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## Rob's Locker – It's Historical

The Gary community and surrounding area have several structures on the National Park Service's National Register of Historic Places. Authorized by the 1966 National Historic Preservation Act, the list is part of the program to identify, evaluate and protect America's historic and archeological treasures worthy of preservation. To be considered for the Register, the property must meet the Criteria for Evaluation. This involves examining the age, significance, and integrity of the property. It must be at least 50 years old and still look much as it did in the past.



Is it associated with events, activities, or developments that were important in the past? Is it connected with people whose lives were important in the past? Does it have significant architectural history or landscape history or engineering achievements? Would archeological investigation reveal information about our past?

How does a property get on the Register? It usually begins with the State Historic Preservation Office. Nominations can be submitted by individual property owners, historical societies, preservation groups, governmental agencies, and others.

The State Historical Preservation Office (SHPO) notifies the owner and local government and solicits public comment. If the owner objects, the property cannot be listed but may be forwarded to the National Park Service for a Determination of Eligibility. Proposed nominations are reviewed by the state's historic preservation office and National Register Review Board. The state process takes a minimum of 60 days. Complete nominations are then submitted to the National Park Service in Washington, D.C. for final review and listing by the Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places. The listing decision is made within 45 days.

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Listing on the National Register of Historic Places provides formal recognition based on national standards used by every state. Benefits can include:

- Listing on the National Register Archives, a public, searchable database that contains a wealth of information.
- Encouraging preservation of historic resources by documenting a property's historical significance.
- Providing opportunities for preservation incentives such as grants, investment tax credits, preservation easements to nonprofits, building code and safety code alternatives.
- Possible state tax benefit and grant opportunities. Check with the State Historic Preservation Office.
- Information on the care and maintenance of the property.

Under Federal Law, the listing of a property on the National Register places no restrictions on what a non-federal owner may do with their property up to and including destruction, unless the property is receiving Federal assistance such as funding and licensing/permitting. National Register listing does not automatically lead to public acquisition or require public access.

This month we will highlight the First National Bank building located on Coteau Street. It is the current home of Rob's Locker and Catering owned by Rob Deslauriers. The present building was built in 1917 and operated until 1933 as the First National Bank until a run on the bank caused it to become insolvent on March 4, 1933. President Roosevelt declared a bank "holiday" starting on March 6, 1933, to stop the runs on banks but it was too late, and the bank never reopened. The building remained vacant during the Depression until 1941 when Art Benner moved Benner's Meats and Lockers to this location. Herb Hunt owned the locker from 1960 - 67 and changed to name to Gary's Locker. The subsequent owner was Jerry Squashingroff 1967-68. Walt Ochsendorf changed the name to Walt's Locker and operated from 1968-1981, and Norbert, Myron, and Robert DesLauriers operated Walt's Locker from 1981-95. Rob bought out his partners in 1995 and, together with his wife Julie, operated Rob's Locker and Catering which continues today.

The Neo-Classical Revival style of architecture was used in the construction of the former First National Bank in Gary. The single-story building was made of cut limestone. Two pilasters with Doric capitals decorate the front façade of the flat-roofed structure. Quoins run the full height of the pilasters. Modillions appear beneath the cornice and balusters above it. Radiating voussoirs stretch across the remodeled front entrance and transom. *See page 3 for reference on architectural styles.*

The former First National Bank building is significant due to its Neo-Classical Revival style - the only such commercial building in Gary. It is also a good example of South Dakota's work with this architectural style on a very small scale.



## A Look Back...

### 100 years ago, February 1924

Lutheran services to be held at Methodist Church. Will be in English  
 Old style dances at dance last Thursday  
 Fine musical program gave by Gary High School orchestra  
 School program and basket social to be held at Wolfe School District 23  
 Armours Cream Station opening a cream station in Gary  
 Auction: Frank and Willie Jesse  
 Birth: Boy to Mr. & Mrs. John Iwerks  
 Marriage- Alma Stoltenburg & George McLain  
 Death: Gilbert Johnson

### 75 years ago, February 1949

Talent show and basket social held  
 Checker tournament held at school  
 Baseball dance—February 15th  
 Clint Priest purchases Gary telephone sys  
 Birth: Girl to Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Jepp  
 Boys to: Mr. & Mrs. Burndean Swenson  
           Mr. & Mrs. Archie Norton  
           Mr. & Mrs. Albert Giese  
 Deaths: Byron Cochrane and Andrew Anderson

### 50 years ago, February 1974

Tri County Crop and Home Show  
 February 17th  
 Couples party February 23  
 Dedication and open house held for new Lutheran parsonage  
 New postage rates  
     10 cents – first class  
     13 cents – air mail  
     8cents – post card  
 Auction: Elmer Mueller  
 Birth: Boy to Mr. & Mrs. Tom Miller  
 Marriage: Shelley Wells & Lyle Shackelford  
 Death: Cora Converse

### 25 years ago, February 1999

Flu bug hits nursing homes  
 Deuel County Farm and Home Show  
 February 26  
 Birth: Boy to Mr. & Mrs. Steve Hunt

## GATE CITY GENERAL

*A little bit of everything...*

**Monday - Saturday**  
8:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

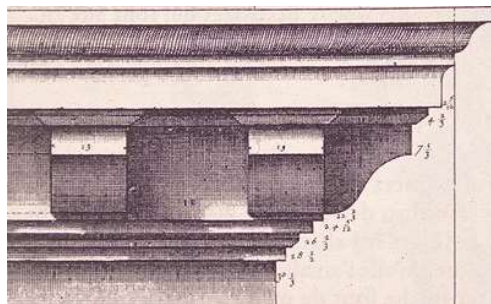
**Sunday**  
8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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## Elements of Neo-Classical Revival Style of Architecture



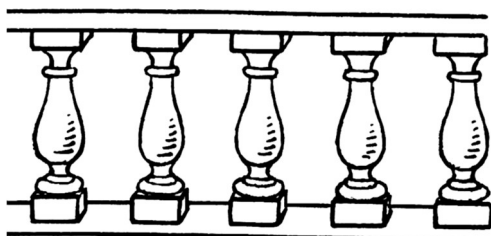
Doric column



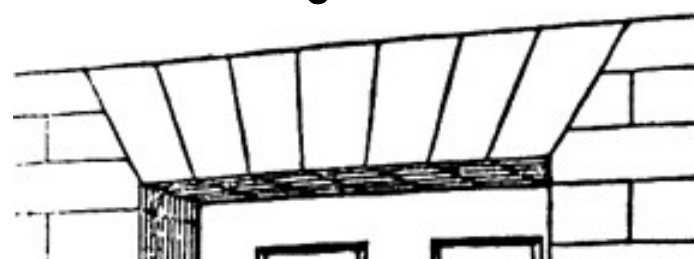
Modillions



Quoins



Balusters



Radiating Voussoirs

## Fairchild Farmgirl

Hello February! Here we are, back from the Black Hills Stock Show. Wow, what a good, kind of crazy ten days we had. I'll tell you all about it.

Our first day started with it being seriously icy on the way out of town and before we left the area, we decided to put on some fuel and get snacks. I got out of the truck, slipped on the ice, hurting my shoulder, elbow and hip that wasn't replaced. Everyone in the station got a chuckle, but I thought I needed shoulder surgery. I'm still nursing it but all the bruising is almost gone. I'm giving it a week more, then if it's not better, I'm going in.

We had to get a new to us truck a week before heading out, but were pleasantly surprised with this new Yukon. I loved it. I tell you what, always buy local. Our dealership in Canby is first rate and glad to do business with him. The only problem with this new truck? I always caught myself speeding. In my old truck, you knew you were doing over 60 because the whole thing would shimmy and shudder. This one...well we won't say how fast I was going. But luckily this one has cruise that works, I need to start using it.

The show itself was just ok, but the weather out there was phenomenal! Honestly, I missed out on a lot of the local crowd...I'm sure many were outside instead. Out of all those days, I wore a jacket one time, just because it was raining, otherwise the weather was in the 60's everyday. My kids took a day and spent it at Mount Rushmore and went through Custer State Park. They even got to do their homework on the deck. It was just so beautiful!

Even though I love the Black Hills so much, I feel there's some decline in Rapid City. The homeless problem has been out of control for the last six years I've been going there, but

this year was kind of crazy. There was a stabbing right outside of the event center where the show was, between some homeless. The person was found dead on a park bench the next morning. Pretty sad stuff.

The definite highlights of the trip was staying at a really nice Airbnb on the golf course, I always get to take along my older kids and spend time with them and that's a hoot for sure. For working so hard, I took them to a fancy restaurant where they proceeded to show me by their actions NOT to take them to a fancy restaurant again. Levi was breaking up his carrot ribbons on his salad with his fingers, while Jess dipped her lettuce in her dressing with her hands and Rachel ordered buffalo on the bone and had no idea how to eat it. But while Levi smelled each bite before he ate it, and squished out bloody juices from his steak, I'm determined to "uncaveman" my kids at all cost.

Aside from seeing a guy pulling his taxidermy dogs in a wagon at the show (yes, his real dogs were dead and stuffed) it was a good show. And that was even okay...just not something you see every day. My thoughts were this: what about the dog that he was walking along side of him? Was it thinking, 'I might be next and is there still room for me in the wagon?'

Until next time,  
Fairchild "thoughts that keep you  
up at night" Farmgirl





## Victory Gardens

Victory gardens, sometimes called war gardens, were vegetable and fruit gardens planted at private homes and public parks in the United States during World War I and World War II. These gardens were to supplement the food supply of our nation as well as to boost morale in our country. People felt

empowered by their contribution and rewarded by the crops grown. During World War II, one third of the produce in our country was grown in Victory gardens. Eleanor Roosevelt even planted a Victory garden on the White House lawn in 1943.



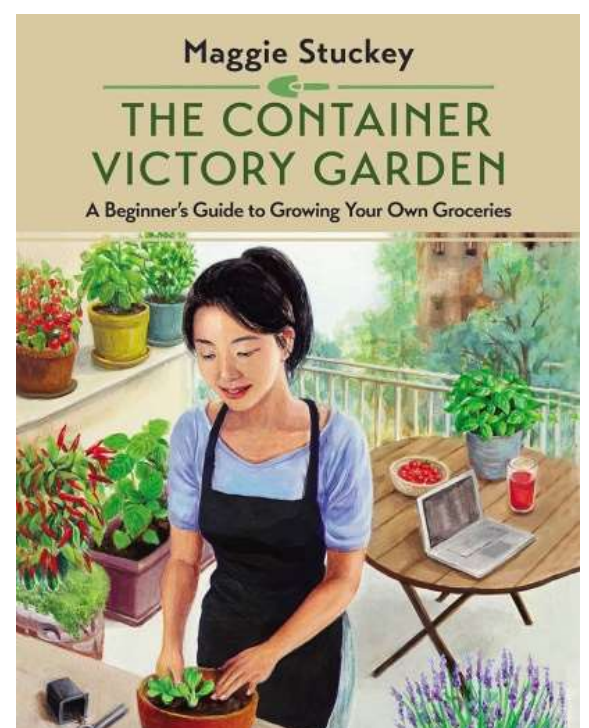
Victory gardens still exist today but with different purposes. Today's Victory gardens are grown to combat food insecurity, create sustainable living and healthy ecosystems and improve local economies. Container gardening is possible if you don't have a yard. The focus is on plants that are easy to grow such as fresh vegetables in season as well as root crops that can be stored during the winter. Traditional crops include leafy vegetables, beans, tomatoes, and watermelon. Only plant things your family will eat. If no one likes squash, don't bother growing it. Every year, try at least one new vegetable.

Cool season crops such as lettuce, peas, and root vegetables can be planted early - as soon as the garden can be comfortably worked. Warm season plants such as tomatoes, peppers, and vines should be planted when the soil has warmed and after the risk of frost. Cool season crops can be planted again later in the season.

Companion planting in the garden saves space and helps reduce weeds. Plant your tomatoes between rows of early, leafy vegetables. As the lettuce and kale have ended their season, the tomatoes will be getting a good start. The native Americans planted beans, corn and squash together. The beans climbed the corn plants, and the squash shaded the ground to reduce weed pressure. The beans also produce the nitrogen needed by the corn plants.

Top ten vegetables to grow in a Victory Garden-

1. **Lettuce**
2. **Green beans**
3. **Radishes**
4. **Tomatoes**
5. **Zucchini**
6. **Peppers**
7. **Beets**
8. **Carrots**
9. **Chard, Spinach, or Kale**
10. **Peas**







The Gary Junior Auxiliary Miss Poppies, have been busy delivering Valentines to our Veterans and Auxiliary Members. Elise went to the Legion Meeting and passed out Valentine's to the Veterans there and they were very happy to receive them.

On Saturday, Harper delivered more Valentine's to our Veterans and Auxiliary Members.



American Legion Auxiliary Junior members and Sons of the American Legion youth members can be active participants of the organization with the Patch Program. Regardless of where one lives, and whether she/he belongs to an active Junior group or squadron, Junior Auxiliary members and SAL youth members can serve their communities and veterans, and learn about patriotism, health, fitness, and leadership through the patch program.

The Gary Junior Auxiliary and youth members of the Sons of the American Legion have been working diligently on the National Patch Program. The program has four different levels based on age groups from Pre-School/Age 3 through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Youth complete activities in the following sections to earn their patches: Americanism, Membership, Poppy, Community and Family Safety, Community Service, Digital Media, Education, Leadership, Physical Fitness, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, Star Spangled, and Technology.

Our area youth impressed the National Auxiliary leaders when they recently submitted their packets for over 150 patches.





**Debra Stone**, age 64, of Gary, SD passed away on Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls, SD. Funeral services were at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, January 22nd at the First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Gary, SD. Visitation was held from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 21st at Houseman Funeral Home, Birk Chapel in Canby, MN with a prayer service at 5:00 p.m. Visitation resumed one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial followed at Grandview Cemetery in Gary, SD. Houseman Funeral Home, Birk Chapel of Canby was entrusted with arrangements.

Debra Doreen Stone, age 64, passed away on January 16, 2024. She was born on February 5, 1959, in Minneapolis, MN to Ardell and Marlys Bren. She was their only daughter, with an older brother Craig and younger brother Kent. Deb grew up in Chaska, MN and graduated from Jordan High School in 1977. After graduation, they moved to Canby, MN where she earned a degree in Secretarial-Insurance Option from Canby Area Vo-Tech.

The next 17 years were spent raising her 3 kids, Ang, Josh and Dallas, on the family farm. On July 25, 1987, she married Craig Stone, her forever partner in life, and they just celebrated their 36th anniversary in July. Many days were spent camping, fishing, hunting, playing ball and riding horse. Deb had many hobbies and talents and she loved being outdoors. She had an affinity for music, and in her younger days she could often be found strumming her 6-string and 12 string guitar, playing the organ or listening to her vinyl records. She was also a proud member of the "Shady Ladies" pool team and was pretty good at pocketing the 8 ball.

For the past 32 years, Deb was employed at Cliff Viessman's, Inc. where she was a valued employee. Living just 150 yards down the alley, she spent many years walking up and down the hill. She was set to retire in February.

In recent years, Deb and Craig spent most of their weekends at the campground and spending time with their grandkids. They have had opportunities to travel to some very interesting places, including Guyana, Hawaii, and Jamaica, and have come back with many unforgettable experiences. Deb also enjoyed tending her flower garden, painting and restoring collectibles, and spoiling her two shiatzu's, Zoe and Charlie.

Deb was once asked in an interview "If your life were a book, what would the title be?" Her response was perfect: "The Rearview Mirror- Looking Back on all the Roads I've Taken in my Life." Now, as we gather and are able to catch a glimpse in her rearview mirror, we see paths that lead to a mother, wife, grandma, sister, daughter, aunt, niece, and a friend whose smile and laugh will be greatly missed by all.

She is survived by her husband Craig; three children, Angela (Andy) Knutson of Elkhorn, NE, Joshua (Trista) Christianson of Canby, MN, and Dallas (Gina) Stone of Canby, MN; 8 grandchildren, Benjamin, Kyla, Camden and Riley Knutson, Dyllon and Ayden Christianson, Mya Stone, and Hunter Kack; one brother, Craig (Edie) Bren of Montrose, MN; and many nieces, nephews, and in-laws.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Ardell and Marlys Bren; brother Kent; father in-law and mother in-law Eldon and Leona Stone; 5 brother in-laws and 2 sister-in-laws.

Blessed be her memory.



**Lorraine Phyllis Jesme**, age 98, of Canby, MN, passed away December 10, 2023, at the Sylvan Court Nursing Home in Canby, MN. Funeral services were held Thursday, December 14, 2023, at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Canby, MN with Rev. Levi Bollerud officiating. Burial was in the St. Stephen's Cemetery, Canby. Visitation was Thursday prior to the service at the church. Houseman Funeral Home, Birk Chapel in Canby was entrusted with the arrangements.

Lorraine Jesme was born on March 9, 1925, in Canby, Minnesota to Dewey and Mabel (Jensen) Wells. She was a life-long resident of the Canby area. She was raised on a farm near Gary, South Dakota and attended school in Gary. After graduation, she attended the Teachers College in Madison, South Dakota. She taught school for several years at Rock Valley Rural School near Altamont, South Dakota. She and Arvin Jesme were united in marriage on April 7, 1948, at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in Canby. They farmed and raised their family on the Wells' homestead near Gary. She resided there until moving to Sylvan Court in 2010.

Lorraine was an active member in the community and Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. She was a tireless volunteer as she participated in the American Legion Auxiliary holding many leadership positions - Sergeant at Arms for the Auxiliary, Auxiliary President, Chaplain and American Legion District 3 Junior Activities Chairman. She was a tireless leader for the Gary American Legion Junior Auxiliary for decades, winning many awards. She received the first Volunteer of the Year Award in Gary and organized the Memorial Day Program in Gary for many years. She and Arvin traveled to twelve National Legion Conventions throughout the United States. When the town of Gary started a Square-Dancing Club, Arvin and Lorraine were one of the first couples to join and continued dancing every week for decades. She sewed many square-dancing dresses with matching shirts for Arvin. She was the Chairman of the Buffalo Supper for the Historical Society of Gary for many years. She was an avid quilter and participated in Our Saviour's Quilting Group. Her beautiful quilts were cherished gifts for her children and grandchildren. Each grandchild received a special quilt for their high school graduation.

Her church and faith were very important to her and she held many leadership roles in church including WELCA (Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America), Sunday School Superintendent, Secretary of the Board of Education, the Yellow Medicine Fair Dining Leader, Our Saviour's Women's Bazaar, started and organized the Valentine's Day Party, led Christian Women's Bible studies weekly, and taught Sunday School for over 50 years.

As much as Lorraine loved her community and church, she cherished her family many times more. She was a devoted wife and mother who followed her children's and grandchildren's activities faithfully as long as health allowed. She loved the times together with family and desired nothing more than to be surrounded by her family. Her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren were a highlight of her life. She loved flowers and plants and watching her garden grow. The farm was her haven, and she was most comfortable spending time there. Her dog and many cats were her constant companions. She had tremendous energy and drive. Even when her health failed, she continued on with her positive attitude and can-do spirit.

Lorraine is survived by her five children: Kathy Morreale of Eden Prairie, MN, Galen (Kathleen) Jesme of Merrill, IA, Sherry (Steve) Rader of Farmington, MN, Rick (Debbie) Jesme



of West Palm Beach, Florida, and Tammy (Gary) Laurent of New Prague, MN; her grandchildren: Kirk Larson, Mark Larson, Lisa Hassman, Lacy DeRaad, Brittany Sward, Travis Rader, Jessica Rader and Brianna Jesme; and great-grandchildren, Katelyn, Adam, Zoey, Maci, Averi, Amirah, Reagan and Jackson.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Arvin; her parents, Dewey and Mabel Wells; one sister, Maxine Miller; one brother, Duane Wells and son-in-law, Jack Morreale.

The family wishes to thank the staff at Canby Sylvan Court for the wonderful care provided to Lorraine the past few years. Blessed be her memory.

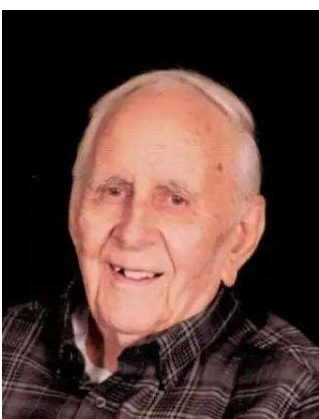


**Clara Brown**, age 92, of Hendricks, MN, and formerly of Brookings and Astoria, SD, passed away on Friday, January 26, 2024. Visitation was Wednesday, January 31, 2024, at Bethel Lutheran Church in Astoria with a funeral service at 3:00 P.M. Burial followed at Bethany Cemetery. Eidsness Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.

Clara was born on May 16, 1931, to Yules and Hilda (Arp) Bekaert in rural Gary, SD. She grew up near Gary and attended country school. On June 26, 1950, Clara married Frank Brown. The couple moved to Porter, MN from 1954-1959 and then returned back to the Astoria area where they raised their family. Later in life, Clara moved to Brookings.

Clara was a very hard worker. She worked as a painter, housekeeper, bus driver, and as a receptionist for the Brookings County Sheriff's Office. Clara truly enjoyed going on road trips and bus trips with her friends. She was a member of First Lutheran Church in Brookings and Bethel Lutheran Church in Astoria. In her younger years, Clara was an active member of the Astoria Auxiliary.

Survivors include her children; James (Mary) Brown of Toronto, and Cindy (Lonnie) Robish of Sioux Falls; three grandchildren; Michael Robbins, Derek "Bud" (Logan) Brown, and Jessica (Tanner) McClain; and three great-grandchildren, Clara Robbins, Laken Brown, and Matthew Robbins; step-grandchildren, Zach Zencius, Heather (Mike) Shay and Grace (Dominick) Zencius-Whiskur; step great-grandchildren, Maddox and Hayden Shay; brother, Albert Bekaert of Gary; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; daughter, Marilyn; one granddaughter, Jennifer; step-grandson, Seth Zencius; and siblings, Leon, Ray, Liz, Donny, and Mary.



**Donald Leroy Erp**, age 94, of Canby, Minnesota died peacefully on Wednesday, January 10, 2024, at Sanford Canby Sylvan Court Nursing Home. The funeral service was Saturday, January 27, 2024, at Houseman Funeral Home, Birk Chapel in Canby, MN with visitation prior to the service. Burial was at St. Stephen's Cemetery, Canby, MN. Houseman Funeral Home, Birk Chapel in Canby was entrusted with the arrangements.

Donald Erp was born on 09-04-1929 in Freeland Township of Lac Qui Parle County to John and Anna Erp. Don attended Canby High School and graduated in May 1948. He then attended Macalester college in St. Paul and graduated with a master's degree in mathematics. After graduation from college, he joined the Army and served from 1952-1954 in the Finance Office. He began teaching in Chaska, MN from 1954-1956 and also taught in the Math Department at Hopkins Senior High School from 1956-1987 at which time he retired. His hobbies were Gardening, Antiques, as well as Garage Saling.





**Sunday, February 18th**  
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**\*\* Must be at least 21 years old to participate. \*\***  
2 tickets - \$5 ♥ 5 tickets - \$10 ♥ 20 tickets - \$20

**Gary Community Club presents a night at the Legion playing:**

**\$7**  
\$12 family max!  
Kids night out!

Movie  
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**March 2nd 6-9pm**  
Ages 4-18  
Pop and Popcorn will be provided  
Treat bags provided by ABM Manufacturing  
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Gary Area Community Club

**BINGO & Lunch**

Sunday | **Feb 18** | 2024  
Gary, SD American Legion Dance Hall

**Lunch 11:30 am - 1 pm**  
Goulash

**Bingo\* 1 pm**  
10 Games + Jackpot Round

**Free-Will Donation**  
Lunch will be served by Tour-de-Kids. Takeout orders are available.

**Concessions**  
Soda & snacks will be available for purchase.

**Legion Bar** Full bar available

**Jackpot \$857.50**

**Book - \$10**  
10 games

**Jackpot Card - \$5**  
Limit 5 cards per player  
**All books and Jackpot Cards must be purchased by 1 pm.**

The Gary Area Community Club will receive 25% of Books and 50% of Jackpot cards sold. The first 10 rounds pay out 50% of book sales; the Jackpot receives 25%. You must play at least one book (10 games) to play the Jackpot Blackout Round. Each blackout player will be limited to five (5) cards. If there is no Jackpot Blackout after the first 56 numbers (This will increase by one each week), the first player(s) to blackout will win 25% of that day's Jackpot Card sales; the rest will stay in the Jackpot for the next Bingo. \*The Community Club is raising money for our annual July 3rd Celebration! Please make all checks payable to the Gary Area Community Club. Some daubers will be available for purchase.



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