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Gary City Council is the first Monday of the month @ 7:30 p.m.

Gary Historical Association Tuesday, August 11, 7:00 pm @ Fire Hall

Gary Community Club meets the fourth Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Fire Hall meeting room

Gate City Economic Development meets third Thursday, Fire Hall, 7:00p.m.

School for the Blind and now Buffalo Ridge Resort

The administration building is the next target for restoration. We are told that there may be a business interested in making use of the south one third of the unit . The name of that company is Air Streams. The following information was retrieved from “Digging into Deuel, Brianna Hoffman and Fox News”

South Dakota ranks fourth in the nation for wind energy potential, as a result the State of South Dakota and Deuel County have begun to see this resource as a potential economic spring board for the future of our region. Organizations and individuals throughout the region are energized to respond to the opportunity. The State has established new legislation to disburse wind power tax. Deuel County residents have begun to take advantage of the tools needed to harness this invisible resource through lease agreements with wind developers. Meteorological towers used for wind data collection are springing across Deuel County as developers and turbine manufacturers plan future wind parks. We see constant reminders of the potential of wind energy in South Dakota as massive wind turbine blades and tower sections are hauled up and down the I-29 Corridor, and we hear catch phrases in the media such as ‘green’, ‘renewable.’ Have you ever wondered how a person might land a ‘green collar job’ or better yet, make a career out of ‘roping-the-wind?’ Air Streams Renewables, Inc (ARI) is a great place to start, and beginning in September 2009 a portion of that wind energy training will take place right here Gary, South Dakota.

ARI is a renewable energy education and training company, with deep roots in the wind industry. Headquartered in Tehachapi, California, ARI offers training and educational programs that are designed to transfer ARI knowledge (over 200 years of combined experience) of the renewable energy industry to individuals and industry companies. Since 2003, ARI has provided training through safety-focused and skill-based programs. These programs ensure that individuals and organizations are properly trained in safety and technical areas of this emerging industry.

Renewable energy education is in high demand and waiting lists at educational institutions are common. ARI courses in Tehachapi CA are booked months in advance, and rather than turning students away, ARI decided to expand into the Midwest. The expansion provides an opportunity for individuals and organizations that may be experiencing displacement or business model changes to reemerge in a new and exciting industry. ARI seeks to develop a 'National University' type educational center with satellite offices around the country.

ARI training can be sought by individuals or industry companies. Individuals may elect to invest in their own education to make themselves more competitive in the employment marketplace. ARI also works with industry organizations, such as turbine manufacturers, wind park service and maintenance companies, wind turbine construction companies, educational institutions and emergency service personnel. These industry organizations look to ARI to train their employees initially, annually, and to provide advanced training sessions. According to Barry Morris, the Midwest Director of Training based in Gary, "the renewable industry needs people of all skills sets to make it successful and viable, from entry level to highly skilled technicians, everyone is needed."

So, how does ARI training work? The training is conducted in modules and is based on the customer needs, whether it be high level skills or basic entry level training. One or two classes per month offered, and each class consist of a 10 day Safety and 10 day Technical training segments. ARI also plans to hold night classes to allow people with commitments during the day to access training at a time that is best suited for busy schedules.

Why Gary and Howard, South Dakota, you ask? Location, location, location. In Gary, a portion of the Buffalo Ridge Resort Business Center's Administration Building is being transformed into a training facility. This four-story building is an ideal environment for year-round hands-on safety training. The conference room in the Buffalo Ridge's Woodbury Hall will be utilized for classroom work. Preparations are well underway with the first training course set for September 2009. In Howard, ARI will partner with the Rural Learning Center for distance learning capabilities and conference and training center facilities in order to develop our region into the 'gold standard' for renewable energy education.

ARI will be a great asset to South Dakota, and directly to Deuel and Miner Counties. The company will produce new jobs and provide an ongoing boost to the local economies as ARI customers will need places to eat, places to stay, and entertainment and recreational activities. Consider how ARI training may be an opportunity for you or your business to grow. Let's take ARI's lead in being proactive, and harness some of the economic energy that the wind industry brings into our area!

Welcome to South Dakota, Air Streams! We're glad to have you here.

Isn't it fun to see your home town grow! We are doing very well for the size that we are. What other small town can say the same?

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Gary has a new business in town! Welcome to American Financial



Partners! **Financial Solutions For Business Growth**

American Financial Partners LLC is an established finance company. They specialize in designing customized solutions for new or expanding companies to finance and lease a wide variety of equipment including: computers, manufacturing, signage, graphics equipment, medical software, concrete equipment, and many others. AFP has also recently entered the renewable energy market and will be providing finance options for wind turbine gear box purchase and repair. The company currently offers equipment financing and leasing throughout all fifty states. Their headquarter offices will be held at former School for the Blind, now the Buffalo Ridge Resort & Business Center.

All businesses have certain equipment they need in order to start-up or expand their existing business. In many cases, the funds needed to purchase the equipment are prohibitive; and this is where American Financial Partners can step in. AFP will provide customized lease solutions for a business or for the customers of a business in order to provide a ‘one stop shop’ option. Through their unsurpassed customer service and financial solutions, they are able to help businesses flourish year after year.

So, my question was to Amy Wagner, Vice President of AFP was, what are the advantages of leasing? Here are few, among the many, benefits of leasing.

- Lease payments can be a tax-deductible expense
- Leasing helps obtain equipment at the lowest possibly monthly cost
- Leasing enhances the ability to purchase add-on equipment or upgrades
- Deferred payment options allows new equipment to generate profit before having to make payments
- Leasing preserves cash flow

American Financial Partners’ corporate location was previously in Marshall, MN with a satellite office in Canby, MN and is currently run entirely by women. These ladies really know what they’re doin’. They’re fun, they’re talented, and they’re goin’ places. Welcome to Gary, American Financial Partners! We’re glad to have you here.

Arnold (YOGI) and Eldeen Baer would like to thank everyone for making our 60th wedding anniversary so very special. To their family for hosting the reception, music by the “Night Owls”, guests from near and far including employees, employers, customers and our family. Many thanks for cards, gifts and being there for us through the years!



The new bath house is a replica of the chicken house that used to stand in its place.
Check out the web site at www.experiencegarysd.com



Fishing is fun at Lake Elsie

Down Memory Lane

By Bernice Jensen

In the third week of August, for as long as I can remember, my parents made a trip to Monroe, SD, my father's home town. Several families moved to Gary from Monroe- Dr. Pinard held his first practice in Monroe for several years before he moved to Gary.

Harm Denekamp came to Monroe and he was sponsored by Ben Vieser, the local funeral director. Harm married Miss Gortmaker from Monroe. The Jack Fritz family moved to Gary and the Miller family. Jack married Ella Miller, daughter of Eva Benner. Carrie Miller, Mrs. Frank Miller were Fritz ladies, daughters of J.L. Fritz of Monroe. Ella Miller, daughter of Herman Sr. and wife Carrie also moved to Gary. Herman Miller, Jr. and his wife Rena who was from North Dakota and Gus Miller and wife Anne all thought this was a good place to relocate. My father and his brother also thought it was a good place to call home. John, my father, Mom Clara Christopher, Henry married Neva Hunt and Fred, Albert, both single boys, purchased the farm that is now Randy and Joyce Meyers.

The time came to make the trip to Monroe and that was like going to California now. The suitcases were packed on Friday. Mother was sure we had clothes for a week. Very early, I remember the great excitement and dad brushed up on his German for this trip.

On Saturday morning, it was time to get on the road. Dad would be all dressed up in this blue Serge suit with white shirt and shoes shined. Mother had a dressy dress with white pearls and silk stockings that had a straight seam in the back as that is how the relatives dressed to visit our home. My one Uncle, I always called the Senator. He was so polite and even shook hands with the children, greeting each and every one of us.

We would travel to the Chevy corner at the south end of Clear Lake and take a left about a mile down the road, and Dad would get out of the car, fold and place his suit coat inside out and lay it over the back seat. The first stop was Sioux Falls and mother and father would buy our school clothes at the Montgomery Ward or Sears store as they marked down summer clothes at that time.

We finally could see Monroe. In the early years, Monroe was a great little town with many businesses, two churches- the Dutch reformed and the German reformed. Most of the old folks came from Germany or Holland. They talked old country talk which was a very broken speech. In fact, you would wonder if they are still wearing those wooden shoes.

Dad visited all the local merchants and they were happy to see Dad and Mom. Of course they asked about the family and those that moved to Gary. Dad always gave them a good report. We visited all the aunts and uncles, spent a night and day with each one. My father came from a family of 13 children and his mother passed away in childbirth, with number 13 being little Fred Schafer. Therefore my cousins were a generation older than Henry and I, so we enjoyed the grandcousins. Each family had 2 to 4 children. Some families had no children. There was always something to interest a kid. There was the visit to the cemetery to visit grandparents graves. Before he left the area, Grandma had passed away at the age of 45 years. This was a sad time for my father. He was only eight years old when his Mother passed away. Then we were on our way home after all the visiting.



This trip happened every year and I decided to stay home when I was around 12. The car was just too crowded. Occasionally, we would go back to attend funerals of aunts, uncles and cousins.

I went back to Monroe a few years ago. The town looks lonely and all the businesses have left. There is a grain elevator standing yet. I parked on a lonely stretch in front of the boarded up windows at the building where my Uncle had a hardware store. I asked myself, why? and how this was allowed to happen. I thought of my hometown in Gary. I am happy my father came to Gary. I and my family have great memories here.

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Between the Tigers stripes

Mr. Roach....What is the difference between here and there? The T

The fastest way to get around the assembly is to be an unclaimed dictionary. It's surprising how they jump from desk to desk.

Dicky seems to have trouble finding the books in his desk. There are a couple there behind the piles of paper.

Mr. Vornholt....Jean Denekamp, what is a comet?

Jean ... a star with a tail.

Mr. V... Can you name one?

Jean... Sure, Mickey Mouse.

Ray Wiese, leader of the Antelope Valley Hustlers 4-H club was at the Interstate yesterday with the news that the boys of his club are having a bake sale this Saturday afternoon at the Gary Library as a means of raising funds as their part in the new 4-H building at the Deuel County fairgrounds. 1953 edition of the Gary Interstate.

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A little word it seems to be, in this hurried life of ours,
A daily word we say to God, for the sunshine and the showers.
It is a word we oft forget, when to you some kind of deed is done,
When someone gives a gift so rare, and then another friend is won.
I seems so much in earnest said, even if the gift be small.
Takes no labor to utter it, or takes no precious cash at all.
It means so much when days are long, and the time is dark and drear,
How little may be the deed that's wrought, it tells one that a friend is near.

Whether a lift along the road or just a simple coffee break,
A friend has shared with you this day, so little effort does it take.
If there are miles between your homes, to send it on its journeyed way,
Then use a stamp for it will take that simple word you have to say.
If you be old or you be young, carry thanks in your purse each day,
And when you think the time is right, you have them near to give away.
--Marietta Thomas—

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If Grandpa Could Awake

If Grandpa could wake from his 20 year sleep, I wonder just how he would feel,
If he picked up a paper and started to read, do you think he'd like the New Deal?

He stabilized at the stable, and liquidized at the pump:

Never drew a lot of money, for just setting on his rump.

We've had income tax, a luxury tax, and taxes the like you've never seen.

Grandpa was happy in his day, And the rest of us have been too green.

The New Deal has pulled the wool over our eyes, and promised us a life of ease.

Grandpa never heard of a jet machine that buzzed over head with a tail:

We don't know if Russia has come or an atomic bomb is on our trail.

They've taken all of our young men, and sent them to Korea to fight,

To make some fat New Deal politician a millionaire over night.

If Grandpa could wake and see this, along with our New Deal men,

I'll bet you a dollar, he'd close his eyes and go back to sleep again.

Contributed by Ann Nonnimus, Gary, SD

In Retrospect

by Buck Asher

The removal of the remains of the old Fonger Building and Bartels Building leaves a gapping empty space in our downtown area, and exposes unsightly views of other buildings still standing. It is unfortunate that prohibitive costs and the changing times make it nearly impossible for rebuilding. Let us hope and pray that the future will bring new businesses and a need for a building boom.

One old building that deserves a better fate than being left to deteriorate and suffer the same fate, is the building housing the siren. It is still basically sound and would not cost a fortune to repair and remain a part of our heritage.

This building was first used as City hall. It housed the jail consisting of two iron cages. These may still be seen in the Gary Historic Park (now back in the information center.) Many a wrong doer was detained in these cells while awaiting court proceedings or transportation to another jail. In the early days law breakers served a jail sentence in these iron cages for offenses such as

disorderly conduct, fighting, public intoxication, disturbing the peace, petit robbery and other misdemeanors.

The huge bell was cast in Pennsylvania of the finest bronze and has clear penetrating tone. It is a very valuable relic and should be saved. At first the bell signaled fires and other disasters. I remember it being used as a curfew at nine o'clock in the evening. Woe to anyone loitering on the streets of Gary or in any public places after the bell had rung. You were scolded and rudely sent home. A siren was installed during the early 1930's. Since then it has been used to signal fires and other emergencies. It was paid for by funds raised in various ways.

The building was completed in 1912. Cement block that was very thick was used and made a very durable structure. The blocks were made by machine and used to construct the building. Let's not allow the building to disappear. A new paint job and a few minor repairs will do wonders for the appearance and the preservation of the building. This building is now owned by the Gary Historical Association because of a donation from George Cook. It is now the information center.



Another Piece of History Saved!

At the Buffalo Ridge Resort they are restoring another piece of our history. The first picture was taken back in November of 2008. The picture on the right was taken just a couple of days ago. The pictures below was just taken on Sept. 10, 2009. Progress....the roof is now straight and getting covered. It is looking GREAT!!

