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Eido Connect's
Philosophy for 2024

- DECISION -

Who is This?

Excited beyond words, Me Me looked out the Time Machine window, there stood Mom, Dad, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, the barber, baker - - Me Me could see by the numbers that everyone wanted to know how the experiment went. Was the experiment successful?

With all these people waiting Me Me knew the right **decision** was push, land - - so slowly the Time Machine made it's way to the ground.

Opening the door, Me Me heard no cheering - - quiet filled Me Me's ears - sad, broken faces filled Me Me's eyes - - stoic bodies filled the space.

Quickly Me Me pushed the close door button - swish - closed - "What? What? - - did I land in the wrong place?" - - were all thoughts running through Me Me's head. Going back to controls, all buttons were checked - all screens looked at - - no this is the right place - - but - - now what?

Again checking the window, Me Me could see faces that were familiar. Against all odds, Me Me knew the experiment was a success, the Time Machine - - well after the last final stop - - no words could explain the outcome - - maybe. Maybe - - again pushing the open door button, Me Me stepped out among the crowd.

Hugs, welcomes, were expressed but the people were like zombies. Where was the joy Me Me had experienced when the Time Machine lifted into space.

Questions, questions but not from crowd - questions came from Me Me - - what happened - whats going on - what have you been doing, wheres the joy, the love - - people just stared, as though afraid to say anything.

Finally one brave person spoke up. Corruption, violence, stealing, looting, murders, everything one can think of - - nothing we can do - -.

Although Me Me said to self, I will never tell anyone what I saw. Me Me now made the **decision** to tell this story - -.

"Please, everyone, please sit - - I have something to tell you - it was my last stop - - I never wanted to tell anyone - I just want to hold it in my heart forever and afraid if I tell anyone they wouldn't believe me anyway - -.

Like people without hope, they sat on the grass - beautiful evening - warm - - moon beginning to peek through the clouds - -. Me Me began - -.

Twas the night before I was to land, I saw a bright star - brighter than any I had ever seen before. Wasn't just an ordinary star -- something was different - - can't



really explain - - so I thought okay, one last look at adventure - -. Followed the star and it led me to an old stable - - there was a light inside, bright, brilliant. Even though I had never been out of the Time Machine, because that was a stipulation - - you must never leave Time Machine or you maybe never return - - the Time Machine was an experiment and we weren't sure if I would be safe - - but I couldn't help myself - -. Like something magical kept drawing me to come see. So I did.

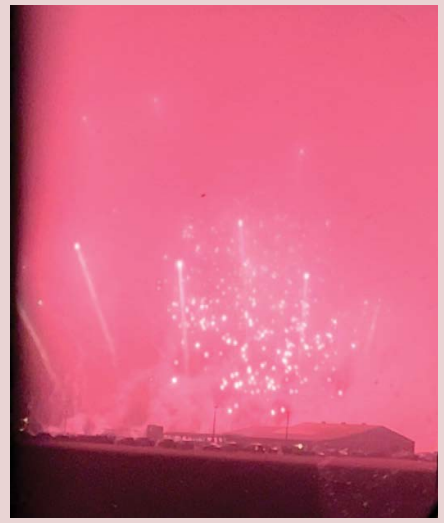
I could see nothing except a glowing light which keep drawing me to check it out - - then I saw - I saw - I can't even describe it - - a tiny little baby - - neatly wrapped - almost like a present - just laying in the straw.

I stood mesmerized - who is this? I questioned - - why out here in an old stable. Then I heard someone behind me - - scared I pretended to be brave - - some men - - they said they were shepherds, looking for one of their baby lambs - -. "There it is," they said as they saw the little lamb lying beside the little baby. I questioned - what were they doing and what is the baby doing out here? They answered.

We heard about a special baby being born - - one to give us courage, understanding, love, hope - - and will do great things for us - - never stop believing - - and they - - -.

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Watch for these circulars in your area for this week!
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Kennedy's Foods - Hettinger
Menard's Inc.
New England Community Store - New England
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Regent Co-op - Regent
R Family Market - Elgin
Scranton Super Valu - Scranton



Story and more pictures of Fireworks held at Mott, ND on page 19

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SCAN ME

Expressions of HOPE
2023, because of many hours of hard work, ingenuity and belief, it ended on a happy note, leading us into a special 2024. The stage is set - takes time patience and belief no matter the outcome. That was a proven fact with the fireworks display.
May we go into 2024 with the same **decision** they had - don't know but if we never try - -.
Thank You all for the blessings of 2023 and your belief of goodness in 2024.



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Wish

Rated: PG • Run time: 1 hour 35 minutes



Jan. 5th - 8th

Friday • 7:30pm
Saturday • 7:30pm
Sunday • 2pm

Monday • 6:30pm (closed caption)

Young Asha makes a wish so powerful that it's answered by a cosmic force, a little ball of boundless energy called Star. With Star's help, Asha must save her kingdom from King Magnifico and prove that when the will of one courageous

Let us know if you'd like to be a featured movie sponsor!

Upcoming Movies:

Wonka (1/12 & 1/19); Migration (1/26 & 2/2)

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Steak Night

Mott KC Hall
315 Brown Ave. Mott, ND

Saturday, January 13, 2024
Doors open at 4 pm
Supper served from 5-8 pm

Black Jack will be dealt by Mott Fire Brigade

Serving will be a 12 oz. ribeye steak, baked potato, salad, garlic toast and desserts.
Hot dogs and chips for kids - \$5.00

Chance to win \$300 with purchase of a meal ticket (do not need to be present to win)

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Meal Prices: \$30.00
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30TH ANNUAL

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Saturday, January 27, 2024

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AUCTIONEER: Roger Jacobs



Rejoice in the New Year

ATTENTION!

Saturday, January 6th
the Bar and Hotel at the

Enchanted Castle

Regent, ND
will be open but the
Steak House
will be closed for a private party.

Saturday, January 13th

ONLY THE HOTEL WILL BE OPEN
Bar and Steak house will be closed
also for a private party!

Sorry for any inconvenience!!

St. Vincent's
St. Henry's
St. John the Baptist
Catholic Church
Schedule for

Sat. Jan. 6

Sun. Jan. 7

(M) 4:30 pm Sat.

(R) 7:00 pm Sat.

(M) 8:00 am Sun.

(NL) 10:00 am Sun.

The greatest
treasures are
those invisible
to the eye but
found by the
heart.



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Theater



Friday 7:30 pm • Saturday 7:30 pm • Sunday 2:00 pm

JANUARY 5-7

HUNGER GAMES THE BALLAD OF SONGBIRDS & SNAKES

Years before he becomes the tyrannical president of Panem, 18-year-old Coriolanus Snow remains the last hope for his fading lineage. With the 10th annual Hunger Games fast approaching, the young Snow becomes alarmed when he's assigned to mentor Lucy Gray Baird from District 12. Uniting their instincts for showmanship and political savvy, they race against time to ultimately reveal who's a songbird and who's a snake.

PG 13 • 2h 38m

UPCOMING MOVIES:
• Migration

TICKET PRICES
12 years and older • \$7
4-11 years • \$6

Soup & Hoops and Desserts too

Tuesday, January 9th
(during the Girls' BB game vs. Nighthawks)



Starting at 4:00pm

Bowman County School Cafeteria

Proceeds go to Dollars
for Scholars

Sponsored by BCEA



The Mott Rural
Ambulance District
will hold its annual
meeting on
Wednesday, January 10,
2024 at 6:30 PM
at the Mott Fire Hall.
The public is welcome to
attend.

LUDLOW FIRE DEPARTMENT Pancake Supper

Held in conjunction with the
Screamin Demon Coyote Calling

Friday, January 12th
4 pm to 8 pm

Ludlow Hall

Everyone Welcome!

Free Will Offering

- Fish pond •
- Gun Raffle •

Morristown Volunteer
Fire Department
Annual supper to be held at the
Morristown Fire Hall on
Saturday January 13th
from 5:30-7:30pm.
Free will supper
Raffle drawing to follow at 7:30.

Everyone Welcome!

AMIDON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

ANNUAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10th
7:30PM • @ FIRE HALL

With our gratitude for your valued
business

Thank you for making this past year,
a good one for us!

HAPPY
NEW YEAR

Farmers Union Insurance
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Hello - We would like to introduce ourselves.
We are

Pastors Tony and Martha Sifuentes.

We are the new pastors at Mott Assembly of God.

Mott Assembly is located at 212 Iowa Ave.

We meet on Sunday afternoons at 1:00pm.

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Featured Cat: Tigger

Birthdate: 11/14/2020 (estimated) Vetting: Vaccinated, dewormed,
Sex: Female (Spayed) flea/ear mite treated
Color: Orange

Announcements

- Clumping litter, wet food and Purina cat food needed.
- Be a featured sponsor!
- Adopt, Foster, Donate or Volunteer today!
- 2024 Calendar FLASH SALE! Get one for only \$15
- CLOSED TO INTAKES AT THIS TIME.



"Tigger is the sweetest girl. Her owner recently had to go into assisted living, and she found her way to us. Unlike most of our residents, she came from a loving home and is having a very difficult time with shelter life. She needs a lap to sit in and a home to feel safe. She is front declawed, so needs an indoor home.
Can you help Tigger?"

Sponsored by: Dawn & Tony Heick

Our Holiday Best

May your world be filled with warmth,
joy and good cheer...

Wishing you a Happy New Year!

Southwest Abstract & Title Company

Bowman, ND
701-523-2922

Hettinger, ND
701-567-2224

Greetings in the New Year

Happy Birthday
Meridean Sprecher
Jan 8, 2024



Send Birthday wishes to Meridean to
3605 NW 83rd St, Apt #237,
Gainesville, FL, 32606
No gifts please.
email: gmpilgrim@yahoo.com



Polly Markegard
Medical Benefit
Sunday, January 28th
Reeder Community Center
Meal Served: 11:30am - 1:00pm
Ham Sandwiches, Kneophla Soup, Vegetable Beef Soup and Bars

Silent Auction | Bidding sheets open 11:30am
Live Auction & Silent Auction | 1:00pm

Interested in donating silent auction items, baked goods, quilts, etc.
Please contact the following:
Carmen Erickson: 701-206-0795
Cheryl Hagen: 701-928-0781
Shari Wick: 701-567-2845
Donna Olson: 701-853-2330

All donations will be greatly appreciated! Thank You.

Thank You, Thank You!

I appreciate all those who ordered pies in support of my trip to the God's Child Project. I delivered 120 pies and received several generous donations. Thank you all so much. Please keep our service team in your prayers Jan. 4th-15th.

Jackie Freitag

Thank you for your business this past year. We want to wish you all a Happy, Healthy, Holiday Season!

From All of Us at
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Thank You

Southwest Public Transit would like to thank all of our riders for trusting us with your transportation needs in 2023 and we wish you a

Happy New Year

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And so it begins. . .
By Kathy Craig-Harteis
2024 is here.
Back in high school in the 1960's, that seemed like a futuristic lifetime away. But, here we are, and we're still moving forward. Our pace may have slowed a bit but we keep going. Like so many others, I've vowed to do better this year. I'll be a better and of course a thinner me this year. It used to be that I wanted to lose weight for the sheer style of it all. These days it falls more in the category of wanting to be a healthier me. If you eat better, you feel better. As we age things change. The easiest of tasks sometimes become a real challenge.

Today our granddaughters helped to take down and pack away our Christmas decorations both inside and out. We tend to overdo on decorations so it was a welcome effort by these two teenaged girls. Next week we'll pack up and head to Southern California for a few weeks. The plan, like so many other North Dakota Snowbirds is to escape winter. It seemed like a great idea when during a spring blizzard last year we once again booked our fair weather stay for this year. I guess the joke's on us. We've had beautiful weather so far this year. Regardless, time at the beach is never a waste of time.

We look forward to the change of pace. We stay in Oceanside. It's a beautiful seaside town. Generally it has great weather and always beautiful areas for walking. Maybe I really will be a better, thinner me by the end of 2024. But right now, life is good today.

We are on Earth to take care of life. We are on Earth to take care of each other.

Hats Off to You!

Thanks for making 2023 such a great year for us. We wish you all the best in 2024 and beyond!

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With our gratitude for your valued business Thank you for making this past year, a good one for us! Happy New Year!

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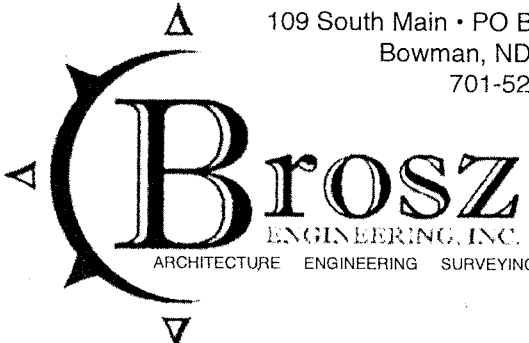
WISHING YOU A Prosperous New Year

Hope the coming year is rich in blessings for you and yours. May you enjoy abundant health, happiness and good fortune in 2024 and beyond.

Thanks for contributing to our happiness and success in 2023. We're so grateful for your support and friendship.

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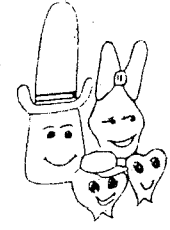
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Menu
**Mott Elder Care Menu
for the Week of
January 9 - 12**

For meal reservations call by noon the day before. Leave a message on the Senior Center phone at 824-3304.
All menus are subject to change based on the availability of food.
Monthly Meeting - 2nd Monday of the Month
Potluck - 4th Monday of the Month

Jan. 9 - Sweet/sour chicken, Rice, Tossed salad, Fruited jello
Jan. 11 - Chicken fried steak, Mashed pot/ gravy, Stewed tomatoes, Fresh oranges
Jan. 12 - Hearty vegetable soup, Chef salad/chicken, Garlic bread, Cherry dessert

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2024

As another year comes skating in, we'd like to extend our best wishes for a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year to all of you. For your continued support and friendship, we are deeply grateful - thanks!

Feel Good Coffee Co.
New England, ND

by
Pat Merriman

Attorneys at Law
Pat Merriman
&
David Crane
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With Thanks To Our
Neighbors & Friends
At Year's End
May the days and months to come in this new year, treat you as kindly as you have treated all of us.

The pleasure has been all ours this past year and we look forward to continuing our friendship with you. Thanks!

Our Place Lanes and Cafe
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**Hope It's Festive. Hope It's Fun.
Hope It's Lucky For Everyone!**

Our best wishes to you and yours at the New Year.
Thanks for doing business with us!

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So, here is the article I submitted too late last week. 2023-what a year! First, and foremost, the oppressive economic tribulation that our elected officials seem to want to use as a political football and ignore. It sucks to be a young married couple trying to get started in this world with the price of food and housing exceeding income pushing credit card rates up to 23%. In addition, the population explosion in India making China #2 now. With China's defunct One Child Policy (1980-2016) now in play, demographers project that its population will fall another 100 million by 2050 and the median age will rise from 39 to 51. Very soon, the PRC is going to be dealing with the same social pressures of its aging population that the US has. Maybe we'll stop being lectured by them on social policy. The war in the Ukraine. I'm still waiting for the explanation of that mess. I just know that, as of this past October, \$46.7 billion has been spent by Washington in "security assistance" which adds to the astronomical \$33.89 trillion debt which no one seems willing to address. It's OUR money but, no one seems to care as we keep pushing back balancing a budget and putting it on the 'ol card.

other than blue collar jobs will be going the way of the buggy whip. How is that going to help? No one seems to know! Hamas attacked Israel in a scene eerily familiar to the Dark Ages. The talking heads keep telling us not to draw any comparisons to the 1930's but, it sure seems the same to me. And, finally the vagaries of global warming, gender fluidity, personal pronouns and the attack of everything we thought we knew prior to 2020. I seriously sit there and just scratch my head when these folks are pushing their personal agenda because it just sounds like nonsense to me. And, if a comedian or politician doesn't get it, how am I supposed to?

As I head towards my 1st SSI check, I just know that I have seen a lot of misery in this world but, our problems in the US are 1st world problems. 50% of our children don't leave the planet before their 2nd birthday, you can still drink the water, and some tribal leader is not calling for your head on a pike because your ancestor offended his tribe 200 years ago. All you have to do is stand in line at a Starbucks and, if you don't get the difference, you might not want to squeal about pronouns. All I know is that I'm an optimist and 2024 is going to be better than 2023. So, enjoy this last week of this year and let's look forward to the new year even if my Chiefs are in the tank!

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Banner Year!**



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Celebrate the New Year

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Wishing all the best to all the best people we know - our customers!
With appreciation for your patronage this past year!

**A NEW YEAR...
A Golden Opportunity**

We always look forward to this time of year to let you know just how much we value your friendship and support. Here's hoping all your year brings much opportunity and happiness to you and your loved ones. Happy New Year!

**Hettinger-Sioux County
Abstractors Inc.**
Mott, ND - 701-824-3148

Celebrate a New Beginning!



Before the festivities begin, we'd like to extend our warm wishes to you our neighbors and friends, for a year that's as unforgettable as you are! For your continued patronage, please accept our heartfelt gratitude.

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AREA COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

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.

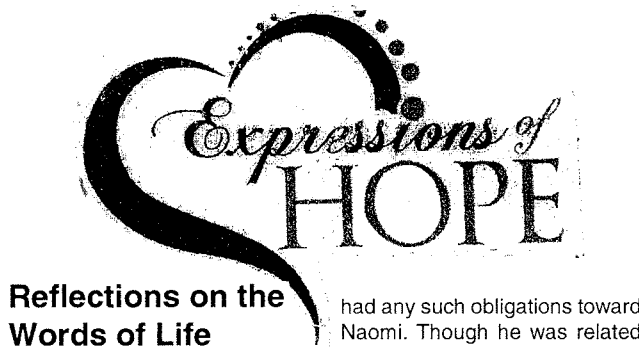
First Tuesday of Every Month · Amidon, ND
 City Council Meeting at 8:30 a.m.

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.



Reflections on the Words of Life

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

Today we arrive at our study in Ruth at the point where we will see why it is significant that Boaz is Naomi's near relative. A better translation of the term is "kinsman-redeemer." This word carries with it several Biblical concepts. First, a kinsman-redeemer is a close relative who had great responsibilities under the Mosaic law in Israel. For instance, if a near relative became so poor that he or she had to sell himself (herself) into slavery just to survive, it was the duty of the near relative to try to purchase that one's freedom. In addition, a kinsman-redeemer could track down someone who had wrongfully murdered one of his close relatives and actually, on his own, administer the death penalty as long as the killer was not in a city of refuge where the murder had been ruled accidental—what we would call manslaughter. The kinsman-redeemer in this situation was called "the avenger of blood." Kinsman-redeemers could also receive restitution on behalf of a deceased relative who was the victim of a crime or see to it that justice was served in a lawsuit involving the relative. A further provision of the Mosaic law was called "levirate marriage," a term that comes from the word which means "brother-in-law." If a woman's husband died and she had no children, her husband's brother had the option of marrying his sister-in-law. The first child of that union would receive the name of the deceased brother so that the family name would be carried on.

Now, we should observe that while Boaz was a near relative, there is nothing in the biblical account that says that he

had any such obligations toward Naomi. Though he was related to her husband Elimelech, he was not a brother of Elimelech. And since Naomi had not sold herself into slavery or been shown any injustice, there were no special circumstances requiring his involvement.

But, as we shall see, the wheels in Naomi's head were definitely turning, and she was beginning to think of more than a place for Ruth to get grain. At this point Ruth likely had no idea what plan was beginning to develop in Naomi's mind.

Friends, Christmas is all about Jesus becoming the Kinsman-Redeemer for His people. Though He is the eternal God, He took on human flesh so that He could be man's near relative. And why do we need a Kinsman-Redeemer? Remember that if a close relative got himself into such a mess that he sold himself into slavery, the kinsman-redeemer could pay the price to set his relative free. God's Word tells us that we are born in slavery to sin (See John 8:34, Romans 6:6). Jesus assumed our debt of sin. He took our sins upon Himself and paid the price to redeem us—that is, to set us free. Peter says to Christians in 1 Peter 1:18-19, "Knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot." Jesus bore the wrath of God and paid the exorbitant price to set us free. Friends, is Jesus YOUR Redeemer? Have you seen your sin and the bondage it has put you in? Have you fled to Christ, the only sacrifice which can pay for sin and reconcile us to God? Please give serious thought to this eternally important matter.



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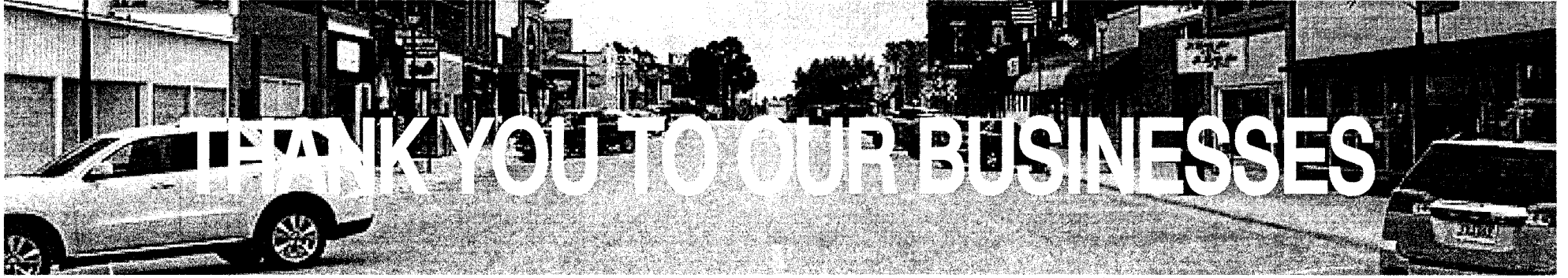
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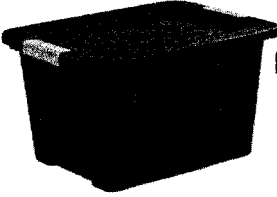
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It doesn't matter whether the year was good, bad, nominal, etc. what matters is this: Was God there to help me through the year and did I learn anything from those times that might have been good, bad, or nominal?

I can tell you without hesitation that God has always been there for me and even in the most difficult circumstances in my life... He was there and just as close as the whisper of His name!

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He was always there and to let you know that in 2024...I know He will continue to be with me! You might ask me why I know He will be with me? I would answer you with a passage of scripture found in Hebrews 13 and the last part of verse 5 that says, "...I will never leave you or abandon you." (CSB)

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I suppose as I end this article the question to be answered is this: Was this a year to remember or forget? My hope and prayer is that it was a year to remember, but if it wasn't let us prepare for the new year to make its grand appearance and let us face it with the power of Christ in our lives!

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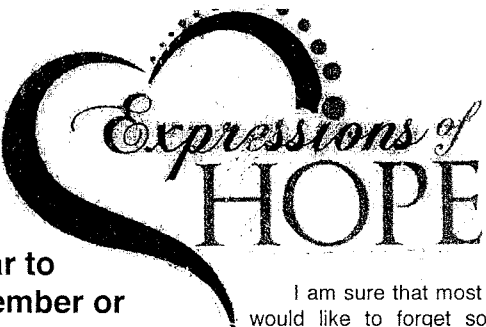
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Many times, as we look back on the year, we place the year in a couple of categories like good or bad! Sometimes it wasn't all bad, but it wasn't all good, so it was ok and we lived through it and have come out of it better off!

I am sure that most of you would like to forget some of 2023 with all the problems that have not only plagued our country, but our world as well!

Let me ask you this question that only you can answer: How was your year...the year 2023? How many stars would you give it with 10 being the best and 1 being the worst?

I mean we really need to look at this year, 2023, with some perspective! As a Christian and as a pastor I try to look at things with some perspective, but I get caught up in the same thing. Did the church have a good year, a bad year or a nominal year?

Did we stay within our budget, or did we go into the red? How did our attendance hold out from previous years? What are some things we could have done better? I mean it is the same when we think about it... was this a year to remember or forget??

Let me say this without any hesitation...I know that I could never get through any year without the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the strength of God, and the power of Christ!

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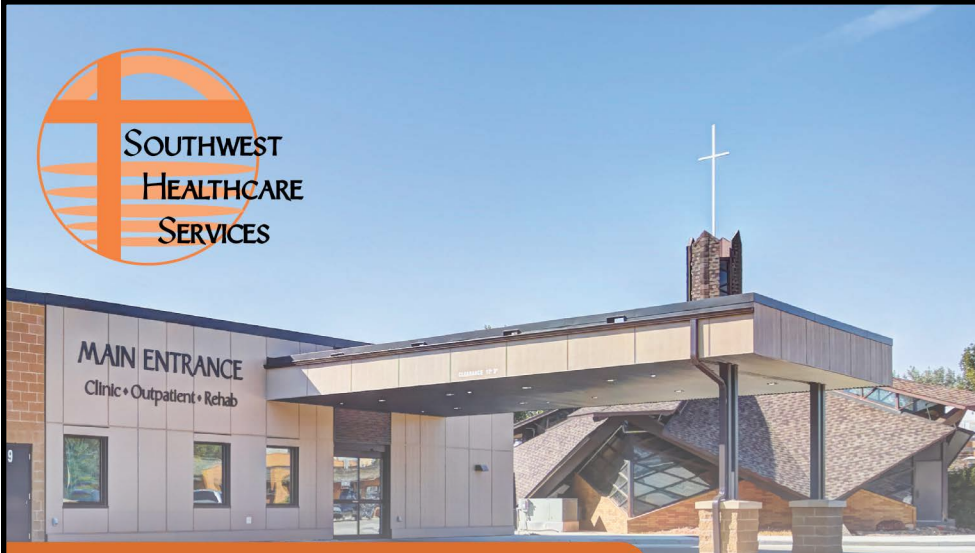
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"2024, Back-To-Work"

By Don Taskila
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Across the "EIDO Connect" circulation area, many people are ringing in "The New Year" by returning to work as we enter the first week of January 2024. Sadly, the festivities for Christmas and New Year's have come to an end.

For some of "Us", clearing the cobwebs out of our brains and getting out of bed at 5 or six in the morning for the first time earlier this week, the start of 2024 may have felt like we were handed the unwanted gift of a seemingly dying death, but it had to be done because, down deep, it's part of our Dakota Territory DNA.

Many people have already found that the simplest method to get used to the New Year is to drink a lot of latte coffees and hope that your boss doesn't get on your back right away and also gives you a free pass for the next couple of days or 'weeks' into 2024.

For an employee, anticipating "Boss Concessions" for the New Year at the outset may occasionally be unattainable. It's easier said than done, and in the early days of 2024, some of "Us" might require some encouragement or support from our fellow employees. Here are some lines intended to be "2024, Back-To-Work" comedy because laughter can be the

best medicine for the first few workdays of 2024, and possibly all the year through too.

...The 2023 Holiday Shopping Season began on Halloween for women. For men, Christmas Eve marked the start of the Holiday Shopping Season. Likewise, January 2, 2024, was the first working day that could be used toward beginning to pay off the credit card debt that was accumulated during the 2023 Holiday Shopping Season."

...Before you get up enough nerve to criticize your Boss, you should walk a mile in their shoes first. That way, you will be a mile away from them, and you'll have their shoes: "When" your Boss calls you on your cell phone to "FIRE You." (Darn Cell Phone Service.)

...When I asked my Boss for a raise, he said, "I would like to stand here and talk with you, but I'm not going to."

...I prefer to be a long-term employee. Because I've finally found that 'One' Special Boss that I want to bother for the rest of my working life, and it's awesome."

...At work, no one leaves early, unless it's The Boss's turn."

...Company BOSS: "It appears that you have been missing work quite a bit lately."

Employee: "It's not like I've

been missing it." (Perhaps a BAD answer.)

...My New Year's Resolution on January 1st was to follow my dreams. However, as workday reality set in on January 2nd, I decided to ask my dreams where they were going and whether I could still connect with them later."

...When your Work Supervisor asks, 'Would you like some advice?' That's just a formality. Your response of Yes or No is irrelevant. It will still come to you."

...Your arithmetic abilities will improve if you suffer from 'Work Insomnia' since you will be up all night figuring out how much sleep you will get if you can "fall asleep right now."

...Quitting a job is like pushing over a heavy vending machine when you quit. (I used to own a vending machine business.) You usually can't do it in one push; you need to give it some serious thought and rock it back and forth in your heart and mind a few times before attempting it. Next, proceed to Quit, or NOT."

...I used to quit jobs because I was looking to make a better living. The trouble was that each of those jobs was my only means of living." (DUH, seems like a NO-BRAINER.)



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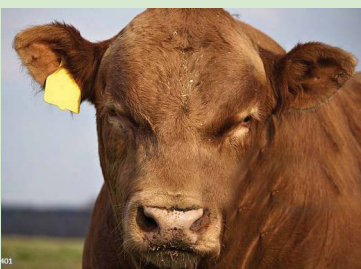
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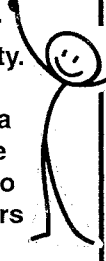
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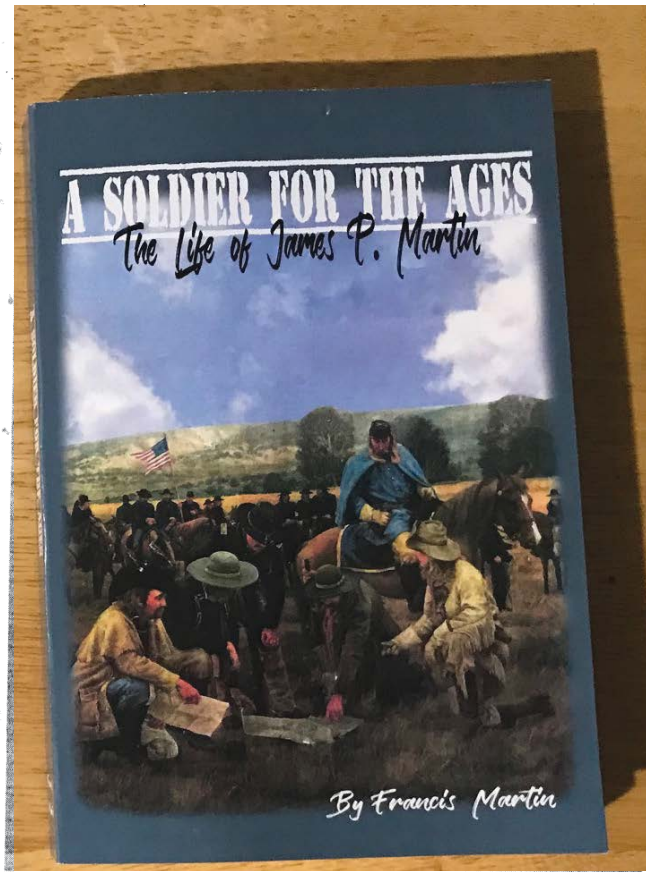
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him and he didn't have any hidden weapons on his person and he didn't have any in his footlocker or bunk.

"Yeah. He's too smart to be caught with an offending weapon, but he did it."

"What would be his motive?"
"He doesn't need a motive. He's a psychopath."

Then James thought about it for a minute. "Actually, as a psychopath, he thinks he has a motive. He asked Fetterer to transfer him up to the north camp because he heard they had lost their sniper and he wanted the job. I'm sure he was quite qualified, but Fetterer had misgivings about his trustworthiness and had not approved of the transfer. Yet."

"Could that be the reason Borman was hunting you? Did he imagine that you had given Fetterer a bad report?"

"I gave him an A plus on target practice, but I gave him an F in human relations. Not literally, of course."

"You have a new man in Fetterer's chair now, don't you?"

"Yes. His name is something like Chef-chuga only it has about ten more letters that I can't pronounce. I know his first name is Earl."

"So, you don't do much talking?"

"I didn't even know he was there."

"This is touchy, Martin, but do you think Borman will try to get Earl to transfer him to the north camp?"

"I suppose he could try, but without the signature of someone in a higher office than Fetterer's, Borman won't be going anywhere much as I'd like to be rid of him," James said morosely. "Are you asking me if Chef-chuga is in danger?"

"If, I say if, Borman killed Fetterer because he didn't get the transfer, yes, Earl is next in line. Thing is, James, that there's no evidence that Borman killed him."

"Look, I got along with Fetterer. He's a no-nonsense guy. If he had something to say, he took that person to the side and said it, but he didn't broadcast, make a man feel ashamed in front of others. If they did their job, he was an okay kind of guy."

In James' mind, he was floating in the filthy silt at the delta of the Mekong. "Why not me?"

"I only have a conjecture on that. He enjoys seeing you twisting in the wind."

"Yeah. You got that right," James muttered, "Who has the authority to ship Borman out?"

"It's like you said, right now with all that's going on, it would take an act of congress, but I'm, would take to talk to some higher-ups and see what can be done."

CHAPTER TWENTY-TWO

James and Robins sat on the floor between the two bunks. The radio was playing just loud enough to muffle their conversation.

"I was just coming in from the last class of the day. Borman was on his knees in front of your footlocker. He didn't see me, and I stood just outside the tent flap. He had a whole bunch of keys, but he couldn't find one that would open your footlocker. So, he got up and opened mine and went through my stuff. The radio was under the bed, and I guess he just didn't see it. Maybe he was just frustrated because he couldn't open yours. I don't have anything worth taking, I guess, so he threw all my stuff on the floor and walked on it. Then he messed up our bunks and threw a bunch of trash under the blanket and left."

"I didn't wait. As soon as he went out of the tent, I came in and cleaned it all up. It's a good thing Security didn't make a trip through here about that time. Borman would still be loose, and you and I would be on report. What are we going to do about this nut?"

"You know about Fetterer?"

"Just rumors."

"Colonel Moore told me they found his body in the Mekong River Delta. He'd been shot in the back of the head."

"% #&!*) Did he kill Fetterer?"

"Moore says they have no evidence that Borman did it, but Borman wanted to have that job at the north camp as sniper, and Fetterer wasn't moving fast enough to get him transferred."

"What about this new guy who's sitting in Fetterer's chair? Does he have enough power to

move Borman out of here."

"I think it's more likely that if he does, it's because he and Borman are...ah...related You know, buddies."

James was in the armory tent at quarter to seven the next morning. The guy who was now sitting in Fetterer's chair was sorting through a pile of paperwork on one of the plywood tables. He looked up when James said good morning to him.

Chef-Chuga asked James if he had heard what had happened to Fetterer and James shrugged his shoulders and said, "Just what's going around."

"What did you think of him?"

"Think? I don't know. He was here every day before I was. He had a respectful way of talking to the recruits. He did his best to set an example in dress and comportment. He was a man who went by the book; I know that. Why do you ask?"

"How is it that you, a new recruit, got promoted so fast?"

"I was told that the aide before me was taking some men up to the north camp and they got ambushed. I guess it was just a chance accident of unforeseen events. I was the only one in the unit who had enough gun savvy to do the job. It wasn't something that I climbed up the ladder to get. It just happened."

James could see that something was going on that would put him back with his unit where Borman would have a better chance of shooting him with 'friendly' fire.

"What about the classes?" Chef-chuga asked.

"I was coached by Fetterer, and I memorized the manual. He was always up front with me."

"Miracles never cease to happen, I guess. Well, you don't

have any stripes and although you're the best of any I know of, but one, I don't think you have enough experience to continue to teach. I've put in for a replacement. Keep your duffle bag packed."

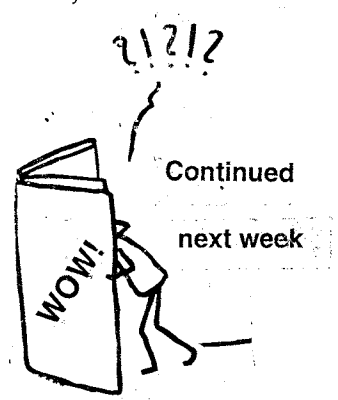
"I was given the rank of Sergeant. I don't have any stripes because all my uniforms were stolen. I had to do with what I could get from Wardrobe."

"Dismissed." James asked as he backed away, "Is Borman going to be your new man?"

His lips narrowed and his eyes measured James through slits.

"What do you know about Borman?"

"Enough to warn you that when he's got what he wants from you, he'll find a way to get rid of you."



Continued next week

SOLDIER FOR THE AGES
By Francis Martin

Continued from last week

"He probably had to get an act of congress to send Borman up there. He threatened you. Eh?"

"Not in so many words. It's very subtle. When he sees me, he shoots me with his finger. He doesn't know that I know he is armed. Everywhere I go, he's there."

"Fetterer knows this?"
"I was going to mention it tonight. We've already talked about it some, but he's gone, and I just thought he might be in here."

"Does Borman still go out on maneuvers?"

"Except for me, because I'm teaching a class, the whole unit goes."

"Do you know which barracks Borman is in?"

"No. He knows which one I'm in. He emptied my footlocker, mail and all. I had to go get new uniforms."

"Which one are you in?"

"100."

"I'm going to put the M.P.s on this, Martin."

"Please don't mention my name."

"No sweat," Moore said, "We have enough trouble as it is. We don't need any more. There are over a thousand men on this base and over twenty are in confinement."

"Serious stuff?"

"Everything from petty theft to rape and murder."

"I'm sorry, Sir, but I've been brought up to believe that being a soldier was a position of honor."

"Don't repeat this, Martin, but it is my opinion that all psychopath's should be drafted. They can kill each other."

"He drowned?"

"Not that I was told. Word is that he was shot in the back of his head."

At that point, all James could think about was the .38 pistol tucked in the back of Borman's fatigue pants.

"He did it, didn't he?" James blurted out, "Borman."

"I was told that the M.P.s picked Borman up and searched

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CHAPTER TWENTY-ONE

Days turned into weeks. No one came to relieve James and everyone who needed to know thought that Major Fetterer had been shipped to the north camp. Gunny was in camp, but he was staying away from James. Maybe the M.P.s actually had had a talk with him. All James knew was that he wasn't being followed any more.

A Staff sergeant, with a last name with about fourteen letters in it was sitting in Fetterer's chair. He didn't ask James why he was teaching a class without stripes on his shirt sleeve. Most of the time he just sat in Fetterer's chair and read or talked on the telephone. When James turned in his reports every evening, he just grunted.

James spent most of his evenings in the library, and that's where he was when Colonel Moore came in. He greeted James with a face that looked like bad news.

"James," he said with a sigh, "Fetterer is dead."

He set the tome he was reading on the floor between his boots, James couldn't believe it.

"His body turned up on a sand dune in the delta of the Mekong River."

"You told me that he'd gone to the north camp and you're not the only one told me that."

"That's because that is what I was told, and I didn't have any reason to think otherwise."

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8 4/5:30pm GBB/BBB (C) vs S. Heart @ Home	9 4pm GBB (ABC) vs Nighthawks @ Home 6pm WR @ Hettinger	10	11 4pm GBB (ABC) @ Mott 4pm BBB (ABC) vs Watford City @ Home	12 9am WR @ Rugby	13 TBA WR @ Rugby 9am WR (V/JH) @ Carrington 10/11:30am BBB/GBB (B) vs Central McLean @ Trinity 1pm BBB (A) vs Beulah @ Trinity
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8 5:30pm BBB (AB) vs Killdeer @ Hettinger	9 5:30pm GBB (AB) @ Bowman 5pm WR @ Hettinger	10 7pm Board Mtg	11 5:30pm GBB (AB) vs Flasher @ Hettinger	12 WR @ Miles City 5:30pm BBB (AB) @ Beach	13 WR @ Miles City 1pm BBB/GBB (AB) @ Garrison
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Harding County

8 5:30pm BBB vs M/R/G @ Home 5:30pm JH BBB @ Baker	9 4:30pm BBB (AB,JH) @ Dupree	10 5:30pm Board Mtg	11 5pm GBB vs Sundance @ Home 5:30pm JH BBB @ Faith	12 TBA WR @ Sully Buttes Dual	13 9am WR @ Gettysburg
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Baker, MT

8 5:30pm JH BBB vs HC @ Home	9 5:30pm Financial Aid Parent Session	10	11	12 Noon GBB/BBB (ABC) @ Huntley WR @ Miles City 4pm JH BBB vs Dix @ Home	13 8am SP/DR @ Fairview 2pm BBB/GBB (ABC) vs Lodge Grass @ Home WR @ Miles City
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Elgin/New Leipzig Public School

Sunday, January 7
Open Swimming 1-3
Adult Water Aerobics 3:30 - 4:30

Monday, January 8
BBB A-B @ Harding County, SD @ 5:30

Tuesday, January 9
Pre School 8:15 - 3:15
GBB A-B @ Belfield @ 5:30
JH BB vs New England @ Mott @ 4:00
Open Swimming 6-8

Wednesday, January 10
Pre School 8:15 - 3:15
School Board Mtrg @ 6:00
Adult Water Aerobics 3:30 - 4:30 & 5:30 - 6:30

Thursday, January 11
Pre School 8:15 - 3:15
GBB A-B-C vs Bowman @ Mott @ 4:00
JH BB vs Richardton/Taylor @ Elgin @ 4:00
No Open Swimming

Friday, January 12
JH BB @ Flasher @ 4:00
BBB A-B @ South Heart @ 5:30

New England Public School

Monday, January 8th
2:10 p.m. dismissal for 7/8 BBB traveling to Taylor for 4:00 p.m. game vs. Richardton/Taylor

Tuesday, January 9th
1:50 p.m. dismissal for AB BBB traveling to Watford City for 5:00 p.m. game
2:10 p.m. dismissal for 7/8 BBB traveling to Elgin for 4:00 p.m. game vs. Grant County-Mott-Regent
-p.m. dismissal for AB GBB traveling to Flasher for 5:00 p.m. game

Wednesday, January 10th
Religion Release begins at 2:10 p.m.
o St. Mary's: K-10
o Our Redeemer's: K-8

Thursday, January 11th
5:00 p.m. AB GBB vs. Mandaree in the new gym

Friday, January 12th
No School - PD Day
3:30 p.m. leave time for AB BBB traveling to Richardton for 5:30 game vs. Richardton/Taylor

Saturday, January 13th
1:30 p.m. AB BBB vs. Hazen in the new gym

Mott/Regent Public School

Monday, January 8
7-12 Myra Klein, Artist in Residence
Finance Committee Meeting, 7:00 AM
HS BBB (AB) @ Harding County, 5:30

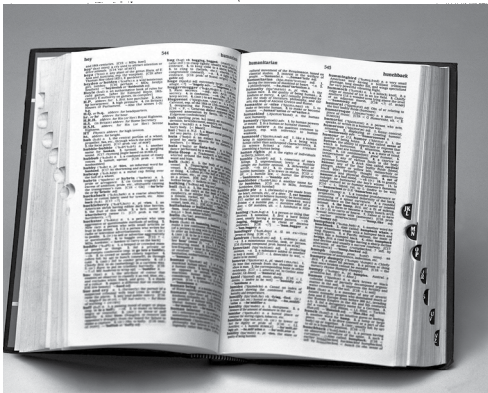
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K-6 Myra Klein, Artist in Residence
JH BBB vs New England @ Mott, 4:00
HS GBB (AB) @ Belfield, 5:30

Wednesday, January 10
Family Fun Night Planning Meeting, 3:30
School Board Meeting, 7:00 PM

Thursday, January 11
JH BBB vs Richardton/Taylor @ Grant County, 4:00
HS GBB (ABC) vs Bowman County @ Mott, 4:00

Friday, January 12
JH BBB @ Flasher, 4:00
HS BBB (AB) @ South Heart, 5:30

Saturday, January 13
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Whereas the prefix, sub, means beneath, below, under, less in rank, position, or importance, the word, sub-lime means noble, majestic, having grandeur. If you are sub-jective, you may be sub-missive to the sublime

A person who is submissive shows a tendency to submit without resistance. Being submissive is first cousin to obedience. (Love, honor & obey?)

Ecc. 8: 9 says, 'Man has dominated man to his own injury,' and man has dominated woman to his own injury.

I knew a man who, during the Korean war, met and married a lovely young Japanese woman because he had been told that Asian women were more submissive than American women. He wanted to be sub-lime in his household, but be-

cause he'd been in the army, he wanted his wife and 2 children to march in a straight line, salute, obey, and be submissive to the ultimate degree. It took him twenty years to figure out that they submitted but they had no respect for him.

He shot his wife. His daughter committed suicide and his son moved to China and changed his nationality.

I'm just guessing, but I think that's where the expression, 'under one's thumb' came from.

The Apostle Paul advocated 'being content with 'sustenance and covering.' He didn't say 'be naked and go on a fast. That would be a contradiction to his instruction to work hard with your own hands. Sustenance from Latin sustinere, That which sustains life, water, air, food,

and God. He did not say, 'Man must live, not by bread alone, he must have eclairs, cookies, and ice cream.' He said, 'Man must live, not on bread alone, but on every utterance coming forth from Jehovah's mouth.'

During the Russian revolution in the early 19th century, it took a wheelbarrow of money to buy a loaf of bread.

The rise of the Bolshevik (communist) government put an end to the subsistent farming. Subsistent farming is when the farmer raised enough food for his family plus enough to sell for other necessary things. The family farm disappeared. The farmers still had to work but the government decided how much of his produce he could keep for his family. The word 'communist' comes from the word, commune; to work together. Property was held in common with the common man. Right? Wrong. The government was sublime, and the people became subversive, and the common people were without covering and sustenance.

It is ownership that spurs a farmer to provide from his own land his family's needs. After the government confiscated the land, what reason did he have to work? Some people cannot

work with anybody else. I know this when I see all those no trespassing signs. Maybe that's not what they're for.

A capitalist government is one where one man builds a house and someone else lives in it. The builder lives in a hovel and has to pay rent to a millionaire. The farmer plows and seeds and weeds and someone else eats what he has worked for. Isaiah 65:21 & 22. The auto worker works to make new, expensive automobiles, day after day, night after night. He goes to work with a neighbor and comes home on the bus.

Did you ever hear that song they sang in the 60's and 70's culture era that says, 'He never returned, no he never returned. His fate is still unlearned. He may ride forever neath the streets of Boston. He's the man who never returned.'

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Nyla Ulmer Rites Held

Nyla Ulmer, 86, of Elgin, ND passed away at the Jacobson



Memorial Care Center in Elgin, ND on Saturday, December 23, 2023.

Funeral services for Nyla were held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 30, 2023 at the Evanson Jensen Funeral Home in Elgin. Rev. Bethany Haberstroh officiated with burial following in the Hope Congregational Cemetery in Elgin.

Visitation was from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Friday, December 29, 2023 at the Evanson Jensen Funeral Home in Elgin.

Nyla Joys Ulmer was the youngest of 5 children born to William and Anna (Schatz) Roth. She grew up in rural Glen Ullin and Graduated from Glen Ullin High School in 1959 after surviving a life changing automobile accident.

On June 8 1963 Nyla married the love of her life Lloyd (Bud) Ulmer. Bud and Nyla enjoyed 47 years together until his

death in 2011. Nyla loved to play cards and bingo and also going to the casino to play slots.

Nyla is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Kerry and Gloria Ulmer, Elgin, ND; daughter and son-in-law, Ginger and Scott Sweatt, Greenbrier, TN; 3 grandchildren, Brittany and Mason (Kayla) Ulmer, and Olivia Sweatt; one great-grandchild on the way; sisters-in-law, Judy Trauger and Jane Carlson, both of Elgin, ND; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Bud; and her siblings

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Veronica Dassinger Rites Held

A Funeral Mass for Veronica Dassinger, 94, of Dickinson was held at 10:00 a.m., Friday, December 29, 2023 at St. Thomas Catholic Church in Gladstone. Burial followed at the church cemetery.

Veronica passed away Monday, December 25, 2023 at Benedictine Living in Dickinson.

Veronica was born on April 27, 1929 to Frank and Veronica Gotterbarm Martin. She was raised on the Martin family farm two miles east of Gladstone, attending grade school and high school in Gladstone. Following graduation, she attended Dickinson State Teachers College where she earned a teaching certificate. After receiving her certificate, Veronica taught



Bernice M. Meggers Rites Held

Bernice M. Meggers, 89, of Rhame, ND, passed away on December 26, 2023 at the Southwest Healthcare Long Term Center in Bowman.

There was a Family and Friends Service on Thursday, December 28, 2023 at 5pm at the Krebsbach and Kulseth Funeral Home Chapel. Terry Bagley led the services with a Private Family Burial held at the Mound Cemetery, rural Rhame, ND.

Bernice was born on December 12, 1934 to Raymond Mildred Fish in Thunder Hawk, South Dakota. She grew up in a one bedroom house with 5 siblings. She loved her family dearly.

Bernice met her husband, Arnold, the handsome pilot, in 1951. They married October 2, 1951 and moved to a farm 10 miles North of Rhame. Bernice and Arnold went on to have 4 children, Ronald, Kenneth, Judith and Arlene.

Bernice spent her days caring for her children, helping on the farm with the harvest, which included driving the combine, tractors and trucks. She cared for many animals on the farm and was especially fond of her chickens. She raised many from baby chicks. She always had barn cats around and a precious puppy underfoot. She played cards with anyone who would join in a game. She loved her grandkids visiting her home. She always sent them home with a box of raisins. She often set up coffee dates with neighbor ladies. She enjoyed all music, Charlie Pride being a favorite. She especially liked polka music. She attended Mound Church and enjoyed the time spent with friends there in her later years.

Bernice was predeceased by her husband, Arnold Meggers, her father, Raymond Fish, her mother, Mildred Fish, her brother, Ray Lynn, her sister, Shirley Fish and son in law, Rick Wegner.

Bernice is survived by 2 sisters and one brother: Hattie Meyer of Kallispell, Montana, Bonnetta (Maynard) Oliver of Summer, Washington, David



(Betty) Lynn of Aberdeen, South Dakota; four children, Ronald Meggers of Rhame, North Dakota, Kenneth (Betty White) Meggers of Bowman, North Dakota, Judith Wegner of Bowman, North Dakota and Arlene (Jerry) Ferrell of Marmarth, North Dakota; four grandchildren, Wanda (Darin) Noftsker of Gillette, Wyoming, Mark (Jana) Ferrell of Baker, Montana, Jennifer (Chad) Hestekin of Bowman, North Dakota, Mellissa (Alex) Stafford of Dickinson, North

Dakota; eight great grandkids, Tara Noftsker of Minot, North Dakota, Andrea (Jim) Dyson of Minot, North Dakota, Erica (Jed) Jespersen of Bowbells, North Dakota, Samuel Noftsker of Gillette, Wyoming, Jacob Ferrell of Baker, Montana, Ashley Ferrell of Baker, Montana, Devon Hestekin of Bowman, North Dakota, Stephanie Hestekin of Bowman, North Dakota; five great-grand grandkids, Royce Dyson of Minot, North Dakota, Haven Dyson of Minot, North Dakota, Marie Jespersen of Bowbells, North Dakota, Elsie Jespersen of Bowbells, North Dakota and Henry Jespersen of Bowbells, North Dakota.

Any memorials received will be used to purchase a personalized headstone for Bernice. They could be left at Krebsbach Funeral Home 301 S Main St. Bowman, North Dakota 58623.



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at Shipley School where she stayed with the Ernest Biel family during the school year. During this time she became engaged to Alfred M. Dassinger whom she met in high school. Veronica moved home for a time to help care for her younger siblings after her mother's death. She and Alfred were married on June 5, 1950. They made their home on the Dassinger farm south of Gladstone where they raised their family of four sons and one daughter.

Veronica was active in St. Thomas parish and KC-ettes of Gladstone. She was instrumental in establishing the soup and strudel suppers, and the sausage and farmers hat meals sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Her favorite place to be was at home on the farm and she probably missed it every day after retiring to Dickinson in 2008.

In 2017, to meet increasing health challenges, Alfred and Veronica moved from their home to Benedict Court, where she lived until her death.

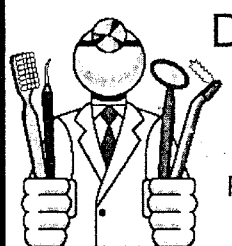
Veronica is survived by her five children: Dale (Pat), Richardton; Audrey Skogen, Hettinger; Bruce, Gladstone; Lyle (Delila), Dickinson; Mark (Janet), Gladstone; 14 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; sister, Elaine Burns of Yakima, WA; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Alfred in 2019; son-in-law, Dale Skogen; her parents; Alfred's parents, Peter and Mary; 13 siblings; 14 brothers and sisters-in-law; and six nieces and nephews.

Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at www.stevensonfuneralhome.com.

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Bobby Ray Harper Jr. Rites Held

Bobby Ray Harper, Jr., age 63, of Leith, ND, passed away at



his home in Leith on Thursday morning, December 28, 2023.

Graveside services for Bobby were held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 30, 2023 at the Leith Cemetery in Leith, ND.

Bobby Ray Harper, Jr., the son of Mary Elizabeth Hester Harper and Bobby Ray Harper, Sr., was born November 3rd, 1960, in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. He was the youngest of four, to include brother Ronny Dubose, sisters Olivia Reed, and Tammie Harper.

Bobby received his schooling in Winston-Salem, graduating from East Forsyth High School in 1979. While in school, Bobby was very active in sports, including basketball, the swimming team, and his absolute favorite, football. Because of the mentoring of his football coach, Bobby became a welder, earning a welder's certificate in 2003.

Also while still in school, Bobby helped clerk in his dad's store. He would joke about all the candy he had access to, with his choice of favorite candy changing regularly.

Bobby and Evelyn Shepherd married in 1981, and welcomed their son, Tobias, in 1981. Bobby and Evelyn later divorced.

While Bobby stayed in the Winston-Salem area, he worked at various jobs, honing his welding skills.

Bobby and Rhonda Hill welcomed their son, Christopher Jason, (C.J.), May 4th, 1989.

In July of 1989, Bobby joined the US Navy, proudly serving his country until his honorable discharge in December of 1991. Bobby served as a flight deck crew member on the USS Ei-

senhower during the Gulf War, helping ensure the helicopters were always ready to fly.

After his discharge, Bobby worked at different jobs in various areas of the country, including Chicago, Omaha, and Norfolk, Nebraska.

While living in Norfolk, he met Sherrill Parsons, originally from Mott, ND, and they were married in Madison, NE, on May 22, 2002. Bobby and Sherrill moved around for Sherrill's job as store manager of several Alco stores, with Bobby always finding work as a welder.

In 2008, they moved to Leith, where they lived at the time of his passing.

Bobby was a man of varied interests, including music, cooking, (loved his mac and cheese, and beans and ham), singing, watching old movies, dancing up a storm, and sports. He enjoyed fishing, and he especially loved his Dallas Cowboys, faithfully cheering them on through each season. When watching football games, whether college or pro, he would make calls on the plays, usually before the ref would blow a whistle, and he was always right.

He supported Sherrill in everything she did, and wanted to hear her sing whenever he could. He was there for her at every turn, and was always ready to lend a helping hand if anyone needed it.

Bobby passed away unexpectedly, but oh so peacefully, falling asleep in the Lord, in the early morning of Thursday, December 28th, 2023, in his home.

He is survived by his loving wife, Sherrill, sister Tammie Harper, sons Tobias Harper, CJ (Tanesha) Hill, three grandsons with another on the way, aunt and uncle Phillip and Floydette Hector, all of Winston-Salem, eight nieces and five nephews, brothers-in-law Steve (Pat)

Parsons, Grand Junction, CO, Bruce (Lynn) Parsons, Mott, Randy Wintjen, Conway, AR, Shane Parsons, Bottineau, ND, Sheila Jones, Berrien Spring, MI, numerous more nieces and nephews, and the many, many friends he had.

Preceding Bobby in passing are his parents, his in-laws, Bruce and Elsie Parsons, sister Olivia Reed, sister-in-law Stacy Wintjen, niece Becky Jones, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

After Sherrill retired, they were always together. He will be missed.

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Janene A. Spatz Rites Held

Janene A. Spatz, 85, of Reeder, ND, passed away on December 29, 2023 at the St. Luke's Home in Dickinson.



Mass of Christian Burial for Janene was on Saturday, January 6th, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. at the St. Isidore's Catholic Church, Rural Ralph, SD. Fr. Bryan Sorensen officiated the Mass with burial following in the Hettinger Cemetery, Hettinger, ND. There was a Rosary and Vigil Service for Janene at 7:00 pm on Friday, January 5, 2024 at the Krebsbach and Kulseth Funeral Home Chapel in Bowman, ND.

Janene was born in Buffalo, SD to Ed and Bertha (Sack) Kosmicki on February 17, 1938. She was welcomed home by her sisters Donna and Agnes.

Janene attended the Vessey Country School, across the road from home, through grade 8. She then attended St. Mary's Boarding School in New England, ND. She graduated from St. Mary's in 1956. Janene returned to the family farm.

Janene's was very dedicat-

ed to her Catholic faith and St. Isidore's Catholic Church. Her life was scheduled around church services and activities. She started playing organ at the age of 10, at St. Victoria's Catholic Church, which was a mile from her home. She continued playing at St. Isidore's Catholic Church when the church was moved to rural Ralph, SD. She played the organ for 74 years and received an award from the Diocese.

Janene enjoyed attending social events at her church and was the head waitress at the church's annual fall dinner. She also enjoyed attending social events at other local churches and around the community.

Janene made many beautiful wedding and birthday cakes for people in her community. She loved to visit and play cards with neighbors and friends.

On July 15, 1989, Janene married Wayne Spatz at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Lemmon, SD. Janene and Wayne went dancing at the Flagstone while dating and celebrated their wedding there. That was the last day the Flagstone was open. They enjoyed attending social events and going to Deadwood, SD. Janene never went back to Deadwood after Wayne passed away, but did enjoy pulling tabs and lottery tickets. Wayne and Janene had a wonderful life together.

Janene is survived by two sisters, Donna White and Agnes Hoskinson, nieces, Katy Diamond, Robin White, and Christine (Steve) Kramer, nephew, Terry White and several great nieces and nephews. She is also survived by a brother-in-law and his wife.

Janene was preceded in death by her husband Wayne Spatz, her parents, Ed and Bertha Kosmicki, brother-in-law, Wayne White, niece, Mary Kay White, and nephew, Mike White, Sr.

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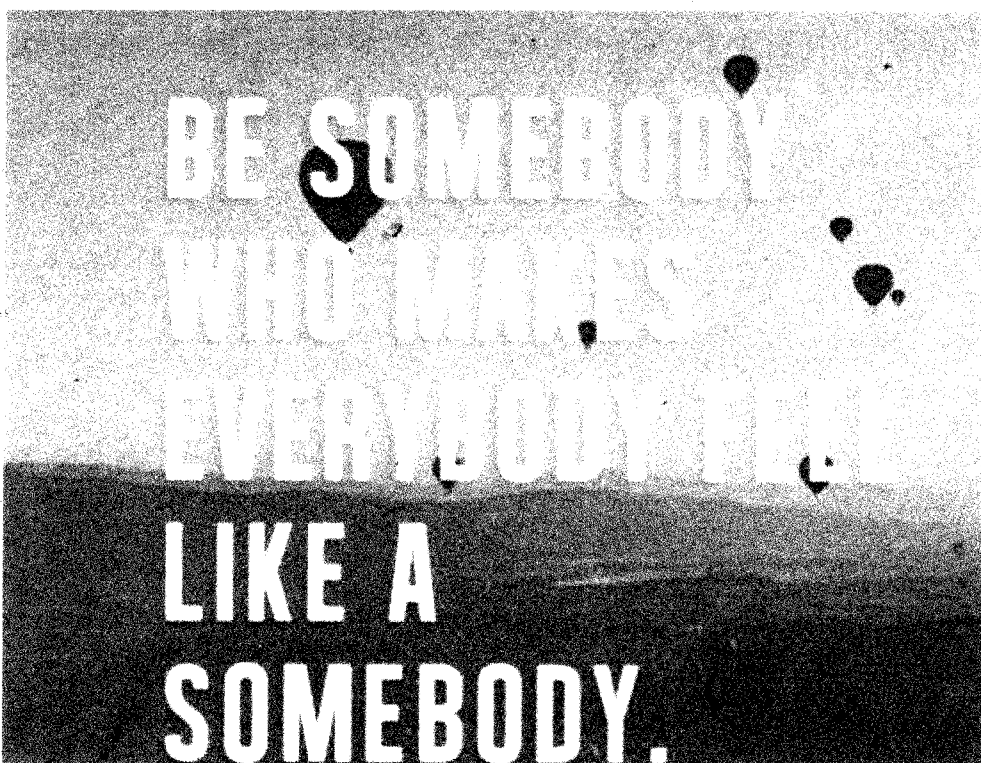
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 1/4 c. honey
 1/4 c. whipping cream

Mix together 1 cup butter, and sugar until fluffy. Beat in egg and vanilla. Stir in flour. Mix well and press into a 9" x 13" pan. Bake at 350° for 15 minutes or until edges are lightly brown and center looks dry. Remove from oven and prepare topping. Bring to a boil in a saucepan the 1/2 cup butter, honey and brown sugar. Boil for 2 minutes and remove from heat. Stir in whipping cream and nuts. Spoon over crust. Bake another 10 minutes or until caramel bubbles.

Thoughts for the Week

by June Schmidt

As the New Year begins again, with the turning of the calendar, it is customary to make resolutions of what we plan to do for the next year. I saw someone say recently that they are not going to make any resolutions since they are not kept more than a week by the majority of the people that make them. I think this may be true as generally people overestimate what they can do and when they cannot accomplish it, they then consider themselves a failure and give up altogether. I am thinking that resolutions should be a bit more lenient with us as we are not always able to 'climb the mountain' in terms of a large commitment and maybe it's just that we need to change what we commit to in the first place. With that in mind, here are my resolutions for the New Year.

I resolve to try to wake up each morning with a smile on my face. To keep that smile active as long as I can each day and to pass that smile on to each person that I see, regardless if they smile back at me. I resolve to look at the person that I am speaking to and try to hear each word that they speak, consider it and then reply to them without making less of their words and overpowering them with mine. I will not take it personally if they disagree with what I say, but understand that

they have a right to their opinion and hope that they return that right to me. I will do my best to walk away from any conversation that becomes overwhelming before I utter words that cannot be taken back and will try my best to forgive the person that utters words meant to hurt me personally. I resolve to offer my condolences and understanding to those that are suffering, but if they appear to not want those words, I will still pray for them to get those words from someone that they will accept them from. I will do my best to offer to help those that need my help without requiring their thanks and consider myself blessed if I am able to do the right thing each day. I resolve to end my day, giving thanks that I was able to get through it to the best of my ability, following my resolutions as outlined above.

We as thinking and caring people have the ability to change the world we live in one day, one step at a time if we so choose to do so. Every day there are acts of kindness being performed by the most unlikely people, so why are there so many people that are unhappy? Is it possible that we have forgotten how to be happy? Have we heard too many statements of what we should have or how we should feel to be happy rather than looking for things that make us happy inside ourselves? It does not cost anything to give others a smile or a wave. Why are we so afraid to do it? The

world appears to want to dictate to us rather than us build the world that we personally want. Maybe it's time to stop looking for happiness in others and find it for ourselves first, then figure out how to pass it on to others. In that way kindness should be able to grow rather than disappointment and frustration. It is quite often not the person that makes a lot of money that is the happiest, but the person that has found his place in life and is content with it that is happy. A child does not know they are poor if they have the love of their parents, and is only told by others when growing up that they do not have what they are

supposed to have. It is our job to explain to children what true happiness involves and how to pass it to those that are not as fortunate.

With that being said, I hope that my resolutions are kept the entire year, and I hope that I am able to pass a little bit of happiness to others. If I am able to do that, I will consider that I have had a good year and maybe my little bit will grow it for someone else as well. Resolutions are possible each day of the year, so if you have a bad day, don't give up, take a deep breath, smile at yourself and see the joy in a new day and try again. That's the beauty of it all. God Bless you All.



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CROSSCOUNTRY	GOLD	PURPLE	BAND
VOLLYBALL	FOOTBALL	LAKER	

In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity.

Fun stories could be heard throughout the Southwest corner of North Dakota as all you heard was WOW - Beautiful, Fantastic - Awesome - New hope in 2024, for a seemingly negative 2023, when people connected and - Let's do it. That's what happened. The show of a life time was held in Mott, ND on Saturday, December 30th led by Garrison Risner, Cody Bridger and many others who never gave up on helping us believe in the goodness of others, of our world - Thank You! Hopefully the display made it in the world book of records, but for those of us who experienced it, we know that it left an impression in our hearts.



A Little Birdie Told Me

By: Vivian Hernandez

A Little Birdie Told Me: "The New Year Started With 5000 Bangs in Mott, North Dakota."

Mott, North Dakota was certainly "The Spot" to be on December 30th for the Fireworks Extravaganza the likes of which has never been seen before and hopefully worthy of the Guinness Book of World Records!

Garrison Risner lives in Mott and has been promoting the fireworks display for many years: Since it's humble beginnings after the tornado at the Hettinger County Fairgrounds in 2019 to the dazzling world-class event of 2023.

An event of this magnitude takes hours of planning and manpower, some 250 to 300 hours went into the production. Garrison is grateful to all the sponsors from the Fair Board, Hettinger County Activities Association, individuals, businesses and Dominator Fireworks of China. Local businesses from all around Hettinger County and beyond along with individuals from across the State of North Dakota made the event possible with donations of \$10,000: This money was used for the "Body" of the display and the "Finale" was graciously donated by Dominatory Fireworks at cost of \$100,000 wholesale.

In order to get the recognition necessary for the Guinness Book of World Records the event would need to be documented professionally. A production crew from Minnesota was hired to do the filming and Cody Bridger with a YouTube Channel specializing in fire-

works displays would video and post the event.

Garrison Risner and Cody Bridger became friends several years ago due to their passion for fireworks and a search of the Internet. Cody had been posting fireworks displays on his YouTube channel, codybpyrotechnics and Garrison was searching the deep dark web for others with his passion. As fate would have it Cody lives in Dickinson, Garrison knew this was the guy he had to meet. The two soon became friends and started posting their fireworks displays for all to enjoy.

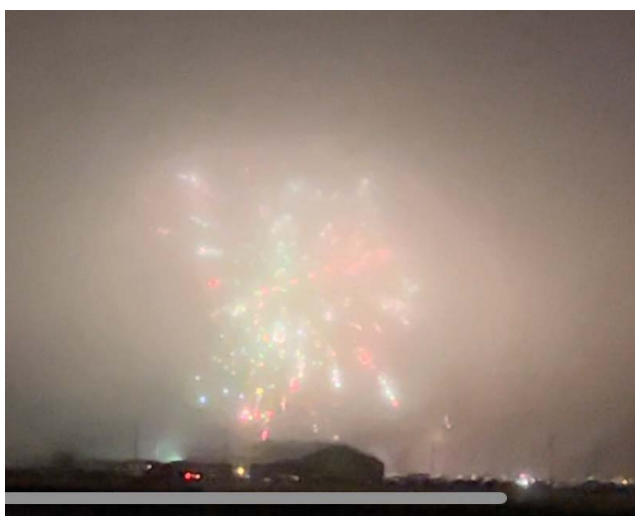
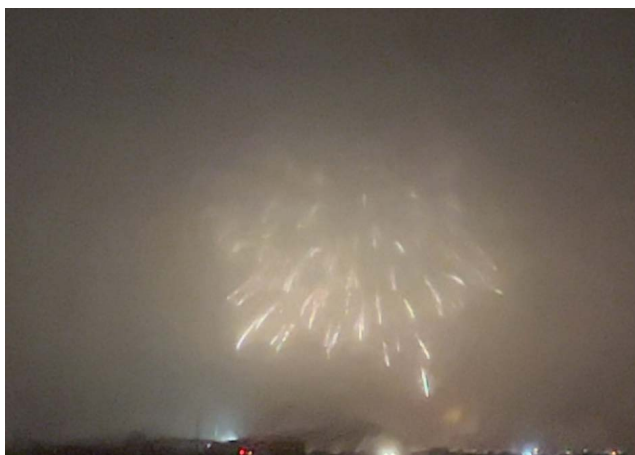
Cody's YouTube channel gets more views than any other channel with fireworks displays: in the beginning he had some 10,000 subscribers now it's over 700,000. The display in 2019 set off 30,000 Saturn Missiles one for each of his 30,000 subscribers getting 1,000,000 views! The video uploaded at midnight of December 31, 2023, featuring the finale with 5000 canister shells exploding in the skies above Mott has gotten 74,000 views as of January 2, 2024 at 10:00 am. Here's your chance to help make history, go to the YouTube channel, codybpyrotechnics and help get that number of one million views.

With over 2000 in attendance, music and food, it will be hard to top this event. Garrison and Cody, with a little help from their friends, December 31, 2024 will prove to be every bit as exciting.

A Little Birdie Told Me: "I Believe Success is Achieved by Ordinary People With Extraordinary Determination." (Zig Ziglar)



Over 200 vehicles leaving Mott, ND heading north on Highway 8 after the large fireworks Saturday, December 30, 2023. And many others went north, east and west. - photos courtesy Abby Schiwal and Becky Eikamp



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