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President’s Report

By Clément Dion
Saskatchewan Flying Farmer

I promised you an update on my aviation medical. Well as a requirement to have clear imagery of my brain and carotids for 36 months, I have performed an MRI annually. On my last one done in March, the observing radiologist spotted a narrowing in a cranial blood vessel in the upper cerebellum, where 80% of our neurons are located. (And we think ADS-B In and Out paints a pretty picture on our panel or tablet) Obviously my medical examiner knew better than sending this to Transport Canada. Therefore he saw fit to get a second opinion from the neurologist who I saw when I first had my TIA. As of the end of April, the neurologist is scheduling me for another MRI and have it read by another radiologist. So, the saga continues, till the next newsletter for more developments. (Shucks !!!!!!!)

The annual convention is fast approaching, and Sylvia and I are anxious to see all of you again. Harry and Marilyn have something interesting planned, so make plans and reservations in order for all of us to have fun filled days in the middle of America.
Greetings to all International Flying Farmers. As we anticipate the coming of Spring, I would like to share a couple of quotes:

I was thinking of my tulips just emerging from the ground when I saw this quote: “Spring unlocks the flowers to paint the laughing soil.” R. Heber

AND

For all of us to remember: “What sunshine is to flowers, smiles are to people.” Unknown

It feels like Spring is very slow to arrive. We had a snow storm the last weekend in April and May is not looking too promising in the next week or two. The southern part of Alberta really had a nasty storm. In central and more northern areas the snow melted quite rapidly. That said the temperatures are still well below normal. We were told that some crops were seeded in the southern part of the province so the moisture will be welcome but for the farmers wanting to get on the fields, this is going to cause some delay.

We have been busy. The first week of April, Alberta Chapter celebrated it 65th Annual Convention. It took place in Medicine Hat. It was a great celebration and reunion of many Flying Farmers. IFF President Clement Dion and wife Sylvia were in attendance. The night of our banquet many of the past Queens donned their crowns. It was very regal and festive at the same time. It was a great itinerary and I have recounted it in the Alberta Queen report.

This last week, Clement and Sylvia Dion and Lynn and I attended the Manitoba Flying Farmers Convention in Virden, Manitoba representing IFF. It was an excellent conference. On Friday evening we watched “Skygrazers”, featuring Ken and Colette Pierce, John Carley, and Lillian Gobert, all from Manitoba. The “movie stars” were in our midst.

We did a tour of a processing plant ERCO Worldwide. It is a plant that mines salt from underground and produces through a series of processing steps sodium chlorate (Virden Plant). Not to be confused with table salt, sodium chloride; sodium chlorate is used to bleach pulp in the pulp and paper industry. The pulp mills convert sodium chlorate into chlorine dioxide – an environmentally friendly bleaching agent. We were treated to a tour of the processing plant in small groups with full Personal Protective Equipment being worn. The tour guides were informative and thorough in their explanations of the processes. No pictures were allowed in the plant.

The second tour was to view a private collection owned by a local gentleman. It was a very impressive collection of antique, vintage, and modern motorcycles (Indian, Harley Davidson, etc.) There were vintage signs, antique trucks (40’s and 50’s), toys and more recent dragster cars. A number
Spring has sprung, or has it? One cannot tell here in Iowa. Easter was a warm sunny day and the next Saturday it was rain turning to snow. There’s no need to get in a hurry to plant the garden. Cold ground and rain won’t help it grow.

March and April seemed to have flown by. March began with our IA/MO Convention. We had a wonderful convention considering the weather we had late in February. The places we toured were interesting but a lot of walking. I never know if I am going to like some of the tours when I first hear of them, but I haven’t been disappointed yet. Next Dale and I along with Larry and Sharon Jennings went to the Kansas Convention in Topeka. After getting out of the snow storm in Iowa the trip was great. Their entertainment at the banquet was a magician. Sharon and I were both picked to do different things in the show. It was fun. Of course, we had more snow a week or so after we got home. My son Eric and his daughter Mya came for a short visit. It was a couple of days before my birthday, so I enjoyed it even more.

April has been way too busy. I truly thought winter was over, but no it had to snow again. At least it didn’t stick around. Two days later I was so happy to see my crocus blooming. Maybe spring is coming. I have been to a couple of junior high track meets to see my little granddaughter and watch her brother run. Easter weekend was family time. We spent time at my mom’s with my two brothers and their wives. Easter Sunday my son Chris and part of his family joined us for church and an Easter egg hunt. It was my granddaughter Lielani’s first Easter.

The last week of April was a tough one. First a car accident took the life of 40-year-old Ian Austin. Ian is the son of the couple that introduced Dale and me, also a classmate of my son Eric’s. On Easter Sunday Dale’s uncle Burdette Gibbs passed away. He was 96 years old and was doing well until the last week. I can’t imagine all the things he has seen in his lifetime. Heaven will never be the same; Uncle Burdette will be nonstop talking.

As we look ahead to May it looks to be as busy as ever. We’re hoping it stops raining every day and it warms up. I had my winter coat out again. I want to put it away.

Until next time . . .
Farmerette’s Report

By Haley Shore
Kansas Flying Farmer

I definitely learned a lot and enjoyed it so much! I never thought that public speaking would be my type of thing, but I suppose I got that ability of speaking from my grandpa, Gene. At our chapter banquet I was awarded with the cattle production proficiency award. I guess they think I’m active with showing or something.

With summer coming that means fair is too. I’ll be showing three registered black angus calves, two heifers and a steer. When my stepdad, Larry, and I took them to weigh in, it made me pretty happy to see that mine were some of the heaviest weighing. It’s a pretty promising thing to see at this time of the year.

My summer plans are all over the place. I’m sure my summer will be filled with travels, animals, as well as work. I recently started working at our local feed store and I absolutely love it. The people who I work with are wonderful and it’s definitely an adventure trying to memorize where everything is and what everything is. I just hope that this next week of finals doesn’t wear me down and out.

I hope everyone’s month is filled with fun adventures and blessed with love and laughter! Until next time!

Cool Whip Cookies

1 box cake mix (any flavor)
1 8-oz. tub Cool Whip
1 egg

of the women were not sure if it would be something they would be interested in and so a contingency plan to visit a tea house was formulated. Much to our surprise, the women were as engaged in the collection as the men and the tea house was readily forgotten. The tour was enjoyed by everyone.

The convention concluded Saturday night with a lovely buffet dinner at the new Golf Club. We were entertained by a local singer and it was an excellent venue for visiting and relaxing. There were a few stray snowflakes floating in the air on Sunday morning. The spring storm that hit southern Alberta on Saturday moved into Saskatchewan and Manitoba by Sunday. Southern Saskatchewan had very nasty roads (we were driving on them) and Manitoba got the snow by late Sunday. There is still a “hope” for spring.

As we approach our spring farming endeavors, be safe and take care!

Red Cap Lynn with his favorite truck

Today is the first day of the rest of your life - but relax, so is tomorrow!

Don’t judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds you plant.

The heaviest thing to carry is a grudge.

One enemy is one too many.

Smiling is contagious.

If you want your dreams to come true, you mustn’t oversleep.

Walking up to a department store’s fabric counter the pretty girl said, “I would like to buy this material for a new dress. How much does it cost?”

“Only one kiss per yard,” replied the male clerk with a smirk.

“That’s fine” said the girl. “I’ll take 10 yards.”

With expectation and anticipation written all over his face, the clerk quickly measured out the cloth, wrapped it up, then teasingly held it out.

The girl snapped up the package, pointed to the old geezer standing beside her and smiled, “Grandpa will pay the bill.”

In a spy novel I had just read, the hero hid a letter in a particular statue in Washington D.C. Since I was in that city at the time, on a whim I decided to see if the statue really contained the small niche the author had described. To my great surprise, it did - and a cellophane-wrapped letter was inside. After a moment’s hesitation, I pulled out the letter, opened it, and burst into laughter.

An unidentified reader had penned, “Good book, wasn’t it?”
Chris Aronoff has achieved his Private Pilots license. He and his wife Annmarie produced the Skygrazers video. They live in California but are IFF members of the Arizona Chapter.
The Florida Flying Farmer Snowbirds met March 16th at The Colonnades Club House in Lakeland, hosted by June McMann. A bountiful meal and lots of visiting and reminiscing during the afternoon with about twenty active members and several guests. It was great to see Gail McDonald who had been missing our meetings this winter. The Chapters represented were Florida, Indiana, Michigan, Minnkota, Ohio, and Vermont.

Don Funke presented a video he prepared especially for the Flying Farmers - "Tommy Come Home". A 1917 Thomas-Morse S-4B was restored at Ithaca, New York where they were originally built for World War I. A group of mostly amateur, but passionate volunteers worked many hours to restore the plane to flying conditions, in part, in the same factory and on some of the same equipment that manufactured it 100 years ago. The “Tommy” as it came to be known by those who flew it is a single-seat, fabric covered, 80hp nine-cylinder rotary-engine biplane originally offered to the U.S. Army Signal Corps as a scout. The Army later decided it would really be good as an advanced trainer.

With its significant ties to the area, it made a lot of sense in 2003 that a group of aviation enthusiasts trying to come up with something special to do for “Airport Day” at Ithaca Tompkins Regional Airport would start talking about Tommy. In time, they’d realize not only that there was no example of the S-4 in Ithaca, there were only 12, maybe 13 known to exist anywhere. That’s when someone declared if there is only one left in the world, shouldn’t it be in Ithaca?

For the next fifteen years, they set up the not-for-profit Ithaca Aviation Heritage Foundation (IAHF), secured a generous donation of a Thomas-Morse S-4B from Dr. Wm. Thibault of Newport Beach, CA (who had ties to Ithaca) and were granted permission to use some of the original factory space – and even some of the original equipment to work on fabricating new parts for Tommy. Now, after so many thousands of hours have been spent studying, handling, repairing, remaking, and refinishing this airplane–
with its important place in the history of world aviation and its deep roots to the place it was made—it is ready for one final mission: a single flight in celebration of its centennial before being permanently installed as the centerpiece at the Ithaca History Center.

Pilot Ken Cassens from Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome with thousands of hours flying this type of aircraft made history with the Centennial flight on September 29th, 2018 at the Ithaca Tompkins Regional Airport. So, if you are traveling in the Ithaca area, be sure to visit the Ithaca History Center and see this historical restored 1917 Thomas-Morse S-4B!

Interesting Airplane Facts

- Worldwide, the airline industry generates about US$640 billion.
- The atmosphere in an airplane cabin dries out a person’s nose, and the changing air pressure numbs about 1/3 of a person’s taste buds. This is one reason for airlines adding lots of spices and salt to their foods. Additionally, tomato juice tastes less acidic in the air.
- The risk of being killed in a plane crash for the average American is 1 in 11 million. The risk of being killed in a car accident is 1 in 5,000.
- Mercury is not allowed on a flight. Even a small amount of mercury can seriously damage aluminum, which is what most planes are made from. Airplanes that are exposed to mercury are usually quarantined.
- Between 43% and 54% of pilots surveyed in the U.K., Norway, and Sweden admitted to have fallen asleep while flying a passenger plane. One third of them stated that when they woke up, they discovered that their co-pilots had also fallen asleep.
- Research shows that the first 3 minutes after takeoff and the final 8 minutes before landing are when 80% of plane crashes happen.
- Orville Wright did not sit in the Wright Flyer during its first flight. Instead, he lay flat on the lower wing in the middle of the plane.
- About 1 in 5 people have some fear flying, or “aviophobia.”
- In 1987, American Airlines saved $40,000 by removing 1 olive from each salad served in first class.
- A Boeing 747 can carry about 60,000 gallons of jet fuel, which weighs about 400,000 pounds.
Saturday, April 13, 2019 dawned a beautiful, sunny day. With an OFF event planned for London it looked good for the flyers, as we were meeting at Heeman’s Garden Center and Strawberry Farm just across the road from the airport. The fly in the ointment was the WIND!! One plane did arrive, but taxiing was interesting. A 172 had just covered 60 ground miles after an hour of flying so the decision was made to return to home base. About 25 people arrived by car to enjoy a lunch of deli sandwiches provided by the organizers, Gord and Nancy Abra. Strawberry sundaes, a specialty of the garden center, were available as dessert.

Nancy Abra, who used to work at the nursery, introduced Will Heeman. He explained that his grandparents came from Holland and started the business. Will has travelled extensively and brings the younger generation’s perspective to the business with his updates on social media. Will was named the Young Farm Retailer of the Year in 2016. His late grandparents were recently inducted into the Middlesex County Agriculture Hall of Fame. The garden centre deals mainly with perennials, offering lots of varieties. With 29 employees it is a busy place. Preparing plants for the market requires thinking in advance so that seeding is done at the appropriate time, so plants are ready when needed.

The trays for planting are prepared and sent to areas for seed insertion. Small starting seed trays have many compartments. The day before we were there 120 trays of impatiens seeds had been planted in trays having 512 compartments each!! As plants grow repotting is needed 5-8 times before the consumer takes the plant home. After seeds are planted, the fertilizer is supplied via watering. Because plants have different demands for pH levels careful monitoring of watering is required. All run-off is recaptured and reused from the watering tables. A golf cart has been repurposed with a 4x8 platform to transport...
One of the rolling platforms needed to reach hanging baskets

There are also platforms that skim over the plant tables. These allow the workers to easily reach, care for and move the hanging baskets above the tables. With heated floors and long light days plants grow quickly and greater flower production is encouraged. Baby plants require careful monitoring. Once transplanted and ready to face the elements the plants are transferred to another greenhouse/area. Hardier plants are placed outside on tables on wheels that have been ingeniously designed so they can be moved inside on tracks if temperatures are going to be below freezing. These rolling tables go under tables covered with less hardy species that stay inside all the time. It’s like 2 levels of plants in one greenhouse then. After frost risk has passed then back out the plants go. Biological insect control is used, and larger plants sold have a supply attached. Since many plants need “pinching off” a lawnmower with a crank height control, mounted on a stand with a moving belt does the job efficiently.

Heeman’s have made their operation a destination - a place to go for an outing at any time of the year. They also have a large strawberry farm and know the Thompsons from Wisconsin! The retail store has everything needed for your garden; decorations, bird feeders, pots, tools, etc. You are encouraged to wander the complex, visit the fish pond stocked with lots of large “goldfish”, have a strawberry sundae and enjoy the atmosphere in any season.

Need a plant sitter? Heeman’s built a storage greenhouse specifically for taking extra good care of your prized plants. They even won regional Premier’s Award for it! What an interesting collection of plants were housed here.

With 70+ acres of berries, state-of-the-art greenhouses, 3 generations proudly representing the Heeman’s name and plans to offer even more selection and services, this is one greenhouse & berry patch you’ll want to take notice of.

Much planning and hard work has contributed to the success of this operation. With the innovations that the nursery has done they were awarded the Environmental Leadership Award from the London Chamber of Commerce in March of 2019.

Thanks to Gord and Nancy Abra for arranging such an interesting tour.

Hem your blessings with gratitude lest they unravel.

By the time a man finds greener pastures, he’s too old to climb the fence.

Compliment your wife, even if it does frightenen her at first.
Conventions

Heartland Convention

By Darrell Lemons
and Virginia Buehler
Heartland Flying Farmers

Note: This article is a combination of articles written by Darrell and Virginia and taken from the Heartland Newsletter

February 8-10 was the Heartland Flying Farmers and Ranchers Convention in Kersey, CO under the leadership of HFF&R President Virginia Buehler.

We started with our tours on Friday, as we all loaded up onto the party bus flashing lights and all. Why you say? Because you are never too old to party! In reality we didn’t want people to have to drive in Ft Collins traffic, so we hired a bus for the group. So off we went to Walker Manufacturer, a family company of designing engineers that manufacture zero turn riding lawn mowers, decks, add-ons and a number of tractors for the year round to cover any market surge in the respective season. Then on to New Belgium brewing. It was a very cold day and the bus worked out great for us. We steamed up the windows on our way home, but the only way to defrost them is to turn on the air conditioning, so we were content with foggy windows. Howard and Virginia Buehler’s daughter Julie catered all meals. Friday evening dinner was beef tenderloin, brussel sprouts, scalloped corn and baked potato casserole. We were then entertained by our grandson’s fiddle teacher who put on quite a little show. We finished off with an ice cream social that Howard and Virginia sponsored.

Saturday, we opened with our business meeting and were welcomed by the Kersey town manager. As we have no one wanting to take office, it was decided that we would be joining Kansas for convention next year and we hold our own business meeting to retain our charter. In the afternoon the Buehlers grandson’s wife, Shelby, and a friend gave us a demonstration on how drones are being used in agriculture. Some of the members even flew the drone after the presentation. We then loaded up and drove to an alpaca farm. The wife processes alpaca wool into...
yarn, blankets and scarfs for retail and also processes wool for others.

That evening we enjoyed our banquet. We were treated to chicken cordon bleu, carrots, green beans, baked potatoes with toppings. For dessert we had cheese cake and pound cake. As we had no new officers to install, Harry Bartel gave a nice little speech.

While serving as a church usher, I was carrying out our tradition of escorting parishioners to their seats before the service began.

After I returned to the entrance of the sanctuary to escort the next party, I greeted two strangers and asked where they would like to sit.

Looking confused, the young man smiled and said, “non-smoking, please.”

In explaining her tardiness to English class, a high school junior stated demurely, “The boy who was following me walked very slowly.”
Iowa/ Missouri Convention

By Rhonda Bohrer
Iowa/ Missouri Flying Farmer

The IA/MO Chapter Convention was a great success. It was held in Burlington, Iowa. The weather in the Midwest was a little bit questionable but we had a wonderful turnout. Those who arrived early on Thursday went to Pizza Ranch for dinner.

Tours started Friday morning at 8:30. Our first tour was the Great River Resources. It is an alcohol producing facility. It was started as a cooperative, in 1992, with fuel and feed production as their main goal. It now has eight locations, and all are located on either the Burlington Northern Railroad or Canadian National Railway. We learned about the process of making alcohol and what the by-products are used for.

Our next stop was the HazChem Center of Southeast Iowa. It serves all of Des Moines County and several cities outside the county. It is set up to dispose of five types of hazardous waste: electronic waste, flammable, corrosive, reactive and poisonous. We were all amazed at the items that could be taken to a facility like this one. They will take paint, batteries, household cleaners, motor oil, pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers. They also have a Swap Shop with small quantities of useable items that have been brought to the HazChem Center. All residents served by the Des Moines County Waste Commission can get items from the Swap Shop at no cost; however, a donation is welcome.

The next tour took us to the Area Recyclers. They also serve the same area as the HazChem Center. They provide bi-weekly curbside recycling to 13 member communities. We learned about some of the things that can be made from recycled items, like benches, carpet, birdhouses and many other things. This county has recycling down to a science.

By this time, we were ready for lunch. We all went to Culver’s to enjoy a bite to eat. Then we were off to Winegard to see how they make RV antennas that track the satellite as you drive down the road. They are a leader in the design and manufacturing of quality antenna products.
since 1954. If you have an RV, chances are good the antenna is from Winegard.

To complete the day, we toured the CNH Industrial Plant, where they build backhoes. Burlington is known as the Backhoe Capital of the world. We also viewed the crawler line and the Case IH corn and soybean headers line. This tour was a lot of walking but a great tour. They were not producing so it was not noisy, and we could ask a lot of questions.

We enjoyed a baked potato bar for our evening meal. After our meal we were treated with a performance by Selah, a singing group from Winfield, Iowa. They were great fun to listen to and maybe sing along. IFF Duchess, Rhonda Bohrer, presented a slide show of the places she has been since the last IA/MO Convention and news in her family.

Saturday morning, we had our business meeting. For lunch we traveled to the historic Drake Restaurant. It was originally Drake Hardware, one of the top hardware distributors in the Midwest. There was a lot of history in the building. We enjoyed Sam Jenkinson, the owner, telling about the building and the restaurant. Hal Morten also spoke to us about the Des Moines County Landfill. After lunch we made our way to the Preservation Station where they have antiques and all things you can reclaim from an old house or building. They sell all kinds of things. From there we went to the Burlington Northern Railroad Depot. It is a beautiful building they are trying to restore. Our last tour was of the Countess Bed & Breakfast.
It is a very nice home that has been restored.

Saturday evening’s banquet speaker was Jim Knight, assistant lock master on the Mississippi River. He visited about the operation of the locks and dams on the river. Jim also showed us pictures of building his RV-6. New officers were inducted by Zelda Lewis. They are President Dale Bohrer, Vice President/Treasurer Leonard Chatfield, Secretary Larry Jennings, Historian Sharon Harrison and News Letter Editor Rhonda Bohrer. Carol Detje was then crowned the Iowa-Missouri Chapter Queen for 2019.

Our out of state attendees were: Zelda Thorp Lewis, James Meyer, Glenn Kinneberg, Phil and Carol Peterson and Jeff Thompson.

Guests: Kelly, Beatrice, Chet, Matilda and Gust Anderson- Ava Hagge- Steven, Samantha, Kendra and J axson Price – Ceil Schenk and Friend - Sandy and Doug Hammond- Diane and Ron Noll - Laura and Lydia Taylor.

Honey Bun Cake

1 yellow cake mix
¾ cup oil
4 eggs
8 oz. sour cream
1 cup brown sugar
1 Tbls cinnamon
2 cups powdered sugar
4 Tbls milk
1 Tbls vanilla

Mix cake mix, oil, eggs, and sour cream by hand, about 50 strokes. Put half the batter in a 9 X 13 pan.

Combine brown sugar and cinnamon and spread over entire cake. Spread the rest of the batter on top of this. Use a knife to make swirls in the cake.

Bake at 325 degrees F for about 40 minutes.

Blend powdered sugar, milk and vanilla and spread on warm cake.
FLYING FARMER NEW ZEALAND TOUR

November 11 – December 2, 2019 (21 DAYS)

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I want to start by saying a special thank you to all of you who made time to attend the Kansas Flying Farmer Convention in Topeka, Kansas this past March. I especially want to give a shout out to my wonderful wife Jana, who took extra time to help with the planning, phone calls, e-mails, and arrangements for me while I was at work in Tennessee. Planning a convention from a thousand miles away is not simple, but doable, and without her, it would have been more of a challenge. I also want to thank Jessica at Topeka Visitors Bureau for lending a hand as well. She always had answers to my question in a timely fashion.

We (here in Kansas) finally had a real winter. Several cold storm systems that went through our state dropped a lot of beneficial moisture and left cold in their wake. Fall was a challenge, because it was very wet, and hampered wheat drilling and harvest. However, the wheat that got planted on time looks great because it had plenty of moisture. The markets on the other hand (at the time of this writing), well, that’s a different story. I hear that France is expecting a better crop this year, along with the Black Sea region and Russia. That will provide some competition for U.S. wheat globally, but the other issue is the strength of the U.S. dollar. Compared to other world currencies, ours is very solid, which is good – except for when we try to sell our products to other countries. It puts us at a distinct pricing disadvantage, and that may be a problem short term. There is a chance (a good chance) that this year will be the lowest wheat acres since 1919. If that is the case, we could see domestic stocks shrink, giving us a price “bump”. Remember, there were some wheat fields in Kansas that didn’t get planted, and spring wheat acres may be low also because of the flooding and cold weather (again, at the time of this writing). Corn and hogs stand the best chance to rally... hang on and watch for it.
On a personal note, the Skylane is in for its annual, but should be out soon. All of the kids are fine, and Jana bought me another tractor to restore. It’s a 1954 M&M UBE, and she actually saved it from going to the crusher. The tin work is pretty straight, but it needs some engine work. I’m not sure when I’ll get a chance to mess with it, but it’s therapy. Spending just 30 minutes with it here and there, brings me a lot of happiness. If any of you plan to be in the Nashville, Tennessee area, please let me know. I’d love to have you stop by RFD TV and Sirius XM for a tour and a short visit. I work with a great ag based, Christian, group of professionals, and they would welcome you.

Dinner in the 50’s
(This is pretty accurate)

Pasta had not been invented. It was macaroni or spaghetti.
Curry was a surname.
Takeout was a dating situation... hopefully.
Pizza? Sounds like a leaning tower somewhere.
Bananas and oranges only appeared at Christmas time.
All chips were plain.
Rice was a milk pudding, and never, ever part of main course.
A Big Mac was what we wore when it was raining.
Brown bread was something only poor people ate.
Oil was for lubricating, fat was for cooking.
Tea was made in a teapot using tea leaves and never green.
Cubed sugar was regarded as pretty fancy.
Chickens didn’t have fingers in those days.

Amazing Facts Everyone Should Know

1. Thirty-five percent of people are born without wisdom teeth.
2. As we continue to evolve, scientists believe that fewer and fewer humans will be born with wisdom teeth... or appendixes... or even little toes!
3. India’s Dahala Khagrabari is the world’s only third-order enclave. It’s a patch of India inside a patch of Bangladesh, which is inside a patch of India—all of which is surrounded by Bangladesh.
4. The American Psychiatric Association’s DSM-V handbook classifies caffeine withdrawal as a mental disorder.
5. Catnip isn’t just for housecats—it affects lions and tigers too!
6. In the 1870s, a Belgian village attempted to train a fleet of 37 official mail cats to deliver letters. It didn’t work.
7. The cotton candy machine was invented by a dentist.
8. Twelve percent of sleepers dream in black and white.
9. Zebras’ coats are just black. (Their undercoat has white stripes.)
10. The light emitted by 200,000 galaxies makes our universe a shade of beige. Scientists at Johns Hopkins University christened the color “cosmic latte.”
11. The oldest star is nicknamed Methuselah. It’s 13.8 billion years old.
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Alberta Convention

By Rosella Bjornson
Alberta Flying Farmer

The 65th Annual Alberta Flying Farmer Convention was held in Medicine Hat, AB on April 12, 13 and 14th at the Medicine Hat Lodge. Margaret and Ellis Hill planned a very interesting convention for us. This was a celebration of 65 years for the Alberta Flying Farmers. Thank you to those who brought their memorabilia of AFF. So much history was displayed on tables put up along a wall in the banquet room.

Friday afternoon we boarded the buses to Medalta Museum. In 1885, a pottery factory and kilns were built along the South Saskatchewan River in the town of Medicine Hat. This was an ideal location as there was a supply of natural gas, water, and clay. The old factory has been preserved and turned into a heritage museum. The docent took us through the museum and showed us how the clay was sourced then mixed with water. There were two main methods of making pottery - the slip method using moulds and slab method. We watched a demonstration of how the pottery was made. The clay forms were then fired in the kilns; then glaze was applied, and it was fired again. The factory supplied thousands of dishes across Canada. A person had a collection of over 2000 pieces of Medalta pottery and donated it to the museum. Replica Pottery can be bought in the museum store.

Friday evening back at the hotel we had a lovely dinner and were treated to an interesting speaker who has written a book about the training of WWII pilots in Alberta. Hannah MacDonald and Wayne Wilderman then put on a power point picture show of AFF History. Because my father Ken Bjornson was one of the founding members of the AFF - it was fun to see his photographs included.

Saturday morning we boarded a school bus and travelled south of the airport to a Greenhouse. Half of those on the bus got off here for a tour of the Greenhouse and the others stayed on the bus to go to Prairie Gleaners. The greenhouse was very interesting - in 2016 they had built a greenhouse with 20 acres under glass with the latest technology to grow cucumbers. This greenhouse grows enough cucumbers to supply all the stores in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. They also have a 5-acre greenhouse growing tomatoes and another 10 acre greenhouse growing the small cucumbers. They have a packaging plant and we watched how they package...
the cucumbers. Over 200 people are employed in this greenhouse.

Then we travelled to Prairie Cleaners. This is a Christian non-profit group. Since Medicine Hat has many greenhouses and Market Gardens, there is a lot of surplus produce. Any produce that is not sold is delivered to Prairie Gleaners where volunteers clean the vegetables - carrots, potatoes, tomatoes and sweet bell peppers. These vegetables are then put through a chopper. The mixed vegetables are then spread on trays and put in large dehydrators. The dehydrated vegetables are then bagged. These large bags of dried vegetables are loaded in boxes and sent in transport trucks to be delivered to any place in the world where people need food. They have sent these food packages to over 50 countries.

We returned to the hotel for a lunch and heard another speaker, Mr. Tom Thompson, This fellow was a pilot in WWII. He went down over Germany and was captured and put in a POW camp. He was part of the Great Escape.

The AFF Annual General Meeting started at 2 pm. We had a good meeting, and much was discussed. Plans were made for 2019. There will be a ‘Hands Across the Border’ Fly In at DelBonita, AB on June 13; August 18 will be the Twin Island Fly-In at Bill and Rosella’s Hangar; September we will have our rendezvous in Fairmont Hot Springs. A committee was set up to review our By Laws.

The evening banquet was a roast beef dinner. After dinner we were treated to a performance of Irish Dancing. The two young girls were the granddaughters of Margaret and Ellis Hill. What energy! The new AFF Executive was sworn in by our IFF President Clement Dion: President - Rosella Bjornson; Vice President - Lynn Goyer; Secretary - Terry Wilderman; and Treasurer - Helen Wright.
Next, we introduced the AFF Man and Woman of the Year - Carollyne and Robert Collier. Robert is one of the longest continuous active members of the AFF, having joined in 1957. He and Carollyne are very deserving of the recognition.

Marion Woodward was recognized as one of the original members from 1954 with a bouquet of flowers. A bouquet of roses was given to Rosella in recognition of her many recent awards. She shared theses flowers with her sisters - Grace and Gloria who could not attend due to health issues. Our AFF and IFF Queen Cheryl Goyer has agreed to another year as AFF Queen. Thank you to those who brought items for the Silent Auction.

Sunday morning, we had a church service. Donations from this service were given to Prairie Gleaners. All in all, it was a successful convention.

Lemon Crunch

Crust:
1 bag/box vanilla wafers, crushed
1 cup melted butter
¼ cup brown sugar
½ cup pecans, finely crushed (optional)

Mix all ingredients and press firmly in bottom of 9 X 13 pan.

Bottom layer:
1 8-ounce pkg cream cheese, softened
¾ cup powdered sugar
12 ounces Cool Whip, divided

Combine softened cream cheese, sugar and beat until creamy. Fold in half of the Cool Whip. Spread over the crust.

Top layer:
2 cans sweetened condensed milk
½ cup fresh lemon juice
Grated rind of 2 lemons

Combine condensed milk, lemon juice and lemon rind. Spread over the cream cheese layer. Refrigerate. Just before serving, top with remaining Cool Whip.

Cranberry Bread

2 cups fresh or frozen cranberries, chopped
1 2/3 cups sugar
4 eggs
3 cups all-purpose flour
½ cup coarsely chopped walnuts or pecans
4 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
2/3 cup vegetable oil
½ cup milk
2 teaspoons grated lemon or orange rind
2 teaspoons vanilla.

Heat oven to 350 degrees F. Grease bottoms only of 2 loaf pans. Mix cranberries, sugar, oil, milk, lemon peel, vanilla and eggs in large bowl. Stir in remaining ingredients. Pour into pans. Bake 50 to 60 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes our clean.

Cool 10 minutes. Loosen sides of loaves from pans; remove loaves from pans. Cool completely before slicing.
This month’s article will give you some information about the International Flying Farmers Convention in Wichita, Kansas Sunday August 25th through Wednesday August 28th.

**Sunday** we will begin at 3 p.m. with committee meetings, and executive board meeting. The Hospitality Room will be open at this time. At 4 p.m. the delegates will meet, at 5:30 we will have church services followed by dinner honoring Man of the Year and Woman of the Year with the new recipients being announced.

**Monday** will be the business meeting and in the evening, we will have our awards night followed with an ice cream social.

**Tuesday** we will load buses and head for Hutchinson, KS. where we will visit the salt mine and Khun-Krause manufacturing, ending the tours with dinner before returning to Wichita.

**Wednesday** we will be headed out to Eisenhower Airport to visit “Doc” the B-29 bomber. If the women would prefer a morning of shopping, they can gather and catch the trolley in front of the hotel and travel a few blocks to many quaint shops across the river. We will all then gather at Sterman Field for lunch. Back in town we will stop at the Nifty Nut House to admire and possibly treat ourselves to some sweet treats. Then we are off to the Spice Merchant where you can find any kind of spices grown and many kinds of coffee beans that they will grind for you. We will return to the hotel for an afternoon of rest. The Queen rehearsal will be then. Pictures will be taken around 5 p.m. with the Grand Banquet beginning at 7 p.m. Coronation will end our evening.

We would like to explain to you about the meals that are included for the convention. Start your day with a full breakfast, that is free with your room. Sunday evening dinner is provided. Monday lunch is provided and for the evening meal you can go to the Kickback meal provided by the hotel free of charge. This includes pastas, soups, sandwiches, finger foods, etc. Tuesday’s outing meals are provided, and Wednesday’s meals are provided. The hotel provides free sodas and popcorn all day, so when you come to Wichita you will not have to purchase any extra meals. Parking will be free to all attending.

More information will be provided in the next issue of the IFF magazine. So, plan on joining us in August. Looking forward to seeing you there!
Our 63rd Convention was well attended by 32 Flying Farmers. Rita and Francis Peloquin, as well as Ken and Colette Pierce flew into Virden. IFF Queen Cheryl Goyer and her red cap Lynn joined us, as well as IFF President Clément and his lovely wife Sylvia.

Convention started Friday with a tour of ERCO World Wide. ERCO Worldwide is the second largest producer of sodium chlorate in the world. It has the world’s largest installed base of modern chlorine dioxide generators and related technology and is the second largest producer of potassium products in North America. We got to brush up on our chemistry and science as our tour guide explained the process to us. It was very interesting to see that the pipes were made from titanium to prevent rust. To get the sodium they drill 1.2 kms down to the salt pan where they pump up the solution to be processed. The company employs 20 people and is a worldwide company. This educational tour was followed up by supper at Boston Pizza. Afterward we gathered back at the hotel for a showing of Skygrazers. Most hadn’t seen the movie yet and they found it quite interesting. The evening was finished up nicely with the traditional Flying Farmer Ice Cream Social. Saturday morning, we had our business meeting. It was unanimous that Executive and Directors stay the same: President Ken Pierce, Vice President Francis Peloquin, Treasurer Lloyd Williams, Secretary Donna George, Newsletter Editor Colette Pierce.

Saturday afternoon tour took us to Trevor Hadley’s private collection of motorcycles, trucks, cars and other memorabilia. It was the largest collection of Indian and Harley Davidson motorcycles memorabilia. They range from 1911 Indian Motorcycles to 1940’s knucklehead Harleys. Also, a bunch of early Honda motorcycles. One of Ken’s particular favorites was a SS 65 Honda, a CB 160 Honda and one of the first panhead hydra glide Harley 74’s that were all examples of the first 3 motorcycles he owned.
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Pictured at the left is part of the unusual and wonderful collection of antiques and memorabilia - a Tourists Kitchenette. It was tied onto the sideboard of a 1920 era automobile when going camping. Drawers were for soap, towels, dishpan, icebox, ice water, cooler, eggs, butter, flour, sugar, coffee and tea. What else could you need?

Many thanks to organizers John and Noreen Stowe, and everyone else who helped. Special thanks to Lil for organizing the door prizes, and Ethel Graham for providing the delicious snacks.

There is more happiness in rejoicing in the good of others than in rejoicing in our own good.

Every sunset is a new day.

A rainy day is a blessing.

Little things affect little minds.

Happy is as happy does.
Thirty Flying Farmers from the Mid-Atlantic Region, Illinois, Ontario and Kansas spent the weekend of April 26-28 enjoying the history and agriculture of the “First State” and, most of all, the camaraderie of old and new friends.

Friday was overcast with a downpour by lunchtime. Miraculously, the sun appeared before our scheduled tours. Some of us visited the Georgian-style Old State House on the Green which was laid out as ordered by William Penn when Delaware was still Pennsylvania’s three lower counties. It was here on the Green that the reading of the Declaration of Independence was celebrated in 1776. And here that a Continental Regiment was mustered during the American Revolution. The Old State House served as Delaware’s capitol from 1791-1933. The nearby John Bell Tavern is the oldest wooden structure in Dover and was standing on the Green when the U.S. Constitution was ratified on December 7, 1787 making Delaware the “First State” to so ratify the new nation. Indeed, it was standing there during events of the Revolution.

Across the Green is the site of the “Golden Fleece Tavern” where the delegates met to ratify the Constitution. Our tour guide, dressed in period costume, relayed facts and anecdotes during a leisurely walking tour.

Others of us enjoyed learning about current Delaware agriculture by touring 3 local agricultural producers. Mrs. Georgie Costanza produces only organically grown poultry meat for Coleman Foods (660,000 birds annually). All the feed grain is imported, and the dead birds are composted in an Eco-Drum Composter (1/3 poultry to 2/3 sawdust) to a very fine dust. The second farm - Papen Farms - has 2,500 acres of truck crops operated by four Papen families each with its own area of responsibility. Cabbage was in the ground and other crops such as sweet corn will be added as it warms up. The final stop was Pfifer Farms, an orchard and vegetable operation where asparagus and strawberries were about to be harvested. Ice Cream was enjoyed by all of course!

After another downpour and a tornado watch, Friday evening we enjoyed BBQ at “Where Pigs Fly” restaurant amid lots of porcine decorations. Back at the hotel Velda’s big day was the 26th and we celebrated her birthday with a beautiful cake and cupcakes decorated in her favorite color: purple. We also belatedly celebrated Bob Noll’s early April birthday—his...
99th!  Of course, we had Ice Cream!!

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Information on the upcoming IFF 2019 Convention in Wichita in late August. Region 1 Director Keith Vogt asked us to provide him input for discussion at Wichita. The newsletter editors (Beidlers) asked Region 1 Chapters to update addresses.

Also known as Poplar Hill, Dickinson inherited slaves from his father, he was a significant opponent of that system (as a Quaker) and indeed made provisions to free his slaves.

After enjoying custom-made box lunches, we went to the Air Mobility Command Museum on Dover AFB where volunteers continue to restore aircraft in a World War II hangar. We were fortunate to have as our guide Terry Anderson, a retired C-5 pilot and step-son-in-law of Horace Pepper (a founder of the Delmarva Chapter IFF - who was also the grandfather (Pop-Pop) of our own Joel Wharton).

More than 30 aircraft ranging from an open air bi-plane to
modern 4 engine jet transports are on site. A beautifully restored B-17 sits proudly next to a combat veteran C-47 and Air Force Two which was the official plane of U.S. Vice-Presidents. There are free flight simulators (including the C-17 cargo aircraft) to play with and the former air traffic control tower commanding a fantastic view of the Dover runways.

After a brief R&R at the hotel, we traveled to the Delaware Agricultural Museum to celebrate the IFF MOY/WOY Gordon and Velda Beidler. Before the catered banquet we were able to view several of the exhibits including a Stearman spray plane and historic agricultural artifacts as well as exhibits showing the actual chicken houses where the Delaware chicken industry began. An interesting side light is that it began here in Sussex County when a farm wife received a double order of chicks and decided to raise them and sell the extras since the family couldn’t eat them all.

Pennsylvania Flying Farmers Evan and Charlotte Lapp were in charge of the program to honor the Beidlers as well as the lovely spring flower decorations (purple for Velda). Velda’s brother, two nephews and their spouses (the Ledyards) all made a surprise visit. Region 1 presented the Beidlers with a planter “planted” with gift certificates and Charlotte honored them with a tribute to their long service and devotion to IFF. More visiting back at the hotel.

Sunday morning Region 1 Director Keith Vogt provided an inspirational message before we departed for home. Our appreciation and thanks to the people who gave so much to make this event a success: Joel & Tina Wharton, Charlotte and Evan Lapp, Keith and Kathy Vogt, Floyd Evans photography, Larry Ewing program layout and printing AND especially all who attended - can’t have a successful party if no one shows up!
2019 MINNKOTA FLYING FARMERS CONVENTION

JUNE 9TH-11TH, 2019

HAMPTON INN & SUITES
2705 SOUTH BROADWAY
ALEXANDRIA, MN 56308

ROOM RESERVATIONS: 320-763-3360
USE THIS NUMBER ONLY to get the special rate - $119.95 plus tax
CUTOFF DATE for special rate: MAY 26, 2019

SCHEDULE:
SUNDAY June 9th
4:00 Registration
Hors d’oeuvres served
Entertainment
Ice cream social

MONDAY June 10th
Continental breakfast available
Am Tours
Lunch at a local restaurant
PM Tours and shopping time
Evening meal at a local restaurant
Entertainment
Ice cream social

TUESDAY JUNE 11
Continental breakfast available
9:00 am Business Meeting
Noon meal
Convention adjourns

NOTE: this area is a tourist area. We are beating the tourist season by one week. Tours are a surprise
SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 2019

11:00 - 2:00 pm

11th ANNUAL FLY IN POTLUCK
Meat provided, you bring salad, munchie or dessert to share

Plane Nuts and all Others Welcome

DIRECTIONS:

FLYING IN
grass strip 3,000 x 90 ft
N 50.25  W 101.05  Monitor 122.8

DRIVING IN
1/2 mile south of Beulah MB on Hwy #83 3/4 mile west on private driveway

For more info call Ken Pierce 204-568-4651
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Note: Manitoba Flying Farmers hangar meeting 2 PM
This event is also a Region 5 IFF International Flying Farmer gathering
On November 11, 2019, Flying Farmers and friends will gather in the town of Dunedin, New Zealand, to begin a 21-day adventure of both the North and South Islands. In this article you will see some of the highlights from the South Island, with an introduction from Sarah Curtis, of Ward Travel. To see the highlights from the North Island please read the previous issue of our fine IFF Magazine.

“My Name is Sarah Curtis and I will be your guide while in New Zealand in November, along with my husband, Brock. What better way to see New Zealand than through the eyes of a local? I was born in Whakatane, Bay of Plenty. It’s a perfect place to take tourists – it’s off the beaten tourist path, and there’s lots to see and do. And as it’s my hometown, you will get the opportunity to visit my family and friends in an informal setting. Contact me at sward1@mymts.net for more info, 1-204-748-3351.

Our New Zealand adventure tour starts November 11 on the South Island in the city of Dunedin. Some of the tour highlights on the South Island include: “Natures Wonders”, a working sheep farm, Croydon de Havilland 89 Dragon Rapide/Dominie "Tui" and a Canadian Chipmunk. We will also see the mythical “Maoris Footprint” and its panoramic view. On the rugged cliffs you will see nesting Cormorants and hear the Pacific Ocean crashing below. Milford Sound will astound you as we cruise this world renowned harbour. The attractive town of Te Anau is set in the backdrop of Mt Luxmore and the Murchison mountains. We will see the historic and picturesque town of Queenstown. From the town of Wanaka we will travel to the amazing Fox Glacier. A wide range of activities are available. On a clear day we will see Mount Cook and Mount Tasman reflected in Lake Matthison. Warbirds and Wheels museum will be a
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We have someone who is travelling solo and he is looking for another male to share accommodations with. Contact Sarah for details on this opportunity.

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very interesting stop, tracing the evolution of fighting aircraft. At Crieffel Station we will explore the farm, see their livestock, and have afternoon tea. In the town of Christchurch, we will tour the botanical gardens, Canterbury Museum and Art Gallery. From Christchurch on Day 10 we board the Coastal Pacific train for a scenic feast with views of the Kaikorura Mountains along the Pacific Coast. Once we arrive in Picton we will transfer to the Interislander Ferry for the Cook Strait Ferry crossing to the North Island for the remainder of our adventure. On leisure days you have the option of rest and relaxation, getting caught up postcards, or taking part in one of the many exciting and interesting optional tours and activities.

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Spring is usually here! I know this because we are finally back home on the farm after being away all winter. Upon our return a few snowdrifts remained on our runway, so Ken landed our plane (Queenie) on the paved strip at Shoal Lake, CKL5. After a week or so we were able to fly her home as the snow had finally disappeared. In our valley the wild crocuses are blooming, and migratory birds like bluebirds, robins, meadowlarks, crows, geese, ducks, hawks and turkey vultures have returned. Unfortunately, we have had more aviation bad luck. In November we had a prop strike on our way out to BC, so Queenie stayed at Frame Aviation for repairs in Claresholm, Alberta while we went on to Australia. Ken went back to pick up the plane in January, and flew her out to Osoyoos, BC for the rest of the winter. We have tied down at CBB9 (Osoyoos) for the past 6 winters and have had no problems until this year. But our plane was broken into this winter – twice! The first time the cowardly thieves emptied the plane out – tools, emergency kit, everything basically, including my nice Bose headsets. I normally remove them when our plane is parked, but of course, this time I didn’t. The second time they broke in they tried to pry our brand-new Garmin 5 (installed 3 months previously) and in doing so broke the case and the battery pack, and destroyed the dash covering. But, to every cloud there is a silver lining, and at least it was installed as only a backup instrument, meaning that Queenie is still airworthy. So, we had to admit defeat and move Queenie to a secure hangar 20 minutes north to Oliver, CAU3.

Manitoba Chapter Convention was held April 26/27 in Virden. It was well attended by 32 Flying Farmers and we were honoured to have both IFF Queen Cheryl and IFF President Clément Dion and their spouses join us. It was unanimous that Executive remain unchanged.

Minnkota Convention will be held JUNE 9TH-11TH, 2019 at the HAMPTON INN & SUITES, ALEXANDRIA, MN 56308.

Wisconsin Convention Monday May 20-May 22, 2019 at the AmericInn 3900 Milton Ave Janesville, WI 53546 Phone: 608-756-4511

Looks like its full steam ahead for IFF Convention in Kansas. Ken and I have never been to Kansas so I am looking forward to attending. Hope to see you there!!

We had a good attendance at the IA/MO Convention. The weather kept several at home. We were appreciative of those who could get there. The convention was in Burlington, Iowa. Thanks to the Jennings, Chatfields and the Bohrers for planning this weekend. A full convention report is elsewhere in the magazine.

The next weekend Larry and Sharon Jennings along with
IFF Duchess Rhonda and me, traveled to Topeka, Kansas for the Kansas Convention. On the way we waited out a snow storm in Des Moines with an extended brunch, and then drove on in decent weather. The Kansas Convention was a good time. We always enjoy getting together with our friends from other chapters. The tours were very informative, and the Kansas Capital was beautiful.

Duchess Rhonda and I attended the funeral of IA/MO longtime member, Don Walker on April 6th.

We had snow April 27th in eastern Iowa, now it’s rain. I am still waiting to get into the fields as are many around us.

My agronomist told me some around him, 40 miles from me, were finishing combining soybeans 2 weeks ago. It’s so cold and damp the weeds aren’t growing yet. Weather is a challenge in farming.

An annual event for the Washington Flying Farmers is a safety seminar which is sponsored jointly by the FAA, Big Bend Community College Flight Program and the Flying Farmers. It is held in Moses Lake, Washington at the BBCC Flight Training Center either late January or February. This year the seminar was held on Saturday, January 26 with thirty-nine pilots attending. Sixteen of these attendees were flying farmers.

It was three safety seminars in one day which included:

1. Aircraft Performance, Pre-Flight and Emergency Procedures
2. Good Decisions + Good Judgement = Safety!! (ADM)
3. Security Procedures – A fact of life for GA!!
The seminars covered subjects that promote the safety practices of pilots. Participants also receive 3 FAA WINGS Credits and meet knowledge requirements for BASIC FAA Wings. The seminars also cover the subjects required by the Flying Farmer’s Annual Proficiency Training (APT).

The speakers, Aaron Linthicum & John Swedburg from the college and Robert Tickner from FAA did an excellent job and lots of questions were asked from the pilots attending. Coffee and cookies were made available all day by the Washington Flying Farmer ladies.

The Washington Flying Farmers had fifteen members gather at Jerry and Nina Richardson’s home near Moses Lake for a meeting. All members were just recovering from a three-week snow event and obviously very glad to be able to gather. President Art Sager conducted the meeting and events were planned from April through September. Following the meeting we all enjoyed a delicious potluck dinner.

The April event that was planned in March was a tour of a railroad museum that is in the rural town of Reardan, Washington. On April 27 there were eleven flying farmers who enjoyed a new museum dedicated to preserving old retired trains that if not preserved will end up in the scrap iron pile. It was a VERY WINDY...
day, but most of the exhibits were inside a beautiful new building. Following the tour, they were treated to a short train ride. Only problem was the passenger car was open and did I mention the wind? It was a short ride and then members went to a local restaurant for lunch and a business meeting.

A man was explaining how he lived to be 100. “Every morning I get up at six. I drink 12 cups of coffee and jog five miles.”

“I had a friend who did that, and he only lived to be 80,” a listener interjected.

“Well, I guess he just didn’t keep it up long enough,” said the oldtimer.

More Amazing Facts Everyone Should Know

1. If you open your eyes in a pitch-black room, the color you’ll see is called eigengrau.
2. There may be no sound in space, but it does have a distinct smell: a bouquet of diesel fumes, gunpowder, and barbecue. The aroma is mostly produced by dying stars.
3. In Japan, letting a sumo wrestler make your baby cry is considered good luck.
4. Where do baby carrots come from? Ugly carrots. When a California farmer realized he was discarding 400 tons of carrots a day because they were too bent to be sold, he gave his harvest a makeover and shaved them down to snackable nubs. Today, baby carrots are a $1 billion business.
5. Oreos are a knock-off of Hydrox cookies, which came out four years earlier (in 1908).
6. If your dog’s feet smell like corn chips, you’re not alone. The term “Frito Feet” was coined to describe the scent.
7. In Iceland, it’s hard to come up with a creative name for a newborn. A government committee prevents parents from giving babies names it deems too weird. The committee’s name? Mannanafnanefnd.
8. Maurice Sendak’s ‘Where the Wild Things Are’ was initially pitched as ‘Where the Wild Horses Are.’ His editor loved the title, but Sendak couldn’t draw horses. The wild things he ended up drawing are caricatures of his relatives.
9. In the original stage version of The Wizard of Oz, Dorothy’s companion isn’t Toto, but a cow named Imogene. It was easier to fit a human into a cow costume than a dog one.

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David Hahn
1939-2019

David L Hahn of Wall, South Dakota, died on Wednesday, July 18, 2018 at the Rapid City Regional Hospital at the age of 78. He was born November 15, 1939 in Wheaton, Minnesota. He went to South Dakota State University where he earned a bachelor and master's degree and learned to fly. Dave started his professional career teaching music before going on to become the principal in Gregory and the superintendent in Wall.

Dave taught numerous individuals to play music, sing in the choir, waterski, and obtain their pilots license over the years. Dave was a wonderful asset to the town of Wall. Over the years he owned the hardware store and a gas station, was a member of the ambulance crew and was the mayor of Wall for thirty years.

Dave’s wishes were to donate his body to the Sanford USD Medical School, where he will continue his legacy of teaching and giving people the opportunity to further their knowledge.

Survivors include his wife Carol of Wall; three step-children Mitch Richter, Shannon Schaefers, and Londa Richter, all of Rapid City; seven step-grandchildren; one step-great-grandson; his brother Dale Hahn of Minneapolis; one sister Arleen Bietz of Scotland.

Dave was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorial

Donald Walker
1924-2018

Donald E. Walker, 94, of Cedar Falls, died Saturday, March 23, 2019, at UnityPoint Health Allen Hospital in Waterloo, Iowa. He was born April 12, 1924 in Clatonia, Nebraska, the son of Nelson and Kathryn (Williams) Walker. Don married Geraldine Gregg in 1949, and they later divorced. He married Miriam Westendorf in 1991 in Readlyn, Iowa. Donald earned his MA degree in Engineering from Arizona State University and served as a U.S. Navy pilot during WW II. He was an engineer at John Deere and Company for many years, retiring in 1982. Don was past president of the Iowa Chapter of Flying Farmers and was a member of Cedar Falls AMVETS Post 49 and The Quiet Birdmen.

He is survived by his wife, Miriam Walker, of Cedar Falls; his four sons, Gary Walker of Coralville, IA, Mark Walker of Albuquerque, NM, Tim Walker of Seattle, WA and Scott Walker of Albuquerque; his daughter, Laura Walker, of Edmond, OK; three step sons, Robert Westendorf of Oro Valley, AZ, Keith Westendorf of Milwaukee, WI and Kevin Westendorf of Readlyn, IA; three grandchildren, seven step grandchildren, one great grandchild, and seven step great grandchildren.

Don was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife; two sisters, Lois Messinger and Carlin Rhea, and his brother, Norman Walker.

Former IFF members

Alvin Howard – Iowa/Missouri – 3/10/19

Let Me Go
“When I come to the end of the road
And the sun has set for me
I want no rites in a gloom filled room
Why cry for a soul set free?”
~ Christina Rossetti

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### June 2019

### August 2019
25-28 - IFF Convention - Drury Plaza Hotel Broadview, 400 West Douglas Avenue, Wichita, KS

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HISTORY
International Flying Farmers is an organization of families with a mutual interest in the promotion and use of airplanes in agriculture. The organization, founded in 1944, consists of state and provincial chapters throughout North America. While originally founded by farmers and ranchers who owned aircraft, the membership now consists of individuals from all walks of life, from store owners and factory workers to bankers and lawyers. Direct involvement in agriculture or aviation is not, in and of itself, a requirement for membership.

PURPOSE
The purpose of the organization is: To create and maintain a compact representative and centralized organization with a spirit of cooperation and mutual helpfulness among its members; to explore and emphasize the importance of flying and the use of the airplane in agricultural production, including the breeding, raising and feeding of livestock; and to engage in research and extension service, including publishing magazines or other periodicals to disseminate among its members information pertaining to the purposes of the organization.