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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 readings and a vocal music selection with the assistance of the youth Sons of the American Legion. Retired Air Force Chaplain, Lieutenant Colonel Jeff Cooper gave the address reflecting on all the Soldiers who gave their all so that everyone else would have the opportunities their sacrifices offered.



The Deuel High School Band under the direction of Paige Bohne performed a selection of patriotic songs. 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. After the cemetery memorial, the crowd was invited back to the Legion Hall for a community potluck dinner. To watch the 2025 Memorial Day Program go to [Gary American Legion Dance Hall](#) on Facebook - it will only be available until June 26<sup>th</sup> due to Facebook limitations.

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## Storytime and Creatures at the Park



Gary has a NEW resident or thing living at the Gary Park!!

There was storytime at the park on Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> and they started Rockx the Rockr snake. Anyone can add a painted rock to ROCKX!!

We do hope people will continue to let him grow and leave the rocks in place. Let's see how long he gets before July 3rd!!



## Joe's Stateline

Randy Meyer shared this piece of Gary history and it had myself and a lot of other folks stumped. A conversation with David Denekamp solved the puzzle. Joe's Stateline Service was the business that preceded Mason's Stateline Station. Joseph Meister and his wife Lillian ran the station in the late 1940's - early 1950's. Joe was the youngest of a blended family of eighteen children. Originally the parents, George and Frances (Kopp) Meister, had settled in Michigan, later moving to Nebraska where Joseph was born. In 1927 the family moved to a farm near Gary in Minnesota. At that time the family included John, Christine, Emil, and Joseph. Many family members had remained in Michigan. Joe and Emil both went to the Detroit area for work but returned to Gary. Joe to run the Stateline Station and Emil to farm and work at the State School. Joe returned to Michigan after passing the station over by Gerald and Rose Mason where he worked for Ford Motor Company for many years. Emil moved with the State School to Aberdeen but returned to Gary in his retirement years.

Pictured is a promotional advertising piece - an ashtray. Ashtrays have gone the way of the dinosaur. I don't think any vehicles even come with ash trays these days. The 2 digit phone number of the 50's gave way to 7 digit numbers in the 60's. Following WWII, area codes were developed by AT&T and Bell to standardize telephone numbering across North America.





## Fairchild Farmgirl

Here I am knee deep in June and I feel like I'm running a race and losing terribly. Like if I'm at back end of the pack and am running with a twisted ankle. Ok, maybe a little over the top dramatic, but still. I promise I won't be a whiny baby my whole article. Just the opening two sentences, then it's out of my system. Whew. Gone. Let me tell you about our June thus far.

Since our youngest Tedd wanted to try flowers again this year, we planted the garden and I don't know about your gardens, but ours is marginal at best. Admittedly, I'm a set it and forget it kind of girl, and maybe I shouldn't be, lol, but still. We planted all sorts of flowers from seed, from Zinnias, to Marigolds, to Snapdragons and there's just a few sprouts coming up. I'd say were at a 50% average of plants growing. We may have to reseed in some spots. If you could put a burdock in an arrangement or a thistle, man, we'd have something. The weeds are growing in the gardens beautifully. They must have roots to China since we try to kill them every year and every year they come back. Next year (I say this every year) were going to start seeds indoors.

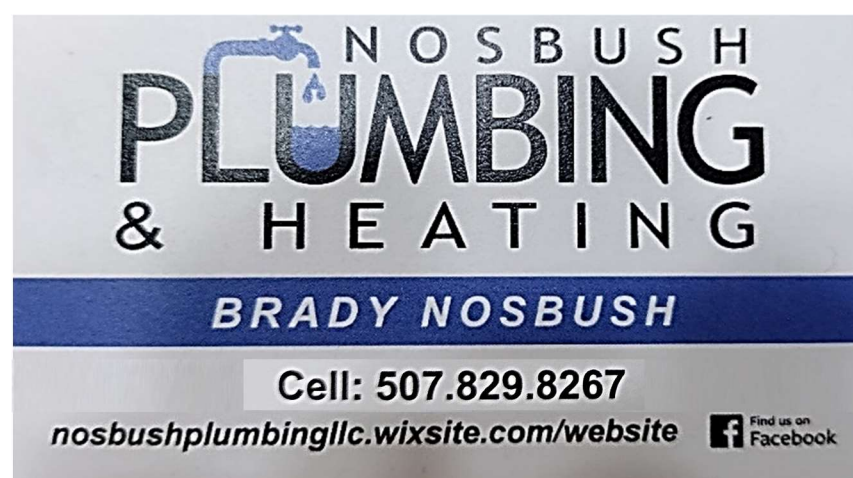
Aside from working in our crappy garden, this last week has been a busy one. We needed a break. Since we've got a lot of birthdays in the month of June, I decided at the last minute this past Sunday we were going to have a birthday lunch. We had all the kids home but Ash and Rachel who were both working. So the night before I stayed up late baking for said get together, and then we smoked a pork loin too. That was so much fun. Then before leaving their house, our oldest wanted to know if we needed a different couch, and said he was going to bring that with. People, a party that's fun and productive? This was definitely my kind of party. And a new couch? You betchya.

Now it's no secret that our 150 pound dog Winnie sleeps on the couch with reckless abandon. Yesterday was no different, she had played all day with the kids and well as her pup cousins and was bone tired. The boys hauled the old couch out and brought the new one in, then everyone decided to go to their own homes. Winnie the dog, could hardly keep her eyes open. She about staggered to the living room and stopped dead in her tracks. She looked at this new couch and whimpered a little then she found a spot on the floor (very much unlike her). For the next 10 hours (well into the night) she'd stand in front of the couch and huff, about 3 in the morning I couldn't take it any longer. I got the old couch cushions out and put them along side the wall. She side eyed me and turned up her nose. She wasn't taking the bait. Then I begged her to get on the new to us 25 year old couch with a gaudy floral print. "You'll like this" I tried to tell her. But no. She paced all night. Then she started scratching on the kids doors, especially Jessicas to sleep in her bed. No one would open their door to her.

After that, you'd hear her come back downstairs and you'd hear her nails on the wood floor, coming back down to pace and touch her very cold nose on my arm to make sure I was awake, cohabitating in her misery. I finally told her to go lay down. I don't recall being very nice about it either. When I woke up in the morning, there she was, sprawled out on the new couch snoring her deep Mastiff snores. What got to her? I don't know, but she is in such a sleep coma right now, I'm trimming her nails, one by one. The vet usually has to put her under. She's tired. Kind of how I feel about my June so far. Let's get through this month, I have high hopes for July, and a good night's sleep for tonight.

Until next time,

Fairchild "get a dog they said" Farmgirl



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**A Look Back...*****100 years ago, June 1925***

8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation commencement  
 Gary population near 600  
 Chautauqua to be held July 6<sup>th</sup>  
 Alumni rally held June 9<sup>th</sup>  
 Marriages: Alice Dwyer & Verne Gage  
 Ethel Carton & Fritiof F, Swenson  
 Clara Mork & Lloyd Haight  
 Lucy & Floyd Holsworth  
 Eva Fritz & Arthur Benner

***75 years ago, June 1950***

Memorial service for Gladys Woodbury & dedication of plaque  
 Mrs. Harry Helmbolt cracks rib in fall at home  
 Contest to name Gary's baseball team  
 City installs new water pump equipment  
 Marriages: Clara Bekaert & Frank Brown  
 Births: Girls to Mr. & Mrs. Johnny Hauger  
 Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Aulwes  
 Boys to Mr. & Mrs. Laverne Haas  
 Mr. & Mrs. Laverne Hults  
 Deaths: Henry Sleaper and Loretta Wiedenbach

***50 years ago, June 1975***

Lake Cochrane area receives federal grant for development  
 Connie Fairchild employed by Gary Historical Assoc  
 Roller skating at Gary school auditorium every Saturday night  
 Auction: Gust Severson  
 Marriages: LuAnn Kruse & Doyle Thompson  
 Rebecca Baer & Keith Gilbertson  
 Death: Howard A Winrow

***25 years ago, June 2000***

Voters cast ballots in primary election  
 New Interstate owner Dr. Bryon Perrine  
 Marriage: Angela Paterson & Jonathan Theisen  
 Death: Ronald Volk

**What's Happening at the Museum?**

The Deuel School 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Classes visited our local museum as part of their 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Discovering Deuel County Tour. On May 20<sup>th</sup>, the classes toured both the Clear Lake and Gary museums, the Crystal Springs Ranch house, Buffalo Ridge Resort, (the original South Dakota State School for the Blind), and the Four Moons Rising Rendezvous grounds. At the Gary Museum, the youth toured the one room schoolhouse and the historic log cabin as well as the machine shed that houses vintage farm implements and a replica of the town of Moritz. The Braille display was a popular exhibit in the main museum building. Thanks to Sherry Hemmingson, Patti Haas, Albert Bekaert and Annie Schulte for manning the buildings and interpreting the local history for the students.

Look at the progress on the old post office and general store. The walls are repaired, and newer windows are in. Perry Andrews is working diligently to get the siding up before the third. Thanks to Neil Schumacher for the donation of the windows. (More pictures on page 7)





## Meet Your Neighbor

Dorrin and Anita Cross moved to Gary in 2021 from Oregon. Why did they choose Gary? Following their experiences with the politics of Covid-19, they looked for a state that chose to remain open for business during the pandemic. Oregon had proposed a "vaccine passport" that would be required to leave or re-enter the state. Vaccines were mandated in many areas, - an infringement on personal freedoms. The Crosses researched the options and narrowed it down to three states - South Dakota, Florida, and Texas - based on how the governors handled the pandemic. South Dakota came out on top as we don't have many tornados or extreme temperatures. Well, maybe our winters are a bit extreme.

Dorrin has worked in a variety of fields during his working career - the wood industry, as a night team manager for Safeway and in education as a teacher and assistant principal. Anita is an author, editor/proofreader, and has worked as an electronic technician/web site developer. They miss the snowcapped mountains of Oregon and are slowly getting used to the higher humidity and our winds. They enjoy the small town living and know Jen at Gate City General will have anything they need or can get it in a few days. Clear Lake and Canby are nearby if something is needed sooner. Trips to Watertown on occasion include fun visits to Angel's Attic and other thrift stores. They are active with the Deuel County Republicans. Their hobbies include reading, gardening and traveling.

They've discovered the house has a few idiosyncrasies - it has a few spirits who visit. The house has certainly experienced deaths over the years and perhaps the spirits remain. The house also moves, as old homes tend to. At certain times of the year doors may not close or, perhaps, open. I'm sure that when we get older, we'll also have things that don't work well all the time.

They purchased one of the oldest homes in Gary. Located on the west side of town on Herrick Street, the Wells home was built by J.V. and Armina Wells in the 1880's. The NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 9 of Herrick Township was purchased from the Winona and St. Peter Railroad in July of 1880 by J.V. Wells. Five years later, Armina purchased two more 40 acres plots in the same section.

The Wells family, consisting of James V. and Armina, along with their adopted sons, Frank E. and Henry J., came from Black River Falls, Wisconsin to Gary, Dakota Territory in 1878. They started the first general store in Deuel County in the former location of the Cafe in downtown Gary. They also ran the Wells House, a hotel, in the main business district located where the Alibi is today. They made the Wells House their home prior to building their house. After the construction of their large, stately home on Herrick Street, they also took in boarders there. J.V. and his son Henry J. built and operated a much larger general store on the corner of First and Coteau from 1883 until it burned in 1908 along with the other buildings on the east side of Coteau Street. Frank E. Wells homesteaded 3 miles northeast of Gary in Lac Qui Parle County. This farm remains in his granddaughter's family today - the Lorraine Wells Jesme farm.

From all accounts in the Interstate archives, J.V and Armina were outstanding citizens in their commitments to the community and the people of Gary. Grandma Wells, as she was known throughout the community, brought inspiration, optimism, culture, and education to the pioneer community. Doane Robinson, editor of the Gary Interstate in 1899, conceived the idea of a school to educate the blind children of South Dakota and to locate it on the grounds of the former Deuel County Courthouse. The thought of a school for the blind gained Armina's sympathies and she supported Doane and sent him to Pierre to secure the location of the school. She credited Doane's brains and her money for bringing the School for the Blind to Gary.

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In Doane Robinson's tribute to Mrs. Wells following her death, he explains of her benevolences toward the less fortunate. She spent her days riding around Gary, carried by her white horse, usually on a social mission but always keeping herself informed of the condition of her people. Whether it was Armina's doing or that of Mr. Wells, credits were extended at the Well's Store to families without the means to pay. Without their goodness, there would have been much more suffering in Gary than was permitted to exist. Doane's estimates these credits must have reached thousands of dollars.

Following the deaths of Armina on February 20, 1911, and James V on March 24, 1912, the property was in the name of son Henry J. Wells. Henry was listed as a farmer in the censuses of 1910 and 1920. Henry's estate later sold the property to Beulah Reihe who ran a nursing home from the location in the 1940's. The 1950 census lists 16 boarders along with the Reihe family of four living in the home. That's a full house! Mrs. Reihe moved to Huron SD to start another nursing home and sold the Wells' house to Herman Schutjer in 1952. Nels and Anna Engeseth bought the nursing home in 1954 and sold it in 1955 to his brother Erick and Lorraine Engeseth. The deed is interesting as it includes the following personal property -"18 beds complete; Fridgidaire; stove complete; deep freeze; 4 oil burners; 2 dining tables and chairs; 6 parts and chairs; dressers; 2 steel cabinets; kitchen utensils; television set; 3 radios; bed clothes, sheets, and blankets; 2 buffets; rugs to cover all floors; double sink; hot water heater and softener; wheel chair; 10 chrome chairs and two chrome tables; 7 new extra chairs; lightning rods; gas lawn mower; laundry stove; washing machine; 2 wash bowls; 5 extra beds; extension cord and yard light; rocking chairs; fire escape outside stairs." The State got a bit carried away with regulations, so the Engeseths chose to end the nursing home business in the early 1960's. The patients were moved to various facilities in the area.

Erick passed away in 1984 and Lorraine remained in the home until selling it to Jo Fransen in 1988. Fransen ran a short-lived Bed and Breakfast from there along with the Gary Interstate newspaper. The house went into foreclosure and was purchased on a Sheriff's sale in 1998 by Darwin Engesser who then sold it to Don and Theresa Nothem. The Nothems made many improvements and remodeled the home before retiring out in western South Dakota. And now Dorrin and Anita Cross are the caretakers of this historic home. Welcome to Gary, we wish you well!

- Patti Haas



This is a 1992 photo of the Well's house. The Historical Association would appreciate an older photo if anyone has one.

Please email photos to  
ghainterstate@gmail.com

A photograph of a five-piece band performing on stage. The band members are wearing black clothing and are holding their instruments. The background features a large blue banner with the text "Dakota Blue" and "with Katie J".

**KATIE J**  
*with Dakota Blue*

9pm-1am

July  
**4th**

STREET DANCE  
1107 Coteau Street  
Gary, SD 57237

Gary American Legion Post 109

Adults \$5 | Under 21 \$2

Beer Garden

*All Ages Welcome*



# Cemetery Project

Remember the joke about who's buried in Grant's tomb? Well, obviously it is Grant -or is it? Fay Stone is working to correct and clarify the Grandview Cemetery records. By cross referencing the city's cemetery records with the Find a Grave website as well as the historical archives of the Gary Interstate newspaper provided by the Gary Historical Association, she has found many errors and omissions. She clips death notices and obituaries from the Interstate and attaches them to the records in Find A Grave. Multiple family members with the exact same name -James VanRenselaer Wells 1832-1912 or his grandson 1883-1928. for example, and Levi Greeley 1819-1887 or Levi Greeley 1863-1924 make for some of the challenges. Then there are the persons with headstones or monuments with their names engraved but they do not lay there. John Baillet, an early homesteader from the west of town, buried his wife and placed a monument in Grandview engraved for them both but he passed away at a veterans' home in Wisconsin and is buried there. The city's cemetery records have some omissions, and Fay is trying to fill in the missing pieces. Perhaps the information was never given at the time of death or dates were transposed. Now is the time to correct and complete what we are able to. Ancestry.com is also being used to help connect the family members. The genealogists and family history buffs will appreciate today and in the future all of the work that Fay is putting into this project. Cheryl Fairchild has also assisted by building a spreadsheet that identifies the graves of veterans, which graves have a link to an obituary, or even which contain a photo of a grave marker. The veterans' data is important to the American Legion for the placing of flags for Memorial Day observances.

Fay has unearthed some interesting stories from her research. Captain Henry H Herrick was married three times and had two families. We find no record of a divorce from his first wife Melvina Hale with whom he had at least four children between 1858 and 1865. Herrick married his second wife Elizabeth Geopfert in Iowa in 1870 and fathered five more children with her. Annetta Thomas Baird was Herrick's third wife whom he married in 1911 in Oregon. He passed away in Oregon in 1913. All this because we are trying to identify a grave for a child of Henry and Elizabeth who passed away at less than 2 years of age. We have not determined the name - yet.

An interesting obituary or two has also been discovered. There's nothing new under the sun - the same things happen today as did 150 years ago. An inebriated man walked off a rock cliff in the dark, leaving a wife and four small children to fare on their own. A wife perishes in a house fire of suspicious circumstance?? It's like going down a rabbit hole when you start researching this stuff - before you know it, you've spent most of the day at the computer.

-Patti Haas

# Discovering Deuel County





# Gary

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Gate City to South Dakota Est. 1872

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## Annual Independence Day Celebration

**JULY 3-6, 2025**

**FIREWORKS** by Fireworks City - JULY 3RD - 10 pm - NW Corner of Gary

THURSDAY, JULY 3RD

- Every Day

All Day July 3
- Gary Historical Museum Open (By Request)

**Community Club Meat Raffle** - \$100 Bundles (3)  
Sign up at Gate City General - \$5/Ticket

**8:30 AM Community Club Youth Events Sign-Up** - City Park

**9 AM Community Club Youth Events** - Ages 10 & under  
Kiddie Parade/Games/Turtle Races  
Face painting following games!

**10 AM** Ice Cream Social at the Gazebo - City Park  
Sponsor: Gary Historical Ass'n

**10 AM -** Vendor Fair - Buffalo Ridge South Lawn  
**3 PM** Contact: events@buffaloridgesort.com

**10 AM** Beer Garden Open - Buffalo Ridge

**10 - 11 AM** Tractor Pull Sign-Up - Buffalo Ridge - North Side

**11 AM -** **Community Club Burger Feed** - City Park  
**1 PM** Grilled by: Rob's Locker & Catering

**11:30 AM** Tractor Pull - Buffalo Ridge

**12 PM** **Kiddie Tractor Pull** - City Park

**1:30 PM** Gary Historical Soap Box Derby Races - Main St.  
Ages: 10 & under, and 11-18  
(Must have own soap box car.)

**3:30 PM** Watermelon Eating Contest - City Park  
Sponsor: Gary Historical Ass'n

**4 PM** Gary Development Great Duck Race - City Park

**5 PM** Beer Garden Open - Gary Bar

**5 PM** Gary Legion Post #109  
Ice Cream & Pulled Pork Sandwiches

**6 PM** Firefighters' Water Fights - Main Street

**Following Water Fights** **Community Club Meat Raffle Drawing**  
Firefighters' Gun BINGO - Fire Hall  
All Ages Welcome!  
Pulled Pork Meal - Free-Will Donation

**9 PM** **My Favorite Headache** - Gary Bar

**10 PM** **FIREWORKS**  
NW Corner of Gary
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LIVE MUSIC

Medallion Hunt and Scavenger Hunt information will be available online and at Gate City General on July 3rd.

FRIDAY, JULY 4TH

- 8:30 -

10:30 AM

8:30 AM

9 AM

9 AM -

5 PM

11 AM -

1 PM

5:30 -

8:30 PM

6 PM

9 PM -

1 AM
- Rob's Locker & Catering

Breakfast Sandwiches

3-on-3 Basketball Tournament Registration

3-on-3 Basketball Tournament - City Park

Four Moons Rising Rendezvous - Open to the Public

1 Mile W and 1/2 Mile S of Gary

Grease Monkey Car Show - Main Street

& Burnout Competition (1:30 PM)

Contact: Marty Grabow - 507-530-1629

Gary Legion Post #109 Supper Club Open

Steaks (Happy Hour starts at 3 PM)

**PRCA Gary Rodeo**  
NW Corner of Gary

**Dakota Blue Featuring Katie J**  
Street Dance | Gary Legion Post #109
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LIVE MUSIC

SATURDAY, JULY 5TH

- 8 AM

8 - 10 AM

11 AM

2 PM

4 PM

4:30 PM

5 PM

6 PM

9 PM -

1 AM
- Lake Cochrane Fun Walk/Run (Registration 7-8)

Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser  
Free-Will Donation - Gary Legion Post #109

**Kids' Obstacle Course** - Ages to 17 - City Park

**Grown-Up Games** - Ages 18 & up - City Park

**Golf Cart Parade Line-Up** - Buffalo Ridge SE  
Corner Field • \$5/cart • Call: Jen - 272-5779  
Must be driven by a licensed driver.

**Golf Cart Parade** (ATVs/UTVs/Lawnmowers, too!)

Gary Legion Post #109 Supper Club Open  
Prime Rib & Burgers

**PRCA Gary Rodeo**  
NW Corner of Gary

**Urbandale Lane** Main Street  
Street Dance | Sponsor: Gary Givers
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LIVE MUSIC

Rummage Sales / Junk in the Trunk - A map of locations & times will available online and at Gate City General. If you would like to list your sale in or near the Gary area, please contact Jen: 272-5779

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**Barbara Marie Schmidt**

Barbara Schmidt of Watertown, SD, formerly of Marietta, MN, died on May 27, 2025, at the age of 88 years. Memorial services are pending at this time.

Memorials preferred to the Village of Harmony Hill, Watertown, SD; Prairie Lakes Hospice, Watertown, SD; Marietta Community Center, Marietta, MN; or St. John's Lutheran Church, Marietta, MN.

Barb Marie Schmidt was born in Madison, MN, to Henry and Vivian Johnson on December 3, 1936. She was baptized at the home of her grandparents, William and Lillie Bork, in Revillo, SD. Barb's father died when she was 8 years old. Her mother Vivian later married William Kruse. He was not a stepfather to Barb, but was a dad to her and a grandpa to her children. His children, who had also lost a parent, added a host of siblings to her life. Siblings were something Barb had always wanted.

Barb married Eldon Schmidt on December 23, 1956, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Marietta, where they have remained as lifelong members. Barb and Eldon have five children - Kim, Carin, Patrice, Mark and Daren.

Barb's early education was at a country school in Antelope Valley Township, in rural Revillo. She graduated from Marietta High School in 1954. Barb attended South Dakota State University and then Augustana University and where she earned a two-year teaching degree. She taught one year at the country school. After some time off with her young children, Barb returned to teaching at the elementary school in Gary, SD. During this time Barb attended night classes and summer school at Dakota State University. In 1972 she earned her four-year degree in elementary education. Barb finished out her teaching career at the Marietta-Nassau Public School where she taught elementary education. Barb retired from teaching in 1990.

Barb enjoyed crossword and jigsaw puzzles, football and rodeos. After Barb and Eldon retired from farming, they assisted in five Mission Building projects in the states of Wisconsin, South Carolina, New York, Colorado, and Georgia.

Barb is preceded in death by her parents Henry Johnson and William and Vivian Kruse, siblings Eleanor Macy and Kenneth Kruse.

Surviving Barb are her husband Eldon and children Kim (John) Frome of Grover, WY; Carin (Mike) Vance of Panhandle, TX; Patrice Moe of Edina, MN; Mark (Lorie) Schmidt of Gary, SD; and Daren (Michelle) Schmidt of Marietta, MN and their families. Surviving siblings include Duane Kruse, Bill (Bonnie) Kruse, Bev Olson, Roger Kruse, Sharon (Harry) Bradley, Janet Palmer (Greg Fogarty) and sister-in-law Dolly Kruse.





Clinton O'Dell Severson



Clinton Severson, age 92, of rural Gary, SD passed away on Tuesday, June 3, 2025 at Avantara Care Center in Watertown, SD. Funeral service will be held at 10:30am on Monday, June 9th at the East Highland Lutheran Church, rural Brandt, SD. Visitation will be held from 5 to 7pm on Sunday, June 8th at the Houseman Funeral Home in Clear Lake, SD. Visitation will resume one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will follow at the East Highland Lutheran Church Cemetery. Houseman Funeral Home of Clear Lake, SD has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Clinton O’Dell Severson was born in Canby, Minnesota on September 13, 1932, to parents Clarence and Alta (Risda) Severson. He was raised on the Severson family farm south of Gary, South Dakota. Clinton graduated from Astoria High School in 1950 and was later drafted into the US Army during the Korean War. After his honorable discharge he returned home to farm with his father and later purchased the farm to continue the family tradition.

On March 20, 1960, Clinton was united in marriage to Shirley Ann Iverson at the East Highland Lutheran Church and to this union they were blessed with three children: Ricky, Rhonda and Tracy. Together they raised their family on the Severson family dairy farm that has been in the family for over 125 years. He is smiling knowing the 6th generation Severson is still farming the ground and raising beef cattle. Clinton helped out on the farm by driving tractor until June of 2020 when he moved to the nursing home to be with Shirley.

Clinton enjoyed family vacations to the South Dakota State Fair and Charlie Pride concerts. He had a real love for old country music, and you could always catch him watching his favorite show ‘HeeHaw’ with the volume turned way up. Clinton loved cheering on the Minnesota Vikings and Twins. Going to races, playing cards and dancing was something Clinton really enjoyed.

Clinton served on the board of directors for the Deuel County Farmers Union in the 1980’s for 9 years and was a Norden Township Supervisor for countless years. In their retirement years, Clinton and Shirley delivered the Coteau Shopper for so long that they wore out two white pickups in the span of over 20 years.

He was a lifetime member of the East Highland Lutheran Church where he was baptized, confirmed and married. He was also a member of the Peden-Cole American Legion, Post 109 in Gary, SD.

Grateful for having shared Clinton’s life are his children: Ricky (Jodi) Severson, Gary, SD, Rhonda (Jon) Weeks, Ellsworth, Maine and Tracy (Roxane) Severson, Watertown, SD; his grandchildren: Ryan (Casey) Severson, Nicki (Scott) Bauman, Jack Weeks, Jeff Weeks, Misty (Matt) Bekaert, Dustin Schlosser, Tanner (Elisabeth Pietz) Severson, Taylor (Alex) Sumption; his great-grandchildren: Griffin, Graci, Molly and Maverik Severson, Skylar, Matte and Evan Bauman,

Destiny and Lee Bekaert and Lincoln Schlosser; his sister, LaVonne Severson.

He is preceded in death by his wife of 61 years, Shirley; his parents; his in-laws, Thor and Hazel (Johnson) Iverson; one brother and sister-in-law, Arnie (Karin) Severson and

brother-in-law, Loren Severson.



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Saturday, June 28, 2025 at 10 AM - 1 PM

Lake Cochrane Kids Fishing Derby

Lake Cochrane Public Boat Ramp

Join us for a fun morning of fishing. Kids age 0-15. Reg. starts at 10:00 AM and fishing is from 10:30 to 11:30 AM Must be accompanied by an adult. Lots of great prizes awarded. T-shirts for all participants and hot dog meal is served at the end. Make plans now, invite your friends, see you there!!



Concessions!

Take Me Out to the Ball Game

Upcoming Gary Home Games

Thurs, June 6<sup>th</sup> Gary Tball Scrimmage- Gary White vs Gary Black 5pm

Gary 8U Boys Baseball vs Clear Lake Black 6pm

Tues, June 10<sup>th</sup> Gary Women vs Bruce 7:30pm

Thurs, June 12<sup>th</sup> Gary Tball White team vs Castlewood 5:30pm

Gary 8U Boys Baseball vs Castlewood 6:30pm

Thurs, June 19<sup>th</sup> Gary Tball Scrimmage- Gary White vs Gary Black 5pm

Gary 8U Boys Baseball vs Estelline10U 6pm

Mon, June 23<sup>rd</sup> Gary 8U Boys Baseball vs Clear Lake Red 6pm

Tues, June 24<sup>th</sup> Gary 8U Boys Baseball vs Elkton 6pm & 7pm, doubleheader

Tues, July 1<sup>st</sup> Gary Women vs Water Billboards (Toronto) 7:30pm

Tues, July 15<sup>th</sup> Gary Women vs White 7:30pm

Tues, July 22<sup>nd</sup> Gary Women vs Goodwin Merchants 7:30pm

Tues, July 29<sup>th</sup> Gary Women vs Buck’s (Toronto) 7:30pm

2025 Gary RODEO

PRO RODEO

MUDDY CREEK PRODUCTIONS

FRI & SAT • 6PM

JULY 4TH & 5TH

RODEO EVENTS

Saddle Bronc Riding

Bareback Riding

Steer Wrestling

Calf Roping

Team Roping

Barrel Racing

Bull Riding

Ladies Breakaway

STOCK CONTRACTOR

Muddy Creek Pro Rodeo

ANNOUNCER

Travis Shauda

BULLFIGHTERS

Nigel Harvey & Wyatt Mason

CLOWN

Jesse Larson

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

Kid's Sheep Ride 5pm

Wild Cow Ride (after bull riding)

To Enter above attractions Visit GaryRodeo.com

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RODEO ADMISSION: ADULT \$25 • AGE 6-12: \$15 • 5 & UNDER: FREE!

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Contact Loran at 507-277-5525

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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

AMERICAN LEGION 109 CLUB

1107 COTEAU ST. GARY, SD 57237

SERVING 5:30 - 8:30 P.M.

TAKE OUT AVAILABLE CALL: 605-272-5832 during serving hours

Upcoming Schedule:

June 7<sup>th</sup> – Prime Rib\*

June 21<sup>st</sup> – Smoked Pork Chops or Rib Eye\*

Jul 3<sup>rd</sup> – BBQ Pork Sandwich & Burger Bar

Jul 4<sup>th</sup> – STREET DANCE – steaks\*

Jul 5<sup>th</sup> – Prime Rib\*

Jul 19<sup>th</sup> – Smoked Pork Chops or Rib Eye\*

Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> – Prime Rib\*

Aug 16<sup>th</sup> – Smoked Pork Chops or Rib Eye\*

Aug 30<sup>th</sup> – Buffalo Supper

\*Hamburgers also available

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Gary American Legion Dance Hall

Pancake Breakfast FUNDRAISER

Come out and support the Gary American Legion Dance Hall and enjoy a delicious stack of pancakes served with eggs and sausage!

SATURDAY, JULY 5<sup>th</sup> • 8 AM-10AM

Free Will Donation

ALL YOU CAN EAT!

Gary American Legion 109 Club

1107 Coteau St. Gary, SD

Stack of pancakes with butter and syrup

BBQ FUNDRAISER

Thursday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5PM-7PM (or until food runs out)

Outside the 109 Club

\$8

Sandwich only \$5

Meal Includes:

Pulled Pork Sandwich (Hamburgers also available)

Chips

Pasta Salad

\*Drinks Sold Separately

Proceeds benefit Peden-Cole American Legion Post 109 Gary, SD for 109 Club Maintenance & Improvements

\$2

Ice Cream Bowl or Root Beer Float

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