

NEWS FROM THE EDGE OF WRIGHT

By Jennie Hanson

A tornado touched down in Beseman Township last Wednesday, June 12th. I was home at the time and the rain came down in sheets along with the high winds whipping the trees around in my yard. It wasn't until the next morning that I realized several large trees came down on the north side of my driveway, blocking the road. My brother, Mark came over and cut the tree limbs back far enough for me to get out, but there will still be lots of logging to do to clean up the mess. Mark Dahlman also informed me that his home and former home on West Road were hit hard too. The wind snapped a light pole in half, trees were uprooted, he got a hole in the roof that let the rain pour in, and the power was out for hours. Trees along Center Road were down on the road in several places. But by the time I went to Wright the next day they were also trimmed up enough to travel the road.

Congratulations to Sarah Sedlander who was elected to the Northeast Women of the ELCA Board on June 11th at their Annual Summer Gathering in Grand Rapids. Terry Smith serves as Treasurer for the Synod, also.

Save the Date: The Cromwell High School Class of 1961 is holding their Annual Class Reunion on Thursday, July 18th at Gamper's in Moose Lake on Highway 61, at 1 PM. Attendees can order off the menu.

Our sympathy to the family of Catherine "Kay" Heittola, 84, Little Falls, formerly of Moose Lake, passed away peacefully on Monday, May 6, 2024, at Highland Senior Living, Little Falls. Kay was born on March 11, 1940, in Moose Lake. On February 6, 1959, Kay married Alvin Heittola in Automba. They lived in Kalevala Twp. She was extremely proud that at the age of 24 and after her first child, she went back to high school to receive her diploma at Cromwell High School. She will be lovingly remembered by four children: Sonny; Myron; Elden; and Russell; along with numerous grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and friends. A Memorial Service was held on June 14, 2024, in Hamlin-Hansen-Kosloski Funeral Home, Moose Lake.

Our sympathy to the family of Elvie Marie Latvala, 91, of Cromwell passed away on June 5, 2024. She was born at home on September 21, 1932, to Carl and Alvina Maijala of Tamarack, Minnesota.

Elvie attended the Patrick School in Clark Township (a.k.a. the Red Brick School) and McGregor High School. She married Lauri Latvala on March 31, 1949, and was a traditional homemaker for a number of years. She graduated from the American School of Correspondence in 1962 and from the University of Wisconsin, Superior in 1982. Elvie's career included various administrative and executive assistant positions in both Wisconsin and Arizona.

Elvie was a caring woman with a heart for refugees abroad, neighbors in need, pet dogs, and even stray cats. She was a charter member of the Superior, WI chapter of NAMI, the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill. Possessed of strong faith, she taught Good News Club in her home for a number of years.

Elvie enjoyed several activities: playing the piano, gardening, sewing, and painting (oil, watercolor and acrylic). A lifelong learner, she read extensively – especially history and biographies (no fiction, please!).

She was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Helen Latvala; husband, Lauri Latvala; son, Russell Latvala; grandsons, Robert Latvala and Kyle Knudson. Elvie is survived by daughters, Marilyn (Howard) Plucar of Plymouth, MN, Candy (Don) Knudson of Tamarack, MN; sons, Randy (Chris) Latvala of Hibbing, MN, Roland (Debbie) Latvala of Chandler, AZ; 13

grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. Her Funeral Service was held on at noon on June 11, 2024 in Atkins Northland Funeral Home,
Please add Elliana Lundberg and Canyon Dahl to the list of former Wrong Days Royalty for 2018.

Upcoming Events: YOGA in Cromwell 11 AM on Mondays

Wright Seniors meet for food, fun and games on Wednesdays 1 – 4 PM

June 18th – Bookmobile in Cromwell at the city park on HWY 210 - 12:30 PM

June 18th - Harvest Fest meeting at the pavilion at 6 PM

June 20th – Cribbage at the Wright Senior Center 6 PM

June 21 and 22nd - Cromwell-Wright Area Community Wide Garage Sales - Maps available in area businesses.

June 22 – United Methodist church is sponsoring a FREE Community Event on Saturday, June 22. Community worship at 4 PM, meal at 5 PM and music by the Keystone's from 6 – 9 PM at the Cromwell Park Pavilion. Everyone is invited to attend. This is an Alcohol-free event. This doesn't mean the alcohol is free it means NO Alcohol allowed!

June 23rd, Free meal -Cloquet Senior Center, 1100 Olympic Drive Sloppy Joes, 4-5 PM

June 24th -Bethany does Worship at the Villa Vista at 1:30 PM. Guests are welcome.

June 27th - YOT Senior Dance 1-4 at the Cromwell pavilion, Music by Jerry and Joyce.

June 27th – Cribbage at the Wright Senior Center 6 PM

June 30th – Joint Worship with Bethlehem at Bethany in Cromwell at 9:30 AM

June 30th - Free Meal -Veteran's Park 732 Ave Be Chicken Caesar Baguettes, 4-5 PM

July 2nd – Bell Ringing Ceremony, Picnic, and program at the Villa Vista in Cromwell starting at noon. Everyone is welcome to attend. Bring a bell and we will have our bells on!

That's all the news from the edge of Wright.