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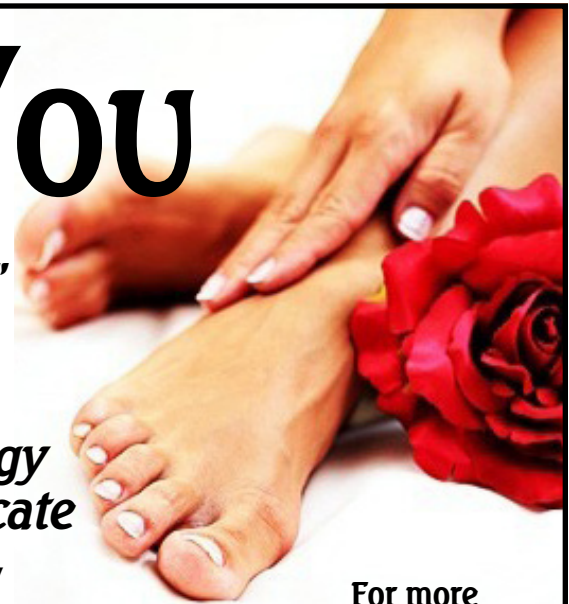
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Platter Chatter - Reheated

By Lin Smithwick

Laugh, love and have fun

From Death Valley in July to cross-country ski trails in January, the outdoors is a place of Valentine magic for one area couple.

Steve and Becky Gunderson, who probably live out their love story every day in their own particular ways, have another reason to celebrate Feb. 14. It also happens to be Steve's birthday. The Gundersons are a couple who manage to make the most and the best of every day, holiday or not.

They spend much of their time exploring the fascinating world around them, sometimes together, sometimes alone or with others. "I think one of the reasons we have a good relationship is that we each have our own interests, as well as all the ones we share," Becky says of their marriage that is almost 40 years old. "We know we don't need each other to entertain ourselves; we each have things we like to do on our own and we encourage each other to do the things separately." And, she points out with merriment flashing in her eyes, they have a lot of fun together, too.

With their two daughters, Valerie and Stephanie, grown and on their own, Becky and Steve find themselves with more time for each other and more time to pursue their mutual and individual interests. "It's just the two of us now," Becky remarks. "That has made it easier to reconnect with each other and do more fun stuff together."

One of the constants in their lives is Steve's love of photography. "This has always been a passion for him - one of the things he loves," Becky said. And the proof is in the photos. He captures their lives and adventures with images that preserve special moments forever. His photos and collections have also created a living history of people and places throughout the area.

Memories of a 110-degree trip spent in Death Valley immediately pops into Becky's mind. "It was an amazing place," Becky says. "It was so hot, and with all the leather clothes on (they were dressed in their Harley garb), it was even warmer." (With her customary grin, she adds, "But an ice cold beer never tasted better.") On the flip side of the Death Valley adventure, are the sub-zero, cross-country ski outings. On a typically cold winter day, Steve is apt to be out grooming ski trails around their Tintah Beach farm just outside of town. Many of their activities center around their home and its outdoor setting. Whether they are entertaining or just relaxing alone, their home embodies what is important to them.

Many of the interests they share

focus on outdoor activities year round, whether at home or on the road.

Together they have mapped thousands of miles zipping across

entertain," Becky said. They are known for donating dinners to various fundraising activities.

Many of their recipes reflect places they have been in their lives.



Steve and Becky as they appeared thirty-nine years ago.

the country on Steve's Harley. But, Steve also makes a hiking trek to the Grand Canyon each spring on his own. At the same time, Becky is apt to be attending a work-related conference out of state. "This usually happens around our anniversary in April," Becky said with a chuckle. This spring, in fact, while Steve is hiking the Grand Canyon, Becky will be in San Diego for the AAHPERD (American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance) conference. She has been asked to perform Scandinavian folk dances at the conference. "I am really looking forward to this. I have always loved to dance, so it will be a lot of fun," Becky remarks.

And fun is what the Gundersons make of their busy lives. Becky's professional life revolves around her students and activities at MSU, where she brings verve and variety to each day. Steve's work life is consumed by the family heating and cooling business. But when it's time to play, Becky and Steve know how to play. Surrounded by an ever-expanding circle of friends, they love to cook and entertain. "I have always loved to eat, but never did much cooking until we got married." Mischief prompts her next words. "I did not know how to cook when we got married. In fact," she laughs, "I flunked French toast when I first tried to make it for Steve." It didn't take long for her to discover the fun of cooking as she evolved into an accomplished chef. "We love to

When they married in 1972, Becky was teaching on a Zuni Indian Reservation in New Mexico. "That's where I learned how to cook a lot of different foods and developed a love of green chilies." In return for people teaching her how to make things like the Zuni meat pies, pow wow fry bread and homemade flour tortillas, she made rosettes and other Scandinavian foods. "I used to make tortillas all the time, now I make lefse."

In 1976, the Gundersons returned home to the Mayville-Portland area so Steve could take over the family heating and cooling business. "We both grew up with grandparents close by and very involved in our lives, and that's what we wanted for our family. It was time to come home."

For several years, while their girls were young, Becky was a stay-at-home-mom, doing crafts, gardening and cooking up food and fun adding spark to everyone's daily lives.

In 1987, Becky began working part-time at Mayville State, a position that turned into a full-time job as the swimming pool manager and as an instructor. She is also involved with many volunteer projects including the recent "Go Red" campaign held last week in conjunction with the American Heart Association.

Wherever Becky Gunderson is, she bounces with excitement and enthusiasm, caught up in the activity of the moment. In the classroom, the swimming pool, at home with

family and friends - just walking down the street, joy is her faithful shadow. "I've learned over the years to not let things bother and to just have fun with things." She adds, "For us, we try to laugh often together and spend time together doing things we enjoy. But I also want him to do his own thing and have fun doing it. We want each

other to have fun, with and without each other. It works for us."

Whether they are sweltering together on the desert floor of Death Valley or cooling their heels in the snowy woods at home, Becky and Steve Gunderson make every day Valentine and birthday-special.

Stevie Candy

½ cup shortening	½ cup milk
2 cups sugar	3 tbsps. cocoa
1 tsp. vanilla	Pinch of salt
3 cups oatmeal	

Cook shortening, sugar, vanilla, milk, cocoa and salt until well blended. Remove from heat and add oatmeal. Drop by spoonfuls on waxed paper and cool.

Mom's Salted Peanut Roll

2 tbsps. butter or margarine	½ tsp. vanilla
10-oz. marshmallows	2 tbsps. water
3 cups chopped salted peanuts	2 cups powdered sugar
	14-oz. caramels (like Kraft wrapped caramels)

Melt butter and the marshmallows in a large bowl in the microwave for about 45 seconds or until melted. Stir until thoroughly mixed and then add powdered sugar, enough to make the mixture workable to knead. Knead until smooth and satiny. Add vanilla. Shape into two (12-inch) rolls. Place half of the peanuts in a 4-inch strip on a 12x8-inch piece of plastic wrap, or waxed paper. Melt the caramels with the water in the microwave on medium and blend carefully. Spread half of the caramels on top of the marshmallow roll in the center and using the plastic wrap, lift the caramel around the marshmallow center and seal the edges. Press peanuts carefully into the caramel. Repeat with the other half of peanuts, caramels and marshmallow roll. This is a little frustrating, but there's always room for correction as you will discover when you begin to handle the various ingredients and it is delicious.

Becky's Chili

2 lbs. ground beef	2 cups tomato juice
1 large onion, chopped	1 can tomato soup
2 cans kidney beans, drained	3 pints whole tomatoes
2 cans tomato sauce with chopped green pepper	
1 can (at least), chopped green chilies	
1 tsp. crushed red pepper, and crushed green chilies, to taste	

Brown onions and beef; add other ingredients and simmer at least an hour.

Mae's Lasagna

1 lb. ground beef	1 cup chopped onion
2 large garlic cloves, minced	2 tps. crushed oregano
2 cans tomato soup	½ cup water
2 tps. vinegar	1 pt. cottage cheese
½ lb. (nine) lasagna noodles	
½ lb. Mozzarella, thinly sliced	
Grated Parmesan	

Brown ground beef, onions and garlic in a large pan. Add oregano. Add tomato soup, water and vinegar meat mixture. Simmer 30 minutes. Stir occasionally. Cook and drain noodles. In a cake pan, arrange in three alternate layers of noodles, cottage cheese, meat sauce and mozzarella. Top with Parmesan. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Let stand 10-15 minutes before serving.

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