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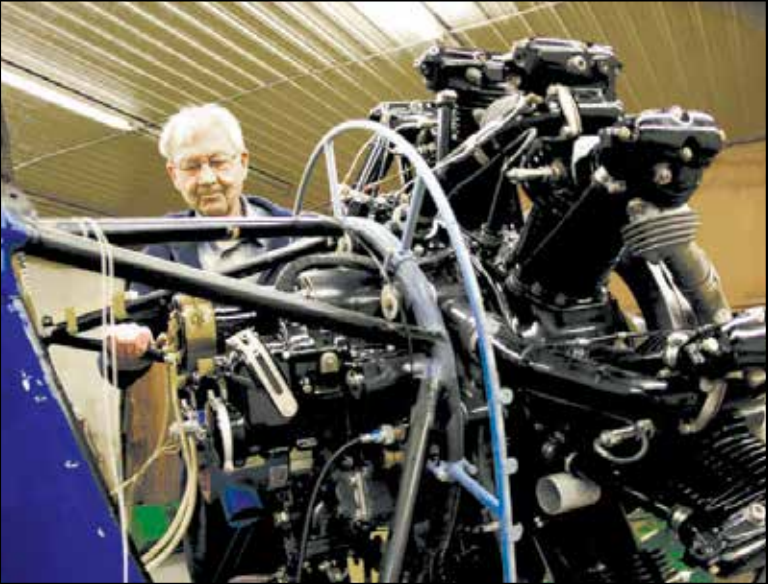
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Gotta Have Something To Get Up For In The Morning

Larry Linrud Brings Another Plane Back To Life...

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Larry Linrud looking across the newly rebuilt engine. There are 7 cylinders.



Tail section of the 1929 WACO being restored by Larry Linrud.

This isn't the first time I have featured my brother-in-law, Larry Linrud in publications that I write for, but according to Larry, it may be the last. His project right now is a 1929 WACO Taperwing, not built for any specific task, but used for a "little bit of everything" according to Larry. "They flew people, they flew mail, some of the bush pilots used them, some of them the jury-rigged floats for and they even put them on skis."

This particular plane was owned by

Kent Pietsch of Minot, "and he's had it for 20 years" says Linrud. The WACO will be the next in a line of airplanes that have been either built, repaired or refurbished in the Linrud shop located just north of Velva. The last plane was a Travel Air, and that plane is now holding a spot in a hangar at the Dakota Territory Air Museum. The WACO rebuilding project started about a year and a half ago, and if everything goes according to plan, the WACO will take flight

sometime this summer. "I will keep it around and play with it for a while, and then I'll probably sell it." I was certainly lucky in that recent additions were the tail section and the engine. "The engine has 7 cylinders. That's standard for rotary engines" according to Linrud. When I arrived, Larry was working on the oil tank. "It needed to be modified a bit so it would fit the plane" which is standard procedure when rebuilding something from 1929

"stuff doesn't always fit right so you just have to make it work."

Linrud is President of the Dakota Territory Air Museum and we had quite a long conversation about the museum and the challenges of drawing people into what is a kind of diamond in the rough. "Yeah, we have the warbirds, but we also have planes from every era of flight. We have a replica of the Wright brothers' plane that flew at Kitty Hawk."

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**MEATBALL DINNER:**  
The Velva Senior Center, Main St., will serve a Meatball Dinner on Sun., April 13, 11am to 1pm. Open to the public. Delivery available in town, call 338-2628.

**VELVA KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION:**  
Registration, deadline April 25. Please contact the school, 338-2022.

**ANAMOOSE DRAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION:**  
Call 701-465-3258. Bring a copy of birth certificate and immunization record to school. Students must turn 5 years old by July 31, 2025.

**PUBLIC LIBRARY HOURS:**  
School hours and Wed. nights until 6:30pm.

**VELVA COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY:**  
2025 Dates: April 15, May 20, June 17, July 15, Aug. 19, Sept. 16, Oct. 21, Nov. 18, Dec. 16. The food pantry is open from 5:45-7:15pm in the Fellowship Hall of OVLC, Main Street. The pantry is short of these items: canned meats, canned fruit, personal hygiene products and laundry pods and can be dropped off at OVLC Mon.- Fri. 9am-3pm.

**VALLEY VIEW MANOR MEN'S COFFEE CLUB:**  
Inviting area men to the Valley View Manor "Men's Coffee Club", every Thurs. at 9am, in the Valley View Manor dining room. Stay connected with friends and neighbors.

Southeast County newspapers digitized

Submitted by Kathy Holte

The McHenry Co. Historical Society is delighted to report that the archives of newspapers from the southeast portion of McHenry County are now available to the public in an online format free of charge. The Anamoose Progress (1903-1972), Balfour Leader (1903-1905), Balfour Messenger (1906-1920), Balfour Statesman (1903-1910), Drake News (1905-1920), and Drake Register (1920-1974) are now part of the North Dakota's Historical Newspapers website.

A total of 300 publications

are part of the North Dakota's Historical Newspapers collection. Adding the six titles from southeast McHenry County added more than 55,000 pages to the 1.5 million pages of the archive that also includes among others the Ward County Independent, Minot Daily News, and Pierce County Tribune. The Mouse River Journal is included in a similar archive at Small Town Papers website.

The cost of digitizing the historical newspapers was covered by contributions from the Anamoose and Drake charitable

gaming committees, the Anamoose Senior, Citizen club, and the Anamoose Area Community Foundation.

Fr. Tom Graner, pastor of the Catholic parishes in Anamoose and Drake, secured the cooperation of the McHenry County Historical Society & Museum and approached the local organizations for funding and support to get the process underway. The desire to easily access historical information was Graner's motivation for initiating the project. The information is valuable for documenting local

activities and institutions when writing up a history for upcoming community or parish events.

The computerized archives, accessible from anywhere, can find in seconds what it might take a whole afternoon of scanning microfilm in the State Archive reading room at the Heritage Center in Bismarck.

Graner is not sure what news about the Drake and Balfour churches made it into the newspapers, but you can't look at 55,000 pages at one time. Family records including obituaries and

wedding announcements are sure to be valuable to genealogists and others looking to document personal histories.

By cooperating with the McHenry County Historical Society & Museum this project was able to qualify for charitable funding. There are no future costs to McHenry Co. Historical Society for keeping the information available and free. There is no advertising on the website. <https://ndarchives.historyarchives.online/home>.

