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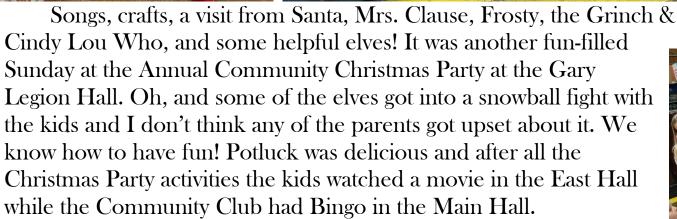
The Annual Community Christmas Party

















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For the Betterment of Others

Community service - unpaid work performed by a person or group of people for the benefit and betterment of their community.

What would our town look like without those willing to step up and organize and run the many programs that make our community what it is? Baseball and softball coaches, 4-H leaders and parents, the American Legion and Auxiliary, the very active Jr. Auxiliary, our Community Club that organizes the July 3rd activities, the Gary Historical Association who keeps the museum and many historical records, Gary Betterment who beautifies our town, the Gary Givers for bringing an awesome playground to the city park. Community service can be as little as picking up trash after a game at the ballpark or as great as putting together a benefit for a family in need. Mow that little patch of grass that has been ignored, water the planters about town. What do the neighbors in the Midwest do when a farmer is laid up during fall harvest? they gather at the farm and bring in the harvest and probably wrap up the fall tillage as well. How were both the local Legion Hall and the Gary High School Gymnasium built? - by community members who wanted to improve our town. In 1899, the town of Gary worked together to get the State School for the Blind located here by raising a building to give to the State of South Dakota. Over one hundred years later, the community again worked together to bring the campus back to life as Buffalo Ridge Resort. Thanks to our neighbors who go to the efforts of decorating their homes and yards for the holidays so we may all enjoy the sights and sounds of the season.

The holiday season is upon us and giving to the community would make a wonderful gift, the gift of service to our neighbors.

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Cuts - Men & Women, Perms, Colors

What would have happened if it had been three Wise Women instead of three Wise Men?

They would have:

- asked directions,
- arrived on time,
- *helped deliver the baby,*
- cleaned the stable.
- made a casserole,
- brought practical gifts
- and there would be peace on earth.

The best of community service!

Fairchild Farmgirl

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Are you all ready for Christmas? We are not and I'm ok with that. The kids wanted to decorate right after Thanksgiving, but I wanted to hold off until the first week of Advent was over, now were onto the second week and nothings done yet. Wait, one of the kids strung up a set of lights in the dining room, "until we get time to do it all mom." The rate were going, we'll be setting it up on Christmas Eve after we do all our shopping. What are you doing that's special for Christmas? Getting together with friends and family? We had a little neighborhood get together on Thanksgiving night around 10 PM when I saw a few cows run past my kitchen window as I cleaned up the dishes. At first I saw one, then I saw ten. After that there was a whole lot of coveralls flying around, while others yelled "take my boots off and find your own!". We had 85 head out, and one stubborn one was out for three days and ended up 6 miles from our place. That next day all the long horns were taken out of the feedlot and sold. We think that one of them got her horn in the gate and flipped it off the pins. But we were due: we hadn't had cows out in a long time. For Christmas, we aren't going anywhere, and I love that for us. Nothing beats time at home when you're a big busy family that's running all over for everything. I always said I could be a hermit on the side of a mountain. Around this time when I'm filling orders off our website, teaching felting, running after kids stuff and helping Ron, quiet nights at home are so great. But I've got something for you> A little peek at our holidays. You know, in case you've never had a big family holiday and you're wondering what Christmas is like for us in particular, well here, I'll lay it out for you. It starts the Sunday after Thanksgiving after lunch we all write our Christmas lists and put them on the cupboard doors. This year, I really encouraged everybody to make presents. Some of our family members do that already, but this year, I think everyone is feeling the pinch and lets face it: handmade gifts are super special. Some things that get made in our house are quilts or blankets, stuffed or felted animals, paintings, frames for pictures, embroidered towels, keepsake boxes, jewelry, this year I made my sisters some room spray with essential oils, etc...the list goes on. If you look on Pinterest, Tik Tok, go to the library, there's so much you can make for gifts and it seriously doesn't have to cost much if literally anything at all except your time. Giving is what's important. If you teach your child to give, well that's a valuable lesson for sure. Next, we celebrate Christmas Eve with an appetizer meal that everyone is responsible for. Each kid even when they were small, got to pick an item to make and then they write that down on the cupboard list along with their grocery list and they make it on Christmas Eve. Oh and it has to be Christmas themed. Then Santa comes, knocks on the door with a letter, and the kids have to go find their presents in a barn or shed in the dark. I thought this year we'd maybe not do that tradition and I had some MAD adult kids, lol. So we're gonna do it! We eat all night, open up presents one at a time from youngest to oldest (with 14 people it's crazy) then we clean up and go to church in the morning. So in the end, if you don't have traditions, get some. You're family will love it. Make some gifts with love. If you don't have people to give to, give to a neighbor. If you have no place to go, ask someone if you can come over. And above all else, double chain your cattle gates on a holiday. It's hard finding someone to help when they're in the warm bed with a belly full of goodies.

> Until next time, Fairchild "I sure appreciate you all!" Farmgirl

A Look Back...

100 years ago, December 1924

D.D. Gillin wins essay prize topic "What is the Matter With Gary"

Mrs. TM Anthony injured in car accident Henry Kohn injures thumb in corn husker RH Benner appointed post office master Death: CB Jensen and Lena Andersen

Auction: Earl Gordon

75 years ago, December 1949

Stores will close at 5 o'clock Christmas eve Gary annual and school paper receives state awards

One Mad Night is junior Legion turkey night Friday 16th

Shoe repair shop open

Births: Girls to Mr & Mrs Claire Brevik, Mr & Mrs Eddie Ullman, Mr & Mrs Perry Heaton

Boys to Mr & Mrs Guy Heaton, Mr &

Mrs Morris Melby

Marriages: Margaret Sanden & Harry Olsen, Arlene Kenyon & Roy Norton,

Alice Bresser & Kenneth Hardies

50 years ago, December 1974

Lexie Steele chosen Deuel County Jr Snow Queen

Couples party set for December 7th Santa Claus coming to town December 21 Seniors of the week: Doyle Bekaert, Gene Bekaert, and Connie Fairchild

Birth: Boy to Mr & Mrs Terry Kenyon Marriage: Janice Lorenzen & Francis

Remerowski

Death: Mrs Frank Vanderdoes Auction: Elsie & Tom Fitzpatrick

25 years ago, December 1999

Residents asked to give to giving tree at Post Office

Sally Winrow named Empi 'Employee of the Month'

Auction: Norberta Hinsvark & Mike Hinsvark—hay and straw consignment

Meet Your Neighbor

Patty and Doug Hulscher moved to Gary from Goodwin, South Dakota a little over three years ago. They followed their two daughters, Kim Meyen and Tina Moeller, to our little town. The Hulschers have a third daughter and a total of eight grandchildren. Patty works from home for Premier Bankcard and has for 24 years. Doug has worked for Menards in Watertown for 30 years. They enjoy the quietness and easy-going atmosphere here though sometimes drama can be challenging in a small town. It's almost like a retirement community - everyone knows everyone and most all residents are friendly. In their spare time, Patty and Doug like to garden and share the bounty from their very well-tended garden. Patty also likes to read and cook and bake - which she also likes to share. Doug enjoys working with his hands and building things. Patty is a member of the Historical Association and is always willing to help out many of the organizations in town. They moved their beautiful home onto site without disturbing the established trees and it looks like it has been there for fifty years instead of three. Take a drive by and enjoy their festive holiday decorations. This home sits where the Francis Miller and Ruby Stangeland homes were. One thing Patty wishes for our community is a gas station - a sentiment shared by many.



Serving our Veterans and our Community – Peden-Cole Jr Auxiliary

The Peden-Cole Junior Auxiliary is one of the most active Juniors groups in SD. Out of a little over 1,000 Junior members in the state, there are only about 50 active Juniors, of which the Peden-Cole Post 109 Junior Auxiliary has 15 active members. Recently, we were recognized as "The Most Outstanding Junior Activities Program by a Unit in the Northwestern Division." The Northwestern Division includes all Juniors in Colorado, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wyoming. Our unit believes in giving back to those who were willing to give their all. We are dedicated to serving our veterans and our community.

The goal of the Junior Auxiliary is to provide positive volunteer experience that instills the ideals of the Auxiliary: to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad, promoting good citizenship, peace and security.



Back row: AnnaMae Warnier, SD American Legion Auxiliary Department President, Bailey Hunt, Emma Raml, Lauryn Peterreins, Camdyn Peterreins Middle back: Sadie Hunt, Lily Swoboda, Bethanney Hoffmann, Rose Swoboda, Melinda Jenson. Front Middle: Leah Hunt, Aspen Hoffmann, Harper Hoffmann, Violet Swoboda, Kenzie Reppe. Front row. Roxanne Raml, Junior Auxiliary President

Our Junior Auxiliary unit is continually active. Each month, a family decorates the Gary General Store Windows, we make cards and decorate tray favors for the Veterans in Sioux Falls and our local Veterans in Gary each month. Last year we supplied decorated socks to the Veterans Center in Sioux Falls. This year we started making centerpieces for the tables at the 109 Club for each season. Every May we distribute Poppies and on Memorial Day all our Junior Auxiliary Members play a significant role where they read poems, sing patriotic songs, and even do patriotic presentations on important topics such as folding the flag and demonstrating the significance of the Fallen Soldier's table. This year our unit learned how to do sign language for the Pledge Allegiance and included that in the Memorial Day program.



During Gary's July 3rd celebration, the Junior Auxiliary kicks off the celebration at the park by either singing the Star-Spangled Banner or reciting the Pledge Allegiance. This year we also planted flowers down at the Gary Historical Museum for one of our Patch Program activities. The Patch Program is a National Project where Junior Auxiliary members can earn patches by completing certain activities. Our unit has earned over 150 patches.

At our Legion Poultry Party, the Junior Auxiliary operates a game called the Penny Pitch. The Penny Pitch entertains the children while the parents play Bingo. The children throw pennies on a board with the hope of earning more pennies. At Christmas we decorate a tree at the Deuel County Courthouse, and we go caroling to area shut-ins, veterans, and widowed spouses of veterans. We stay busy.

Digging Into the Past

The history of cemeteries in the Gary community begins with the burial grounds one mile west of town by Indian Lookout. What year were burials first conducted there? That is an unknown and will probably remain an unknown. Grandview Cemetery was established in the early 1880's a short mile north of town in Section 33 of Glenwood Township. Many graves of the white settlers were moved to the new cemetery in the early 1880's. Native American graves were largely left undisturbed though some were also moved to the new cemetery in the later 1880's. The cemetery was on private property until it was purchased by the City of Gary in 1910. At that time, ten acres were purchased from John Posson for \$50. The Calvary Cemetery lies to the east of Grandview in Section 34. It was created on 2 acres of land purchased from CW and Elizabeth Thompson in 1912 by Bishop Thomas O'Gorman of the Sioux Falls Diocese. These two acres had a higher price of \$100. The cemeteries were merged in 1978 and are both under the care of the City of Gary today.

The oldest graves I could find in the Grandview cemetery are from the 1870's -

Anna Huffman (Mildred Ann), 1st wife of Henry Huffman, Sr, 1873

Ezra Sherman Herrick April 16,1878

Ernest Scannel Oct 14, 1878

R F Wells Oct 18, 1878

Lillian L Gates, 8 yr old daughter of Dr WH Gates, Christmas day, 1880

It is unknown if these graves were moved to Grandview or if they were originally interred there.

Why the interest in cemeteries and those who rest there? A lot of what we see as we walk the grounds are just names and dates. But what about their stories? For example, Anna Huffman,1873 - an afternoon of research brings so much life to her story. The first wife of Henry Huffman, Sr, one of the earliest homesteaders in the area east of Gary, Anna was born in Ireland and immigrated to Canada. She bore ten children, six of whom lived to adulthood. She was the mother of Henry E. and grandmother of Edward Huffman who ran a hardware store in Gary in the 1920's and 30's The lives lived, the families created, the hardships of settling an untamed territory, the joys of proving up, and the building of successful businesses. A town grew and continues growing yet today. Who are the people who contributed to make Gary what it is today? Their stories are interesting - we just need to find and share them.

The Gary Historical Association is undertaking a new cemetery project. Fay Stone has volunteered to head this mission, working to update the Grandview cemetery database. This will provide an updated directory as well as linking obituaries and death notices to the Findagrave website (findagrave.com). Researching this information from the Gary Interstate archives is a monumental task but will provide accurate data for genealogists doing family history research as well as others such as the local American Legion post for information on the veterans resting there. The City of Gary has allowed access to their cemetery records, so we have a starting place for our research. Just what kinds of information will we find? There are many plots that were purchased but no burials recorded. Could family be located to allow these to be utilized for burials? Are there burials indicated in the newspaper archives that may not have been recorded in the historic cemetery records? Try locating a grave for Mrs. Hans Peterson - do you know how many Hans Peterson's there were in the area? Previous efforts by the Gary Historical Association were directed toward identifying and marking many unmarked graves. This project will continue with the Gary Historical Association's mission to record and safeguard the history of our town and the surrounding townships. If anyone wishes to assist, microfilm of the Interstate Archives is at the Gary Library for your reading pleasure.



William (Bill) Joseph Blaschko

William (Bill) Joseph Blaschko was born on July 15, 1944, to Robert J. and Lorraine A. (Leadstrom) Blaschko in St. Peter, MN. William passed away on November 29th, at Oak Terrace in Le Sueur, MN. Funeral service will be held December 14th at 10:30am at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Gary, SD. Visitation will be on December 12th from 4-8pm with prayer service at 7pm at the Le Center Funeral home. Burial will be at Grandview Cemetery, Gary, SD.

Bill was baptized, received First Holy Communion, and was confirmed at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Le Center. Bill grew up in Le Center and graduated from McKinley High School in 1963. In 1988 he married Naomi Moeller. They resided in Gary, SD for 12 years, moving to Le Center in 2000 and then to Cleveland in 2020. Bill worked in the trucking industry all his life driving and dispatching for several companies. He retired in 2007 from

Cliff Viessman, Inc after 21 years of dispatching. Bill was a member of the Le Sueur County Mounted Sheriff's Posse, the Gary, SD Fire Department and the Gary, SD Community Club. Bill was also a member of Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN.

Bill is survived by his wife of 36 years, Naomi; children, Scott (Carol) Blaschko of Le Center, Amy (David) Deutschman of Lakeville, Rusty (Shannon) Blaschko of Le Center, Molly (Brad) Stoffel of Cleveland, and Taylor (Jake) Jacobson of Maple Grove; seventeen grandchildren, Brittney (Friday) Mendez, Dani (Tyler) Ongie, Megan (Ryan) Richmond, Alyssa Deutschman, Hannah Deutschman, Linsey (John) Harkins, Nathan (Kallie) Blaschko, Heidi (Matt) Selly, Mallory Blaschko, Lexie Blaschko, Kolton Duff, Andrew Fogarty, William Fogarty, Luci Blaschko, Parker Stoffel, Hudson Stoffel and Gwendolyn Jacobson; eight greatgrandchildren, Miguel and Emilia Mendez, Chase, Carson and Cole Harkins, Emma and Tate Selly, Otto Richmond; siblings, Denny (Evelyn) Blaschko of Le Center, Dick (Joni) Blaschko of Le Center, and Jeanne (Tim) Traxler of Le Sueur; and many nieces and nephews.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Lorraine Blaschko; sister and brother-in-law Terry and Mike Keenan.

Crystal Helmbolt

March 5, 1985 – April 19, 2019

Beloved Granddaughter; Daughter; sister and Aunt. Crystal was taken from us too soon on April 19, 2019. She was preceded in death by her Grandfather Raymond Helmbolt and Uncle Patrick Blanchette. Survived by her Grandmothers, Joyce Helmbolt and Ruth Blanchette; Parents, Duane and Dannette Helmbolt; Brother Dan Helmbolt (Jessica) and Nephew Jackson Helmbolt and many Aunts, Uncles and Cousins. A Memorial Gathering took place Saturday April 27th from 4-8 pm at KESSLER & MAGUIRE FUNERAL HOME.

Crystal will be interred in Grandview with her grandmother Joyce.

Duane Helmbolt

October 28, 1955 — September 15, 2021

Beloved Husband, Father and Grandfather. Passed away peacefully at home after a 9-month battle with cancer. Preceded in death by his father Raymond; mother Audrey and daughter Crystal. Survived by his mother Joyce; wife of 45 years Dannette; son Dan (Jessica) and grandchildren, Jackson and Harper.

Memorial Gathering was Friday September 24th from 4-6 PM at KESSLER & MAGUIRE.



Betty Jo Dephilippis

October 8, 1942 - October 22, 2024

Betty Dephilippis, 82 of Canby, MN passed away on Tuesday, October 22, 2024, at Prairie Lakes Hospital in Watertown, South Dakota. Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, November 9, 2024, at 11am with a visitation beginning at 10am at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Canby, MN. A reception will be held at the church immediately following the mass, with a burial to follow at St. Cyril and Methodius Catholic Cemetery in Taunton, MN. Houseman Funeral Home, Birk Chapel in Canby, MN is entrusted with the arrangements.

Elizabeth Josephine "Betty Jo" Dephilippis (Kontz) was born on October 8, 1942, on her family's farm near Elkton, South Dakota to Arnold and Loretta Kontz. The youngest of nine children, Betty was a beloved member of her family. She attended grade school in Canby and graduated from Canby High School in 1960.

Shortly after, she set off for Minneapolis with friends in search of work and met her first husband. In 1962, they married and moved to California eager to build a life together and start a family. Betty raised four children all while working full time as a CEO, CFO, bookkeeper, and accountant. She had a very strong work ethic and instilled that in all of her children.

Betty met her second husband and the love of her life, Gregory Dephilippis in 1995. They married on November 25, 2000, sharing many years of unconditional love, memories and laughter together. They resided in California until they moved to Betty's hometown of Canby, MN in 2019.

Betty had a kindness and humility that touched everyone she met, with a generosity and moral character that inspired those around her. Her smile and laughter could light up any room, and she loved sharing jokes, playing card and dice games, enjoying cocktails, and spending time with loved ones. Betty had a warmth that made everyone feel cherished, and her lifelong Catholic faith was a treasured part of who she was.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents, Arnold and Loretta Kontz, brothers; Laurel Kontz, Bob Kontz, Frank Kontz, Wayne Kontz, Dale Kontz and sisters, Margie Pesch and Donna Verschelde.

Betty is survived by her husband, Gregory Dephilippis, sister, Claretta Keimig, children: Jerry (Michelle) Goeden, Joy Goeden, Gini (Paul) Mackay and Jamie (Chad) Marler; bonus children: Greg Dephilippis Jr, Julie Dephilippis, and Jessica (Colby) Shay; grandchildren: JJ (Melissa) Goeden, Brooke (Timothy) Strader, Stephanie Horwitz (Bryan) Foote, Jacqueline Horwitz, Brinkley Marler, Nichole Byrne, Chloe Byrne, Wyatt Shay, and Winston Shay; great grandson James Goeden, and many very dear nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives.



Ronald Schilling

Ronald Victor Schilling, age 77 of Marshall, formerly of Redwood Falls, passed away peacefully on Sunday, October 13, 2024, at Avera Hospital in Marshall after a lengthy battle with cancer. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, October 18, 2024, at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church in Marshall. Visitation will be 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Thursday at the church with a Prayer Service at 6:30. Visitation will continue one hour prior to the service at the church on Friday. Interment will be in Calvary Catholic Cemetery in Marshall on Saturday at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to St. Edward Catholic School in Minneota or Holy

Redeemer Catholic School in Marshall. Stephens Funeral Service - Redwood Valley Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

Ron was born January 14, 1947, in Marshall to Victor and Mary (Coens) Schilling. He attended Catholic School in Marshall and graduated from Central Catholic High School in 1965. He later graduated from Southwest Minnesota State College with a degree in Business Administration. On May 4, 1968, Ron was united in marriage to Donna Marie Hauger at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church. The couple lived in Marshall until 1973 when they moved to Blue Earth where Ron continued his banking career. In 1980, Ron and Donna moved to Redwood Falls where they operated various retail stores. Ron served on The Redwood Falls City Council for many years. They returned to Marshall in 1993 where Ron continued to grow his love for all things real estate. Ron's main purpose in life was to support his family; in the Real Estate profession, he was able to help many families along the way. He loved re-modeling old houses and was always looking ahead and working on the next project. He enjoyed

spending time with family, especially his great-

grandchildren.

Ron is survived by his children: Jaci (Joe) Garvey & Jose Rodriguez Schilling, both of Marshall; grandchildren: Tresia (Blake) Windey, Joseph N. (Sara) Garvey, Samuel (Diana) Garvey & Elizabeth Garvey; great-grandchildren: Grace, Hope & Joseph T. Garvey, Aloysius & Kristopher Garvey, and Phoebe & Alphonse Windey; brother Maris (Barb) Schilling of Andover; special friend Elaine Koch; and many nieces, nephews, other relatives & friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Donna & infant sister Jacqueline.





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Dec 7th - Prime Rib Dec 21st – Smoked Pork Chops or Rib Eye

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