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Greetings to you all!

Another successful stevne is in the books. Thanks to RDD for a great 7-Lag Stevne. Notice our President Jean Knaak's "new" bunad. Former Sigdalslag President, Corrine Johnson decided her 91st birthday was the end of her bunad wearing days. Our current president, Jean Knaak, purchased it

and wore it for the banquet and bunad parade at the stevne. How delightful to have living history like that in our midst.

Some changes to the Sigdalslag board occurred at the annual meeting in Austin. Jan Johnson has retired as treasurer, after serving faithfully for many years. Linda Mohn moved from Secretary to Treasurer. Rod Pletan, who for years has managed our book sales and inventory, is now our Secretary. Thank you to these "new" board members for serving. There will be ample opportunity for folks to get involved as we plan for the 2018 7-Lag Stevne. Please do and don't let your location stop you. It is a pretty fun group that works well from a distance too.



Sigdalslag Group at the 7-Lag Stevne 2016 in Austin, Minnesota

Front Row: Linda Mohn, Jean Knaak, Karen Olson & Irene Navarre
2nd Row: Ann Johnson, Elaine Hasleton, Carol Brunner, Marilyn Somdahl & Jean Borgerding
3rd Row: Karen Knut, Paul Marshal, Audrey Pletan, Betty Knutson, Marlys Larsen & Jeff Kopseng
4th Row: Ginny Blood, Eunice Helgeson, Dale Buisman, Andrew Brevig, Christine Blomgren, Rod Pletan, Richard Jones, Earl Knutson & Alan Bloemke



Marilyn Somdahl & Corrine Johnson, two past presidents of Sigdalslag, on Corrine's 91st birthday, May 7, 2016 at the Fellesraad Centennial



Bunads on Parade at the 7-Lag Stevne 2016 in Austin, Minnesota

Front Row: Yvonne Anderson, Ann Syverson, Sandra Hendrickson, Jean Knaak, Marilyn Somdahl, Svanhild Brenna, Sherry Vomhous, Audrey Severson, Marie Brown & Millie Andorfer
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dbuisman@hotmail.comwebmaster@sigdalslag.org*Fra Presidenten,**This has been an exciting year!*

The centennial celebration for Fellesraad was a big success. There were over 550 registrants and the programs and venues were well received. It will not be repeated in our lifetimes so truly was a once-in-a-lifetime experience. I encourage you to go to the Fellesraad website at Fellesraad.com. Under the centennial you will find pictures, some of the speeches, program notes, and a YouTube video.

The stevne in Austin was a great occasion. The program and venue were very nice and the RDD lag did an outstanding job. New this year was a number of short genealogy sessions which covered specific topics and were well received. For the city of Austin, the Spam Museum is new and interesting.

Andrew Brevig & Victoria (Brevig) Jasper, who are descendants of Tollef and Julia Brevig who were Alaskan missionaries, had an article in the October 2015 Saga on the Brevig Mission in Alaska. This was one of the Alaska missions sponsored by the Norwegian Lutheran Church. There was contact from a Norwegian who is collecting and publishing information on missionaries from Norway, and he wishes to lead with the Brevig Mission article in his Norwegian publication. He is looking for other Norwegian missionary stories if you have a contribution.

Our big trip for June of 2017 is a trip to Norway, highlighted by 5 days in Sigdal. We will again be led by Sigrid Kvisle, the retired director of the museum in Sigdal. You are urged to go to our website for more information at Sigdalslag.org. There is an email of information that will go out to you by request, there were promo cards at our last two events, and there is an article in this newsletter. Please request registration information or questions at knaak002@gmail.com.

Sigdalslag is responsible for the 2018 7-Lag Stevne, which will be held in Willmar, MN. We are currently formulating the committee and need members to serve on the central committee and on sub-committees. The dates are July 7 – 10, 2018, Thursday through Sunday. Our last 7-Lag stevne in Willmar in 2004 was very successful. This is a prime Norwegian area so there is a lot to see and do. Please email at knaak002@gmail.com if you can assist.

The Fellesraad Annual Meeting is scheduled for May 6, 2017 at Mind-ekirken in Minneapolis. The format is new and includes special meetings for conference planners, webmasters, editors, and treasurers. This meeting is not the traditional business meeting but is open to everyone interested in managing and promoting their lag. Information will be out in January so please consider attending even if you are not a delegate!

*Hilsen,
President Jean*

NORWAY TRIP – 2017

Plans for the Norway trip are well underway. We are planning our trip and are working on a cost effective trip where you will pay actual expenses. Many people who go to Norway also want to visit other areas where their families are from before or after our trip to Sigdal, so will meet us as it fits their travel plans.

Individuals will be making their own plane reservations and will have a large number of flight options, so you can be flexible. You might consider Icelandair, spending two nights in Reykjavik on your way. We can help with reservation suggestions and it is suggested that you get tickets early as prices will likely go up later.

We are scheduled to meet in Trondheim on June 20, 2017. You might wish to come in a day early to counteract jet lag. June 21 will be spent at Nidaros and the suggested museums. We will spend two nights in Trondheim, travel by train to Lillehammer where we will spend one night arriving in Oslo on June 23. We will meet at the train station at Gardermoen Airport, which is an easy train ride from Oslo.



Nidaros Cathedral

Our chartered bus will meet us at Gardemoen and we will spend the afternoon in Eidsvoll, which was site of the signing of the Norwegian constitution in 1814. We will then go to Sigdal for five nights,



Eidsvoll

June 23 – June 27. You may stay at Borgerstua in Eggedal or the Folk Musik Center in Sigdal. Our tour director, Sigrid Kvisle, will make the reservations for you. You may also stay with relatives. There are limited options in Sigdal –

Eggedal. On June 28 we will return to Oslo where you can stay for as many days as you wish. Then you might wish to go on to Bergen by train or to your other ancestral homes.

We are so privileged to have Sigrid Kvisle as our guide. The arrangements that she made for Sigdalslag in 2012 were excellent and we are so fortunate to have her. She is the retired director of the museum in Prestfoss, Sigdal. Assistance will be provided in locating family farms. Our genealogist can provide assistance prior to leaving the USA regarding farms and descendants who still reside there. You will need to request his assistance in adequate time prior to leaving. He also identified relatives that I did not know and their addresses so that I could make contacts prior to going to Norway in 2012.

You will pay the actual cost for the bus and all admissions and some meals which in 2012 was under \$400 US total. A deposit of \$300 will go to our treasurer. It will be credited to your Sigdal expenses and transferred to Norway before we leave. Individuals staying at the Folk Musik Center will pay for their room, catered breakfast, and optional catered dinner which is about \$80 per night. Borgerstua offers both single and double rooms including breakfast. Our actual costs will depend upon the exchange rate with the Norwegian Krone. The 2012 price was under \$100 per night per person. At the conclusion of our time in Sigdal we will return to Oslo for more time there, some may wish to take the train to Bergen, or to go on to other areas where they have ancestors. A hotel option in Oslo will be offered as well as the Oslo transportation card.

Planning to fly mid-week is definitely cheaper. Other travel arrangements would be made individually or for small groups; currently the prices are very favorable especially if procured ahead of time. There is a group rate available for groups of around twelve if groups are flying together. There are frequently one way options so that you can fly in and out of different cities. There are also some bargain airlines that will fly you around Norway as well as Europe-Norway.

There are special prices for seniors and students on most trains and for the Oslo card which require presenting identification to get the reduced rate. We found people to be very hospitable and helpful in 2012 and look forward to another great time. It will be a great trip!

Aase Haugen Senior Services Celebrates 100th Anniversary in 2015

-Garth Ulrich

Member Paul Larson recently donated to Sigdalslag a copy of the 100th Anniversary booklet, "100 Years of Aase Haugen Senior Services". A large part of this article is based on information included in this booklet, used with permission of Aase Haugen Senior Services.

Bjørn Gunbjørnsen Haugen and his second wife Ingeborg Gulbrandsdatter Teige emigrated from Haugen øvre in Eggedal 1854, along with children Ragnhild (1835), Åse (1841), Jøran (1844), Gunbjørn (1847), and Gulbrand (1850). They were fourteen weeks aboard ship and traveled on the Erie Canal and the Great Lakes to Milwaukee, and then overland by ox-cart to Lansing, Iowa. Ingeborg became ill with cholera and died soon after.

The family continued on to Madison Township, Winneshiek Co., Iowa and Aase, as the eldest child, took on the duties of mother and caregiver. The family were active members of the Decorah Lutheran Church, from its founding in 1863. Sadly, between 1879 and 1893 Bjørn and four of his five surviving children died, leaving Aase as the sole living member of the family. Aase reflected, "All my family has been taken from me. Here I am with more wealth than I can ever use. But the Lord will show me the way."

Aase herself developed cancer and died in 1910 at the age of 69. Her will stated, "I give, bequeath, and devise all of my property which I may own at my death to the United Norwegian



Miss Aase Haugen

Lutheran Church of America to be used in establishing a home for aged people under the name of The Aase Haugen Home."



Aase Haugen Home, July 12, 1920

One hundred years have seen many changes. Today, Aase Haugen Senior Services offer a full continuum of care; skilled rehabilitation care, long-term nursing care, CCDI or 24 hour dementia care, respite care, assisted living, and active 55+ senior housing. The legacy of the emigrant from Eggedal lives on through Aase Haugen Senior Services of Decorah as evidenced in their Vision statement, "Aase Haugen Senior Services, sensitive to the future of our community, will respond with creative exceptional care that inspires independence, hope and compassion. In harmony with the vision of our benevolent founder, Aase Haugen, we will always be here to serve, thanks to the nurturing and dedication of our caring community."

More information on Aase Haugen Senior Services can be found on their Facebook page and on their website: aasehaugen.com



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Sigdalslag Charter Member ***John S. Skinnemoen***

By Richard Asleson

John S. Skinnemoen was born 11 Apr 1877 near Wendell, Minnesota. He was one of five sons born to Steiner S. Skinnemoen, Sr. b. 1846 and Kristi Skinnemoen b. 1839, both born in Norway. On 7 Dec 1915 John married Emma Asleson b. 12 Dec 1881. Emma was one of ten children born to Asle Asleson, Sr. b. 3 Nov 1837 in Sigdal, Norway and Mari Evensdtr Bjornrud b. 8 Mar 1844, also in Sigdal, Norway.

I am not a descendant of John but am a grandson of Emma's brother, Ole Asleson. John and Emma had no children.

From the book, History of Stony Brook Township, by Louis Foss, we learn the following. John graduated from Park Region Lutheran College in Fergus Falls and from Decorah College with a Bachelor of Arts degree. He also took other courses at the University of Minnesota. He became a teacher and taught one year in Grant County and five more in North Dakota.

In his book, Prairie Village, Don Lilleboe states that John became the Cashier of the newly formed Wendell State Bank, in 1916. The bank closed in 1931 during the depression but reopened several years later in 1945. I do not know if John remained Cashier until the 1931 closure or not.

A few other events that provide some insight into John's life are listed here. John appears in Stony Brook Township, Grant County, census records as an 18 year old in his parents home in 1895, in a student directory at Luther College in Decorah, IA in 1896, and as a farmer in Dunn County, ND on his 160 acre homestead in 1910. He was married in Wendell in 1915 and became the Cashier at the newly formed Wendell State Bank in 1916. His WW I draft registration card dated 12 Sep 1918 was issued in Grant Co. Various city directories found on ancestry.com indicate he lived near Dickinson, ND in 1910, 1912, and 1916 and in Fergus

Falls in 1939 and 1941. The 1930 census shows He and Emma in the household of his brother, Ole Skinnemoen, near Wendell,

John's wife, Emma, passed away on 3 Jun 1944 near Harvey, North Dakota, just 35 days before her brother, Ole Asleson, passed away on his farm near Wendell on 8 July. John died 13 Jan 1959 in Fergus Falls, MN.

As a youth living on the farm where Emma grew up, I remember John coming to visit us, probably in the late 1940s, in his Oakland Coupe. For some reason I remember that there was a rumble seat in the back however I don't know if I ever rode in it. I don't know the age of the car but the Oakland automobile brand was discontinued in 1931.



Mange Tak from Sigdalslag to:

Corrine Lesteberg Johnson for the donation of the Krødsherad Index to the Sigdalslag Library.
Scott Brunner for the submission to the Emigrant Obituary project.

My Skogfjorden Experience

by Ingrid Koehler



Once you enter through the two large Norwegian flags at the “border”, you are officially in Skogfjorden and immersed in all things Norse. However, you need to complete a couple of procedures before you

can start camp life. The first is to pick out a Norse name which you will use at all times while at Skogfjorden. In past years I have gone by Inga and Ina but this summer my given name, Ingrid, was special for me because that was also my “American” name. I was also named after my Bestemor who was originally from Lillehammer, Norway.

Next you need to figure out what cabin you will be staying in. All the cabins are named after cities in Norway and this year I was assigned to Trondheim. After a quick visit to the health center to visit with the nurse, I headed back up the hill to make a name badge by burning my name and cabin onto a piece of wood. Then I went back down the hill to unload my luggage and meet some of my cabin mates and counselors. Finally it was time to say goodbye to my mom and thank her for spending ten hours driving me to and from camp.

After all that it was time for our first official event at Skogfjorden...dinner! All of the food I had at Skogfjorden was absolutely delicious and very Norse. I

really liked the tomato soup and the salmon pastries, not to mention all the yummy desserts they served. While I was enjoying my incredible meal, I started to recognize some of the other counselors from years past.

After dinner it was time to go to Torget and lower the flag while every camper and counselor would sing a song about peace, pa norsk. We would do the same thing every morning except then we would raise the flag and sing Norway’s national anthem.

Our daily schedule started at 7:30 AM and went to about 10:00 PM. Our day starts at 8:00 with a filling breakfast which was usually smur-brod but on some days oatmeal. After that everyone goes back to their cabin to clean. At Trondheim all six campers were assigned jobs and my job was to mop the bathroom floors. While we’re all out doing activities the nurse would come in and give each cabin points for how well they cleaned their cabin. At the end of camp the cabin with the most points was rewarded with chocolate which kept us motivated.

The activities we did throughout the day were very enjoyable. The first activity comes right after cleaning and it’s like a history lesson called Kretz. We learned about the Vikings and the Sami folk, and some groups got to bake sausages and bread. Next was Strenggruppe which is where we learned more about the language. Our group was called “Hotchi- Potchi” which was named after a game we played on the first day. These lessons definitely improved my Norse.

There’s also Kosetime, an activity session with a bunch of fun things for the campers to do like art and gym. Lastly, there’s freetime. Freetime is the only time when the bank and candy store open (always a long line) and there’s also a boutique gift shop.

Each day was so fun and exciting that I started to wish that I had come for two weeks instead of one.

I made so many friends from my cabin and outside it, and my counselors were so helpful when I didn't know a Norse word. Before I knew it Friday arrived and we ended the week with a festival. There was tug-o-war and swimming in the lake, and there was even a volleyball game going on. We were up early on Saturday morning and everyone was getting ready to go back home.

For me Skogfjorden is an incredible way to learn more about the country of my bestemor (and many of my ancestors) and Norway's culture and language. Next year I hope that I get the chance to return to Skogfjorden and learn even more during a two-week camp. As I drove past the two Norwegian flags and officially departed Skogfjorden, I smiled as I thought of all the memories I will always treasure



and looked forward to having the chance to make more in the future. Thank you to all the members of the Sigdalslag for helping me to have this wonderful experience.



Sigdalslag Scholarship Program

The Sigdalslag treasury has quite a healthy scholarship fund, thanks to many member donations. To apply for a scholarship, go to our website at: www.sigdalslag.org for instructions. You will find scholarship info by clicking on "About" in the Home Page header.

Purpose: The purpose of this program is to financially support individuals who undertake study or work that furthers the mission of Sigdalslag as expressed in Article II of the Bylaws.

Application Formalities: Application shall be by letter addressed to the President of Sigdalslag, at the address found in the newsletter Saga. This letter shall state the planned activity that merits financial support, explain how this activity supports Sigdalslag's mission, and give the starting and ending dates.

FUN HAPPENINGS

Join us on **Saturday, November 26th** in **Uptown Minneapolis** for the **First Annual Nordic Julemarket!**



Denmark, Finland, and Iceland, the Norwegian-American Chamber of Commerce - Upper Midwest Chapter is proud and excited to present the First Annual Nordic Julemarket. Together with our partners: [Sons of Norway](#), [Norway House](#), and [American Swedish Institute](#), we have all sorts of fun in store for all our guests. Nordic Julemarket encourages people of all ages and communities to participate and attend - it'll be great fun for the whole family, and best of all, **THIS IS A FREE EVENT!**

<http://www.nordicjulemarket.com/>

Mindekirken Programs

Tuesday Open House

Fellowship opens around 10:30 when early attendees share a cup of coffee and visit

11:00 am – 11:30 am A Norwegian type Lunch is served which includes Norwegian waffles, coffee and a variety of simple open-faced sandwiches.

11:45 am Devotions, hymn and announcements

12:00 – 1:00 pm Culture Program

Cost for both the lunch and cultural program together is a \$7.00 donation at the door.

As space is limited, large groups (8 or more) can reserve by email office@mindekirken.org

Norwegian Language and Culture Program.

Fall classes start September 12th and online registration is now available! We look forward “til å snakke norsk med deg!”

Language classes meet for two hours a week for 10 weeks and cost \$165. We have 3 terms during the year that start in September and end at the end of May: Fall, Winter and Spring. Cultural classes and other events vary.

<http://www.mindekirken.net/>

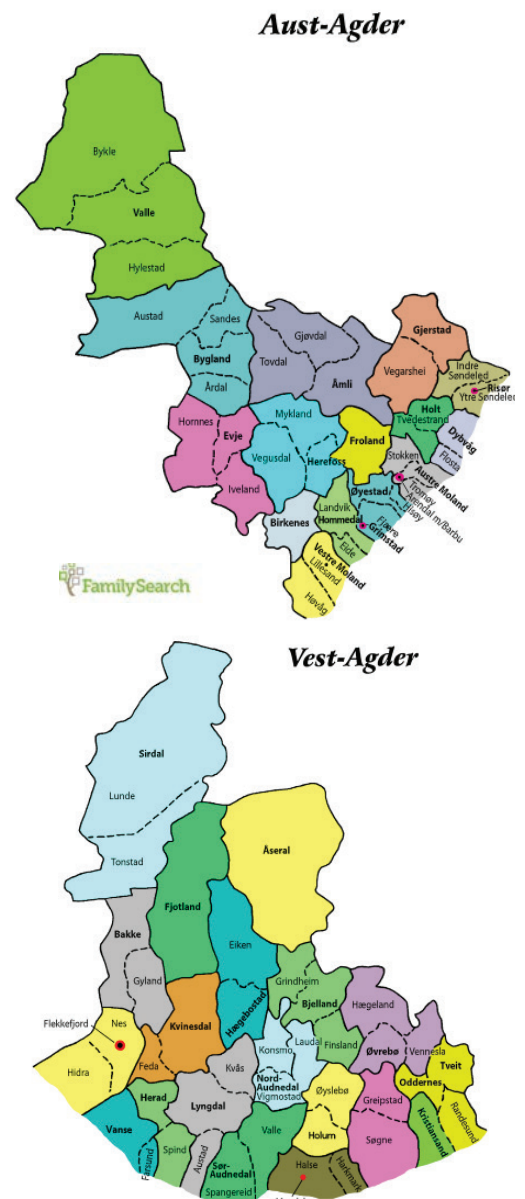
NEW AGDER BYGDELAG

As you know Fellesraad is embarking on a 21st century thrust to promote bygdelag and meet the needs we are finding in visiting with a variety of people. For some time we have been asked why we no longer have a lag for either Vest-Agder or Aust-Agder counties. At one time we did have a group and possibly two groups. However, they have been disbanded for many years.

In the past several years many of us have been asked about an Agder lag. At the Centennial a person stepped forward who was very interested in helping establish such a group. Since that time we have been collecting names of people who link to either Vest-Agder or Aust-Agder to determine if we have enough interested individuals who are willing to work on reestablishing an Agder Bygdelag.

If you or anyone you know is interested, contact the Vice President of Fellesraad, Marilyn Sorensen at the.vp@fellesraad.com

An interest meeting would most likely be called in Minnesota, but the lag would be for anyone, no matter what residence.



UPDATE ON THE KIRKBRIDE FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA



Council: Preserve, preserve, preserve

By Tim Engstrom
The Daily Journal, Fergus Falls, MN

With time running out, city focuses on roof, masonry work of Kirkbride
It pretty much was back to the drawing board on dealing with the former Regional Treatment Center for the Fergus Falls City Council during a two-hour work session on Friday.

In the end, they were focused on preservation.

Council members expressed disappointment in real estate marketing firm Colliers International after no bids for development came over the past five months. They expressed frustration at the role the State Historical Preservation Office plays in the planning they do, in that it can be a moving target. Some elected officials wanted to downplay the role SHPO has and seek alternatives for development.

They also expressed hope for the 2017 Legislature to provide more flexible language regarding state funding for the RTC, also called the Kirkbride Building. Several people agreed a key reason the building hasn't attracted suitable development was because there isn't enough room for fresh thinking, with or without historical preservation credits.

And they set out to determine what to do with existing funds it has regarding the Kirkbride. The state granted the city \$8.17 million in 2007, with \$2.5 million now remaining. That otherwise would have been not a problem, but the state Legislature failed to pass a bonding bill due to last-minute DFL-GOP squabbling before the session adjourned May 23. That bill had language to extend the funding for two years.

The way the system works is the city encumbers the expenses, then the state reimburses the city. The city must bid projects before spending, too, and, at the end, apply for the reimbursement. The state must cut the reimbursement check before Dec. 31. The city doesn't want to get stuck with expenses that weren't reimbursed. The city was at about \$4 million remaining in the grant before beginning its plan this summer to demolish the incinerator building and replace the sanitary sewer on the grounds.

City officials previously had said they do not plan to simply fritter away the grant dollars wastefully. They simply are hoping to wrap up what was already planned and to nail down preservation needs. Dan Edwards, an engineer with the city, estimated there will be about \$1 million left unspent by Dec. 31 with the budgeted plans. Of course, that figure could change as bids come in.

Keep in mind, city and state officials have said there is hope for renewed or additional funding in the 2017 legislative session, as the state has an obligation to the property it once owned.

Though the name "Kirkbride Building" refers to a large, bat-wing-shaped structure, it really is several buildings, most of which were connected by hallways or tunnels. Of course, some buildings on the campus actually are completely separate. The City Council and city staff on Friday spoke in terms of building numbers.

If you think you may have a relative who may have been interred in the State Hospital Cemetery, check out the FaceBook page: Friends of the Fergus Falls State Hospital Cemetery



ROSEAU, ROSEAU COUNTY, MINNESOTA, THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 1938.

SIGDALSLAG HAD GOOD MEETING

Attendance Was Good and the Program for the Lag Was Very Interesting.

With the exception of the much anticipated boat trip on Lake of the Woods, Tuesday, the program planned for the Sigdalslag, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, was carried out. The lake voyage was planned for Tuesday, but the rain storm put a complete damper on that outing. The Sigdaler who stayed over for it, left that forenoon or afternoon for their homes.

Sunday forenoon memorial services were held in the Municipal Auditorium for the members who had crossed the great divide since the reunion a year ago. Rev. B. M. Hoffrenning of Pinecreek preached the memorial sermon.

Sunday was the big reunion day. The principal speaker in the afternoon was Judge Henry Nyckelmeo of Fergus Falls. The judge is fluent in the Scandinavian language as well as in the English, and gave the Sigdaler and other friends an interesting address.

Various musical numbers, both instrumental and vocal varied the program.

Monday evening saw the auditorium packed for the evening program. The Roseau school band directed by Arlo Suttan, played numerous selections. The Roseau Male Chorus, directed by O. G. Gunderson, afforded the audience with several selections and the Moe choir, directed by Miss Anna Kveen, sang. Several short talks were given by visitors and others.

A skit put on by the ladies brot down the house. They took the part of neighbor women who came together to talk over the affairs of their neighborhood. They did a thorough job of it and tickled the funny bone of their hearers.

A number of violin selections were played by old masters at the fiddle. An elderly gentleman from Carpio, N. Dak., caught the fancy of most of them.

Sigdaler stated they had enjoyed their reunion in Roseau. Many of them had expected to get into the brush when they came this far north, but they were agreeably surprised. They found a friendly town and they were comfortably housed and well entertained while here.

County Farm Bureau Picnic Postponed

11, clarinet beginners' group No. 3; 11-12, group 4, flute; 1:30-2:30 p. m., group 4, basses; 2:30-3:30, drums; 7 p. m., full practice.

MRS. FUNSETH IS SUMMONED

Ed. Beireis, Badger Resident, Dies at Drayton Hospital After Two-Year Illness.

Death called one of the pioneers of Jadies when Mrs. Christine Funseth died last Saturday, and the Badger community lost one of its citizens in the removal of Ed. Beireis by the grim reaper, Sunday.

Mrs. Christine Funseth.

Funeral services will be conducted this afternoon in the First Lutheran church in Roseau for Mrs. Christine Funseth, who died Saturday, June 11th, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. L. F. Wickstrom in town of Spruce. She entered her long sleep peacefully. The services will be conducted by Rev. P. O. Anderson of Williams, Rev. Chell having gone East.

Mrs. Christine Funseth was born in Skansholm, Wilhelmina, Sweden, October 29, 1858, and was at her death seventy-nine years, seven months and twelve days old. She was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran Church, and on June 24, 1886, she was joined in marriage to Carl Funseth. The following year they emigrated to America and took a homestead in Jadies, living there until the death of Mr. Funseth in 1920. She then moved to Roseau and lived a few years, but the last years she has made her home with her daughter.

Mrs. Funseth was truly one of the pioneers in this section and she experienced many hardships. She met them cheerfully and courageously, winning a great many friends and holding them by her fine qualities.

Left to mourn the passing of a loved one are two daughters and four sons, namely: Mrs. Anna Wickstrom, Roseau; Mrs. Edna Weaver, River; Ole, Langdon, N. Dak.; John, Chicago, Ill.; Carl Axel and Martin, Buffalo, New York.

Ed. Beireis.

Ed. Beireis died at the Drayton hospital Sunday, May 12, from ulcerated colitis. He had been ailing about two years and had been a patient at the Drayton hospital since May 17th. The body was brought to Badger, where funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon. Rev. E. A. Cooke delivered the funeral sermon at the M. E. church and committed the remains to its last resting place in Badger cemetery.

Mr. Beireis was born in this state and was thirty-seven years old at

Wanted: Pictures of Your Emigrant Ancestors from Sigdal, Eggedal and Krødsherad

In an effort to put more of our emigrant history on the website, we would like to include pictures of the emigrants from Sigdal, Eggedal and Krødsherad on our website. Please email a scanned copy of your emigrant ancestor's photo to our Genealogist, Garth Ulrich at gulrich@sasktel.net or Webmaster, Dale Buisman at dbuisman@hotmail.com. Alternatively, you can also send a reproduction of your photo to Garth or Dale by post (addresses on page 2 of the SAGA). (Note that we will not be able to produce a good quality image from photocopies, so scans or actual reproductions are preferred).

Please Do Not Send Original Photos (we would hate to see them become lost or damaged).

Thank you for your past and continued contributions to our Obituary Project, and now with our Emigrant Ancestor Photo Project.

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In Memory...

Ronald H. Dahlen



Ronald "Ron" Dahlen, age 83, resident of rural Michigan, ND died unexpectedly on Tuesday, August 16, 2016 at his home. Ronald H. Dahlen, the son of Helmer and Ruth (Johnson) Dahlen born September 17, 1932 in Grand Forks, ND. He attended elementary school in Whitman and graduated from Michigan High School in 1950. After high school

he attended NDSU and was a staunch supporter of the Bison. Music, Pinochle, and Old Milwaukee were Ron's three favorite things, but not necessarily in that order. He was a dairy and grain farmer in rural Michigan his entire life. Ron married Colleen Tucker on September 27, 1958 in Angus, MN. With this marriage they were blessed with four sons. Colleen died on June 14, 1974. Ron and Joyce (Hjelseth) Klug were united in marriage on July 22, 1975. With this marriage, Ron welcomed one daughter. Joyce and Ron resided on the family farm for 41 years. Ron's community was very important to him, especially Nelson County. He served as Nelson County Commissioner for 20 years. During this time, Ron started his crop adjusting career which lasted over 20 years. Ron was involved on many boards including, the Nelson County Health System Foundation Board, Nelson County Farmers Union Board, North Dakota Farmers Union Board, Michigan-Lakota Farmers Union Oil Co. Secretary, NDFU Mutual Insurance Co. Board, NDFU Service Association Board, Sarnia Township Supervisor, and Sarnia United Lutheran Church Council. Ronald always told his children "If you're going to be a member,

be an active member". Ron will be deeply missed by his wife, Joyce, rural Michigan, ND; 5 children, Dennis (Mary) Dahlen, Phoenix, AZ, Allen (JoAnn) Dahlen, Grand Forks, ND, Kevin (Jill) Dahlen, Grand Forks, ND, Jody (Mark) Slettebak, Perham, MN, and James (Josh) Dahlen, Sacramento, CA; 9 grandchildren, Nicole (Dominick) Ruggiero, Sara (Mason) Rector, Emma Dahlen, Matthew Dahlen, Joshua Dahlen, Lexie Dahlen, Ian Dahlen, Hope Slettebak, and Aaron Slettebak; 1 great grandchild on the way; 1 sister, Marilyn Somdahl, Bloomington, MN; 1 nephew, David Somdahl, 2 nieces, Sonja Somdahl and Deb Somdahl; and numerous cousins. Ron was preceded in death by his parents, first wife, Colleen, and brother-in-law, Narvel Somdahl. The Funeral Service for Ronald will be held at Sarnia United Lutheran Church of Whitman, ND, on Saturday, August 20, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. Interment will be in the West Forest Cemetery, rural Whitman, ND. Visitation will be held at the Aaker Funeral Home of Lakota on Friday, beginning at 5:00 p.m. with a Prayer Service at 7:00 p.m. Visitation will continue at the church on Saturday, from 9:30 a.m. until the time of service.

The Aaker Funeral Home of Lakota, North Dakota

Ron and Joyce, and also Ron's parents, were former Sigdalslag, Valdres Samband and Rogaland members.

Ron's emigrant ancestors were Anders Bjørnsen Torstensrud and Kari Ellevsdatter Glasrud from Krødsherad and Ingeborg Endresdatter Hunstad-hagen from Sigdal.

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