

No MMM on July 5, consequently no MMM Minutes.

Pam's Notes

It is with heavy heart that we announce that Walter Straka passed away this morning on Independence Day, July 4th 2021 at the age of 101. Mr. Straka was an extraordinary man who by his own account "should have been dead a thousand times." Mr. Straka was Minnesota's last living survivor of the Bataan Death March where he and thousands of others were forced to march 65 miles over 6 days.

Walt was a long time resident of the Tip and was a joy to be around. Thank you Millie Auge for notifying us of Walt's passing. A Salute to him and all the Veterans. Please read the story of this remarkable man's history.



<https://bringmethenews.com/.amp/minnesota-lifestyle/minnesota-wwii-veteran-dies-at-101-on-independence-day>

It is also with heavy heart to inform you that Don Albers had fallen last week and struck his head. He did not survive. Our prayers go out to Marcia and his family.

I want to Thank all of those who helped with our 4th of July inside picnic. Good food, games, and companionship were enjoyed by all. Special thanks to Vera and Lynn Janis for supplying the hotdogs, buns, and table decorations; Marilyn Bollington and her daughter for the prizes; Lou and JoCarol for chair volleyball; Bill Mauck for Bingo; Gracanne for Ice cream; and all of those who helped set up before and cleaned up afterwards.

I did want to pass on the nice note I received from Darlene O'Brien. We have missed having her and John here at the Tip. Hoping they can return next season:

Like most places they usually have a big July 4th. here. This year they arent having anything only some fireworks they put off from a barge from the middle of the lake.

This is a note to you just to check in with you. And let you know how we are doing. We are doing good. John goes to exercise twice a week and I go to therapy for my back twice a week. I actually got a shot in my back yesterday. So moving a little slow for a couple days then all should be well again.

It has been hot and humid here in central Illinois. A light rain again this morning, makes for a nice porch sitting day.

Nothing really planned for the summer only sometime in August we plan to go home to Iowa and have a headstone put on our daughters grave. John is designing how he wants it then we will go order it. Of course we will visit family while we are there. Looking forward to it.

Take care, and have a good summer. Look forward to your next note. Darlene

Fun in Iowa from the Salewskes:

Sending you two pictures of our visitors. You may post it in the news letter if you want. Terry & Sherry Dickey and Dave & Joy Ochs visited John & Char Salewske in Okoboji, IA. Had lunch out together & then for a boat ride on East & West Lake Okoboji. Boat Picture is in front of the Amusement Park in Arnold's Park, IA.



Looks like you are all having a good time. Enjoy.

No MMMeeting yesterday, so that's it for this week. I'm back to Houston next week, so should be a day or so before my next posting. Have a good week. Pam

