

# EDUCATION

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## Differences in thinking and generations

We've been writing articles about a number of different topics with a search for answers being the emphasis of the articles. It doesn't seem to matter what topic we hit on, there most always seems to be issues of concern within that topic.

The next several articles will touch on some real possibilities that generate problems, and that is people themselves, coming out of different age groupings or the different generations.

Do the issues and concerns arise due to the differences in our thinking and generation we come from? Since we are a product of where we came from, along with the time period we are tied to, our thinking is patterned after the beliefs of that time period.



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We have four generations of people that are influential in our society. They are the Traditionalists-Veterans, (1922-43); Baby Boomers, (1943-60); Gen Xers, (1960-79); and Millenials or Gen Y-Nexters, (1980-2000). Each generation produces a people with different beliefs, perceptions, values and wants.

The different generations cover time periods that have seen and experienced different things: a Depression, a World War, Civil Rights, advent of television, and the

advent of computers and the internet. Every generation is influenced by its period's economic, political and social events.

Since people from the generations experience different social and behavioral happenings, a lack of understanding across generations can have detrimental effects on communications which undermine relationships.

What can be done to ease the difficulties and improve the communication between people from these different time periods?

(A possibility might be to agree on reaching for a common end result.) When representatives of the different time periods need to come together for a common goal, an understanding needs to be in place between them that each member has unique abilities and ideas that can lead to a workable solution.

We also need to have all members understand that another way to reduce concerns and ease communication between our generational groups is to value different views, encourage active listening, support the

sharing of expertise, share recognition and appreciation, value hard work and encourage humor and fun in the relationship.

If we can remember these thoughts and agree that each generation brings a unique perspective and thought process to present day relationships, we can better understand our differences which leads to better communication that will generate an easier access to a positive outcome.

*Source: American Generations- New Strategists Publications*

## Preschool student assists in grant writing

With the help of preschool student Grae Shikowsky, Falls Elementary School was awarded a \$977 grant for new gym equipment from the Northland Foundation's Youth in Philanthropy program through funding from Minnesota Power.

According to Missy Walls, preschool teacher, the grant application needed



**Grae Shikowsky**

## RRCC offers trades courses

RRCC STAFF REPORT

Rainy River Community College and Advanced Minnesota have announced the following new courses geared toward industrial maintenance and technology.

Introduction to SMAW Welding is an 80-hour course, beginning Dec. 4. Shielded metal arc welding, or stick welding, is a popular welding technique that can be used for a variety of welding projects. The course will run from 4 to 10 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays in December, and Wednesdays in January and February. Total cost for the course is \$1,390.97 and includes tuition, textbooks, welding supplies/materials, and personal protective equipment.

The Advanced Welding course begins March 12, 2014. This 80-hour course applies advanced skill development of all aspects of welding including pressure vessel and branch and header welds. This course is based on training for entry level welders. This course will run from 4 to 10 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays, March 12 through April 24. Total cost for the course is \$1,390.97 and includes tuition, textbooks, welding supplies/materials, and personal protective equipment.

The Welding Unlimited Bridge/Bend Test will be administered April 25 at RRCC. Cost of the test is \$865.97. A weld is completed on 1-inch thickness mild steel in the required positions—normally a vertical position and an overhead position. Bend coupons are extracted from the weld test and a side bend is applied to determine the soundness of the weld. If the weld test applicant is successful, they become qualified to weld mild steel from 1/8-inch thickness (minimum) up to an unlimited thickness. Hence, it is called an Unlim-

ited Test.

Blueprint Reading and Sketching is a 32-hour course, beginning Jan. 16. The course provides the foundations of blueprint reading and the importance in industry, as well as how to communicate ideas through the use of sketches. The course begins Jan. 8 from 4 to 8 p.m. and runs every Thursday through Feb. 27. Total cost for the course, including tuition and textbooks, is \$436.25.

The eight-hour Low Pressure Boiler course, scheduled from 4 to 8 p.m. Feb. 7 and 8 a.m. to noon Feb. 8, is specifically designed for maintenance personnel in plants, facilities, and commercial buildings. The course will cover topics such as: safe operation and maintenance of low pressure boilers, Minnesota Boiler Licensure requirements, and how to troubleshoot basic boiler problems before they become boiler failures. Cost for the course is \$195. Candidates will fill out an

Individual Engineer License Examination Application, and submit the \$50 fee to reserve a seat for the exam. An informational meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. Dec. 11 at RRCC.

Boise Paper dislocated workers are encouraged to contact Carol at 218-735-6130 or Tammy, 218-735-6130, Office of Job Training staff at the Minnesota Workforce Center, for potential funds available through the dislocated worker program.

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## KEEPING SCANDINAVIAN TRADITION ALIVE

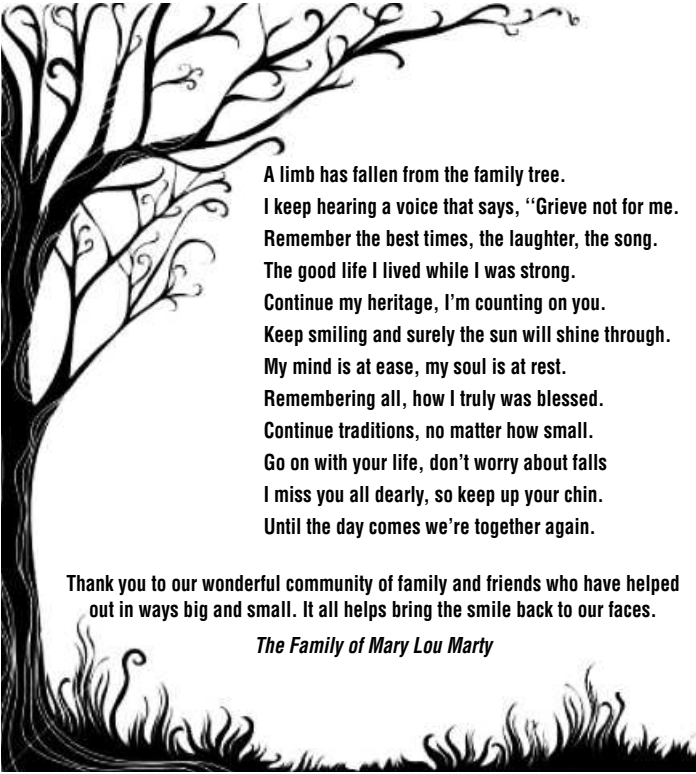


CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

Community volunteers, mostly from the local Sons of Norway, Vinland Lodge 1-193, and the Family and Consumer Science students from Falls High School, taught by Marva Fairchild, recently spent a couple of days making lefse. The traditional soft, Norwegian flatbread is made out of potato, flour, and milk or cream, and cooked is on a griddle. Lefse is a Scandinavian treat that is especially popular around the holidays. Many Scandinavian Americans eat lefse primarily around Thanksgiving and Christmas. Family members often gather to cook lefse as a group effort and make the event a traditional holiday activity. Adult volunteers included Craig Moe, Mary Moe, Lyle Windsness, Dick Bergh, Pat Ettestad and Gordy Ettestad. Students are pictured with adult volunteers Pat Ettestad and Mary Moe.

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A limb has fallen from the family tree.  
I keep hearing a voice that says, "Grieve not for me.  
Remember the best times, the laughter, the song.  
The good life I lived while I was strong.  
Continue my heritage, I'm counting on you.  
Keep smiling and surely the sun will shine through.  
My mind is at ease, my soul is at rest.  
Remembering all, how I truly was blessed.  
Continue traditions, no matter how small.  
Go on with your life, don't worry about falls  
I miss you all dearly, so keep up your chin.  
Until the day comes we're together again.

Thank you to our wonderful community of family and friends who have helped out in ways big and small. It all helps bring the smile back to our faces.  
*The Family of Mary Lou Marty*



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