

Now & Then in Ripon ...

Looking back with the Ripon Historical Society

A poem titled ‘To a Sister Going to the West’

American poet Marguerite St. Leon Barstow Loud (1812-1889) wrote a poem to her sister, Darwina Fayette Barstow Caitlin (1815-1870), as Darwina prepared to move to Ripon with husband Richard Frederick (1809-1874). The move was at the encouragement of Frederick’s sister and brother-in-law, Eliza Catlin Dart (1798-1965) and Anson Dart (1797-1879). Darwina and Richard built their first home in Ripon at 522 Ransom St., and their second at 512 Woodside Ave. They are both buried in Hillside Cemetery, adjoining the Ripon College campus. Below is the poem, which ran in the 1851 book “Wayside Flowers.”



Marguerite St. Leon Barstow Loud

Sister thou’rt going now —
Thou leav’st behind the all once held most dear.
Yet in thy eye we see no gathering tear,
No shadow on thy brow.

And doth thy early home,
Call up no sad regrets within thy heart?
Doth it not grieve thee from thy friends to part,
Far, far away to roam?

Not in thy bearing high —
Thy calm, pale brow — a kindred eye can read,
That though for these thy heart may inly bleed,
Thou hast a dearer tie.

Is he not at thy side,
Whose vows of love were spoken with thine own?
Whose voice know but affection’s sweetest tone —
’Tis this the tear hath dried.

And he is more to thee,
Thank kindred home or friends; the heart can know.
No purer, dearer bond, while here below,
Than this will ever be.

Rejoicing, tread the way —
The chosen way with him to whom is given,
Thy heart’s best love — oh may it lead to heaven —
To realms of endless day!



EARNING PLATINUM AWARDS for their dance routines during the Showstopper competition are, from left, Backstage Studio students Coralyn Sawallish, Olivia Faulkner, Hannah Drover, Raelyn Quick and Adalyn Doro. Not pictured is Mackenzie Kraege. submitted photo

Backstage Studio dances to platinum finishes at Showstopper competition

The Backstage Studio had a successful weekend March 14 to 16 at the Showstopper dance competition in Wisconsin Dells. The studio received platinum awards for all of its routines. Award-winning routines included:

- “You Are The Reason” — Ally Redeker: Received sixth place in her lyrical category and a platinum award.
- “Lost without you” — Cora Sawallish and Olivia Faulkner: Received first place in their lyrical category, third place in their age category and a platinum award.
- “Telephone” — Mackenzie Kraege and Hannah Drover: Received second place in their “open” category, fourth place in their age category and a platinum award.
- “Poker Face” — Adalyn Doro and Raelyn Quick: Received first place in their jazz category, fourth place in their age category and a platinum award.



ALLY REDEKER SHOWS off the platinum trophy she received for her dance performance to the song, “You Are The Reason.” submitted photo

Classes include: Jazz, Tap, Lyrical, Ballet, Pre-Ballet (3-4 year olds), Music & Movement (2-3 year olds), Skills For Dancers, and Tumbling & Flexibility. For more information, visit www.thebackstagestudioripon.com, email thebackstagestudioripon@gmail.com or call 920-260-8184.

PROPANE

(920) 748-5005
coleoilandpropane.com

WELLNESS

(920) 894-1374
Pathwaystoabetterlife.com

Ripon
AREA
PREFERRED
BUSINESS

To become a Preferred Business, please call
920-748-3017 or email office@riponpress.com

Ripon Area Preferred Business (RAPB) is a program developed by O’Rourke Media Group. RAPB features premier businesses throughout Fond du Lac and Green Lake Counties. These businesses are featured monthly in print, online, in social media and elsewhere.

