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Dedicated to the people

Former UPS driver Knutson retired Aug. 1

By Carissa Mavec
Tribune Reporter

A typical day as a UPS Package Delivery Driver for Rugby's Jack Knutson began around 11 a.m. After making an average of 120 delivery stops, the day would end at approximately 10 p.m.



Knutson

town. On one of his stops, a family with three girls received a package. All three of the girls came running out to show Knutson their dresses. "They were all so excited," he said. "I remember those girls, every time I'd deliver to them, they would come running. Each one wanted to be the one to get the package and carry it inside. They would all take turns. A lot of other kids along the way have done the

"He saw the same people everyday, but it was always like he was meeting you for the first time."

— Shelley Block on Jack Knutson

Knutson had this same routine from October of 1983 until August 1 of this year.

After having a seizure in January, Knutson decided to retire from UPS due to medical restraints.

"I wouldn't have stayed as long if I didn't like it. I just loved the people," Knutson said, explaining that his favorite part of his job was seeing each person he delivered to. "That's the part I miss now, seeing people and visiting. I was used to visiting over 100 businesses a day. They were my job."

Knutson recalls seeing certain families grow and change during his years as a delivery driver. There are people in the community who he remembers as children, delivering to their parents. He saw those children grow into adults, started delivering to them, and was able to see their children grow up.

One of his favorite memories while on the job was delivering before the Father/Daughter pageant in

same thing."

Knutson once received the Chamber of Commerce's Customer Service Person of the Month because of his dedication to both his job and the community.

"The business people [in Rugby] miss him. He was always happy. If he was having a bad day, you would never know it. He saw the same people everyday, but it was always like he was meeting you for the first time," Shelley Block, former Chamber director and now HAMC volunteer services coordinator said. "Thank you, Jack, for your service to our community."

The one part of his job that Knutson will not miss is driving in the winter. According to Knutson, however, times have changed since he first began in '83. When he first started, he would have to make deliveries in hazardous conditions, sometimes during snowstorms when he could-

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Rugby JDA, Chamber of Commerce, CVB to hold community forum luncheon

Rugby Job Development Authority, Chamber of Commerce and Convention & Visitors Bureau will be hosting "What's on Your Mind?," a discussion and luncheon for community and business leaders in the area on Tuesday, September 12, from 11 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. at Dakota Farms.

The luncheon will include special guests, Souris Basin Planning Council board members, who are visiting as a part of a seven city tour to get a better understanding of the unique needs and concerns of the communities in which they serve.

This event is modeled to help community and busi-

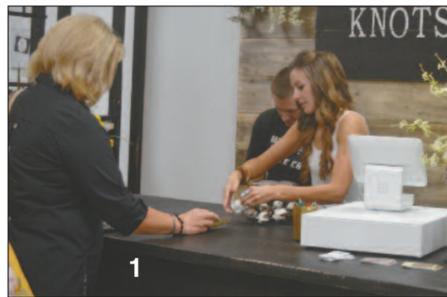
ness leaders gain a better perspective of our community's evolving needs and share ideas on how the JDA, Chamber and CVB can better meet those needs.

Topics to be discussed include housing needs, home and community services such as daycare and a counseling center, a community center/multipurpose facility, community education programs, annexation of business along HWY 2 going west and what infrastructure is needed, and outdoor recreation, among other discussion items.

Soup and sandwiches will be provided.

— Tribune Staff Report

Vintage Knots holds grand opening



Photos by Carissa Mavec/PCT

1. Owner Carrie Schieve (right) helps a customer.
2. Customers check out items Vintage Knots has to offer.
3. One section of the store. Vintage Knots, on Main Avenue in Rugby in the old Only Deals building, is open Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Fridays from noon to 5 p.m., and the first and third Saturdays of each month from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Bryce Berginski/PCT

Larry Kraft (right) and his family took in Doyle (left) and Kerry Lentz in a severe snow storm in March, and Elmer Boucher (middle) and his family in 1947.

'Our lucky day'

Larry Kraft connection between two families, two snow storms

By Bryce Berginski
Tribune Reporter

Larry Kraft's family had taken in several stranded persons during a severe snow storm in March.

Among the persons taken in were Doyle & Kerry Lentz, of Rolla.

But it wasn't the first time Larry Kraft's family had taken in persons stranded by a snow storm.

Over 70 years ago, Kraft's family took in Elmer

Boucher and his family.

According to the Feb. 6, 1947 edition of the Tribune, a severe, "dirty" blizzard hit the area twice, the first from the early evening hours on Friday, Jan. 31 to the morning of Feb. 1 and the second from Sunday, Feb. 2 until the next morning.

And the Bouchers - who lived in Rolette County at the time - had been caught in the second



Submitted photo

A John Deere tractor was a welcome sight for the Lentzes.

one on a return trip from Minot in their 1941 Ford

vehicle.

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PHOTO OF THE WEEK

Photo by: Barb Slaubaugh, Wolford

Sophia Jacobson, daughter of Eric & Ashley Jacobson and granddaughter of Floyd & Barb Slaubaugh, attends to her horse.

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