

LIFESTYLES

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Read books with hopes of spring

Maybe if we only read books that fill us with hope that spring is on the way, it'll come. I am so very, very ready for the snow to go away and the grass to grow and the dandelions and the trees to bloom and burst forth into green.

These new titles were all selected because their cover made me think about warmer weather.

I like the title of this book and its picture of young girls running through a green field in white summery dresses. "Necessary Lies" by Diane Chamberlain made me think of the lies I tell myself to get through a winter like we've just experienced. The book is more serious than that and is set in North Carolina of the 1960s with a new caseworker for the Department of Public Health and a young girl in charge of her grandmother, mentally ill



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sister, her own epilepsy and trying to keep their small tobacco farm going after her parents die. But I didn't find the book depressing, it was hopeful and full of life.

The cover of "The Last First Day" by Carrie Brown is of green and yellow ginkgo leaves falling on a white background. The cover made me warm and that is very important so I looked inside to find a look back at life, from its harrowing childhood

to the unaccountable love and happiness that emerged from it. It has made me grateful for my life, dreams and husband.

"Queen Sugar" by Natalie Baszile is full of golden sunlight, ripe grasses and blue dragonflies. Journey with Charley as she moves to the 800 acres of sugarcane land in rural Louisiana left to her by her father. She seeks balance between work, life, family and heat, glorious summer heat.

"Murder by Sunlight" by Barbara Graham, is a new 'charity quilt' title. I found myself willing to be murdered by sunlight, as long as it was warm. Tennessee Sheriff Tony Abernathy is hoping for a quiet Independence Day with nothing more to worry about than helping the quilters hang quilts and the antique cars run smoothly in the parade. But when a man's body is found in a tree, mischief,

mayhem and maybe even murder seem to boil up overnight.

I've never been all that interested in Hollywood life, however with my daughter in southern California and hoping to work in Hollywood, I find myself a bit more curious.

The cover of "Real Happy Family" by Caeli Wolfson Widger is of blue sky and palm trees, my kind of weather at the moment. The book features a cast as dysfunctional as any family I've seen. But mom Colleen is determined to get her family back to a state of happy and together.

"Man Alive!" by Mary Kay features a smoking barbeque on the cover with an immaculate green lawn. Owen Lerner is a pediatric psychiatrist who is struck by lightning and now all he wants to do is barbeque, while his family is in freefall.

PETS OF THE WEEK



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"Dora," "Liberty" and "Sophie" — three of the most special felines you will ever meet. These are the three that were left sealed in a box on someone's doorstep; abandoned and alone. Precious as the day is long. Hoping to keep them together, but also realize that sometimes is not possible. Nonetheless, looking for that special person that will make a more positive difference in their lives. They are not accustomed

to dogs and prefer a home without them or at least a dog that is very quiet and docile. All are very affectionate so they really don't have any idea of why they suddenly found themselves with strangers. Tragic but all so often true. Please give them a better life.

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LOOKINGBACK

25 YEARS AGO

If you thought there's been a lot of snow this winter, your suspicions were correct. There has been a lot of snow — a record amount. Saturday's snow brought the season tally to 98 inches, according to George Josephs, official-in-charge at the Falls Weather Service Office.

Boise Cascade senior bleach plant operator Tranquillo Lucca has retired after 45 years of service.

40 YEARS AGO

A boy was born today at Falls Memorial Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Roger Oettinger.

Boise Cascade announced that James Glowack has accepted a position as general super-

visor with his first assignment in the finishing department.

50 YEARS AGO

A combined Easter and birthday dinner was served at the John Sop home, Rainy Lake, for 32 family members honoring Mrs. Christine Christenson on her birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brown of Ray will be honored Sunday at an open house from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Ray School. The occasion is in honor of the couple's 45th wedding anniversary.

60 YEARS AGO

Carol Ann Jackson, 13, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Kirvan, South International Falls, was honored at a surprise birthday party Sunday afternoon at

her home. Eighteen girls attended the party.

Mrs. Ed Jameson Jr., 310 Fifth St., was honored at a stork shower at the home of Mrs. John Engelking.

Some 75 friends helped Floyd Rasmussen celebrate his birthday anniversary Saturday night with a party at his marine shop on Highway 53. Music for dancing was furnished by the Kilde brothers.

Floyd Lindvall, 719 Ninth St., arrived home from Greenland where he spent nine months working at a North Atlantic defense base.

70 YEARS AGO

Pvt. and Mrs. Morris Olson (Gladys Dumais) are parents of a son, Morris John, born today at their

home in Sawmill Addition.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Averill are parents of a son, Michael Peter, born this morning at the Northern Minnesota Hospital.

The Pat Lynch livery barn, city landmark, is being moved to the Harry Moore farm on Ewald Road.

Members of The Daily Journal gang "knocked off" work for a short time Friday afternoon to celebrate the birthday of one of the paper's most faithful readers and boosters, George Rollins, of this city, who reached his 85th milestone on that day.

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ABOUT LOCAL FOLKS

Snowbirds take first in golf tournament

Two northern Minnesota snowbirds wintering in Lake Havasu, Ariz., Larry Reese of International Falls and Alan Knaeble of Big Falls, were first place winners in the re-

cent Ladder Golf tourney at Beachcomber Resort on Lake Havasu. Word around Havasu is that Reese pretty much carried the team. The pair will soon return to the Northland.

BIRTHS

The following births have been reported from La Verendrye General Hospital, Fort Frances.

Born to: Natasha Whitefish and Daniel Johnson, Fort Frances, a son, Evander Joseph Johnson, 10 pounds, 3 ounces, March 10, 2014.

Roslyn Tuesday and Lanny Morrisseau, Couchiching, a son, Richard Ross Morrisseau, 7 pounds, 3 ounces, March 11, 2014.

Shantaya Paul, Fort Frances, a daughter, Madison Seyla Noelle Paul, 8 pounds, 6 ounces, March 13, 2014.

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