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## Spring is in the Air

Spring is in the air and it's time to think of gardens and all things outdoors. A visit to the Forget-Me-Not greenhouse in rural Gary will soon be in order. The licensed nursery was started in 1999 by Joyce and Wesley Shepherd and family. The goal was to replace income from their farm dairy as dairy prices were declining. It has grown to include five individual greenhouses filled with plants and seedlings. Joyce has a degree in horticulture, specifically landscaping, from SDSU in Brookings, SD so this was a great fit. But would customers travel out to the farm for their greenhouse needs? The answer is "yes!" Customers come primarily from Gary, Madison, and Dawson but some come from as far as the Cities and Sioux Falls and further if they have family in the area.



The plants they provide include annual flowers and vegetables, along with some fruits such as grapes, raspberries, and strawberries. In the past, they have also offered gooseberries and currants. They also sell perennials which will grow back each year. Most of the vegetables are started from seed as are some flowers such as the marigolds for bedding plants. The beautiful geraniums that Joyce is known for come started as plugs which are then transplanted and carefully tended to become great additions to planters and patio pots. Forget-Me-Not greenhouse sells approximately 70% flowers and 30% vegetables.

Greenhouse work begins around the middle of February and the business is open from the last week of April until the end of June. Joyce puts in at least 60 hours a week during the season and has help from her family with replanting and watering of the plants.

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The kids help in the greenhouses after completing their schoolwork as they are homeschooled. Wesley is mechanically minded (like most all farmers) and keeps the equipment running. The greenhouses are heated with a combination of corn burning stoves and propane heaters. One benefit of the corn stove is reduced humidity which helps to eliminate fungus in the greenhouses. Their operation is not automated so requires a lot of hands-on work.



The Forget-Me-Not greenhouse is located northeast of Gary – From Gary, head 2 miles east to Hauger’s corner on YMC 4, turn north, drive 6 miles north on YMC 15 which turns into LQPC 7, follow the signs from there. Or from Canby, head west on MN 68 to the Burr corner, turn north, and drive 12 miles on YMC 14 which becomes LQPC 9, then look for the signs. You’ll turn west and drive for about 2.25 miles to reach the greenhouse.

The nursery hours are Monday to Friday 9AM to 7PM; Saturday 9AM to 5PM and closed on Sunday. Local support is crucial for small businesses in our rural area, plus with the rising grocery costs, now is the perfect time to take up gardening.

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## **Gardening**

Since We’re Already on the Topic



A record number of people began cultivating “victory gardens” during the Covid19 pandemic. Concerns about food shortages and supply issues, as well as needing activities that could get us outdoors but yet isolated from others, inspired many to get out their hoes and cultivators. In a few short weeks, garden centers were sold out of seeds, seedlings, fruit trees and root stock. Gardening is a great idea- because it is one of the healthiest hobbies you can “cultivate.”

Some benefits of gardening -

1. Photosynthesis is the process where plants make their own food from sunlight. So do you and I. Our skin uses sunlight to make vitamin D which helps to strengthen our bones and immune system and reduces the risk of certain cancers and dementia.
2. Heart Health-Aerobic exercises from digging, hoeing, harvesting, and hauling strengthen heart health. Gardening also increases physical strength.
3. Mood boosting - Reduces stress and combats loneliness. Increased socialization when working a community garden.
4. Family activity- good for all ages from toddlers to seniors.
5. Healthier food – control over what seeds you grow and what soil improvements or chemicals you use on your garden.
6. Gardening in the fresh air promotes sleep and helps to maintain a healthy weight.

Now is the time to plan this year’s garden – the seeds are in the stores. Check out Gate City General for your gardening needs. Good Friday is this week. Dig through the snowbanks and plant some potatoes!

## A Look Back...

### 75 years ago, April 1948

Annual meeting of the Gary Fire Dept  
Robert Eng left for Montana to work for  
Game and Fish Dept.

Lorraine Wells and Arvin Jesme wed  
Ben M Benson, Gary drayman, dies in  
house fire

Ed Cornell and Doris Hanson wed  
Gary Theater sold to Mr. and Mrs. Merle  
Summers

Seniors of the month: Arlene Nelson,  
Harvey Nelson, and Iona Mae Olsen

Auction: Ben M Benson estate

Specials: tomato soup-2 cans for 19¢  
Wheaties – 2 large boxes for 43¢

### 50 years ago, April 1973

Barn burns at Delores and John Devorak's  
Gary stores will be open Friday nights  
Julene Norton and Mike Nosbush named  
Girl's and Boy's Staters

Auction – Hulda Bostic estate

Specials: Toilet tissue – 8 rolls for 79¢  
Dozen oranges for 69¢  
4 cans of pears for \$1

### 25 years ago, April 1998

Heaton's Grocery Store for sale  
Early storm dumps 18 inches of snow on  
Gary

Annual community sale set for April 18<sup>th</sup>  
Rob's Locker receives national  
recognition

Gary Library celebrates 75<sup>th</sup> year  
Leo and Liz Kloos auction

## Meet your new neighbor

*What is your name and from where did you come?*

My name is Carol Barger. I'm originally from Minnesota, moved to Branson, Missouri, and then ended up in Gary. I had visited Gary a few times to see my brother and sister-in-law and really liked this small-town atmosphere.

*What is or has been your life's work?*

When I lived in Minneapolis, I worked for a law firm as a word processor and then in the IT department. It was a great job, but I was ready to move out of the big city into a smaller town.

*What are your hobbies?*

I like astronomy so I check out the night sky a lot. Another reason to be in Gary...the sky is so much darker here with less light pollution.

*What do you like the most and least about our little town?*

What I like the most about Gary is our 4th of July celebration. Nothing better than our fireworks!

Of course, the least thing is ..... no gas station! What a hassle it is to drive to Clear Lake just to fill up my gas can so I can mow or snowblow. When I moved here, we had a gas station. So living here without is not a plus.

*Are you active in any organizations in town?*

I contribute to Gary by playing Bingo at the Legion and keeping the town of Gary profitable while I hardly ever win!

*What is one favorite event that you have witnessed since coming to our community?*

My most favorite event is going to the Rock Room in the Spring and Summer when they have their music on the patio. Nothing better than to sit outside and listen to the music with friends and family while having a cocktail or two...

## GATE CITY GENERAL

*A little bit of everything...*

**Monday - Saturday**  
**8:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.**

**Sunday**  
**8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

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## Fairchild Farmgirl

First off, thank you to all the love I got through emails, Facebook messages, cards, and people stopping me in the grocery store asking how I'm doing after my surgery. I appreciate all my readers, you all are top notch!

Secondly, we have to discuss all this weather...do you have a person in your life that you might not care for? Let's get it sent to them. I'm kind of over it. Although, the other night my girls and I were watching tik toks, and saw the massive snow totals that the Sierra Nevada's are receiving. The last I checked they had 420 inches for the season. So I guess I'll just keep quiet and go build a snow fort or something with the kids.

Now, to the third item on the agenda...spring! Aren't you as excited as a kid in a candy store for spring? Oh my gosh, I can't wait! The whole idea of it! Lilacs in bloom (can't ya just smell them? If not, I sell a goat's milk soap that is a dead ringer for them, lol) baby calves in the pastures...long walks in the country hearing the tractors in the fields? Touching the dirt in the garden?

I can't. I can't think like this and look out the window at the snow storm brewing to the west of us. It's too much! No. I can, but I'm telling you, I've drank enough hot coffee with creamer in it because I'm cold to think about purchasing a dairy cow to get my creamer fix. Let's be honest, it'd probably be cheaper.

Back to spring. Let's not think about the bad stuff...like mud. Like so much mud on my wood floors from the dog and my sons who leave their boots on after I get done swiffering for the enth time, there's still a film on it. And let's be real: don't you think there needs to a be a "farm Swiffer"? Like one for country floors only? This could be the tag line, "if you've got enough dirt on your kitchen floor to

gather and start seeds in every morning, you need Country Swiffer!" Somebody could make millions on this idea I just gave you. All I ask is I get the prototype.

Right now I can only think of the mud as the bad thing. Everything else is good. Everything. So here's what's happening at the Fairchild Ranchero: yeah, we have a little mud, something my regular Swiffer can handle, so I'm not getting my undies in a bunch just yet. But, the goats are kidding. If you've never seen a baby goat bouncing like a basketball with their ears and waddles flying, you haven't lived friend. They literally are so cute, I can't even stand it. Cuddly, cute and they sound like little robots. Nothing is better.

Were getting about 100 eggs per day, and Jessica has set some eggs to hatch in our incubators for us. Ron wanted her to set all brown eggs and she did. But her and I have come to a conclusion; her dad is just being 100 % boring. We have light turquoise to legit olive green eggs. We're setting an entire incubator with just those green to turquoise eggs. We like color and so do our customers. SO gorgeous! So hopefully we will get more hens that lay those beautiful eggs. We can't wait.

More to come!

Until next time,  
Fairchild "Start ordering those seeds, springs still coming I promise!" Farmgirl"







The Gary Junior Auxiliary decorated the General Store windows for Easter. Check them out on your way to one of the many community events happening this weekend.



## EASTER EGG HUNT

**SAT APRIL 8TH  
3 PM**

**GARY AMERICAN LEGION DANCE HALL**

*Ages up to 10!* *Door Prizes!*

With a visit from the Easter Bunny!

## EASTER EGG DONATIONS

Help us prepare for Gary's Annual Easter Egg Hunt by donating Pre-Filled Easter Eggs - OR - Empty Eggs + Candy!

Donations can be left at Gary Gallery & Gifts and at Gate City General until Friday, April 7.

*No peanuts, please!*

*Join us in The Rock Room for our*

## Easter Sunday Buffet

<p><u>Cold Menu Items</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Primavera</li> <li>Antipasto Salad</li> <li>Cowboy Caviar</li> <li>BYO Salad Bar</li> </ul> <p><u>For Little Bunnies</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mini Pizzas</li> <li>Corn Dogs</li> </ul>	<p><b>10:30-1:30</b></p> <p><u>Chef Carving Station</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pineapple Glazed Baked Ham</li> <li>Roast Beef</li> </ul> <p><u>Sweet Treats</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strawberry Shortcake</li> <li>Assorted Cakes</li> </ul>	<p><u>Hot Menu Items</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chicken Lasagna</li> <li>Blackened Fish</li> <li>Florentine Stuffed Pork Chop w/ Champagne Sauce</li> <li>South Dakota Eggs Benedict</li> <li>Red Pepper Bisque w/ Shrimp</li> </ul>
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Adults - \$21.95

Kids - \$11.95  
Ages 4-12

Under 4-Free!

**AND SO MUCH MORE!**

*\*Rock Room Will Close at 2:00pm\**

*\*No Ala Carte Menu Available\**

**1312 Coteau St Gary, SD**  
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~Reservations Recommended~

Gary Givers

## EASTER BINGO

**held at Gary Bar**

Bingo book sales 6-7pm

Bingo starts at 7:15pm sharp

**07**

APRIL

Money rounds & progressive pot





**Jean E. Haase**, age 86 of Brandon, SD passed away on Thursday, February 23, 2023. Her Funeral Service will be 2:00 pm Friday, March 3, 2023, at George Boom Funeral Chapel, Brandon, SD. Visitation will be on Thursday, March 2, 2023 from 5:00-7:00 pm, also at the funeral home.

Jean was born on July 17, 1936, to Henry and Melva (Jackling) Denekamp in Gary, SD. She was raised and educated in Gary, graduating from Gary High School in 1955. On August 6, 1955, Jean married John Haase, after meeting him on a double date with his brother Lyle and her friend Betty Helmbolt. The couple then moved to Sioux Falls. In 1958, they built a new home in Brandon, where they raised 2 boys, Bradley and Michael.

Jean worked a variety of jobs over the years. Notably as a Brandon Valley Junior High lunch lady, where she made several lifelong friends, and later as a sales associate at Sears. Her favorite job was probably her last, at Floral Two with her friends Roxie and Lorie. Jean was also a longtime member of Brandon Lutheran Church.

Jean enjoyed crocheting, quilting, and many casino road trips with John. Her pride and joy were her flower gardens, which she meticulously tended. You could often find her “bottoms up” weeding and pulling dandelions. She was lovingly known as “Sis” or “Auntie Sis” to those who knew her.

Jean is survived by her sons, Brad (Kris) Haase of Brandon, SD, Michael (Lisa) Haase of Papillion, NE; grandchildren, Mandy (Tyler) Haase-Thomas of Lincoln, NE, Matthew (Jamie) Haase of Vancouver, WA; great-grandchildren Coralee Thomas, and Kennex Thomas; and a host of other relatives and friends. Jean was preceded in death by her parents, Henry and Melva Denekamp; husband, John Haase; and siblings, James, Jeanette, John, and Jerry.



**Patricia Alvina Fritz**, 88, formerly of Custer, SD, passed away March 10, 2023, at Pine Hills Retirement Community in Hot Springs, SD.

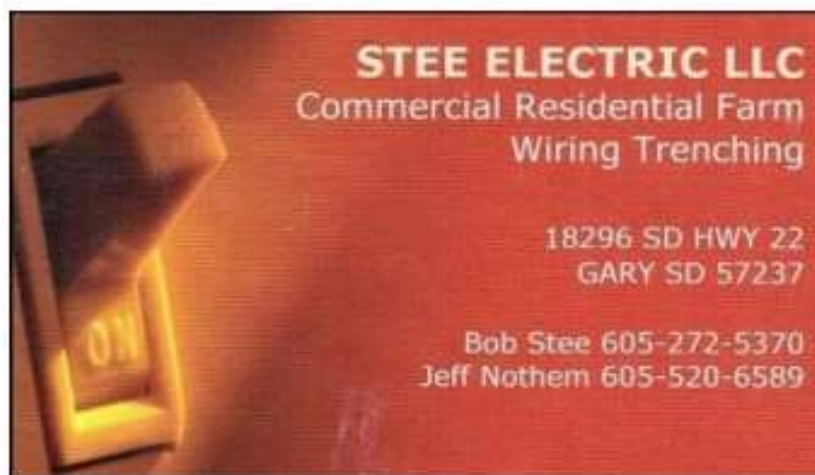
Patricia was born March 18, 1934, to Herman and Marcella (Schriver) Blaeser. She met the love of her life, Donald Fritz, in 1951 and they married in 1952. They farmed together for 50 years in the Gary, SD area and retired to Custer in 2002, loving their brand-new home. Patricia was known as Patricia; Ma; Pat and Mom. She will be remembered for her pretty smile and always being welcoming, caring, fun and loving.

Patricia is survived by her sons, David (Barbara) Fritz; Steven Fritz; Stanley (Sandy) Fritz; daughters, Donna (Terry) Smith; Debra (Stephen) Davis; brothers, Tom (Janette) Blaeser; David (Ermina) Blaeser; John (Gail) Blaeser; Jerry Blaeser; sister, Susan (Randall) Severs; 13 grandchildren and 27 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald; brothers, Bob; Jim; Mike and 2 grandchildren, Anretta and Mitch.

A Celebration of Life will be held May 20, 2023 in Clear Lake, SD with committal services at Grandview Cemetery in Gary, SD.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be sent to Stillwater Hospice [stillwaterhospice.com](http://stillwaterhospice.com)





**Dona Westley**, age 74, of Toronto, SD, passed away Thursday, March 16, 2023 at the Avera McKenna Hospital in Sioux Falls, SD. Funeral service will be 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at the Leganger Lutheran Church in Toronto, SD. Visitation will be Tuesday one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will be in the Toronto City Cemetery, Toronto, SD. Houseman Funeral Home in Clear Lake, SD is entrusted with the arrangements.

Dona Eileen Westley was one of eleven children born to Eldon and Leona (Carter) Stone on September 11, 1948, in Gary, SD. She attended school in Gary and graduated in 1966. She spent a good number of years babysitting the neighborhood kids until they were all in school. She then took a job as a cook for Deubrook Area Schools in 1991 and continued to work there until she retired in 2019.

Dona was united in marriage to Gordon Westley on February 26, 1972 and together raised five sons: Dale, Danny, Doug, Steven and Bruce. She enjoyed watching the Braves and especially enjoyed watching her grandkids in whatever they were doing. She was a member of the Leganger Lutheran Church.

Grateful for having shared Dona's Life is her sons: Dale, Danny, Doug, Steven (Cori) and Bruce (Christina) Westley; six grandchildren: Katelynn, Kassidy, Riddick, Quintin, Jaycob and Thea; four great grandchildren: Trey, Tynslee, Taylee and Laiken; siblings: Carolynn Webber, Ellen (Albert) Schulte-Bekaert, Lenae (Myron) Deslauriers, Craig (Deb) Stone, Brian Stone, Wade (Sandy) Stone, Dane (Jody) Stone, Cricket Stone, Nancy Stone and countless nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; Eldon and Leona Stone; husband Gordon Westley; siblings: Sharon Stone, Paul Stone and Mark Stone; in-laws: Leon Webber, Don Schulte, "Purne" Sand, Gary Westley, David Westley, Stanley Westley, Clarice Ulner, Helen Westley, Cleo Westley and Mick Warborg.

## Legion Easter Bingo

Thank you to everyone that made it to the Gary American Legion Easter Bingo!



The raffle winners:

- 1st - Casey Severson
- 2nd - Daryl Lichtsins
- 3rd - Sherry Smith
- 4th - Joanne Manseth
- 5th - Lux Lorenzen

The Legion is looking for suggestions for next year's Easter Bingo. Avoiding conflicts with other area events is already on the list, but we want to know what you think about Easter Bingo.

*Do you like the traditional Bingo cards, or would you rather have paper packets?*

*Do you like the wheel?*

*What other games would you like to play?*

Share your opinion by sending an email to [garylegionhall@gmail.com](mailto:garylegionhall@gmail.com) or a letter to PO Box 203, Gary, SD 57237.



## Gary Community Club

**BINGO** **SPRING 2023 SCHEDULE**

Sunday - 1 pm & Lunch

**MARCH 26**

**APRIL 16**

**MAY 21**

Doors open at 11 am!

at the Gary Legion Hall

**The Gary Givers**

**FUNDRAISER**

**TRACK THE JACK**

**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

## A Starry Night ADULT PROM SATURDAY, APRIL 29 6:00 P.M. - 11:00 P.M. GARY AMERICAN LEGION

TICKETS ON SALE NOW  
\$25 PER PERSON

FORMAL ATTIRE  
NOT REQUIRED

CONTACT GARY AMERICAN LEGION DANCE HALL VIA MESSENGER  
OR STOP AT A MAIN STREET GARY BUSINESS TO PURCHASE TICKETS

**WHO** can attend: Anyone age 21 and older.

**WHAT** to wear: Whatever you want! There will be prizes for the individual/couple with the most votes for the following categories: Classic Prom, Hillbilly Deluxe, Retro, Western, and American Farmer

**WHAT** does the ticket include: a sandwich bar meal (think Subway), awesome music by Jordan River Entertainment, and post prom fun (inflatables, bean bag tourney, & games)

**WHERE** can I buy tickets: At any main street business in Gary and the 109 Supper Club or contact Gary American Legion Dance Hall through Facebook Messenger.

**WHEN** does everything start: Doors open at 5:30 pm for ticket holders, 6 pm – 7 pm meal, 7 pm doors open for general admission (\$15 cover)

**WHY** should I attend: Because it's going to be FUN! Adult Prom is a fundraiser for improvements to the Dance Hall – big ticket items are on our docket: updating the bathrooms, painting, & refinishing the floors.

Follow us on Facebook: Gary American Legion Dance Hall



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