

# POPLAR SHOPPER

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## Benefit Raffle Sponsored by Poplar Chamber of Commerce

Plans are in full swing to raise money for some badly needed fireproof filing cabinets to house the extensive collection of photos and printed history from the late Dana McGowan.

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will give up to \$800.00 in matching funds to this worthy cause.

The Poplar Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring this civic effort and checks written should be made out to the Chamber.

A raffle will be held for the following prizes: A star quilt; donated by Della Colgan. An afghan; made and donated by Jackie Hagadone. Dinner for two at the Buckhorn; donated by the Marotek family. Breakfast buffet for two at the Busy Bee's Cybercafe; donated by Ed and Bonnie Halgrimson.

The afghan and quilt are on display at our local Independence Bank. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

You can buy tickets at most of the Poplar businesses and offices.

Dana McGowan had a love of history that far surpassed the average man. He photographed it; (he mad copies from others who had old photos); he wrote about it; he told stories about it (always with an Irish twist of the blarney and a twinkle in his eye) and he shared it with all of us through his Poplar Shopper publication.

It's a priceless collection that needs fireproof security.

When those historic pictures and articles are safely tucked away--I know of several people who will finally get a good nights' sleep.

These articles relate to all us on this reservation. Dana was a man who constantly worked on making Poplar a better place to live. He backed endless fund raisers, he recorded our weddings as well our funerals and with his historical pictures he included background history. His ardent love of

Poplar history rubbed off on his younger admirers. It seems fitting to now "carry his torch and preserve his dream."

The drawing will be held on St. Patrick's Day, March 17th.

Please donate to this worthy cause and begin to build the fund.

I'll end with an Irish blessing:

"May your troubles be less  
And your blessings be more.  
And nothing but happiness  
Come through your door."



### Raffle Prizes

The Star quilt and hand knitted afghan to be raffled off along with a dinner for two and a breakfast buffet for the benefit sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. Tickets are available from several Poplar merchants.



### Snoozer's Grocery A Family Business

Bob, Tana and Chelsea Atkinson are the new owners of Snoozer's Grocery, the former Bob's Market.

Both Tana and Bob retired from the school system and had no plans or desire for retirement. They have always wanted to own their own business so when Bob and Betty Kelsey decided to retire and sell the store, the Atkinson's decided this was the time to make their dreams come true.

Bob has had several years of experience in the grocery business, working at TJ's for 10 1/2 years, Wally's Grocery and working for Bill Richman in the Jack & Jill Store.

Tana will divide her time between the store, home and babysitting her grandchildren.

Chelsea is a senior at Poplar High School and is in the "School to Work" program. She will spend 1/2 days at school and 1/2 days working at the store.

The Atkinson's have had several years of cooking experience and the excellent lunches will still be available.

They plan on keeping the same hours, services and friendly atmosphere that the Kelsey's made the trademark of Bob's Market.

We wish you well, Bob and Tana and happy retirement to Bob and Betty Kelsey!