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First issue of the Harwood newsletter. Editors are: Marge Gourde, Vaughn Thompson and Pastor Dan Faust. "Name the Newsletter" contest with local prizes.

Park Board: Working with Jack Thompson from Asp Realty in obtaining land in the future North Acres II. The land is presently being plotted.

Cable Valley TV representative, Austin Kramer, was optimistic that cable could be installed by mid-January. The cold has prevented the completion.

Harwood Community Club purchased gifts and Christmas dinners for area needy families and baked goods for area shut-ins. They also served the lunch after the New Year's Eve dance at the Legion.

Harwood Go-Getters Homemakers Club observed their 30th anniversary in 1983 at a luncheon at Zion Lutheran Church.

Kuk & So Homemakers (organized in 1975) sponsored a resident at the Grafton State School through "Adopt a Friend" program.

75 people were in attendance in October for an informational meeting to form a volunteer fire department. Officers elected were: President – Ervin Wolff, Vice-President – Dan Faust, and Secretary-Treasurer – Ernie Jury. A tentative plot of property from the county has been checked. A siren has been purchased. A truck has been donated by the Argusville Fire Department, as well as funding from the Harwood American Legion.

Births:

Whitney and Sarah Keating, daughters of Tim and Ann Keating joined their two brothers home for Thanksgiving.

Anniversary greetings to Ed & Ruby Zvirovski on their 30th wedding anniversary.

Anniversary greetings to Leonard and Florence Myers on their 40th wedding anniversary.

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Christmas Lighting contest winners: **Most Original and Creative:** 1) Linda Kihle, 2) Peter Diemert 3) Dallas Marohl; Honorable Mention – Floyd Wangen, Aggie Zimney, Randy Peterson; **Most Original:** 1) Steve Olson 2) Bruce Lundquist 3) Ron Peterson; Honorable Mention – Don Anderson, Sam Blattenbauer, Don Driscoll and David Domier.

City: 1) City will conduct a public hearing in the Harwood Elementary School to consider a proposal for zoning changes in the boundaries of the city for the purpose of a motel. 2) An engineer's estimate for a \$630,000 hazard mitigation community development block grant for the Rivertree dike was submitted.

Park Board: 1) Aerobics will resume with classes Tuesday and Thursday evenings at a cost of \$2.00 per class. 2) Open gym continues on Sundays through mid-March.

Legion: Sportsman Raffle winners are: 1) Ryan Osowski (rifle) 2) Al Soberg (color TV) 3) Don Goerger (color print) 4) Terry Babb (binoculars) 5) Art Kolrud (deer processing)

Harwood Prairie Playhouse: Tickets go on sale for "Lend Me a Tenor" on January 24

Harwood Fire & Rescue: 10th anniversary Open House from 2-4 at the fire hall, followed by a dance at the Legion.

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Entries for "Name the Newsletter" contest will be accepted until the 10th.

School walkway has been tabled because of lack of funds.

Bob Long was honored at a recognition dinner at the Fargo American Legion club.

Spice of Life Homemakers attended the play "Calamity Jane" at the FM Community Theater.

The annual Father-Daughter banquet for Brownies and Girl Scouts will be held on February 14.

Boy Scout Troop 230: 1) Earned the "National Honor Unit" award. 2) Don Corcoran Jr. attained the coveted rank of Eagle Scout.

Fourth annual Harwood area Arctic Horseshoe Pitching tournament will be held.

Harwood Volunteer Fire Association received coats and boots from the Fargo Fire Department. Nothing definite in regards to proposed land site. Interested members are to attend a fire training course through Moorhead Tech.

Births:

Kristi Hoffman, daughter of Harold and Lila Hoffman

Scott Mathson, son of Jeff and Jayne Mathson

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Harwood Development Corporation – Ed Ployhart turned in his resignation after 19 years as maintenance person.

Park Board: 1) Aerobics resume with classes Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Cost per class is \$2.00. 2) Open gym continues on Sundays through mid-March.

PTO – Guest speaker will be Joan Cook, Infection Control Manager from MeritCare who will speak on AIDS. The public and six graders and older are welcome to attend.

Legion: 1) Area students in grades 7-9 are invited to the Legion for food, fun and games. Learn to play darts and pool. Pizza, pop and popcorn will be available. 2) Fourth annual chili cookoff - \$5.00 entry fee. 3) Buffalo Feed with \$7.00 advance tickets. 4) 14th Annual Arctic Horseshoe tournament with a \$3.00 entry fee. There will also be a dart tournament that day. 5) Country dance lessons are offered for the second session for three weeks at a fee of \$30 per couple.

Harwood Prairie Playhouse: Rehearsals are under way and we're excited to perform "Lend Me a Tenor". Cast includes: Woody Folstad, Marge Gourde, Bill Gerlach, Carol Tollefson, Tom Johnson, Diane Flesberg, Kelly Creighton and Chris Gourde. Brad Johnson is the director.

City: Council approved contract for fire at 191 homes at \$22.50 ... \$4,297.50. 2) \$200 monthly rent on office and \$300 a year storage for the city truck. 3) Laura Franek was appointed to the council. 4) Certificates of appreciation will be given to the sixth grade class for their graduation in the DARE program.

Boy Scout Troop 230: Achieving recognition for rank and merit badges: Nick Pedersen – life, Matt Greseth – leather, Nick Pedersen – canoeing, camping, citizen in community, reading, snorkeling and 50 miles a foot-afloat.

Park Board: 1) Open gym continues through mid-March. Drawing classes will take place taught by MSU students at open gym dates.

Marie Bonley of Riverview Nursing Home in Crookston, will celebrate her 99th birthday. She is a former Harwood resident.

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Christmas Lighting contest winners: Most Original and Creative: 1) Todd and Holly Ellegard 2) Paul and Marge Gourde 3) Arloe and Dianne Schock; Most Colorful: 1) Don and Tanya Russiff 2) Dennis and Paulette Domier 3) Scott and Kristie Monson

Harwood Park Board – 1) 22 participants received a grant from Cass County Electric to cover the \$10 class fee for the Snowmobile Safety Course. They call this program Operation Round-up which takes your bill up to the nearest dollar. With this money, they support youth programs and activities. 2) Open gym continues through the end of March.

Youth Ice Rink – Income for the day at the pancake event was \$1200, Thrivent Financial matched \$800, door prize income was \$260 and Rink Ratz shirt order was \$120.

PTO - \$361 was raised from the annual bake sale before the holiday concert at West Fargo High School.

Community Center – open for walking Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

City: 1) A meeting is scheduled with Fargo's Mayor Furness and Pat Zavoral on possible annexation of Lake Shure. 2) Harwood area directories are available at the city office for \$2.00 each.

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Park Board: Open gym at the school with occasional rollerblading at the Community Center on Sundays.

Help us "Retool Lyn" (Thompson) – replacing tools destroyed by fire. Meal served, cash bar, items needed for auction. Looking for pics of Lyn and his airplanes to replace those lost in the fire.

Kristen Lehfelt Benefit at the Community Center. A pancake breakfast will be held along with a silent auction and bake sale.

PTO – Spring Carnival planned

Harwood State Bank: Matt Mueller will join our banking team as a loan officer.

City: 1) Waste Management recently became aware that they have not been charging Harwood's commercial accounts for dumpster rental fees nor have they charged the City for the correct yardage on commercial disposals. They have waived past unbilled fees but will adjust the city's billing statement accordingly. 2) Mid-Continent new charge will be \$36/month for cable that includes 50 channels.

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Art Schumer is the winner of the "Name the Newsletter" contest. 33 entries were submitted. He received various prizes from local merchants. Florence Myers also entered the winning name, but her postmark was dated later.

Zion Lutheran Spring Brunch will feature Roxanne Saggett speaking on "If You Don't Have Time, Someone Else Will".

Melissa Leinen turned "9" on February 29.

Legion: Ryan Berg and Dick Watson took first place honors in the fourth annual Harwood Arctic Horseshoe tournament.

Cable TV is up and working.

Harwood Township is served by Doug Warnecke, John Wood, Wayne Freedland, Paul Gourde and Tom Stennes.

Mary Burmeister opened a pre-school at Zion Lutheran Church.

Photo Images (a photography business) has opened in Harwood with Dean and Nancy Feland as owners.

WF Bus Issue: Discussions on why the shuttle bus running to Harwood during the late afternoon has been suspended. It first started operation in the '76-'77 season.

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Harwood Prairie Playhouse runs three weekends in March.

Legion: 1) Out of 18 entries, the winners of the Chili Feed were: 1) Kim Heim 2) Angie Porter 3) Kathy Weise. People's Choice Award was Rick Schmidt. 2) Another country dance session is offered.

Park Board: 18 students have taken the drawing class instructed by MSU students. More classes will be offered if there is interest.

Legion Auxiliary: Stacy Hood will represent our unit at Girl's State at UND in Grand Forks in June.

Junior Girl Scout Troop 381: Members are: Kacie Hughes, Jodi Wilson, Jenny Thompson, Deanna Roers, Dana Nicholas, Kristi Hoffman, Kellie Thayer and Connie Linnertz. The girls will be collecting toys in March for the American Legion. They may be used or new and do not need to be in working condition, as Fargo Legion members repair the toys throughout the year and then donate them to needy children at Christmas time.

City: 1) About 20 residents were present from the trailer court to discuss funding, moving trailers and option to purchase land and permanently based trailers. 2) Merger of the Harwood City and Harwood Development was reviewed but no decision made. 3) Mileage increase for city employers was approved to .29 per mile. 4) Motion approved to pay Harwood Fire & Rescue \$104 for the use the fire hall during the flood.

Area churches: An Easter cantata consisting of St. Williams Catholic Church, Zion Lutheran Church and Maple-Sheyenne Church will be held in all three churches. Gwen Rust is the director with Dolores Landblom as the accompanist.

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Fire & Rescue: offering CPR and First Aid classes at the Community Center

City: 1) Have used more salt/sand than average already this winter. 2) Have begun installing new meters. 3) Complaints about turkey and deer in town. 4) Darlene Meyer was appointed chairperson of the Harwood Home Rule committee. 5) Garry and Carol Roth presented an offer to purchase Lot 5, Block 1 for \$26,000 to place a home built at South High and build a new foundation and garage. 6) An offer to purchase a lot to move in an older home has been withdrawn.

APRIL

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Harwood Highlites is official, receiving their license approval from the Secretary of State. Harwood American Legion is sponsoring the paper. Ruby Zvirovski joins Dan Faust and Marge Gourde as an editor.

Plans are underway for a firm to develop North Acres II, including a proposed park.

Harwood Cub Scout Pack 230 sponsored a boat race. Winners were: Speed – Charles Porter, Dennis Duchscher and Manny Gourde; Craftsmanship – Darren Rohrich, Sam Jensen and Charles Porter.

Elected to the Harwood Township board were Paul Gourde, Doug Warnecke and Tom Stennes.

Elected to the Harwood Development Board were Lyle Broten, Dennis Domier, Ron Mack and Margaret Haugen.

Jim Hirning (son of Harvey and Joyce Hirning) benefit dance will be held to help defray expenses of leukemia treatments.

Osterdahlen Lutheran Church is making plans for their 100th anniversary in 1987.

Anniversary greetings to Frank and Virginia Kasper on their 30th wedding anniversary.

Anniversary greetings to George and Helen Rosolock on their 44th wedding anniversary.

Births:

Elizabeth Katherine, daughter of Dave and Judy Gingrey

Holly Lynn, daughter of Ed and LeAnn Goetze

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Seniors: Silver-Haired election to select delegates from Cass County to the Silver-Haired assembly in Bismarck. Their purpose is to propose and assist in passing legislation affecting the lives of older people.

Legion: 1) **Horseshoe tournament** winners: 1) Gail Prudhomme and Greg Jorgenson 2) Del Ruff and Chris Ambuehl 3) Peggy Darrah and Gene Kiefat. **Dart tournament** winners were: 1) Barry Krogh and Diane Meschke 2) Traci Arzt and Nancy Soberg 3) Bob Darrah and Brad Johnson 4) David Domier and Vera Nodsle

Legion Auxiliary: Will sell lunch out of a Pepsi wagon for Community Days. We will have a fundraiser in June selling lunch at the Rabanus auction sale.

Harwood Prairie Playhouse: sponsored a theater excursion for first, second and third graders, along with their teachers. They attended FM Community Theater's performance of "Velveteen Rabbit".

City: 1) Flood issues were discussed. Inventory was made on sand bags and 2000 larger bags have been purchased. Approved to adopt the flood emergency organizational plan. Approved to pay elected officials \$4.50 for flood emergency. 2) Elevations on culverts and streets in the city areas will be requested from Moore Engineering. 3) A resume from Bernard Stasch was reviewed and he will be contacted for a meeting for the full-time maintenance person. 4) Motion approved to sign the agreement for merger between Harwood City and the Harwood Development.

Keith Schonert has been selected by the ND Professional Aviation Mechanics as their "Mechanic of the Year".

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Harwood Volunteer Fire Department president Ervin Wolff, said 13 men have attended fire school in Hitterdal MN. The men were Paul Gourde, Dan Faust, Ron Mack, Ernie Jury, Todd Greseth, Bill Rohrich, Tim Nathe, Ken Leinen, Wayne Flom, James Scoville, John Woolery, Ted Roers and Dave Olson. A new warning alert siren was installed to alert the community of storm conditions and fire or rescue emergencies. Pagers have been acquired through FM Ambulance. An ambulance has been purchased through funding from the Harwood Legion. Still working on land and building.

Richard Thompson was re-elected as mayor with 28 write-in votes. Ron Mack and James Jordahl were elected to the council as was Phillip Nellerhoe, Tim Nathe and Vaughn Thompson to the Park Board.

Headlice has been a problem at area schools.

Births:

Michael Lee, son of Sheila and Todd Greseth

Andrea Lynne, daughter of Gary and Loraine Williams

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Harwood Prairie Playhouse – Three dinner theater performances were sold out. The other six performances averaged a crowd of 234. Thanks to Paul Gourde and Ted Roers for building the awesome stage; Mary and Angie Porter for makeup; John Lundall for running our sound and light boards; Laurie Steen for program cover and design; Fran Folstad for ticket sales; Leonard and Florence Meyers and Clarence and Doris Krogh for host couples; Harwood State Bank for setting up chairs and bleachers each night; Carol Tollefson for sewing many costumes; Diane Flesberg for properties; Janet Mack for helping with wallpapering and tickets; Perry Rust and Tom Johnson for advertising; Tim Pederson for promotions; Dianne Schock for getting all the ushers; and to everyone else that helped. Doing an encore performance of "Lend Me a Tenor" June 2-4 at Bonanzaville.

City: 1) Northern Waste is requesting a 6% increase. 2) Drainage problems on Wally Street. 3) Trailer court relocation to Harwood is not feasible at this time.

Wanted: Volunteers for Meals on Wheels in the city.

Barbara and Curtis Anderson, former Harwood residents now living in Austin, TX, have won two tickets to the Super Bowl, round-trip air fare for two to Atlanta, two nights hotel accommodations, ground transportation and \$1,000.

Memorial Day service at Oakwood Cemetery at 10:00 a.m. followed by lunch at the Legion club.

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Little League has three programs: T-ball, Rookie and PeeWees.

PTO: Farewell parties planned for both fifth and sixth grade classes. Fifth grade voted to go swimming at the Ramada Plaza Suites for their party. Sixth grade will be going to NDSU's Memorial Union where they can bowl, play pool, ping-pong, etc...

City: 1) Several council members attended a public hearing on the Maple River Dam project. 2) Residents approached council on proposed amendment to building code ordinance that would limit garage sizes to 24x24x20. It was said part of the purchase appeal in Harwood is to have a little more freedom to use one's yard as one wants. 3) Roger Ellingson was present to answer questions and hear concerns regarding his purchase of 17-18 acres of land in north Harwood for his business that deals predominately with drainage. 4) Cass County Electric no longer installs street lights so in addition to parts, there will be an added labor expense for installation.

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Seniors: Hosted the Cass County Council for Aging at the Legion. 14 cities in Cass County were in attendance.

Harwood State Bank: Remodeling open house – special treats and prizes.

City: 1) Law enforcement working with Vicky Matthys on compiling a list of McGruff Houses. 2) Coldwell Banker is selling lots in Harwood in the park addition. Engineer's cost estimate is approximately \$14,000 to run the water and sewer to these lots. 3) ND Game and Fish Department was asked to assist in relocating the turkeys from this area. 4) Cass County Electric will charge \$40/light to put on extension arms. 5) Rural water will be getting back to us on hooking Cenex into water system.

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City: 1) Larger four way stop signs were approved to be placed on Highway 81. 2) Final procedures are being filed on the annexation of territory for the lagoon and agreement with Reiles Acres for co-ownership which will be finalized in the near future.

Cub Scout Pack 230 will have an ice cream social with proceeds to cover summer camp costs.

Births:

Krisan Mae, daughter of Dave and Cheryl Olson

Ryan Richard, son of James and Julie Scoville

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Chad Krogh will be honored at a family night at the Harwood Fire Hall. Food/silent auction/music/entertainment, etc... Sponsored by the Legion, Auxiliary, PTO and the community.

Seniors: Tom Szymanski, weatherman for Channel 11, will gather with the Seniors at the June meeting.

20th annual summer library theme is "Books Change Lives".

Legion: Sumo wrestling scheduled

Auxiliary: Planted flowers on the east side in time for Memorial Day. Will sell lunch at the Carl Rabanus auction sale.

Harwood Prairie Playhouse: Doing an encore performance of "Lend Me a Tenor" on June 2-4 at Bonanzaville. Cost of dinner theater is \$20 with just show tickets at \$7.00. Retaining their position as officers are: President – Carol Tollefson, Vice-President – Bill Gerlach, Secretary – Diane Flesberg, Treasurer – Fran Folstad. Marge Gourde resigned her position as chairperson of the Board of Directors. Tim Pederson was elected to join Brad Johnson and Carol Johnson on the Board of Directors.

City: 1) City Assessor Mitch Marcuson, stated the valuation of the City of Harwood had increased to \$385,000. Assessor salary to raise to \$1300. 2) Residents expressed concern with the community building built in North Acres II area with noise, traffic, shop maintenance, parking and an inadequate site. 3) Rivertree Park residents complained about excessive speeding on city streets. Cones have been placed on Rivershore Drive. Ordinances will be checked to see if this is legal.

St. Williams: An open house honoring Fr. Al Bitz on his 30th ordination anniversary will be held at Shanley High School. He was pastor at St. William's for ten years.

Open house honoring Stanley and Myrtle Robison on their 50th wedding anniversary will be held at their home.

Small Town Day at historic Bonanzaville.