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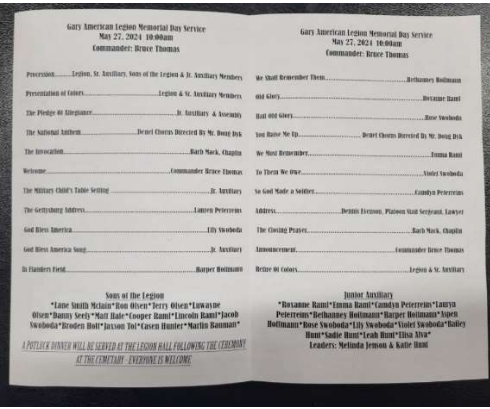


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Reflections on Memorial Day...



The Post 109 Legion family conducted another impressive Memorial Day program this year. The Junior Auxiliary guided by Melinda Jenson, performed both readings and vocal music selections. Retired Platoon Staff Sergeant and current Deuel County Veteran Service Officer, Dennis Evenson gave the address reflecting on his service in Vietnam and the soldiers he knew whose lives or parts of their lives were given for freedom. The Deuel High School Chorus under the direction of Mr. Doug Dyk performed a selection of patriotic songs as well. Following the program at the Legion Hall, the assembly continued to Grandview Cemetery with a 21-gun salute and the laying of the wreaths on the crosses signifying the wars our country has been involved in. Following the cemetery memorial, the crowd returned to the Legion Hall for a community potluck dinner. To watch clips of the Memorial Day Program go to [Gary American Legion Dance Hall](#) on Facebook.



At the Museum

(Sorry no National Register this month – I can't find the bridge)

There are many items in our historical museum that I cannot identify. Recently I walked through the machinery building and saw this...

I didn't recognize it without the long tongue, but I have seen these in action at Pioneer Village in Madison, SD.



It is a single horse-power sweep. Horse-power sweeps were developed around 1840 to drive machinery. Daniel Massey manufactured horsepower sweeps in 1848. This was the foundation for the Massey Harris Farm Equipment Company. Sears Roebuck's 1908 catalog advertised "a right-angle gear box that sits on the ground".

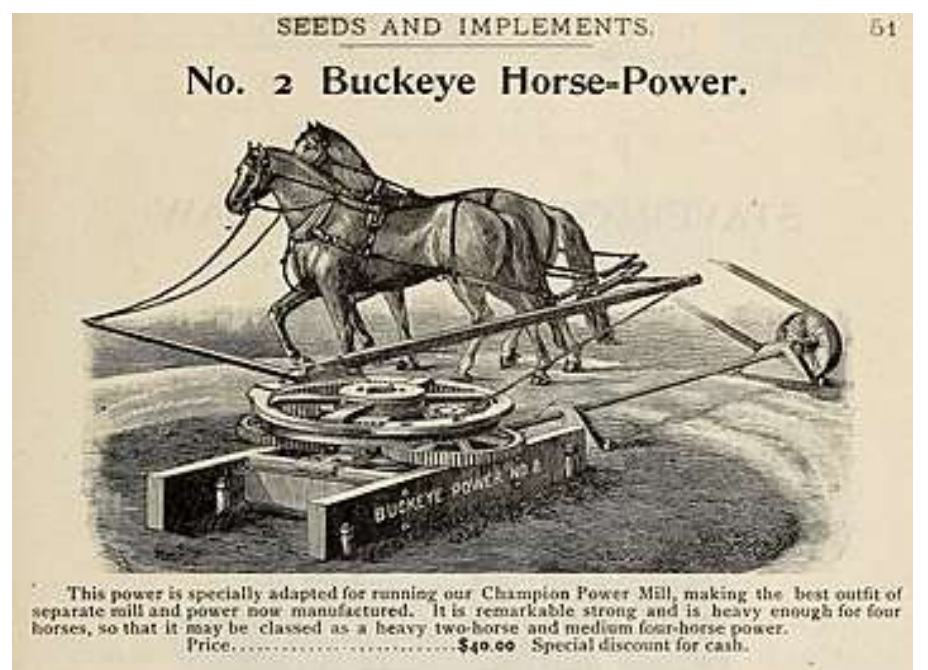


These were used to provide power for many operations prior to the invention and use of the steam engine. They could be used to power threshing machines, sawmills, hay presses (balers), grist mills, feed mills, corn huskers, printing presses, and clothes washing machines. These horse-power sweeps were also used to power small workshops and even factories. There were single, double and triple sweeps - all the way up to a seven-sweep horsepower. The single sweep horsepower has one tongue and could be hitched to one



or two horses at a time. These smaller rigs were used for jobs requiring less power such as the washing machine. A larger threshing machine would need a seven sweep horse-power hitched to seven teams of two horses each.

Central to this machine is a large Bull gear with tongues attached. The horses were hooked to the tongues which were supported by a pull rod designed to take the pull strain from the horses. The tongues were normally 14' -15' long (length was dependent on the size and number of horses). Draft horses were larger and needed more room as would a team compared to a single horse. The horses would walk in a circle and turn a vertical shaft. A series of gears would convert this energy to a horizontal shaft that extended



beyond the circular path walked by the horses. Often a pulley mounted to the end of this horizontal shaft would power machines via a belt. Horses were the chosen source of power as it was thought that oxen would get dizzy walking in circles.

If you would like to see these machines in action, visit a local threshing show. Most will have a demonstration of the many uses for a horse-power sweep. – Patti Haas

Fairchild Farmgirl

Dear gentle reader.... okay, I've been watching too much Bridgerton on Netflix but I digress! Do you know what month this is? I mean besides Part two, Season three of Bridgerton? I turn the big 50 in June! The 16th to be exact. You know, I may not have posted a usual birthday, but 50? It's got me kind of excited, to be honest. Let me tell you why.

First of all, I did have three things I wanted to do before I turned the big 5-0, 1. Go down to TX-check. 2. Lose 50 pounds-didn't. Chocolate is my love language. However, I'm getting better about it. 3. Really work on the yard this year (I would be happy as a second-rate Better Homes and Gardens)-check. Still have some things to finish up, but it should be done by my birthday weekend. In the words of Meatloaf; "Two Out of Three Ain't Bad".

This first 50 has been pretty great as far as I'm concerned though. Have I made mistakes? Yes. A little about me, even though I had an abusive dad, and we grew up poor, I had a pretty decent childhood back in those days. Why? I grew up without social media and a phone stuck to my head. Remember those days? Weren't they pure bliss looking back?

I literally had no one to compare my life to. All the families around us farmed and had it tough back in the late 70's and 80's too. Honestly those days shaped me into who I am. As kids on the farm, my brother Andy and I grew up close. We'd make forts under the lilac and rose bushes, and play hours of basketball. My sisters would join in on cow poop fights and my mom would make campfire meals for us in the summer. We always had cats and a dog to play with. We moved to town and made new friends and had new fun.

Then I tried college, wasn't for me. I was kind of a gypsy for a while, going from job to job, then got married. Then my first best friend/child was born and we grew up together. We had the best times just her and I. Seven years of marriage, her dad and I were divorced.

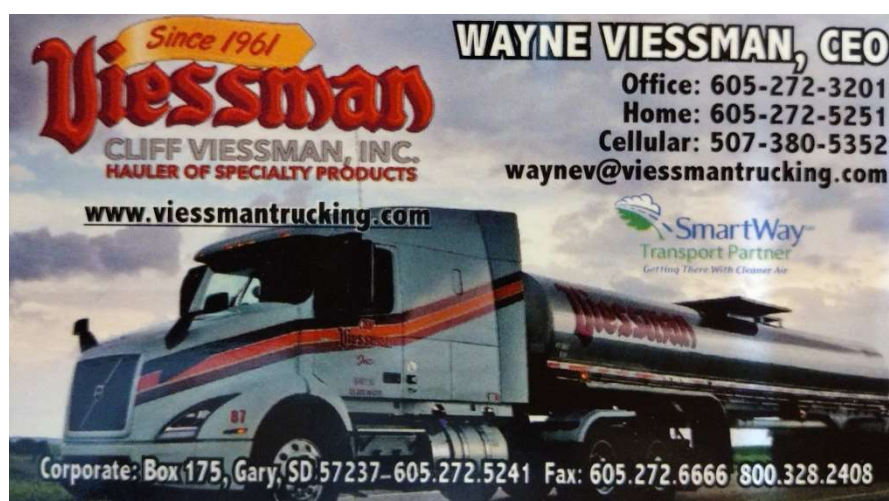
I then moved out to the Canby area. Southwest Minnesota has been good to me. I still am happy that I moved out here when I did. After all, I got to marry a great guy, adopt 2 kiddos and have 6 more after that. Yep, I feel blessed to have this first 50 years under my belt.

Now, what's in store for the next 50? Not sure. I love that the kids are getting older, I've been thinking about what Ron and I can do together, just us. Although, with our baby going into 6th grade...that's going to be a while.

On to what I want for my birthday...a good cake, like from the bakery. With all my kids over to help me eat it. Here's to however long we all get to live on this round ball. Just please, try not to take anything for granted, work hard, live, play and love harder.

Until next time,

Fairchild "this is what I want for a cake..." Farmgirl



A Look Back...

100 years ago, June 1924

Government sets stone to mark the grave of Fred L. Kuchkel, veteran, who was buried in 1917
Catholic cemetery has recently been fenced and has a new iron gate
Icehouse full of ice belonging to George Hornstein burned at Lake Cochrane
Death: Bendix Sass and Ole Severson

75 years ago, June 1949

Sale of poppies reaches \$90
George Lohr and Raymond Eng had perfect attendance this school year
Raymond Eng, Boys State, and Joan Mortensen, Girls State, representatives
Rural 8th Grade Graduation held
Gary Cafe under new management of Bud Wilber
Births: Boys to Mr & Mrs Wm Parkurst
 Mr & Mrs Howard Peterson
 Mr & Mrs Wilson Shackelford
Marriages:
 Isabelle Kimmell & Kenneth Synder
 Dorothy Schle & C. Wilfred Dunn
 Jean Paulson & Conrad Solberg
 Dorothy Bierne & George Hornstein
Auction: Charles Kuecker

50 years ago, June 1974

Time for girls to sign up for softball
Roller skating every Saturday night
Glenn Cole received 60-year jewel from Unity Lodge #18
Albert Leroy Norton, insurance representative, receives outstanding sales and service
Birth: Girl to Mr and Mrs Richard Kilpatrick
Marriage: Diane Stratten and Bruce Melby
Death: Mrs. Annie Holm

25 years ago, June 1999

Deuel Hospital plans 50th
Justin Pihl heads to College National Rodeo
Four Moons Rendezvous July 2-5th
Lake Cochrane Recreation Area receives Service Star
BRO bike riders make stop in Gary
Death: Vernon Blaine
Auction: Eddie and Marilyn Smith

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Pop Quiz!

Do you recognize this house?
What can you tell us about it?
Who lived/lives there?

We need to know!
* the picture is at the Historical Museum and we can't place it...



Meet Your Neighbor

I had a very interesting visit with Darwin Engeseth, getting to know his story. Darwin was born the tenth child of Erick and Lorraine Engeseth. They were living at Blue Earth, Minnesota in 1950 when Darwin contracted polio. Polio is a highly infectious disease caused by a virus that attacks the nervous system and can cause paralysis in a matter of hours. One in 200 cases ends in paralysis and 5-10 % of those paralyzed die when their breathing muscles become immobilized. The family was all quarantined for two weeks – though Erick could continue to come and go to work. Darwin was taken to the Sister Kenny Institute in Minneapolis for treatment which lasted 18 months. Sister Kenny's methods of treating polio included warm compresses for the muscles and stretching of the affected limbs. Darwin also spent six weeks in the Iron Lung as, often, breathing was impacted by the illness. He returned home at age 4 ½ though he did return to Sister Kenny's a second time for 6-8 weeks of treatment.

The family moved to Gary when Darwin was seven years of age and Erick took a job at the local elevator. They took over running the nursing home on Herrick Street. William Tietjen, a local music teacher who was a Shriner, asked Erick if he wanted to send Darwin to the Shriners' Hospital for treatment. (Darwin was always amazed that in small-town Gary, a Shriner offered help whereas in much larger Blue Earth, no Shriner had come forward.) There was a choice of Sioux Falls or the Cities for care and the Engeseth family chose the Cities as they had two older daughters living and working there. Then began the surgeries. The doctors manipulated the growth plates to stop growth of the left leg so that the right leg could catch up. The 4" difference was reduced to ½' by this successful treatment. Treatment was needed to stretch and lengthen the tendon in his right leg in order to straighten his knee. The right leg also had foot drop so the bones in the ankle were fused to prevent this. This required a body cast for three months and Darwin missed a lot of schooling. The Shriners provided a teacher who covered all the grades, like the teachers in the country schools. This helped to keep the patients current with their studies. Darwin underwent a total of nine surgeries before aging out of Shriners care at sixteen. He felt very fortunate as he saw so many children who were so much worse off than himself. He always helped Bill Law, a friend at work, who Darwin felt was worse off than himself. After the development of video cameras and Darwin could see himself, he determined that he was just as disabled as Bill though he had not considered himself disabled prior to visually seeing himself.

The Shriners Hospital in Minneapolis was established in 1923 to aid children afflicted with polio. All Darwin's care was provided free at the Shriners Hospital and for years the Shriners would not even accept donations as Darwin wished to do. In recent years, they began accepting contributions to fund their efforts. Following the reduction of polio cases due to the development of the Salk vaccine in 1953, the Shriners have expanded their mission to include treatment for orthopedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate.

Darwin attended Gary Public School and was involved in all the activities and sports provided there. He graduated with the Class of 1965 and continued his education at General Beadle Teachers College in Madison, SD for two years. After getting a job at Horner Waldorf Paper Company in the Cities, he decided not to return to college. Having a steady income was more appealing than being a poor, broke college student. His parents had taught their children that you have to work for what you want, and Darwin really wanted to be independent. He spent the next 44 years at this factory in seven different job positions through multiple changes in ownership. The company made corrugated boxes and cardboard boxes for General Mills

products. During his adult years, Darwin was very active playing tennis, volleyball, golf, and bowling. He also coached women’s softball for 7 years.

Darwin retired in 2012 and returned to Gary as he had family here. He likes the slower lifestyle in Gary - not a rat race like the city. The community is 100% safer and far more friendly than the Twin Cities. What does he dislike about our community? Nothing - after living in the Cities for 45 -50 years, nothing is dislikeable here! The July 3rd Celebration tops his list as his favorite event - kids’ events, parades, water fights and all. It rivals anything he saw in the city. He is a member of the Gary Retired Association and now belongs to the “they took away my ladders” club. Throughout his challenges, he has developed and kept a wonderful sense of humor.

- Patti Haas, a wondering mind



Use it Up, Wear it Out, Make it Do, Or Do Without

The United States Department of Agriculture estimates that 30 -40% of our food supply is wasted annually in this country. As much as 133 billion pounds of food goes to waste every year in the United States. This equates to 218# per person. In terms of dollars, it amounts to \$162 billion. The two main sources of food waste in America are the home (43%) and the combined grocery store, restaurants, and food service industries (40%). Farms generate 16% and manufacturers 2%. Much of this waste ends up in landfills where it breaks down and produces methane - a greenhouse gas that contributes to global warming.

The USDA and EPA are working together to reduce food waste by 50% in this country by 2030. The Food Recovery Hierarchy describes how it is planned to achieve this goal.

1. Source reduction - reduce the volume of surplus food generated.
2. Feed hungry people - donate extra food to food banks, soup kitchens, and shelters.
3. Feed animals - divert food scraps to animal feed.
4. Industrial uses- provide waste oils for rendering and fuel conversion and food scraps to digestion to recover energy.
5. Last resort - landfill or incineration.

The amount of food wasted in this country has tripled over the past 50 years. This trend can be tied to when we changed from 'farm to table' to 'factory to table'. What can we do to lessen this trend?

- ✓ Plan meals to use food that may spoil soon or "expire."
- ✓ Properly store food - that 40# box of chicken breasts was put in jars and pressure canned. Too many carrots - blanche and freeze.
- ✓ Understand "use by," "best before," and "expires."
- ✓ Use what you have - check the pantry and try to use up what you have before restocking. Pick one week each month to eat only out of your pantry. Rotate your canned goods to always use the oldest product.

- ✓ Avoid preparing or serving too much - unless your household enjoys "warmups" like mine.
- ✓ Know your molds - You can safely remove mold from hard cheese and save the product. Soft cream and cottage cheese would likely be unsafe. Hard fruits and vegetables like apples and carrots can be salvaged by removing the mold. Cured meats can also be saved by removing any mold.
- ✓ Share food with others - if you have more than you need, feel free to share. Something in that food box doesn't appeal to you, you can donate to the food shelf or the young family down the street.
- ✓ Repurpose waste - compost, feed pets or wildlife. In my house a lot of food waste goes to my chickens and they, in turn, share their eggs with us. And I, in turn, share my eggs with friends and family. Pay it forward.

In 2005, Diest, a town in the province of Limburg, Belgium offered 3 chickens per household to anyone who wanted them on the condition that they would not kill or give them away for two years. The City of Diest is saving significant amounts of their trash management expense by using backyard poultry power to keep “trash” out of the trash. From the city manager’s point of view, the chickens’ production of eggs, compost (topsoil), and fertilizer are simply spin-off benefits to the residents. These benefits are to you, your yard, your garden, your community, and our environment. Chickens are truly pets with benefits.

No Waste. Great Food.

Ruby's Pantry is a non-profit organization that gathers various food overages, surpluses, and bumper crops and redistributes it all into generous food packages for a low \$25 per share contribution. This donation funds transportation and warehousing costs. It is for anyone who is looking to extend their food budget regardless of income or residency. Pop-up Pantry locations can be found across Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, and North Dakota. Ruby's Pantry receives no government funding and uses volunteers to work the pop-up pantries. This is a win-win for the environment and the food budget.

*This organization was the source of the 40# box of chicken breasts that we canned.

The Best Place to Store Surplus Food is in Someone's Stomach

Schools can also foster a similar practice - 'the share table' for unopened food products that students don't eat and can share with others. Better idea than the trash cans. I remember dumping our un-eaten portions of school lunches into pails that went to the farm across the street. Pretty smart idea, wasn't it?

-Patti Haas



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Diane E Galle



Diane E. Galle, age 77, of Gary, SD, passed away Monday, May 6, 2024, at the Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, SD. A Graveside service was held at 4 pm Friday, May 10, 2024, at the Grandview Cemetery, Gary, SD. A Prayer service began at 5 pm with Fellowship following on Friday, May 10th at the Gary American Legion Hall.

Diane Elizabeth Galle was born July 8, 1946, in Canby, MN to Nicholas and Velma (Hegg) Kloos. She was raised on a farm near St. Leo, MN where she attended St. Leo Catholic School through the 8th grade. Diane then attended and graduated from Canby High School in Canby. Following her education, she worked in the Twin Cities as a waitress.

Diane was united in marriage to James Galle in 1969 in Geneseo, IL and the couple had one daughter, Tammy. She worked as a department manager at Farm and Fleet for most of her working years. Later she moved to Sandwich, IL where she lived for a couple of years before she moved to Gary, SD. In 2018, her daughter Tammy passed away. Diane passed away on May 6, 2024, at the Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, SD at the age of 77.

She was a good Christian. Diane enjoyed flowers and loved to bake and gamble.

Diane is survived by her two granddaughters: Devin and Luv; nine siblings: Kathy Strei, Robert (Kitty) Kloos, JoAnn Kloos, Edward Kloos, Mark (Sharon) Kloos, Randy Kloos, Marilyn (Doug) Nelson, Jacky Kloos and Nick (Pam) Kloos, Jr; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, daughter Tammy and brother-in-law, Joe Strei.

Take Me Out to the Ball Game

Upcoming Gary Home Games



- Mon, June 3rd Gary Tball - White team vs Estelline 5pm
Gary 8U Boys Baseball vs Estelline 6pm
- Tues, June 4th Gary Women vs Quail Honey (Brandt), 7:30pm
- Tues, June 11th Gary Tball - White team vs Clear Lake 5:30pm
Gary Tball - Black team vs Clear Lake 6:30pm
Gary 8U Boys Baseball vs Clear Lake 7:30pm
- Thurs, June 13th Gary Tball - White vs Clear Lake 6:30pm
Gary 8U Boys Baseball vs Estelline 7:30pm
- Tues, June 18th Gary Tball Scrimmage 5:00pm
Gary Women vs Viessman (Canby), 7:30pm
- Tues, June 25th Gary Women vs Misfits (Canby) 7:30pm
- Tues, July 2nd Gary Tball - White vs Castlewood 5:30pm
Gary 8U Boys Baseball vs Castlewood 6:30pm
Gary Tball - Black vs Clear Lake 6:30pm (Legion Field)

If you have any story ideas or questions pertaining to the Gary area that could develop into an article, feel free to email them to ghainterstate@gmail.com.

The American Legion Post 109 meets the 2nd Thursday of the month at 8:00 PM at the 109 Club – all Legion members are welcome! Accepting new members – if you're a veteran – we're here for you.

"FULL" of Fight!

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

Draw partner
Bean Bag Tourney
at 1:30pm

Meal at 4pm

Silent auction
(to donate items to the silent auction, drop off at Gary Bar or call 272-9743)

My Favorite Headache Band 7pm

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Please join us to support & help Rick Full fight his battle with throat cancer. Please help us support him with his extra medical expenses and the loss of wages during his treatment.



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Or email garylegionhall@gmail.com and request a contract.



The Gary Junior Auxiliary is selling Raffle Tickets (proceeds going towards future community and veteran projects).

Members will sell tickets until the Gary Legion Poultry Party. 1st place is a patriotic quilt (donated by Karen Keimig), 2nd place is a patriotic wreath that has 16 interchangeable seasonal pieces, and 3rd – 6th place winners will win patriotic windsocks (also donated by Karen).

Tickets are \$5 each. Contact a Junior Auxiliary member if you are interested – the girls will also be present at local events to sell tickets.

The Gary Givers

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THURSDAY NIGHTS

at the Gary Liquor Store

TICKET SALES: 5 P.M. – 7 P.M.

Drawing: 7:15 P.M. – Must be present to win!

**** Must be at least 21 years old to participate. ****

2 tickets – \$5 ♥ 5 tickets – \$10 ♥ 20 tickets – \$20

