

Golden Valley Manor News by Mary Barthel

April 15 - Tuesday morning exercises were done in the activity room with Mary and the residents. In the afternoon we held “Fun with Foods.” Residents enjoyed an afternoon of dying Easter eggs. We dyed several eggs with the good old-fashioned dye and tried a new fun approach to egg dying, where you use a machine that spins the eggs while you decorate eggs with magic markers. Nikki and Mary boiled up eggs and the residents took on the task of decorating them. Western Cooperative Credit Union visited the Manor later in the afternoon, bringing baskets of goodies to share with the residents. Tammy, Kay and Kay’s grandchildren visited going room-to-room. They brought with them the Easter Bunny, so a lot of pictures were taken. They bring so much fun with them and the residents love the hugs from the littles.

April 16 - The community van took our morning shoppers downtown on Wednesday for groceries and general shopping. Bingo was held in the afternoon with First Lutheran Church. Jim and Ruthann were our hosts. Karen was the lucky blackout winner and strawberry shortcake was served after the games.

April 17 - Exercises were held at 10:30 Thursday morning, with Vera filling in for Mary.

Making a quick donut trip for our fundraiser, Mary returned with 55 dozen doughnuts that were sold. Bobbie, Sheryl, Darla, Barb and Jean frosted and packaged the doughnuts, so they were ready for pickup on Friday. An Easter party was held in the activity room at 2 p.m. We played card bingo, and the prizes were tiny Easter baskets filled with goodies. All the residents won at least one basket and enjoyed an Easter-themed parfait before heading to their rooms.

April 18 - Friday is Hair Day. This week’s hair volunteers were our Wibaux gals. Our Community Easter Egg Hunt was held at 10 a.m. We had such a good turnout for the event. Everyone gathered in the activity room to sign in and hear the details and then they dispersed. We were lucky enough to have volunteers who helped hide the eggs all around the Manor grounds. It took a couple of hours to get all the eggs hid, and it took about 10 minutes for the kids to find them. Our doughnut fundraiser also ended on Friday. All preorders were picked up by noon that day. Deacon Don held Stations of the Cross in the afternoon. Devotions were held in the evening with Pastor Maxted, Bev and John.

April 19 - Happy Birthday wishes went out to Dee on her special day. Dee spent the weekend with her son in Dickin-

son, enjoying the viewing of The Chosen, and rumor has it she loves German chocolate cake that was made especially for her big day. Reading Hour was Saturday afternoon with Bonny filling in for Jo. Bonny brought her raisin cookies that she shared with her listeners.

April 20 - Happy Easter! Marie celebrated Easter with double the fun, because this year her 88th birthday and Easter landed on the same day. Marie and Don went to Golva for the Easter Mass at St. Mary’s. Following Mass, they were invited to their son’s house (Perry’s) for breakfast. Following breakfast, they joined a large group of the Maus families for an Easter potluck dinner. Colleen spent the holiday weekend in Colstrip/Forsythe at her son, Tyler’s home. Lois spent the weekend in Dickinson at her daughter-in-law’s. Clara and her daughter attended Easter Mass Sunday morning. Tody spent the day at her nephew’s place, just outside of Belfield. Delores spent the day at her daughter, Sue’s home in Sentinel Butte. Karen spent the day in Wibaux, starting at her sons’ house and then joining the Bacon clan for dinner. Carol entertained her son, Paul.

It was a busy week that ended great. Hope you all enjoy the blessings of this season! Have a wonderful week!



A Step Back in Time By Troy Tescher

**100 Years Ago**  
*Sentinel Butte Review, April 24, 1925:* A petition has been circulated in Sentinel Butte during the past week, the petitioners asking that a curfew ordinance be put into effect here. Youth carousing around on the streets at all hours of the night is a poor way of disposing of this excess energy. *Red Hills News:* Ted Vaughn had a runaway with a disc last week and was run over. Particulars were not given to the editor of these items as to how badly he was hurt. The Oldis, Chandler and Oech schools had a spelldown with Miss Minnie Zook coming out on top. *North Pole News:* C.S., Arvid and Guy schools had a spelling match with Ruth Edwards taking first prize and Ruth Trollope 2nd. Camel cigarettes 20¢, The Butte Drug & Jewelry Co., Sentinel Butte.

**75 Years Ago**  
*Golden Valley News, April 27, 1950:* Coming entirely unexpectedly was the death of Mrs. Joe Dietz of rural Sentinel Butte, who succumbed six hours after her infant son was born at St. Joseph Hospital in Dickinson. Infant son Thomas passed away later that evening. Survivors include her husband and 12 children. Mrs. Dietz, the former Grace Marie Wassman, was born at Sentinel Butte in 1912, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Wassman. *Notice:* Sealed bids for materials for the construction of a fire hall in Golva, ND. Inquire with the village clerk, Genevieve Schrom. Uninvited student crashes through the storm and regular window at Beach High, scattering glass. The rooster pheasant was DOA! Matt Lardy is named valedictorian and Miss Lois Honnold salutatorian at the upcoming graduation at Sentinel Butte High School to be held May 26. What was looking like another dry spring after weeks of high winds and dust storms took on another aspect Sunday, with a gentle rain turning to wet snow Monday.

**50 Years Ago**  
*Golden Valley News, May 1, 1975:* Nancy Uecker, 41, wife of Hettinger cattle buyer Ted Uecker, drowned last Thursday in a swimming mishap at Acapulco, Mexico. Mr. Uecker is well-known here, having served as American Legion baseball coach in Beach and as an official at various athletic events in the area. Ivan Nicholson of the Bismarck office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation was in Beach last Wednesday to assist in the investigation of recent break-ins in Beach. At least five local homes were entered the night of April 18. *Letter to the Editor:* I am enclosing a check for \$5.50 for another years subscription to the G.V. News. I started my subscription to the Beach paper back in May 1908, when I came to Beach and bought a half section of land in the Burkey area. I recall walking in nearly knee deep snow when we got off the afternoon train on May 21, 1908. C.O. Waldman.

**25 Years Ago**  
*Golden Valley News, May 4, 2000:* There is nothing left of a toilet destroyed by a pipe bomb planted in the southeast boys bathroom at Beach High School on Friday, April 28th. The door was blown off the stall and pieces of porcelain blown about the room. Superintendent Charles Soper and Principal Brandt Gaugler were away from the premises during the 11:20 a.m. explosion. School board members expressed their opinion that the school should have been evacuated immediately after the explosion until a thorough search of the entire facility had been conducted, instead of the students being released at the end of the school day at 3:15 p.m. Beach area bowling leagues have finished up the 1999-2000 winter leagues with potluck supper and moonlight bowling. Taking 1st place in Town-n-Country League was Golva Cop consisting of Lori Howard, Holly Dahl, Joanne Tescher, Tracey Streitz, Sheryl Fisher and Eileen Goodjohn. Friday Night Mixed League 1st place winners were Lowman Lodge with Ray Chaska, Bill Lowman, JoAnn Lowman and Judy Ridenhower. Thursday Night Mens were the Firelights with Doug Lauf, Delbert Easton, Bart Rohan and Duane German. Thursday Coffee League with Schmeling Po’ Farm earning 1st place with Sherri Schmeling, Tess Heinaman and Carolyn Weaver.

Obituary



Linda Ridenhower April 17, 1947 - April 18, 2025

Linda May Ridenhower, 78 of Beach, ND passed away April 18, 2025 at her home surrounded by the love of her caring family. She was the proud matriarch of her family and was beloved by us all. Linda was a devout Christian throughout her entire life and the family is comforted to know that she has gone home to be with the Lord.

Funeral services for Linda were held on April 23, 2025, at 10 a.m. at Grace Church in Beach with Pastor Ben

Baker officiating. Visitation was held at Silha Funeral Home on Tuesday, April 22 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Linda May was born April 17, 1947, to Donald and Joyce (Snow) Metcalf in Beach. They lived in Trotters, ND. In 1950 the family was blessed by the birth of her brother, Ronald. Linda attended Divide School in Golden Valley County until Christmas of grade 6, when the school shut down and Linda and Ronald were transferred to school in Beach. The family moved to Beach in 1958, and she finished her schooling at Lincoln Elementary and then Beach High School, graduating in 1965. Linda also won the Homemaker of the Year award in 1965 with the Rainbow Girls Club, a title she lived up to her entire life for her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

On June 26, 1965, Linda married her sweetheart, Howard Ridenhower. Then, immediately a big move to Verndale, MN. The Minnesota years were busy tackling various jobs while working on farms. All four of their children were born while living in Minnesota. They raised pigs, Howard trained horses, there was a large

yard and garden to care for and plenty of horse shows to attend. In 1971, they bought a dairy farm, where they won the Premier Dairy Farmer award, earning top producer for three years.

In 1979 they sold the dairy farm, and the family made their return move to Beach. Howard began his career at West Plains Implement, while Linda was kept busy with her children, jobs at the Wibaux County Nursing Home and Golden Valley County dispatch. She of course was very active with the Women of Evangelical Church and the Golden Valley Community Cupboard. Linda had a large garden every year and was always cooking, sewing, fixing, moving and remodeling; absolutely anything that needed to be done. She was a talented painter and quilter. Her works of art are treasured by all those who had been gifted with a painting and later on, beautiful handmade quilts. Linda took great care while constructing the “This is Your Life” scrapbooks for each of her children. She meticulously saved newspaper clippings, report cards, pictures, and provided family background creat-

ing treasured keepsakes. Linda was a wonderful cook, baker and hostess. Countless large family gatherings were catered as a group effort by all the ladies in the family, but mostly everyone was after Linda’s lefse and chocolate birthday cakes.

The 1990s brought more changes and adventures for Linda. By then all her kids were done with their schooling, and she was blessed by the births of her grandchildren. Linda was so proud of all eight of them, she had formed special and unique bonds with each of them. Oh, and more moving. In 1994, Howard and Linda move to Circle, MT then to Bowman/Scranton, ND in 1997, both times were to help establish another branch of West Plains Implement. Linda worked in the West Plains office while in Circle and then at Bowman County Elder Care. She and Howard made frequent trips back to Beach for visits with their parents.

In 2009, Howard retired, and they made their final move back home to Beach. They did some traveling, but mostly cared for their parents, hosted family gatherings and began assisting other

church leaders in the big project of a new church . . . Grace Church. Since Howard’s passing in 2015, Linda has been blessed with eight great-grandchildren, which has filled her with even more love and joy.

Linda is preceded in death by her parents, Donald and Joyce Metcalf; husband, Howard Ridenhower; father-in-law, Robert Ridenhower; mother-in-law, Gladys Berger; step father-in-law, Ed Berger; stepfather, Robert Austin; brother-in-law, Robert “Jim” Ridenhower; and brother-in-law, George Stull.

Linda leaves behind her children, Gwen (Kevin) Dahlen of Fargo, ND; Paul (Jodi) Ridenhower of Beach; Mark (Katie) Ridenhower of Sheridan, WY; John (Michele) Ridenhower of Billings, MT; brother, Ron (Karen) Metcalf of Skaar, ND; sister-in-law, Jean Stull of Yankton, SD; sister-in-law, Judy Ridenhower of Beach; sister-in-law, Marilyn (Joe) Snyder of Bismarck, ND; brother-in-law Gary (Lois) Ridenhower of Stillwater, MN; grandchildren, Joshua (Sarah) Dahlen and their children, Noah and Uriah; Jaleesa Stengel and her daughter Adeliah; Mikay-

la Ridenhower (Cooper Merrill) and their children, Clancy and Clayton; Casey Rieger (Matt Strasheim); Sage Ridenhower; Annastasia (Justin) Hoeft; Sheldon (Mariah) Ridenhower and their children, Lettie and Ledger; Brooklyn Ridenhower (Trevor Clark) and their daughter, Emberly; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, church family and friends.

Special thanks to granddaughter Brooklyn, a wonderful nurse who took care of Linda around the clock during the last week of her life. Special thanks to granddaughter-in-law, Mariah who was of assistance to Brooklyn. Special thanks to daughter-in-law Jodi who accompanied Linda to her appointments. Special thanks to sister-in-law Judy who also accompanied Linda to some appointments and took care of many errands. Special thanks to all who came to visit and thank you all for the many prayers.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in Linda’s name are suggested to Grace Church of Beach.