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Eido Connect's Philosophy for 2024

- DECISION -

"The Key"

Watch for these circulars in your area for this week!

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Thank You for sending in pictures! But we could use more!

Me Me wondered if they story told about seeing the tiny baby would make a difference. But for now Me Me really didn't care for the memory was still very vivid and wanting to spend more time just remembering every detail of the special night, of the inviting star, of the Tiny baby, Me Me chose it reenter the Tie Machine and rest.

What a breathe taking adventure the Time Machine really was. The only wish that Me Me had was that everyone could have the same experience - - maybe next year - and Me Me began writing down everything memorable that was in the old stable - - smell of straw, stillness, twinkling star, tiny babe lamb, men outside, peacefulness, and wonderment of why this child, found only in a stable. Will they talk about it tomorrow or will they even remember, was the question! At least I will never forget - -.

The Time Machine experiment meant the person who won the contest must be in the Time Machine 2 years - one to orbit the world and one, when landed must use it as their home for another year, for all information recorded was the persons private knowledge and only that person could use it - - kinda like their own private notes - -.

So - - Me Me chose to land in the parents yard - - now morning arriving, sun coming over the horizon, Me me watching the rays of light brought back the brightness of the baby in the manager - -.

Looking out the Time Machines tiny window all Me Me could see was Dad. Sure looked sad wondered why, maybe because I was gone so long, or maybe brother Paul didn't do chores, help enough, or maybe - - all kinds of thoughts circled Me Me's brain. Funny, for a whole year all Me Me focused on was learning - - now seeing something different - - Me Me took question to heart - - what's missing.

Exiting the Time Machine, Me Me began touring the community - - seemed like - - not sure - - but Me Me felt something very different. Before leaving there was laughter, joy - friendship, hugs, love now - - what happened - - only a year passed and life was different - Why?

Me Me went back to the Time Machine maybe there was something recorded that would give an answer.

Looking at notes, Me Me noticed one community had work together and decorated beautiful Christmas lights. One community had a hospital and cared for people, one community supported and promoted giving Hearts - - fireworks displays filled Me Me's noted - - any many more attributes were seen in the notes - - But - - what was the one key that made a difference in all these proj-

Ah - there it is. Me Me found the answer to why all these events were so fantastic - - Me me had written and drawn - - the key to fun, happiness, laughter, excitement is - - Me Me on the journey of a lifetime learned - the key to life is working together.

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The New Year brings new excitement, new adventures to the Eido Country - - read, enjoy and make the decision to be the best part of your community by participating, volunteering and most of all, this year, focus on all the positive blessings in your community. There are many,

we just get caught in the garbage pit.

Begin by reading Pastor Johnson's article on page 8 - good advice for all of us - -.

And mostly remember to thank the businesses that are in your community.

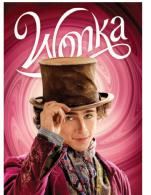


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Giving Hearts Night with the NightHawks & **Eagles In Scranton** on January 26th!

By Ted Uecker, WRHS Foundation

One again, the West River Health Services Foundation will be hosting one of their "Giving Hearts Nights" at a local boy's basketball game in Scranton on Friday, January 26th. The overall goals are to promote "Giving Hearts Day," the largest online giving day in North Dakota; raise a few dollars for West River Health Services; and bring our rural communities together, to enjoy our local youth and their hustle on the hardwood. The gym will be decorated red and white all over, with hearts and posters everywhere! Plus, did we mention, admission and popcorn are FREE! You read that right!

The South Heart Eagles (yes, they have their own hoops team once again) are coming to Scranton to take on the Hettinger-Scranton Nighthawks in a Region 3, District 5 matchup on Friday, January 26th. If you've never seen one of these exciting Giving Hearts Night productions, you'll definitely want to check this out! The gym will be red and white all over; all the varsity and junior varsity players (including the 4th-5th graders who play at halftime of the JV game), statisticians, student managers and coaches will sport red/white Giving Hearts t-shirts and polos; there will be a "comfy couch auction" between games; and there will be former and current greats shooting freethrows for pledges at halftime of the Varsity game. Local legends Bill Butterfield, Brandon Pierce and Dustin Honeyman are on the docket to hoist ten freethrows through the net. Plus, we have a fourth "Pierce/Stuber" team shooting five each, comprised of current Nighthawk gunner Maddox Pierce and Eagle sharpshooter Owen Stuber. Both are senior leaders at their respective high schools.

Thanks to longtime partner Dakota Western Bank, your admission into the game is FREE! Plus, the popcorn is FREE too, thanks to your local pizzeria "Next Door Pizza." Of course, the hope is that you might consider "paying forward" a \$10 or more gift to our West River Health Services Foundation as you enter - to help us improve our healthcare services in the area. It's even better if you bring your checkbook, so we can count your gift for "Giving Hearts Day" on February 8th. But not to worry, we take cash too! Heck, we might even have credit card capabilities, so lets' get ready to swipe or tap! As you might even want to pledge a few dollars or more for one of our former/current greats, who are shooting freethrows for pledges at halftime of the varsity game. You can pledge any amount you want -- for makes or attempts or a flat pledge for one, two, three or all four shooters (they'll each shoot 10).

The Junior Varsity tip-off begins at 5:30pm sharp, with a ten minute halftime for the local 4th-5th grade boys showing us their upbeat roundball game in their new red and white jerseys! Thank you Scranton Equity and West Plains Inc. for stepping up once again with your terrific sponsorship of our youth!

Between games we will

have a "Comfy Couch Auction," with the winning bids being allowed to sit on the comfy couches at mid court and on the stage - front and center, with free concessions all night! Plus, at halftime of the Varsity game, you'll see former/present greats shooting freethrows for pledges. If you'd like to pledge for any of the shooters, please contact Ted Uecker at 701-567-3666 or go to Ted Uecker on Facebook and make a pledge there. You

can pledge made or attempted

freethrows or maybe just a flat

amount! It's all good!

We hope to see you at Giving Hearts Night with the Nighthawks and Eagles on Friday, January 26th. It could be the most fun you've had at a ballgame in a long time! Thank you Dakota Western Bank, Scranton Equity, Next Door Pizza and West Plains Inc. for your sponsorships And, of course, as always, your local hospital system and WRHS Foundation appreciates your support! WEAR RED! Bring your checkbook! Onward!









Rejoice in the New Year

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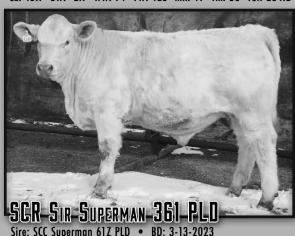
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Greetings in the New Year

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In His Hands

T'is the dawning of a New Year! I am depressed, concerned, and even fearful

of the New Year! It is then Lord, that I recall what you

say in Your Word:

.And the Lord, He is the One Who goes before you. He will be with you. He will not leave you or forsake you.

.Fear not, for I am with you.

Be not dismayed, for I am Your God.

I will strengthen you,

I will help you,

I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.

.Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Lean not unto your own understanding.

In all your ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your path.

Forgive me Lord for my lack of faith. Thank You for your promises in Your Word!

.T'is the dawning of a New Year! I am hopeful, confident and even joyful! For my future is in God's Hands!

There is nothing to fear for

THE LORD IS MY STRENGTH! Written in 1975

This was written nearly 50 years ago when my life was

turned upside down and I didn't look forward to the unknown future. God has been faithful all these many years It is amazing what God can do when we are in His Hands!

References: Deuteronomy 31:8 Isaiah 41:10 Proverbs 3:5-6

Janice Vetter Elgin, ND

People believing in each other make a difference in their communities

Meet JMHCC's newest providers

Eido/Connect Country

Jacobson Memorial Hospital Care Center (JMHCC) welcomes five providers, with two new providers offering care in the Elgin Community Clinic and a contingency providing emergency room coverage. They join current providers Dr. Elizabeth Sundberg and Maria Aune who are primarily in Elgin, Rhonda Schmidt at the Glen Ullin Familv Medical Clinic and Jolene Engelhart at the Richardton

"We have been able to put together a strong team of providers who are dedicated to their profession and who will be great patient advocates," said JMHCC CEO Scott Brooks. "We are certain patients will find each of them has a passion for rural health care."



Trevor Stavig

Family Nurse Practitioner Trevor Stavig is bringing his experience to the Elgin Community Clinic as a provider.

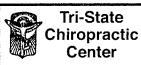
Originally from Bismarck, Stavig obtained a nursing degree, then a doctorate degree to become a family nurse practitioner from the North Dakota State University College of Nursing in Bismarck in 2019.

Stavig knew he wanted a medical career stemming from his experiences with his younger brother, who has cerebral pal-

"We made many, many, many trips to Minneapolis to a children's hospital there. And those nurses, what I saw them do, is something I really took to heart. They were like your best friend essentially. And that furthered me along when I was younger," Stavig said.

Family members who were nurses also guided him initially to that career.

"I had a lot of family who are actually nurses, and they led me into the nursing world where you could be very people centric. I worked primarily about four years in the intensive care unit as a nurse. I wanted to do more with that. I wanted to be the person you would go to if you had questions and who you could rely on as your provider. And I wanted to do more with my nursing degree and be the nurse practitioner and actually make those decisions with people. And so that brought me to be in the medical field," he said. He has worked in the gastroenterology and allergy and immunology departments and most



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previously worked in addiction medicine in the Bismarck area.

He will be a primary care provider at the Elgin Community Clinic Monday through Thurs-

day.
"I wanted to try to help out in the small medicine world and small-town life," he said. "It's really nice there. They have a lot of great assets and I like the fact that there's more than one clin-

He looks forward to meeting patients in Elgin and getting to know each generation.

"I have always been a person who gets to know people and talks with them about their life. Now in this field, I will be seeing a lot of these people over and over and maybe their children and maybe their grandparents. And my goal is to be personable and get to know the whole person," he said.

"I really like seeing people feel better about themselves, whether it be for a routine physical or if you're coming in because you're sick. I want them to leave feeling better about who they are and knowing they received the best care I can possibly provide," he said.

He particularly likes working with those with allergies and with children.

"I did a majority of my allergy work with asthma and I absolutely love that and I do enjoy working with kids," he said. He and his wife, Alexis, has two children, who are 5 and 2.5 years old. The family likes traveling, hiking and sightseeing.



As a physician assistant (PA) working in emergency medicine, Kelsey Luce shares her shifts at JMHCC with her husband, Sean, who is a paramedic for the ambulance.

That was just one aspect that drew her to become a fulltime PA at JMHCC, where her shifts are 48 hours of emergency room coverage Saturday evening through Monday evening. She also oversees management of the long-term care

"My husband was working got involved here," Kelsey said. "He said this facility is really great. The workers here are fantastic. It feels like family. Everyone goes out of their way. And I like the small-town, rural medi-

A graduate of Lemmon High School, she obtained her bachelor of science degree in respiratory therapy from the University of Mary, then worked at hospitals in Hettinger and Dickinson in respiratory therapy.

"As a respiratory therapist, I liked the critical care aspect," she said, which prompted her to further her career.

She returned to school in 2016, graduating from the University of North Dakota as a physician assistant in 2018. She worked as a PA in an emergency room in Dickinson for the last five years before coming to JM-HCC, where she felt drawn to practice rural medicine.

"I like the pace of this better," she said. "I get to work with my husband. He's the paramedic on call when I'm on shift, so it's a better home life balance.

... My favorite part of the job is staying in a small community and working with my husband." And during an emergency, patients will appreciate her caring attitude.

"Everyone wants to feel like they matter. I try to keep them involved in their care planning, too. I would want someone to ask me my thoughts on my care. I try to treat people like you would want to be treated yourself," she said.

"I like to fix people," she shared. "Family practice is more a marathon. The ER is more of the sprint in medicine. You get to fix it right there. It's definitely a think on your feet, get this problem solved type of situation."

Having grown up in the Lemmon, S.D., area, she is familiar with many of the patients as well.

"It feels good to give back to all the people who helped form my childhood," she said.

Outside of work, Kelsey likes to quilt and cross-stitch, and spend time outdoors, including canoeing and camping.



Morris Duffy

Physician Assistant Morris Duffy will be covering both the JMHCC emergency room and will be seeing patients at the Elgin Community Clinic.

A native of Hillsboro, he has both emergency room and primary care experience in Dickinson and Bismarck. He earned his degree as a physician assistant in 2014, after serving as a firefighter, paramedic and flight

"I remember as a kid I was part of the volunteer ambulance service and a couple of the calls that I went on right away planted the seed "he said.

He worked in Overland Park, Kan., as a firefighter, then served with the Bismarck Fire Department for three years before transitioning to his medical

He looks forward to returning to ER and clinic work at JM-HCC, so he can have more time to spend with family and hobbies such as backcountry backpacking, flying and travelling

"In the ER and the clinic, my biggest attributes are that I'm a personable, grounded individual and I am very approachable. Patients will find that I am a good listener," he said.



Deb Middleton

Family Nurse Practitioner Deb Middleton is bringing her passion for rural medicine to JMHCC.

Middleton graduated from

Wilton High School, then obtained a bachelor of science degree in nursing and a master's degree as a family nurse practitioner in 1995.

The majority of her work has been in rural health clinics and critical access hospitals. For the last 15 years, she has worked at critical access hospitals, including in the ER, becoming certified as an emergency nurse practi-

"I remember as a child knowing someone who was a nurse and she absolutely loved her job. She loved helping people and I thought, 'Wow, I think that's what I want to be.' I always wanted to be a nurse, then I wanted to be able to have more of an impact and so as soon as I was able with my family situation, I went on to become a nurse practitioner and have been very grateful for the opportunity since," she said.

At JMHCC, she will provide emergency room coverage on a rotating shift, returning to rural medicine, where she likes the challenge.

"Two days are never the same in the ER," she said.

"I really prefer rural health," she said. "I grew up in a small rural community and like the feeling of community in small towns. It's a nice hospital. I am impressed with the staff and the priorities JMHCC has invested in to enable quality patient

She credits the exceptional paramedic program and nursing staff at JMHCC as another draw for her. She also appreciates the hours will allow her to spend more time with her grandchildren, too.

Her patients will see her dedication to rural medicine.

"I think patients will find me easy to talk to. I try to really listen and take it from there" she said. "I like to make a difference in people's lives. I'm passionate about rural health care and feel it is important for rural North Dakota to have access to quality health care in a timely manner. I want to be here to help, so people can stay rural because it's a cool place to be."

Outside of work she enjoys traveling, reading and camping and fishing with her family.

Tim Quinn

Tim Quinn will be assisting JMHCC as a physician assistant periodically on weekends in the emergency room.

Being a medical provider is Quinn's second career, as he originally obtained a degree in accounting and business, then worked as the chief financial officer at the Mobridge, S.D. hospital for nine years, before returning to college to become a

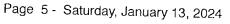
"The more I did medicine, became an EMT, the more I wanted to keep doing medicine," he said. He became a PA in 2001, and is now working as a full-time provider at the Faulkton, S.D., hospital and clinic.

At JMHCC, he will cover periodic weekend emergency room work.

"I've always liked medicine, but I've always liked helping people, and this is one way I can help people. As a PA, I feel I am able to help people in ways most other people cannot," he said. "I enjoy working in a smalltown community hospital."

Born and raised on a dairy farm near Timber Lake, S.D., Quinn has eight children, including a daughter, Erin, who lives near Elgin.

Outside of work, he enjoys hunting, fishing, golfing and spending time outdoors.





by

Pat Merriman

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I had the flu the last 10 days and, therefore, since it was the holidays anyway, an opportunity to lay around and watch way too much television. I am in shock! I don't think any of us has really been paying attention because virtually every commercial or program seems to either be trying to sell some potion created to attack a new illness/defect, making fun of adult males or, honestly, treating the viewer like a moronic 2-year-old who only laughs when something is blatantly rude. It reminded me of the 2006, Mike Judge science fiction comedy film Idiocracy starring Owen Wilson, Maya Rudolph, Dax Shepard, and Terry Crews. The plot was remarkably prescient in presenting a social satire that touched on the intentional dumbingdown of Americans, unchecked commercialism, corporatocracy, dysgenics, and population control. The film was not screened for critics when it was originally released, with 20th Century Fox being accused of abandoning it to avoid alienating their corporate overlords. It has become a cult-classic!

Essentially, the plot revolves around a U.S. Army's "hibernation experiment" where they pick a G.I. who is the "most average individual" in the entire military and cryogenically freeze him along with a female of disreputable repute. Over the next 500 years, their lives pass while most intelligent humans go childless, while the least intelligent reproduce indiscriminately,

and create increasingly more ignorant offspring resulting in an unintelligent, bar-coded, population that wallows in laziness, over-consumption and only watches kick-in-the-crotch humor on television. Lacking a bar code, the two frozen hibernators revive only to be arrested and imprisoned. Eventually, since Wilson is deemed the "smartest man alive" because he is the only person to remember how to use water, he is appointed US Secretary of the Interior by President Camacho (Terry Crews). I'll leave the rest of the plot for you to explore at your leisure.

Suffice it to say that what I was forced to watch last week, in my opinion, demonstrates exactly how corporate America (including the NFL) views us consumers-idiots who can be easily manipulated to spend our hard-earned money on crap we do not need and, who need to be lectured on some else's personal agenda/opinion that we do not share. Gone are the good, old days of Monte Python, SNL, Newhart, Cheers, Frasier (although the new series is pretty good), Just Shoot Me, Scrubs, Seinfeld, Friends, and the other wellwritten, satirical shows required some thought and imagination as they depicted stupidity as a vice and not a virtue. Shows with subtle humor that made fun of the very nonsense that is being troweled out today as the mainstream. Have a great week and, buck the trend!

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First Monday of Every Month · Bowman, ND Bowman Lions monthly meeting and dinner at 6:30 p.m. at Bowman Lodge and Convention Center

Second Monday of Every Month • Scranton, ND Scranton Lions monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center. Second Monday of Every Month · Scranton, ND

City Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall Second Tuesday of Every Month · Bowman, ND Southwest Cancer Survivors support group for anyone touched by cancer. 4:40pm • Pleasant Manor meeting room • 206 10th Ave NW.

Questions call: 701-279-6603, 701-523-4657, 701-440-8344, or 701-440-8788. First Thursday of Every Month · Bowman, ND

NOTICE TO ALL VETERANS: Post 48 Local American Legion invites and encourages you to join our meetings. Back of the Crystal Bar at 7pm. For more info call Paul White, Adjutant, 701-574-3198. First Tuesday of Every Month · Amidon, ND

City Council Meeting at 8:30 a.m. Every Wednesday · Scranton, ND Scranton TOPS meet at 9:00 a.m. in the Community Center. Third Wednesday of Every Month · Bowman, ND

The Bowman/Slope Community Cupboard is open from 3pm-5pm. No referrals necessary.

Last Monday of Every Month · Check "Be the Light" on Facebook for the monthly location

Be the Light Suicide Support Group • 6:30pm. Everyone Welcome.

If you have a nonprofit, community event you would like published, free of charge, on the Area Monthly Community Events Calendar, Send them to: Eido Connect, PO Box 97, Bowman, ND 58623 by 4:00 p.m. Wednesday.

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By Kathy Craigo Harteis In church this week singing Silent Night I got a bit tearful.

As I closed my eyes and sang the words my mind was filled with memories of people no longer with me.

It was bittersweet to recall their faces and be reminded how much I loved each one of

The sweet was recalling time with them. The bitter was in realizing they are gone.

This week I received a card from one of my forever friends. It

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listed the many virtues of being a real friend. It ended by saying all of those virtues were within me. It gave me a sense of peace and appreciation to be held in that light.

As we move through this life we are remembered. Hopefully we leave a remembrance of kindness in our wake.

As we prepare this week to begin our annual winter escape trip we are packing things we'll need in the next two months.

Admittedly (and gratefully) we are a bit more protected in our bubble here in North Dako-

As we travel we'll make sure to have masks and sanitary wipes. If Covid taught us anything at all it was to take precautions. It can't hurt.

News reports continually report on our border crisis. Most recently, government officials visited one border crossings. They reported seeing people cross the river, go through barb wire and be processed for entering the United States.

Meanwhile numbers of undocumented people are flooding our cities. What happened to the days of applying for and earning

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citizenship?

When a couple of years ago my daughter and I traveled out of country, I was kind of surprised with the ease of re-entering the States.

It was a time when we were warned to have in hand our Covid vaccination cards. Not only did they barely look at our passports, but not once were we asked for proof of vaccination.

I'm confused with the double standards of our world.

Although I'm confused and frustrated I'm still thankful. I'm thankful for our freedoms. I just wish more consideration was given to protecting our own American citizens.

Even so, life is good today.



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Sherrill Harper

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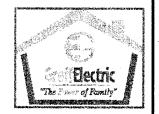
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WRHS Foundation **Revs Up For Giving Hearts Day!**

By Ted Uecker, WRHS Foundation

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West River Health Services Foundation, the fundraising and development arm for West River Health Services and Western Horizons Living Centers, is revving up for their sixth annual "Giving Hearts Day" on the second Thursday of February (or February 8th this year). This is the largest online giving day platform in North Dakota and western Minnesota. Last year, an astounding \$26.1 million was raised via 41,907 "Giving Hearts" for 562 nonprofit organizations, including a record setting \$697,827 for your local WRHS Foundation (which included a whopping \$475,000 from the Roger Follmer Estate). With such terrific campaign performance, your WRHS Foundation was also given \$16,000 extra in grants from the Impact Foundation.

The WRHS Foundation has been a member of the Impact Foundation for six consecutive years now, receiving yearly training, resources and materials to learn more about fundraising and to help us promote our top-quality healthcare system. Over the previous five years, the WRHS Foundation has raised over \$1.5 million via their Giving Hearts Day platform. This year, we have raised \$120,000 in matching funds, thanks to tremendous \$15,000--\$40,000 gifts from the Roger Follmer Estate, Anonymous, Duane & Karen Pierce, Hettinger Jaycees and Jodi Uecker. Our goal is to "match the match" and raise another \$120,000 for a grand total of \$240,000 for our top-quality healthcare system!

How can you participate with us? There are two main ways, prior to, or on February 8th: 1) write a check for \$10 or more to "WRHSF" with "Giving Hearts Day" written in the memo section; and/or 2) give \$10 or more by credit card online at givingheartsday.org and then search "West River." This go round, you decide where your gift goes at the WRHS Foundation (Ambulance, Grateful Givers Club. Healthcare Heroes Endowment, Physician Recruitment Endowment, Western Horizons Living Centers, General Endowment, Surgery Center, Obstetrics Department, General Fund, one of our WRHS satellite clinics in New England, Mott, Bowman, Scranton or Lemmon, etc.). We are grateful for your ongoing support. In the five previous years, you have heled us surpass our "Physicians Recruitment Endowment Fund" goal of \$400,000 and recently our "Healthcare Heroes Endowment Fund" goal of \$500,000. Wow! Thank you.

This year, you can pre-schedule your gift any time between now and February 8th (so you don't forget to give on 2/8). This is easily done by going to the givingheartsday.org website and searching "West River." Thank you for considering pre-scheduling your gift.

The WRHS Foundation has three main events planned for our lead in to Giving Hearts Day this year including:

1) "Giving Hearts Night with the Nighthawks & Eagles" boy's



Photo of last year's "Giving Hearts Night" starting lineups and gymnasium decorations



basketball game in Scranton on

January 26, 5:30pm. Admission

ketball game in New England on

February 1, 5:30PM. Admission

Produce Promotion" at 200

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er on February 7, 3-7pm. Ad-

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ball Nights" are quite the enter-

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The "Giving Hearts Basket-

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the Tigers & Eagles

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Rachel Ranum, 4th grade basketball player, enjoyed playing at halftime for Giving Hearts Night!

forward their usual admission and popcorn fees (and maybe a little more), to the WRHS Foundation for our local rural healthcare system. For gifts of \$50 per individual or \$100 per couple, fans will receive new, bright red, Giving Hearts t-shirts. Of course, all of the players on the Varsity, Junior Varsity and 4th/5th Grade teams will receive complimentary red and white Giving Hearts t-shirts as well (thanks to more sponsors, including Helena Agri-Enterprises. West Plains Inc., Feel Good Coffee Company, New England Insurance, McKenzie Mercantile, Wolf Body & Glass, Golden West Bar and more soon!)

Maybe the most exciting part of Giving Hearts Night -- the local 4th and or 5th grade girls/ boys will be playing ten minutes at halftime of the Junior Varsity games. Moms and Dads. Grannys and Grandpas, sisters and brothers, aunts and uncles will want to be in the seats for this exciting action up and down the hardwood! Between the JV and Varsity games, fans will have the opportunity to bid on "comfy couches" from a local auctioneer! The high bidders will enjoy the Varsity game from the comfy couches at mid-court, front and center, with all of the concessions we can possibly give you!

Then at halftime of the Varsity games, we'll have guest former and current sharpshooters taking aim at ten freethrows each for pledges. We already have Bill Butterfield, Brandon Pierce. Dustin Honeyman. Maddox Pierce and Owen Stuber ready to sizzle the nets in Scranton; while so far Bailey Pierce, Sophie Olsonowski and Laela Jensen will be tossing 'em in from the foul line. You can pledge for any and all freethrow shooters! If you pledge \$10 and they make 6 of 10, you gift \$60 (6 x \$10) to the WRHS Foundation. Or maybe you want to pledge for attempts or a flat fee? That's great!

This just might be the most fun you ever had at a local ballgame! Bring your checkbook!

If you have any questions regarding "Giving Hearts Day" and your involvement with it, please contact Ted Uecker with the WRHS Foundation at 701-567-3666. We are always hustling to better our last performance. Thanks for your help. Onward for top-quality healthcare "close

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Reflections on the Words of Life

by Pastor Paul Ferrie, Grace Reformed Church of the Lord Jesus, New Leipzig

Last time we considered the importance of a kinsman-redeemer and saw that Christ is the ultimate Kinsman-Redeemer of His people. We resume now at Ruth 2:21, where Ruth continues telling Naomi about her first day of gleaning and Boaz's instructions to her: "Ruth the Moabitess said, 'He also said to me, "You shall stay close by my young men until they have finished all my harvest."" By telling Ruth to stay close by his young men until the harvest was finished, Boaz was basically saying that she had a job for a while. For the barley harvest was just beginning, and the

wheat harvest would follow. Upon hearing this, Naomi has some motherly advice for Ruth, recorded in verse 22: "And Naomi said to Ruth her daughter-in-law, 'It is good, my daughter, that you go out with his young women, and that people do not meet you in any other field." Naomi is concerned for Ruth's well-being and realizes that Boaz has provided an ideal and safe situation in which she can continue to work. This is almost as if to say, "Don't go wandering off from the place of blessing as I did when I left Israel so many years ago." Ruth had much love and respect for

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her mother-in-law and did what Naomi advised. The chapter closes by telling us in Ruth 2:23, "So she stayed close by the young women of Boaz, to glean until the end of barley harvest and wheat harvest; and she dwelt with her mother-in-law." Several weeks pass be-

tween the end of chapter 2 and the beginning of chapter 3, and during that time Naomi has been coming up with a plan. She is grateful that the most immediate need, which was for food, had been met. But Ruth had another need. She was a reasonably young woman but had no husband. And since Boaz was unmarried and had been unusually kind to Ruth, Naomi developed a very bold plan. She was going to suggest to Ruth that she propose marriage to Boaz. We read in Ruth 3:1. "Then Naomi her motherin-law said to her, 'My daughter, shall I not seek security for you, that it may be well with you?" Here Naomi is basically asking Ruth if she would like her help in getting a husband. At that time and in that culture, security for a woman came from marriage. Naomi's words, "that it may be well with you," remind us of the fact that Ruth was a

Moabite. And even those she had pledged her commitment to worship the God of Israel, many probably still thought of her as a foreigner. Having a husband would not only provide security for Ruth; it would make her life more enjoyable and remove some of the stigma of being a Moabite in Israel. If she had an Israelite husband, she would be thought of as an Israelite.

What a different Naomi we are seeing here! She is no longer the bitter woman who was complaining that God was against her. Naomi is now seeking to be a blessing to someone else. What happened? Naomi is back in Israel. Her focus is back on the Lord, and that is the key. Maybe some of us who are Christians are going through a very difficult time right now, and life may seem hopeless. May God give us grace to keep our eyes on Him no matter what our circumstances might be. If we have placed our trust in the Lord Jesus Christ alone for salvation. we have the promise that our Heavenly Father is working ALL things together for our good, no matter how they might seem to us. "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning" (Psalm 30:5).

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Focus for the year: praising the Lord

Pastor Renee Johnson Dakota Prairie Lutheran Parish Bowman, Amidon, Rhame

Sometimes a couple of good ideas collide and combine to bring about something new. That seems to be the case for me at the beginning of this New Year. One of the first devotions I read as 2024 got underway talked about picking a word or phrase from scripture to be a guide or focus for the year ahead.

While giving this notion some thought, I opened a differ-

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ent devotional resource for the second day of the year and it began with reading Psalm 148. This psalm opens with "Praise the Lord!" In the collision of these two, I found a phrase that will be a good guide through the year ahead-"Praise the Lord!" The entirety of Psalm 148 will be of help, I imagine, in living through the days and weeks and months to come. It's a psalm that calls us to praise the Lord in all places and circumstances and through all seasons. The whole of the earth and all of heaven are to praise the Lord. Angels, sun and stars, mountains and trees all praise

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the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven," says verse 13.

Truthfully, I've tried this practice of focusing on a word for the year before and I usually don't get very deep into January before I've lost interest and enthusiasm and by February can't even recall the word. To fight this inclination, this year I'm printing out little signs reminding me to "Praise the Lord" and putting them in various, strategic places as reminders. Already, what I've experienced is that this phrase reminds me to keep my focus on God. "Praise the Lord" seems to return my attention to my relationship with God. That has already been helpful more than once in the busyness of life and work as this year gets underway.

command!"

Remembering daily, sometimes hourly, to praise the Lord puts our focus on our relationship with God. Daily renewing and growing that relationship with God is a great way to go through a year. Perhaps you would like to join me in praising



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the Lord. Kings and princes, men and women, young and old together, praise the Lord. "Let them praise the name of

This spiritual practice is currently getting a new workout as I listen to the weather forecasters talk about cold winter weather coming upon us soon. I'm not a fan of cold and snow so it's easy to complain about it. Psalm 148 reminds me to "praise the Lord" even when I'm not excited about this seasonally cold weather. Verse 8 calls us to praise God in all kinds of weather, reminding us the Lord commands and is the source of all kinds of weather when it says, "fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his

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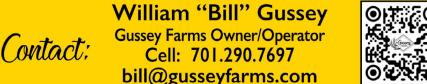
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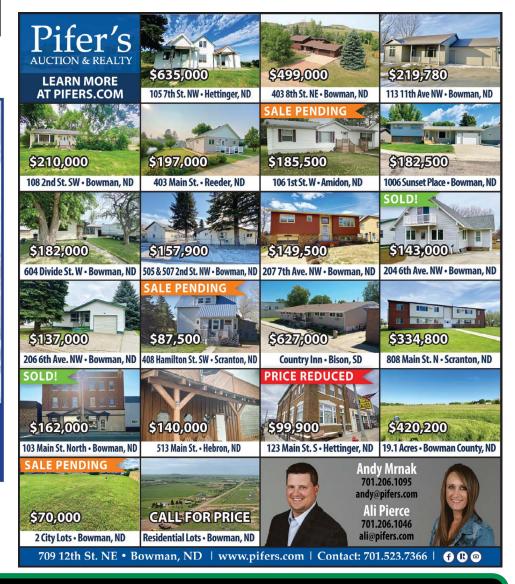
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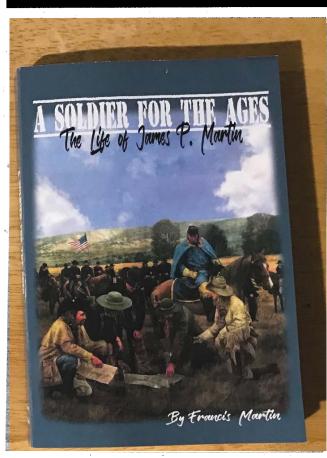
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SOLDIER FOR THE AGES By Francis Martin

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CHAPTER TWENTY-THREE

The twenty new recruits were milling around in the old armory tent when James got there. He had to stand on Fetterer's chair to get their attention. He was about to apologize when he recalled what Fetterer had said. "Never apologize. You do, they'll walk right over you."

"ORDER!" he yelled over their heads.

Silence.

"As I call your names, take a seat right front to left."

They finally got settled. He couldn't help but notice that some of them had old bruises. Their hair was cut to the scalp. A wave of sympathy rolled over him. They'd just come from boot

"I'm a Sergeant Martin and I'm your ammunition instructor."

He was about to launch into the introduction to firearms when Sgt. Moore and his aide came into the tent.

Moore came up close to James and said to the side. "Chef-chuga won't be coming

The aide put a pad of paper and a manual in front of every recruit and James thanked him. It was 7 a.m. and sweat was running down his face. He explained to them the necessity of studying the manual and taking notes. The rifles that would be used in combat were passed out. He took a rifle apart slowly and waited until each recruit had done the same thing. Then they put it back together while he coached them. This went on for the next four hours. When it got to be 100° in the shade, James called a recess.

"How long will it be before they can do this in the dark, in the rain, in the mud and blood?" Moore asked.

"How long did it take you?" "Things were different then. Haste makes waste and all that.

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men who can fire a gun."

'There's a class in firearms safety. One day."

"Can you skip that?"

"I'd rather not, Sir. There would surely be collateral damage and it would fall right on

"Too right," Moore said, "What about practice?"

"Before I was dismissed by Chef-chuga, I had reserved the target area for three hours, 5-8 p.m. but not today."

"Why not?"

"Because it's in use."

"Could you give the class in gun safety during that time?"

"I'd have to get permission and I'm a tutor, not an officer."

"I'll get it. From 5-8, right?"

"Is it possible to put one of those big fans in here? They'll learn a lot faster when they don't have to keep wiping the sweat out of their eyes.'

When they came back from lunch, the huge doors at each end of the tent were open and there was a big fan blowing the hot air around.

James went into the armory office and filled out a stack of forms. He'd been doing this when Fetterer was still there. Everything had to be done in quadruplicate. Even with the doors open, the air barely moved. The office had a plexiglass window that was for light only. James was so depressed and hot, he wanted to take an axe to it.

He sat in Fetterer's chair and wondered what he was doing in there. There were odds and ends that said Fetterer had been there, but nothing to say that Chef-chuga had been there except and dirty ashtray. Don't make this personal James, a little voice whispered in his ear.

He was in a sweaty khaki T-shirt and camo cargo shorts that had ten pockets. He went outside wondering where Dan'l was. The two of them; they could talk this over. Put things

in order. Because of his accuracy with guns, he thought he was going to teach new recruits how to handle a rifle, but Fetterer, little by little, had brought him into the teaching part. Fetterer stayed right with him even after he'd become accomplished at

(I'm not qualified for the office part of this job, he said to himself.) Then it occurred to him that when he got to be basketball captain, Coach Mayor had schooled him in record keeping and when he worked at the junkyard, he had kept records for Rummel. His dad kept records on the cattle and the crops, and he'd done that since he was a kid. The last two years he had filled out the income tax forms for his grandfather.

The only difference he could see was that these forms said, 7th Airborne Calvary, instead of I.R.S. He said to himself that what he really needed was Kadee and her super knowledge of numbers. No, he just needed

He got some sandwiches, more than one and a quart of lemonade and sat on a bench as close to the door as he could get. It was going to be a long day, 17 hours. He was studying a bright green beetle that was eating the edge of the lettuce that was in the sandwich when his bunk mate, Robins, scooted in beside him.

"Don't go in the barracks," he said while looking stealthily around them. "The MPs are searching the place."

James knew better than to ask Robins what they were searching for. It didn't matter. "What about the radio?"

"I don't think they are looking for one cheapo radio."

"I hope you're right. I would really miss it."

Small talk, but what else could they say?

"I suppose we'll have to clean it up when they get through.

"You can bet on it. I gotta go. I'm on duty," Robins said as he got up and left.

James was instructing the class on firearms safety when the unit came back from maneuvers and had to clean up the mess the MPs had left in the barracks. When he came in about 9:15, Robins had made up both bunks and put their belongings back in the footlockers. The mattress on James' bunk had been tipped up and pushed against the wall. His was the first hed on the right when you came in the door. When Robins pulled it up on the bedframe, he heard something go 'clunk.' There was no room between the bed and the wall to walk, so he laid over the mattress and looked down. Quickly, he checked out the rest of the big tent. For the most part, it was back in order. A group of tired, dirty recruits were huddled

at the far end. James was still tutoring a class in gun safety at the old ar-

mory tent. What was the best thing to do? If he picked it up and hid it somewhere else, it would be found. What if, for the time being, he left it right where it was. The MPs weren't apt to come back to this barracks any time soon.

He went outside and sat down on the bench beside the door while he casually checked out the long line of barracks to his right.

The one where James and Robins bunked was #100 and James bunk was #1.

Down the roadway, there was a crowd outside of barracks 500. Robins now knew where the MPs were searching.

Should he go down to the old armory and let James know that someone had left him a gift? No. If he showed up while James was instructing, twenty guys would wonder why he was there when he had been through armory training a month

He went in the barracks and laid down on his bunk. He turned sideways so he was facing James' bunk. Could he see it? No, but some guy farther down, if he had reason to look under the bunk, might see it.

It was the same color as everything else on the base, camo green. Good paint job.

About nine o'clock. James would be finishing his book work. He'd come this way between 9:15 and 9:30. He went back outside just as an officer broke away from barracks 500 and walked up to Robins.

"Robins?"

He rose and saluted. "Yes

"Where is Martin?"

Sweat ran down his armpits. "I believe he teaches a class on gun safety in the old armory building, Sir." "Has he been gone all day?"

"I don't know, Sir. I've been on duty in MESS all day." The officer followed Robins

into the barracks. He looked over James' corner for a long minute.

"You cleaned his area?"

"Yes sir. He's a good neighbor. He would do the same for

The officer opened his mouth to ask another question, changed his mind and left.

Robin knew what the next question was going to be: "Is Martin armed?'

Would the officer go down to the armory tent when James would be filling out forms? More than likely, he would assign some grunt to keep an eye out front and catch James when he came in.

But when James left the armory tent, he came in the back to pick up some clean clothes and catch a shower.

Robins lay on his bunk with the radio playing softly from under his bunk. He was reading a cookbook that gave the pounds needed to feed a hundred men, not the cups

"How'd it go?" Robins asked as he marked his place with a toothpick.

"I think before this is over, I'm going to have lockjaw. At least half these guys shouldn't be armed with anything more dangerous than a fork," James growled, "Any mail?" "No. Did you get to eat?"

"I ate before I went back to the armory. I filled my pockets with chocolate. It melted but I ate it anyway." He sorted out some clean

clothes.

"Look at this, Kenny," he said pointing to the swelling on his calf, "I was having a sandwich in the MESS. Remember? Anyway, there was this little green bug that was also eating my sandwich. I gave him a snap and he flew away. Next thing I knew, he was crawling up my

leg. I slapped at him, and he stung me. Look at this!'

Robins sat over the edge of his bunk and peered at the swelling on James' calf. The swelling had a red ring around it.

"You need to go to the infirmary. James. This is ugly. We don't know what kind of deadly bugs they raise in Asia."

"Yeah. We'd be ahead if we had a class in bugs rather than gun safety. It's like my grandfather told me. He said 150,000 men were unloaded in New Guinea in the II World War. When the war was over and they went back to pick them up, there were only 150 left, and they didn't die from bullets. I'm gonna go shower."

"James...."

"Yeah?"

"Don't. He put a finger over his lips.

"Borman?" James mouthed. Robins shook his head and said, "I'll go with you. I need to wash off some of this kitchen grease."

They picked up their clothes. James started for the front, but Robins motioned for him to go out the rear.

"You know the barracks was searched today?"





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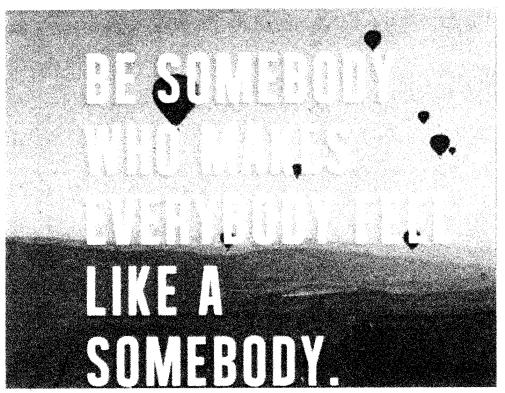
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If you would condescend to me for just a paragraph, then you would have to be of higher caste than I. Sounds like something poetic.

If I bring home cat food that Calliope finds yucky, we become estranged. She looks at me like I'm a stranger without knowledge about what she wants to eat. She doesn't cotton to strange tastes.

Estrange comes from old French estranger meaning to remove, as from usual surroundings or associates, from

one society to another. It could also mean the turning away in relationships, as from a friendly person to an alien. "I thought I knew that guy, but boy did I ever get my eyes opened."

The term here has to do with that which is unfamiliar, odd, queer, alien, making the person reserved, suspicious or extraordinary. Maybe estrangement is first cousin to eccentric. You are off kilter as far as others see you. Could estrangement be related to the counter culture?

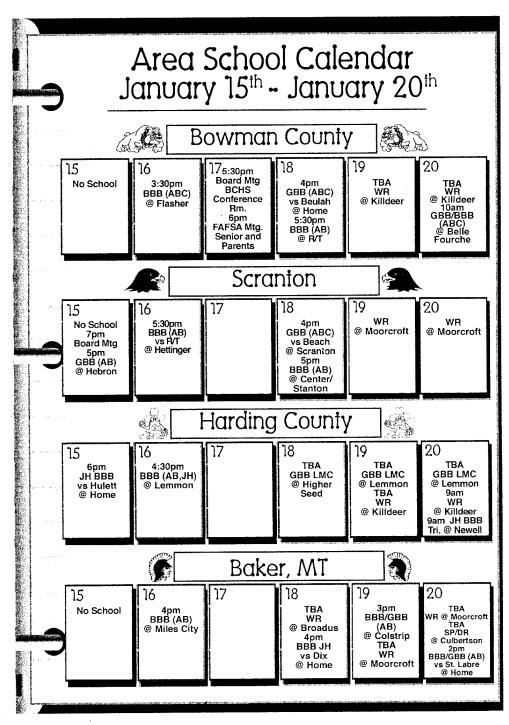






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• Connie: "This canoe's perfectly safe in a storm-and besides, we're only a hundred feet from land." Mike: "Which way?" Connie: "Straight down."



~ School News ~ Elgin/New Leipzig Public School Sunday, January 14 Open Swimming 1-3 Adult Water Aerobics 3:30 - 4:30 Tuesday, January 16 Pre school 8:15 - 3:15 JH BB vs New Salem/Almont @ Elgin @ 4:00 BBB A-B vs Beach @ Mott @ 5:30 No Open Swimming Wednesday, January 17 Pre School 8:15 - 3:15 Adult Water Aerobics 3:30 - 4:30 and 5:30 - 6:30 Thursday, January 18 Pre School 8:15 - 3:15 GBB A-B-C vs South Heart @ Elgin @ 4:00 JH BB @ Glen Ullin/Hebron @ 4:00 No Open Swimming Friday, January 19 BBB A-B vs Glen Ullin/Hebron @ Glen Ullin @ 5:00 Saturday, January 20 BBB A-B @ Bison, SD @ 2:00 **New England Public School** Monday, January 15th No School - MLK Jr. Day Tuesday, January 16th 4:00 p.m. & 5:30 p.m. AB BBB vs. Belfield in our gyms 5:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. AB GBB vs. Richardton/Taylor in our gyms Wednesday, January 17th No religion release today Thursday, January 18h Friday, January 19th Today is band day 3:45 p.m. leave time for AB BBB traveling to South Heart for 5:30 p.m. game Saturday, January 20th 1:00 p.m. AB GBB in New Salem 2:30 p.m. AB BBB in New Salem Mott/Regent Public School Tuesday, January 16 JH BBB vs New Salem/Almont @ Grant County, 4:00 HS BBB (AB) vs Beach @ Mott Armory, 5:30 Wednesday, January 17 hursday, January 18 JH BBB @ Glen Ullin/Hebron, 4:00 HS GBB (ABC) vs South Heart @ Grant County, 4:00 Friday, January 19 No School - Professional Development

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Saturday, January 20

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You cannot show kindness too soon because you never know how soon it will be too late.



David L. Gray Rites to be Held

David L. Gray, 82, passed away at Missouri Slope Care Center on December 26, 2023,



following complications from a stroke. His funeral service will be held 11:00 am on Saturday, January 13, 2024, at the Mandan First Presbyterian Church, with Pastor Deanna Reikow officiating. Burial will take place at Regent Cemetery.

David was born January 17, 1941, in Regent, ND. He enjoyed music and sports early in life. Some of his most vivid early memories were those spent with his friends and siblings, competing in baseball, basketball, and football. He attended schools in Belfield, Regent, and graduated from Mott High School.

David attended Dickinson State College and considered majors in either music or physical education. It was during college he became motivated by music professors who instilled in him a passion for inspiring others. He graduated with a degree in Music Education and went on to work as a choir and band director for 11 years at Grenora and Mohall, ND and Fairview.

David met Arlene in 1965, while visiting his parents in Lakeview, OR. Arlene accompanied him for a solo he sang at church. They were married in Dickinson, ND in 1972. Together they raised four children.

If you were involved with public school music in the fourstate region from the 1970s to the 1990s, chances are you interacted with David. In 1974, he began work as a sales representative for Eckroth Music, delivering newly purchased instruments, picking up instruments that needed repair, and working at the store. Through this work, he started a beginner's program for new music students and served as a mentor for many educators around the region.

For more than three decades, David played the French horn in several community bands, the Bismarck-Mandan Symphony Orchestra, and directed the choir at Mandan First Presbyterian Church. He helped raise his children and shared with them qualities he held close - compassion for others, a solid work ethic, humility, a love for artistic expression, and above

all, a sense of humor. David retired from Eckroth Music in 2004. He continued to fulfill his love for bringing joy to people when he took a parttime job, delivering flowers for Robert's Floral. He enjoyed time with his wife and family, reading, playing puzzles, and video games. Also during this time, he sang with the Bismarck-Mandan Civic Chorus alongside his son

In 2015, a medical procedure left him with paralysis on the left side of his body. Despite the health setback, David prevailed over the shortcoming with his sense of humor and upbeat attitude. He enjoyed taking time to visit with his lifelong friends at their coffee group.

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David is survived by his wife, Arlene, Bismarck; sister, Janice Schulz, Bismarck; brother, Lonnie (Ellen), Prineville, OR; children, Mark (Jena), Stephanie (Travis), Brian; all of Bismarck, and Timothy (Kayla), Mandan: and numerous cousins, nephews and nieces, and great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Sara and Roy Gray; brother, Arlo; brother-inlaw, Ervin Schulz; twin sisters, Alice and Ann; and beloved cocker spaniel, Odie.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials donated in David's memory to the Mandan First Presbyterian Church.

Thomas "Tom" O'Dean Burwick

Thomas O'Dean Burwick of Mott, ND passed away at Essentia Health on December 30, 2023 in Fargo ND. Tom was



ND to Lois and Vernon Burwick.

Upon graduating from Mott High School, he attended school in Wahpeton and completed his associates degree then served honorably in the U.S. Navy for four years during the Vietnam War.

Beyond his military service he continued to serve others by opening his own business, Burwick's Refrigeration, making his home in Mott. Tom married Beverly Lutz in 1979, proudly becoming a dad of three little ones. They later joyfully welcomed their youngest child, Paul, completing their family.

In January 1989, Tom and Bev moved their family to Phoenix AZ. After working for a couple different companies, settled with the Deer Valley Unified School District in Phoenix AZ. supervising and maintaining the many schools' air conditioning. Tom continued to work for the DVUSD until retirement having made many great friends all around the valley. After the passing of his beloved wife, Tom moved back to his home town Mott, ND, leaving behind the big city smog and traffic for the calm, quiet and clean air of

North Dakota, Tom returned to his home town and was warmly welcomed back, where he lived his remaining years. Along with reacquainting himself with his old friends and family, Tom made many more friends who all enjoyed a cold beer and a joke at Burwick's Bar.

His wit and many stories that he joyfully told around a cold beer will remain cherished memories for all who had the privilege to share in those moments. Always willing to lend a hand or advice to anyone who asked, his wealth of knowledge will be greatly missed.

Tom is survived by his children Stephanie (Marc) Bonner, Steve (Sandy) Holler, Paul Burwick, Phoenix, AZ and Erik (Kathy) Holler Woodland, WA. Sisters Norma (Darrel) Auer, Dickinson ND, Lacey (Kevin) Nicewanger, Grand Forks, ND and Kelley (Nick) Powers, Olympia, WA, brother Tim Burwick, Bismarck, ND. Sister-inlaw's Joyce (Frank) Banyai, Bismarck, ND, Mary (Bud) Friedli, Austin TX and brother-in-law Charlie (Jean) Lutz, Mandan, ND. Grandchildren Seth, Luke and Joel Holler, Ashlyn, Matthew, Jacob and Ben Bonner. Addy, Katie and Emily Holler and Olivia Burwick. Along with many nieces and nephews and cousins.

He is preceded in death by his wife Beverly Burwick parents Vernon and Lois Burwick, brother Jason Burwick, father and mother-in-law Mike and Emmie Lutz, brother and sisterin-law Seb and Norita Roll as well as many more relatives and friends.

Services will be held at a later date.

George E. Olind Rites to be Held

George E. Olind saddled his horse and pack string and rode through the gates of Heaven on January 3, 2024. God needed a story telling cowboy and he selected a good one.

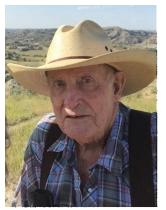
He was born May 13, 1927 in Three Forks, Montana to Ed and Edna (Parsons) Olind. He was the last surviving member of his immediate family.

George attended school in Harrison, Montana until the age of 17 but quit due to the death of his father. He felt he would not catch up on his schoolwork as he had missed too many days. He worked a few odd jobs and finally asked his mother to sign for him to enter the Navy during WWII. George served on the USS Benevolence and spent most of his time in the Pacific Islands. His military occupation was Medic

He married the love of his life, Barbara Polson, on November 12, 1955.

George 'Cowboyed' at several ranches in his lifetime, most notably Campbell Farming





Corporation (CFC) at Camp 4 near Yellowtail Dam/Fort Smith, Montana. When he left CFC he began his veterinary assistant career with Dr. D.L. Van Zant, DVM, Hardin, MT. In 1974 the family moved to Baker where he worked with Dr. R. L. Cornelius, DVM. He finished his career alongside Dr. Don Beck, DVM and the two became best of friends.

George was a member of the VFW Legion Post 142 in Idaho City, Idaho and the American Lutheran Church in Baker.

He restored several wagons and sleighs and broke many teams to drive. He had a passion for reading and reading historical books was a personal favorite.

His keen sense of direction and knowledge of specific landmarks enabled him to expertly navigate vast areas of multiple regions. He could tell one how to locate any ranchers' corrals in multiple states.

George was a licensed Guide in Yellowstone Park until he aged out at 83 and no longer qualified for a license. He enjoyed those trips and the people he met immensely. He created 'props' in the park and one of his props was an old bison skull positioned just so beside a downed tree. He'd stop the group and raise himself in the saddle and say let's ride down there I think I see something.

His knives were as sharp as his wit and his ability to tie a knot was a work of art. His most common retort was typically, "The Hell you say" or simply, "The Hell."

George was a bit of a prankster. His children's report cards were typically signed, "her/ his father", or the occasional title Esa, behind his name and

they were never returned by the school requesting actual signature. The absent for illness notes typically included exacting medical terminology for whatever ailed the kids.

Once at a doctor's appointment he was asked if he had anyone assisting him performing heavy physical tasks (trying to figure out the reason for his back pain). He paused, and said, "Just me and God and God was already a little busy.'

He was on a wagon drive in Wyoming and had a young team he was breaking to drive. The one mare became skittish and Dad circled the team out to an open field near Fort Phil Kearny and that's when the show began, once the wild ride ended the group of tourists applauded feeling they had just been given a performance.

He was simply known as George at the Vet Clinic in Bak-

Special Thank You to Michelle Shumaker and ALL of the staff at Superior Care Villa for the EXCELLENT CARE that Dad received.

He is survived by his son, Casey (Loretta) Olind, Rhame, ND, daughters, Joene (Walt) Patterson, Frostburg, Maryland, and Wendy Olind, Miles City, MT. His sister inlaw, Carol (John) Williams, Boise, ID, and a Brother in Law, James Polson, Seattle, WA, Grandchildren, Joe Patterson, Jodi (Clint) Anderson, Kayla Olind, Jesse (Sara) Olind. 4 great grandchildren, and several loved nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Barbara Olind, son, Jim Olind, Grandson, Thomas Patterson, and an infant granddaughter, great granddaughter Saylor Anderson, his in-laws, Clarence and Peggy Polson, sister inlaw, Joan Hicks, all his siblings and spouses, Ed (Marion) Olind. Kay (Ernie) Maack, Jim (Betty Jo) Olind, Rose (Fred) Zier, Inez (Bill) Reynolds and an infant brother, Theodore, and a few beloved nephews.

His Celebration of Life will be May 13, 2024 at Stevensons Funeral Home Baker Montana at 1:00 pm.

Cards may be sent to the family at P.O. Box 104 Baker, Montana.

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Rickey Lynn **Hochhalter Rites**

Ricky Lynn Hochhalter, age 73, of Elgin, North Dakota.



passed away in his home after a courageous battle with cancer on Saturday, January 6, 2024, surrounded and loved by his

Service of Remembrance was Friday, January 12, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. MT at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church. Rev. Mike HarriSon officiated. Following a time of fellowship and lunch, burial with Full Military Honors will be at 3:00 p.m. CT at the North Dakota Veteran's Cemetery south of Mandan, ND. Visitation was from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. MT at the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church on Thursday, January 11, 2024.

Rick was born in Elgin, ND to Raymond and Elaine Hochhalter on Christmas Eve Day 1950. He grew up on a farm south of Elgin on the prairies of North Dakota. His childhood was spent with his cousin Kenny playing outdoors, riding bikes, sledding down the hills, riding horses, jumping off

barn roofs, catching frogs, raiding neighbor's gardens, driving the wheels off Uncle Fritz's '54 Ford, playing music, camping, fishing on the Cannon Ball River. and rattlesnake hunting with his dad. Rick often told stories of his horse named Stupid, and how he and Kenny camped in their cave, started a fire, but got smoked out. From a very young age he played music with his family, performing at dances and weddings. He went to school at Elgin Public School and participated in band, track, and was also in a band called. 'The Restless Ones.'

After graduation, he was a stunt man in the Medora Musical riding a horse, carrying the American flag down a steep cliff at night during the highlight of the show. In 1969, he attended Dickinson State University. In 1970 he enlisted and served in the U. S. Army in the Vietnam War from July 1970 to June 1971. His primary duty was 11B Infantryman. He held the dangerous responsibility of carrying the radio, which, with his pack, weighed a total of 125lb. He experienced many traumatic events in Vietnam and his life was in danger many times. After returning home, he married the love of his life Ronae Meidinger at Zion Lutheran Church in Elgin, ND on February 5th, 1972. In the spring, they moved to Bottineau, ND and he obtained an associate degree in Botany. During college he was a leader, protester, and served as the Student Body President.

In 1974, Rick and Ronae

moved to Fargo, started a family, and welcomed two beautiful children into the world. Rick spent his time working, performing, and recording as a professional musician with the band "Old Friends." He also continued to serve full-time in the ND National Guard and was a Senior Percussionist with the Army National Guard Band and even performed in Australia and

In 1992, Rick and his family moved to Devils Lake, ND. Rick was stationed at Camp Grafton, working for the Army National Guard as an Engineering Instructor/Writer in the Horizontal and Vertical branch. After 37 years of service Rick retired in 2010 as an E-8 Master Ser-

Rick is known for his ability to reach his limit fishing, outstanding woodworking abilities, and his witty and fun sense of humor. He enjoyed history and taking his family to Medicine Rock near his childhood farm, which is one of the largest ceremonial Native American historical sites in ND. He also enjoyed hunting, gardening, playing marbles, and loved his time with family and friends.

Rick is known as a leader and mentor to many. He is the recipient of the Bronze Star, Combat Infantryman Badge, Air Medal, National Defense Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Army Commendation Medal, and numerous other service medals. In 2010, he received

The Meritorious Service Medal for his achievements, expertise, and vast engineering knowledge, resulting in improvements in the Corps of Engineers, the 164th Regiment and the North Dakota Army National Guard. He was an active member in the Elgin Lions Club and received a Lion of the Year Award for his outstanding service, loyalty, and devotion to lionism.

Rick is survived by his wife Ronae Hochhalter, children Aimee (Eric) Bachmeier and Casey (Kellie) Hochhalter, grandchildren Maverick, Isaac, Dominic and Sandra Bachmeier and Sylvie, Raina, and Miles Hochhalter, mother-in-law Agnes Meidinger, four sisters Marilyn Scherr, Susan Schock (Dan Dienstmann), Rhonda Veitz, and Lori Wolff, sisters-in-law Karen (Chuck) Vujnovich, Robin (Darvin) Bentz, and Terry (Jeff) Dachtler and many nieces and nephews.

Rick is preceded in death by his parents Raymond and Elaine Hochhalter, father-in-law Ralph Meidinger, sister-in-law Sandra Meidinger, brothersin-law Melvin Scherr, Bobby Schock, Larry Veitz, Scott Wolff and nephew Buck Schock.

In lieu of flowers Memorials are preferred to Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Elgin, ND and North Dakota Veterans Cemetery in Mandan, ND.

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Thoughts for the Week

by June Schmidt

Determination is a positive emotional feeling that promotes perservering towards a difficult goal in spite of obstacles. Determination occurs prior to goal attainment and serves to motivate behavior that will help achieve one's goal. Sounds like quite a lofty statement, but it is determination partnered with a desire to succeed that leads a person to achievement which is a goal that has been reached.

But what happens when we don't have the desire to succeed in our lives? The biggest problem is a person. The same goal some people can achieve easily, some cannot achieve at all. That is not about the goal, but more about the person. Success is hard because some people may not be willing or don't have enough dedication or skills and knowledge to achieve some goals. While it is possible that some people set too lofty a goal for themselves, it is more likely that once a person realizes how much effort and dedication is needed to achieve what they want, they can lose the desire to obtain that goal. Those driven by a desire to succeed are fully invested in their career, project

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or personal goal. They want to see success no matter how long it takes. They will often put in extra time to reach the result that they want.

Lately there have been trends telling people that they deserve success or deserve to have the best of everything including great jobs and great wages. Unfortunately, deserving something is not a guarantee that we will obtain what we want. We all deserve to be loved, to have what we need and to have a healthy life. But without work and dedication and the ambition to obtain these things, and without a certain amount of luck in our lives, we may not be able to get them. So why do we have people telling us that we just have to demand what we want to get it? I don't know when this all started, but I guess I am kind of old school in that my generation was told if you wanted something, you had to work for it, and maybe, just maybe, you would get it if you worked hard enough. Our first jobs were not great or paid a high wage, but low as we didn't know much about working full time for others. Yes, we had jobs from our parents, but as

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parental supervision! And by the way, a good education was one in which you would be able to get a job, not just hours spent to get a degree that you couldn't So what can we do about

this situation now? Not sure how to change what is happening as the trend is to demand rather than earn your place in the world. This is not what other countries believe in as they are more old school than ours is right now, so if you look around, you can see who are getting the higher paying jobs. It's not the kids with the attitude of 'I deserve it' but those that earned the right. And the lower paying jobs are often taken by those that have little and are just grateful for a job. So those in the middle have to struggle to find their place and are depending on parents or the government to help them survive. This is a country that is well known for great success stories, but very few of those are about those that get the high paying job the first time out. Maybe its time to go back to some of those older sentiments of learning to do a crappy job before you earn your way to a better one with good pay. Maybe its time to get training in a good paying career and then when you have extra money get that degree in College Studies for the diploma you can hang on the wall. I could be wrong, but then again, I could be right. God Bless you All.

OF THE DAY

OLD-FASHIONED CREAM OF TOMATO SOUP

32 oz. can diced tomatoes

9 oz. chicken broth, undiluted

1 oz. butter

2 T. sugar 1 T. chopped onion

A pinch of soda

2 C. cream

Mix tomatoes, chicken broth and butter, sugar, onions and soda. Simmer 1 hour. Heat cream in double boiler. Add cream to hot tomato mixture. Ready to serve. Makes approximately 1/2 gallon.

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Sometimes you found out that it was a bad job, but it paid you money, so you did what you had to do to make a buck. You did some complaining about it, but if you said something to your parents, mostly they said, be grateful you have a job and if you don't like it, get a good education so you can get a better job. They never said quit and sit at home and we will take care

of you. Besides, who wanted

to stay home when you were

of age to get out in the world?

Not us...we wanted the freedom

of having our own lives without

same time every day and do all

the menial jobs, they cut us a lot

of slack. So the first job when

you had to be there, work at a

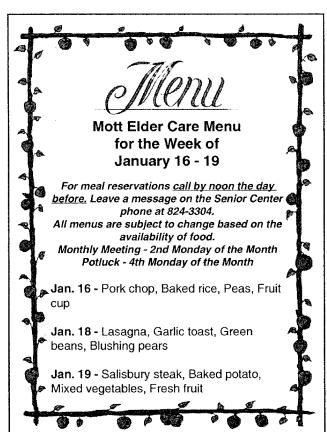
job you were not fond of, some-

times cleaning up after some-

one else did the job badly, you

found out what it was all about.

we all know, parents don't make you tow the line, show up at the Prairie Dental, Inc. Dr. Jennifer Sarsland Dr. Kevin Mark 12 6th Ave SW Bowman, ND 58623



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In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity.

Remember the story of Cinderella - well here is that story in our time and Cinderella is one of us - listen to her story.

Cinderella (Pat) - worked for 37 years taking care of people - now she lives in the beautiful castle and they are taking care of her. How about you?

Come visit her and get a tour of her castle at the Mott Health Care Center, she will even give you a tour - says it's her home - her castle.



A Little Birdie Told Me

By: Vivian Hernandez

A Little Birdie Told Me:
"Small Communities Thrive Because People Get Involved."

The Mott Health Care Center is open for business, thanks to the all the great community minded people. The open house in December was well attended and gave the public a chance to tour the newly renovated facility.

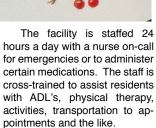
After many volunteers, hours painting, cleaning and decorating the renovations are nearly complete and is now ready for residents. The very first resident felt like she was coming home: Pat Schwartz had worked as a CNA at the Good Samaritan Nursing Home for 37 years.

Pat had fallen in December and broke her right arm near the shoulder. She was able to be home for a week as her daughter was there to help. Unable to do many of the activities of daily living such as dressing and bathing Pat knew she'd need assistance and the Mott Health Care Center was the perfect fit.

Being the first resident Pat was able to pick her room and since has been treated like a "Queen in a Palace!" The staff keeps her busy and she's only had time to read 5 pages in her new book.

Kirsten Friedt is the Director of Nursing, she and her Husband ranch north of Mott. Kirsten has been an RN for 38 years, working mostly in Dickinson at Able Inc. Kirsten was so impressed with the efforts of the community to keep the facility open she wanted to be a part of its success.

Mott Health Care Center is a Basic Care facility: Residents must be able to do 60% of their ADL'S (activities of daily living) and self-evacuate in the case of a fire. Three meals a-day are provided with snacks between, full laundry service and housekeeping. If you or a family member is interested or just curious, tours are available and welcome.



Members of the community are encouraged to support the Mott Health Care Center with their time and talents: assistance is needed with activities, transportation and many other areas, just contact the office if you are interested in being apart of this community effort.

A Little Birdie Told Me: "The Essence of Community, its Heart and Soul, is the Non-monetary Exchange of Value; Things we do and Share Because we Care for Others, and for the Good of the Place." (NRIPIO-Forum)

Quote from Pats Daughter

I just meant the staff and everyone worked so hard to get the facility open. The mayor Troy came to see you twice the first day. Of course we (kids) are all happy that you are in a place that you know and that you can stay close to home. But the staff is really what I meant - you, who worked there for 37 years, and the first resident right when it opens. Perfect timing, and it shows how much faith you have in the community - you took care of the masses, and now the masses take care of you.



Opportunity for young people to be a part of community. Jaden Steiner, a Junior, signing in for a job. Thank You young adults for working for our community.













Adrian Trimble, a Senior has taken on the position of cooking. Pat says meals are fantastic.















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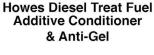


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