

Golden Valley Manor News by Mary Barthel

March 31 - On Monday, our volunteer Sandi spent the afternoon with the residents. Cards were played in the activity room. Sandi brought her delicious cake with cherry frosting that the residents loved and it was served with their coffee.

April 1 - Exercises were held Tuesday morning with Mary and the residents. In the afternoon, "Wheel of Fortune" was played. Don was the big winner. Colleen was a close second and Lois was third. When the games were done, the residents picked out their favorite flavor of ice cream on hand (strawberry and caramel cheesecake with chocolate chips) and we enjoyed ice cream with our coffee.

April 2 - On Wednesday morning, our resident walkers lined up in the lobby to prepare to take part in the National Walk Day event held in town. We walked the halls going around the facility, taking occasional water breaks. Residents' ages ranged from the late seventies to 96 years old. All participants were given a participation bag from the city through donations from area business. Our shoppers loaded up in the community van to keep their shopping date. Groceries, errands and just some general looking at all the new arrivals at the local dollar store. In the afternoon, Bingo was held. St. Mary's Altar Society ladies were here at 2 p.m. for lots of fun. Mary Ann, Mary Lee, Sheryl and Brenda were our hosts. Tody was the lucky blackout winner. Patsy provided the desserts. She made raisin bars and decorated Easter cookies, which both were delicious and so festive.

April 3 - Word and Communion was held in the chapel Thursday morning with Deacon Ron. Exercises followed. In the afternoon, we tried a new game we called "Noodle Ball." Swim noodles and balloons were used as bats and balls and certainly provided us much laughter and a great exercise workout. Brownies with whipped cream were enjoyed when we were all played out. Devotions with

Grace Church were held in the evening.

April 4 - Friday is Hair Day. This week's hair volunteers were Sherry and Mary Ann. Don held Stations of the Cross in the chapel at 2 p.m.

April 5 - The First Lutheran Church was here to distribute communion to their parishioners after the noon meal. Reading Hour with Jo was held in the gathering room. Jo brought her cream cheese dainties cookies that she shared with her listeners. Pinochle was played in the dining room at 1:30 p.m. Magdalene, Florence and Mert joined us for the afternoon games.

April 6 - Communion was given in the chapel Sunday morning. The Catholic Mass was viewed in the activity room. The residents enjoyed a turkey dinner with all the fixings at noon. Pinochle was played in the dining hall in the afternoon. Bingo with the FFA and FBLA groups was played in the evening. Marty, Taya, Gavin and Sawyer were our hosts. The residents were given boutonnieres that were made by the students in the 7th grade ag class, and they were beautiful and so loved by the residents. Tody was the lucky blackout winner. A lemon blueberry cake was served with coffee when the games were done.

Darla has been brightening up the place by painting walls in our lobby and front office. It is so amazing what a coat of paint can do. We are enjoying the change.

Have a great week everyone!



A Step Back in Time

By Troy Tescher

100 Years Ago

Sentinel Butte Review, April 10, 1925: Westerheim News: Rex Schultz and mother went thru to the Beach flats Wednesday. They have vacated the Young place as the Little Missouri was washing away the banks close to the house. Many other families have had to move to higher ground. Sam Wait gave a building bee at the Ed Stecker place and repaired a barn. Attorney General finds publication illegally made in Golden Valley County. Bismarck, ND, April 8. Notice of expiration of time of redemption from tax sale must be published in the official paper of the county, the attorney general's office has ruled, on request of County Auditor M.C. McCarthy of Golden Valley County. Red Hills News: The parent-teachers association of Valley School District met at the Oldis School Saturday evening when a Negro minstrel play was given. The play was greatly enjoyed and a lunch was served at 10:30 p.m.

75 Years Ago

Golden Valley News, April 13, 1950: An early day homesteader of the Trotters community, Amos Gasho, succumbed Friday, April 7th after an illness of four years and three months. Amos was born on May 27, 1882 in Indiana and married Miss Bertha Runyan at Carrington, ND in 1906. He was a resident of this state for the past 50 years. Survived by seven children including Chester Gasho of Trotters and Mrs. Ernest Barkland of Beach. Last Sunday, April 9, Earnies Standard Service Station was taken over by Clifford Wagner and his son, Durward. Mr. Wagner is well known here, having operated a large ranch in the Gorham community for many years before selling out and moving to town. Dr. George Johnstone, a native of this community and founder of the Johnstone Memorial Hospital here, now of Glendale, Calif., made news with a unique operation he performed on two calves, cutting and patching together the giant artery leaving the left side of the heart, the animals recovering completely. Dr. Johnstone experiments constantly, studying new methods of heart surgery.

50 Years Ago

Golden Valley News, April 17, 1975: Crystal Haigh, Beach High School junior, won her way to the International Science Fair at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma by winning first place honors at the State Science Fair held in Valley City last week. She will be one of the students representing North Dakota at Oklahoma City May 12 - 17. Crystal's project "Variations of Sexual Ratios of Drosophila Melanogaster in Relation to Various Musical Influences" was awarded first place in the zoology division in state competition. Effective Monday, April 14, complete medical services were restored at the G.V. County Hospital following a week when the hospital was unable to provide emergency medical services or admit new patients. Dr. C.A. Bush, Beach's only resident physician, suffered a heart attack and was hospitalized. Dr. G.E. Montgomery Sr. and Dr. G.E. Montgomery Jr., Dickinson physicians, will staff the local clinic and hospital on a temporary basis. Beach High School prom queen and king candidates are Darlene Barthel, Kolette Kukowski, Kim Stull, John Abraham, Warren Willson and Robin Jandt.

25 Years Ago

Golden Valley News, April 20, 2000: Andy Sprenger, son of Steve and Gayle (Ueckert) Sprenger of Fargo, ND and the grandson of Carl Ueckert of Beach, won the Best Overall Performance Award during the 31st annual Country Western Jamboree held at Dickinson State University April 8th. Taking 1st place in the Junior Novice division was 6th grader Marci Gilstad, daughter of Rusty and Tammy Gilstad of Beach. Mother Nature couldn't make up her mind during the week of April 9th. Two grass fires plagued firefighters on Tuesday and Thursday. On Friday, residents were out with snowblowers.

Quote of the Week:

"We choose to go to the moon. We choose to go to the moon in this decade and do the other things, not because they are easy, but because they are hard . . ."
- John F. Kennedy

EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

The **Golden Valley Weed Board** is offering the following equipment for sale by sealed bid.

1) **2016 Polaris 6x6 side-by-side** with 600 miles and is in good running condition.

2) **2017 Honda ATV** with 994 miles and is in good running condition.

To view either machine, call **Mark Egan, Weed Control Officer at 701-300-3143.**

All sealed bids must be in by **April 28, 2025.**

Bids can be mailed to PO Box 605, Beach, ND 58621 or dropped off at the Golden Valley County Auditor's office by 4 p.m.

The Golden Valley County Weed Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Board talks bus routes, teachers

By Gary Howard
The Golva School Board met April 9th at 5 p.m. at the school. All board members were present, as were Business Manager Sara Gunkel and Superintendent Libby Almy.

The board reviewed and approved the minutes, agenda and payment of the vouchers except for one. More information is needed before payment.

A discussion was held on how to adequately fill the need for additional educators in the school.

It revolved around either hiring a new teacher or a fully-qualified paraprofessional to fill the void. Almy will meet with staff to get their input.

The board revisited the matter of additional kids that will be added to the bus routes. The thinking is that the school district will need to get another vehicle to pick up some kids on the route. A vehicle like a Suburban would work in this situation.

The school district has several CDs up for renewal. Gunkel will check

to see which bank offers the best rates.

This fall's school calendar was gone over. Golva School will once again start one week later than the Beach schools.

There were several open enrollment requests, which were approved by the board.

This was the final order of business so the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be on May 7th at 5 p.m. The time may change as we are getting into the busy season for board members.

Obituary



Rosemary Hodges
June 28, 1941 - April 5, 2025

On Saturday, April 5, 2025, Rosemary Emma Hodges joined her Lord and Savior for eternity. Rosemary was born to Robert and Irene Jones on June 28, 1941 in Beach, ND, where she lived until leaving for college. She received her

undergraduate degree at North Dakota State University and her Master's degree at Kansas State University. After graduation, Rosemary first taught Home Economics at the college level. She later joined the Women's Army Corps of the US Army, where she achieved the rank of Captain before receiving an honorable discharge in 1970.

While on assignment with the Army in St. Louis, MO, Rosemary met her future husband, Forrest E. Hodges. They wed in September 1970 and were married 43 years before Forrest passed away. During their time together, they traveled the world, visiting exotic places like Ethiopia, Thailand, Japan and the Holy Land, as well as several European nations. They returned to live per-

manently in Beach, where they built and operated the Outpost Motel until retirement.

Rosemary is survived by her children, Joseph Hodges (Tina), Althea Kimes (Tim) and Linda Ritenburgh (Kevin); and her sisters, Karen Brookhart (Glen), Jeanne Faiman (Ken) and Jule Erlandson. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Joe Hodges (Stephanie), Dustin Hodges (Jacquie), Shanna Harris (Chris), Bethany Hamlin, Kayla Katerburg (Ben) and Jamie Ritenburgh; 12 great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her husband Forrest; her parents; and her brother, Timer Jones.

Obituary



Virginia Wetzel
July 16, 1934 - March 16, 2025

A Graveside Service for Virginia Wetzel, 90, of Wibaux,

MT will be held at 11 a.m. CST on Saturday, June 14, 2025 at the Glen Ullin Cemetery in Glen Ullin, ND.

Virginia passed away peacefully on Sunday, March 16, 2025, in Billings, MT.

Virginia was born on July 16, 1934, in New Salem, ND. She was the daughter of Ottmar and Julia (Mandle) Itrich. As a young girl, she attended New Salem School. On September 3, 1954, Virginia married Gustav Wetzel. They had four children. Virginia and Gust moved around a bit until they finally settled in Wibaux.

Virginia drove school bus for many years in Wibaux. She was also a judge in Wibaux County for a time. She enjoyed gardening and adored her dogs.

She is survived by a son, Larry (Susan) of Surprise, AZ; daughters Nancy (Perry) Stockwell of Beach, ND and Julie Allard of Farmington, NM; eight grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gustav; daughter Sherry Studabecker; and grandson Travis Thompson.