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**NEED A CALENDAR AND A CHANCE TO WIN CASH?**

**The Gary Historical Association is selling a 2009 calendar this fall. We would like to continue doing the things we do for the community. The price of the calendar alone is \$15. For a donation of \$30 you get a chance to win up to \$700 or up to \$1000 depending on how many calendars we sell. A donation of \$40 gives you two chances to win.**

**Can we sell you a calendar for \$15 today?**

**From the October 22, 2008 issue of the Clear Lake Courier:**

**“New vision for former blind school**

The property which formerly housed the South Dakota School for the Blind and Visually Impaired may soon have a new look and renewed purpose. Mr. Joseph Kolbach, of Gary, is currently in the process of purchasing the property and adjacent pastureland.

The school for the Blind was in operation from 1900 until 1959 when the school was moved to Aberdeen. Following the move, the campus was used primarily as a retirement center. The buildings are listed on the national Register of historic Places, but have been unoccupied since 1977 and have fallen into disrepair.

For the past several years, Mr. Kolbach and many other community residents have had an avid interest in seeing this property restored to its former state. He is now in the position to begin what will be a full historical restoration of the campus, allowing the property to regain its beauty and usefulness as a place for the Deuel County community to enjoy.



In the coming weeks and months, work will begin on the multi-phase project. The first phase of the project will focus on the two former dormitory buildings. Plans are currently being made to

winterize, cleanup and begin interior and exterior restoration of these buildings. The master plan for the former blind school campus is to create a new (campus) which may include lodging, office space, a museum and public recreational opportunities such as a park, campground, biking, hiking, and horse trails, and possible restoration of the former Lake Elsie. Mr. Kolbach would like to invite the community to participate in a planning and visioning process for the future of the campus. To guide this process, Mr. Kolbach has partnered with the Rural Learning center, a non-profit rural development organization currently working in Deuel hacounty. Please join Mr. Kolbach and the Rural Learning Center for this upcoming informational and planning meeting. A date for the meeting is yet to be determined, but please stay posted; the date will be published in the Clear Lake Courier in the near future. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Mr. Kolbach and the Rural Learning Center are eager to hear ideas and discuss potential uses of the Blind School property. Currently, a number of people and organizations are working hard to align our organizations by understanding what Deuel County desires for its future. In order for us to achieve our goals, we need our citizens, and all of our development, civic, and governmental organizations to work together. Only through this “team approach” can we best capitalize on state and federal resources and achieve our goals”, states Kolbach.

Mr. Kolbach is committed to Deuel county and looks forward to a fully restored campus that will bring additional economic benefit to the region, and be a place that every member of the community can contribute to and enjoy.”

**Can you** make a donation to the cemetery marker fund? Bernice Jensen did. She actually donated for three markers in memory of two friends and a family member. This is tax deductible and will be entered into our records. **What amount can you help us with?**

## **Down Memory Lane**

By  
Bernice Jensen

Dear Friends,

Thirty one years ago, my three sons and I moved to Montevideo, Minnesota. It was hard to leave Gary and the home we all loved so much, but circumstances happen that you have to make a change in your lives, and it was a great change. Of course, we didn't think so at the time. I had a lot of training in South Dakota for the position I was taking in Minnesota. I was hired for the Supervisor position for the Congregate and Meals on wheels program under the direction of Dorothy Connor of Madison, SD. I was the supervisor for five counties and 22 sites.



My first day at work I was introduced to my job responsibilities and I was to visit each site and monitor sanitation, portion control, and volunteer participation and there was no problem with the employees. They were great.

Today, I will tell you of one of the most wonderful experiences of my working years. One day I came to work and my schedule was to monitor the Upper Sioux meal site, but I would have to take someone with me, because the last person had a bad experience. I said, oh, no, I can handle this by myself. After thinking it over, I decided to not carry in a brief case, and I took the forms and information I needed to have, carried in my purse. I must say I was a little apprehensive. What if they don't like me? Oh, well they wouldn't hold me over too long.

I drove into the yard of the tribal community center. I walked in and the center was full of people, young and old. I asked to speak to the site manager and executive director. Larry and Jackie came out to greet me and introduced themselves. They introduced me to the crowd of people. I was very well accepted. I ate the noon meal and after I accessed the kitchen and the necessary job responsibilities. Later I went on the home delivered route with Jackie. There were several home bounds elderly. One lady will always be in my memory. Her name was Mary. She had lost a leg to diabetes and sat in an easy chair. She lived with her daughter and son in law. I introduced myself to this pleasant lady and opened the meal tray and the milk carton for her. The Indian tradition is to share. Mary called her

We visited several homes on the reservation. There was Fred and Harriet who were very interesting and Fred had a good sense of humor. There was Rose and her husband, very friendly and a joy to visit with. They built their home outside of the reservation. It was so country looking and decorated so tastefully, with crockery and grape vines and Indian corn. Rose was so entertaining telling me of her hard life as a child in the Indian school at Pipestone. She said, we will have more visits. Other ladies I enjoyed visiting with were Elsie, so interesting, Bessie and her daughter who was so friendly. Bessie was an artist. She did beautiful bead work and copper art. She would demonstrate how to make fried Indian bread at several public activities and the school at Marshall County. She was a very interesting lady with so much love to share.

One day my agency received word that the Upper Sioux no longer wished to offer the Congregate and home delivered meals program. This was not good news, as I knew the elderly needed the food as their resources were not a lot. They also needed clothing and shoes. Time passed and about 5 to 8 years later the Upper Sioux asked to receive the meals on wheel program. That's great. I would visit each person and do a profile on each home bound senior. I wondered how much they had changed in the 5-8 years. My first visit was Mary, who now lived in a trailer house. Mary was mending for the Granite Falls Nursing Home. That was her way of volunteering which she felt was important to her well being. She worked in the nursing home at one time. Mary was so interesting and she certainly qualified for the meals on wheels program. My next stop was Rose Marlow. She was a delightful lady; she and her husband retired from the Twin City area, and had a lovely home back in the woods. On the left as you drive up there was a straight wall of earth and shrubs and wild cucumbers growing. She had just lost her husband and didn't know if she would care to participate. I told her I would return and gave her my card. Harriet was my next stop and she and I became very good friends. Her sister lived next door and her name was Genevieve. She too was a great lady and we had many good visits. Bessie was the next lady and her daughter was living with her and a cute little red headed grandson, which I met on my initial visit a few years earlier. Elsie was one of the elderly ladies and some other were signed up that day. After the meal route was established, I visited each person to access the meal. Later the nurse from the upper Sioux Agency accompanied me.

We stopped at Mary's home and she was in a new trailer home which was very nice and attractive. Mary was preparing her home for Bible study that evening and asked us to join them. We thanked her and reminded her that it was winter and getting out was not advisable. We did watch the Astronauts launch that morning. We sat there and the Apollo went up in smoke and we couldn't believe it. Mary asked that we all pray and we all did, but just couldn't believe what we had just witnessed. We left with a heavy heart. I don't remember much about that day but the center invited us to have lunch. It was a table laden with all the leftovers from Jan 1<sup>st</sup>. We were treated great. Later I visited each one and spent more time. Rose lost her grandson in the Desert Storm; he was the first soldier killed. Rose was so strong. I just let her talk. She had gone through a lot in her life, as a child she spent her life in the Pipestone Indian School. It was very hard there she said, they worked hard and were treated badly. I left Rose then and she passed away later in the year. Harriet and her sister, Genevieve were busy entertaining for a belated Christmas dinner. Bessie was doing bead work and copper sculpturing. Soon the door opened and a handsome red headed young man walked in with a Hi grandma! Is that the little boy I met years ago? It sure is, Bessie said, he had personality plus. Bessie was so proud of him. Elsie was an interesting lady. She was so willing to share their ceremonies with me. Baptisms and Weddings sometimes lasted more than a day. Elsie was preparing a hominy dish for a baptism that would take place over the weekend. Then she shared a dad story on in the depression years when the grass hoppers were so bad and they were in town, the government sprayed Paris screen in the apple orchard and fence line. When the family returned, the little boy and girl ran out and gathered up apples on the grounds and each ate an apple. In the night they became very ill and both passed away the next day. Elsie and her husband were grief stricken and it seemed like no one was held accountable. The County Health Nurse declared Elsie mentally ill and sent her to Pipestone Indian hospital where she was treated like an insane person. Then a doctor said lady, you are not nuts, you are a grieving mother and sent her home. These ladies and gentlemen were so strong. I will never forget them.

The council meeting was great. I was always afraid of being late. Larry would always remind me that I was on Indian time, and that was right. They would come at different times after the meeting started. They were always interested and were not greedy but grateful. Fred had a great sense of humor. We were walking out after a meeting was over, Fred said, Bernice we are going to have an early winter. My reply was why do you say that? Because white man put on storm windows! My last visit was a few months later, and the Casino was on the Community Center grounds. I was happy for the upper Sioux community and this was their good crop.

On the last trip I attended a meeting with my elderly friends and after the meeting I shook their hands and said I would be back to visit. I was very serious, but good intentions don't always happen.

I drove out of the drive way up a grade to the highway. I stopped for a minute and looked down and thought how much different it was from the first visit almost 20 years ago. It was peaceful there. Now with the Casino it was full of parked cars of gamblers. It is okay. Progress is good. I thought I will never forget my senior friends on the reservation. I am taking home so many good memories. And Fred we are going to have an early winter. White man is putting on storm windows.

**Harvey Nelson and Mary Ann Shepherd have set a marriage date of December 6, 2008.**

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## **WOULD YOU LIKE A CHANCE TO WIN SOME \$ FOR CHRISTMAS?**

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## **The community was saddened to hear of the passing of Gertrude Baer.**

### **MEMORIES FROM THE HEART**

By Betty Schaefer McCormick

Earlier this month my husband and I had the opportunity to spend a few days with my son and his wife who were hosting Russian Librarians in Janesville, Wisconsin. Bryan is the City Librarian and his wife, Marina, formerly of Chuvasia, hosted the event. Five female librarians from the villages of Chuvasia spent a week in Janesville and another week in the United States, learning and exchanging customs and ideas of learning and educating between the two countries. This is the fifth year Jim and I have visited and learned so much from the Russian visitors. Each year the event is hosted by "Open World" and Bryan has taken part in the program.

The daytime is spent visiting libraries, city halls, museums, factories and businesses. The evenings are spent with host families and they take the visitors to restaurants, ballgames, family and friend outings or however they choose to entertain. Since Marina is from Russia, she really enjoys the evening visiting and getting caught up on what is going on "back home". The ladies would make nightly phone calls via cell phone to check on their families and share their experiences of the day. They had much to tell and it was interesting to listen to them describe their adventure. They especially enjoyed the "Corn Maze" and the pumpkin farm.

Jim and I enjoy learning about the native culture, preparing foods, baking, art and family businesses. Sharing family photos is always exciting. We learned that "baptism" is done with the baby or child completely nude. A much different custom than in America where we go and purchase a beautiful new outfit of clothing. The tub of water is also much more ornate and very large. A family celebration takes place after the ceremony much like in America.

This year the five ladies came from small villages and most live on farms. They all have college degrees and work in the library of their village but in the evening come home to the family farm and milk the cows, feed the chickens or other animals, can their fruits and vegetables, prepare dinner and help with homework. As you can see, pretty much the same as our farmers do here in America. However, most in rural Russia do not have running water or bathrooms. It is a bit more quaint but very family oriented.

As we were visiting after the barbecue Bryan and Marina had prepared, we shared family photos, talked about preparing foods and canning from their gardens. So much of the food is the same food my family prepared when I was growing up. We talked about using the extra eggs to make Custard pie, growing cabbage for sauerkraut, making assorted jams and jellies. Canning tomatoes, making assorted pickles, butchering and smoking meats. They also grow pumpkins but use it mainly for soup, not decorating or making pie. I made pumpkin bars to our cookout and they really enjoyed that, so I shared the recipe with them. They enjoy the spices, cinnamon and nutmeg. I also made a large container of chili which they really enjoyed. The farm families in Russia make lots of dishes, much like our casseroles. It brought back so many memories of canning and cooking with my family. My Dad was a great preserver of foods, since my Mother was an invalid. Mom would instruct me from her bedside.

We always enjoy the visits with visitors of foreign countries. We all have so much in common, we don't even realize it. We are only an e mail away from our new friends, so much more convenient than years ago. We can share recipes, photos and conversation, with Skype on our computer, in matter of seconds.

They don't celebrate Thanksgiving in Russia, that is our American holiday, but I am thankful for having such wonderful new friends. We will remember them in our prayers and wish them a wonderful year. The same for all our readers, we wish you all well and have a Blessed Thanksgiving.

**They are all wonderful "Memories From the Heart."**

## **Back to the 50's with Tiger Tales**

### **SENIOR WHO'S WHO**

**On December 23, 1937**, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Lovaas were happy at the arrival of a baby girl whom they named Ruth.

Proudly strutting to school in Gary in September before her sixth birthday, Ruthie established herself as a young citizen in our school. This is her twelfth year in Gary school.

Of all the subjects Ruth has taken in high school she like biology best. She enjoyed her freshman year more than the following ones.

Some of her favorites are: the color blue, lefse, the movie "The Glen Miller Story", movie actor, Richard Widmark; movie actress, June Allyson, song, "Got You on My Mind", sport, swimming, prize possession, Dad's car keys when she has them.

High school activities in which Ruth has participated are, vocal music, band, class play, journalism, library, soft ball, operetta, class officer, clarinet quartet, girls octet and girls state.

**On 12/06/1947** at Watertown, SD. He is the blue eyed, light brown haired young man who goes by the name of Bill. His favorite song is "Puppet on a String." The singers he prefers listening to are the Supremes and Elvis Presley. His favorite actor and actress are Elvis Presley and Stella Stevens. The movie that he loves to watch is "Gold Finger." You will often find him eating his favorite foods, hamburgers and fries. He enjoys reading "Johnny Unitis, Mr. Quarterback". Among his favorite things are Government, the color blue, yellow roses, The Wide World of Sports, hunting and listening to the radio. His favorite dance is the Shuffle and the band he enjoys the most is the Animals. His favorite car is the Chevy. The pet peeve for Bill is certain people that think they are better than anyone else and his favorite saying is, I will never tell. His future ambition is the Navy and his prized possession is his class ring.

Senior of the Week: Richard Dick Kloos

His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Leo Kloos. He was born on 02-26-1948 at Canby, Minnesota with green eyes and brown hair. He goes by the name of Dicker. Some of his favorites are the song, "I'm yours", Connie Francis, and Elvis Presley. His favorite actor is Elvis Presley and actress is Tuesday Wells. He enjoys watching the movie, "Muscle Beach Party" and eating pizza. He enjoys reading "The Red Badge of Courage" and studying Government. You may see him in a red shirt and wearing a red rose while dancing the jerk to his favorite band, the Marauders. He enjoys driving his Chevy around town and his favorite pastime is working on his car. His favorite program is "Laredo". His pet peeve is people who brag and his future ambition is to be an auto mechanic. His prize possession is of course, his car.

Edythe Battles named Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow in Gary, SD. She received the highest score in a written examination on homemaking knowledge taken by graduating girls in Gary High School. Her examination paper will now be entered in competition with those of 157

other school winners to name this state's candidate for the title All-American Homemaker of Tomorrow and will also be considered for the runner-up award in the state. For her achievement, she will receive a pin designed by Trifari of New York.

Alan Cochrane of Gary, won first place in Strandburg High School's third annual senior talent show Saturday night. He played a clarinet solo.

### **February 1952 Farmers moving during the week:**

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rasmussen and children are moving from the Wm. Cornell farm near Canby.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Jensen and children are moving to the farm vacated by the Rasmussen family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Schaefer and children are moving into the house vacated by the Leo Jensen family, owned by Fred Wiese.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanton Stone and children are moving March 1<sup>st</sup> to a farm in the Hansonville Lutheran church vicinity near Hendricks. The Lester Taylor's are returning from Dauphin, Canada, and will occupy their farm being vacated by the Stone family.

As soon as roads are opened, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Fitzpatrick and children are moving to the Mrs. Lottie Chizek farm five miles south of the Hauger School. Kenneth Myers is going to operate the farm being vacated by the Fitzpatrick's.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Fitzpatrick and two children are moving this week to the Charley Kuecker farm, which is being vacated by the Ralph Ahler family. Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Peterson are moving to the farm being vacated by the Martin Fitzpatrick's, which is owned by Mrs. Peterson's father, Joe Tschacher of Gary.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Baer and two children are moving next Wednesday from the Swenson farm to the Herbert Leuders farm located five miles north and two miles east of Canby. The new owners of the Swenson farm are moving here first of next week from Nebraska.

### **Recipe for Happiness**

When we walk into the market, there are rows of boxes there,  
And so many kinds of cake mix, and their qualities we compare.

When at home in just a jiffy, one can bake a cake so light  
A pink or white or yellow, or a chocolate dark as night.

In those days that long have vanished, it was not so very handy then,  
We put our cakes together, when we baked for hungry men.

We broke an egg and beat it, and added sugar, flour and spice.  
Shortening and something to raise it and results we thought were nice.

But a recipe for happiness, you cannot buy from any shelf,  
Find the needed ingredients, and just mix it up yourself.

First you take a house or cottage, with flowers and grass and trees around  
And throw in some little children, to make that ever welcome sound.

Does not have to be so costly, when you fix the rooms so nice,

For the home for really living, cannot be bought at any price.  
Next put in a loving mother and of course you will add a man,  
For they'll need a dad to pal with, and supervise as fathers can.

Add a cup of understanding, and a level spoon of care,  
And a heap of Christian living, and thank Him nightly in your prayer.

Then sift in a little patience, two cups of love and gently fold,  
There's a recipe for happiness, worth far more than its weight in gold.

By Marietta Thomas

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Newsletter from the President**

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The cattle drive/ soup day was once again very successful. It brought us some much needed funds to continue with some of the projects that we are working on.

For a second year in a row, we will be having Christmas at the Museum Park. We are hoping to have Santa at the Cabin, old fashioned Christmas crafts at the school and maybe even some sleigh rides.

Watch for further details.

Roger Baer, President, Gary Historical Association.

The flag is flying at the former School for the Blind. It is wonderful to see and hear the plans that Joe Kolbach has in mind for the Former School for the Blind. Now all of us, the town, community and the alumni need to work together to make this a reality. If you are asked to help with something, please try to just do it, whether a large or small job and be part of something that we have all been hoping for a long time. Leave your personal grudges in the closet where they belong.

Roger Baer, President, Gary Historical Association



**Quick Note:** We have received word that Santa will be visiting at the Museum Park on Sunday, December 7. Scheduled landing of the sleigh will be about 2:00 p.m. We are also planning on having another craft event at the country school house at the same time. We are also looking at the possibility of either sleigh or wagon rides, depending on the weather and the amount of snow. Oh, by the way, make sure you bring your kids too.