



Robyn's Table Chat

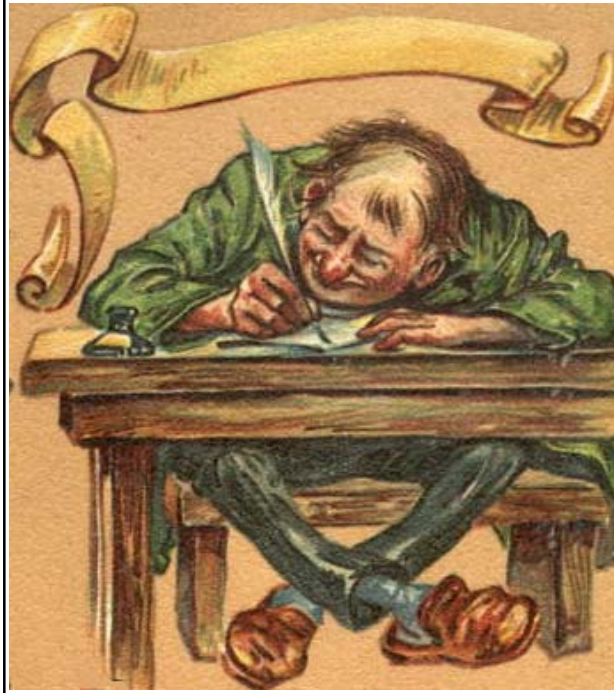
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Kathy Winters handed me a photo of this lovely piece of China about the size of a sugar bowl. I wasn't sure, so I was showing the photo to Philip. "Bullion Cups," was his immediate response. For clear soups.



March 1st - 7th

**National
Write A
Letter of
Appreciation
Week**

**It only takes
A moment**



"Inpulse in Concert" Thursday - Feb 25th - 7:30 pm

At the G-E-T High School
This is a family event,
appropriate for all ages.
Tickets - \$10.00 for individuals
and \$25.00 for a family of 3-5.

Trempealeau United Methodist Women Freshly Made Donuts & Bake Sale Saturday, March 6th 9:00 a.m. until sold out at the Trempealeau United Methodist Church

Donuts and Coffee will also be served
at the Church throughout the morning

Dial-A-Prayer 582-4206

Thank You

I want to thank everyone who helped me celebrate my retirement. Also Thank You for all the cards, gifts, and well-wishes. I can't tell you how much I appreciate all my family and friends.

Maggie Maynard

Remembering Dates In History

Feb 27, 1954
"Secret Love"
Doris Day

Feb 26, 1966
"These Boots Are Made For Walkin'"
Nancy Sinatra

Feb 28, 1970
"Bridge Over Troubled Water"
Simon & Garfunkel

Feb 23, 1945
Marines raise flag on Iwo Jima

Feb 24, 1991
Gulf War ground offensive begins

Feb 26, 1993
World Trade Center Bombed

Feb 27, 1960
U.S. Hockey Team defeats USSR

Sunset Ski on Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge! February 27th, 2010

Refuge rangers invite you for a sunset ski along the back country ski trails of the refuge. Experience the beauty of a winter sunset and the tranquility of the refuge as the day comes to a close.

The ski tour is intended for skiers with their own skis and with some skiing experience - it is not for beginners.

Ski tour will begin at 5:00 pm and last 1 hour. Please arrive at the Maintenance Complex at 4:45 pm to get organized and ready to go for the tour.

Reservations are required and space is limited. Reservations may be made by calling the refuge office at (608) 539-2311, ext. 16.

Reminder: Local churches, please send in Easter Week Worship Schedule.

Happy Birthday
Deanna Schwertel
Feb 23rd



Happy Birthday
Jane Andersen Sacia
Mar 1



Reminder
Daylight Savings Time
Begins March 14th

Trempealeau Lions Club
Spaghetti Dinner
Saturday, March 6th
4pm-8pm
at the

Trempealeau Community Center
24455 Third Street, Trempealeau

\$7.00 for adults
\$3.00 for children ages 5-12
under 5 are free

All Proceeds help fund
our community

Dinner includes:
Dinner salad, Garlic Bread
Spaghetti noodles with
Red marinara sauce with choice of
meat balls &/or parmesan cheese
Desert
Milk, coffee, water, or soda pop

North Bend Lions Club Smelt Fry

February 28th * 11am - 2pm
North Bend Community Park
Adults - \$7.50 / 12 & Under - \$3
Homemade Pie Available!

Annual G-E-T Showcase

Sunday - March 7th
11 a.m. to 4 p.m

Shop Locally!
It benefits all of us!



Centerville Curling Club

Men's Bonspiel: Feb 26th - 28th
Fun Spiel: Mar 12 & 13th
Senior Men's: Mar 19th & 20th

HISTORIC TREMPEALEAU HOTEL

Saturday, February 27th
7pm

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Trempealeau
Sportsman's Club
Upcoming
Fish Fry Dates:

March 12th
April 2nd



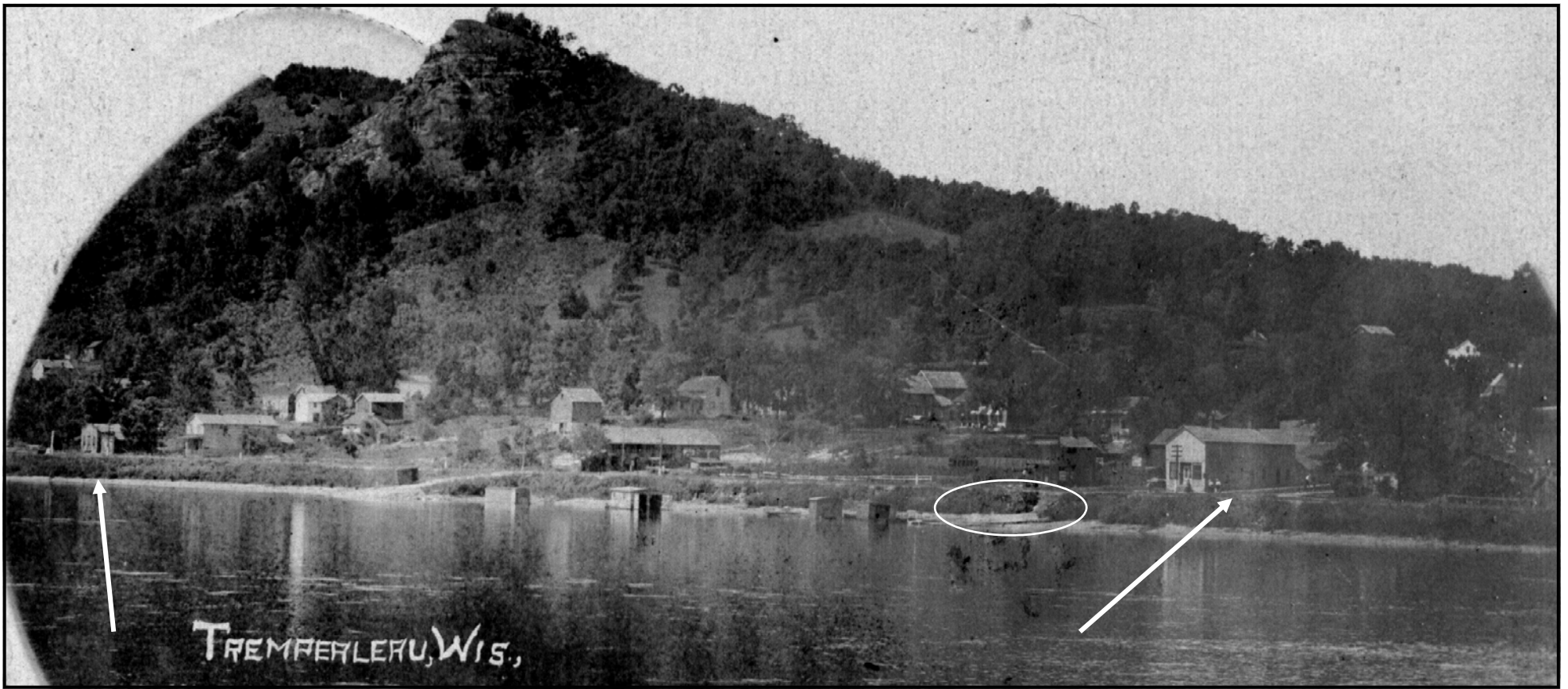
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It's Trempealeau - "Later" is what Bill Crogan labeled it in an email he sent. I called him and we went through this for quite awhile. We are pretty sure this is "after the 1887 fire." And then I took it down to the 'morning guys' at coffee in Trempealeau. The white arrow on the right points to what is now Main Street and in the circle is the area of the culvert that Pete and Wallace referred to when I talked to them a number of years ago. Of the earlier string of buildings on the left, only one of the four is still standing. It was the only structure that was not made of wood. We are thinking that might be the original jail from stories passed down. Along the shore, they look like small boat houses. Absolutely fascinating! Bill comes up with some wonderful photos.



Chad Corcoran Memorial Irish Fest



Saturday, March 13th, 2010
Ettrick Elementary
11am-4pm



Food • In-House Raffles • Volleyball Tournament
Parade begins at 4:30pm (all entries welcome)

Raffle tickets available for purchase—
please call Ron or Bonnie Corcoran 608-582-4101 or check at the Pig Stop

Raffle prizes include: Grand Prize: \$1000 Cash, 2nd Prize: Mathews Outback Bow (\$800 value), 3rd Prize: Hand-made solid oak blanket box (\$500 value).
Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20.

All monies raised donated to Ettrick and Galesville
Fire Departments and the First Responders



The G-E-T 6th grade girls took first place in their final Great Northern Basketball League tournament on February 20th hosted by the Winona YMCA and held at the St. Mary's fieldhouse.

Congratulations girls on a winning season!

Team members are (L-R)....

Back: Aliah Kuehn, Shaysie Ryan, Madison Doerr, Emily Burton, Bailey Schmidt.
Front: Morgan George, Maddie Schmidt, Morgan Peters, Allison Lebakken, Bailee Wood.

Trempealeau 1st Responders 1st Annual Easter Ham and Poultry Raffle

Saturday, March 20th - 5:00 - 9:00 p.m.

And I received this note from Rachael Dowd:

Margaret Hanson sends a warm "hello" to all of her friends in Galesville from the Evansville Manor where she lives. She would be so happy to hear from you. Address: Margaret Hanson room 104, 470 Garfield, Evansville, Wisconsin

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"So what's going on?" was my question when I saw them working on the sidewalk outside Weiner's in Ettrick. "We're putting in a new floor. Want to see?"

As you can tell in the photo below, it looks wonderful!



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The Chat! And You'll save \$10

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608-582-2281
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Are the
Sunday, Feb 28th Specials
At the
Rainbow Restaurant
On HWY 53 - Blair

Serving Specials from 11am 'til gone.

When I heard that Galesville's Police Chief, Randy Sacia, was planning on retiring, I thought it would be really interesting to talk to the former Police Chief - before Randy.

So I made a phone call to Gary Redsten. Gary was Chief of Police when Randy started here.

When I called, Margaret (Gary's wife) said he was working out in the garage. I explained what I wanted and she said, "Come on over."

"Hi! Got about 20 minutes. It's for The Chat" I asked Gary as I looked around the garage at the neat setup.

"Sure, let's go in and sit down."

'How long were you Police Chief?' was the first question.



I retired in 1991. So I guess that means I would have started around 1963. George Gardner was Chief at the time.

I was working on the city crew when I became Chief. Louie Knudson and I started with the city around the same time.

(I did call Louie to see what he remembered: "He had gotten out of the service and then went to work for the city in May - 1957. He (Louie) worked 37 years - full time; plus another 8 years part time. He said Gary had started just before him in March - 1957-)

Did you start with the city right out of High School?

He smiled. "No. I had worked at Schilling's. But that wasn't really what I wanted to do for the rest of my life. So I decided I would go to Telegraphy School. We (Margaret & I) put our furniture in storage in the basement of Irv Klein's store. I went out to Salt Lake to school and Margaret stayed in Galesville with her folks, Vilas & Mary (Cram). They lived downtown.

I wasn't sure what the Telegraphy School was all about....

"It was Morse Code...For the railroad. But I wasn't out there very long and came back home. Just about three weeks was all I was gone."

And then?

Well, George Gardner saw me out looking for a job and asked if I'd

like to work for the city. "Sure."

My job was water and sewer.. And I guess whatever else needed to be done. 'Whipper' Anderson, Louie, and I picked up garbage in an open dump truck. The dump was on the flat - on this side of Beaver Creek. Later they built the bridge. The water and sewer place was back of where the fire department is now. Whatever needed to be done, we did it.

And then George called me up so I went to talk to him. He asked if I'd like to be Galesville's Chief of Police.

I turned to Margaret, "By that time you were married. How did you feel about him being a police chief?"

She beamed, "I was really proud of him."



And then their eyes lit up as they reminisced about the early years, the places they had lived, including above the tavern, before they bought the Oscar Van Vleet home on 6th Street.

"We had \$680 dollars when we got married. Bought everything at Smith's - a dining room set, bedroom set, refrigerator.." They kept on listing items - but my mind had stopped listening when he said 'refrigerator'.

I didn't know you could get refrigerators at Smith's...

"Yes. We got everything, including the refrigerator, from Smith's with that money."

(Later, I called Larry. I wanted to talk to him about Margaret Parker, but I also mentioned my surprise at the refrigerator. "Well, I don't know - we sold stoves - and I'm sure we'd have gotten them a refrigerator, too, if that's what they wanted. And we sold LP Gas. Used to keep them in the back of the store. My mother saved the last gas stove. That's the one we started with..." And then Larry started talking about all the things George did - like even clean the streets.")

My conversation continued with the Redstens.

Do you still have any of the items from Smith's?

"We still have the bed we bought," Margaret said.

And that somehow led to the discussion of an old plunger for the bathroom stool.

It was years ago. Late '60's. The plunger was broken. And your dad, who was probably still working with Ernie (Finch) then, said he had a lid that he could give us - really reasonable. Worked so well, we still have it. Haven't seen another one like it."

Well, of course, I had to check that out. I didn't recall seeing one before, either - so had to take a photo. (When I mentioned it to my sister, she knew exactly what I was talking about)



While we were up looking at that he brought out a mail box one of the kids had made for them. Pretty fancy in 'Red, White, and Blue'



Gary said, "It looks so good, I hate to even put it out."

From there we started talking about curling and all the people we knew like from Mapleton, Medford, Lodi....

Oh, yes, back to the Police Chief position.

So, obviously you took the job.

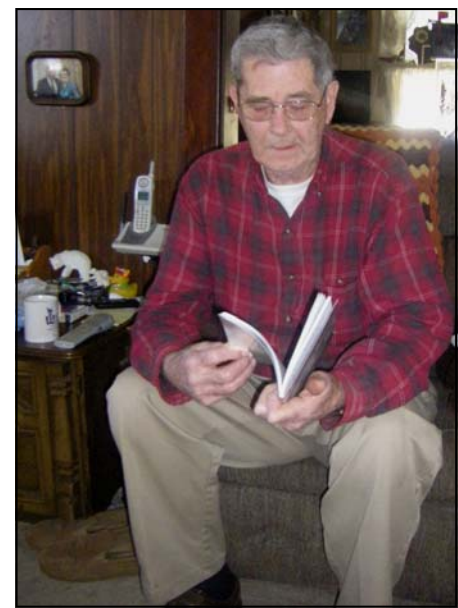
Yes, I was honored when George asked me. I've always been a civic minded person. I belonged to the Galesville Fire Department, even before I took the Police Chief position, and then there was Lions, and the Trempealeau County Sportsmen, the Galesville Curling Club and other organizations through the years.

When I was Police Chief, traffic control and keeping folks away from the area was a big part of my job when it came to fires.

What was the hardest part at first?

His response came immediately - "Learning the laws."

I studied and read and went to schools and took training up in Eau Claire and mostly down at the La Crosse department. I would talk with other law enforcement. You see, I was the youngest Police Chief around at that time. I'd study the laws all the time. And the one thing that helped was common sense. "



Gary got so he knew the law very well. And he also knew the people, and their kids. And they knew him, and respected him.

Being in law enforcement, was that hard on the family?

Margaret said, "No. We worked around it. Birthdays and Holidays were celebrated around his schedule. He worked a lot of Christmases. But it was sometimes hard on the kids when their Dad was called out. We found out later that the girls used to stay awake waiting for him to come back if he'd been called out."

Margaret, did you worry if he said he had to go down town to back up an officer if there was trouble?

"He never told us what was going on. That was work, and he didn't bring that home."

Who was on the City Council at that time - when you were first hired?

Oh, let's see... Art Zenke, Clarence Brown, John Williamson, Howard Barenthin. Those were ones that come to mind right away. I know the vote was 5-1 to hire me."

John Williamson...

That was John, Sr., not John Ford, right? He nodded in affirmation.

What kind of a squad car did you have when you started?

I didn't have one.

I looked at him. 'What do you mean you didn't have one?'

The city didn't have a squad car. I used my own. They just gave me one of those 'bubbles' you put on top. Didn't have a uniform, either. Just wore a shirt and pants. In fact, the first badge I had said 'Marshall'. Margaret and I bought the one that said 'Chief of Police - Galesville' on it.

Did you have a gun? Did the city furnish that?

He answered yes to both of those questions. Then went on to say "I never fired my gun in service at another human being."

His last gun when he was working was a .357 Magnum.

Back to the squad car.

Do you remember your first one?

Certainly do. It was a Black Ford. '64. Bought it from Scott Hotchkiss. He worked for the dealership that was in the old "Stars" building, down by the swinging bridge.

Pet of the Week



This guy is awesome!

Gus is a large adult male Manx, meaning he has no tail. He is very friendly and has beautiful and unique coloring. Gus is about 3 years old, neutered and declawed in the front. He would love a forever home and gets along fine with other cats. Stop by and see Gus!

Hours

Tuesday - 11:00-2:00 pm

Thursday - 4:00-7:00 pm

1st and 3rd Saturday

10:00 am-1:00 pm

Other times by appointment.

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**Gary Redsten - Chief of Police
(Continued)**

And when you started, where was the Police Office?

It was in the City Building, where it is now. Then we bought the old movie theater. Filled in the floor and leveled it out. The office was in the front part and we kept the squad care in the back in the movie theater part. Then they built the library and we moved back into the city building. Kept the squad car in the old fire department.

How did people get in touch with the police at that time? Did they call you?

No, they called the operator. If I was on duty, she would turn on the light on the corner. It's still there. I would see that and get in touch with the operator. When I was off duty, the operator would contact me at home or wherever.

At first you were the only police officer, right?

In Galesville, yes. But about that



time Duane Stoner and Darryl McBride were working for the county. We worked pretty well together.

And the city hired an additional officer: Bill Weverstad; and then Scott Hotchkiss.

After that, there was Don Gilmeister for several years.

Then we hired another officer, Tony Daffinson. He worked for three or four years and then went

on to work for the school as a janitor. I think he retired from there. When Tony resigned, that's when Randy came in as Assistant Chief - 1978. He was at Trempealeau at that time. He was our Assistant Chief for about 12 years or so. He took over as Chief of Police when I retired. He's done an excellent job.



Gary & Randy
At Gary's retirement party.

(I think the feeling is mutual. Because when I called Randy, he said "Gary was a great guy to work for.")

We've had good officers, and still do. John Kamrowski came in in '82. John is still working with us. He's the Assistant Chief. And Officers Jim Brudos, and Paul Even-son. Paul was selected as the new Chief to take over when Randy retires in April.

Other officers through the last number of years have been Steve Dinger, Brian Olson, Brett Cavadini...just to name a few

I know the position was work, but were there some 'fun' times?

"Working the Parades - when I was the Parade Marshall - when Santa came to town. Things like that, they are the fun times."

And we talked about Margaret Parker.

"Never did solve that case." *I called Larry Smith and asked him about the details.*

"I wasn't in the store at the time, These two kids came in. They wanted the money out of the till.

Margaret wasn't very tall, but she was an old school teacher and she looked at them and said "Do you know what 'no' means?" They got a little rough with her and knocked her down. I think they took what little money was in the till."

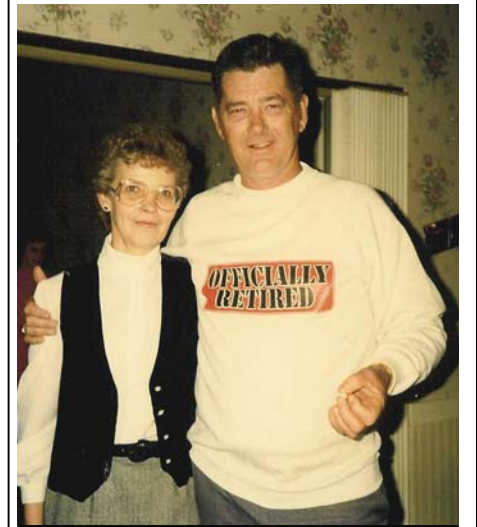
Is there anything else that stands out in your mind? Other than giving my mother a ticket. I know she teasingly mentioned that every once in awhile. Especially since she was your kindergarten teacher.

We chuckled about that and some other tickets he'd given out, and a few incidents that seem comical now.

And then Gary gave me a look I've rarely seen from him, and his blue eyes lost their sparkle.

He took a breath and continued. You could almost see him reliving the moments that only he could visualize.

'It's the fatalities. The deaths.' That's the hard part. He paused before he went on. "I remember the first one. It was a young baby in a car accident. The fatalities are tough. And they get tougher the longer you're in. You know these people."



Margaret & Gary
At Gary's Retirement Party

He went on to say that he appreciates the City. "It has been very good to me."

**Thanks, Gary.
It's been a pleasure
having you
in our lives!**



When Gary talked about Louie Knudson and him starting out working with the water and sewer for the city, I thought it would be neat to pull out these photos - courtesy of Mark Quall.