



# Ostestaden News

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## Fabulous Farm Babe Jr, Bobbie Jo Bergum

New to the world of agricultural broadcasting and journalism, I would like to introduce myself. My name is Bobbi Jo Bergum. Born on a 90-head Holstein farm in Monticello, WI, agriculture is in my blood. My earliest memories are painted with images of riding the tractor with my dad, bailing hay, and causing havoc in the milking parlor. Although my family sold the farm to move to Monroe, WI, the industry is still very near and dear to my heart. Close friends and other relatives still keep me connected to the area so that farming never leaves my peripheral. My family's small acreage in Monroe is home to two horses, an Egyptian Arabian that I show and a Miniature Horse that was a 4-H project when I was little. In FFA, I had Supervised Agricultural Experiences in the areas of Equine Science and Agricultural Communication. My active roles in 4-H and FFA piloted me on my path to pursuing agriculture in college. At the University of Wisconsin—Madison, I am a student of Life Sciences Communication and Animal Sciences, while keeping membership in ag organizations on campus such as the Association of Women in Agriculture, the →



Bergum is a member of Ostestoden Sons of Norway

Wisconsin Equestrian Team, and the Collegiate FFA. Upon graduation, I hope to travel and gain a global perspective in agriculture, either through Peace Corps service if accepted or through another volunteer organization. After this, I will either go on to graduate school or go directly into a career in agricultural communications. This summer, I have the honor of being under the direction of Farm Director Pam Jahnke with the Wisconsin Farm Report as her intern. With this tremendous opportunity, I am experiencing Wisconsin agriculture in its broadest sense and getting my feet on the ground in media.

## Cheese Days Parade

The Ostestaden (cheese house) gang of Vikings dressed in red on our float for the Cheese Days parade.





Maren Nelson and Grace Robertson

### Fra Presidentent



products for children, adults, or home/business decoration. "Every piece we make, large or small, is truly handcrafted with a lot of attention and personal touch given to it," says Reese.

Please use the front door of the church if you arrive before 6:30. The other group leaves by 6:30.

### November social

Jim Reese from the Wooden Trooper will talk about wood products. Reese works closely with customers to design and build customized wood

Greetings Members and Friends,  
We had an exciting auction in October. So many laughs and crazy bidding. Chet Johnson always makes it fun though some of his jokes are groaners. Thank you Chet, we couldn't do it without you.

Sons of Norway members from Mt.Horeb and Stoughton left quite a bit of their money with our Lodge. Thanks to all who attended and Grace and Jean for their record keeping.

With the holidays approaching our lefse bake is on November 12 and the Bake Sale December 9 at Woodford bank.

Promoting and preserving our Heritage is what Sons of Norway means to me. If you haven't already started please share our heritage with your children and grandchildren. If cooking/baking isn't your favorite maybe teaching them a few Norwegian words and phrases would work. Our library has a Norwegian dictionary or ask to borrow mine. Or teach them to play Kubb. We have been playing it at the picnic for the last few years. My grandson thinks it is a blast. He will be getting a set of Kubb for his birthday in December. Guess we'll play it in the basement. My Osseo grandchildren

play it in school BY THE RULES!

Enjoy the beautiful fall colors.  
Time to break out the Norwegian sweaters.

Maren Nelson, President



### December Christmas party

Come see a young **magician**. Trent Weber has been working with Bill Hunter on his magic. Come enjoy his story and his show.

Our Christmas Party is December 8 at World Buffet, 145 7½ Street, Monroe. Gather at 6 PM and eat at 6:30. Meal cost is \$10.49 plus your drink. Pay as you leave. Sign up sheet available at our November meeting or call Maren 325-3248 by Dec. 5. If you wish to exchange gifts, bring a \$5 wrapped generic gift.

## Sept social report



Jean shows a scroll rosemaling lesson for a Cultural Skills badge.



Elaine encourages members to try rose painting.

Elaine Bethke talked about the history of rosemaling. Jean Busker pointed out how styles and paint colors from different areas in Norway are different. Elaine and Jean brought samples of their own painting.

## Oct social report

Auctioneer Chet Johnson makes the auction fun. He helped raise \$633.32 (net) for the Sons of Norway foundation scholarships and for our Norwegian youth camp, Masse Moro. We enjoyed many guests from other lodges.



Auctioneer Chet Johnson assisted by Gary Wilhelms.

## About Norway

### New Norwegian Film Breaking into International Market

Løvekvinnen – The Lion Woman. In August, "The Lion Woman" is based on the bestseller by Erik Fosnes Hansen. The drama follows the trials of Eva, a girl born in 1912 with a disorder that causes fur to grow over most of her body. Her ashamed father first tries to hide her from society, and she later suffers bullying and humiliation from all sides. This beautiful tale of otherness, tolerance and redemption shows how the Lion Woman learns to face and overcome these obstacles.

### New American Embassy in Oslo

Norway's new American Embassy is currently under construction in Huseby, a western suburb of Oslo. Planned outdoor spaces take cues from Norwegian design principles by utilizing the area's mature trees and stream to meld the new building with the natural landscape. Architects are using white Norwegian granite and a copper roof inspired by the Norwegian copper in the Statue of Liberty.

### Why Norwegians are driving more slowly (litt på norsk...Derfor kjører norske bilister stadig saktere)

Increased age of drivers explains 25 percent of speed reduction. (Drivers aged 35-44 drive fastest.) Most of the decline in speed is explained by more cars on the roads and fewer reckless drivers. Speed counter boxes and media attention may be reasons. Smaller and older cars are driven slower.

**Calendar 2016**

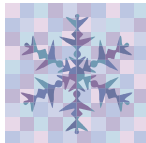
- Nov 10 Board meeting, 5:30 PM
- Nov 10 Jim Reese at the WOODEN TROOPER  
Officer elections
- Nov 12 Lefse bake at UPC, 8PM until done
- Nov 24 Happy Thanksgiving
- Dec 1 Board meeting in UPC library, 5:30 PM
- Dec 5 Need rsvps for Christmas Party, 6:30 PM
- Dec 8 Christmas Party (at World Buffet)
- Dec 9 Bake sale at Woodford Bank. 8:30 set up.  
Call Maren if you can help set up!
- Dec 25 Merry Christmas. Enjoy.
- Mar 18 Zone 3 Officer meeting, Mauston, WI

**Treat schedule**

- NOV Helen Miller 325-4777 ([hlmiller@wekz.net](mailto:hlmiller@wekz.net))
- Pat Johnson 329-6392 ([quiltjohnson@tds.net](mailto:quiltjohnson@tds.net))

**Weather Alert**

If the weather is questionable the day of any event please listen to WEKZ and a decision will be made by noon. A mass email will also be sent out.



Maren

**ENTER which door?**

Be considerate of another group meeting at UPC. They use our old entry door. In November, we enter through the main front door. Look for the Norwegian flag! It will guide you.

**Lefse Bake**

November 12. 8AM until done, usually mid afternoon. Sign up sheet at November meeting, or call Maren 325-3248. Many jobs available even some if you need to work seated. Please come when you can. We need griddles first thing, and stay as long as you can. This is our largest fund raiser of the year and we need everyone's help.

**Stoughton Mandt Lodge**

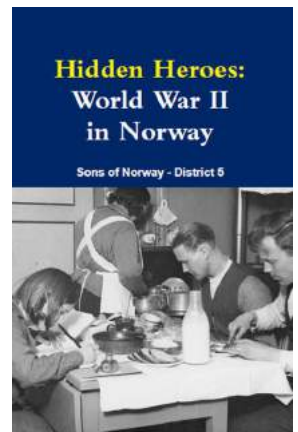
90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
October 29 and 30.  
Saturday Lefse clinic 9 to 11, pumpkin carving drop off 8 to 1 winner at 2. Trick or treating. 2 to 2:30.  
Sunday Open House. 1 to 4. Displays, cake and refreshments.

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**ORDER FORM - HIDDEN HEROES: WORLD WAR II IN NORWAY**

- \$20 (1 book) allow 3 weeks for printing
- \$25 (Masse Moro donation for 1 book) and shipping (shipping to
- \$100 (Masse Moro donation for 5 books) one location)
- \$250 (Masse Moro donation for 15 books)
- \$500 (Masse Moro donation for 33 books)
- I want to make a \$\_\_\_\_\_ donation, and receive only \_\_\_ books

Make checks out to "Sons of Norway District 5"

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 City/St/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Send your order to: Mike Palecek, SON D5 treasurer, 5747 Sandy Lane, Racine WI 53406



### Charles Wayne "Chuck" Moen

Charles Wayne "Chuck" Moen of Freeport died at FHN Memorial Hospital, Saturday, Sept 17, 2016. He was born on March 24, 1929, in rural Lake Mills, Iowa, to Stephen W. and Cora H. (Troe) Moen. He came to Freeport with his family in 1931. On June 15, 1951, he married Della Mae Utesch in Chicago, IL. After graduating from Freeport High School in 1947, Chuck attended Carthage College in Carthage, IL where he met the love of his life and graduated in 1951, with a BS in History and Education. He also received a Masters of Education from Northern IL University in 1959. He enlisted in the Illinois National Guard 44th Infantry Division during college and served on active duty from Feb 1952 to Feb 1953. He

was blessed to be able to participate in an Honor Flight in the fall of 2015. He began teaching in Freeport in the fall of 1953 at Center School. He taught 4th to 6th grade for 32 years before retiring in 1985. Chuck's passions were his faith, his family, learning, and his Norwegian heritage. He was constantly seeking to learn new things and pass that knowledge on to others around him. He loved reading, woodworking, and supporting his wife and family. He was a charter member of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Freeport and served there in numerous capacities over the years. He served on the Evangelical Lutheran Church Global Missions committee, was an active participant at the Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center in Oregon, IL, and supported Lutheran World Relief Projects. He was very active in the Stephenson County Soil and Water Conservation District as an associate board member and volunteer, served with the Blackhawk Hills Regional Council RC&D, and was a volunteer with the Natural Resources Conservation Service of the USDA. In 2015 Chuck and Della were presented with the Conservation Friends of the District Award by the Stephenson County Farm Bureau. He was also active in the Illinois Retired Teachers Association at the county and state level and the Golden K Kiwanis Club, serving as President twice and Lt. Governor of I-I District Division 12. In the past, he spent over 25 years working with the Boy Scouts at troop, District, and Council levels. He has belonged to several Norwegian heritage organizations over the years and was currently a member of the Sons of Norway Ostestaden Lodge in Monroe, WI.

Chuck is survived by daughters, Mae (Delvin) Trost and Peggy Wohlford, both of Lena, and Carol (John) Nielsen of Mt. Horeb, WI; six grandchildren, Trisha (Dale) Forrester of Freeport, Colin (Karla) Trost of Bolingbrook, AF Capt Joshua (Dorothy) Wohlford of Navarre, Florida, AF Capt Justin Wohlford of Perry, Georgia, Matthew Nielsen, PhD, of Tucson, Arizona, and Kristina Nielsen of Philadelphia, PA; and 4 great-grandchildren, Sydnee, Max, and Zoe Forrester of Freeport, and Sonnet Wohlford of Navarre, Florida. He is also survived by one sister-in-law, Donna (Chris) Bredlow of Madison, WI, six nieces and nephews, and his beloved 4-legged companion, Rikka. He was preceded in death by his wife, his parents, in-laws, infant daughter, Mae Jean, sister and brother-in-law, Marjorie and Deane Mitchell, brother and sister-in-law, Keith and Judy Moen, sister-in-law, Cheryl Utesch, and son-in-law, Randy Wohlford.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 11 a.m. Sat., November 26, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Freeport. The Monroe Times

### Mary Louise Shomo McCauley

Mary Louise Shomo **McCauley**, 76, of Argyle Wisconsin passed away at the University of Wisconsin Hospital on September 14th, 2016. **Mary** was born on May 22nd, 1940 in Chicago Illinois. She is predeceased by her father, Erwin Henry Shomo, Network Executive, mother, Kathryn Louise Evans, homemaker and brother, Albert T. Shomo, Longshoreman. She graduated with the class of 1957 at Glenbrook High School in Glenview, Illinois.

Mary is survived by her former husband, Richard Emmett **McCauley**, to whom she was married for 34 years, their four children, Laura Lynn, Shaun Patrick, Albert Shayne, Lissa Michelle, five grandchildren, Megan **McCauley** Cassidy, Daniel Mark Cassidy, Ryan Shayne **McCauley**, Katie Lorraine **McCauley**, Ashley Lynn **McCauley** and three great grandchildren, Logan Shayne Lewis, Aiden Joseph Lewis and Jackson Ryan Nichols.

Mary was a Deacon at the Union Presbyterian Church, and a member of The Sons of Norway. She was an avid animal lover, gardener, interior decorator, cook and baker excelling in Cannelloni and Christmas cookies. **Mary** loved fashion and football (Go Packers!), but most of all, her family. Memorial service will be held in Pennsylvania in late October near her immediate family. The Newcomer Funeral Home, Monroe, is assisting the family.

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### Our Mission Statement:

The mission of Sons of Norway is to promote and to preserve the heritage and culture of Norway, to celebrate our relationship with other Nordic Countries, and provide quality insurance and financial products to our members.

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**Sons of Norway Ostestaden Socials**  
**the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month**

with a light lunch at 6:30 PM and program at 7:00 PM  
UPC, 2707 5<sup>th</sup> St., Monroe, WI 53566

### *Gratulerer med Dagen!* *(Happy birthday)*

November	Chester Johnson
Elaine Bethke	Jamie Larson
Brett Bureau	Carol Mohns
Terrence Kubly	Sheri Novak
Nicholaus Cole	Erik Onsrud
December	Grace Robertson
Theodore Bergum	Isaac Wild
Mary Erickson	Gary Wilhelms
Hunter Huschitt	Marsha Wilhelms