

State of Cedar Falls arts,

Historical Society

By TOM HANSEN
Courier Staff Writer

CEDAR FALLS—The opening of the new Ice House Museum and the retirement of the long-time live-in hostess

marked Cedar Falls Historical Society events in 1979.

The Ice House, home of antique farm implements and ice industry tools, was visited by 5,000 people on opening day last June, according to Nancy Redfern, society president.

THE 30-FOOT high structure on the banks of the Cedar River was built in 1922. It was restored after city officials feared in 1976 that a deteriorating roof would force them to tear it down.

More than \$70,000 in donations from some 500 contributors, and \$40,000 in city block grant funds saved the building, which is on the National Register of Historic Places.

Though open only 7½ hours a week from May to October, tours are often set up for school and other groups. "It's attracted a lot of interest from towns around Cedar Falls," Mrs. Redfern says.

AFTER GUIDING tours through the Historical Society museum at 303 Clay St., for many years, Olivia Johnson has retired and moved from her apartment on the museum's second floor.

"I really want to give a lot of credit to Olivia," Mrs. Redfern adds. "This was her home, and being a lifetime Cedar Falls resident, she could give historical background.

"It will be a loss for us not to have her. A great deal of the society's success is due to her being here."

Mrs. Johnson would often give tours while dressed in a costume appropriate to a certain period.

TAKING ON the duties of fulltime director, in a new move for the society, is

Rosemary Beach, who has been on the group's board of directors for several years.

Mrs. Beach will be responsible for planning and directing Society programs, as well as working with volunteers and membership recruitment.

The society, with more than 1,000 members after its recent membership drive, is in its 16th year, having grown from 154 charter members. By 1970, it had grown to 597 members, but was down to 205 in 1972.

Mrs. Redfern says the society would be working on two goals—preserving the history of Cedar Falls, and making that history available to the public, during 1980.

APPEALING FOR help from residents, Mrs. Redfern explains the society would like residents to donate old items, especially written records, to the society so they may be checked for historical significance.

"Just don't throw things away!" she exclaims. Even though written records may not seem important, they may give a better picture about Cedar Falls' past when compared with other information.

During the past year James Orvis and Stephen Volk were employed by the society through the federal Comprehensive Employment and Training Act.



Rosemary Beach is the new fulltime director of the Cedar Falls Historical Society.

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Society is making its own history

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CEDAR FALLS—For the first time in its 16-year history, the Cedar Falls Historical Society has hired a fulltime director.

She is Rosemary Beach, of 1525 River Bluff Drive, on the board of directors of the society for several years.

"She will be responsible for planning and directing our programs," says Nancy Redfern, Historical Society president.

Mrs. Beach's responsibilities will also include working with volunteers, helping with membership recruitment and arranging an expanded program of speaking to metro clubs and events.

THE DECISION to hire a fulltime director came after Olivia Johnson, who had been hostess at the society's museum at 303 Clay St. for 10 years, retired last month.

"It's a big change for us, but we felt our program needed it," Mrs. Red-

fern explains of the new position.

Mrs. Beach, a 25-year Cedar Falls resident, has also been active in the planning of Sturgis Falls Days, a summer celebration in its fifth year in 1980.

"SINCE IT'S a brand new position, we're just going to be feeling our way along until we know exactly what we can do," Mrs. Beach says.

She will work in the museum, with office hours 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., beginning Monday.

Mrs. Beach has been administrative assistant at the First Presbyterian Church in Cedar Falls, and was secretary to the principal at North Cedar School before that.

SHE HAS been president of the educational secretaries' association for three years, and chairman of the Junior Women's department of the Cedar Falls Woman's Club.

She is also a member of the Sturgis Falls Questors club, and is an antiques and historical items enthusiast.



Rosemary Beach

Addition turns C.F. 'House' into a 'Home'

■ Architect's skills praised for match between new Carriage House and old Victorian Home.

By MARGARET O'ROURKE
Courier Staff Writer

CEDAR FALLS — "Rosemary's Kitchen" was unveiled at the new Victorian Home & Carriage House Museum this month.

Robert Beach, husband of Cedar Falls Historical Society Executive Director Rosemary Beach, donated \$25,000 to the development of the carriage house addition. He and society members unveiled the renovated kitchen's name during the carriage house addition's "first viewing" celebration Oct. 16.

Several major contributors had rooms and foyers named after their families. They include Woodrow & Madeline Stingley Gallery, \$50,000 donation; Robert C. Wyth Foyer, \$50,000 donation from Frances "Punk" Wyth, daughter Elyn Wyth Johnson and son-in-law Burdette Johnson; Dahl Thomas Heritage Room, \$50,000 donation from Loren Thomas; Joe Robinson elevator, \$35,000 donation; Robert & Dorothy Voorhees Pioneer Room, \$25,000 donation; Don & Alleen Howard Library, \$25,000 donation; and John & Mae Latta Dining Room, \$25,000 donation from Joanne Latta Reeves.

Formerly called the Victorian House Museum, the carriage house addition makes the building more of the functional home that it was in the previous century. Thus, the word "home" replaces "house" in the building's name.

The new, wider entrance opens onto West Third Street with wide cement stairs and a brick patio.

"This just beckons you to walk right in," Rosemary Beach said of the wide doors and generous windows. The original entrance always



Nancy Redfern and Bob Beach hold the sign for the new Rosemary's Kitchen in the Victorian Home and Carriage House Museum.

resembled a cramped labyrinth of sorts, making it difficult for large tour groups to enter.

Cedar Falls Historical Society President Ed Stachovic said the architectural staff was exceptional in meshing the building's existing features with the new addition.

"You look at the old and you look at the new and you can't tell the difference," he said. He praised the work of project architect Mardy Holst, with Flinn Saito Andersen & DeVoe.

Holst said he spent considerable time working on matching some of the more prominent features of the old and new buildings.

"It was important to them that the new building look like it was part of the existing. It had to look like it matched," he said. Matching the exterior features was of utmost importance.

"For the interior, we tried to carry the character of the old, but not necessarily reproduce the old detail," he said. "We wanted to have that same character throughout, but make it a little bit more modern."

Installing a fire alarm and a security system, as well as handicapped access features, also presented a challenge, Holst said. Making some of these features present without

making their presence obvious was the goal.

"There had to be some functional aspects of the building that didn't exist when the original building existed," he said. "You have to put that in there without really disrupting what's there."

The museum opened in 1968, and the idea for a carriage house addition followed about two years later.

"It was soon apparent that this building could not long accommodate all the historic treasures entrusted to us," Stachovic said. In the years to come, however, the society was forced to throw its support to other renovation and restoration projects that demanded immediate attention.

"The carriage house addition presents an opportunity to express our commitment to the society and to the community in a significant manner with long-term results," Stachovic said.

Rosemary admits to taking exceptional pleasure in the geranium red bathroom walls, because the rest of the museum is done in traditional museum-ish neutrals.

"We'll shake them up a little bit as they come in here," she said of the bathrooms.

Bob, Rosemary Beach receive citizen award from C.F. chamber

By MARGARET O'ROURKE
Courier Staff Writer

CEDAR FALLS — Bob and Rosemary Beach won the Cedar Falls Representative Citizen Award at the Chamber of Commerce's recognition luncheon on Wednesday.

Robert owns University Book & Supply, and Rosemary is the executive director of the Cedar Falls Historical Society.

Mark Baldwin, chairman of the chamber's board of directors, said the selection committee's decision was swift and certain.

"I shouldn't say it was a tough decision at all," he said. "We looked at some of the great volunteers we have in town, and their name came to the top right away. We were in and out of the meeting in five minutes."

Bob graduated from the University of Northern Iowa in 1951 and was named manager of the book department at University Book & Supply. A few years later he became store president. In 1984, he was named Manager of the Year by the National Association of College Stores.

He served as president of the chamber in 1969, was Jaycee Boss of the Year in 1972, chaired the Cedar Falls Ambassadors in 1978, and served as elder in the First Presbyterian Church from 1975 to 1978.

He served as Iowa Alumni chair-



Rosemary and Bob Beach

man for the fund drive to construct the UNI-Dome and received the UNI Alumni Association Service Award in 1976.

He is president of the UNI Foundation's board of trustees, director and past president of the UNI Athletic Club, and director of Junior Achievement and Cedar Arts Forum.

He has been active in the College Hill Merchants Association and the College Hill Neighborhood Association, and has played a major part each year in the College Hill Arts Festival.

Rosemary was one of the three

charter organizers of the Sturgis Falls Celebration and served for 10 years on the steering committee.

She was a charter member of Arts Alive, Altrusa of Cedar Falls and Friends of the Cedar Falls Public Library. She is past president of the Junior Women's Club, Sturgis Falls Questers, Tuesday Club and Arts Alive.

She served as president of the Sartori Hospital board of trustees in 1990 and 1991. She has been active in the chamber's tourism bureau committee.

The city of Cedar Falls and the Chamber have honored her several times for her leadership of the Sturgis Falls Celebration. She received a certificate of merit from the State Historical Society of Iowa in 1983 and the Governor's Leadership Award in 1988.

She has received recognition from the Lion's Club, Sertoma, Kiwanis Rough Riders and the Black Hawk County Conservation Board.

Baldwin said the couple have a lot of energy and are inspirational to work with.

"They exemplify the type of community spirit and willingness to work at all levels," he said. "All of us on the committee felt it was such an honor to be able to work with them."

This is not the first time a married couple has been given the award. In 1988, Leroy and Nancy Redfern won the honor.



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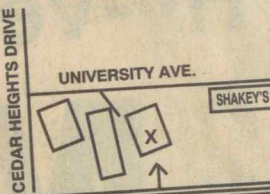
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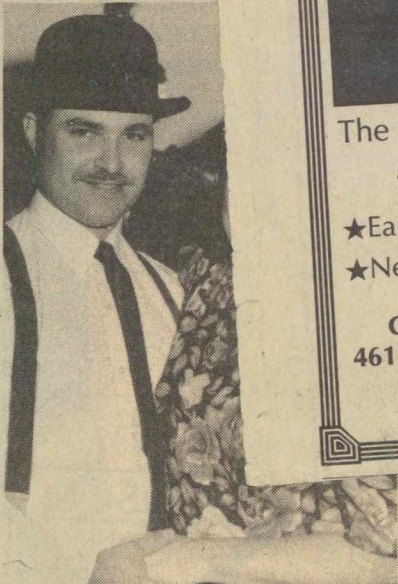
CEDAR FALLS — Announcement is being made of the Sept. 15 wedding of Debe Rasmussen and Jon Crisman.

Parents of the couple are Gene Crisman and Marcia Jensen and Robert Rasmussen of Kansas City, Mo., and Rosemary Beach.

Vows were exchanged at their home at 721 Main St., with the Rev. Jon Folkers officiating.

The bride manages the Tea Cup Inn bed and breakfast. The groom is manager of Jackson Auction Company.

An open house was held for the couple at the home of Rosemary Beach on Sept. 16.



Mr. and Mrs. Crisman

Richardson - Rasmussen

The May 29 wedding of Lisa C. Richardson and Robert Bradley Rasmussen is being announced.

Vows were exchanged aboard the P.A. Denny Sternwheeler in Charleston, W. Va.

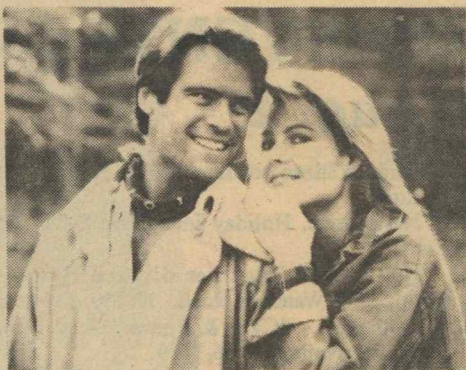
Parents of the couple are Doris C. Richardson and the late Gene G. Richardson of Orlando, Fla., and Rosemary Beach of Cedar Falls and Robert C. Rasmussen of Kansas City, Mo.

The bride chose her sister, Lori Manix, as Matron of Honor.

The groom chose his brother, Dane Rasmussen, as best man.

A special guest was the bride's 90-year old grandmother, Sheila Richardson of Ripley, W. Va.

A reception was held aboard ship.



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Lisa and Brad Rasmussen

The couple resides in New York City where Lisa is a model with the Elite Modeling Agency and Brad is with the Ford Modeling Agency

License to Wed

Jim D. Clements, 24, and Sherry L. McNair, 24, both of 321 Clay St., No. 3, Cedar Falls.
David E. Shafer, 29, and Linda L. Dalton, both of 847 Knoll Ave.
Joshua R. Moore, 20, and JoAnn Spitzer, 22, both of 1119 AE Mayner Court.
Frank L. Esser, 43, 815 Olive St., and Pamela S. Trelstad, 41, 317 W. Second St., Cedar Falls.
Ronald L. Davis, 35, and Jolene E. Schrader, 35, both of 916 Denver St.
Scott K. Harris, 36, and Janice A. Christensen, 33, both of 123 Eldene Court, Evansdale.
Duane J. Roth, 22, and Shelly L. Miller, 25, both of 3044 W. Fourth St., Lot 28, Cedar Falls.
Denny L. Bass, 27, and Barbie S. DeBoer, 24, both of 1117 Ravenwood Road.
Craig J. Merrifield, legal age, and Debra J. Crisman, legal age, both of 2406 W. Sixth St.

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to strap on her watch. Somehow, she
bumped the swab, driving the padded
stick into her eardrum. The pain sent
her through the roof.

Their family doctor took a peek in
Kayla's ear, saw trouble, and quickly
referred them to a specialist. That
afternoon, the ear, nose and throat
doctor let Sandy look through a spe-
cial tool at the inside of Kayla's ear.
"There was a hole," Sandy said. "It
was amazing that a Q-Tip could do
that."

Hearing loss was a concern. The
specialist recommended against
surgery, saying children usually heal
well on their own. He prescribed a ear
plug to wear in the shower and
instructed to Kayla to stay away from

swimming pools and splashing water
for the next eight weeks.

Kayla was in pain for about a
week, treating her ear gingerly.
Recently, she returned for a follow-
up doctor visit and the hole was
gone. A hearing test proved her hear-
ing is back to normal.

"Now my younger daughter, who is
5, says, 'You can't use Q-Tips!'" said
Sandy, who has placed the entire box
of swabs out of the kids' reach. "Kay-
la won't go near them anyway."

The children now use a washcloth
to clean their ears.

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Sweet smelling memories tied up in making hay in the sunshine

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By ROSEMARY BEACH

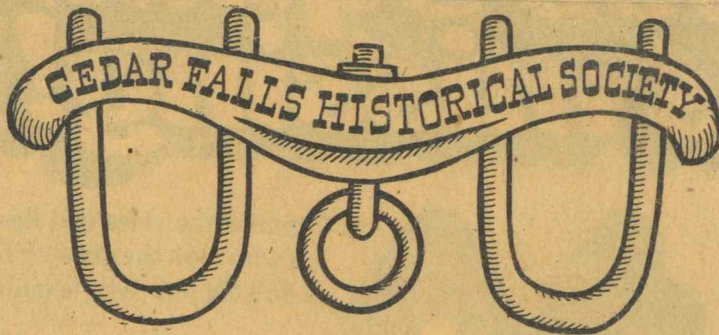
Cedar Falls Historical Society Director

"Make hay while the sun shines" is a phrase you hear often.

However, it was a truth for the old day farmer, as he needed time to cut, dry and get his hay to the loft. He needed those sunny days. If you have driven through the countryside lately, notice the beautiful color combinations from field to field. Clover, with its pinkish blossoms, row after row of green, green corn, and, interspersed, golden squares of oats are treats for the eye.

I can remember the joys of making hay on our farm. It was a joy as far as I was concerned because I didn't have to do any of the hard physical work. I watched as the fields were being mowed and smelled the sweetness of cut clover. I rode the hay wagon to the field and helped drive the team with a gentle slap of the reins and a quiet "whoa."

I SAT in the sun and watched the butterflies glide by gracefully as my father and brother threw fork after fork of hay up and over the wagon side, until it was topped by a mound of dry hay. Then both would board the wagon and off we'd head toward the barn and the hay mow. The turn from the field to the lane was an anticipated



moment. Would the horses turn carefully enough? Would the wagon make the turn? Every creak and groan of the frames, loaded with hay was a breath-holding sound. For, even the slightest miscalculation would send the hay dome floating to the ground. Pitching a load of hay onto a rack once is one thing, but twice is one too many times!

The horses were backed into place below the suspended hay fork, unhitched from the wagon and rehitched to the fork line. The fork would be lowered until it met the hay on the wagon. Then it was time for my brother to hop on the fork and force it down into the hay, release the fork rope and yell "take it away." Now supposedly, the horses would pull, he would jump off and the hay would swing up to the hay mow door. But occasionally, his better judgment would disappear, and off he would go hanging to the rope and ride the hay up and through the door, to be released in a cloud of dust in the mow. After the wagon was emptied, the load had to be distributed into the corners before returning to the field for another load.

THEN IT was time to water the horses, which I might be allowed to do, and a time for the workers to refresh themselves, too. Everyone headed for the pump handle, pumped like crazy and waited for a good steady stream of ice cold water. They quickly stuck their heads underneath, drinking and washing at the same time. Workers might take time for a sandwich and a glass of ice cold lemonade and off for another load. The joys of the floating butterflies and the sweet clover smell might be much less this time around, and I would beg off as being "too tired," "too warm" or too anything I could think of. Before long the grown-ups would tire of me and off I'd go down the lane path to other marvels, forgetting my joy of driving the horses.

I know, my dad knew and most of all the horses knew they really didn't need driving at all.

The good sweet of cut clover is perfume that can never change no matter how the years pass by. You won't see many farmers in the fields pitching hay and probably the only place you may see a hay wagon is on a hay ride, but that old saying still holds true "better make hay while the sun shines!"

C.F. Historical Society suggests moving chamber office rather than schoolhouse

■ Chamber president rejects idea, says office needs to be in busy area of city.

By MARGARET O'ROURKE
Courier Staff Writer

CEDAR FALLS — If the downtown redevelopment plan truly reflected futuristic thinking, it would have the Cedar Falls Chamber of Commerce relocated somewhere other than the Cedar River front.

That's the feeling of Cedar Falls Historical Society leader Rosemary Beach, who is against relocating the Little Red Schoolhouse to make room for an expanded Chamber of Commerce building.

"I would hope that the chamber would be so big that that space on the river front wouldn't be big enough," said Beach. Hudson Road, near the Cedar Falls Industrial Park and relocated Highway 58, would be a good spot, she said.

"The chamber should be representing College Hill, College Square, all those areas," Beach said. "It's a 'community' chamber, not tied just to downtown."

The historical society's board of direc-

tors has sent a letter to Mayor Jon Crews expressing concern that the schoolhouse has been given short shrift in the downtown redesign plan.

"The current plan assigns the schoolhouse square footage to a self-proclaimed 'significantly higher level of usage' and offers no alternative for relocation in the general area," Board President Ed Stachovic wrote. "(We ask) that the Cedar Falls City Council receive and file the Vision 2020 Downtown Riverfront Plan, but defer adoption until issues impacting the Historical Society museums are resolved."

Beach said moving the chamber elsewhere is not her original idea. The concept has surfaced in conversations with people who have reviewed the plans. Conceptual sketches show an expanded chamber building where the schoolhouse now sits.

Chamber President Lee Miller says the

riverfront location gives the chamber "more visibility and easier access" to incoming motorists.

"We need to be where the traffic is, and the traffic is here," Miller said. "Until it becomes busier out in that area (on Hudson Road) we'd be at the fringe of all activity. We'd be isolated."

Beach said the plan "swallowed in all of the riverfront without anybody looking at the schoolhouse or even caring about it. They've taken every bit of green space that they should leave open for Sturgis Falls and other activities that want to go on down there by the riverfront."

Miller said more than 25,000 cars will be westbound on Highway 57 after the interchange with 57 and Highway 218 is completed — perfect for the chamber's purposes. "That far exceeds what's on Hudson Road," he said. "I think we need to be in a busy area."

Community Main Street Manager Bruce Wedeking said the redesign was a product of an independent person's unleashed imagination, designed to give a fresh overview of the downtown area and riverfront. "We needed imagination," Wedeking said.



Rosemary Beach

Friday: Carolyn Cole takes readers 'Around Town'

Cod liver oil renews memories

By ROSEMARY BEACH

Since I have been "familying" lately, the "I remember whens" and "Do you remembers" have hopped about hot and heavy.

So when I happened upon a bottle of cod liver oil in an antique store, my brother and I were browsing through, our reaction was not only immediate, but absolutely the same — "Yuk."

Our insides were daily treated to a slippery spoonful of fish oil from the refrigerator. Not only did it taste bad, it smelled bad. And, after your daily dose, you smelled bad. I supposed the only reason the other kids on the bus never noticed, was they had been "dosed" that morning, too.

I ran on to an article about remedies and here are a few that were familiar to me. Salt used for a sore throat gargle and for brushing your teeth (we also used soda mixed in); chicken broth for colds (I think science has proven that this remedy really works — something about making the sinuses run, etc).

Moms only knew you needed something warm and soothing then; coffee and castor oil used as a cure-all (our castor oil was always hid-

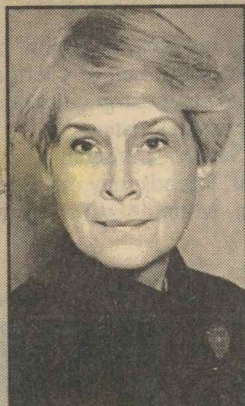
den in orange juice ...ho-ho. There is no way to hide castor oil); vinegar to rinse hair (my mother thought hair should squeak).

We also used rain water run through a dish towel to sieve out the chiggers (mosquito larvae to be explicit); whole cloves for a toothache or bad breath (Mother always had a clove available to chew; vanilla for insect bites (I had never heard this one, until I married a golfer who swears by white vanilla); bourbon and honey for a cold (this was never used in our liquor-free environment, but in later years when my daughter was tiny and having stomach troubles, the doctor suggested whiskey, sugar and warm water to sooth her. I distinctly remember the deep burp that followed this remedy).

Whatever today's remedies might be, I am certainly glad the use of

asafetida has long passed out of favor. Having smelled this substance, I cannot imagine the cure was not worse than the disease. Stay well.

Rosemary Beach is executive director of the Cedar Falls Historical Society.



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ROSEMARY BEACH
executive director

of Cedar Falls — and that includes Waterloo and Black Hawk County, too."

Beach's husband, Bob, will contin-

ue to run University Book & Supply. They were awarded the Cedar Falls Citizens of the Year this summer from the Chamber of Commerce.

C.F. Historical Society director calls it quits

By MARGARET O'ROURKE

Courier Staff Writer

CEDAR FALLS — Rosemary Beach will quit her post as executive director of the Cedar Falls Historical Society, effective Jan. 1.

"It was time," she said Monday.

After 13 years of leadership that has evolved into organized tours and holiday walks through historic neighborhoods, Beach will transfer her duties to Rosie Peterson, the Historical Society's assistant director.

Beach said she informed the group's board of directors earlier this year, but refrained from making the decision public, "until they had everything organized."

The board released the formal announcement in its November newsletter.

Under Beach's leadership since 1979, the Historical Society has witnessed the renovation of the Victorian Home and Carriage House Museum, development of the George Wyth House Museum, and the opening of the Little Red Schoolhouse Museum.

Beach served as a member of the board for three years prior to becoming executive director. During that time, The Ice House Museum was put on the National Register for Historic Places.

As a lasting tribute, the kitchen in the Victorian Home was named "Rosemary's Kitchen" last year.

To allow Peterson to gain full authority, Beach said she intended to maintain a diplomatic distance from Historical Society activities.

"I think that's only fair," Beach said. "Because (Peterson) needs to be the person people respond to. If I'm always poking my head in, habit will have people asking me questions."

She added that she did not want to hamper the Historical Society's efforts to try new things.

"I think it's very difficult for any organization to have someone hang around and say, 'This is the way we used to do it,' so I don't plan to involve myself," she said.

Board President Ed Stachovic praised Beach for her organizational ability and dedication to boosting the Historical Society's visibility in town.

"My impression always was that if it was good for Cedar Falls it was good for the Historical Society," Beach said. "We depend on each other."

Stachovic defended this quality, saying Beach works for altruistic causes rather than egotistical ones.

"The underlying of what she did was for the community of Cedar Falls," he said. "It wasn't for personal opinion or just to be contrary. It was her perception of what would be the most beneficial to the community

This open house will be historic

The Cedar Falls Historical Society will honor Rosemary Beach for more than 13 years of service at a retirement open house next Wednesday, Jan. 6. The open house will be from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Victorian Home and Carriage House Museum, 308 W. Third St., Cedar Falls. The public is welcome to attend.



Rosemary Beach

Beach began with the Historical Society in 1979 as Executive Director. During her leadership, the society has grown in membership and programing and in facilities. The society now has four museums- the Wyth House and Viking Pump Museum, the Victorian Home and Carriage House Museum, the Ice House and the Little Red School. Her Historical Society column, which provided readers with a glimpse of the past, appeared in the Hometown, the Cedar Falls Citizen and the Record for many years.

Beach has also been an active member of the community in several other areas. She was one of the original founders of the annual Sturgis Falls Celebration and she was a member of the Sartori Hospital Board of Trustees.

Those unable to attend the open house are asked to send notes or cards for Beach to 303 Franklin St.

By STEPHANIE FRAME
Courier Staff Writer

JANESVILLE — Richway Industries Ltd. has carved a niche in the global economy.

A globe resting on the file cabinet and a Spanish-English dictionary on a shelf in the vice president's office hint at an important part of the company's business — exports.

Richway was one of four companies that recently received the Governor's Export Award for 1994.

Richway makes an attachment for pesticide applicators that drops foam markers on land, allowing farmers and groundskeepers to see where they have applied pesticides. The foam is biodegradable and eventually disappears.

The company also manufactures air-operated control valves used in paint-mixing machines. The valves control the amount of pigment put into the paint.

Richway exports both the foam marking systems and the control valves.

Over the past three years, the company's sales increased by 53 percent, and 37 percent of that was from exports, said Rachel Cheeney, company vice president.

"What makes our export story unique is that we started exporting at the same time as diversifying our product line," Cheeney said.

Besides increasing export sales revenue from less than 1 percent to 12 percent of total sales in the past three years, the company introduced a new product, the Pestifoamer, a sprayer used in termite extermination that is sold domestically.

The company also started market-

Richway ^{June 1994} Industries earns recognition for diversifying its product line and boosting exports

ing the air-operated control valve for industrial use. Before, it was used for agricultural purposes.

Richway's president, Rich Borglum, a Janesville native, developed the marking systems in Minneapolis. He then moved back to Iowa and set up Richway Industries.

When the company started in 1973, it was the sole U.S. manufacturer of foam marking equipment. Domestic competition started to increase in the mid-1980s.

Richway's interest in exporting grew as the economy weakened and the domestic agricultural industry struggled.

"We recognized we were getting more competitors and that we were very much a seasonal company," Borglum said.

The company saw a need to diversify its product lines so that it was not dependent on agriculture, Cheeney said.

Richway started exporting agricultural products to Canada. In 1988, it began working with South American customers because the growing season there differs from that in the United States.

Now, the company primarily exports to Brazil, Japan, Taiwan and Canada. It also sells in Mexico, Sweden and the Netherlands.

Most of their customers are companies that manufacture sprayers and other machines that use Richway's marking systems.

Borglum said the company hasn't been as aggressive in marketing its exports as it could be. To introduce potential customers to Richway products, the company exhibits in international trade shows and seminars. Domestic advertising, too, draws international customers.

Also, the company's good reputation with domestic customers improves its chances to build international sales, Borglum said.

"We've always been quality-driven," Cheeney said. "Especially when products are going far, far away, you become much more quality-conscious."

Companies that export must consider tariffs and other trade barriers. Brazil makes Richway's products expensive to sell by imposing duties and taxes, Cheeney said. Other countries have not set as many barriers.

Richway has a representative in Brazil, and Cheeney has learned Spanish so she can communicate better with other South American customers. Borglum and Cheeney have traveled to Taiwan and Japan to meet with potential customers.

Of Richway's 31 employees, only Borglum, Cheeney and sales manager Paul Cave work on sales and marketing. No one employee is fully devoted to export sales.

Cheeney said Richway is looking to expand its contacts in South America while maintaining its current customer base.

Christmas has already arrived for Rosemary Rasmussen, 3304 Panther Lane. For nine years now, she has received a handsome Christmas remembrance every year from an unknown friend.

Monday night she found on her doorstep a huge evergreen Christmas wreath with the same note that has accompanied all previous gifts: "From a grateful recipient of your kindness all year long."

"It makes my Christmas," says Rosemary, who admits she has no idea who the donor might be. "Maybe it makes me a nicer person, not knowing," she says. "How do I know but that one of the persons I see every day might be my 'unknown friend'? Maybe it makes me smile more."

Last year her gift was a ceramic madonna. Previous gifts have been flowering amaryllis or poinsettia plants. Each year Rosemary Rasmussen has a day-long drop-in coffee so her friends can share her pleasure in the gift.

Nine years—that's a long time to be silently grateful. Merry Christmas, whoever you are!

A Cedar Falls resident who lives alone and prefers to remain anonymous, is reassured to know that "public servants" are concerned about the welfare of the least of us. She was away for a long weekend over Thanksgiving. She left her key with a neighbor. Because her trip was brief, and possibly because she forgot, she didn't discontinue delivery of her newspapers or have her mail held.

When she came back she found police had obtained the key from her neighbor and gone through the house front to back to see if she had met with some personal disaster and might be in need of help.

The postman (or woman) had become aware of a mounting pile of newspapers and mail that had not been taken in, and was concerned enough to report the fact to the police who immediately checked out the address.

While she admits she is slightly "red faced" over having innocently caused such concern, she is grateful for that concern and would like to thank the people who cared enough to investigate.

What's that they say about a bus driver's holiday? He gets on a bus and goes someplace? Something like that. That axiom could apply to a lot of professions and occupations. Take salesmanship, for instance. Right now if you walk into Gene Lehman's Stag Shop on the Parkade you could see two faces very familiar to the Main Street scene in years gone by.

Helping out at the Stag Shop during the Christmas rush are Harold Klepfer, who managed Kerwin's men's clothing store for years and years, and Laurence Johnson, who managed Israel's Clothing (both Main Street stores) for equally as many years.

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Cedar Falls Record*

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Cedar Falls Metro Beat



JACK JORGENSEN / Courier Staff Photographer

The mystery surrounding a Christmas gift that appeared each holiday season is legend in Rosemary Beach's family. This ceramic figure came with a note that read, "From a grateful recipient of yours all year long."

Source of holiday gifts still mystery

The doorbell rang in the middle of December 34 years ago. There stood a florist's delivery person bearing a beautiful poinsettia bursting with three white blooms.

Rosemary Beach was delighted. But her children and husband had given her a red poinsettia just days before, so she was curious about who would send another.

She tore open the card. It was signed "From a grateful recipient of yours all year long."

"It was just a strange and wondrous thing," said Rosemary, who added that a poinsettia may not be a big event today, but as a young mother of three small children, she felt it



JENNIFER JACOBS

was a real luxury to be given two of the showy flowers at that time. Rosemary rewinded through a mental list of all the good deeds she'd done in the past year. When she spoke with her friends, relatives and neighbors, she quizzed them about the poinsettia. Everyone denied being the anonymous sender

Stumped, Rosemary decided to throw a "coffee" for her plant. Living on Panther Lane in those days, she often gathered with other stay-at-home moms in her neighborhood. Their coffees were preventive medicine for insanity — it was always a relief to talk to someone taller than 3 feet who wouldn't spill milk on their shoes.

Rosemary was willing to bet one of her neighbors was the generous soul who sent her the poinsettia. At the get-together, everyone shared Christmas spirit and laughter over the mysterious gift. But no one stepped forward. Rosemary could only hope the gift-giver was there, and saw how much she appreciated it.

The next year, the doorbell rang in the thick of the holiday season. This time, the gift was a red poinsettia. The note was identical: "From a grateful recipient of yours all year long."

The gift quickly became a holiday tradition. What appeared on her doorstep varied — there were poinsettias, fresh evergreen wreaths, a ceramic Madonna figurine, a potted Norway pine, a red wicker basket, an amaryllis bulb, and a red sleigh and Santa arrangement.

As time passed, her marriage disintegrated. She divorced. To support three children on her own, she balanced simultaneous jobs as a school secretary and waitress. Even after she moved into a new residence, the surprise gifts kept coming — and Rosemary was especially grateful during those lean, stressful times.

A warm feeling blossomed in her heart with each gift, but "I knew it couldn't go on forever — I was surprised every time."

One year Rosemary exited her home and nearly stepped on a big cheese tray carefully laid on her stoop. She hooted with glee, then called up her friends to invite them to yet another celebration coffee.

Rosemary did not directly pursue the sender. She never called the florist to press for a name.

"I truly don't know why I never went looking," she said. "I didn't want to spoil it." The puzzle of it all heightened the excitement.

Her daughter once commented that if someone close to Rosemary died and no gift appeared the following year, the mystery would be solved. But even after the death of a likely culprit, Rosemary's ex-husband's mother, fondly known as Granny Mary, the gifts still materialized.

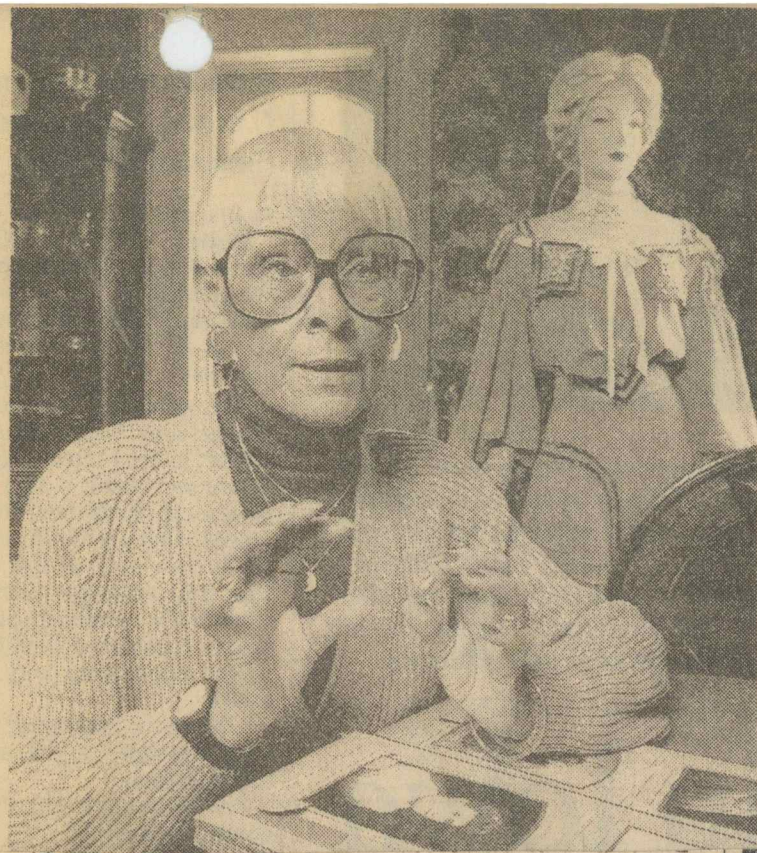
As Christmas approached, many of her friends would laughingly inquire, "Did you get my present yet?" when she had, in fact, not. Or if it had come, the joker couldn't identify the type of gift.

Her Christmas coffees grew bigger and bigger. Husbands began coming, and the hours stretched from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Everyone had such fun with the whole idea of the elusive Santa.

In 1979, Rosemary remarried Bob Beach. She was happy. Lapses fell between gifts — maybe the

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The woman who made history in Cedar Falls



Rosemary Beach is retiring after 13 years of digging through city attics and opening museums.

By JACK HOVELSON

OF THE REGISTER'S WATERLOO BUREAU

Cedar Falls, Ia. — Rosemary Beach is a savior of the past.

For 13 years she's been the caretaker of the artifacts of Cedar Falls history. They number in the thousands — ice saws, military uniforms, 19th-century maps, photographs and building plans.

Beach will be honored by the society at a reception today.

Operating on a \$5,000 annual appropriation from the city of Cedar Falls and on member contributions, the historical society has developed a complex of museums in the center of the city.

Round Ice House

The most distinctive is the Ice House Museum in an imposing round building once used for storage of ice that was mined from the adjacent Cedar River. Other buildings are the Little Red School, the George Wyth House and Viking Pump Museum, and the Victorian House and Carriage House Muse-

society. Also during that period, membership in the society has increased from 600 to 900.

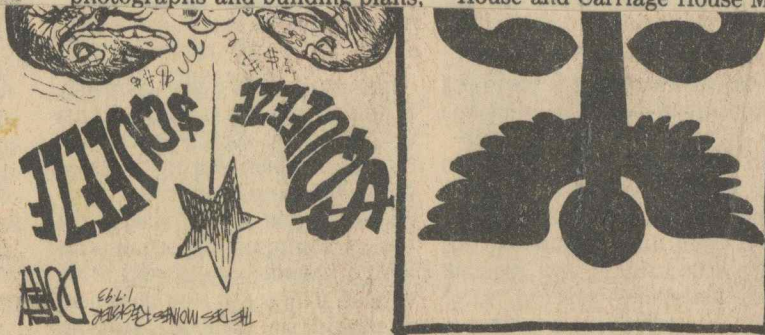
"I look at the corner where the Ice House is and wonder what might be there if it hadn't been saved; a McDonald's?" she said.

Beach was hired when it became apparent that the historical society's mission was expanding beyond the availability of volunteer help.

"We needed someone to pull it all together," said Nancy Redfern of Cedar Falls, a longtime driving force in the organization. "Rosemary was the right person at the right time."

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SHE'S CARETAKER OF THE PAST
For 13 years, Rosemary Beach has been the caretaker of the artifacts of Cedar Falls history.
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MORE THAN SPORTS CARDS



DUFFY'S VIEW

Taurus bulls
past Accord,
tops U.S. sales
Detroit, Mich. (AP) — The Ford Taurus dethroned the Honda Accord as the best-selling car in America in 1992, a marketing victory symbolic of the recovering U.S. auto industry.
The win topped a year in which

"Sovereign Right"
"Iraq considers any movement within its bounds defensive action and its right because it is within its... It is an internal affair," He added: "Iraq has no said."

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of the National Committee to Prevent Child Abuse, "I've investigated cases in which parents just picked up and left the state, leaving young children. I've seen people leave their kids a couple hundred bucks and tell said."

"Fend for Themselves"
Only a fraction of child-abuse and neglect cases handled by the Iowa Department of Human Services involve abandonment in the tradition-

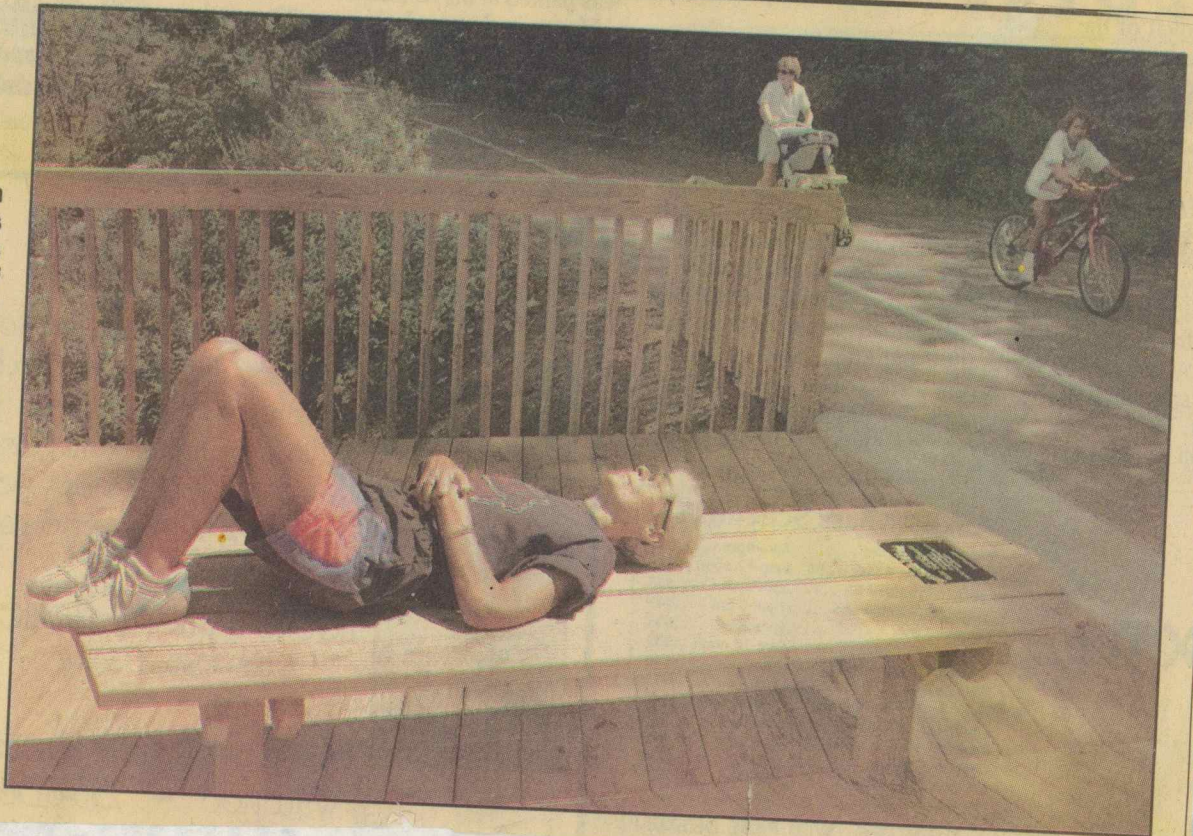
the airport or grocery store.
If a disaster occurs in any of these scenarios in Iowa, parents can be charged with neglect or abandonment. That is what happened to David and Sharon Schoo in Illinois after they left their girls, ages 9 and 4, home alone while they vacationed in Mexico.

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natives to reduce the costs of medical lawsuits.
Powerful interest groups of doctors, trial lawyers, insurance companies and labor unions have been at loggerheads for years in Iowa over the issue of limits on medical mal-

Brake time

Rosemary Beach of Cedar Falls catches a few rays before the start of a ceremony Thursday to dedicate a newly built river outlook along the Cedar River. The dedication is one of many events taking place this weekend during the second annual Cedar Trails Festival, which officially begins today.

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Courier Staff Photographer



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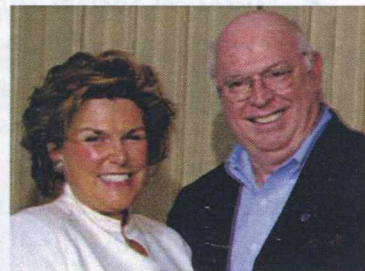
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\$1.5 million "Keeping our Heritage Alive" Campaign Advances Ahead

The Cedar Falls Historical Society is pleased to announce the addition of Jim and Cecelia Mudd to the "Keeping our Heritage Alive" leadership team. The Mudds, well known for their business innovation and community dedication, recently announced a generous commitment of \$100,000 to the campaign, and are now actively engaged in its success.



This exciting development follows the May 8 public kickoff to the most ambitious endowment campaign that the Cedar Falls Historical Society has ever undertaken.

"We are dedicated to providing the kind of financial foundation that will expand and improve the Society," said campaign chair Don Redfern. "This will ensure that the organization keeps pace with the thriving, growing community of Cedar Falls."

At the May 8 event, \$800,000 in pledges were formally announced, coming from such beloved community figures as the Redfern Family, Saul and Joan Diamond, and Marv and Lois Diemer. "Despite this remarkable start, much work remains to be done," said the campaign's honorary chair Nancy Redfern. We are appealing to the entire community to support this vital initiative and be a part of its success."

To learn more how you can be a part of the "Keeping our Heritage Alive" campaign, please contact the offices of the Cedar Falls Historical Society at (319) 266-5149.





Keeping Cedar Falls Heritage Alive

– by Recognizing Current and Future Needs

Fulfilling its mission requires the Historical Society to be good stewards of all aspects of Cedar Falls history deemed important enough to preserve. Several major funding areas highlight ongoing Historical Society needs.

MAJOR FUNDING NEEDS

1. *Facilities* – The future and growth of the Historical Society will require the financial resources essential in providing and maintaining space in each facility to house growing collections, to provide opportunities for public programs, and to provide for short and long-term exhibits.
2. *Artifact and Archival Care* – As collections grow, artifacts and archival materials must be stored, preserved, and maintained in temperature-controlled facilities that allow for ease of organization and access.
3. *Quick response to immediate opportunities* as well as effective long-range planning is frequently difficult or impossible as leadership strives to create exciting museum displays. We must be able to acquire important artifacts and landmarks as they become available. Financial resources are required to appropriately display archival and three-dimensional collections that attract residents and tourists.

“The Cedar Falls Historical Society has a major impact on downtown Cedar Falls. We must continue the tradition of honoring the many individuals that helped build this community.”

NANCY REDFERN

Honorary Chairperson – Keeping Our Heritage Alive Campaign

“The outstanding educational programs serve the entire community.”

JOAN DIAMOND

“I believe it is our basic responsibility to provide a structure that will preserve, educate and celebrate our heritage for the future generations.”

JIM KRIEG

“We must capture the history of the many individuals, families, businesses and organizations that are a legacy to this community.”

SID MORRIS

“The many dedicated volunteers are the backbone of the Historical Society.”

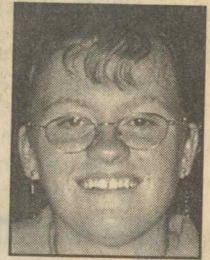
ROSEMARY BEACH

CEDAR FALLS — Bradley Alan Becker, infant son of Alan L. and Joleen M. Boeckenstedt Becker of 2508 N. Union Road, was stillborn Sunday, May 6, at Allen Memorial Hospital, Waterloo.

Survivors include his parents; maternal grandfather, Leon Boeckenstedt of Ryan; maternal great-grandmother, Josephine Boeckenstedt of Greeley; maternal great-grandfather, William Oehler Sr. of Delhi; paternal grandparents, Luverne and Elizabeth Becker of New Hartford; and paternal great-grandparents, Vernon and Edith Pines of Shell Rock; he was preceded in death by his maternal grandmother, Wilma Boeckenstedt; maternal great-grandmother, Irene Oehler; maternal great-grandfather, Elmer Boeckenstedt; and paternal great-grandparents, Theodore and Linda Becker.

Private family graveside services will be in Lynwood Cemetery, Clarksville. Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

NEW HARTFORD — Stephanie Becker has been chosen by Unit No. 660 to attend the annual session of the Iowa American Legion Auxiliary Girls State in June at the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls.



Becker, daughter of **Lyle Becker** and **Cynthia Becker**, is a

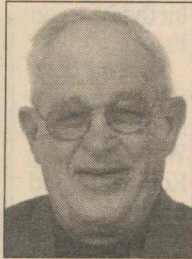
Stephanie Becker

student at Dike-New Hartford. She will be among 320 girls attending the event.

BIRTHDAYS

Luverne Becker

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NEW HARTFORD — Luverne Becker will celebrate his 75th birthday with an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. next Sunday at the New Hartford Community Center.



Luverne Becker

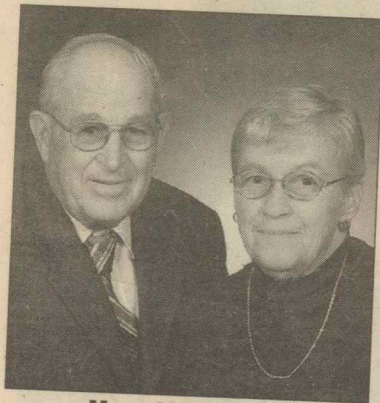
He was born Dec. 15, 1927. On May 5, 1956, he married Elizabeth Pines, and they have two sons, Alan and Lyle, and their families.

Mr. Pines retired from Chamberlain Manufacturing.

The family requests no gifts.



Stephanie Becker, piano player with fiancé.



Mr. and Mrs. Becker

Becker/50

NEW HARTFORD — Elizabeth and Luverne Becker are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

They were married May 5, 1956, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Clarksville.

They are celebrating with a family luncheon, hosted by their children, Alan and Lyle Becker.

Cards of congratulations may be sent to 32762 Utica Ave., New Hartford 50660.

Drew

Hello World 1986

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Becker of New Hartford are the proud parents of a son born October 23, 1986 at St. Francis Hospital, Waterloo. Drew Louis weighed 9 lbs., ¼ ozs.

His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Louis Becker, Jr. of Elgin and Mr. and Mrs. Kent Cuvelier of New Hartford. Great grandparents are Mrs. Stella Becker of Elgin; Mrs. Aurelia Schultz of Postville; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Venenga of New Hartford; and Mr. and Mrs. Iven Cuvelier of New Hartford. Great-Great grandparents are Mrs. Jennie Venenga of Grundy Center and Mrs. Iva Cuvelier of Hampton.

Luke

Hello World

Gary and Sandy Becker, New Hartford, are the parents of a boy, Luke Alton, born Sept. 5, 1988. He weighed 9 lbs. 6 ozs. and joins a brother, Drew Louis.

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Great grandparents are Roy and Isabelle Venenga and Iven and Jean Cuvelier, all of New Hartford and Aurelia Schultz, Postville and Stella Becker, Elgin.

Great-great grandparents are Jennie Venenga, Grundy Center and Iva Cuvelier, Hampton.

Aug. 20, 1987

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Becker hosted a Sunday brunch at their home following the baptism of their son Luke at the morning services at United Methodist Church, those present were Aurelia Schultz, Postville; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Becker, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Becker, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Becker, Nate and Niki all of Elgin; Mr. and Mrs. Kent Cuvelier, Mr. and Mrs. Barry Cuvelier and Roy Venenga.

Brooke

3-8-92

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Becker are parents of a BABY GIRL born Sunday morning at Allen Hospital. She has been named Brooke and has two brothers Drew and Luke waiting her arrival home. Mr. and Mrs. Kent Cuvelier are grandparents and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Venenga are great-grandparents.

3-8-92

Mrs. Gary Becker and baby Brooke Kay-Marie were released from Allen Hospital on Tuesday and returned to their home here. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Becker of Elgin are grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Iven Cuvelier of New Hartford are great-grandparents and Iva Cuvelier of Hampton is great-great grandmother to Brooke. Sorry I left these names out of last weeks item.

4-5-92

Brooke Kay-Marie, baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Becker was baptized at the morning services at United Methodist Church on Sunday. Those present to witness the baptism and later dinner guests in the Becker home were Mr. and Mrs. Louis Becker, Grandma Schultz, Grandma Becker, Mr. and Mrs. David Becker and family, Mr. and

Blaine

HELLO WORLD

Dec. 21-97

Brothers Drew and Luke Becker and sister Brooke are proud to announce the arrival of Blaine Jordan Becker, who was born Sunday, December 21, 1997 weighing 4 lbs. 8 oz and 18 inches long.

Parents are Gary and Sandra Becker of New Hartford.

Grandparents are: Kent & Linda Cuvelier of New Hartford and Louis & Sharon Becker of Elgin.

Great grandparents are: Roy & Ezabell Venenga of New Hartford, Iven & Jean Cuvelier of New Hartford, and Stella Becker of Elgin.

Due to medical reasons Blaine Jordan, son of Gary and Sandy Becker was born early weighing 4 1/2 lbs. but we are very happy to report mother and baby are doing well.

A Happy New Year begins for Gary and Sandy Becker whose baby son Blaine came home New Years Day and is thriving. 1998

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, Eclipse, March 11, 1992

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The John Deere experience



WHERE'S THAT DRAIN PLUG?

Mason Ball, son of Chris and Lori Ball, of Huntsville, Texas, loves maintenance is important. Chris said Mason was disappointed that there was no oil to change in the battery-powered toy Gator.

CHECKING THE CROP

Gage Bankhead, son of Jerrod and Susan Bankhead, of Cunningham, Texas, checks the cotton crop on a tour through a field on his John Deere pedal tractor, a toy that has been in the Bankhead family for more than 20 years, and is still useful for checking a crop. Gage's grandmother, Gerrie Bankhead, Deport, Texas, took the photo.



Class of 2004



A SPECIAL SENIOR CLASS PICTURE

Drew Becker, of New Hartford, Iowa, decided his senior class picture ought to be special, so he had the photographer, Lattin Photography, of Cedar Falls, Iowa, take his picture on the 1951 John Deere "A" owned by his grandfather, Kent Cuvelier, also of New Hartford and a John Deere retiree.

Once upon a time there were three pumpkins seeds. Their names were Roy, Olivia, and Blaine.

They lived in a bag of pumpkin seeds. They were the smallest seeds in the bag. No other pumpkin seeds would talk to them because they were small. One day a farmer bought the seeds from Don's Hardware Store. The farmer planted the seeds two days later.

They grew roots and grew roots and grew roots. Finally, one day they were vines, the next five days they started growing blossoms. They were pumpkins in thirty days.

The farmer saw that the smallest seeds turned into the biggest pumpkins. The other pumpkins that were BIG seeds turned into middle size pumpkins, and Roy, Olivia, and Blaine turned into the BIGGEST pumpkins.

The next day the farmer picked the medium sized pumpkins. Then he let the big pumpkins grow big so he could take them to the County Fair.

The next week the farmer, Jo, took the pumpkins to the County Fair. They weighed 2,000 lbs..

Farmer Jo was sitting at the fair waiting to be judged. He said, "I'll never forget this day that I came to the fair with my pumpkins. Farmer Jo won first prize. All of his pumpkins tied!

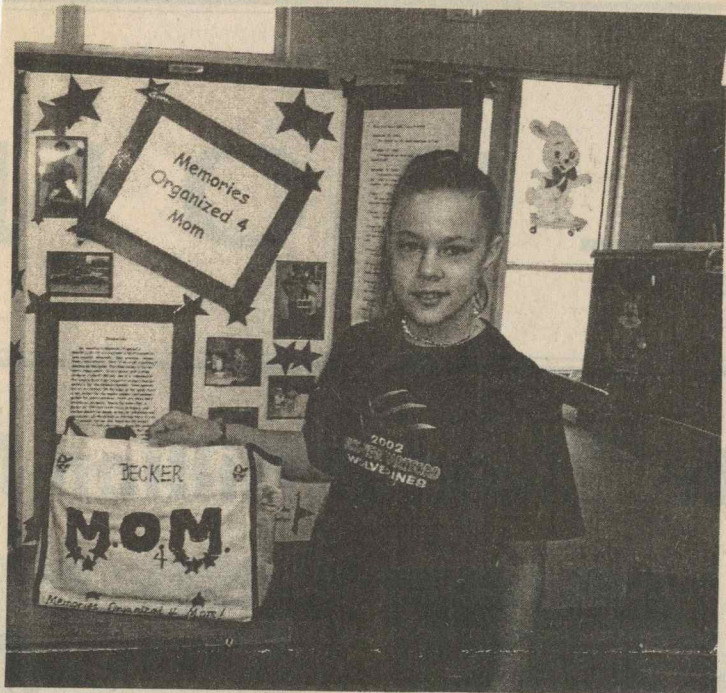
Farmer Jo asked 20 strong men to help him load his pumpkins. They all lifted on the count of 3. 1...2...3 up went Roy. The same with Blaine and Olivia.

They finally were home, everybody in the farmers family heard the good news.

They never carved the pumpkins. Roy, Olivia, and Blaine lived for 2,000 yrs., and they were always happy.

So that is why they lived happily ever after.

Brooke
Becker



Brooke Becker with her Memories Organized for Mom invention.

Invention Convention Showcases The Best

Over 325 Iowa students will exhibit the best student inventions from around the state at the annual Invent Iowa State Invention Convention, to be held on May 1 at the Iowa Memorial Union, Iowa City, Iowa.

Winner Brooke Becker, daughter of Gary and Sandy Becker, a 6th grader at New Hartford Elementary with her invention M.O. 4 M. (Memories Organized for Mom). Brooke is in TAG and is the first New Hartford student to make it to state for Invention Convention. Her teacher is Mrs. Vickye Thompson.

Invent Iowa is sponsored by the Connie Belin & Jacqueline N. Blank International Center for Gifted Education and Talent Development and by the Colleges of Engineering at The University of Iowa and Iowa State University.

Invent Iowa has helped teachers present the inventive process as a part of the regular kindergarten-through-high school curriculum for over 15 years. During the 2003-2004 school year, over 35,000 elementary, junior-high, senior-high school students learned about inventions and creativity. The experience culminated with the students' own inventions, many of which reflected their interests in solving problems, making life easier, or just having more fun. The Invent Iowa High School Division also

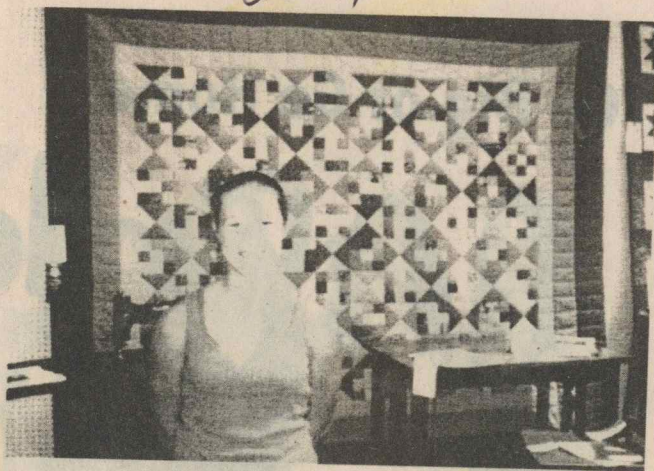
encourages students in grades 9-12 to continue to develop their inventive problem solving skills and participate in Invent Iowa. High School Curriculum guides are available upon request.

The Colleges of Engineering at the University of Iowa and Iowa State University co-host the State Invention Convention each spring in alternating years. Their sponsorship of Invent Iowa also includes scholarships to four top inventors.

Students participate in local and regional invention conventions sponsored by area education agencies throughout Iowa. Inventions from fourth-through-eighth graders are selected at the regional conventions and qualify for presentation at the State Invention Convention. High school students may present at the State Invention convention by submitting their inventions for a state-level evaluation.

The public is invited to view these outstanding inventions and talk with the inventors on Saturday, May 1, from 12:30 to 2:30 PM at the Iowa Memorial Union at The University of Iowa. Families are welcome and viewing the event is free of charge.

For further information about the convention of the Invent Iowa program, please contact Dr. Clar Baldus, Invent Iowa Coordinator, at the Belin-Blank Center, The University of Iowa, 800-336-6463,



Blue Ribbon at Iowa State Fair

Brooke Becker of New Hartford is a member of Lincoln Junior Farmers 4-H Club. Brooke is pictured with the 4-H Home Improvement project which was selected to represent Grundy County at the Iowa State Fair, she received a Blue Ribbon. Brooke is the daughter of Gary and Sandra Becker.

Becker Qualifies for USTA National Tumbling Meet



Brooke Becker, daughter of Gary and Sandy Becker of New Hartford, has qualified to compete in the USTA National Tumbling Meet. Brooke competed in the state meet held in Ames on Sunday, April 25. Brooke competes at the sub-novice, age 11 level for Plum Creek Tumbling in Waverly. Brooke's group included 35 girls from across the state of Iowa. These 35 girls were divided into three groups. Brooke placed second in her group and fifth over all out of the 35. This placing qualifies Brooke to compete in the national meet, which will be held in Madison, Wisconsin, June 16-20.



Becker Places 2nd USTA National Tumbling

June 20-2004

Brooke Becker, New Hartford, recently competed in the USTA National Tumbling meet held in Madison, Wisconsin. Brooke was among 36 girls from across the nation who qualified at the sub-novice, 11 year old level. Brooke finished 2nd in her group and placed 6th in the nation overall.

Brooke is a member of Plum Creek Tumbling in Waverly and is coached by Bill Kirschenman. Brooke is the daughter of Gary and Sandy Becker, New Hartford. She is the granddaughter of Kent and Linda Cuvelier, New Hartford and Louis and Sharon Becker, Elgin. She is the great granddaughter of Isabelle Venenga and Iven and Jean Cuvelier, New Hartford.

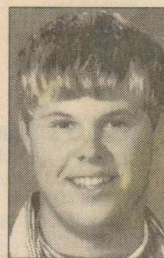
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 Tara Lee Roach, Reinbeck, speeding 65 in 55 mph zone, \$43
 Henry C. Oursler, Cedar Falls, speeding 80 in 65 mph zone, \$69
 Elizabeth Ann Heishman, Marshalltown, seat belt, \$49.50
 Joy E. Bitterlie, Toledo, speeding 75 in 65 mph zone, \$43
 Kelly Rossell McLean, Morrison, speeding 65 in 55 mph zone, \$43
 Nicholas John Mills, Cedar Falls, speeding 70 in 55 mph zone, \$56
 Kent Eugene Goldsberry, Reinbeck, speeding 65 in 55 mph zone, \$43
 Michelle Jo Bartling, Ackley, speeding 65 in 55 mph zone, \$43
 Sandy Jean Haupt, Eldora, speeding 65 in 55 mph zone, \$43
 Aaron Morgan, Waterloo, speeding 65 in 55 mph zone, \$43
 Deborah C. Green, Conrad, speeding 65 in 55 mph zone, \$43
 Jeff William Johnston, Reinbeck, safety belt, \$49.50
 Mandy Mae McStockard, Whitten, speeding 73 in 55 mph zone, \$69
 Ronald Purdy, Marshalltown, speeding 87 in 55 mph zone, \$100.20
 Douglas James Svendsen, Marshalltown, speeding 40 in 30 mph zone, \$43
 Brett Robert Cooper, Dike, fail to wear/maintain safety belts, \$49.50
 Brian J. Miller, Whitten, possession of tobacco, 2nd offense, \$100 fine, 12 hours community service
 Nicholas Brian Plachn, Lincoln and/or Reinbeck, minor in possession of tobacco, 3rd offense, \$250; possession of tobacco, 2nd offense, \$100 fine, 12 hours community service
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 Ryan Michael Joys, Cedar Falls, speeding 35 in 25 mph zone, \$43
 Lacy Jean Snider, Gladbrook, speeding 40 in 30 mph zone, \$43
 Landon Kyle Nicolai, Ackley, speeding 55 in 45 mph zone, \$43
 Willard Perry Lancaster, Jr., St. Anthony, speeding 65 in 55 mph zone, \$43
 Corey J. Frost, Dike, speeding 65 in 55 mph zone, \$43
 Donald H. Chance II, Cedar Falls, unsafe approach to emergency vehicle, \$82

Drew Becker

Dike-New Hartford Wrestling

The senior pinned his way through the 275-pound weight class last weekend, helping Dike-New Hartford to its first NICL tournament win in school history. For the year, Becker is 16-1 and ranked fifth in Class 1A, despite missing the season's first half with a knee injury. "The thing about Drew is he wrestles like a lower-weight wrestler," said Wolverines coach Randy Dodd. "He's quick and very agile for his size. When he was a freshman, he was 171-pounder. Now he's a heavyweight and that

really helps him out-manuever the big guys. It's fun to watch." Becker also plays baseball and is an honor student. 2-2-2005



Greg Freshwater and Drew Becker

2 DNH Wrestlers On To State

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Carlee Dove, left, and Shay Bertram crawl through the mouth of an oversized digestive system created by fourth-graders at Dike-New Hartford Elementary School.

Photos by RICK CHASE / Courier Staff Photographer

Inner workings

Dike-New Hartford students learn about digestive system

By KAREN HEINSELMAN
Courier Staff Writer

NEW HARTFORD — First-grade students took a journey Thursday.

Underneath incisors. Over the tongue. Around the esophagus and through intestines.

"Watch out for the gallbladder," science teacher Sandra Becker called.

The students took the tour through a model of a digestive system courtesy of fourth-graders. Becker took her instruction to a new level by asking the older students not to only memorize facts about the stomach, pancreas and liver, but to construct oversized parts of the human body.

"With the fourth-graders, they love the digestive system," Becker said. "There's so many cool things, like guts and spit."

Fourth-graders replicated the inner workings using cardboard boxes, field tile, paper, paint and more. Becker offered general instruction, but she credits design work, the ingenuity of materials and labor to her students.

One decided to use a red sleep-

ing bag for the tongue. Another wanted the mouth to actually open and close. Students also drizzled hot glue on the walls of the mouth to replicate saliva.

"They did it all," Becker said.

The structure, which takes up much of an empty classroom, is large enough to allow students to crawl inside. Recently, students in kindergarten through third grade took turns checking out the model.

A little imagination helps.

"Well, today, you are going to be a piece of food," Becker said.

Fourth-grade students served as guides. To prepare, students researched and wrote informative paragraphs about their assigned organ or orifice.

Tyler Wiese, 10, offered instruction on the mouth.

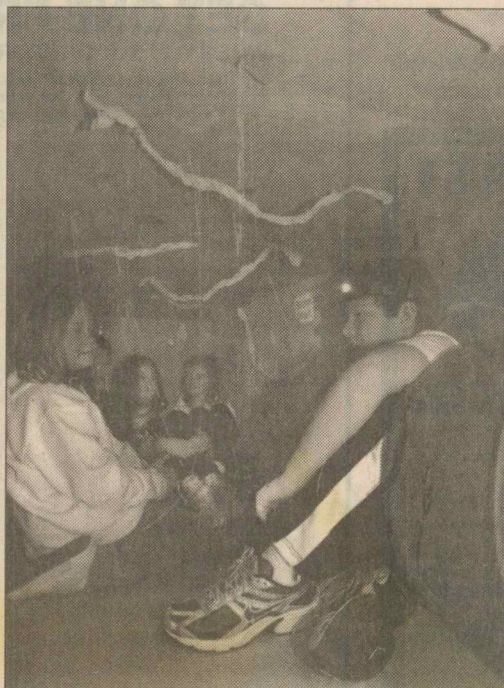
"Your teeth are the hardest part of the body," he said.

Nicole Roberts, 10, focused on another organ.

"Your liver is your body's chemical factory," Roberts recited.

Her favorite fact, however, is that the small intestine, stretched out, rivals the length of a basketball court.

First-grader Cris Lockey liked



crawling through the large intestine, which featured balloons representing gas bubbles.

"It was dark," Lockey said.

By repeating the information, fourth-grade students are reinforcing what they learned, Becker said, and are inadvertently studying for an upcoming test. She also sees benefits from

New Hartford first-graders listen to fourth-grade tour guide Tyler Wiese, complete with a miner's light on his forehead, as he describes the wonders of the stomach from inside a model of the organ.

the project because the assignment combines science, speech and language arts.

"There are tons of ways that it's helped them," Becker said. "It's a cross-curricular activity."

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SCOTT MUSSELL / Courier Staff Photographer

NU High's Ben Peterson and Dike New Hartford's Luke Becker battle during Tuesday's game at NU.

NU boys dodge D-NH rally; Wolverines grab girls' win

DNH Stuns Number One Ranked G-R, 33-14

Oct. 27-2005

By James Hemrich

On the twin strengths of a grinding ball-control attack and a voracious, swarming defense, the Dike-New Hartford Wolverines stunned the previously unbeaten and number one ranked Gladbrook-Reinbeck Rebels Friday night in Dike.

The underdog Wolverines shocked

G-R by moving to a 21-0 superiority after one period of action and withstood a Rebel charge in the second quarter before cruising to the surprisingly one-sided triumph.

On the game's second play from scrimmage, DNH defensive back Braden Kelley picked off a Rebel pass and returned the theft 20 yards for a touchdown to put the Wolverines on the board and set the tone for the upset.

Before the frame was over, the Wolverines added two more six-pointers on a 29-yard TD pass from Luke Becker to Michael Greiner and a one-yard smash by Jamie Decker.

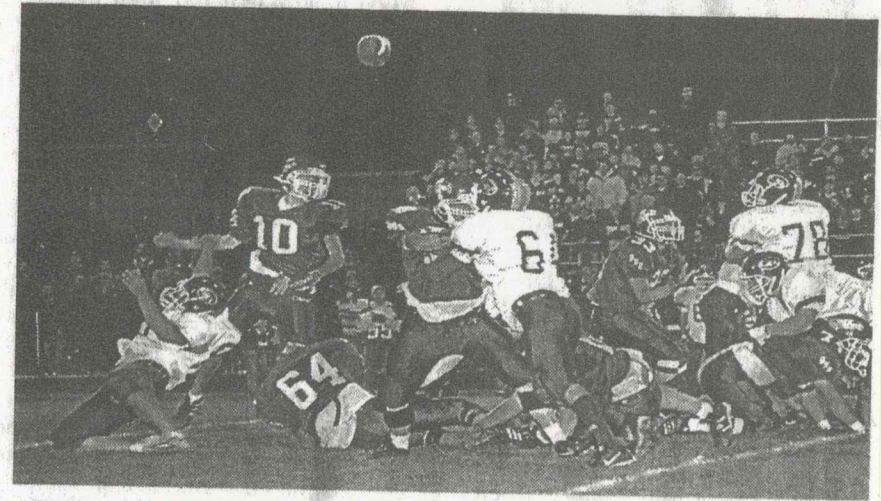
The Rebels rallied with a pair of second-quarter touchdowns to pull within seven, 21-14, by the half, but the DNH defense slammed the door on the G-R attack after the intermission while the Wolverine offense rolled to two more scores, a 12-yard run by Becker and a six-yard burst by Decker, to complete the unexpected rout.

"What a game our kids played," said DNH Head Coach Justin Urbanek. "To come out and play like that against the number one team in the state. What an effort. Offensively and defensively we did a tremendous job.

"Even when they scored their two quick touchdowns in the second period, we kept our poise and stayed in control.

"Our defense consistently gave our offense a short field to work with and we took advantage of that.

"We controlled the ball (running 61



#10 Luke Becker throws a pass downfield. (Photo by Annette Freeseaman)

(G-R managed just 34 snaps gaining 128 yards). We clamped down on their running game (the Rebels mustered only nine net yards rushing in 23 tries), had four sacks and blocked a punt. We came up with one big play after another when we needed them. You have to be at your best against a team like that and I think we were."

Senior tailback Michael Schreck, playing his final game at home, paced the DNH attack with 133 yards rushing on 32 attempts. Decker added 75 yards in 18 carries.

Ben Wenzel anchored the Wolverines' rock-ribbed defensive stand with 10 tackles. Jeff Meyer and Alex Lynch each booked seven stops for the winners. Greiner logged an interception to aid the Wolverines' defensive effort.

The win lifted DNH into a tie for second place with G-R in the District 4 standings, one game in arrears of the

The Wolverines could all but clinch a playoff berth with a road victory over Turkey Valley Friday night.

"We control our destiny now," explained Urbanek, "and that is just the way we want it. If we beat Turkey Valley, we are in regardless of the outcome of the G-R-Nashua-Plainfield game (the Rebels and Huskies face off against each other this week). After our tough start this season, it would be a great credit to our kids if we could finish up in the playoffs. That was our goal from the beginning and now it is almost in our grasp.

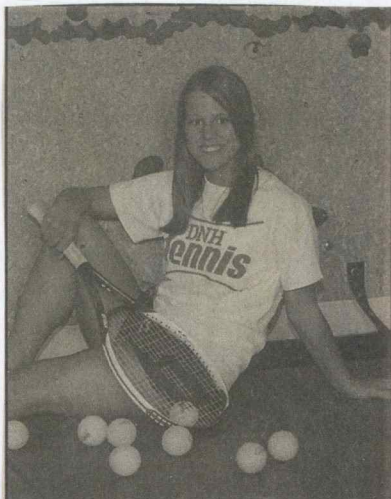
"What an accomplishment that would be."

WOLVERINE STATISTICS

RUSHING: Michael Schreck 32-133, Jamie Decker 18-75-2 touchdowns, Luke Becker 6-26-1 touchdown.

PASSING: Becker 4-6-44-1 touchdown, interception.

RECEIVING: Michael Greiner 3-38-1 touchdown, Decker 1-6.



Brooke Becker

Parents: Gary and Sandy Becker
 School/Extra Curricular Activities: volleyball, cheerleading, track, tennis, softball, and off-season volleyball, SADD, National Honor Society, 4-H, church youth group, band, jazz band, and speech

Community Involvement: serving dinners and lunches for youth group and SADD, care packages for elderly, food drives, Easter egg hunt, organize bible school, flood and tornado clean up, volunteer with elementary camps, the fall festival, and humane society

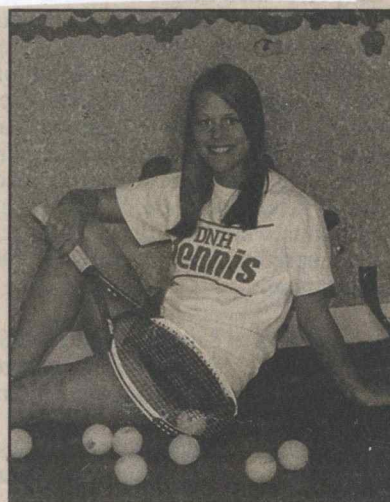
Awards/Achievements: letters in softball, band, academic, volleyball, jazz band and speech, National Honor Society

Leadership Roles: led 'Go the Distance' group in 4-H, Sunday school, organized and directed the church Christmas pageant, JV volleyball and softball captain, organized the NHS '3 Point Shot'

Skills/Hobbies: reading, being outside, cooking

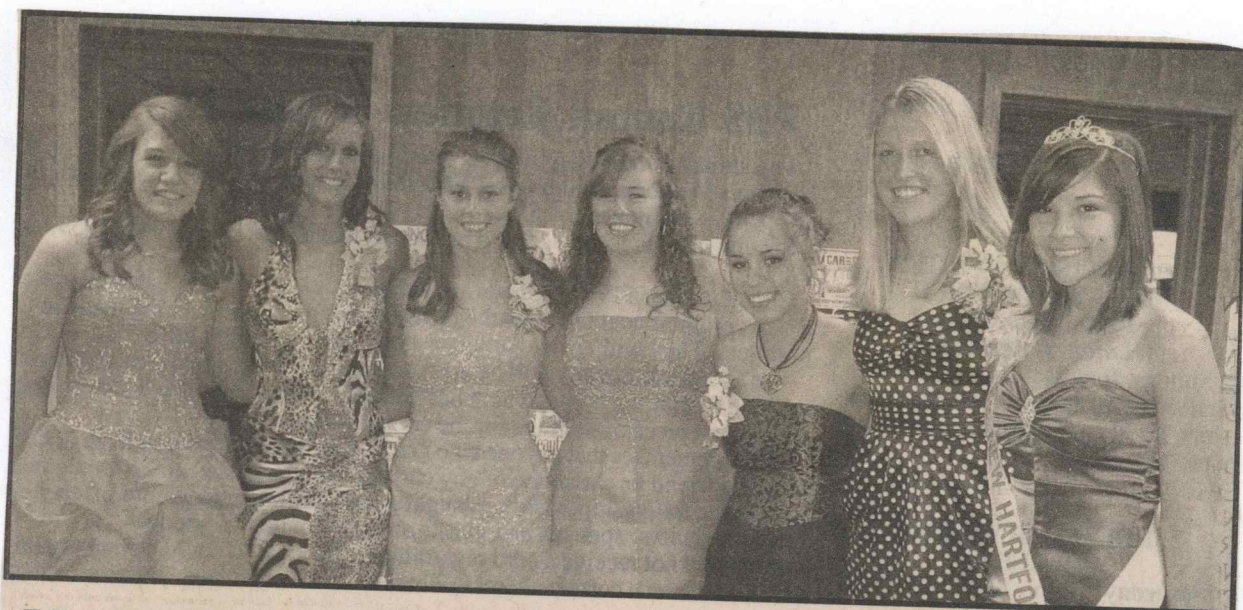
Future Plans: Attend Wartburg or UNI for teaching or physical therapy

Brooke feels she would be a good Butler County Fair Queen because she enjoys working with people and has shown both livestock and non-livestock projects at the fair.



Miss New Hartford

Brooke Becker is the daughter of Gary & Sandy Becker of New Hartford. Brooke will be a senior next fall at Dike-New Hartford High School. Brooke has participated in volleyball, cheerleading, track, tennis, softball, band, jazz band and speech. She is also a member of SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions), National Honor Society, Grundy County 4-H and youth group. Brooke's future plans are to attend Wartburg or UNI for teaching or physical therapy. Brooke is sponsored by the New Hartford Woman's Club.



New Hartford Queen Contest...

The crowning of Miss New Hartford 2009 took place on Friday evening. The wet weather forced the ceremony inside at the public library.

Contestants, pictured with Miss New Hartford 2008, Chyanne Smith (right), included (left to right): Taylor Schipper, Ana Buss, Brooke Becker, Meaghan Daley, Anna Perez, and Kayla Kyhl.

Graduation Open House

Brooke Becker

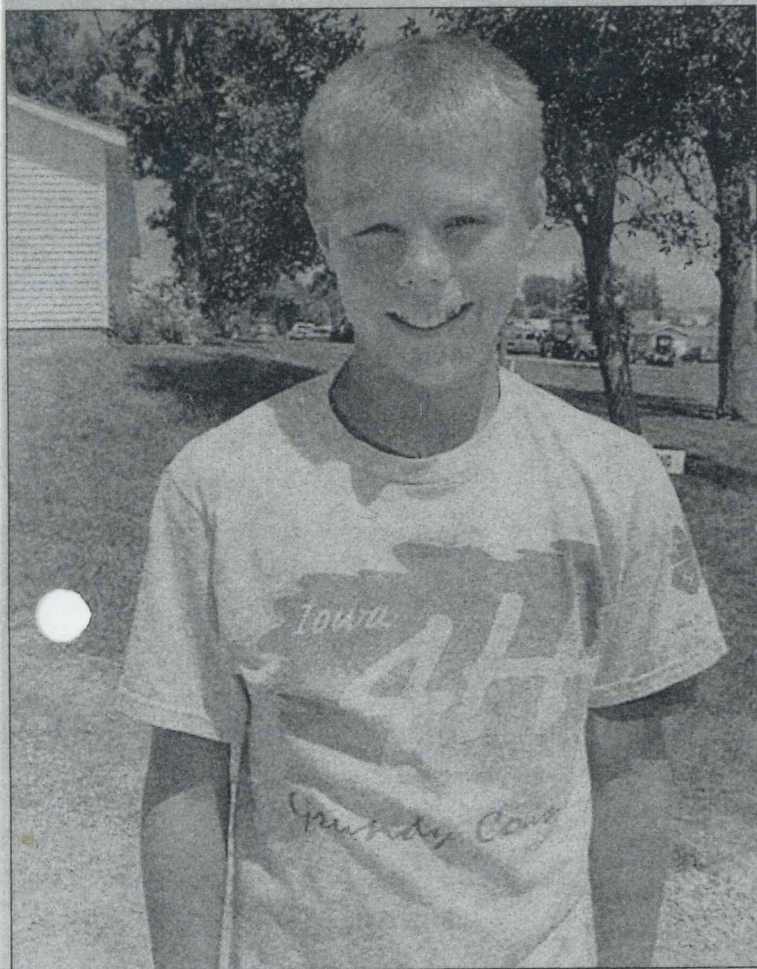
Sunday, May 16, 2010
3:00 pm - 6:00 pm
New Hartford School
Multi-Purpose Room
508 Beaver Street
New Hartford, IA

Commencement

Sunday, May 23rd
2:00pm
Dike-New Hartford
High School Gym

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Aug 12-2010



Blaine Becker, New Hartford, received a purple for his Home Garden and was the Overall Champion for On Site Garden Evaluation.

On-site garden

Class - 10 ON-SITE GARDEN EVALUATION

Lot 1 - ON-SITE — Purple: Kaleb Neher, Grundy Center; Purple: Blaine Becker, New Hartford; Purple: Leah Montalvo, Grundy Center; Purple: Kristin Neher, Grundy Center; Purple: Lara Neher, Grundy Center; Blue: Brittany Shinn, Reinbeck.

On Site Garden

Home Garden — Purple: Blaine Becker; Blue: Brittany Shinn.

Commercial Garden — Purple: Kaleb, Kristin and Lara Neher and Leah Montalvo

Special Awards

Best Commercial Garden — Kaleb, Kristin, Lara Neher and Leah Montalvo

Home or Vegetable Garden — Top Champion: Blaine Becker; Top Reserve Champion: Brittany Shinn.

Overall Champion: Blaine Becker
Overall Reserve: Kaleb, Kristin, Lara Neher and Leah Montalvo.

Eclipse, March 27, 1991

HELEN L. BECKER

Helen L. Becker, 85, of Cedar Falls Health Care Center, formerly of 1522 West 7th St., died Friday, March 22, 1991 at Sartori Memorial Hospital of a heart condition.

Helen was born July 25, 1905 in rural New Albion, IA., the daughter of Oscar and Berniece (Orvis) Lashbrook. She graduated from Shell Rock High School where she had received her normal training. Helen then taught rural school in Butler County until her marriage. She married Vernon H. Becker June 5, 1929, in Waverly, IA. Vernon died May 22, 1985. Helen was

a member of the United Methodist Church, New Hartford, IA.

Helen is survived by nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by 2 sisters: Ethel Lashbrook and Hazal Baldwin.

Funeral services were held Monday, March 25, 1991 at 1:00 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, New Hartford, with Rev. Dwight F. Grosvenor officiating.

Mrs. Nancy Bravard was organist and Mr. Stan Thompson was soloist.

Casketbearers were Charles Becker, Harold Anderson, James Harris, Richard Baldwin, Lin Baldwin, Alan Becker,

Interment was in the Greenwood Cemetery, Cedar Falls, IA.

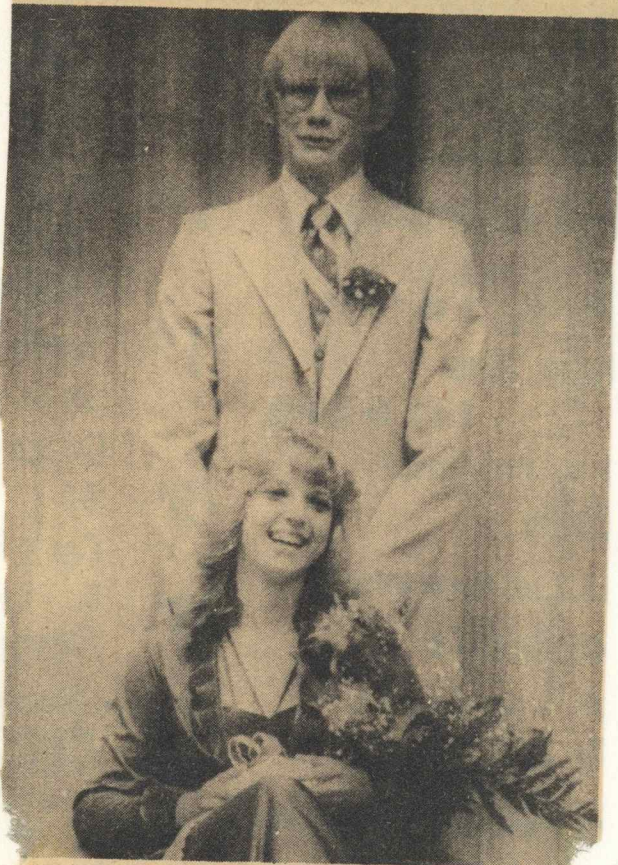
Richardson Funeral Home in Cedar Falls, was in charge of the arrangements.

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2001

PARKERSBURG — Bertha Aswegen, 100, of Parkersburg, died Saturday, Oct. 27, at Bartels Lutheran Home, Waverly, of natural causes; **survivors** include a daughter, Ruth Becker of Waverly; 10 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and three stepgreat-grandchildren; she was **preceded** by her husband, Ernest, in 1979; two sons, Paul and Ernest; a grandson; a great-grandson; five brothers, Fred, John, Paul, Harry and Ralph Timmer; and six sisters, Fannie Johnson, Mildred McQuaid, Tina Duisman, Harriet Timmer, Trena Timmer and Lucille Cordova; **services** will be 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Reformed Church of Stout, Stout, with burial in Oak Hill Cemetery, Parkersburg; friends may call from 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Schwartz Funeral Home, Parkersburg, with family present from 6 to 8 p.m.; visitation also from 9 to 11 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home; **memorials** may be directed to Bartels Lutheran Home chapel fund.

HOMEcoming KING AND QUEEN



Melody Becker and Randy Peters

Sept. 30, 1981

Aplington

GERALD W. BECKER

Gerald W. Becker was born September 25, 1910 in rural Aplington, Iowa, the son of George W. and Katherine (Muller) Becker.

He graduated from New Hartford High School in 1929 and was united in marriage to Esther M. Perrin on May 27, 1936 at Grace United Methodist Church in Waterloo, Iowa. Until his death Gerald had been an independent livestock dealer in Northeast Iowa for over 50 years. Gerald was a member of the United Methodist Church in New Hartford for many years.

Gerald is survived by his wife Esther of Cedar Falls, Iowa; 2 sons, Charles W. "Chuck" Becker of Parkersburg, Iowa and Alan G. "Al" Becker of Madison, Wisconsin; 7 grandchildren; and 5 great-grandchildren.

Gerald was stricken with heart failure at his home early Thursday, November 11, 1993 and died a short time later at Sartori Memorial Hospital in Cedar Falls.

He was preceded in death by his parents; 2 brothers, Vernon and Karl Becker; and 2 sisters Hazel Wilkens and Marian Hair.

Funeral services were held Saturday, November 13, 1993 at 10:30 a.m. at the United Methodist Church in New Hartford. Rev. Dwight Grosvenor officiated. Organist was Tedda Hach and soloist was Stanley Thompson.

Honorary casketbearers were Jerry Mohling, Bob Moore, Vernon Ohrt, Rob Lilja, and Marv Aalderks.

Casketbearers were Larry Bass, Dave Pals, Herluf Prostime, Warren Lindaman, Kenny Elliott, and Forrest Bentley.

Interment was in Greenwood Cemetery, Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Richardson Service in Cedar Falls, Iowa, was in charge of the funeral arrangements.

Metro Deaths

Esther M. Becker (1910-2006)

CEDAR FALLS — Esther M. Becker, 95, of Cedar Falls died Thursday, Feb. 9, at the Western Home Martin Center.



Esther Becker

She was born May 21, 1910, north of New Hartford, daughter of Fred and Elizabeth Schruers Perrin. She married Gerald W. Becker May 27, 1936, at Grace Methodist Church, Waterloo. He died Nov. 11, 1993.

She received her teacher's training from Iowa State Teachers College, Cedar Falls, graduating in May 1928. Prior to her marriage she taught in Butler County rural schools.

Survived by: two sons, Charles W. "Chuck" (Judy) of Parkersburg and Alan G. "Al" (Ramona) of Middleton, Wis.; seven grandchildren, Connie (Randy) Luhning of Parkersburg, Melody (Ed) Judge of Cedar Falls, DeAnn (Byron) Johnson of Aplington, Anne (Tim) Rookey of Middleton, and Susan, Allison and Marc Becker, all of Portland, Ore.; and eight great-grandchildren.

Preceded in death by: a sister, Dorothy Mason.

Services: 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the United Methodist Church, New Hartford, with burial in Greenwood Cemetery, Cedar Falls. Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday at Richardson Funeral Home, and for an hour before services Tuesday at the church.

Memorials: may be directed to the church.

Becker/50

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CEDAR FALLS — Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Becker, 107 Highland Drive, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house next Sunday at First United Methodist Church in New Hartford from 2 to 4 p.m. There will be a short program at 3 p.m.

Hosting the event will be their sons: Charles Becker of Parkersburg; and Alan Becker of Madison, Wis. There are seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Mr. Becker and Esther Perrin were married May 27, 1936, at Grace Methodist Church.

Mr. Becker is a cattle buyer.

No invitations are being sent, and the couple requests no gifts.



Mr. and Mrs. Becker

PAGE A6 WATERLOO COURIER FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1993

CEDAR FALLS — **Gerald W. Becker**, 83, of 107 Highland Drive, died Thursday, Nov. 11, at Sartori Memorial Hospital, of a coronary.

He was born Sept. 25, 1910, in Aplington, son of George W. and Katherine Muller Becker. He married Esther M. Perrin on May 27, 1936, in Waterloo.

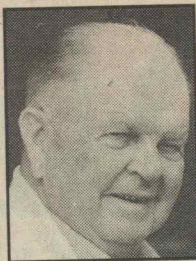
Mr. Becker was an independent livestock dealer in Butler, Grundy and Black Hawk counties for more than 50 years.

Survived by: his wife; two sons, Chuck of Parkersburg and Al of Madison, Wis.; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Preceded in death by: two brothers, Vernon and Karl; and two sisters, Hazel Wilkens and Marian Hair.

Services: 10:30 a.m. Saturday at United Methodist Church, New Hartford, with burial in Greenwood Cemetery. Friends may call until 9 p.m. today at Richardson Funeral Home, with the family present from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Visitation also an hour before services Saturday at the church.

Memorials: a fund has been established.



Gerald Becker

FALLS COURIER SUNDAY, MAY 14, 2000

Esther Becker

CEDAR FALLS — Esther M. Becker will be honored on her 90th birthday next Sunday with a family dinner and a card shower.

She was born May 21, 1910.



Esther Becker

Her family includes Alan and Ramona Becker of Madison, Wis., and Chuck and Alberta Becker of Parkersburg, seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Friends and relatives may send cards to her in care of the Western Home, 420 E. 11th St., Room No. 254, Cedar Falls 50613.



DECEMBER WEDDING

BECKER-ARENDS

Melody E. Becker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Becker of Route 1, Parkersburg, and Michael D. Arends, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Arends of Route 6 Cedar Falls, were married December 18, 1982 at 7:30 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Dike with the Rev. James Hanke officiating at the double ring ceremony.

The altar was decorated with three candelabrum with evergreen accented with red bows. The rest of the altar was flanked with poinsettias. The pews were decorated by 12 eight foot candelabrum decorated with evergreen, holly and red bows. The windows were decorated by candlelights with evergreen.

Elise Jaquis of Parkersburg, friend of the bride was the organist, and Wayne Arends was the soloist. He sang "Truly", "If" and "In This Quiet Hour".

The bride, given in marriage by her father, chose a gown of white taffeta fashioned with a Victorian neckline and leg of mutton sleeves. The basque bodice featured a sheer yoke of illusion edged with schiffli lace. The demi-bell skirt was encircled with points and bunches, and a deep flounce. A chapel length veil of English illusion and scattered seed pearls was encircled by a lavish border of matching lace. She carried a cascading bouquet of red roses accented with evergreen and holly. The bride carried her Grandmother's handkerchief that she had carried in her wedding and the bride's mother had also carried in her wedding. The bride also wore a necklace which was a gift from the groom.

Connie Becker, sister of the bride, of rural Parkersburg, was maid of honor. The bridesmaids were Sue Klahsen of Aplington, friend of the couple, Lori Ferris of New Hartford, sister of the groom, DeAnn Becker, sister of the bride, and Leah Arends of Cedar Falls, sister of the groom. The attendants wore red velvet floor length dresses with balero jackets trimmed with white malibu fur and finished with red velvet cummerbunds. They wore clusters of red and red velvet carnations accented with holly and evergreen in their hair.

white muffs with corner cascades of red and red diamond carnations accented with holly, evergreens, and red velvet streamers and bells.

Serving as best man was Don Ferris of New Hartford, brother-in-law of the groom. Groomsmen were Jim Huntley of New Hartford, friend of groom, Mel Elsberry of Mason City and Jim Zuck of Fairbank, friends of the couple, Craig Arends of Dike, uncle of the

groom.

The groom wore a white tux with tails, white ruffled and wing collared shirt and white bow tie. The boutonniere was a single red rose accented with greenery. The bestman and groomsmen wore black tux with white ruffled wing collared shirts with red bow ties and red cummerbunds and red rose boutonnieres.

The ringbearer was Matthew Buskohl, cousin of the groom, of Reinbeck. He wore an identical tuxedo as that of the groom with a single small red rose boutonniere. He carried a white satin heart-shaped pillow edged with white lace and white satin bows and streamers.

This pillow was used in the Mother of the brides wedding.

The flowergirl was Diane Arends, cousin of the groom, from Parkersburg. She wore a floorlength white satin dress accented with red ribbon sash. She wore a cluster of red carnations accented with evergreen and holly in her hair. She carried a white satin basket of rose petals. The basket was trimmed with red satin ribbon and red carnations and evergreen.

The candlelighters were Kim Wolfensperger, cousin of the bride, from Janesville and Yvette Mounce, cousin of the bride, of Cedar Falls. They wore a Christmas plaid of red and green taffeta skirts edged with white lace and white blouses with a deep ruffle

accented with red ribbon and hair clusters of red carnations, evergreen and holly.

The brides personal attendant was Shawna Penticoff, of New Hartford, friend of the bride.

The fathers of the couple wore black tuxedos, white ruffled wing collared shirts, black bow ties and black cummerbunds.

teal shadow stripe floor length dress with a teal velvet jacket. The corsage was of white roses accented with greenery.

Mother of the groom wore a floor length plaid skirt with white blouse and a green velvet jacket. Her corsage was of white roses accented with greenery.

A single red rose was presented to each mother and to the grandmothers, Mrs. Marlyn Arends, Mrs. Albert Pollock, and Mrs. Gerald Becker, after the bride was escorted up the aisle by her father.

The ushers were Randy Luhring, friend of the couple of Parkersburg, and Shawn McCampbell, cousin of the bride, of Cedar Falls. The ushers wore black tuxedos, white ruffled wing collared shirts with black bow ties and black cummerbunds.

Seated at the guest register was Dee Groeneveld, friend of the bride, of Aplington.

Gift carriers were Cory Jansen, cousin of the groom, of Cedar Falls, Jeremy Mounce, cousin of the bride, of Cedar Falls, and Scott Wolfensperger cousin of the bride, of Janesville.

The reception was held in the church Fellowship Hall.

Hosts and hostesses for the reception were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mounce, aunt and uncle of the bride of Cedar Falls and Mr. and Mrs. Kendall Buskohl, aunt and uncle of the groom, of Reinbeck.

Pouring punch was Mrs. Sharon McCampbell, aunt of bride, of Janesville.

Mrs. Audrey Wolfensperger, aunt of the bride, from Janesville poured coffee.

Cutting cake were aunts of the bride and groom Mrs. Beverly Beenken of Grundy Center, and Mrs. Doris Jansen of Cedar Falls.

Waitresses were Dawn McCampbell of Janesville, Anne Becker of Bettendorf, Susan Becker of Bettendorf, Denise Hansen of Grundy Center, all cousins of the bride. Waiter was Jeremy Mounce, cousin of the bride of Cedar Falls.

The bride is a 1982 graduate of Aplington High School and the groom is a 1982 graduate of New Hartford Community School. Both are attending North Iowa Area Community College in Mason City. The couple will be residing at 209 N. Federal St., Apt. 216, Mason City, Iowa.

Announcement is being made of the March 24, 1984 wedding of Constance Ann Becker and Randall Jay Luhning, both of rural route Parkersburg. Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Becker and Mr. and Mrs. Johannes Luhning, both of rural route Parkersburg.

Vows were exchanged in a double-ring ceremony at 7:30 p.m. at the Bethel Lutheran Church in Parkersburg, with Pastor Ernest Philippi officiating. The altar was decorated with a fan candelabrum accented with smilex and pink and grey bows. Two Spring Topiary's were set at each side of the altar.

The pews were decorated with twelve eight foot candelabrum's, which were intertwined with smilex, and pink and grey bows. The sanctuary windows were decorated by candle light and greens.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, chose a gown of white bridal satin. Re-embroidered french alenace lace edged the portrait neckline. Renaissance puff sleeves tapered to a bridal point. The wrists were edged with matching alenace lace. Tiny satin buttons cascaded down the back.

A pleated cummerbund encircled the waist with satin bows entwined with seed pearls fastening the back closing. The skirt fell in soft folds from the waist, flowing elegantly to a full cathedral train. A chapel length veil of English illusion and scattered seed pearls was encircled by a lavish border of matching lace.

The bride carried a full free design bouquet of pink roses, white stephanotis and greens. She also carried her grandmother's handkerchief that her grandmother had carried in her wedding, and the bride's mother had done the same.

The matron of honor was Melody Arends, sister of the bride of Parkersburg, and the bridesmaids were DeAnn Becker, sister of the bride and Deb Kenedy, cousin of the bride, of Owatonna, Minnesota.

The attendants dresses were floor length of pink taffeta. Each was styled with a sweetheart neckline, V'd drop

waist, and puff sleeves, while tafetta fabric roses accented the shoulders.

Each bridal attendant carried a bouquet of free-style cascading white glameillas, with pink roses in the center of each.

The maid of honor and two bridesmaids wore a Glameilla accented with green's in their hair.

There was a special guest of honor, Casie Arends, 8 month old niece of the bride. Her escort was Kara Hippen, Aplington, who wheeled Casie down the aisle in an antique white wrought iron buggy with brass trim.

The groom chose his brother, Kurt Luhning, as Bestman. Groomsmen were Dan Frey and Gary Collins, friends of the couple, both of Parkersburg.

The groomsmen wore grey long tail Dorchester tuxedos and pink pin tucked shirts with wing collars accented with grey bow tie and grey cummerbund.

The groom wore a white tux with tails, wing collar and pin tucked shirt and white bow tie. The boutonniere was a pink single rose, accented with stephanotis, and greenery.

The ringbearer was Scott Arends, cousin of the groom. Scott wore an identical tuxedo as of the groom. He carried a white satin heart-shaped pillow edged with white lace and white satin bows and streamers.

The flowergirl was Gina Arends, sister of the ringbearer, and cousin of the groom. Gina wore a floor length white dotted swiss dress with a princess collar. The dress was softly pleated from the cummerbund waist, which softly fell to the full ruffle which edged her dress. Her hair was decorated with a halo of baby's breath. She carried a white lace basket filled with pink rose petals.

Arnold Flater, Parkersburg, was the organist. He accompanied soloist Jeff Junkins of Cedar Falls, friend of the bride, and Debbie Hansen of New Hartford, cousin of the bride.

Ushers were Mike Arends, brother-in-law of the bride, Kendall Vry, friend of the groom, both of Parkersburg

and Rodney Lunring, cousin of the groom of Aplington. The ushers, as well as the fathers of the couple wore grey tuxedos with grey satin trim, also wearing the pink, pintucked pleated wing collar shirts and grey satin bow ties.

Seated at the guest registry was Kay Luhning, Parkersburg sister of the groom.

The bride's personal attendant was Karolyn Eldridge, Cedar Falls, friend of the bride.

Gift carriers were Yvette Mounce, Cedar Falls, Kimberly Wolfinsperger, Janesville, cousins of the bride, and Kara Hippen, Aplington, friend of the couple.

Host and Hostess were Mr. and Mrs. Steve Nitcher, Denver, Iowa, sister and brother-in-law of the groom.

The reception was held in the church basement following the ceremony.

Pouring punch was Mrs. Linda Mounce, Cedar Falls, aunt of the bride. Pouring coffee was Mrs. Maxine Dilly, Clarksville, aunt of the groom.

Cake cutters were: Mrs. Beverly Beenken, Grundy Center, and Mrs. Evelyn Conrads of Cedar Falls.

Serving the bridal table was Mrs. Sharon McCampbell, Finchford, and Mrs. Audrey Wolfensperger of Janesville.

Waitresses were: Kimberly Wolfensperger, Yvette Mounce, and Kara Hippen.

The mother of the bride wore a tea length cerise colored georgette dress. Trapunto stitched shoulders fell into full sleeves.

Mother of the groom wore a dusty rose full length jacket dress of polycrepe.

The Mother's corsages were pink roses, stephanotis, and greenery.

After the bride and groom were introduced as husband and wife each mother and grandmother were presented with a single rose. Grandmothers were Mrs. Gerald Becker of Cedar Falls, Mrs. Henrietta Luhning of Parkersburg and Mrs. Albert Pollock of Cedar Falls.

Bridal showers were given in honor of Connie on Feb. 26th in the home of Alberta Becker, given by her sister's Melody Arends and DeAnn Becker. On March 9th a shower was given in the home of Henrietta Luhning, hostesses were Evelyn Conrads and Esther Eiklenborg, aunts of the groom.

The bride is a 1979 graduate of New Hartford High School and a 1981 graduate of Iowa Central Community College in Fort Dodge.

The groom is a 1980 graduate of Parkersburg Community High School and is engaged in farming.

After a honeymoon to Florida, the couple are now residing at R.R.2, Parkersburg.



March 24
1984

March Wedding



Hello World

Mr. and Mrs. Randy Luhring are the proud parents of a baby girl born Thursday, April 16, 1987 at Covenant Medical Center, St. Francis. Chelsie Ann weighed 9 lbs. ½ oz. and was 21¼ inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Becker and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Johannes Luhring both from Parkersburg. Great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Albert Pollock of Cedar Falls, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Becker of Cedar Falls, and Mrs. Johann Luhring of Parkersburg.

News-Review, Nov. 13, 1991

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Becker are the proud grandparents of a baby boy born to Mr. and Mrs. Randy Luhring Saturday at Covenant on 9th in Waterloo. The baby has been named Lane Taylor and has a sister Chelsea at home. Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Becker of Cedar Falls are great grandparents.

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Becker - Johnson Wedding

De Ann Becker, daughter of Chuck and Alberta Becker of R.R. 1, Parkersburg, Iowa, and Byron Johnson, son of Lester and Martha Johnson, of R.R. 2, Aplington were united in marriage at the Bethel Reformed Church, Aplington on July 27, 1991 at 7:00 p.m. with Rev. Harvey Hertz officiating.

The bride was escorted down the aisle by her father and given away by her mother and father.

Matrons of Honor were Connie Luhning, Parkersburg, and Melody Arends, Cedar Falls, sisters of the bride.

Bridesmaids were friends of the bride: Chris Anderson, Winfield, IA., Beth Ward, Sigourney, IA., and Denise Gunderson, Dike, IA.

Junior bridesmaid was Casie Arends, niece of the bride, of Cedar Falls.

Bestman was Leon Johnson, brother of groom, Aplington. Groomsmen were friends of the groom: Brian Buseman, Aplington, Chad Geiken, Ames, Doug Helm, Anita, IA., and Leon Aalderks, Aplington.

Flowergirls were 'nieces of the groom, all from Aplington: Mallory Harken, Elizabeth Limburg, and Neisha Johnson.

Escorts for the flower girls were nephews of the bride and groom: Matthew Harken, Aplington, Adam Limburg, Aplington, and Dustin Arends, Cedar Falls.

Bell Ringer was Chelsie Luhning, niece of bride,

Ushers were: Mike Arends, brother-in-law of the bride, Cedar Falls, Randy Luhning, brother-in-law of the bride, Parkersburg, Jim Limburg, brother-in-law of the groom, Aplington, Randy Harken, brother-in-law of the groom, Aplington.

The bride's gown was of white silk shantung. It featured a portrait collar with a sweetheart neckline, accented with fabric and lace flower, trimmed with iridescent sequins and seed pearls.

Iridescent sequins and seed pearls embellished the rachelle lace trim of the bodice and was scalloped at the Basque waistline. A bustle bow was caught at the back waist from which the cathedral train cascaded. The cathedral train was encircled with lace and beaded with iridescent sequins and seed pearls. She wore white lace gloves accented with iridescent sequins. She wore a multi strand necklace of seed pearls and also carried her Grandmother's lace hankchief that had been carried by her mother and sisters in their weddings.

Her headpiece was a crown of lace outlined by pearls and accented by rhinestones caught pout and short veiling.

The cascading bouquet was of cornflowers, tulips, dendrobiums, bouvardias, asters, alstro orchids and asparagus fern. It was intertwined with strands of pearls surrounded by gathered lace.

The groom was attired in a White Henry Grethel full dress tuxedo with white vest, white satin bow tie and long tails. His boutonniere was of dendrobium, bouvardias, and cornflowers.

The Bestman, groomsmen,

Father of the bride, Father of the groom, and ushers all wore black double-breasted tuxedos with satin stripe and black bow ties. Their boutonnieres consisted of asters, cornflowers, and statice. Each Edwardian boutonniere had the same flowers but was of different styles.

The flowergirls and bell-ringer dresses were of an English Garden floral print consisting of pastel yellows, pinks, blues, and lavendars. It featured a white sailor collar trimmed with white venetian lace. In their hair they all wore a halo made of grape vine wreaths intertwined with Raspberry pink and turquoise ribbon accented with cornflowers, asters and baby's breath. Each Flowergirl carried a white lacey garden basket filled with flower petals and was trimmed with raspberry, pink and turquoise ribbons.

Escorts to the Flowergirls wore black tuxedos with silk lapels, and black buttoned white shirts, and black bow ties. Their boutonnieres were of turquoise tipped white carnations.

The bride's attendants dresses were turquoise in color, made of taffeta. The tea length dresses had a panelled front bodice with a pointed waistline and a full gathered skirt. The dress featured a "V" neckline, with poof gathered shoulders with the sleeves being elbow length featuring a draped effect. It was finished with a large decorative back bow. Each attendant wore pearl drop earrings and pearl necklace which was a gift from the bride.

They carried a light airy nosegay bouquet consisting of tulips, asters, cornflowers, and statice with streamers of turquoise lace. In addition, each attendant wore a hair cluster made of asters, cornflowers, and statice.

The Mother of the Bride chose a tea length two-piece ensemble consisting of a peach chiffon skirt with a muted brocaded jacket with shades of peach, turquoise and silver. It was finished with a soft chiffon neckline.

The Mother of the Groom wore a tea length pink georgette long sleeve dress. The skirt was a double drape with a gathered asymmetric bodice and finished with a fabric rose at the waist.

The aisle was lined with 16-8 ft. aisle candelabra. Each candelabra had three graduated hurricane lamps. They were decorated with a bouquet of greenery, statice and white Florasatin bows. Large white Florasatin bows at the entrance of the pews completed the aisle decorations.

The soloist was Curt Aalderks, friend of the couple, of Cedar Falls. He sang "The Wedding Song", "Forever and Ever, Amen", and "All of Me".

The pianist-organist was Rosie Aalderks, friend of the couple, of Parkersburg.

Host and hostess was Mike and Jackie Key of Missouri, friends of the couple.

The bridal table was served by Allison Becker, and Anne Becker, cousins of the bride; Megan and Tasha Key, friends of the couple; Yvette Mounce, cousin of the bride and Kim Wolfensperger, cousin of the bride.

The punch was served by Linda Mounce, aunt of the bride. Coffee was poured by Sharon McCampbell, aunt of the bride. Cutting the cake was Audrey Wolfensperger, aunt of the bride and Jean DeBeer, aunt of the groom.

Personal attendant and gifts: Galene Harken, sister of groom, of Aplington.

Personal attendant was Trisha Johnson, sister-in-law of the groom, from Aplington.

Guest book attendant was Manelva Limburg, sister of groom, of Aplington.

The altar of the Church was decorated with 2-8 ft. candelabra carrying out the same decorations of the aisle candelabra.

The Unity candle situated between the two eight foot candelabra was in an arrangement of greenery, asters, cornflowers, statice with turquoise and white curled ribbon.

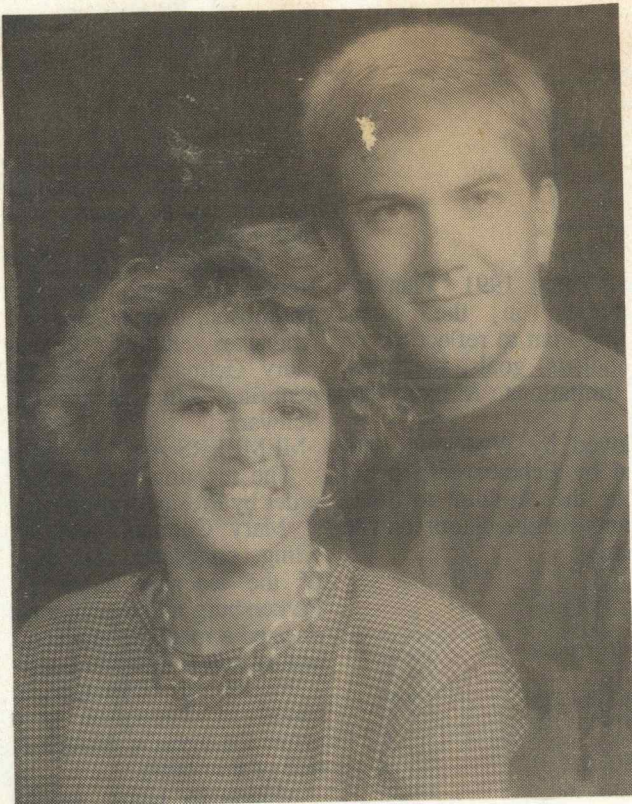
In each of the eleven windows and on the guest register table was an arrangement of three staggered votives set in greenery, statice and trimmed with florasetin bows.

Special guests were Grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Albert Pollock, of Cedar Falls and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Becker of Cedar Falls.

After a wedding trip to Chicago the couple will reside in Fremont, Iowa.

Byron is a teacher in Fremont and also coaches in Eddyville, IA.

De Ann is employed by SIEDA in Ottumwa as a Drug Alcohol Prevention Specialist.



Becker Graduates From Waldorf

June 1989

Commencement exercises were held for 181 graduates of Waldorf College in Forest City, Iowa, on Saturday, May 6.

The commencement address "Underway" was given by Dr. John Hartung, President of the Iowa Association of Independent Colleges and Universi-

ties.

Waldorf College is a two-year residential college of liberal arts and sciences, affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

DeAnn Becker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Becker, of New Hartford, Iowa was a graduate of Waldorf College.

WATERLOO COURIER TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1991

Becker-Johnson marriage vows announced

PARKERSBURG — Announcement is being made of the July 27 wedding of DeAnn Becker and Byron Johnson.

Parents of the couple are Charles and Alberta Becker of rural Parkersburg, and Lester and Martha Johnson of rural Aplington.

Vows were exchanged at Bethel Reformed Church in a 7 p.m. ceremony. Officiant was the Rev. Harvey Hertz.

Attending their sister as matrons of honor were Connie Luhring of Parkersburg and Melody Arends of Cedar Falls. Bridesmaids were Chris Anderson of Winfield, Beth Ward of Sigourney and Denise Gunderson of Dike. Junior bridesmaid was Casie Arends of Cedar Falls, niece of the bride.

Best man was Leon Johnson of Aplington, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Biran Buseman and Leon Aalderks, both of Aplington, Chad Geiken of Ames and Doug Helm of Anita.

Flower girls were Mallory Harken, Elizabeth Limburg and Neisha John-

son, nieces of the groom. Escorts were Matthew Harkin and Adam Limburg, nephews of the groom, and Dustin Arends, nephew of the bride. Bell ringer was Chelsie Luhring, niece of the bride.

Guests were seated by Mike Arends of Cedar Falls, brother-in-law of the bride; Randy Harken and Jim Limburg, brothers-in-law of the groom, both of Aplington, and Randy Luhring of Parkersburg, brother-in-law of the bride.

The bride is a drug and alcohol prevention specialist at SIEDA in Ottumwa, and her husband teaches in Fremont and coaches in Eddyville.

They are residing in Fremont.



MISS ALBERTA POLLOCK

Engaged

(COURIER NEWS SERVICE)
CEDAR FALLS — Mr. and Mrs. Albert Pollock, 1617 W. 8th St., are announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Alberta.

She will become the bride of Charles Becker of Parkersburg on June 13 at 7:30 p. m. in the First Baptist Church.

The bride-elect is a senior at Cedar Falls High School. Her fiancé, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Becker of Parkersburg, is employed at Waterloo Corrugated Box Co., Waterloo.



Becker - 40

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Parkersburg- Charles and Alberta Becker will celebrate their 40th Wedding Anniversary with an open house on Sunday, June 6 from 3 to 6 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 723 Washington Street, Cedar Falls. There will be a program beginning at 4 p.m.

Mr. Becker and Alberta Pollock were married June 13, 1959 at the First Baptist Church, Cedar Falls.

Hosting the event will be their daughters and families: Randy & Connie Luhring of Parkersburg, Melody Becker of Cedar Falls, and Byron & DeAnn Johnson of Aplington. There are six grandchildren. Only your presence is requested.

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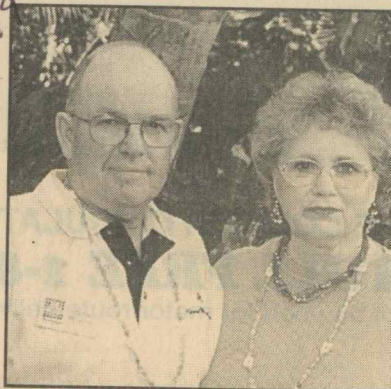
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Mr. Becker and Alberta Pollock were married June 13, 1959, at First Baptist Church in Cedar Falls.

Mr. Becker is a sales representative for Midwest Seed, and Mrs. Becker is an administrative specialist for DeKalb Genetics.

Hosting the event will be their daughters and families, Connie and Randy Luhring of Parkersburg, DeAnn and Byron Johnson of



Mr. and Mrs. Becker

Aplington, and Melody Becker of Cedar Falls. There are six grandchildren.

No invitations are being sent, and the couple request no gifts.

Charges Filed in Hog Thefts

Michael Arends, age 29, of RR 6, Cedar Falls, was charged in Butler County with two counts of theft in the 2nd degree. Arends appeared in court on April 20th and posted bond in the amount of \$5000. Arends was charged by the Butler County Sheriff's Office after an investigation of hog thefts that occurred northeast of Parkersburg, and southeast of Allison. Investigation is continuing.

Sheriff Tim Junker stated that the Sheriff's Office is continuing its investigation into other hog and cattle thefts that have occurred in Butler County since December of 92.

May 5-1993

DISTRICT COURT

November 10, 1993

Michael D. Arends, 30, of rural Cedar Falls, Iowa, was found guilty by Judge Bryan McKinley of theft in the first degree, a Class "C" felony, on October 5, 1993. The ruling was entered on a trial to the court based on the minutes of evidence. Arends waived trial by jury on August 26, 1993. The theft involved 2,458 bushels of grain taken from Chuck Becker, New Hartford, during October of 1992. Arends was previously convicted of two counts of theft in the second degree in July of 1993 by jury trial. Sentencing on all convictions has been scheduled for November 23, 1993. The investigation was handled by the Butler County Sheriff's Office.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29, 1994

Charles Wendell Becker, 55, of rural Parkersburg, Afford plea of guilty indent exposure and simple assault, given deferred judgment, ordered to continue counseling and placed on a year's probation; accused of exposing his genitals to a female store employee and assaulting her at Cedar Falls Big R Store July 22.

The following were sentenced on

Prostitution sting nets 52 arrests

By APRIL GOODWIN
REGISTER STAFF WRITER

An undercover Des Moines police operation arrested 52 men on prostitution charges in 15 days.

The oldest man arrested was 79, the youngest was 24.

"The only thing they had in common was that they were all supposed to be somewhere else," said Sgt. Dave Brown. "They were either on a lunch break or a coffee break."

The tally is about one third of the vice squad's annual average of 150 prostitution-related arrests.

The operation, which was set up at an undisclosed location, targeted men who frequent in-call and out-call businesses — operations that either deliver services to callers' homes or hotel rooms, or route callers to other locations. Police allege that some are fronts for prostitution.

The sting started Feb. 5 and ended last week. In the 15 days the vice squad ran the 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. sting, they answered 410 phone

calls.

"It was rare we wouldn't have our first arrest by 11 a.m.," Brown said.

Undercover female officers and paid civilians were used to arrest men. The three-person vice squad collected \$8,000 from the men, who spent an average of \$149 per visit for the \$40 "agency fee" and for acts they did not receive from the decoy prostitutes.

"Arresting the prostitutes is an act of futility," Brown said. "The way to go after their business is to go after their clientele."

Brown said 90 percent of the callers knew jargon associated with prostitution.

He declined to say whether police advertised their phony operation in the Des Moines Register's classified section along with the other in-call and out-call businesses.

Those arrested were:

Mark Adams, 33, of West Des Moines; Timothy Agan, 40, Des Moines; Ronnie Alexander, 33, Des Moines; Jack Ames, 66, Weldon; Richard

Atkinson, 34, Huxley; Gary Baker, 47, Des Moines; Charles Becker, 61, Parkersburg; Robert Bembinster, 30, Des Moines; George Chapman, 64, Chariton; Christopher Corsbie, 39, Ankeny; William Cutler, 53, Clive;

Also, Jeremy Denny, 24, Pleasant Hill; Daniel Eastlick, 38, Ottumwa; Steven Gee, 41, Des Moines; Shane Gehrke, 26, Eldora; Floyd Groves, 45, Overland Park, Kan.; Daniel Halder, 35, Urbandale; Kevin Harms, 41, Grinnell; Frank Haworth, 72, Clive; David Helton, 41, Des Moines; Charles Jones, 42, Des Moines; Scott Kahler, 49, Johnston;

Also, Ralph Klindworth, 52, Des Moines; Douglas Linder, 58, Des Moines; Robert Link, 43, Des Moines; Kris Madsen, 37, Des Moines; Alexander McIntyre, 79, Des Moines; Jerry Miller, 60, West Des Moines; Larry Newendorp, 26, Knoxville; Brian Pauley, 27, Des Moines; Matt Raisch, 25, West Des Moines; Eugene Reineke, 53, Coon Rapids;

Also, Curtis Roach, 26, Norwalk; Richard Robertson, 38, Pella; David Ross, 64, Clive; Carl Rowland, 31, Des Moines; Shurrell Savery, 62, Soldier; Darrell Scheeler, 45, Bondurant; Roy Smith, 44, Des Moines; Henry Strunk, 58, Faribault, Minn.; Harold Swanson, 75, Armstrong; Robert Taycher, 45, Des Moines; Wesley Taylor, 44, Fort Dodge;

Also, Mark Thompson, 35, Badger; Jason Vance, 31, Ames; Vijay Vora, 47, Clive; Weston Voss, 35, Kellogg; Mark Witte, 41, Clive; Roger Wisecup, 52, West Des Moines; Steven Wolvers, 42, Runnells; Ronald Wufekuhle, 39, Ryan.

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ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Daryl and Marian Becker of 2402 130th Avenue, Lucas, will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary on Sunday, September 10, 1995, with a reception for family and friends from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the American Legion Hall in Liberty Center.

Marian DeBoer and Daryl Becker were married September 14, 1955 at West Friesland Presbyterian Church in Ack-

ley, Iowa.

Their children are: Mike (and Patti), Ackworth; Dave (and Joan), Parkersburg; Jeff (and Lynn), New Virginia; John (and Shelley), Bennett, CO.; and Daran (and Stephanie), Grinnell.

They have 8 grandsons, 1 granddaughter, and 2 step-grandsons.

The family requests that gifts be omitted.

MARIAN BECKER

Marion Ruth DeBoer, the daughter of Jurjen and Rena Flesner DeBoer, was born in Grundy County, Iowa. She graduated from Aplington High School in 1949 and on September 14, 1955 she was united in marriage to Daryl Becker at the Presbyterian Church near Ackley, Iowa. To this union five sons were born: Michael, David, Jeffrey, John and Daran.

Marian and Daryl lived in Parkersburg before moving to rural Lucas in 1980. Marian had cared for children in her home for the past 30 years. She loved her family and her grandchildren which became a large part of her life. She enjoyed going on nature walks with her day care kids, ceramics, gardening, birds, flying kites and she loved to plant trees in her yard.

She was a member of the Liberty Center United Methodist Church in Liberty Center and the Tri-County Club.

On June 16, 1999 at the age of 68, Marian passed away at her home of cancer in rural Lucas, Iowa.

She was preceded in death by her father, Jurjen DeBoer and

one brother Henry Wayne DeBoer.

Marian is survived by her husband Daryl of rural Lucas, her five sons: Michael and his wife Patti of Ackworth, IA; David and his wife Joan of Parkersburg, IA; Jeffrey of New Virginia, IA; John of Strasburg, CO, and Daran and his wife Stephanie of Williamsburg, IA. She is also survived by her mother Rena DeBoer of Aplington, IA; two brothers: Ronald DeBoer of Parkersburg, and Gerald DeBoer of Ames, IA; one sister, Sheryl Kono of Aplington; 13 grandchildren; as well as other relatives and many friends. Overton Funeral Home in Indianola was in charge of the arrangements.



25th Anniversary

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Joan (Prohaska) and David Becker will be celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary on August 11, 2004.

They were married August 11, 1979 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Parkersburg.

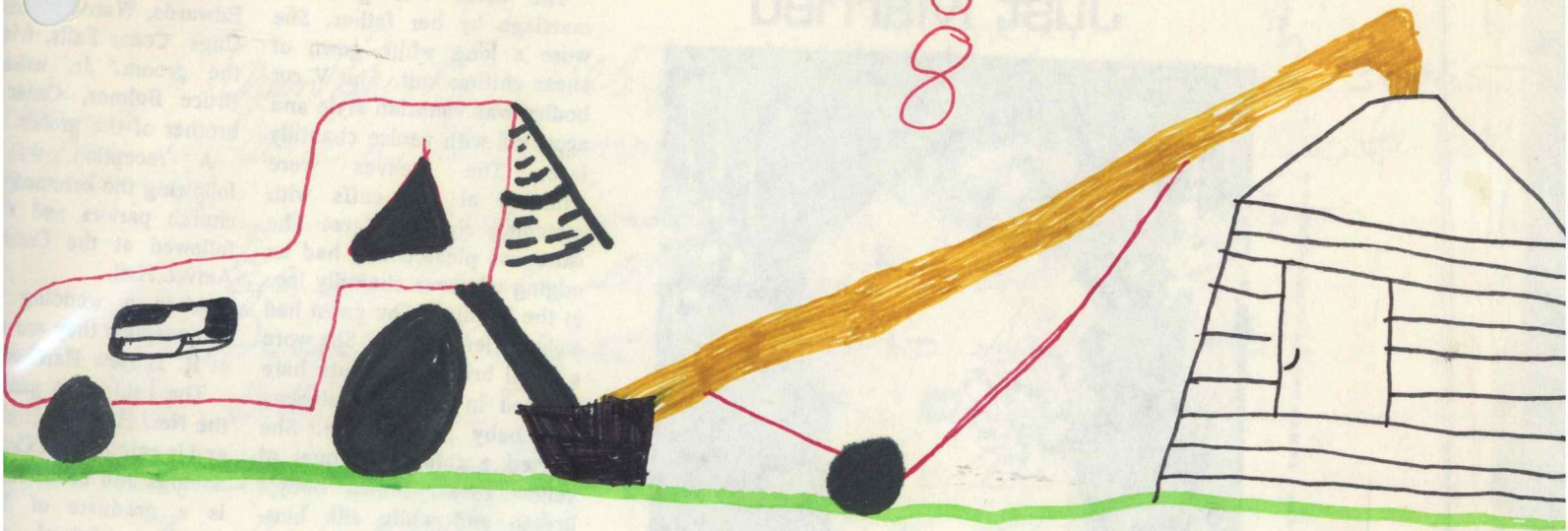
They are the parents of Brad, Mark and Scott.

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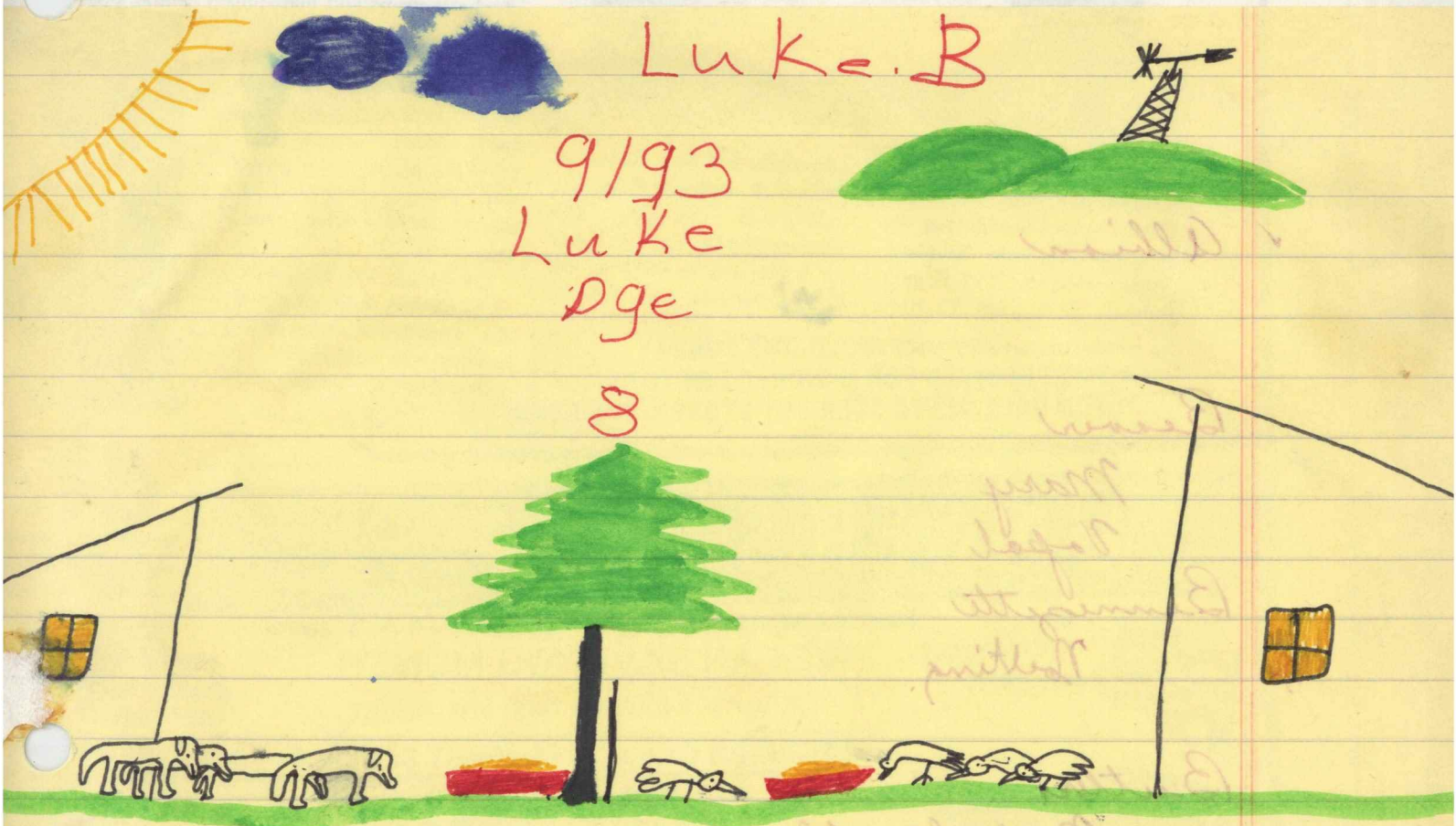
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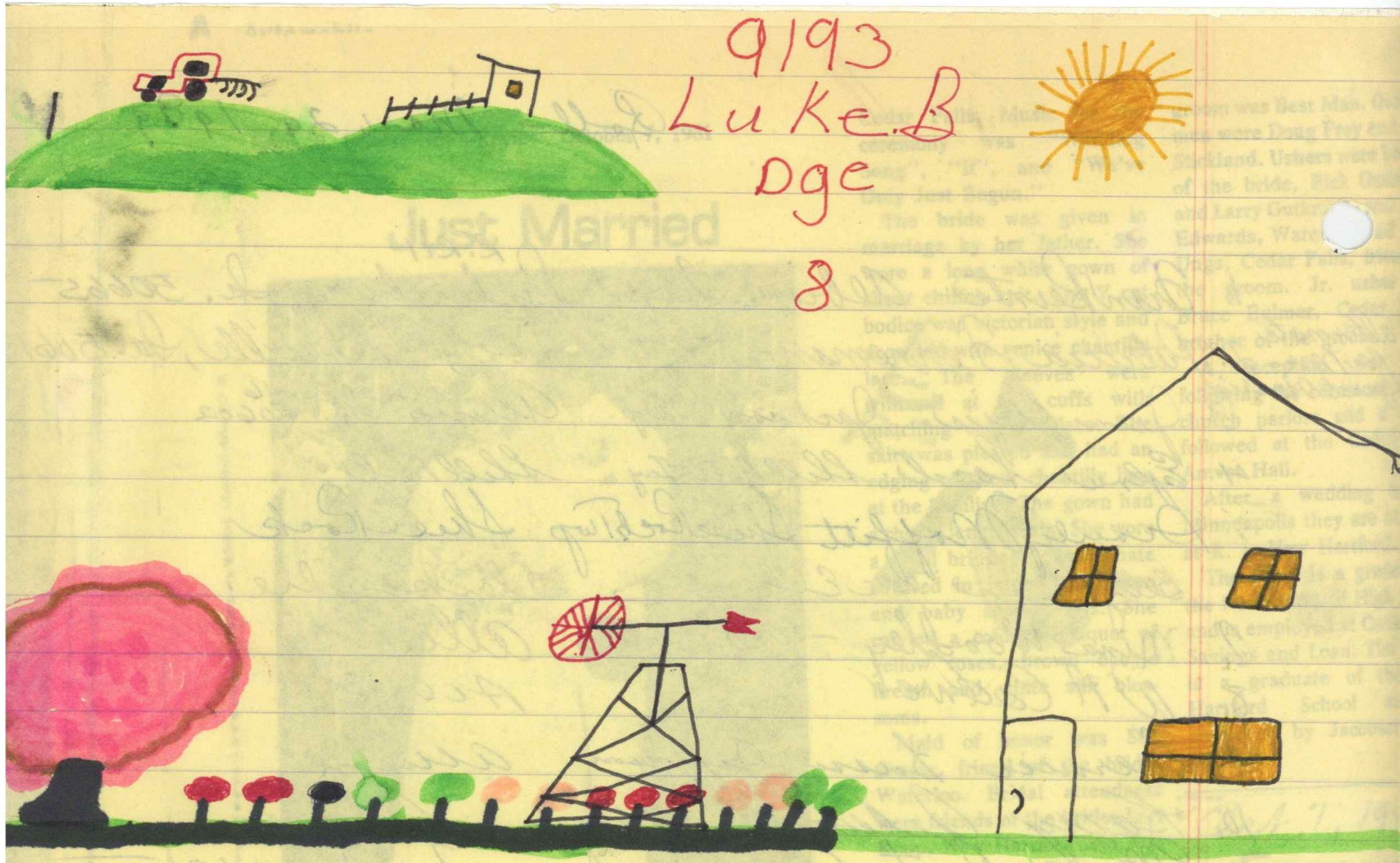


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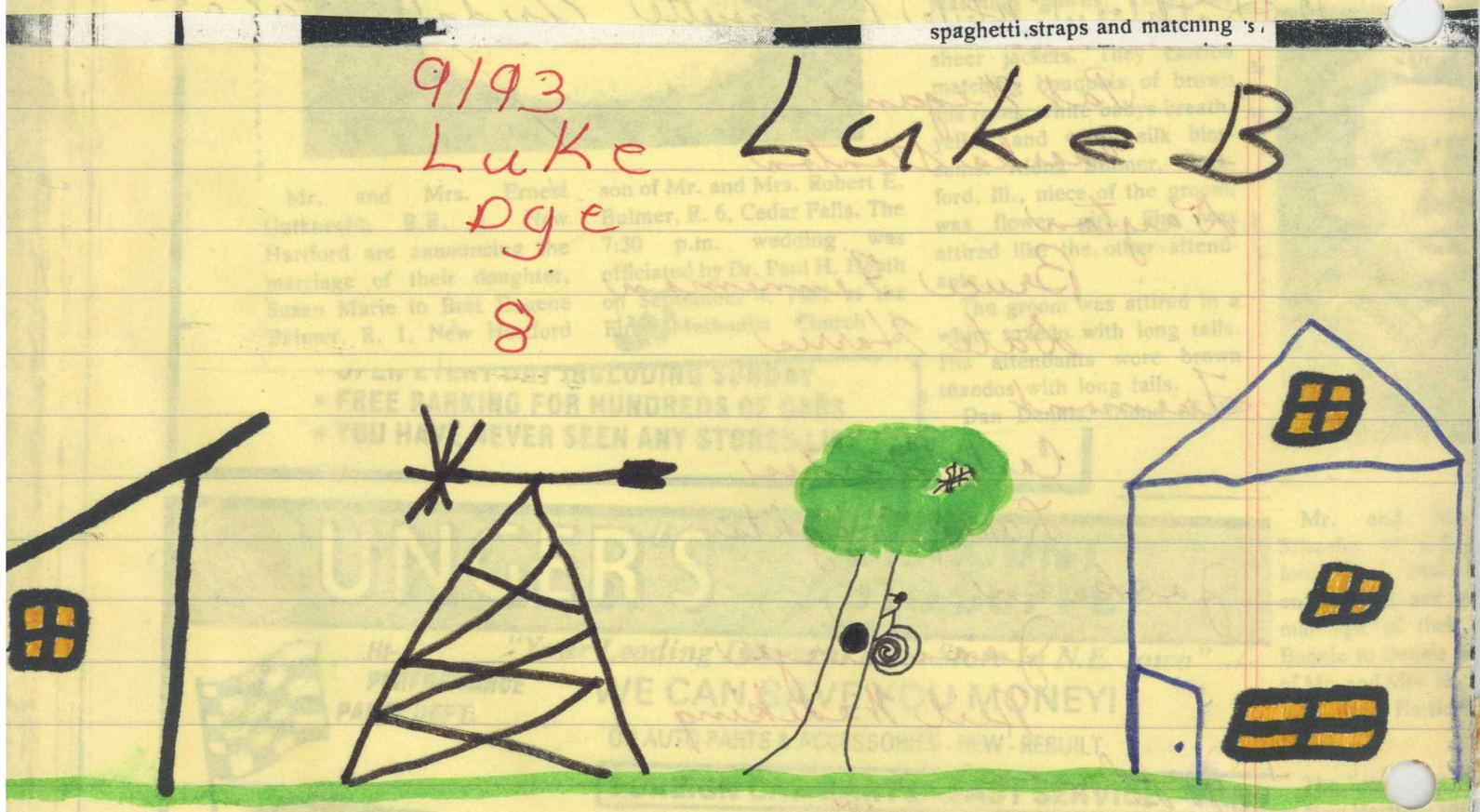
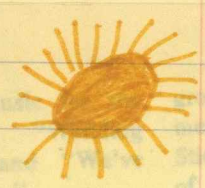
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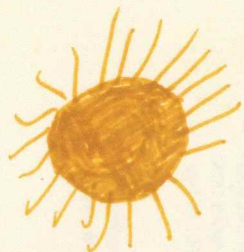
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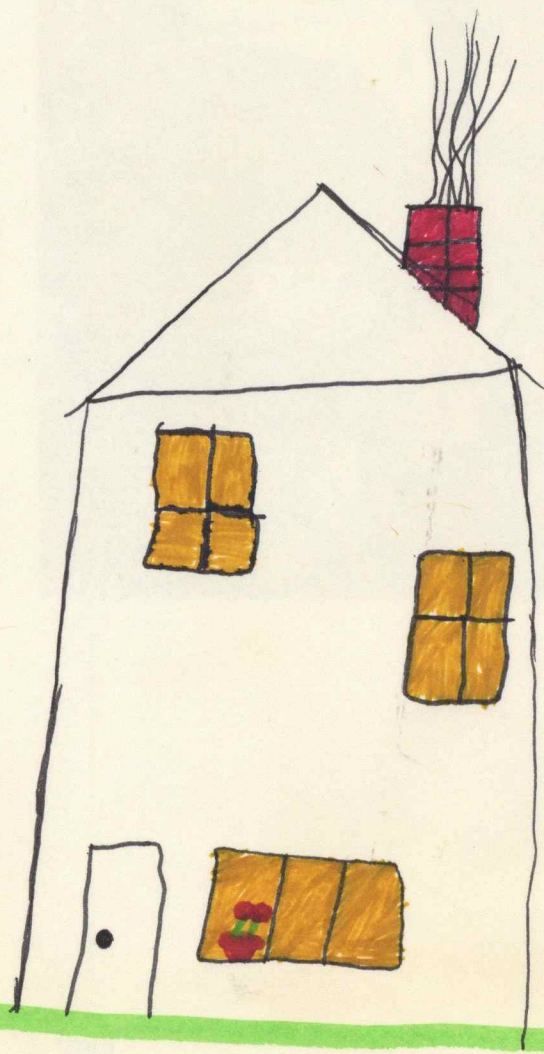
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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

From Mike and Patti Becker and Family!



This is the "maiden voyage" for our holiday newsletter. We opted to do this, as the pace of our lives has escalated tremendously in the past year and we never seem to have enough time to spend with our family and friends.

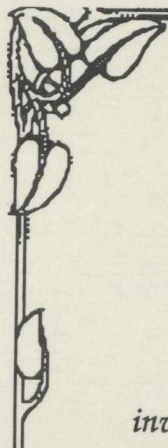
In December 1999, our home "grew" when Matt and Luke moved in with us. Even though the circumstances surrounding this move weren't the most pleasurable, it's been a great year for us to grow closer as a family. In June, we took a family trip to Gettysburg, PA. and Washington, D.C. We toured the Battlefield in Gettysburg and had a personal escort in a friend from Gettysburg whom we've known through the years from his days riding RAGBRAI in Iowa. In D.C., we had a personal tour of the U.S. Capitol that was arranged through Senator Chuck Grassley's office, as well as spending time at the Holocaust Museum, several of the Smithsonian museums, the FBI building, and all of the monuments.

On the work front, **Mike** and **Patti** are both very busy. Many of you may see Mike during the Iowa State Fair, which he describes as his "dream job". We could all be so lucky! The pace of Patti's job picked up in February when a new Medicaid Director was named for Iowa. As his Executive Assistant, Patti was key in his transition, which meant spending extra time helping bring him up to speed. There were perks, of course, including trips to San Francisco, CA. and Orlando, FL. as her bosses' stand-in representative.

Josh finished his first year at DMACC in May and decided that he was ready for the working world. He began working for Ramsey Pontiac in Des Moines and is in their training program to become a parts manager. **Matt** and **Luke** are a junior and sophomore, respectively, at Southeast Warren High School. **Ryan** and **Darin** are a junior and sophomore, respectively, at Indianola High School. Just be thankful you don't have our grocery bill!



Mike and Patti



Patricia A. Cron
and
Michael D. Becker
together with their parents
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Ernst
and
Mr. & Mrs. Daryl Becker
invite you to join them in celebrating
the beginning of their new life together
on Saturday, the seventeenth of February
nineteen hundred and ninety
at six o'clock in the evening
United Methodist Church
Liberty Center, Iowa

Reception and dance following at the
Indianola Country Club
1610 Country Club Road
Indianola, Iowa





*Happy
Holidays*

DARIN, LUKE, RYAN
JOSH, MATT
PATTI & MIKE

2004



H Happy H olidays from the B ecker F amily!

2002 brought a lot of interesting happenings and many changes to our family, beginning with the graduations of **Matt** and **Ryan** in May.



Matt left for basic training at Ft. Knox, Kentucky in mid-July. He graduated in early October and **Mike**, Luke, and Grandpa Becker drove to Kentucky for the ceremonies. Matt will remain stationed at Ft. Knox for his advanced individualized training until January

or February. Then he is being transferred to Ft. Carson, Colorado, which is just south of Colorado Springs. Things are going exceptionally well for him in his chosen career! Here he is looking fit and trim with a proud Dad!



Ryan started school at Ellsworth Community College in Iowa Falls in August, where he also was a member of the football team. Football ended for him in November, though, when he re-injured his right knee. He had surgery shortly before Thanksgiving to replace the ACL, which had been replaced once before, and to repair cartilage. He is still undecided about his career, but is looking at either Business Marketing or Law Enforcement.

Luke is one of our two Seniors in high school (Darin is our other Senior, and YES, we will have an EMPTY NEST in the Fall of 2003!). He signed up for the deferred enlistment program with the Army and will leave for Ft. Jackson, S.C. in June 2003. Besides wrestling, he keeps busy fixing up his car and working part-time.



Darin and **Patti** left in early June for a three-week trip to Germany, Austria, Switzerland, and Lichtenstein. This was a German language class trip for Darin, and Patti was one of the chaperones. Some of the many things they toured included the famous Neuschwanstein and Linderhof castles in Bavaria, the medieval village of Rothenburg, the Hofbrauhaus in Munich, the Dachau concentration camp, and Hitler's alpine retreat – the "Eagle's Nest" near Salzburg. You see them here in Switzerland, where the trip also included a day hiking through the Swiss Alps. All in all, they both agree - **Es war gut!**



Josh is rarely seen these days without his significant other, **Marcy**, nearby. He continues to enjoy his job at Ramsey Pontiac and recently made a move to a new bachelor pad, along with two other guys, to an old farmhouse near Indianola.

This is our NEW ADDRESS:
14003 168th Avenue
Ackworth, Iowa
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Behrens/60

CEDAR FALLS—Mr. and Mrs. H.A. Behrens, 436 N. Francis St., will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary Saturday with an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. at St. John's American Lutheran Church. There will also be a family dinner next Sunday at the Red Fox Inn, Waverly.

They are the parents of two children, Lorene and Roger.

Hosts for the event will be their daughter, their son and daughter-in-law, and grandchildren.

Mr. Behrens and Mable Hansen were married Dec. 16, 1924 in the Methodist Church parsonage at Dike.

There are seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Behrens farmed in



Mr. and Mrs. Behrens

Grundy Center for more than 47 years before moving to Cedar Falls.

The couple requests no gifts.

Harvey A. Behrens 1986

CEDAR FALLS—Services for Harvey A. Behrens, 86, of 436 N. Francis St., will be 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at St. John American Lutheran Church, with burial in Hillcrest Cemetery. An interpreter for the deaf will be present at the funeral.

Mr. Behrens died Saturday morning (July 5) at Windsor Care Center.

He was born April 19, 1900 in Grundy County, son of August and Dorothea Stolte Behrens. He married Mable K. Hansen on Dec. 16, 1924 at Dike. He was a retired farmer.

He is survived by his wife; a son, Roger Behrens, of Tomah, Wis.; one daughter, Lorene Behrens of Cedar Falls; five grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; and one sister, Esther Pahnisch of Nashua. He was preceded in death by four brothers, Carl, Alfred, Harold and Arthur; and two sisters, Louise and Roseman.

A memorial fund will be established. Friends may call 7 to 9 p.m. today and 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday at Dahl-Van Hove-Schoof Funeral Home.

WATERLOO COURIER WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 1994

CEDAR FALLS — **Mable K. Behrens**, 95, of the Western Home, formerly of 436 N. Francis St., died at the home Monday, Feb. 28, of natural causes.

She was born Jan. 15, 1899, in Grundy County, daughter of Hans and Trena Nelson Hansen. She married Harvey A. Behrens on Dec. 16, 1924, in Dike. He died July 5, 1986.

Mrs. Behrens and her husband farmed west of Cedar Falls, moving to Cedar Falls in 1970.

Survived by: a son, Roger of Warrens, Wis.; a daughter, Lorene Behrens of Cedar Falls; five grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, two great-great-granddaughters, two stepgranddaughters and a stepgreat-grandson; and a brother, Bernard Hansen of Alamo, Texas.

Preceded in death by: two brothers, William and Martin Hansen; and two sisters, Lulu Schoeman and Helen Edler.

Services: 10:30 a.m. Thursday at St. John Lutheran Church, with burial in Hillcrest Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 p.m. today at Dahl-Van Hove-Schoof Funeral Home, with the family present from 5 to 8 p.m. Visitation also an hour before services Thursday at the church.

Memorials: directed to St. John Lutheran Church or the Western Home.



Engaged

Jan. 18, 1984
Announcement is being made of the engagement and approaching marriage of Ranae Sue Behrends of Des Moines and Wayne R. Ziowski of Ames.

Parents of the couple are Mr.

and Mrs. Edward Behrends of New Hartford, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ziowski of Arlington Heights, Illinois.

An April wedding is being planned.

Iva M. Bennett (1919-2003)

NEW HARTFORD — Iva M. Bennett, 83, of New Hartford, died Thursday, Aug. 7, at Allen Hospital, Waterloo, from complications of pneumonia.

She was born Dec. 19, 1919, near Cedar Falls, daughter of Elam J. and Annis M. Bush Hill. She married Welby A. Rasmussen in August 1941. He died in October 1946. She later married Robert L. Eaton in January 1948, and they were later divorced. She then married Carl Bennett in June 1960, and he died in March 1962.



Iva Bennett

She worked at various jobs of being a hired girl, later working at a produce company washing and candling eggs. She graduated from Waterloo School of Beauty in May 1940 and then worked at Brocka's Barber and Beauty Shop, New Hartford, which she later owned.

In July 1971 she went to work at Sartori Memorial Hospital, Cedar Falls, retiring in 1983.

Survived by: four daughters, Eunice Campbell, Janet (Tim) Wilcox and Vivien (Jim) Brookman, all of Waterloo, and Katherine (John) Farrell of Des Moines; nine grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; three brothers, Harold Hill and Walter Hill, both of Minnesota, and Edwin Hill of Ellsworth; and three sisters, Doris Homeister of Missouri, Elizabeth Davis of Arkansas and Ruby Rand of Waterloo.

Preceded in death by: a son, Eugene Rasmussen; a brother; and two sisters.

Services: 2 p.m. Saturday at the United Methodist Church, with burial in Oak Hill Cemetery, both in New Hartford. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home, Shell Rock, where there will be a public Rebekah service at 7 p.m., and for an hour before services Saturday at the church.

Memorials: may be directed to the family.

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Delbert E. Bennett was born near Potomac, Vermilion county, Ill., May 1, 1874, later moving with his parents to Kansas. Four years later they removed to Missouri, and in 1893 to Iowa near New Hartford. He was married to Miss Belle Archer, who with their three little boys, remains to mourn the loss of a loving husband and father. In April, 1905, he with his family moved to Sioux Falls, S. D. Later he took up his residence in Council Bluffs, where after an operation for appendicitis he died Feb. 23, 1907, at the age of 32 years, nine months and 22 days. He joined the M. E. church at the age of 12 years, and continued his christian life until his death. His family life was marked with love and sympathy and he will be greatly missed by his loved ones. He leaves, besides those we have mentioned, a brother, Fred of Wilke, Iowa, and a sister Anna, who lives at home with her parents, besides many more distant relatives, and a large circle of friends. The sympathy of the community goes out to these sorrowing ones. The remains were brought to New Hartford for interment and the funeral service was held in the Methodist church at 3 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 26, conducted by the Rev. S. C. Brainard of Center Point, Iowa. The choir, Mrs. Mack and Mrs. Kaley, Messrs. Ramsey, King and Umbaugh, with Mrs. Ramsey at the organ, rendered appropriate music. The presence of a large number of neighbors and friends testified mutely to the sympathy they felt for the bereaved ones. The body was laid to rest in Oak Hill Cemetery. The pall bearers were: Messrs. N. C. Mack, Lonie Kaipo, L. Ensign, Jesse Umbaugh, Roy Ranney and John Behring.

THE PASSING OF CHARLES N. BENNETT

Charles Nelson Bennett was born October 29, 1849, on a farm near Potomac, Vermillion county, Ill., and passed away at his home in New Hartford, April 28, 1925, aged 75 years, five months and 29 days.

Mr. Bennett was united in marriage March 18, 1873 to Miss Mary Elizabeth Hewitt, at Blue Grass, Ill., to this union there being four children born to bless their home, Fred Bennett of Belvidere, S. D., and Annie Bennett at home, Delbert and Roy having preceded their father to the beyond.

Besides Mrs. Bennett and two children there are five grandchildren to mourn his death.

Mr. Bennett was converted and united with the United Brethern church at Potomac, Ill., in early manhood, and after moving to this city in 1894, united with the M. E. church and was a member of this church at the time of his death.

For the last three years Mr. Bennett had been in failing health and for the last three or four months had been a great sufferer. The end came very sudden on the afternoon of April 21, when coming into the house from out of doors. While walking across the room he fell dead. This is as he wanted, for he often said he hoped the end would come in this way.

Funeral services were conducted from the Methodist church on Friday afternoon, Rev. G. H. Van Dran in charge. Interment was made in Oak Hill.

Card of Thanks.

We wish in this way to thank the many kind friends for their help and the beautiful flowers and the many kindnesses which we received during the sickness and death of our husband and father.

MRS. M. E. BENNETT
ANNIE B. BENNETT.

"Unsolved Mysteries" Program Has Local Ties

Tonight's segment of NBC's "Unsolved Mysteries" will have an area tie-in concerning a family wanting more information.

According to Georgia Bennett, of New Hartford, a portion of the show (Wed., Jan. 25) will feature the orphan train which her father was involved.

The Children's Aid Society sponsored the Orphan Train from 1854 to 1929 and placed over 150,000 homeless children. The train traveled to the midwest to place children in good Christian homes. No welfare programs were available to take care of the children, at this time in our history.

Francis H. Murphy, Georgia's father, was born in the New York area and placed in the Leake and Watts Boarding School at the age of 5 years. His mother didn't see her son but a couple times a year as she was a maid and found it difficult to get time to visit.

In 1928, when he was almost 11 years old, Murphy boarded the orphan train to head west. His mother was still alive at the time but according to documents died the next spring. Francis got off the train at Topeka, Kansas. He was transferred to a family that agreed to house him and help him get an education. The family did not adopt him as some of the families had.

After the stock market crash in 1929 Murphy was transferred from his original family after the "father" committed suicide.

Murphy did this segment trying to find some information about his history. He remembered his mother, Hilda, visiting him with an infant, Margaret, who she called his

half-sister.

Murphy did not know the cause of his mother's death, which occurred in 1928, however he did find out his father died following military service. His mother, who was 26 at Francis' birth, was buried in New York.

Murphy's wife, Christine, is a math teacher in Preston, Missouri, and there are five children in the family. Georgia was named after the Children's Aid Society Supervisor that looked after her father as a child.

Murphy always wanted to know more about his past, and with a lot of work and connections, with the Orphan Train Heritage Society of America, was able to get NBC

television to get interested.

Even though he did get the information out, only his family will get the results. Just after the taping of the show on November 3, 1988, Francis Murphy suffered a massive heart attack that took his life. CPR efforts by the filming crew were unable to revive him.

Georgia Bennett and her husband Mike, live in New Hartford. Georgia is a teacher at Parkersburg and Mike

teaches in New Hartford.

Additional Orphan Train information can be sent or obtained through the Orphan Train Heritage Society of America (Springdale, Arkansas, 72764)

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25th Anniversary

Dawn and Daimien Bennett, children of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Bennett, will be honoring them with an Open House to celebrate their 25th Wedding Anniversary.

Georgia Murphy and Michael Bennett were married August 17, 1968 in Kirksville, Missouri. Georgia is employed by Parkersburg School and Michael is employed by New Hartford School.

The Open House will be held Sunday, August 22nd, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the Community Building in New Hartford. No gifts are requested.

Andersen-Bennett

DIKE — Suzanne Andersen, daughter of Kenny and Amy Andersen of Dike, and Daimien Bennett, son of Michael and Georgia Bennett of New Hartford, are announcing their approaching wedding.

The bride-elect is a recent graduate of the University of Northern Iowa with a major in health promotion and education, and her fiancé is a senior at UNI, majoring in education.

Vows are planned for 5 p.m. Aug. 5 at Fredsville Lutheran Church, Cedar Falls.



Suzanne Andersen
Daimien Bennett

Jan 7 1946
Mrs. Minnie Benton
Dies at C. Falls;
Funeral Sunday

(Courier Special Service)

Cedar Falls—Funeral services for Mrs. Minnie Benton, 86, who died Thursday at 7:20 p. m. at the home of her son, Claude, 821 West 18th street, will be Sunday at 2 p. m. at the Dahl funeral home, with Dr. H. Hughes Dill officiating. Burial will be at Finchford.

Born Jan. 25, 1849, in Addison county, Vermont, daughter of John and Ursula French, she was married to Tom Benton in 1875. He preceded her in death in 1935.

She was a member of the Methodist church at Finchford.

Four sons survive, Claude, John and Charles, Cedar Falls, and Robert, Janesville, also one brother C. F. French, Cedar Falls. There seven grandchildren and six grandchildren.

Funeral Services
for Mrs. Benton
Set for Thursday

(Courier Special Service)

Cedar Falls—Funeral services for Mrs. Harriett Benton, 46, wife of John W. Benton, will be held Thursday afternoon at Dahl's chapel in Cedar Falls at 2 o'clock and at the Methodist Episcopal church in Janesville at 2:45 o'clock. Rev. T. P. Shaffer will officiate.

Mrs. Benton died at 5 p. m. Monday at her home eight miles west of Cedar Falls.

Harriett S. Boeger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Boeger, was born Feb. 9, 1886, at East Janesville, Ia. She was married to John W. Benton June 16, 1907.

Surviving are her husband, daughter, Fae; her father, three sisters, Mrs. Roy G. Simpson, Dumont, Minn.; Mrs. B. C. Dove, California, and Mrs. William Buhr, Readlyn, Ia., and three brothers, John H. Boeger, 2012 Fourth street east, Waterloo; Edwin C. Boeger, Detroit Lakes, Minn., and Fred W. Boeger, 1012 Fourth street east, Waterloo.

JOHN BENTON

Funeral services will be at 1:30 p. m. Saturday for John W. Benton, 83, of 1019 W. 10th St., who died Thursday morning at Sartori Hospital.

Services will be held at the Dahl-Van Hove Funeral Home with the Rev. William Bowles officiating.

Born June 16, 1885, in Bremer County, he was a long-time resident of the Cedar Falls area, moving here in 1947 when he retired from farming. He married Harriet Boeger in 1908. She preceded him in death in 1932.

He later married Hazel Hawkins on Aug. 26, 1933. She survives him. Other survivors include three grandchildren and six nieces and nephews. Mr. Benton was a member of the First Christian Church.

Burial will be in Cedar Valley Memorial Gardens.

CEDAR FALLS
DEATHS

Dec 16 1960
CLAUDE BENTON.

Claude Benton, 77, died at his home here, 821 W. 18th St., about 10:30 a. m. Friday.

Funeral arrangements are pending at the Dahl funeral home.

He was born in Bremer county Oct. 13, 1883, the son of Thomas and Minnie Benton, and attended school in that area. He had lived in Bremer county all his life, engaging in farming.

In the fall of 1944 the family moved to Cedar Falls.

Survivors include his wife; a son Clyde, Janesville; two grandchildren, one great grandchild, and a brother, John, 1019 W. 10th St.

MRS. GERTIE BERGMAN

1989
Mrs. Gertie Bergman of Grundy Center was born August 5, 1905 on the Knock family farm near Holland in Colfax Twp. in Grundy County, IA.

She passed away 6:20 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 6, 1989 at the Allen Memorial Hospital, Waterloo.

She attained the age of 84 years and 1 day.

Born the daughter of Enno E. and Anna Van Deest Knock.

She grew up on the family farm in Colfax Twp. and attended country school.

On Feb. 18, 1929 she was united in marriage to George Bergman by Rev. K.J. Straatmeier at Bethany Church parsonage in Grundy Center.

After their marriage they farmed near Grundy Center for 1 year, then farmed near Dike for 2 years and near New Hartford for 13 years. For 24 they farmed 24 years east of Stout retiring and moving to Grundy Center on Feb. 22, 1967.

She was a long time member of the Reformed Church of Stout and after moving to Grundy Center, she joined the Bethany Presbyterian Church in 1968.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband George on Jan. 20, 1978; and by 2 sisters Elizabeth Bergman and Helen Stickfort.

She is survived by 2 sons Donald Bergman of Monticello, Iowa and Roger Bergman of Rt. 2, Parkersburg; 3 sisters Mrs. Effie Klosterboer, Grundy Center, Mrs. Lydia Hyde, Waterloo, Mrs. George (Lena) Eichel of San Jose, Calif.; 7 grandchildren; and 4 Great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at Bethany Presbyterian Church, Grundy Center Tuesday, Aug. 8, 1989 at 3:00 p.m. with Rev. Calvin W. Vanderwerf officiating.

Craig DeBerg sang "In Times Like These" and "Precious Lord, Take My Hand". He was accompanied by Mrs. Dorothea Appel, who also played selected numbers for the prelude and postlude.

Grandsons serving as casketbearers were Gary Bergman, Kevin Bergman, Randall Bergman, Randy Clark, Steve Flamm, and Guy Russo.

Ushers were Edward Flater and Eugene Meester. Mrs. Art Henze and Mrs. Bob Abels were in charge of the floral arrangements.

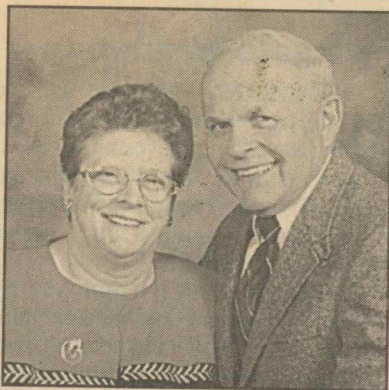
Interment was in the Rose Hill Cemetery, Grundy Center, Iowa with Engelkes-Abels Funeral Home of Grundy Center in charge of the arrangements.

Bergman/40

PARKERSBURG — Roger and Evelyn Bergman of rural Parkersburg celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary with a family vacation in St. Louis. They were also honored with a family dinner, hosted by their children.

Mr. Bergman and Evelyn Saathoff were married Sept. 5, 1959, in Grundy Center.

Their children are Sandy and Guy Russo of Overland Park, Kan., Randy and Shelle Bergman of Des Moines, and David and Sherri Platts of Mason City. There are six grandchildren.



Mr. and Mrs. Bergman

Bergman-Platts

PARKERSBURG — Announcement is being made of the Sept. 30 wedding of Sherri Ann Bergman and David Dean Platts.

Parents of the couple are Roger and Evelyn Bergman of rural Parkersburg, and Harold and Beverly Platts of Mason City.

Vows were exchanged at 3 p.m. at First Methodist Church with the Revs. Charles Wallace and Don Ringnald officiating.

Sandra Russo of Urbandale, was matron of honor for her sister. Bridesmaids were Kim Crabtree; Carolyn Walston; and Shelle Bergman and Barb Wales, both sisters-in-law of the bride.

Flower girl was Chelsea Wales, niece of the groom.

Best man was Steve Peterson of Des Moines. Groomsmen were Tony Chavez; Scott Walston; Randy Bergman, brother of the bride; and Guy Russo, brother-in-law of the bride.

Matthew Wubbena, cousin of the bride, was ring bearer.

The bride is a pension administrator at Principal Financial Group, and the groom is owner/operator of Platt's Construction, both in Mason City.

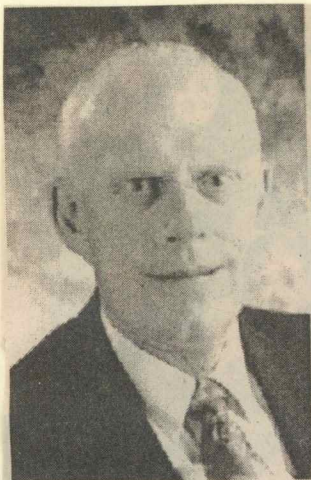


Mr. and Mrs. Platts

The bride was honored at a miscellaneous shower in Des Moines, attended by her college friends.

A miscellaneous shower took place in August, hosted by Marlys Saathoff, aunt of the bride; Sandy Russo, sister of the bride; and Shelle Bergman, sister-in-law of the bride.

The couple was honored at a shower in Mason City, hosted by friends of the groom's family.



Donald E. Bergman

Donald E. Bergman age 75, of Monticello, died early Saturday morning, August 26, 2006 at his home, with his family by his side, following a courageous battle with cancer.

Funeral services were held 11:00, Tuesday morning, August 29, 2006 at the United Church of Monticello with interment in the Oakwood Cemetery, with Military Honors. Rev. Ed Moreano officiated at the services.

Surviving is his wife Paddy, 2 sons, Gary (Pamela) Bergman, Bettendorf, Kevin (Alison) Bergman, Monticello, 2 daughters, Sharon (Randy) Clark, Lake Charles, Louisiana, Donna (Steve) Flamm, West Des Moines, 11 Grandchildren, Joseph, Brian and Cara Bergman, Justin, Nathan, Nicole and Maegan Clark, Alyssa, Benjamin and Stacy Flamm, and Jacob Bergman, a brother, Roger (Evelyn) Bergman, Dike. He was preceded in death by his Parents.

Donald E. Bergman was born April 2, 1931 at his family home in New Hartford, Iowa. He was the son of George and Gertie Knock, Bergman. Don graduated with the class of 1948 from the New Hartford High School.

He worked 2 years before going on to attend Coe College. He graduated from Coe in 1954 with B.A. in Commerce and Finance. He was inducted into the United States Air Force following graduation from Coe and attended flight school in Arizona and Jet Pilot Training in Laredo, Texas. Donald Bergman and Paddy Swartzendruber were married July 27, 1956 at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The couple celebrated their 50th Anniversary this summer. Don was stationed as a jet pilot in Korea from August of 1956 until May of 1957. The couple lived at Chandler Air Force Base in Minnesota until Don was discharged in 1958. They moved to Monticello, and Don started to work at the Monticello State Bank on February 1, 1958. He was the President, C.E.O. and Chairman of the Board from 1990 until 1994. He semi-retired in 1994 but retained his position as Chairman of the Board until he fully retired in 1997.

Don was a charter member of the Monticello Jaycees. He was past-president of the Lions Club, Monticello Golf Club, Monticello Council of Camp Fire, Monticello Development Corp., Monticello Community School Board, and Greater Monticello Committee. He served on the Board of Directors of the John McDonald Hospital, and was a member of the United Church of Monticello. Don loved going to their winter home at The Villages in Florida. He also enjoyed family vacations, golf, tennis, bridge, and working on the computer. He was an avid Iowa Hawkeye fan and enjoyed traveling with friends to away football games and bowl games. He was a member of the Dublin Dozen Bridge Club, and for many years the group made annual trips to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina for a week of golf and bridge.

—Democrat, Waverly, Iowa, March 8, 1990

CHRIS KLUITER

Chris Kluitert, 78, of Allison, died Wednesday afternoon, March 7, at Allen Memorial Hospital in Waterloo, where he had been a patient since January 26.

Chris was born on June 25, 1911, in Butler County, the son of Albert and Stienje (Klassen) Kluitert. He attended country school near his home and then worked as a farm hand. He accepted Christ as his Savior in February of 1929. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and following his discharge, returned to the Allison area where he started farming.

In January of 1946, he was united in marriage to Fae Carolyn Benton in Sumner. They farmed in the Allison area until 1960 when they moved to a farm near New Hartford. In 1962 they moved to a farm near Shell Rock where he farmed until 1969 when he moved to Allison and worked for Allison Implement. In 1977 he retired, but continued working part-time until 1983.

Chris was a member of the Hitesville Gospel Hall and a member of the American Legion Post No. 253 in Allison.

He is survived by his three children and their spouses, Jim and Barbara Kluitert of Shell Rock, Linda and Wayne Epley of Shell Rock, and Jack Kluitert of Janesville; one brother, Albert Kluitert of Clarksville; three sisters, Mrs. Minnie Harms of Allison, Carrie, Mrs. John Kramer of Shell Rock, and Anna, Mrs. Jake Jacobs of Allison; and by four grandchildren, Brandon and Daniel Kluitert and Chris and Jody Epley. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife on May 31, 1965, and three brothers, Jerry, John and Sebo Kluitert.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, March 9, at the Hitesville Gospel Hall near Kesley, with Robert Orr and Russell Nesbit officiating. Burial will be in the Riverside Cemetery in Shell Rock. Friends may call after noon Thursday at the Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Shell Rock.

July 13 entown



**Esther Nickalena
Elizabeth Juhl
Fleshner Bergman**

Esther Nickalena Elizabeth Juhl Fleshner Bergman, age 91, of Parkersburg, Iowa was born the daughter of Andrew and Christina Dockwell Juhl on December 26, 1907, in Grundy County on a farm near New Hartford, Iowa. She received her education from a rural school near her home and the New Hartford High School.

On October 23, 1926 Esther Juhl was united in marriage with Henry Fleshner at the First Congregational Church in Parkersburg. They farmed near New Hartford and they owned and operated the Stout Grocery Store in Stout, Iowa. Henry passed away in 1967.

In 1969, Esther married Andrew Bergman at the First Congregational Church in Parkersburg. They made their home in Parkersburg. Andrew passed away in 1989. Esther moved to the Maple Manor Care Center in Aplington this past spring in March 1999.

Esther was a member of the Reformed Church of Stout, Stout, Iowa. She liked crocheting and playing cards. Esther especially enjoyed spending time with her family, friends and neighbors.

At 4:42 a.m. Wednesday, October 27, 1999 Esther died at Allen Memorial Hospital in Waterloo, Iowa of natural causes. She reached the age of 91 years, 10 months and 1 day. Esther is preceded in death by husbands, Henry Fleshner and Andrew Bergman; one son-in-law Bill Snittjer; one step daughter Esther DeGroot; one step grandson Brad Bergman; her parents; and two sisters Emma Knock and Ella Andersen.

Esther is survived by three daughters, Jean and Harley Schwerdtfeger of Parkersburg, Margie Snittjer of Tulsa, OK,

and Velda and Nathan Groote of Dike; seven grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren; one great great grandson; one step son, Harlan and Marilyn Bergman of Johnston; four step daughters, Wilma and George Barkhoff of Cedar Falls, Ruth and Ross Roskamp of Dana Point, CA, Marlys and Jim Cuvelier of Parkersburg, Lois and Craig DeBerg of Oelwein; twenty step grandchildren; several step great grandchildren; and one sister Helen Juhl of Waterloo.

Funeral services were held 1:30 p.m. Saturday, October 30, 1999 at the Reformed Church of Stout, Stout, Iowa, with Rev. David Powers officiating. Elaine Schnell was organist. Stan Thompson was soloist singing "I Won't Have To Cross Jordan Alone", and "Going Down The Valley One By One". Congregational hymn was "What A Friend We Have In Jesus."

Honorary casketbearers were: Calvin Heyenga, Charles Byrd, Bob Waldemar, Randy Schuchard, Herman DeBerg, Willard Lee, Jason Criswell. Casketbearers were: Craig Schwerdtfeger, Tim Cuvelier, Jeff Barkhoff, Kevin Groote, Brent Cirksema and Wayne Bergman. Interment was in the Oak Hill Cemetery, Parkersburg, Iowa. Marlys Konken, Minerva Juel and Florence Freese were the flower committee.

Schwartz Funeral Home in Parkersburg, Iowa was in charge of arrangements.



Obituaries

ANDREW BERGMAN

Andrew Bergman, son of Jacob and Susie Meester Bergman, was born August 3, 1904, in Grundy County near New Hartford. He received his education in the rural school near his home.

On December 1, 1927, he was married to Mabel Jungling. They engaged in farming until 1967 when they retired in Parkersburg. Mabel died in 1967.

On September 13, 1969, he was married to Esther Fleshner. They established their home in Parkersburg. Andrew's hobbies included fishing, golfing and bowling. He was a member of the Reformed Church of Stout.

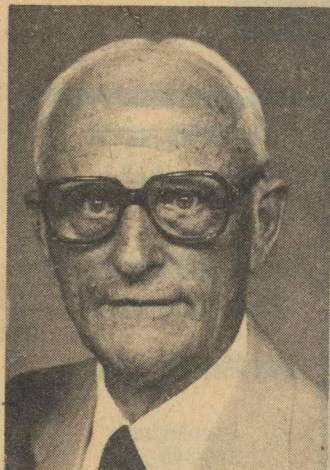
While on vacation in California he suffered a heart attack and died in a Los Angeles hospital Monday, February 13, 1989. He reached the age of 84 years, 6 months, and 10 days. He was preceded in death by his parents, by his wife Mabel in 1967, by a daughter Esther in 1984, by five brothers; Jacob, Hillerd, George, Joe, and William; by two sisters; Martha Boelman, and Henrietta Bergman.

Andrew is survived by his wife Esther of Parkersburg; by one son, Harlan Bergman, Des Moines; by four daughters, Mrs. George (Wilma) Barkhoff, Cedar Falls, Mrs. Gresham (Ruth) Roskamp, Capistrano Beach, California, Mrs. James (Marlys) Cuvelier, Parkersburg, and Mrs. Larry (Lois) Cirksema, Waterloo; by three step-daughters; Mrs. Harley (Jean) Schwerdtfeger, Parkersburg, Mrs. William (Margie) Snittjer, Watertown, South Dakota, and Mrs. Nathan (Velda) Groote, Dike; 27 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; a brother, Ted Bergman, Cedar Falls; and four sister: Anna Nevenhoven and Hannah Miller, both of Parkersburg, Ella Dreesman, Cedar Falls, and Rose Pothast, Grundy Center.

Funeral services were held 10:30 A.M., Friday, February 17, 1989, at the Reformed Church of Stout with Pastor Don Ringnald officiating. Thelma Bass was the organist and Butch Stohr sang "One Day At A Time" and "How Great Thou Art." Congregational hymns were "Blessed Assurance" and "Under His Wings." Casketbearers were Mark Cirksema, Brent Cirksema, Jeff Barkhoff, Tim Cuvelier, Brad Bergman, David DeGroot, James DeGroot, and Wayne Bergman. Flower ladies were Ella Dreesman, Anna Nevenhoven, Hannah Miller, and Rose Pothast. Interment followed in Oak Hill Cemetery, Parkersburg, Iowa. Schwartz-Engelkes Funeral Home of Parkersburg was in charge of arrangements.

People And Events

Bergman To Celebrate 80th Birthday



ANDREW BERGMAN

Mr. Andrew Bergman, Parkersburg, will celebrate his 80th birthday Sunday, August 5th with an Open House from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. at the Stout

Reformed Church, Stout, Iowa. He was born in southern Grundy County near New Hartford, August 3, 1904. Hosts for the courtesy will be his children: Esther DeGroot and Wilma Barkhoff of Cedar Falls, Harlan of Des Moines, Ruth Roskamp of Capistrano Beach, Ca., Marlys Cuvelier of Parkersburg, Lois Cirksema of Dike and their spouses. There are 20 grandchildren, 2 deceased grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. His step children are Jean Schwerdtfeger of Parkersburg, Marjorie Snittjer of Omaha, Ne., and Velda Groote of Dike. There are 7 step grandchildren and 9 step great grandchildren.

A short program will be held at 2:30.

No invitations are being sent and the honoree requests no gifts.

BIRTHDAY 1987

CEDAR FALLS — Theodore R. (Ted) Bergman will celebrate his 80th birthday Sunday with an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. at Orchard Hill Reformed Church, 1215 Elmridge Drive.



The event will be hosted by his wife, Marion, and his four children

Theodore Bergman and their families: Dorothy and Don Roiseland of Waverly; Lori and Rolin Burger; Nancy and David Schoeman of Denver, Colo.; and Dale and Peggy Bergman of Milwaukee.

Mr. Bergman was born Oct. 15, 1907, near New Hartford, the son of Jacob and Suzie Bergman.

He farmed near New Hartford for 28 years. In 1966, he moved to Cedar Falls and was employed in the grounds department at University of Northern Iowa for 10 years.

No invitations are being sent, and the honoree requests no gifts.

COURIER SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1997

Ted Bergman

CEDAR FALLS —

Ted R. Bergman will celebrate his 90th birthday with an open house next Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. at Orchard Hill Reformed Church fellowship hall, 1215 Elmridge Drive.



Ted Bergman

He was born Oct. 15, 1907, to Jacob and Suzie Bergman. He married Edna Claassen in March 1939. They farmed near New Hartford for 27 years, retiring in 1966. She died in 1968.

He married Marion Kaiser in November 1984 in Strawberry Point. Mr. Bergman was also employed by the University of Northern Iowa grounds department for 10 years.

Hosting the event will be his wife, Marion, children, Dorothy Roiseland, Lori Burger, Nancy Schoeman and Dale Bergman, and their families.

The honoree requests no gifts.

Theodore Bergman

CEDAR FALLS — Theodore "Ted" Bergman will celebrate his 95th birthday with a card shower.



Theodore Bergman

He was born Oct. 15, 1907, to Jacob and Susie Bergman on a farm west of New Hartford.

He retired from farming in 1966 and from the University of Northern Iowa in 1976, where he worked as a groundskeeper.

His family includes his wife, Marian, daughters Dorothy Roiseland of Waverly and Lorna Burger of Littleton, Colo., son Dale and Peggy Bergman of Hartland, Wis., 10 grandchildren, and two great-grandsons. A daughter, Nancy Schoeman, is deceased.

Cards may be sent to him at Cedar Falls Lutheran Home, Room A-36, 7511 University Ave., Cedar Falls 50613.

Theodore "Ted" Bergman (1907-2003)

CEDAR FALLS — Theodore "Ted" Bergman, 95, of Cedar Falls, died Friday, Feb. 21, at Allen Hospital, Waterloo.

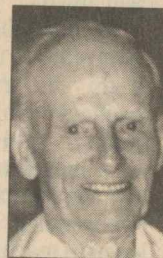
He was born Oct. 15, 1907, in Grundy County, son of Jacob and Susie Meester Bergman. He married Edna Claassen on March 22, 1939, in Stout. She died Dec. 9, 1968. He married Marian McDowall Kaiser on Nov. 17, 1984, in Strawberry Point.

Mr. Bergman farmed west of New Hartford for 45 years, then was a groundskeeper at the University of Northern Iowa for 10 years.

Survivors include: his wife; a son, Dale W. (Peggy) of Hartland, Wis.; two daughters, Dorothy K. Roiseland of Waverly and Lorna S. Burger of Littleton, Colo.; a stepson, Paul (Joy) Kaiser Jr. of Shell Knob, Mo.; two stepdaughters, Marilyn (Don) Fredrick of Strawberry Point and Marlene (Bud) Brown of Springfield, Mo.; 10 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; 10 stepgrandchildren; 22 stepgreat-grandchildren; seven stepgreat-grandchildren; and two sisters, Anna Nevenhoven of Parkersburg and Rose (George) Pothast of Grundy Center.

Preceded in death by: a daughter, Nancy Bergman Schoeman; six brothers, Jake, Joe, Hillard, George, Andrew and William; and four sisters, Johanna Miller, Martha Boelman, Henrietta Bergman and Ella Dreesman.

Services: 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Orchard Hill Church, Cedar Falls, with burial in Rose Hill Cemetery, Grundy Center. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at Dahl-Van Hove-Schoof Funeral Home, and for an hour before services Tuesday at the church.



Theodore Bergman

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Wed., Nov. 7, 1984

Esther B. DeGroot

CEDAR FALLS—Services for Esther B. DeGroot, 56, of 7033 N. Union Road, will be 1 p.m. Friday at Orchard Hill Reformed Church with burial in Oak Hill Cemetery, Parkersburg.

Mrs. DeGroot died Monday at Round Rock Community Hospital in Round Rock, Texas.

She was born July 9, 1928, at Parkersburg, daughter of Andrew and Mabel Jungling Bergman. She married John R. DeGroot June 15, 1950, at Stout. She was a partner in G&G Industries.

She is survived by her husband; two sons, David of Cedar Falls and James of Round Rock; two daughters, Cynthia Glover of Eagan, Minn., and Mary DeGroot of Cedar Falls; her father of Parkersburg; two grandchildren; a brother, Harlan of Des Moines; and four sisters, Ruth Roskamp of Capistrano Beach, Calif., Wilma Barkhoff of Cedar Falls, Marlys Cuvelier of Parkersburg and Lois Cirksema of Dike.

Friends may call after 7 p.m. Wednesday and until 11 a.m. Friday at Dahl-Van Hove-Schoof Funeral Home. There also will be visitation at the church for an hour before services Friday.

Memorials may be made to the Indian Mission at Chiapas, Mexico.

PAGE B2 WATERLOO-CEDAR FALLS COURIER TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2000

CEDAR FALLS — **John R. DeGroot**, 75, of Cedar Falls, died Saturday, May 6, at home of heart failure.

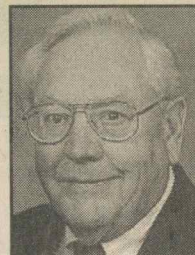
He was born Aug. 22, 1924, in Parkersburg, son of John and Julianna Hendrika Van Dyke DeGroot. He married Esther Bergman on June 15, 1950, in Stout. She died Nov. 5, 1984. He married Mildred Bode on June 7, 1986, in Cedar Falls.

Mr. DeGroot was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, serving in the European Theater. He was a 1950 graduate of the University of Iowa, receiving a bachelor's degree in commerce. He was employed at Rath Packing Co., Waterloo, retiring as senior vice president of sales and marketing in 1985.

Survived by: his wife; two sons, David of Rosemount, Minn., and James of Austin, Texas; two daughters, Cynthia Glover of Burnsville, Minn., and Mary Powell of Virginia Beach, Va.; a stepson, James Bode of Denver, Colo.; a stepdaughter, Julie Vilelli of Fallbrook, Calif.; 14 grandchildren; and a sister, Helen Kramer of Aplington.

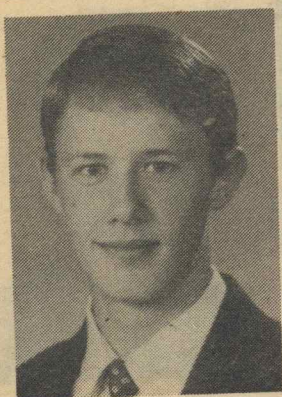
Preceded in death by: three brothers, Lewis, Jack and Frank; and two sisters, Alice Knock and Dena Jungling.

Services: 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at Orchard Hill Reformed Church, with burial at 2:30 p.m. in Oak Hill Cemetery, Parkersburg. Military flag-folding rites will be conducted by American Legion Post 285 of Parkersburg. Friends may call from 2 to 8 p.m. today at Dahl-Van Hove-Schoof Funeral Home, with family present from 5 to 8 p.m. Visitation also for an hour before services Wednesday.



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