Mary Anne Thomas and Ward Shepherd
 Death: Carl G. Nelson
 Births: Sons to Mr & Mrs Henry Winrow
 Mr and Mrs Rudolph Baer
 Mr and Mrs Clifford Hunt
 Mr and Mrs Frank Sander
 Daughter to Mr and Mrs Lloyd Helmbolt

50 years ago, November 1973

Housewarming held for Mr and Mrs Lyndon Limberg
 Mrs Margaret Fitzpatrick one of outstanding elementary teachers in America
 Senior class presents "Mystery of Crazy Canyon"
 Marriage: Linda Iverson and Sgt. Donald Herren
 Special: 5 stick pkg bread dough-- 89¢
 8 cans tomato soup \$1.00

25 years ago, November 1998

About 90 people attended Farm Bureau Insurance banquet
 ITC puts new copper lines in Gary area
 12 inches of heavy snow falls on Nov 9
 Canby Community Hospital now Sioux Valley Canby Campus
 Jesse Nosbush injured in flash fire at Tech Ord
 Deaths: Lillian Grabow, Scott Eldon Peterson

Veterans Day 2023 

Veterans Day is observed on November 11th of each year on the anniversary of the signing of an armistice to end World War I. This agreement to end the fighting was signed on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918. It was originally called Armistice Day and officially received its name in America through a Congressional resolution in 1926 and became a national holiday in 1938. The name was changed to Veterans Day in 1954. Always celebrated on November 11th except for the years from 1971 to 1978 when it was commemorated on the fourth Monday in November. As November 11th was a date of historic significance, Congress returned the observance to the traditional date in 1978. Veterans Day honors all veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

In 2022, there were 16.2 million veterans living in the US according to the Census Bureau or 6.2% of the adult civilian population, the largest share being Gulf War veterans. The percentage dropped from 18% in 1980. This drop coincides with the decrease in active-duty personnel mainly resulting from the end of the military draft in 1973. Approximately 8.3% of South Dakota's adult population are veterans.

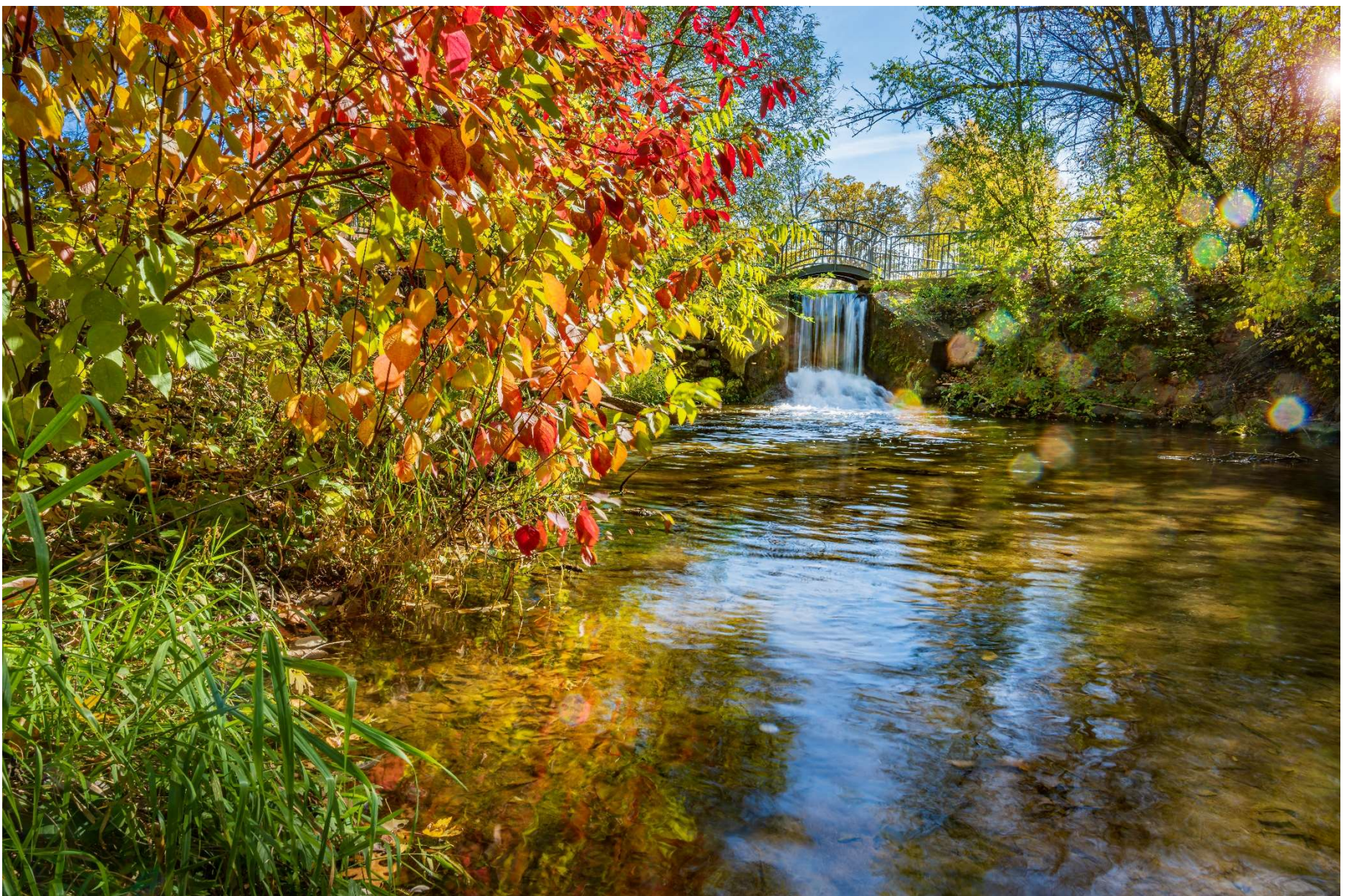
Tiny Town, Big News

Gary to become a
“Tiny Town”

The South Dakota Magazine columnist, Chad Coppess, visited Gary on October 17th to gather information for an upcoming issue of the magazine. He met with Doug Nelson, city councilman, Perry Heaton, long-time resident and former mayor, and Ellen Schulte and Carolynn Webber, members of the Gary Historical Association.



The magazine has a feature that highlights small towns in South Dakota called “Tiny Towns.” Past issues have highlighted Stockholm, Davis, and Carthage. Please watch for Gary in a future issue.



Lac Qui Parle River - Photo Credit: Chad Coppess (Photographer, South Dakota Magazine)



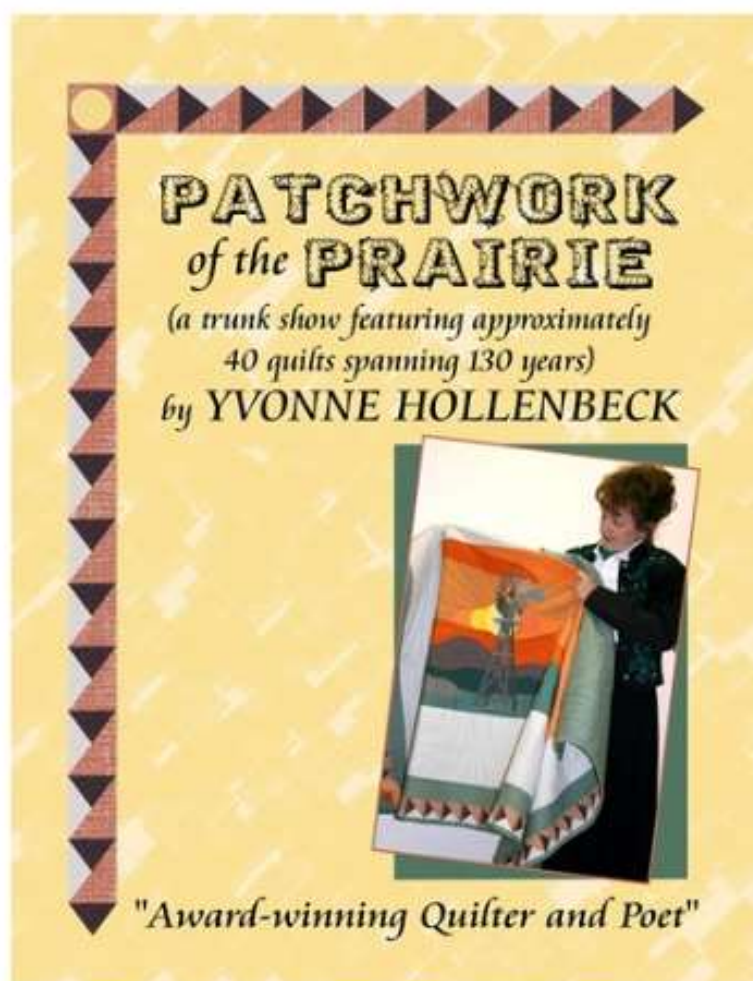
Many Americans proudly fly the U.S. flag at their homes and places of work, but what do you do with it when it's old and ratty and you're ready for a new one? Don't just throw it in the trash like any other old item – that's considered disrespectful.

Just as there is etiquette for displaying our nation's flag, there's also etiquette for disposing of flags in a dignified manner.

The American Legion passed a resolution about flag retirement ceremonies in 1937, and they've been an important ritual ever since. According to the resolution, "The approved method of disposing of unserviceable flags has long been that they be destroyed by burning."

The U.S. flag is considered such a sacred symbol that burning it in an undignified manner constitutes desecration. That's why the ceremonies are held in a specific manner.

Peden-Cole Post 109 will host their flag disposal ceremony on November 11th, Veterans Day, at 6:00PM at the Legion Hall. This will be followed by a potluck supper.



South Dakota Humanities Council Program

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November 12, 2023

1 PM

American Legion Dance Hall

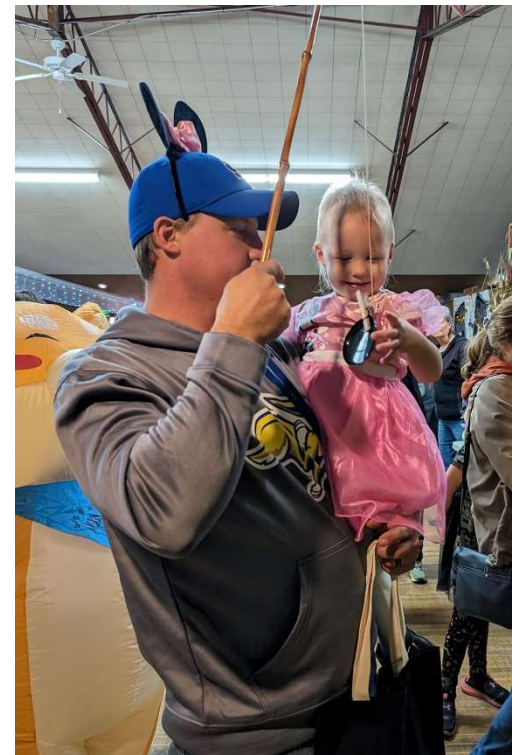
Gary, South Dakota

There is no charge for the program but a light lunch will be available for a free will donation.

October Photos



Area families enjoying the Legion Poultry Party (above) and having a Spooktacular Halloween thanks to the efforts of the Gary Legion, Gary Legion Auxiliary, and Gary Community Club. Congratulations to Ellen Schulte on winning the 50-50 Bingo Jack Pot at the Poultry Party.



Alex D. Adolf



Alex D. Adolph, age 48, of rural Twin Brooks, SD, passed away at his residence on October 14, 2023, following a battle with cancer.

Funeral services were held on Friday, October 20, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. at the Spirit of the Cat's Foundation (former Grant-Deuel School) in Reville. Rev. Nathan Neugebauer officiated. Visitation was held on Thursday, October 19, from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at Mundwiler Funeral Home in Milbank. Visitation continued at the school on Friday, one hour prior to the service.

The urn bearers were his children: Ethan and Alexa Adolph.

Alex Dean Adolph was born on February 21, 1975, in Clear Lake, SD. He was the son of Eugene and Darlene (Seidell) Adolph. Alex grew up in the Reville area and graduated high school from Grant-Deuel School. He was united in marriage on June 18, 2005, with Teresa Schuelke in Madison, MN.

Alex and Teresa were blessed with two children: Ethan and Alexa. They lived in Albee, SD, before settling in rural Twin Brooks. Alex helped farm with Scott and Donna Johnson. He worked in the whey department for Valley Queen Cheese Factory for many years. Ill health forced his early retirement in December of 2022.

Alex was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church. He enjoyed being outdoors and nature as he farmed, ice fished, and pheasant hunted.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Teresa of Twin Books, SD; his children: Ethan Adolph and Alexa Adolph, of Twin Brooks, SD; siblings: Adam Adolph of Clear Lake, SD; Eric (Angie) Adolph of Reville, SD; and Gina (Gary) Lanoue of Clear Lake, SD; father-in-law and mother-in-law: Michael and Karen Schuelke of Madison, MN; sisters-in-law: Michelle (Dallas) Croatt of Madison, MN; and Jennifer Schuelke of Madison, MN; nieces and nephews: Jessie Adolph, Jade Adolph, Jara Adolph, Taylor Adolph, Eli Lanoue, Dylan (Alyssa) Croatt, , Morgan (Garrett) Olson. Alex was preceded in death by his parents: Eugene and Darlene Adolph; his grandparents: Ed and Vicky Seidell, and Clarence and Jessie Adolph.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be given to "It Only Takes A Spark" Cancer Support.

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A South Dakota Humanities Council Speakers
Bureau Program

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Sunday, November 12 at 1 PM

Gary American Legion Hall, Gary, SD



Gary Area Community Club

BINGO & Lunch

Sunday | **NOV** | 2023
Gary, SD American Legion Dance Hall

<p>Lunch 11 am - 1 pm BBOs Potato Salad</p> <p>Free-Will Donation <i>Lunch will be served by the Gary Historical Association. Takeout orders are available.</i></p> <p>Concessions Soda & snacks will be available for purchase.</p>	<p>Bingo* 1 pm 10 Games + Jackpot Round Book - \$10 10 games Jackpot Card - \$5 Limit 5 cards per player All books and Jackpot Cards must be purchased by 1 pm.</p>
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The Gary Area Community Club will receive 25% of Books and 50% of Jackpot cards sold. The first 10 rounds pay out 50% of book sales; the Jackpot receives 25%. You must play at least one book (10 games) to play the Jackpot Blackout Round. Each blackout player will be limited to five (5) cards. If there is no Jackpot Blackout after the first 58 numbers (This will increase by one each week), the first player(s) to blackout will win 25% of that day's Jackpot Card sales; the rest will stay in the Jackpot for the next Bingo. *The Community Club will be reserving 50% of its portion of book and card sales to be used for repairs and maintenance of the Gary American Legion Hall. Please make all checks payable to the Gary Area Community Club. Some daubers will be available for purchase.

Gary Historical Association Bake Sale

November 19th

At Community Club Bingo

11am - 2 pm

* * We would appreciate any donations of home baked items.

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