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Pictures and Memories from the Winter of '68- '69

I was 7 that winter and in the 2nd grade. I remember when our school bus couldn't get down our road to take us home. We were taken back to town, and we stayed at the Helmberger home. Then they came with snowmobiles and car hoods 2 miles east of our home and got us to take us home. Every Saturday Mom, Michael and I would pull the car hood 2 miles west to meet the mailman who also ran the grocery store. We would get our groceries. I remember the snow drifts were as tall as houses.



Mom continued to milk the cows, but the milk truck couldn't get in to pick up the milk, so it was thrown in the yard. We went as a family to the north 40 to uncover the haystacks for the beef cattle. I remember in the spring when the snow melted! Water everywhere! The road ditches were full of rushing water. If you tried to walk in the cow yard you would get stuck in the mud and probably lose your boot. I don't know how long we were snow bound on the farm, but I believe it was weeks!

- Barb (Kaiser) Williams



*Both pictures taken near former
Antelope Hills Church*

I remember the snow drifts being so high it was almost as high as the barn. My dad built an electric fence on top of the drifts to keep the cattle in. He was able to keep a space in our yard open but the snow between the groves was too high so we parked the car on the outside of the grove and used a ladder on each side of the drifts to get up and down to the car. - Cheryl Fairchild

It was a lot of snow. I remember Mike and I shoveling out our driveway. The snow was at least 8' high on both sides of the driveway. - Jerry Peterson

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Umm, umm Good

It's soooooooooo cold outside. Time to make soup. My mother-in-law taught me how to make chicken soup and how not to waste anything. She taught me many cost saving ways on the farm. First, I start with a whole farm raised chicken from Suzanne and Ron Fairchild, AKA Fairchild Farm Girl. This chicken will make at least three meals at our house. The first meal is usually chicken and rice or maybe fried chicken using everything but the backs and necks. Yes, I have to cut the bird up myself. The backs and necks are put in the stew pot to simmer until the meat falls off the bones and a wonderful broth develops. Clean the meat from the bones and return it to the pot. Add diced onion, carrots, and celery along with salt and pepper and simmer.



Now it's time to make the noodles.

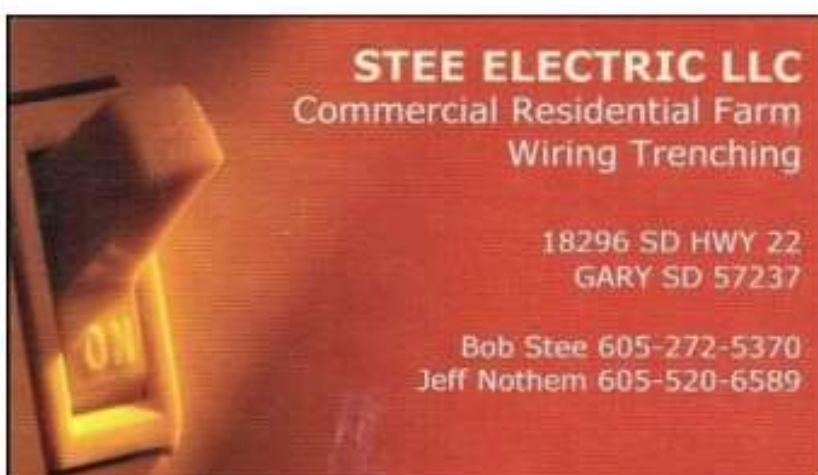
Four simple ingredients – two cups of flour, three egg yolks plus one egg, one teaspoon of salt and water. Make a well in the flour, add the eggs and salt and mix well. Add just enough water to form a ball. Knead on a flour-coated table a few times. Divide the dough into workable parts (half works well). Roll out to desired thickness and cut into noodles using a knife or pizza cutter.



Cut into 4-inch lengths and add to the simmering soup. Or you can let the noodles dry on a clean dish towel or in a dehydrator and store for another day. I got a new gadget this year – a pasta machine! This weekend, we will be making a year's supply of noodles. It's nice to have them on hand, the cost is minimal and they taste so good!

Introducing the Editors

It's time to introduce our readers to the persons responsible for putting this newsletter together for your reading pleasure. Patti (Kaiser) Haas, who also happens to be the president of the Gary Historical Association, stepped up to work on this project when our previous editor suffered some major health issues. She is a 1977 graduate of Gary High School and is the Officer in Charge at the Gary Post Office. She researches and writes the articles for the Interstate. Her daughter, Laura (Haas) Swoboda, was enlisted for the technical assistance needed to put this all together. Laura pulls current events together to let you know what is happening in our community. She has ties to the community through the women's softball team as well as American Legion membership and the Jr. Auxiliary. We are not professionals in any sense but are doing our best to let our readers know what's going on along with some history of the community. We are always looking for ideas for future articles so please feel to share any ideas you may have at GHAIInterstate@gmail.com.



Journal Jar – Revisited

Regarding the Journal Jar article in the December issue.

This is a great idea. My mom recently passed away and while going through her things, we discovered her journal. We discovered things that we never knew about. Reading through the journal, it has good and sad memories plus a few laughs.

Some excerpts from her journal....

What does real success in life mean to you?

To me success means happiness and contentment in your life and in your work. If one is not happy in the workplace you will not be successful. Choosing the right mate means a success with your marriage. Even though there will be setbacks, by working together you can attain success. Having money doesn't mean you are successful. Often these people are truly unhappy. Seeing my family all happily married and happy with their lives means success for me.

How did you become engaged?

We were parked at Lake Elsie. Dad asked me to see my class ring. When he put it back on my finger it was my diamond instead.

Write about some places you went with your father.

Dad used to deliver the laundries my mother did, and I had to go with him as my dad was deaf. It was quite an experience to ride with him into the city of Sioux Falls.

When he worked at Lakeside dairy he sometimes took the milk downtown to the plant and I rode in the wagon with him.

What about some places you went with your mother

My mother cleaned for families when we lived in Sioux Falls and sometimes, she would take me along with her.

This makes a great gift for a family member since sometimes this is the only way memories get shared.

Submitted by Carolyn Webber

What is a journal jar?

In case you missed it (from the December Issue)

It can be used to record life history or Grandma's memories. Simply find a large mason jar and label it "Journal Jar". Search 'life history' or 'memory jar' on Pinterest or the internet for questions. momitforward.com has a nice list. Print out some questions - 50 would be nice - one a week for most of the year. Put the slips of paper into the jar and include a nice notebook for entries.

"Where and when were you born?"

"What special treats or meals did your family eat?"

"What was your first job?"

"If you could have a do-over, what would you change?"

"What advice did you give your children regarding life in general?"



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.

You live in what??

The concept of combining a home and a barn has been around for centuries. Commonly found in Germany and in Amish communities across North America, these buildings combine a home, barn, and workshop all under one roof. The term 'barndominium' was first coined by a developer who was designing a horse lovers' community combining living quarters with horse stables. The idea really took off after a HGTV show aired that transformed a horse barn into a modern home. But one family in the Gary area was a pioneer in this craze. The Haas family built their 'shouse' (shop/house) or 'barndominium' in the late 1990's. It began with a Morton pole shed (48' x 105'). Advantages include thicker wall cavities for better insulation, open floor plans with no need for load bearing walls, and the option for in-floor heating. The concept of a shouse is still new and somewhat unknown but more people desire to combine their everyday lives with their work or hobbies, resulting in an increase in the popularity of shouses.



Traditional homes usually feature a small garage but a shouse includes a large shop or garage attached to the home. These shops have the advantage of being large enough to house workshops and store recreational vehicles in addition to parking vehicles. Haas's plan put living quarters in the west 18' of the building and the rest is garage and farm shop. As it has 16' foot sidewalls, there is an upper level with vaulted ceilings. After living in drafty farmhouses for many years, energy efficiency and comfort were very important. Radiant floor heat runs through the cement floors and the temperature remains at a constant 70 degrees. The upstairs rooms have electric heat and air conditioning for the home is provided by air-to-air heat pumps. There are only five windows in

the entire building and natural lighting is more than sufficient. The home was designed to be handicapped accessible which turned out to be important as Patti was diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis by the time they moved into their new home. Everything needed to live is on the main floor including a great room with kitchen and dining spaces as well as office space for them both. There is a large master bedroom as well as bathroom and laundry on this main level. Upstairs has a family room and two bedrooms and an additional bathroom. This level extends into a sewing room, office, and



storage loft. All the plumbing for the main floor kitchen, bath and laundry runs in one 'wet' wall near the water heater and no

water lines are in exterior walls. Memories of frozen water lines in those drafty farmhouses inspired that idea. The kitchen floor is neither tile nor vinyl flooring but rather a painted floor. It has held up very well considering normal farm wear.

Why did you choose this type of dwelling? Primarily because of finances. We needed both a home and machinery storage and this fit the bill for the least amount of dollars. It was not possible to secure a regular mortgage for a shouse but by building in stages it could be afforded. It was challenging to find out what was required as far as zoning as this had not been done in this area before. Electrical and fire codes as well as the requirements for septic systems were followed during construction.

Loran and Patti have lived in their shouse for over twenty years. What would they change? A separate master bath and a farm mud room would be included in the plan if building today.



More from the writings of Glen Cole.....

How very different the town would look if you could see it as it was for many years, let's say for 50 or 60 years. Each house would have an outside toilet and a well. Most of them had a barn big enough for one or two horses, a cow or two, and usually a few chickens. Then there would be a small haystack, a manure pile, besides a wagon and possibly some implements. In the spring, the garbage would be hauled out and the cows taken to pastures by days. In Gary, the cows were taken to pasture in the morning and driven home at night. This made jobs for boys then, same as the paper routes do now. The pasture was a large one owned by the railroad. It lay north of what is now Shady Rest (Buffalo Ridge in 2023) and reached north to the mile bridge and west to the cemetery.

I don't wish to leave the impression that every home had this amount of things on their lots. Some people, of course, lived alone and might be old widows. Their lots were quite bare. Every place had a garden, didn't leave much room for lawns, but the people at that time considered lawns to be a nuisance. They didn't mow them very often.

With the coming of the cars and tractors, everything changed. No more use for driving horses, and the country life changed, also. Farmers could now get to town in bad weather or in the evenings for trade or for recreation. Just a few years ago, young people would wonder what a cement block was for, standing out by the sidewalk. This block, if one looked closely, would show a large ring in which to tie the driving horse.

I recently re-read the writings of Glen Cole in their entirety, thanks to his grandson, Mike Miller. I have only found a couple of the 'town' barns remaining in the city of Gary. One stands in the back yard of Jim and Karyl Moeller (formerly the Sanden residence). Karyl says they have considered tearing it down but that's a job for someone younger. Another sits in the yard of Ellen and Albert Bekaert. It has found new use as a garage. Progress had the townspeople remove all their barns and one hundred years later, we erected storage barns for all our stuff. Carolyn Webber had a small shed converted into a barn in her backyard; it is used primarily as a garden shed. Kate Tschacherer also had a barn, across the street from the school. It was torn down in recent years and the lumber repurposed for another storage building. But the most impressive barn in town



is the barn at Buffalo Ridge. When the campus served as the State School for the Blind, this barn housed the dairy herd that provided milk for the school. In the days of Shady Rest, we would roller skate in the loft of this barn. Thankfully, it was saved and restored for modern use.

There are also a couple of the cement blocks for tying horses and mounting carriages still in existence - in the 900 block of Coteau Street and



Carolyn's Barn

I remember it well. Absolutely horrible. I was snowed in at my Dad's for over a week. Could not get back to Brookings. All we could see of our neighbor's house was their chimney above the snow drifts. When I did get back to my home, I never returned to Gary 'til Easter. I do know the National Guard dropped food and animal food to anyone who needed it. Ida Stoebner and her mother were snowed in for about three months. The National Guard dropped supplies by helicopter. My brother-in-law rode his horse to Kruse Station out in Antelope Valley to get groceries. He took a huge grain sack and filled it. It was just totally crazy weather. - James McCormick



Snowbanks remained through April.

My husband Victor was teaching at McGrath, Minnesota. Everyone told us it would be awful there, but we had a good winter. Decided to come home for Christmas and got stranded at a hotel in Spicer, Minnesota. We were there for a few days. Vic used a rope tied to a building to walk to the grocery store to bring back canned food for everyone at the hotel. We heated our food in the sink using hot water.

- Sylvia Kennedy

*Below: Digging out the
smoke house*



Photo Credit: Canby News 1969

We are still looking for pictures from the 1968 -1969 winter. If you have any, please email them to ghainterstate@gmail.com or mail to PO Box 83, Gary, SD 57237.

Death Announcement

No obituary available

Jerry Barck, age 83, of Luverne, MN, formerly of Clear Lake, SD, passed away Friday, January 6, 2023, at the Sanford Luverne Medical Center. Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, January 13, 2023 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Clear Lake, SD with visitation one hour prior to the service. Burial with military honors will be in the Grandview Cemetery, Gary, SD. Houseman Funeral Home in Clear Lake, SD is entrusted with the arrangements.

Gary Area Community Club

YOUTH

Valentine's Dance

Door Prizes!

Youth ages to 18*

The Gary American Legion Hall

SAT | FEBRUARY 11 | 2023

with DJ Doreen

7 - 10 pm | Tickets: \$10

*A Chaperone is REQUIRED for kids under age 10.

Drinks and treats will be available for purchase.

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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

Annual Gary Firemen's Dance

DUELING DUO

Saturday, March 11, 2023

Gary American Legion Hall

Gary Fire Dept dance on March 11
7 pm - 1 am
at the Gary American Legion Dance Hall.

If you would like advanced tickets for the dance please let Chief Rob Deslauriers, Dave Vogt or Cory Borg know.

Gary Area Community Club

BINGO & Lunch

Sunday | Feb 19 | 2023

Gary, SD American Legion Dance Hall

Lunch 11 am - 1 pm

Walking Tacos

Free-Will Donation

Lunch will be served by the Gary American Legion Junior Auxiliary. All proceeds will go to the Gary American Legion Dance Hall.

Concessions

Soda and snacks will also be available for purchase.

Bingo* 1 pm

10 Games + Jackpot Round

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10 games

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\$20 / TICKET | *Need not be present to win!*

1st PLACE – 4-wheeler
2nd PLACE – Vanguard Sporter 22-250
w/ Sig 4x12x40 scope
(10) – \$100 cash prizes
*** Cash winners are drawn the night of the dance
& are still in the drawing for 1st & 2nd prize. ***

Gary Fire Dept is selling raffle tickets
for their annual fundraiser. The
drawing will be held at Firemen's
Dance on March 11th.
Entertainment at the dance will be
Duelling Duo!

If you would like a ticket, please
contact a Gary Firefighter or Venmo
@Gary-Fire



LET'S RUN A 5K THEN DRINK LIKE IT WAS A MARATHON

GARY AREA COMMUNITY CLUB
RUN/WALK/CRAWL 5K - 2023

Saturday, March 18th
Gary Liquor Store

Throw on whatever green you can find and join us for this untimed, boozy 5k, Run/Walk/Crawl along the beautiful streets of Gary. Of course, there will be a prize for the best dressed. The Run/Walk/Crawl will begin near the legion and finish at the bar. All participants will receive a finisher's cup filled with a good ol' beer or a soda.

Start Time: 4:00 P.M.

***** Is child care your problem? Let the Gary American Legion help you out. Kid care available from 3:30-6 for \$10 per child and \$20 Family cap for 2+ kids.**

Family friendly dance to follow hosted by Gary American Legion- Check out their Facebook page for more information. (Gary American Legion Dance Hall)

Cost: \$40
Includes finishers stainless steel tumbler filled with beer.
Signup at <https://bit.ly/3ZMbyKI>



Must sign up by March 3rd to guarantee tumbler!
**Proceeds support the 3rd of July festivities and fireworks

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