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Eido Connect's  
Philosophy for 2022

- Choice -

## "Best Christmas Tree - EVER"

"Project must be completed by next week."  
Class dismissed.

"How we suppose to write best Christmas tree ever?" questioned the students as they left the classroom. Ours could be the best, it was 17 ft. high, but that was 10 years ago. How am I to write about a tree? Questions, questions floated around the group - - all except for Sara. She already knew what she was going to do.

Listening was one of her attributes and she had heard her mom talking about a lady at the nursing home who talked about a Magical Christmas Tree. That evening she made arrangements to visit the lady at the home.

Excitement filled her body as she entered the ladies room. "Mary, I am Sarah," she began. A mirror in the room reflected a Christmas tree - - turning to look at it, she was stunned. Never had she seen decorations like this. Amazing - different but beautiful beyond words.

They began, Mary explained to Sara that she was from another country, had experienced what it was like to live at the time of bombings, war, no heat, electricity. Sara sat in wonderment, then question. "How did you survive?" while all the time the Magical Christmas tree reflected in the mirror behind.

Knowing she had to find out about the best Christmas tree ever, she questioned -- looking at the tree in the mirror. Mary began.

"Week before Christmas, preparing to decorate the tree - house full of laughter, children running around, we had 5 and they were excited and ready to hang the lights when we heard a terrible explosion. We knew there were problems but never thought they would affect us - - we weren't close to the fighting at that time. The explosion hit our power plant - - yes lights went out - children crying - - Papa said, "We'll decorate tomorrow."

By now Sara was all ears - taking notes as fast as she could and at the same time wondering if she were in a dream or Mary's story were real for these are some of the same things going on today. Then Mary continued.

"We had decorated the tree but the children wanted lights - - we had none. One night while sitting around hoping we could stop using candles, a thought came to me. Tomorrow, tomorrow we'll put up real lights. Disappointment filled the room - "How - how we have no power" the children questioned.



"Tomorrow - now off to bed."

That night I went thru some old boxes my mom had given me and said save this, some day you'll know what to use it for, many times I wanted to throw away but - - as I opened the box the magic idea came to me. Old Christmas cards - -

In the morning, after breakfast I took the box, dumped it on the table and told my children. Cut out the picture and write on the back one thing you are thankful for - then we will put a string around and hang it from the tree.

You can image the excitement, the fun and how beautiful that tree was by time all the Christmas Angels, Shepherds, Mary, Joseph, Baby Jesus. Christmas trees, snow flakes were hung - - the list was endless but the most beautiful were the words of thankfulness my children had written - - such as toothpaste, water, dust pans, bed making, toys to pick up - - I never dreamed a tree without power could express so much love.

Remember this Christmas. Not the power, but the love in your heart, that light up your tree.

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Reread Twas the beginning of Advent by  
Pastor Charles Johnson, page 6.  
Part of it was accidentally left off.  
Now it has a perfect ending.

Paper is filled with Christmas Spirit - may we  
be ever mindful of the many blessings we  
have in our area.

Count them, write them down  
- you'll run out of time and paper.



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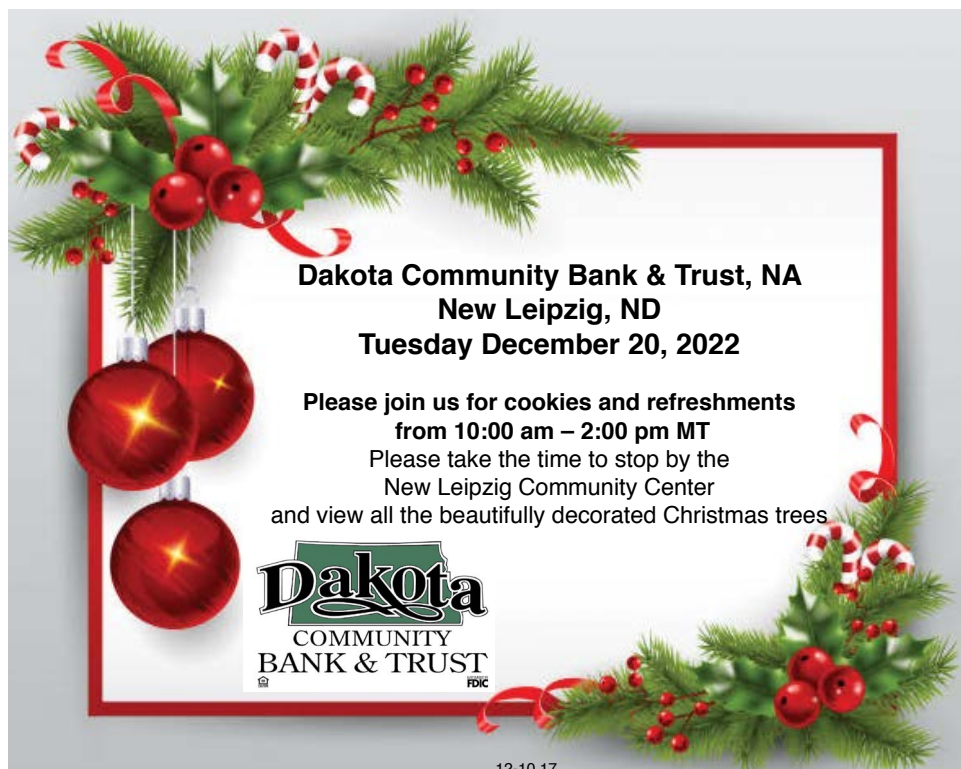
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# "Christmas is doing a little something extra for someone."

## NURSING HOME PUBLIC MEETING

**Wednesday, December 14, 6:30 pm at the Mott Nursing Home**

Brad DeJong, CPA, from Eide Bailly will be discussing the feasibility study and it's findings in terms of reopening the Mott Nursing Home.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come participate in this City-wide endeavor.

11-26,12-3,10

St. Vincent's  
St Henry's  
St. John the Baptist  
Catholic Church  
Schedule for  
December 10 - 11

(M) 4:30 Sat.  
(NL) 7:00 pm Sat.  
(M) 8:00 am Sun.  
(R) 10:00 am - Sun.

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Sunday, December 11, 2022  
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A lie can travel halfway around the world while the truth is putting on its shoes.

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Bowman Methodist Church will present a  
*Live Nativity*  
Sunday, December 18th  
5:30 - 6:30pm  
Soup Supper 5:00 - 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall Free will offering

*Christmas Concert*  
Tuesday, December 20, 2022  
NEUBURG Church will hold their Christmas Concert on Tuesday evening, December 20th at 6:00 pm MT.  
Music provided by Blue Skins of Elgin; Kristi Kuhka, Karagan Friedt, Colleen Rienhart, Plus some surprises!!  
The congregation will also sing a few songs.  
Refreshments will be served following the concert.

**WANTED Christmas Tree Decorators**

The NDSU Extension | Hettinger County Office is looking for individuals and/or groups to showcase their talents by decorating a Christmas tree in the courthouse. Trees will be displayed for the remainder of the month.

An open house will be held on Wednesday, December 14th for the general public to wander the halls and look at the trees.

Judging of the trees will take place with cash prizes being awarded to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners.

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# Reasons come first. Answers come second.

As we read through the Christmas ads and stories may we be reminded how each business listed help make our communities a better place to live, by their services to us. Be sure to thank them, for they enhance our communities.

*A Little Birdie Told Me.*  
 short |  | stories

**Vivian Hernandez**  
*writer*

**A LITTLE BIRDIE TOLD ME**  
**"Be Sure To Tune in Next Week For Medora Cowboy Christmas Highlights!"**

**Just a little bluster**

By Kathy Craigo-Harteis

Last week as I braved the raging, frigid wind to go into the post office, my friend Howard offered some encouragement. "It's just a little bluster," he said. He was right.

We North Dakotans are a tough lot. Even the transplanted ones from California like Tom and I have toughened up.

We know how to dress. We know when to stay home and avoid. Words we know are layer up and windchill.

Tom worked long and hard this week on our Christmas decorations. He knew to layer up before going out in the cold and he got the job done. Looks great. I appreciate the effort he makes to keep our place looking good in all seasons.

This is my second time to live in North Dakota in winter. Back in the 80's I worked for the Golden Valley Co SCD. Once in winter when the supervisors, and staff needed to attend an out of town meeting, I offered to drive. I had a full size van back then and could take everyone. Long story short, I hit ice on the interstate, spun that van around a couple of times and landed in the median ditch. I looked around to see a cargo of men who had lost confidence in me. When my boss Dale offered to get me out of the ditch and drive us the rest of the way I readily accepted.

That's another life's lesson. If you feel less than confident and someone else offers to help; let them. No shame in wisdom. I wonder how many of the guys remember that yeehaw ride on the ice?  
 Life is good today.

**THANK YOU**

**THANK YOU**

The family of Lorine Huber extends our heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped us throughout this difficult time of the loss of our beloved mother.

Thanks to the Five Counties Nursing Home Staff for the wonderful care given to our mother in the past 5 years, she considered you all family.

Thank You to Matt Barnes of Evanson-Jensen Funeral Home for his services, to Rev. Tottie Lenerville for officiating mom's funeral at the Prince of Peace Chapel and at the Bentley Cemetery and Marilyn Willey for the lovely music.

Also thanks go out to the American Legion Post #66 for the nice luncheon and fellowship time after the service.

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**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>**  
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**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>**  
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**Friday 16<sup>th</sup>**  
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**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>**  
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Many blessings to all

of you. Judy Huber, Gene (Lynn) Huber & families, Dale Huber, Dave (Toni) Huber & families, Rory (Becky) Huber & families, Cory Huber, Mark Huber, Lori (Gary) Daley & families

**THANK YOU**

We would like to thank the New England Fire Department for all their help to put out my fire.

Hedy Bohlman and Casey.



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**12/24/2022 Saturday**  
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 Midnight (Saint Elizabeth) - Lefor

**12/25/202 - Sunday**  
 8:30 am (Saint Elizabeth) - Lefor

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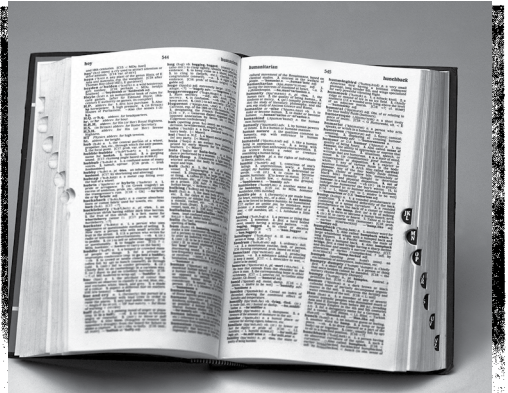
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**2nd Annual TREE LIGHTING CELEBRATION**  
Mott, ND

**Sunday, December 11, 2022**

10am - 3:30pm	<b>Arts &amp; Craft Fair</b> Mott Women of Today FREE Admission for ALL!	Mott Armory
1 - 3:30pm	<b>Ice Skating Rink</b> (Bring your own Skates!) Mott Visionary Committee will have holiday music playing while you skate!	Bope Park (Next to Mott Swimming Pool)
2:30	<b>FROSTY THE SNOWMAN</b> FREE Christmas Movie	Main Street
3:15	<b>B-I-N-G-O</b> Mott Country Club	KC Hall 
4:00pm	Performances ~ Holiday Selections Mott Martial Arts Academy	KC Hall
4:30pm	Supper - BBQ Sandwich & Mac N'Cheese <b>(Free Will Offering)</b> Mott Visionary Committee	KC Hall 
4:30 - 5:30pm	Special Guest - SANTA Treat bags for the 1st 100 kids! Take your own photos visiting with Santa!	KC Hall
5:15 - 5:30pm	Hot Cocoa Bar / Holiday Sweets & Treats	Holiday Park
5:30pm	Christmas Tree Lighting COUNTDOWN	Holiday Park

**Event brought to you by the Mott Visionary Committee, Eido Printing, Commercial Bank of Mott, Celebrations by Design & Mott Fire Department and other local businesses!**



### WordSmith

In Spanish 'sombra' is shade as a shade tree. Spanish, Italian, French and Portuguese are called Romance languages and many words are similar. It doesn't have anything to do with Romeo and Juliet. In Italian the word is 'ombra' hence cometh the word umbrella. Back to Spanish: 'del sol o de la luz' is a lamp shade. An artist has a tube of paint that is umber (dark brown). Because it means 'shade' many plants with large leaves are preceded by the word 'umbrella.' (Umbrella plant, umbrella tree, etc.)

In French it is ombretta (o). However, if you have dealings with a man with a 'shady' past you may lose your shirt. He is a 'sombra hombre', and it's the same in Portuguese. Relatively speaking, in Spanish, if you are sleepy, the word is somnoliento. Most people sleep in

the dark with their eyes closed. Some people drive with their eyes closed. I guess that's why one definition of closed in Spanish (cerrarse) means to terminate.

Have you ever been to the airport east of Denver? When you are driving in there are great, huge signs that direct you to the part of the airport where you need to go. The first one is TERMINAL; the end of the line. The next sign says, DEPARTURE.

Sounds like the title to an Errol Gardner mystery: TERMINAL DEPARTURE!

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works for the airline. She accidentally figures this out and sets out to catch him. But who is he among all the passengers waiting in the terminal? He knows he's been found out but he has one more job that will set him up financially on some tropical beach with a pina collada and six beautiful women

His 'mark' is having a Diet Coke while he waits for departure. The hit man drops a cyanide capsule in his Coke can. The heroine sees this and tries to arrest him without causing panic in the waiting room but there are so many people he gets away.

Now she knows who he is so he gets on an outgoing plane with the rest of the passengers and flies away. But the plane crashes in the Bermuda Triangle. No survivors.

In the waiting room, the 'mark' throws the coke can in the trash and departs. Terminal Departure.

**"The best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear."**

# Family is the most important thing in the world.

**Windy's**  
Bowman, ND

## Daily Lunch SPECIALS

**Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> - Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>**  
Lunch Specials served 11am - 2pm  
*\* Subject to change*  
**523-5753**

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> - CLOSED**

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> - Meat & Potato Burrito w/Gems & Nacho Cheese**  
Soup: Chicken Tortilla

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> - Wing Wednesday**  
Soup: Wisconsin Cheese

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> - Bacon, Chicken Melt w/Chips**  
Soup: Chicken Pot Pie w/Biscuit

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> - Chicken Fried, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy & Veggie**

**Steak Night • Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**Steak Ribeye**  
Includes: Choice of Potato, Veggie & Salad

### "Twas the Beginning of Advent"

Pastor Charles Johnson  
Dakota Prairie Lutheran Parish

#### "Twas the Beginning of Advent"

I believe we all like to tell stories, and to hear stories, be they stories from long ago or something that happened just the other day. Telling stories is a part of our lives that spans the ages, especially during the holiday season. I realize we tell stories throughout the year but during the holiday season the stories take on a deeper meaning, sometimes of a loss that has been suffered, sometimes of a remembered joy from long ago, sometimes it is a combination of both to make a point of how important this season of the year is in our lives.

I do not have a story to share today but I do have a poem of what the Season of Advent means for our lives that I first read a number of years ago. The poem was written by J. Todd Jenkins the Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Fayetteville, Tennessee. I read this poem each year at the start of Advent as I believe it puts into perspective what we are preparing to celebrate during the Advent season, the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ. I share it with you now and maybe it will be a story you will share in the years to come.

#### "Twas the Beginning of Advent"

'Twas the beginning of Advent and all through the Church  
Our hope was all dying—we'd given up on the search.  
It wasn't so much that Christ wasn't invited,  
But after 2,000 plus years we were no longer excited.

Oh, we knew what was coming—no doubt about that.  
And that was the trouble—it was all "old hat."

November brought the first of an unending series of pains  
With carefully orchestrated advertising campaigns.

There were gadgets and dolls and all sorts of toys.  
Enough to seduce even the most devout girls and boys.  
Unfortunately, it seemed, no one was completely exempt  
From this seasonal virus that did all of us tempt.

The priests and prophets and certainly the kings  
Were all so consumed with the desire for "things!"  
It was rare, if at all, that you'd hear of the reason  
For the origin of this whole holy-day season.

A baby, it seems, once had been born  
In the mid-east somewhere on that first holy-day morn.  
But what does that mean for folks like us,  
Who've lost ourselves in the hoopla and fuss?

Can we re-learn the art of wondering and waiting,  
Of hoping and praying, and anticipating?  
Can we let go of all the things and the stuff?  
Can we open our hands and our hearts long enough?

Can we open our eyes and open our ears?  
Can we find him again after all of these years?  
Will this year be different from all the rest?  
Will we be able to offer him all of our best?

So many questions, unanswered thus far,  
As wisemen seeking the home of the star.  
Where do we begin—how do we start  
To make for the child a place in our heart?

Perhaps we begin by letting go  
Of our limits on hope, and of the stuff that we know.  
Let go of the shopping, of the chaos and fuss,  
Let go of the searching, let Christmas find us.

We open our hearts, our hands and our eyes,  
To see the king coming in our own neighbors' cries.  
We look without seeking what we think we've earned,  
But rather we're looking for relationships spurned.

With him he brings wholeness and newness of life  
For brother and sister, for husband and wife.  
The Christ-child comes not by our skill,  
But rather he comes by his own Father's will.

We can't make him come with parties and bright trees,  
But only by getting down on our knees.  
He'll come if we wait amidst our affliction,  
Coming in spite of, not by our restriction.

His coming will happen—of this there's no doubt.  
The question is whether we'll be in or out.  
"Behold, I stand at the door and knock."  
Do you have the courage to peer through the lock?

A basket on your porch, a child in your reach.  
A baby to love, to feed and to teach.  
He'll grow in wisdom as God's only Son.  
How far will we follow this radical one?

He'll lead us to challenge the way that things are.  
He'll lead us to follow a single bright star.  
But that will come later if we're still around.  
The question for now: Is the child to be found?

Can we block out commercials, the hype and the malls?  
Can we find solitude in our holy halls?  
Can we keep alert, keep hope, stay awake?  
Can we receive the child for ours and God's sake?

From on high with the caroling host as he sees us,  
He yearns to read on our lips the prayer: Come Lord Jesus!  
As Advent begins all these questions make plea.  
The only true answer: We will see, we will see.

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*Menu*

### Mott Elder Care Menu for the Week of December 12 - 16

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

**Dec. 12-** Turkey tetrazzini, Peas/carrots, Fruit cup, Pumpkin dessert

**Dec 13 -** Pork roast, Sweet potatoes, Green bean bake, Pineapple

**Dec 14 -** Salisbury steak, Baked potato, Stewed tomatoes, Whpped jello/fruit

**Dec 15 -** Stuffed pepper, Mashed potatoes, Wax beans, Apricots

**Dec 16 -** Ham sandwich, Hearty bean soup, Relshes, Ice Cream

## "Gifts of time and love are surely the basic ingredients of a truly Merry Christmas."

### AREA COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

**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. 6:30pm • Bowman United Methodist Church. Questions call: 701-279-6603, 701-523-4657, 701-440-8344, or 701-440-8788.

**First Tuesday 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, 701-574-3798.

**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**  
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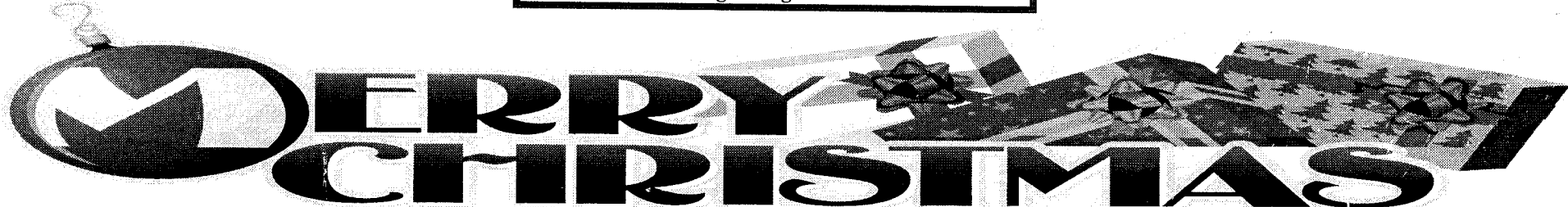
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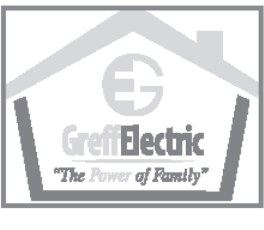
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## A Little Birdie Told Me

By: Vivian Hernandez

A Little Birdie Told Me: "Advent Calendars are a Tradition Which I Loved Growing up." We had an Advent Calendar growing up and we shared that tradition with our kids: I recently bought Advent Calendars with chocolate treats behind each window for my two grandsons. Originally I was only going to buy one but realized with chocolate in each window each boy would need his own calendar, sharing isn't their best attribute. "Like many others aspects of modern Christmas practices, the Advent calendar is of German origin. From the early nineteenth century, at the latest, German Protestants began to mark the days of Advent either by burning a candle for the day or, more simply, marking walls or doors with a line of chalk each day. A new practice of hanging a devotional image every day ultimately led to the creation of the first known handmade, wooden,

Advent calendar in 1851. Sometime in the early twentieth century (either 1902 or 1908 depending on who you believe) the first printed calendars appeared, followed by Gerhard Lang's innovation of adding small doors in the 1920s; he is thus often seen as the creator of the modern calendar. Others added short bible verses behind the doors alongside the traditional picture from the 1930s. Lang's business closed shortly before the outbreak of war; subsequently cardboard was rationed and with a Nazi ban on the printing of calendars with images, the calendars disappeared and might have done forever. But after the war ended Richard Sellmar of Stuttgart almost miraculously (considering the paper shortages) obtained a permit from the US officials to begin printing and selling them again. His company Sellmar-Verlag, this year celebrating its 70th anniversary, remains one of the most important producers of such calendars. [1] Calendars filled with chocolate began to appear from



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the late 1950s around the time that they also began to spread around the world. Eisenhower is sometimes credited with the American popularization of them having been photographed while President opening them with his grandchildren. [2] Today they are a global phenomenon, even seeing a boost in popularity in recent years [3] but at their heart they retain the essence of counting down the days to Weihnachten that began with those simple chalk scratches. By Alex Wakelam  
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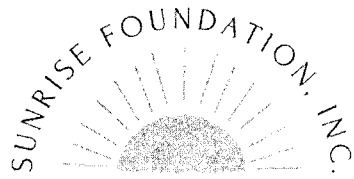
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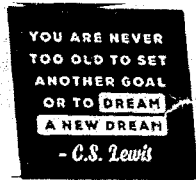
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Cows TOWN	#	DES	WGHT	PRICE	Cows TOWN	#	DES	WGHT	PRICE
Bowman	2	blk	1335	70.00	Ludlow, SD	1	blk	1280	62.50
Bowman	1	blk	1400	70.00	Ludlow, SD	1	blk	1345	59.50
Belfield	2	blkbwf	1435	70.00	Bowman	1	rwfred	1445	59.00
Bowman	4	blk	1203	68.50	Bowman	1	blk	1305	56.50
Bowman	2	blk	1435	68.50	Belfield	1	herf	1150	55.00
Bowman	2	blk	1305	68.00	Scranton	1	blk	1290	54.00
Rhame	3	red	1292	67.50	Scranton	2	blk	1273	53.00
Rhame	2	red	1340	67.50	Scranton	1	blk	1180	53.00
Bowman	2	blkbwf	1373	67.00	Belfield	1	herf	1245	51.50
Scranton	1	blk	1150	66.50	Scranton	2	blk	1208	51.00
Scranton	1	blk	1080	66.50					
Bowman	1	blk	1335	65.50					
Rhame	1	red	1185	65.50					
Bowman	1	blk	1600	65.00					
Belfield	1	bwf	1295	65.00					
Rhame	1	blk	1205	65.00					
Scranton	1	bwf	1370	65.00					
Scranton	1	blkbwf	1690	65.00					
Rhame	2	red	1243	63.50					
Bowman	1	blk	1310	63.00					
Rhame	1	red	1225	63.00					

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Bowman	3	blk	982	126.00
Ludlow, SD	4	blk	878	104.00
Ludlow, SD	2	blk	793	103.00
Ludlow, SD	4	blk	913	102.00
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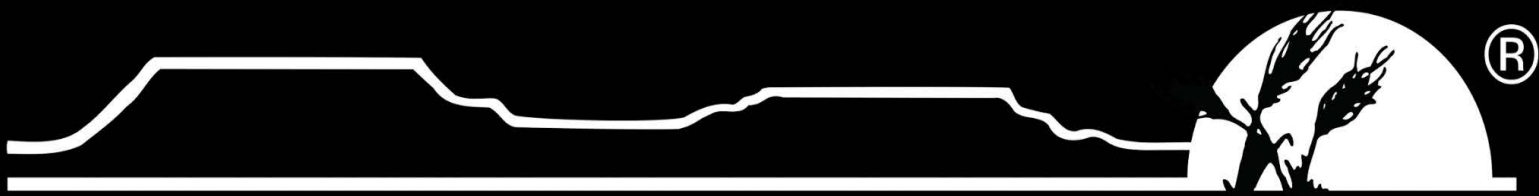
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### 9:30 AM Registration

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### 10:00 Early Bird Drawing and Opening Announcements

### 10:05 Crop Variety Updates and Highlights of Ongoing Regional Crop Production Research

Dr. Caleb Dally, Weed Scientist, NDSU Hettinger Research Extension Center.  
- Herbicide and weed control research update.

John Rickertsen, Research Agronomist, NDSU Hettinger Research Extension Center.  
- Variety updates and agronomy studies.

### 11:00 Biologicals Impact on Crop Yield

Leo Bortolon, Cropping Systems Specialist, NDSU North Central Research Extension Center.

### 12:00 Lunch

Provided by Program Sponsors. Free time to visit with sponsors.

### 1:00 Fall and Spring Strategies for Weed Control

Dr. Brian Jenks, Weed Scientist, NDSU North Central Research Extension Center.

### 2:00 Highlights of Ongoing Regional Crop Production Research (cont.)

Dr. Chris Agustin, Director & Soil Scientist, NDSU Dickinson Research Extension Center.  
- Dickinson REC agronomy research update.

Patrick Wagner, SDSU Extension Entomology Field Specialist, Rapid City, SD.  
- Entomology update.

### 3:00 Conclusion

Drawing for door prizes, coffee and opportunity to visit with sponsors.

### 3:00 West River Breeders Annual Meeting

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**Lights Shine for Festival of Lights**

BOWMAN, N.D. (DECEMBER 2, 2022) - Festival of Lights welcomed several hundred guests for year five of the annual park lighting at Bowman City Park on November 30. The park remained dark with only luminaries decorated by area children guiding the path and the sound of children's laughter filling the air. At 6:00 pm and the count of 3-2-1 the park lit with smiles wide.

The park offered photo opportunities, visits from Santa, soup from Bowman Dollars for Scholars, Santa's Toy Drive, firepits, hot chocolate, popcorn, and voting for People's Choice Award. Even on this chilly, winter evening children, families, and adults alike were enjoying the holiday cheer.

Brosz Engineering, Inc. won the 2022 People's Choice Award for their brilliant blue and white tree with lighted logo. They received \$250 in Chamber Bonus Bucks, a special sign denoting their tree, and brag-

ging rights.

New this year was sign structure that included two trees with a sign arched ovetop of them.


The park will continue to light every night through the new year from 3:30 pm - 1:00 am. If you couldn't make it to the first night make sure you see it this season.

"The community support for this event is above and beyond. Each year businesses and organizations come up with new ways to decorate and keep the park fun and exciting," said Brooklyn Engelhart, Bowman County Development Corporation.

Festival of Lights is hosted by Bowman County Development Corporation. Thank you to the businesses, community organizations, and community members who made Festival of Lights possible by decorating the park or giving of their time. A special thank you is given to Josh Zacher, Josh Buchmann, Terry, Heick, Wes Humbracht - Bowman Electric, Baker Metal and Recycling, Bowman Dollars

for Scholars, Bowman Parks and Recreation, Bowman Tax and Tourism, Bowman County School District, and Dakota Western Bank.

The park was decorated by ABLE, Inc., Bowman Assembly of God Church, Bowman Area Chamber of Commerce, Bowman County Development Corporation, Bowman County Fair Association, Bowman County Girls Basketball Team, Bowman Drug, Bowman Fire Department, Bowman Methodist Church, Bowman Regional Public Library, Bowman Rotary, Bowman Seventh-day Adventist Church, Brosz Engineering, Inc., Classic Beauty Salon, Consolidated Telcom, Dakota Community Bank and Trust, Dakota Dental Center, Dakota Western Bank, Frontier Travel Center, Gooseneck Implement, Here We Grow Again Daycare, M&L Accounting, ProPoint Cooperative, Pioneer Trails Regional Museum, St. Charles Catholic Church, Southwest Healthcare Services, Southwest Public Transit, West Plains, Inc., and West River Health Services.



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Kast was crowned Miss North Dakota in June 2022, earning over \$15,000 in cash scholarships and the opportunity to travel the state on a speaker tour to advocate for her Social Impact Initiative, The One Body Movement. Kast was awarded the overall High Score Interview Award and overall High Score Talent Award at the 2022 Miss North Dakota Competition.

Kast is a graduate from Minot State University and is currently a Doctoral Candidate in her second year of the University of North Dakota Physical Therapy program.

**Sidni is the daughter of Scott and Brenda (Olien) Kast of Minot and the granddaughter of Adrian and Shirley Kast (formerly of Haynes) and Byron and the late Barb Olien of Mott.**

The Miss America Competition will be streamed at [pageantlive.com](http://pageantlive.com) and on the Pageants Live App for Roku and AppleTV Dec. 12, 13, and 15.

**Bowman County Community Challenge Opens for 2023**

The Bowman County Community Challenge is back with up to \$10,000 for the top project or event anywhere in Bowman County. Fill out an application today to make your dream a reality and your community a better place to live. The application deadline is March 7, 2023. Visit [createbowmancounty.com](http://createbowmancounty.com) for more details.

Since the start of the Community Challenge, three projects have been funded. These include 2020 winner Brosz Engineering, 2021 winner Southwest Shooting Club, and 2022 winner Crossroads Custom Designs.

Crossroads Custom Designs took home the prize in 2022 for a Welcome to Bowman are installation at the north end of Bowman's Main Street. Plans are still in the works to have the project completed within the one-year window.

Southwest Shooting Club maximized their Community Challenge winning with several grants and private funding to create Southwest Shooting Complex just southwest of Bowman. They have hosted several events and private shooting since 2021.

Brosz Engineering with their splash pad at Rotary Park hit some delays with pricing, inventory due to COVID, and partnering with the other project happening at Rotary Park. All items for the splash pad are in and will be installed in 2023.

The Community Challenge serves as a platform to empow-

er Bowman County to bring their dreams to reality. By enabling fellow community members to create an event or project to better Bowman County we are able to enhance our quality of life and give our residents a way to bring to life what they want in their community.

The program is centered around one key element: providing funding to make fun, unique projects or events possible in Bowman County. Applicants have creative control and carry out the project or event to completion. The best part is you, the community, votes on which project you want to see created. Plus, the preliminary judging panel is composed of locals from around the county of all ages.

Whether large or small, we want to see your project come to life! Submit your application today!

The Bowman County Community Challenge is facilitated by Bowman County Development Corporation and funded by Bowman Tax and Tourism. For more information call Brooklyn at 701.523.5880 or email [brooklyn@bowmannnd.com](mailto:brooklyn@bowmannnd.com).

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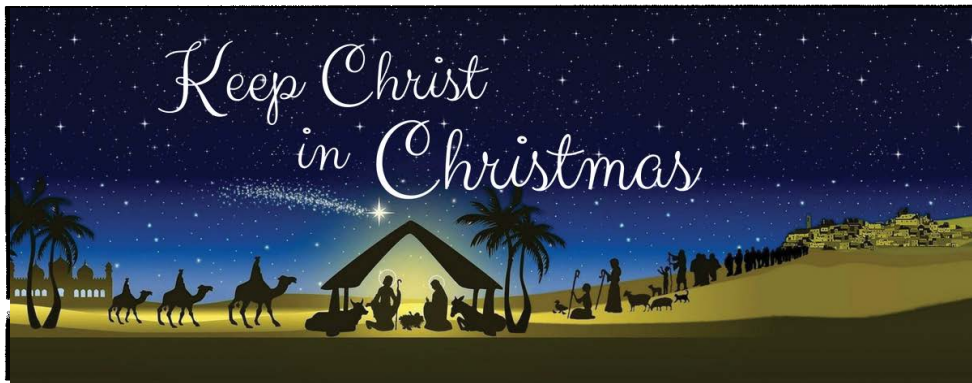
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# "The Christmassy Colors"

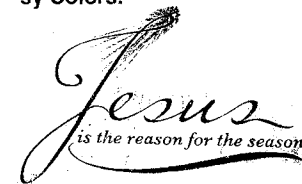
By Don Taskila  
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...In the 19th Century, artists like 'Currier and Ives' with their series of prints showed the manners, people, and events of the times and glamorized WHITE as a cozy Christmassy Color, when the World was transformed with dustings of snow.

...AND- who can forget Bing Crosby's iconic "WHITE Christmas" Holiday Song recording, composed by Composer, Irving Berlin, which soon became a Bestselling-Single after Crosby's Performance in 1941?

**Closing NOTE: Please look for my feature story next week in The Eido, as it offers "You" a few more Christmassy Colors.**



"The Christmassy Colors" ... Christmas Eve 'n' Christmas Day are just around the corner; ahead. A lot of "Us" have already cleaned up- made neater our homey residence to comfortably display the Christmassy Spirit in festive colors. I believe, Christmas is one of the most important Christian and cultural holidays of the year. I believe, The Christmas Holiday Season, especially HERE in the 'Old West Country', mirrors a mix of pre-Christian, Christian, and secular traditions. It's a time of spiritual reflection on the important foundations of The Christian Faith. It is a celebration when Christians celebrate 'God's LOVE for The World' through the Birth of The Christ Child: JESUS.

From Asia to North America, there are undeniable traditional and festive Christmassy Colors that blend themselves through legend, history, religion, pop culture, and, of course, modern-day marketing:

... The Color RED ... is one of the most important, famous, and respected Christmassy Colors, because of its deep hue, like red holly berries with their spiky leaves, which symbolizes the crown of thorns that encircled Jesus' head and the blood that Jesus Christ (the person whose Birth- Christmas celebrates) shed on the cross for "Us".

...Notably, RED throughout

the year represents Love, romance, and courage. So, it's acceptively associated with Santa Claus and his distinctive outfit. RED is the color of a Catholic Bishop's Robe and would have been worn by the 3rd Century Bishop, 'Saint Nicholas' who was famous for his charitable work amongst the poor. During the Civil War period, cartoonists depicted 'Saint Nicholas' as a 'Jolly, Smiling Man' who wore a red-hued suit that was lined with white fur. By the 1930s, Coca-Cola launched an ad campaign in magazines depicting the now iconic image of Santa ('Jolly, Bearded Man') with his RED Santa Claus Coat happily drinking a bottle of Coke; it further entrenched RED as one of the most significant Christmas colors.

...In The Middle Ages, Christmas plays were performed with RED apples tied to a Paradise Tree (LIVE Fir Christmas Tree) to represent the Garden of Eden and the fall of Adam when he ate the forbidden fruit. In those days, The German People set up a Paradise Tree in their homes on December 24th- Christmas Eve.

... The Color GREEN ... Evergreen Trees and plants-like ivy, holly, and mistletoe are used at Christmastime to represent Christ's Life and the Never-Ending Nature of Jesus Christ. In pagan times, Green Foliage was a powerful remind-

er that parts of Nature itself keep growing, even through the 'Cold Winter' and that Spring was approaching and Winter would then end. Our Forebearers have long since exercised their beliefs in the same fashion. Let's not forget our beloved GREEN Christmas Trees, without which the Winter Holidays would just not be the same! Ancient Romans used to exchange Ever-GREEN Tree Branches in the dead of Winter as a good luck charm, and Egyptians used palm branches in their homes during Winter Solstice Celebrations and Festivities.

...GREEN symbolizes the continuance of income- money-prosperity, and good luck, and proposes good health- healing-vitality, and even fertility through the Holidays and into the New Year. GREEN is often described as a refreshing and tranquil color. GREEN signifies an ambiance of balance and peace through God's spiritual gifts. GREEN has other properties, too, that makes it a natural fit for Islam and the Middle East.

... The Color WHITE ... is one of the most iconic Christmas colors, as "Let's Face It" nothing is more Christmassy than seeing your World transformed into a Winter Wonderland with magical sprinkles of WHITE Snow here in the northern hemisphere!

...WHITE is often associated with purity and peace in western cultures. The Snow in Winter is also very WHITE! WHITE Paper Wafers were sometimes used to decorate Paradise Trees in The Middle Ages. The WHITE Paper Wafers represented the bread eaten during Christian Holy Communion or Mass when

Christians remember that JESUS died for them.

...Christmas is about the Birth of Jesus, and WHITE aligns with God's promise of Life Everlasting and the purity, hope, and goodness that Jesus' Life and Death represent.

...The color WHITE is as old as time due to Pagans' Winter Solstice Celebrations, and the

color WHITE denotes purity and the triumph of good over the forces of evil, which is symbolic of Christmas Festivities.

...A WHITE Cloth is also used in most Christian Churches to cover the altar during Christmas services, except for the Russian Orthodox Church, which uses gold-hued altar coverings.

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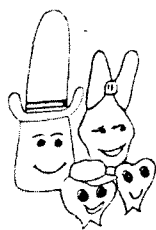
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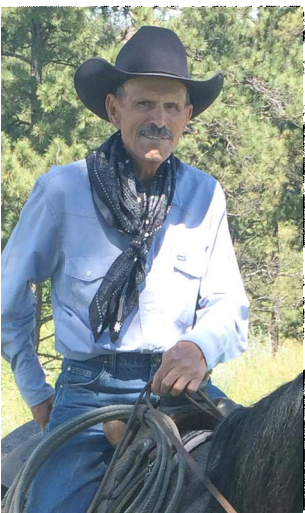
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**Marlin Main Rites To Be Held**

Marlin Main, age 75 of Aladdin, WY, went home to heaven



on December 4, 2022 at his home, following a sudden cardiac event.

The funeral service will be held 10:30am Monday, December 12, 2022 at the Christian Life Center in Belle Fourche. Visitation will be held 3 to 5pm Sunday at Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Interment will take place in Pine Slope Cemetery.

Marlin's service can be viewed live or afterwards from his obituary page, located on the funeral home's website: www.LeveringtonFH.com

Marlin Main was born March 25, 1947 in Moberge, South Dakota. He was the son of Lester and Vivian (Trager) Main. Mar-

lin grew up on the family ranch located south of Keldron, South Dakota. He attended White Deer Country School and graduated from Lemmon High School in 1965. Marlin was married to Patricia Brams on December 28, 1968 in Dupree, SD. To this union two children were born: Jeff and Juliet. Following their marriage, Marlin and Pat finished their college educations. Marlin graduated with degrees in Animal Science and Business from the SD State University. After college, they moved back to the family ranch where they raised Hereford cattle. In March of 1988, the family moved to Belle Fourche and Marlin became an insurance agent. He started selling life and health insurance and later expanded into property and casualty. In 1997 he became the owner of Main Insurance, which his son Jeff now operates. He served on the Christian Life Center board for many years and especially enjoyed the Men's prayer breakfasts on Thursday mornings. Marlin enjoyed his many clients and the friendships that he was blessed with through his insurance days, but always a cowboy at heart, he held onto this way of life with his small herd of Corriente cattle and horses. Spending time in the saddle, going to brandings, checking his cows, or roping with family and friends was something he loved. If he was doing it with family, especially the grandkids, then Marlin was the happiest.

Marlin will be remembered for his solid faith in the Lord, qui-

et inner strength and for always putting his family first. He was a man of few words. If he said it, you knew he meant it. Nothing was ever for show with Marlin and his word was his bond. He was well respected for his integrity, honesty, kindness, and for being a true gentleman. He loved his grandchildren dearly and was so proud of them - always making time to help them in the arena or to cheer them on at their games, rodeos and all their activities - just like he did with his kids when they were growing up. Marlin and Pat enjoyed over 50 years of marriage and God blessed them abundantly. He will be missed greatly by his family, friends, and neighbors.

Marlin is survived by his wife, Pat of Aladdin, WY; son, Jeff (Holly) of Belle Fourche; daughter, Juliet Main of Washington DC; 3 grandchildren, Anika, Lydia, Joshua; and brother, Max (Mary) Main of Aladdin, WY. He is also survived by his sisters-in-law, Carlene (Jeff) Hayward of Glasgow MT, and their daughter, Sydney, and Kathy (Mike) Moorman of Riverton WY, and their children, Matt and Brett.

**Arlene Rose Rites Held**

Visitation for Arlene Rose, 87, of New England was held from 9:00-10:00 a.m., Thursday,



December 1, 2022 at Stevenson Funeral Home, Dickinson, ND, with a Family Service taking place at 10:00 a.m. Burial followed at the North Dakota Veteran Cemetery at 2:00 p.m. CDT.

Arlene passed away Monday, November 28, 2022 at her home in New England.

Arlene was born June 30, 1935 in Mott, the daughter of George and Ruth (Heth) Klein. Growing up she attended school through the eighth grade. Arlene married Don Rose on November 9, 1956 in Mott, North Dakota. To this union, four children were born: Ronald, Cynthia, Cheryl and Dollyn.

Our sweet Arlene was a school bus driver for New England and she was a 'force' to be reckoned with but she loved her

bus kiddos. She was a devoted mother and wife and enjoyed being a homemaker. Arlene and Don enjoyed camping with their family. She especially loved all her grandchildren and family gatherings always put a smile on her face. She will be dearly missed and forever loved.

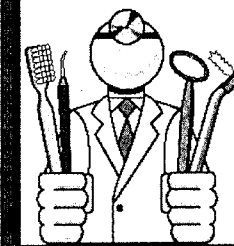
Arlene is survived by her children, Ronald (Candee) of Hettinger, Cindy (Jim) Gaddie of Warroad, MN, Cheryl (Joe) Hetzel of Mandan, Dollyn (Larry) Shinnaberry of New England; 14 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren and one due in January; brother, George (Sandy) Klein of Miles City, MT; sister, Sharon Zimmerman of Mandan, ND.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Donald (2022); grandson, Brandon Shinnaberry; brothers, Garry, Donald and Ray Klein; sisters, Elaine Luke, Rozella Miller, Linda Spears.

Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at [www.stevensonfuneralhome.com](http://www.stevensonfuneralhome.com)

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**Reflections on the Words of Life**

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

In our study last time, we saw that Jonah disobeyed God's command to preach to the people of Nineveh by taking a ship headed in the opposite direction. But as was mentioned in the previous article, God has ways of getting man's attention. And we see how He did just that in Jonah 1:4: "But the LORD sent out a great wind on the sea, and there was a mighty tempest on the sea, so that the ship was about to be broken up." The word "sent" here is literally "hurled." In other words, God threw a storm with Jonah as His target. Jonah can't escape from God. He has the whole universe at His disposal.

Friends, let us remember that God is sovereign over the weather. Weather is neither meaningless or arbitrary. God has a purpose for it all. Earthquakes, tornadoes, hurricanes, storms, snow, and beautiful sunshine all accomplish His will. We read in Psalm 135:6-7: "Whatever the Lord pleases He does, in heaven and in earth, in the seas and in all deep places. He causes the vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth; He makes lightning for the rain; He brings the wind out of His treasures." And Psalm 148:8 tells us, "Fire and hail, snow and clouds; stormy wind, fulfilling His word." We find a striking passage about God's control of the weather in Job 37:10-13: "By the breath of God ice is giv-

en, and the broad waters are frozen. Also with moisture He saturates the thick clouds; He scatters His bright clouds. And they swirl about, being turned by His guidance, that they may do whatever He commands them on the face of the whole earth. He causes it to come, whether for correction, or for His land, or for mercy." You may remember the awestruck reaction of the disciples after Jesus calmed a storm: "And they feared exceedingly, and said to one another, 'Who can this be, that even the wind and the sea obey Him!'" (Mark 4:41). Let us not make the mistake of attributing weather to "mother nature." All weather comes from the Sovereign God of the universe to accomplish His purpose.

The storm would prevent Jonah from making any headway in his course of disobedience, and that is what God uses as a first step to bring Jonah to repentance. He pursues His straying prophet with a storm.

God often uses adversity to arrest man's attention, just as

He did with Jonah. Not only is He sovereign over weather—He is the sovereign ruler over all things. Paul describes Him in Ephesians 1:11 as the One "who works all things according to the counsel of His will." People are prone to complain when our plans are frustrated, when things don't go according to our desires. But it behooves us to stop and reflect. Perhaps God has brought a storm across our paths to get our attention for some reason—perhaps to turn us, like Jonah, away from a wrong course. Whatever the reason, if you are a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ, you have the promise of Romans 8:28 that God is working ALL THINGS in your life together for your good. If you are not a believer, perhaps God may use adversity to awaken you to your need for a Savior. All of us come into this world in a state of rebellion and alienation from God, and we need to be restored to a right relationship with Him. The only way for this to happen is for us to rely only on what Jesus did on the cross as He paid the penalty for the sins of His people to God's satisfaction. As the angel told Joseph, "You shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins (Matthew 1:21)." Please be sure that you are trusting Jesus alone as your Savior.

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# RECIPE OF THE DAY

## CHRISTMAS PICKLES

- 1 qt. sliced dill pickles (not kosher)
- 4 C. sugar
- 1 C. cider vinegar
- 1 tsp. mustard seed
- 1 tsp. celery seed
- 1 - 16 oz. jar maraschino cherries

Heat vinegar, sugar and seeds to boiling point. Put drained pickles, maraschino cherries and juice in a bowl. Pour heated vinegar mix over pickles and cherries. Let stand for 4 days, stirring once a day. Put in jars and store in refrigerator.

there are a lot of bad drivers out there, but some of those that are on our roads today may be a bit overconfident. If you have not been raised here, you may not be aware of what winter driving is actually like. I have seen license plates from many other states that get little or no snow tooling down the road in questionable conditions not even reducing their speed. I wonder how aware they are about how much distance it takes to stop a vehicle on black ice or even what black ice actually is? I have talked to North Dakotans who winter in the southern states that say if they have an ice storm, they do not go out on the roads until it melts as drivers in that area are less likely to know how to handle it. So how do we know that the person crowding us on the highway or speeding past when visibility is low is going to be a problem down the road? Of course, we don't. We

take it for granted that we can handle everything that happens, but maybe not. Just in case since we can't see around every bend or over every hill, we need to take a bit more care when we are out there. The few minutes that we save may not be worth the time it may take us if we have an accident and have to sit on the road waiting for the law or worse yet for an ambulance. So as we face the remaining weeks of winter, take a few minutes to consider whether the trip is worth it, and if you must be on the road, make extra time available so you get there without risking your life and limb. Our life and the lives of the people that depend on you are much more important than saving a few minutes in travel time. And a few hours just cuddling up on the couch with family certainly is not a bad idea either. God Bless you All.

### Thoughts for the Week

by June Schmidt

As I sit here in my warm little house under my blanket with my cat at my feet, for the time being at least, I do feel quite thankful that I do not have to travel far for work. I had an appointment in Bismarck the day of the blowing snow and even tho when we left in the morning it did not appear to be a bad travel day, there was quite a shock after passing Flasher. Within a few miles, the wind which was gusting quite strongly was blowing snow which reduced visibility to as low as 10 feet in front of us.

Now having been a resident of ND for most of my life, this is not a shock, but as we have gotten older it is harder to want to be out on the road at certain times. Before sunrise, after dark and certainly on days when visibility is questionable is no longer something I am happy with doing unless it is an emergency, so if I had known how bad the blowing snow was, I may have changed my appointment. Unfortunately, it is impossible to know what the weather is everywhere you go so sometimes, you just have to grit your teeth and get through it. So to the appointment I went and directly after that, it was back on the road

and home as soon as possible.

The problem of living in small town North Dakota is that if you have something special that you need or want to do, it most probably is out of town. Sometimes it's just going out of town for a special occasion and when you are young, you are more than willing to take those risks. There have been a few times in my years when we went out on days that should have been a given to stay home, but it was important at the time to go, so there we were creeping along at 35 mph, risking it all. Somehow over the years, that has not been so frequent. Now we actually take time to consider if it's worth it to go and keep everybody happy or stay safe and upset someone - that seems to be easier to do than it used to be. Being warm, comfortable and safe is much more important and family trips now are planned for nice warm days when driving is more pleasurable.

The other consideration other than the road and the weather is the other drivers on the road. You may be the most capable person and have years of experience driving, never had an accident and have a great car, but can you say the same for the other people sharing the road with you? Not to say that

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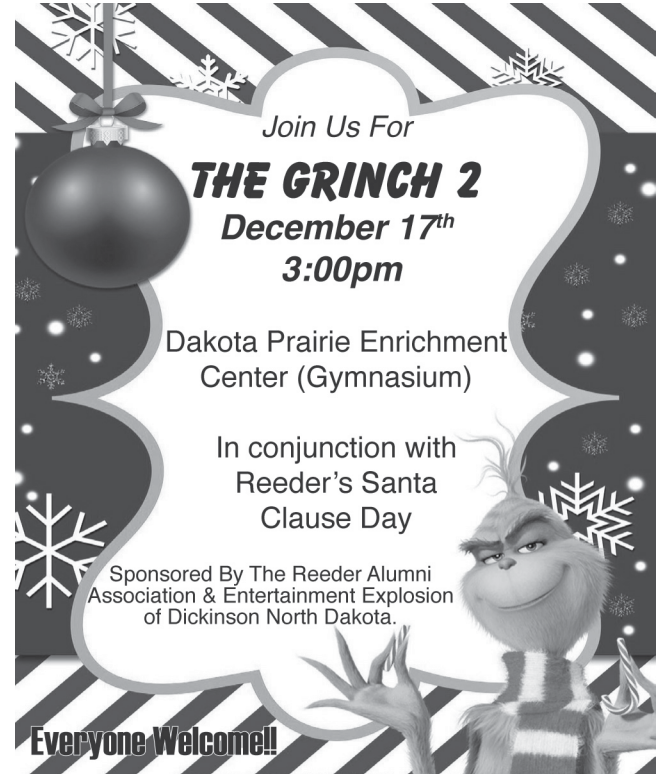
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## ~ School News ~

### Elgin/New Leipzig Public School

#### New England Public School

- Sunday, December 11th**  
• NDSAA Student Council Conference
- Monday, December 12th**  
• 2:05 p.m. dismissal for 7/8 GBB traveling to Elgin for 4:00 p.m. game vs. Mott/Regent.  
• 4:00 p.m. 7 BBB vs. Mott/Regent in our gym.  
• 5:30 p.m. A GBB vs. Center/Stanton in our gym.
- Tuesday, December 13th**  
• \_\_\_ dismissal for A-B BBB traveling to Trinity for Roughrider Tourney.  
• 4:00 p.m. 7/8 GBB vs. Heart River in our gym.
- Wednesday, December 14th**  
• No School - PD Day  
• 6:30 K-12 Christmas Concert
- Thursday, December 15th**  
• Today is choir day.  
• 7:00 am MathCounts in Mrs. Witte's room  
• \_\_\_ dismissal for A-B BBB traveling to Trinity for Roughrider Tourney.  
• \_\_\_ dismissal for 7/8 BBB traveling to Bowman for District #13 Tourney.
- Friday, December 16th**  
• \_\_\_ dismissal for 7/8 GBB traveling to South Heart for District #13 Tourney.  
• 5:30 p.m. A-B GBB vs. Bowman Co. in our gym.
- Saturday, December 17th**  
• \_\_\_ leave time for A BBB for Roughrider Tourney.  
• \_\_\_ leave time for 7/8 BBB for District #13 Tourney.  
• \_\_\_ leave time for 7/8 GBB for District # 13 Tourney

#### Mott/Regent Public School

- Monday, November 28**  
HS BBB 1st Day of Practice
- Tuesday, November 29**  
K-6 Wildfire Day  
K-6 Monthly Assembly, 2:50  
JH GBB @ New England, 4:00  
JH BBB @ Bowman County, 4:00  
HS GBB vs New Salem/Almont @ Grant County, 5:30
- Wednesday, November 30**  
7-12 Wildfire Day  
7-12 Monthly Assembly, 2:00  
Elementary Staff Meeting, 2:00
- Thursday, December 1**  
7-12 Christmas Concert, 7:00 PM

## Area School Calendar December 12<sup>th</sup> - December 17<sup>th</sup>

### Bowman County

12	13 6pm BBB Roughrider @ Trinity FFA @ Bismarck 4pm JH BBB @ Hettinger	14 5pm School Board Mtg. @ Rhame	15 4pm 8th BBB Tourn. @ Home 5pm WR @ Beach BBB Roughrider @ Trinity	16 5:30pm GBB (AB) @ NE	17 8:30am JH WR @ Minot 9am 8th BBB Tourn. @ Home BBB Roughrider @ Trinity
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### Scranton

12	13 7:30pm BBB Roughrider @ Trinity JH WR @ Killdeer 4pm JH BBB vs Bow. Co. @ Hettinger	14 7pm School Board Mtg.	15 BBB Roughrider @ Trinity 8th BBB @ Bowman	16 GBB (AB) @ Wilton	17 BBB Roughrider @ Trinity 8 <sup>th</sup> BBB Tourn @ Bow. Co.
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### Harding County

12 6:30pm Camp Crook Xmas Program	13 4pm GBB & BBB @ New Underwood	14 5:30pm School Board Mtg.	15 4pm GBB & BBB @ Timber Lake	16 Teacher Work Day	17
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### Baker, MT

12 4:30pm JH GBB @ Lemmon	13	14 2:15pm Early out	15 Christmas Concert	16 2pm GBB & BBB (AB) vs Ekalaka @ Home TBA WR @ Shepherd	17 2pm GBB (ABC) vs Lodge Grass @ Home 2pm BBB (ABC) @ Lodge Grass TBA WR @Huntley
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# MERRY CHRISTMAS



## A Christmas Story 1942

It was Christmas Eve 1942. I was fifteen years old and feeling like the world had caved in on me because there just hadn't been enough money to buy me the rifle that I'd wanted for Christmas.

We did the chores early that night for some reason. I just figured Daddy wanted a little extra time so we could read in the Bible. After supper was over I took my boots off and stretched out in front of the fireplace and waited for Daddy to get down the old Bible.

I was still feeling sorry for

myself and, to be honest, I wasn't in much of a mood to read Scriptures. But Daddy didn't get the Bible instead he bundled up again and went outside. I couldn't figure it out because we had already done all the chores. I didn't worry about it long though I was too busy wallowing in self-pity.

Soon he came back in. It was a cold clear night out and there was ice in his beard. "Come on, Matt," he said. "Bundle up good, it's cold out tonight." I was really upset then. Not only wasn't I getting the rifle for Christmas, now he was dragging me out in the cold, and for no earthly reason that I could

see. We'd already done all the chores, and I couldn't think of anything else that needed doing, especially not on a night like this. But I knew he was not very patient at one dragging one's feet when he'd told them to do something, so I got up and put my boots back on and got my coat. Mommy gave me a mysterious smile as I opened the door to leave the house. Something was up, but I didn't know what.

We came in from the blind side of the Jensen house and unloaded the wood as quietly as possible then we took the meat and flour and shoes to the door. We knocked. The door opened a crack and a timid voice said,

"Who is it?" "Lucas Miles, Ma'am, and my son, Matt, could we come in for a bit?"

Mrs. Jensen opened the door and let us in. She had a blanket wrapped around her shoulders. The children were wrapped in another and were sitting in front of the fireplace by a very small fire that hardly gave off any heat at all. Mrs. Jensen fumbled with a match and finally lit the lamp.

"We brought you a few things, Ma'am," Daddy said and set down the sack of flour. I put the meat on the table. Then he handed her the sack that had the shoes in it. She opened it hesitantly and took the shoes out one pair at a time. There was a pair for her and one for each of the children - sturdy shoes, the best, shoes that would last. I watched her carefully. She bit her lower lip to keep it from trembling and then tears filled her eyes and started running down her cheeks. She looked up at my Daddy like she wanted to say something, but it wouldn't come out.

"We brought a load of wood too, Ma'am," he said. Then turned to me and said, "Matt, go bring in enough to last awhile. Let's get that fire up to size and heat this place up." I wasn't the same person when I went back out to bring in the wood. I had a big lump in my throat and as much as I hate to admit it, there were tears in my eyes too. In my mind I kept seeing those three kids huddled around the fireplace and their mother standing there with tears running down her cheeks with so much gratitude in her heart that she couldn't speak.

My heart swelled within me and a joy that I'd never known before filled my soul. I had given at Christmas many times before, but never when it had made so much difference. I could see we were literally saving the lives of these people.

I soon had the fire blazing and everyone's spirits soared. The kids started giggling when Daddy handed them each a piece of candy and Mrs. Jensen looked on with a smile that probably hadn't crossed her face for a long time. She finally turned to us. "God bless you," she said. "I know the Lord has sent you. The children and I have been praying that he would send one of his angels to spare us."

In spite of myself, the lump returned to my throat and the tears welled up in my eyes again. I'd never thought of my Daddy in those exact terms before, but after Widow Jensen mentioned it I could see that it was probably true. I was sure that a better man than Daddy had never walked the earth. I started remembering all the

times he had gone out of his way for Mommy and me, and many others. The list seemed endless as I thought on it.

Daddy insisted that everyone try on the shoes before we left. I was amazed when they all fit and I wondered how he had known what sizes to get. Then I guessed that if he was on an errand for the Lord that the Lord would make sure he got the right sizes.

Tears were running down Widow Jensen's face again when we stood up to leave. My Daddy took each of the kids in his big arms and gave them a hug. They clung to him and didn't want us to go. I could see that they missed their Daddy and I was glad that I still had mine

At the door he turned to Widow Jensen and said, "The Mrs. wanted me to invite you and the children over for Christmas dinner tomorrow. The turkey will be more than the three of us can eat, and a man can get cantankerous if he has to eat turkey for too many meals. We'll be by to get you about eleven. It'll be nice to have some little ones around again. Matt, here, hasn't been little for quite a spell." I was the youngest. My two brothers and two sisters had all married and had moved away.

Mrs. Jensen nodded and said, "Thank you, Brother Miles. I don't have to say, May the Lord bless you, I know for certain that He will."

Out on the sled I felt a warmth that came from deep within and I didn't even notice

the cold. When we had gone a ways, Daddy turned to me and said, "Matt, I want you to know something. Your Mother and me have been tucking a little money away here and there all year so we could buy that rifle for you, but we didn't have quite enough. Then yesterday a man who owed me a little money from years back came by to make things square. Your Mom and me were real excited, thinking that now we could get you that rifle, and I started into town this morning to do just that, but on the way I saw little Jakey out scratching in the woodpile with his feet wrapped in those gunny sacks and I knew what I had to do. Son, I spent the money for shoes and a little candy for those children. I hope you understand."

I understood, and my eyes became wet with tears again. I understood very well, and I was so glad Daddy had done it. Now the rifle seemed very low on my list of priorities. He had given me a lot more. He had given me the look on Mrs. Jensen's face and the radiant smiles of her three children. For the rest of my life, Whenever I saw any of the Jensens, or split a block of wood, I remembered, and remembering brought back that same joy I felt riding home beside of my Daddy that night. He had given me much more than a rifle that night, he had given me the best Christmas of my life.

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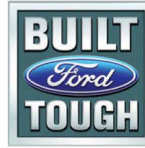
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