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Eido Connect's
Philosophy for 2025

- Listen - Hope -

“Santa’s Dilemma”

Watch for these circulars in
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Now this is a story my Grandmother told me - and her Grandmother told her and her Grandmother told her - - and it goes on and on and on - who know where or when it started but here goes.

Early December and Santa is getting a little anxious. Letters to Santa are arriving, Mrs. Claus is taking care of them but every so often he will hear - don’t think we have this - - not sure this can be filled - not sure this child deserves this.

Santa hears these words and he is concerned about the children - what is happening? He knows full well that the world is in a turmoil but - the children should not have to suffer. There must be something we can do. I know I’ll go see my most trusted Elder Elf - I’ll take Mrs. Claus along and I know he will have an answer. Only problem is he is so busy, only available to talk to on Wednesday.

Santa goes and talks to Mrs. Claus, explains how he heard some of her comments - maybe they could visit Elder Elf - he might have an answer - only problem we can only talk to him on Wednesday and I know it’s your day to bake cookies for the elves - after much discussion Santa agrees he can go alone.

Wednesday finally arrives, Santa has Rudolph ready to fly him to Elder Elf - is about to jump on the sleigh - slips, falls - broken ankle.

Much hurting, running, calling Dr. Elf - broken in 5 different places - in bed for 6 weeks - leg in a harness or won’t heal.

No, no cries Santa, can’t be, what will happen to children, maybe have to cancel Christmas. Santa sobs - not because of the hurting ankle, but because of the children.

“Call the elves together,” said Santa. There has got be something we can do. After hours of discussion, without any answers the elves all go back to work - their hearts no longer into the Christmas Spirit. Seems like it left Santaville entirely - elves now, no smiles, work like sombees - colors no longer bright and shiny as they are painted on the toys. Music boxes not cheerful - what to do.



Last resort - Santa being a church going Santa placed one final request - What can I do? - Looked up at the heavens and said, “I can’t solve this what can we do, please help - then Santa heard. “Thanks for asking” - What? Mrs. Santa who was in the same room as Santa - what you say Santa - “Didn’t you answer me?” was his reply.”Never said anything” was her answer. “You must be dreaming! or maybe the pain medicine is getting to you - I never heard anything!”

Now news broadcast went out - “Santa hurt!” People in Santaville gathered, talked about Santa being hurt - all agreed they had kind of left Christmas up to Santa - maybe this year they could be different and help him, for a change. And they did - one by one they approached Santa and offered their assistance - some helped paint toys - some wrapped presents - some visited the elderly, many offered their services just for small things.

But Santa’s dilemma turned out to be the best Christmas every because one question - what now? was answered by everyone being involved for making Christmas the best ever for the children and their community.

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“Wait”

Christmas comes once a year - December 26 it’s over and we again anticipate and wait for it again. But the wait is well worth it - what am I thinking when Christmas is over - - am I thinking of the joy I brought to others. Am I thinking of maybe words that I shouldn’t have said - - It’s a joyous time, a blessed time, a time of family fun, food - presents.

Why not begin our wait by reading Christmas ads, stories that fill you full of anticipation and good thoughts.

While you wait read and enjoy the Eido where everyone expresses joy, love and warmth coming to you from our communities.

Christmas Open House



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Thursday December 18, 2025

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*Table example shown using 40% "federal" tax bracket

December 31, 2025 is coming up fast!

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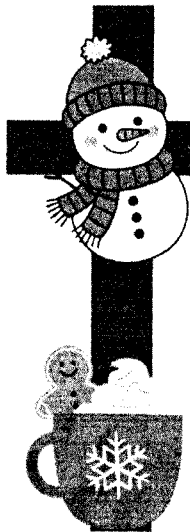
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May all your dreams come true during this special time of year.



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DECEMBER 15

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Sat. Dec. 13

Sun. Dec. 14

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



Believe in the Magic of Christmas.

Neuburg Church will hold their Annual Christmas Concert Sat., December 20, 2025 2:00 pm MT



Musicians include:
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Church is 15 miles north of Burt, ND
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Wednesday, December 17th

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Zoar Congregational Church Christmas Eve Program and Candle Light Service

Wed., December 24, 2025

7:00 pm

212 Dakota Ave.

Mott, North Dakota

12-13,20

thank
you

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Expressions of HOPE

Finding Unity

We live in a divisive world. Political differences make families dread gathering at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Religious differences have resulted in wars and have sent refugees around the world. Racial differences have left whole ethnicities to be treated as second class citizens or even as animals.

In such a divisive world, the church should stand out as a source of hope and unity, but all too often the church has been just as divisive as the world around her. Jesus prayed that we would be united as one, but there are over 40,000 different Christian denominations around the world. Many of those denominations get along well with each other and do exhibit some level of unity, but other denominations are hostile to others to the point that Martin Luther once called the Pope the Antichrist.

In Mott, where I pastor Mott Evangelical Community Church, we are fortunate to have five churches who work together well and do display some of the unity that should be expected of churches. So why can some churches find unity while others become divisive? I believe that the difference is primarily about what a church finds to be critical and what things can be taught and believed, but held onto more loosely. In finding what is critical, it is often best to look at the history of the church for guidance.

You see, the church wasn't always so fractured. In fact, for most of its history, the church has enjoyed great unity. It was in times of unity that the church has provided for us creeds and confessions that help clarify what is central to our faith. This year marks the 1700th anniversary of the first such creed, the Nicene Creed.

The Nicene Creed was originally written to address incorrect ideas about the deity of Jesus. There were some Christian leaders in the first few centuries of the church who believed that Jesus was created by God, but the Nicene Creed settled for the church that we believe that Jesus was not created by God, but instead has always been and will always be God. Beyond that, it also succinctly included the core truths that every Christian should believe. It became the first universally accepted definition of what a Christian should believe about God, and it has been used by all three major branches of Christendom (Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, and Protestant) ever since.

Remembering creeds like the Nicene Creed can help to restore unity within the church. A great example of this was the recent commemoration of the 1700th anniversary creed by Pope Leo XIV along with Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew

I from the Eastern Orthodox Church. These two branches of the church have been separated for approximately 1,000 years and yet they were able to come together to recognize their shared belief in the Nicene Creed. Pope Leo said during the commemoration that the Nicene confession of faith remains a foundation of unity among Christians worldwide and he quoted St. Augustine as saying, "Although we Christians are many, in the one Christ, we are one."

I believe that one of the reasons that the five churches in Mott are able to find unity and work together to the degree that we do is that each of us affirms the truth of this ancient creed. I would encourage you to read it and consider how it can help unite people in this divisive world.

We believe in one God, The Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, Of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, The only Son of God, Eternally begotten of the Father, Light from Light,

True God from true God, Begotten, not made; Of one Being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us all, and for our salvation he came down from heaven; And was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made human. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried. On the third day He rose from the dead in accordance with the scriptures. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and His kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, The Lord, the giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father. (Translation provided by the World Council of Churches)

Thank you, Steven Meckle Mott Evangelical Community Church Email: smeckle9164@gmail.com Phone: 701-208-0260

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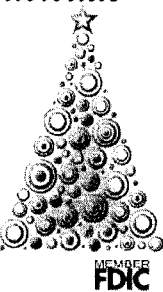
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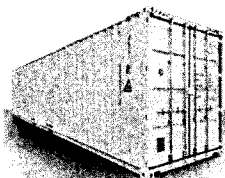
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All eligible proposals will be placed into a random drawing conducted by the Housing Authority Board to determine the recipient of each lot. Preference may be given to proposals demonstrating readiness to build and clear community benefit.

Submit a separate proposal for each lot (submitting for both is not required). Proposals must be delivered in a sealed envelope labeled with the proposer's name, contact information, and the lot's legal description. Proposals will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on January 5 at the Bowman County Development Corporation office, 13 E Divide, Bowman, ND 58623.

To obtain an application and full guidelines, contact Sarah Nagel at 701.523.5880. The Housing Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to select the proposal that best serves the interests of the community.

By order of the Bowman County Housing Authority



by

Pat Merriman

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&
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Sometimes, I just rub my forehead and reach for the chewing gum to keep my ears from popping because of the vacuum in the other guy's head. This week's winner was the Care Bear who was offended because an 18-year-old "adult" got into a "domestic disturbance" with four (yes, that's correct a 4-to-1 fight) "juveniles" whom he proceeded to "abuse" during this Main Event. It doesn't matter WHERE this happened or, whether/not I am the actual prosecutor—trust me, this is becoming the norm! Discount for the moment that these juveniles were all aged 16-17 themselves and, everyone had been drinking before the bunkhouse stamped commenced. The parents of this abused juvenile had made up their minds that their child was the victim because their teenager had slipped and fallen during the stampede and bruised their face. Therefore, on this mommy-and-daddy's planet, a "legal adult" had "assaulted" their precious minor child and, no further proof was necessary. Go directly to jail! And, folks, unfortunately, this is becoming a regular event in law enforcement—the old, "I'm offended, so, it's a crime because I deserve to be believed!"

To disabuse this notion, recall that it's that whole innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt, due process clause of the 5th and 14th Amendments of the U.S. Constitution thing! That's right...regardless of a personal opinion to the contrary,

a suspect is PRESUMED to be innocent...not, the converse. Another, overriding problem with these folks is their ignorance of the laws regarding self-defense or defense-of-3rd-parties' problems with physical altercations. In North Dakota, if you start/escalate the fight, the other guy can use reasonable and necessary force to repel your imminent attack. Particularly, as each of these juveniles admitted—they were mad at the other guy and they jumped on him first. OOPS!

And, FYI, in our state, if the defendant raises the issue of use-of-force, the state has to actually disprove the "unreasonableness" of the victim's actions as an element of the crime beyond a reasonable doubt. Sort of the ol' play stupid-games-win-stupid prizes defense. Which, really, applied this week when our hero Kung-Fu'd 4 other combatants who all admitted they started the fight; but, it just wasn't right! My dad always said, "Don't start anything you can't finish" and, "If you can't run with the dogs, better to stay on the porch." But, once again, I have to shake off the vacuousness of this modern, personal, subjective belief system. In the alternative, listen you children out there—don't start a fight with someone who can kick your butt! Sorry, but, better safe than sorry—it's what I teach my karate kids...the best fights are the ones that never take place because no one really ever wins. Have a great week!

**May His love and light guide you this
Christmas Season**

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.



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“Christmas my child, is love in action.”

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A Little Birdie Told Me.

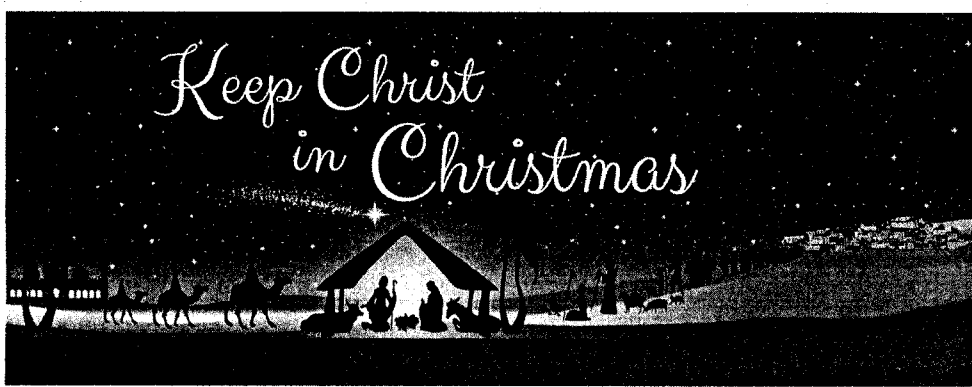


A Little Birdie Told Me

By: Vivian Hernandez
A Little Birdie Told Me: "Who Is My Neighbor?"
Winter is upon us and with it comes many opportunities to be a "Good Samaritan."
With my Son-in-law working in Williston during the week and my husband recovering from a total knee replacement that leaves my daughter Breanne and I in charge of snow removal. We have pavement except the last 500 feet or so into our garage. I've been keeping up with the slab in front of the garage, the sidewalks and deck and thankfully our neighbor plowed the rest.
Over the weekend the snow just kept falling and I shoveled 3 times on Saturday, Darrell got the snow blower out and made good progress until the drive belt broke. Our neighbor was gone over the weekend so the long driveway is quite deep and treacherous, but we've managed to stay out of the ditch.
Monday was our youngest Daughter's birthday so we were off to Bismarck to celebrate. The roads were good going and we had a nice day with lunch and some shopping then Church at 5:15 for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. We filled gas and loaded up on groceries and decided to get pizza for the road. Normally we go home on highway 83 north to Cole Harbor and then west to Hazen Bay. But since we ordered pizza taking the interstate was the better option.
The interstate to New Salem was great I checked the road map and it showed ice patches on highway 31. As we traveled north the icy patches increased as we followed a Dodge 4X4 pickup. Just south of Hannover the pickup's taillights went this way and that, then down in the snow filled ditch.

We immediately pulled over turned on our flashers and asked if they were ok? It was a young Mom and her three little kids. She called her husband who was 11 miles away at home and her Dad in Bismarck. They agreed to get in with us and we'd give them a ride home. As I said we made a grocery run and the Expedition was full! We pulled over and had to rearrange the entire vehicle, it took both of us to slam the tailgate shut and I road with a case of toilet paper and 3 boxes of pizza on my lap.
Breanne ventured down to the vehicle and carried little William about 3 years old up the ditch and then went back down for his 6-year-old sister. Mom brought the baby in the car seat, with everyone safely buckled in we started out.
After 11 miles of gravel road we turned onto their section line driveway, Dad met us and got his family into the house before heading out to retrieve the pickup.
This little detour took us probably 20 miles out of our way and we didn't get home until after 10:00 and still had groceries to unload. Grandson Nikolai had a bit of a catnap before we picked up the stranded family and talked the entire way home. We got he hear about his adventures with his imaginary "Uncle Nikolai Jahner!"
On Tuesday we decided to close the Dash due to road conditions, but as the day went on the roads cleared and I needed to get to the post office. Breanne got a couple of calls wanting us to open the Dash since I was already in town we opened at 2:00.
As I visited with one of the customers she told me her camper had burned and she lost everything. She works at one of the power plants in the area and needed warm clothing. I told her to get whatever she needed and not to worry about paying.

All this may seem like just a coincidence but I believe God puts us exactly where we need to be when we need to be there. Don't miss the chance to be a "Neighbor."
A Little Birdie Told Me: "Who Is My Neighbor? The One Who Showed Mercy." (Luke 10: 25-37)



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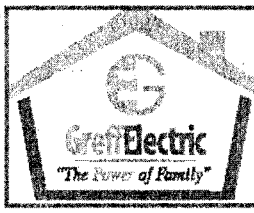
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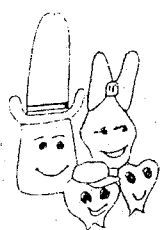
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Let's talk about prayer
By Kathy Craig Harteis

Prayer is a powerful thing. Prayer warriors are in high demand these days.

We are seeing a resurgence of faith and believers in the power of prayer.

My life has depended on prayer. Small or large needs have been met through prayer.

I haven't always received the the answer I was seeking. But I have always received the answers I needed. God looks out for us. He knows what we need.

I have a long list of people and situations I pray for daily.

There is a lot to pray about including our nation, its leaders and the world overall.

The changes we've seen are not all good.

Be thankful in all things. There is a plan.

My dentist put on four temporary crowns yesterday. The excessive amount of numbing lasted well into the night. Once the permanent ones are on I'll have a brand new smile.

I prayed for good roads and a good solution for my chipping teeth. All went well.

This week we are having the annual cookie day with kids and grandkids. While some decorate gingerbread people, grandson Kohen will be learning to make chicken and noodles for everyone's supper. I'm excited he wants to learn. His dad always cooked with me. Now he's an excellent cook.

Cookie day is my favorite Christmas season event.

I am thankful. I am blessed. Life is good today.

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Bred Cows:

- *M. Ham- (Complete Disp) 15 Blk Cows, Solid-Broken Mth, bred Blk, calve April 5
- *C. Merriman-(Complete Disp.) 70 Blk Cows, (50) 5-6's, (20) S.T., bred Blk (Gumbo Hill), calve Mar. 15 for 60 days
- *J. McGregor- 44 Blk Cows, 6-S.T., bred Blk, calve Mar. 10 for 60 days
- *D. Werner- 30 Red Cows, Mixed Ages, bred Red Angus/Red Simm, calve Mar. 10 for 21 days, (3) calve May 1
- *K./B. Dahlgren- 20 Blk & Red Cows, Solid-Broken Mth, bred Blk, calve Mar. 25 for 55 days
- *Wolenetz Ranch- 21 Blk Cows, Mixed Ages, bred Blk, calve Mar. 5
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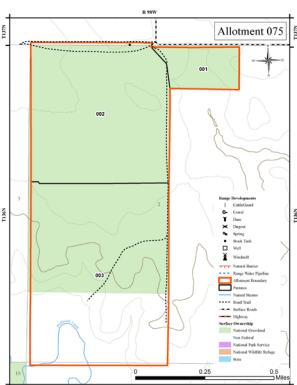
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The price paid for our redemption, the infinite sacrifice of our heavenly Father in giving His Son to die for us, should give us exalted views of what we may become through Christ. As the inspired apostle John

beheld the height, the depth, the breadth of the Father's love toward the perishing race, he was filled with adoration and reverence; and, failing to find suitable language in which to express the greatness and tenderness of this love, he called upon the world to behold it. "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God." 1 John 3:1. What a value this places upon man! Through transgression the sons of man become subjects of Satan. Through faith in the atoning sacrifice of Christ the sons of Adam may become the sons of God. By assuming human nature, Christ elevates humanity. Fallen men are placed where, through connection with Christ, they may indeed become worthy of the name "sons of God."

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The more we study the divine character in the light of the cross, the more we see mercy, tenderness, and forgiveness

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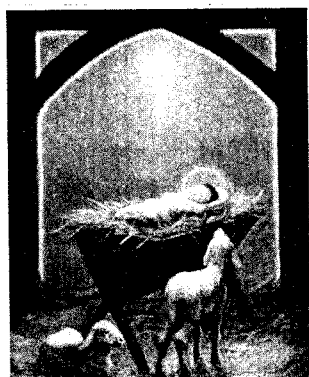
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blended with equity and justice, and the more clearly we discern innumerable evidences of a love that is infinite and a tender pity surpassing a mother's yearning sympathy for her wayward child. (Excerpt from the classic book "Steps to Christ")

It would do us well to contemplate the life of Christ, especially the closing scenes. This view of Christ going through the agonies of Gethsemane and then onto the cross of Calvary draw our hearts to Him that is infinite in wisdom and love for the fallen race.

God loves you friend. Allow Him into your life even now.



Thank You

The SWHC Auxiliary would like to thank everyone that supported our Bazaar on Saturday, Dec. 6. It was a nasty morning, but yet we had a nice crowd.

Thank you to all that donated the many baked goodies & crafts. We couldn't do it without you! A special thanks to the Lebanon Lutheran Women for making the delicious lefse! It's one of our biggest draws!

Thank you to the area quilters that put their heart & soul into making us beautiful quilts for our raffle. We so appreciate the Bowman Lutheran Women, Rhame Rippers, Peace Lutheran Women of Scranton, & the Reeder quilting ladies. These ladies are artists!

Our raffle ticket winners were: quilts; Linda Erickson, Cal Mescke, Jim Sabe, & Kim Sanford. Cash prizes went to Steven Ness, Gail Olson, Trevor Kulseth, Nichole Henderson, & Jim Stafford. Congratulations & thank you for supporting our raffle. Hope to see you next year!

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The Dollars for Scholars soup feed was once again a huge hit. Families also enjoyed hot chocolate, candy canes, glow sticks, a fire, and a visit from Santa, adding to the festive atmosphere.

Throughout the evening, guests cast votes for their favorite decorated tree or shelter. This year's People's Choice Award went to the Bowman

County Girls Basketball Team, earning a \$250 prize. The runner-up, ABLE, Inc., received a \$100 prize for their display.

The park's holiday lights will remain on throughout the new year, so be sure to take in the magic of the season at Bowman City Park.

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 Bowman Dollars for Scholars, Bowman Parks and Recreation, Bowman Tax and Tourism, Bowman County School District, Bowman Fire Department, Bowman Electric, and local daycares and students.

This year's decorations were provided by: Ace High 4H Club, ABC Daycare, ABLE, Inc., Bowman County Development Cor-

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- Step 3: Hot glue a yellow pom-pom to the top to represent the star.
- Step 4: Cut out a small piece of ribbon or thread and glue it to the back of the pinecone to hang on the tree.



Directions:

- Step 1: Begin by cutting out ears from felt and gluing one end to the other to create a natural ear shape.

- Step 2: Attach ears to the back of the pinecone with hot glue.

- Step 3: Attach antlers behind the ears with hot glue.

- Step 4: Glue two eyes and a red pom-pom to complete.

- Step 5: Glue ribbon/thread to the back to hang on the tree.



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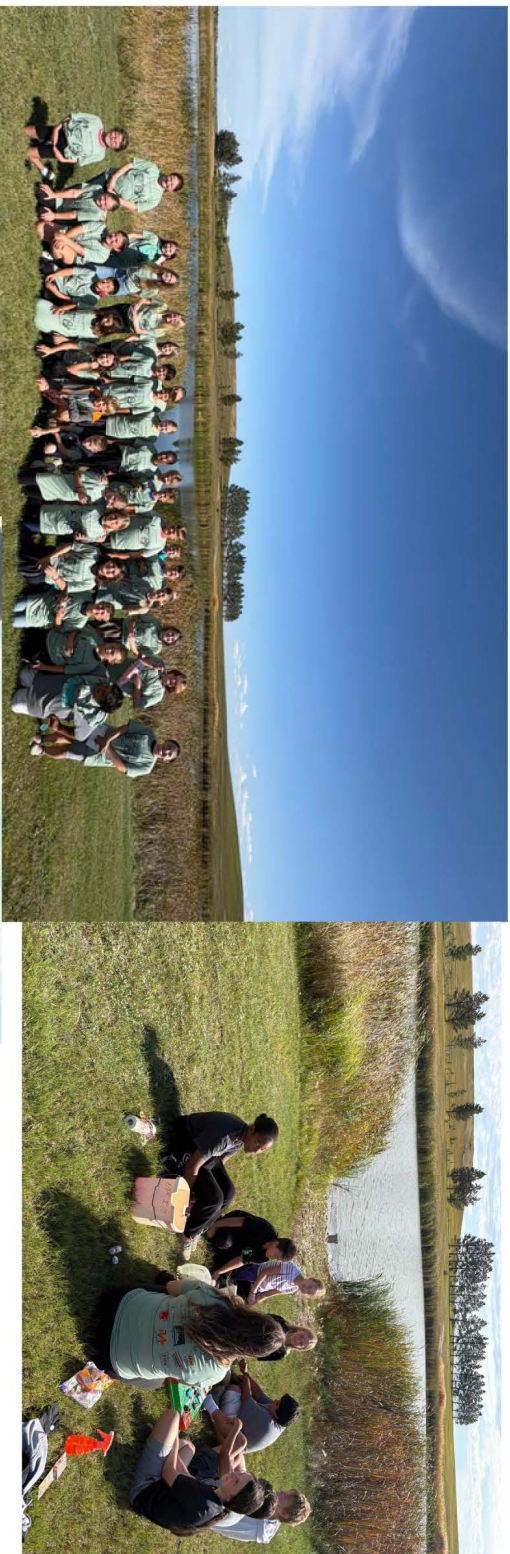
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2025 Conservation Kids Camp



On Friday, September 12th, 2025, the Slope-Hettinger Soil Conservation District invited the 6th-grade classes to Indian Creek for Conservation Kids Camp. The kids learned about crops, soils, water quality, livestock, wildlife, trees, and ended the day with a lesson on pollinators, where they got to make nitrogen ice cream! To those who took time from their day to present, we can't thank you enough! The kids were interested, engaged, and excited about learning from each station they visited. Shout out to the schools and teachers for making the classes available and getting them down to Indian Creek!

We would like to thank the sponsors from the Winter ball that was held in February, because of you, we were able to give out two scholarships and fund our entire day!

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Some fun and unique activities this year included small tattoos at Jinks Salon & Studio, a Wine Pull at the Bowman Regional Library, and a bucket sale at Bowman Ace Hardware.

At each stop, participants earned a punch on their card. Completed cards were handed in at Silver Dollar Bar and Grill for a free drink and a chance to win one of three \$100 Bonus Buck prizes. Congratulations to this year's winners: Bonnie Nordgren, Rebecca Cilb, and Annie Carlson.

With 13 local businesses taking part, there was no shortage of places to shop, socialize, and enjoy the evening. Ladies Night Out serves as the kickoff to the holiday season here in Bowman, and it's a great reminder to shop local and support the businesses that help make our community special.

Sponsors of the evening included A2Z Printing, American Family Insurance, Dakota Community Bank and Trust, Dakota Western Bank and West Plains Inc.

Participating businesses included Baker Furniture, Bowman Ace Hardware, Bowman Library, Bronson's Marketplace, Classic Beauty Salon, Flowers and Cappuccino by Lasting Visions, Flower Nook, Jinks Salon & Studio, Out West Mercantile, Pioneer Trails Regional Museum, Rowdy Rooster, South Main Lanes, The 8512, and Silver Dollar Bar and Grill.



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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. 4:30pm • Bowman Regional Public Library • All are welcome to attend our meeting.

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

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

Every Wednesday • Scranton, ND
Scranton TOPS meet at 9:00 a.m. in the Community Center.

Third Wednesday of Every Month • Bowman, ND
The Bowman/Slope Community Cupboard is open from 3pm-5pm. No referrals necessary.

Last Monday of Every Month • Check "Be the Light" on Facebook for the monthly location
Be the Light Suicide Support Group • 6:30pm. Everyone Welcome.

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



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2-5
Thursday:
10-12 and 4-6

"I Somehow Noticed"

By Don Taskila
Hettinger County, ND
Feature Writer



"I Somehow Noticed" that this year, unlike in other years, way before Thanksgiving, I started the countdown course to complete the many 'Gift Shopping Store Steps' and 'Website Product Tours', which seem to me as necessary to successfully celebrate Christmas 2025. I wonder, were my eyes suddenly opened wider when the credit card bills started coming in, showing bigger than usual dollar amounts? 'Go Figure' that.

A 'Top to Bottom' cleaning of the house has been hired out. The 'Christmas Tree' needed space, so the furniture has been moved around. The tree's lights were checked twice before putting them up. All kinds of 'Christmas Goodies' have been baked to be individually delivered to friends and neighbors. Various Christmas preparations, planning, and events have been set into motion. So, am I nearly ready for Christmas? Nope. Not even close.

The most important priority on my 'Christmas To-Do List' should be to prepare my inner self 'FIRST'. If I want Christmas to be a 'REAL GOD Thing', I

have to take the time to renew 'My Heart and Life' to be ready to better welcome the 'Infant King, JESUS' again this year.

...I can: Read Luke's account of Jesus' birth in the Bible and follow an 'Advent Reading Plan' to stay focused on the story every day.

....I can: Carefully light a candle for 'Peace and Love' and spend some peaceful time in prayer, remembering Jesus as the light of the world.

.....I can: Listen to Christmas-centered music, attend a candlelight service, continue to make regular worship 'a way of life', and serve others by looking for ways to lift up the discouraged and assist them toward reaching their needed goals. I can pay attention to sincerely try to exchange kind words to make everybody I meet feel more valued.

"I Somehow Noticed"... Isn't Christmas about giving Love back, reflecting God's grace, and expressing 'The Peace and Hope' He brings to the World?

:) Thank "YOU" for reading! :)

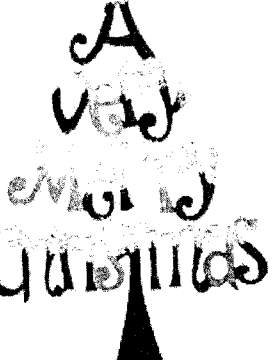


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The Gift

There, it was finished. It was definitely worth the wait. Now, just a few more pieces of tape and one last push to secure the tinsel on top of the small brown papered package. It cost nothing to make, though everything to deliver.

Finally the time had arrived. The small brown package with the tinsel was carefully nestled onto the passenger side of the front seat. The car slowly

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backed down the long driveway then headed east in the direction of town.

The streets were wet and the night was unusually dark. The cold wind picked up and danced with a few leaves that refused to stay stuck to the ground. A pothole full of rain water splashed up to meet the windshield. It was a reminder of the flood of tears being held back.

This was the last big event before New Year's Eve. It was the last attempt, their last chance, and the last sad goodbye before leaving in the morning.

This road had been traveled on many times before and for many other occasions. It was a short distance to town, but tonight it seemed a million miles in the opposite direction.

Up ahead, the black sky gave way to the illuminating lights of the town. Because of this event, there were much more lights put up and their brilliancy made it almost possible to turn one's car lights off.

Why would this night be any different? Hasn't time always shown to repeat itself. "No, don't think that way"..... All things are possible. Who knows, maybe tonight it will be different.

A tug at the heart and a long sigh was followed by a sharp gasp and brake pedals slamming! The little brown package threatened to descend to the floor as excited children and their families hurried across the

road blindly. Their eyes sparkling like the tinsel that was on top of the small brown package.

One tiny candle in the darkness use to be enough but in this florescent brightness they were oblivious to their surroundings and each other. Parking was never a challenge before but this event brought out all the residents in the area.

So many people proudly carrying presents of all shapes and sizes. Each year they attempted to win the title for the biggest and most expensive present offered up. Everyone would bring a gift in to ensure that everyone could take one home.

As time drew near the crowd grew thicker. They pushed and nudged their way up the path that lead to the entrance.

Built seventy years ago, the community church stood on that hill as a beacon of hope to the town below. It was hardly recognizable under all the glitz and glamor. The once beloved Mañger was replaced with Santa's sleigh. It was filled with presents and gift cards from the local department stores that displayed only the most popular name bands. The beautiful sound and chimes of the church bells drowned out as speakers blared out the song of 'Santa Baby'.

Someone shouted out loud "Here they come!" Everyone cheered as the doors flew open. The impatient guests struggled to get ahead of the rest, bumping some of the smaller more fragile ones into the door jam.

There is something said about waiting your turn. The last will be first and the first will be last in the Kingdom of God.

Walking inside showed no difference than the outside. Strings of lights mixed with garland hanging all over the sanctuary covering the beautiful antique stained glass. No candle light service singing 'Silent Night'. No blessings to be read. But upon the alter it stood. The tallest one yet. It's strong heavy branches wide enough to hold some of the largest assortments of gold and shiny ornaments.

Up the isle they eagerly went to lay their presents at it's trunk and admire it's beauty. Afterwards, they were gladly escorted to the banquet room to feast on the rich catered food, delightful pastries and fancy cocktails.

As the evening progressed, the many activities and games were all played. A few fights occurred over the last presents. Then sleepy children were carried out on the shoulders of those who brought them.

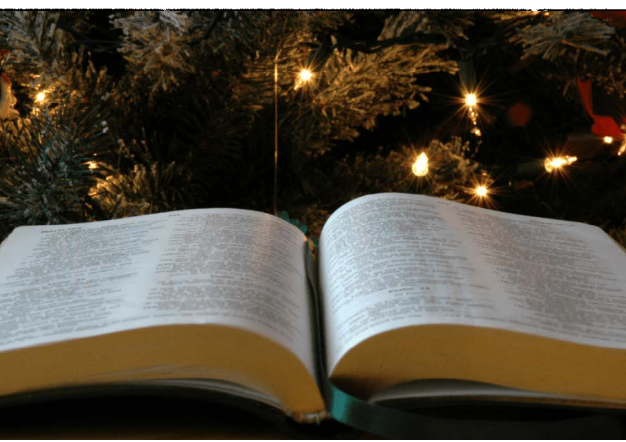
The lights finally dimmed. The alter was still. A pile of wrapping paper and bows swept high as the pews. Slowly, a shaky hand reached through the clutter and pulled out a small crumpled brown papered package. A tiny piece of tinsel was saved under a stubborn strip of tape.

Hugging tightly to the unopened gift, heartbroken and grieving. The flood of tears poured out as an offering at the base of the partially hidden cross.

Early sunrise, all was quiet. A layer of fog eerily hovered through the streets dividing the ground from the sky. Something had drastically occurred in this town. You couldn't see it but it was truly felt. A stirring of nerves and a heavy expectancy of an unknown fear.

As the town awoke, there were early risers shuffling to their coffee pots. Rubbing sleep from their eyes, they stood staring out of their windows. Something was wrong. Something was missing. There was a lonely emptiness.

And traveling down the road was a still small voice, "Perhaps the next town"..... "There is always Hope"




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Mobridge Livestock

Thursday, December 18, 2025- Weigh-ups 9am Followed by Feeder Cattle at 11am and Bred Cows & Heifers at Noon.

Bred Heifers

Ulmer Bros.-235 Blk Bred Heifers. Consisting of: 190 Head AI Bred to LT Confidante 8002 to Calf March 15 for 14 Days. 45 Head Cleaned up with LBW LT Bulls with 10 Head to Calf the 1st Cycle April 1 & 35 to Calf the 2nd Cycle. Full mineral program, reproductive shots, and poured. Heifers are accustomed to horses and side by sides.

Keller, Jason-25 Fancy Blk Angus Home Raised Bred Heifers. AI Bred to HA Cowboy Kind to Calf March 1st. & 12 Blk Angus Bred Heifers Bred to Ellingson Angus Bull.

Cane Creek Cattle Co-20 Hereford Heifers, Bred Black Angus. Consisting of: 10 Head AI Bred to LT Confidante Angus Bull to Calf March 1st for 1 Day, 10 Head Bred to 75# LBW Angus Bull to Calf March 10th for 40 Days. Full Mineral Program. Originating off Giedd Hereford Ranch and Most are Horned Herefords.

Schweitzer, Tim-38 Blk Bred Heifers Bred to LBW, Millar Black Angus Bulls to Calf April 1st for 30 Days. Heifers Originating from the Beitelspacher Ranch. Full Mineral & Shot Program and Ultra-sound Tested. No Brands.

Gosch Farms-10 Blk Simm/Angus Hfrs. Bred to Proven LBW Angus Bulls to Calf April 15th for 15 Days. Cycle Dispersion

Franklund, Tyrel-130 Blk/Bwf Bred Heifers. Including 25 Head AI Bred to Connealy Guard Rail to Calf March 14th for 1 Day, 50 Head to Calf March 20-April 10th, 23 Head to Calf April 10-April 30th, and 19 Head to Calf May 1st and May 15th.

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Sandquist, Sawyer-20 Red SM-BM Bred Cows. Bred Char or Hereford to Calf April 15th for 60 Days.

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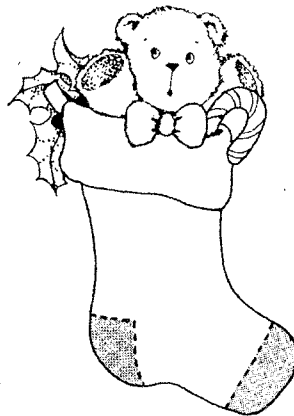
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May your holiday be filled with joy, love, and warmth, and may you create beautiful memories with your loved ones.

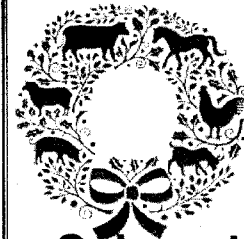
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Area School Calendar Dec. 15th - Dec. 20th

Bowman County

15	16 WR B/G @ Beach 3pm BBB Roughrider @ Home 4pm BBB JH @ Scranton	17	18 3pm BBB Roughrider @ Home	19 12:30pm Early Out GBB 8th Gr @ S. Heart BBB 8th @ Hettinger 4pm GBB (ABC) VS HC @ Home	20 BBB 8th GR @ SH WR G/B @ Ashley, Minot Noon BBB Roughrider @ Home
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TBD WR B @ Linton

Scranton

15	16 4:30pm BBB Roughrider @ Bowman WR G @ Baker 4pm WR JH @ Baker 5:30pm GBB (AB) vs Lemmon @ Hettinger	17	18 TBD GBB JH @ S Heart BBB Roughrider @ Bowman	19 4pm BBB JH @ Hettinger 5:30pm GBB (AB) @ R/T	20 BBB Roughrider @ Bowman TBD GBB JH @ S Heart TBD WR G/B @ Ashley, Minot
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TBD WR B @ Linton

Harding County

15	16 6pm BBB Roughrider @ Bowman	17	18 BBB Roughrider @ Bowman	19 4pm GBB (AB) @ Bow. Co.	20 BBB Roughrider @ Bowman 9am WR B @ Hot Springs
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Baker, MT

15	16 WR Mixer @ Home	17	18	19 2pm Early Out 2pm/3:30pm BBB/GBB vs Ekalaka @ Home WR B @ Huntley WR JH @ W. Point	20 WR B @ Huntley
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*Merry
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TO: Our Customers & Friends

FROM: Bowman Grain

~ School News ~

Elgin/New Leipzig Public School

Sunday, December 14

Open Swimming 1 - 3 and Adult Water Aerobics 3:30 - 4:30

Monday, December 15

JH GBB vs New England @ 4:00

JH BBB @ New England @ 4:00

Tuesday, December 16

Pre School 8:15 - 3:15

JH GBB vs Lemmon @ Mott/Regent @ 4:00

BBB A B @ New Salem/Almont @ 5:00

Open Swimming 6 - 8

Wednesday, December 17

Adult Water Aerobics 3:30 - 4:30 and 5:30 - 6:30

Pre School 8:15 - 3:15

Artist in Residence for JH/HS

Semester Exams

Thursday, December 18

Pre School 8:15 - 3:15

Artist in Residence for Elementary

JH GBB vs Flasher @ Elgin @ 4:00

GBB A B C @ Beach @ 4:00

No Open Swimming

Semester Exams

Friday, December 19

End of 1st Semester

Christmas Break

Semester Exams

AR Party @ Mott leave @ 12:00

Saturday, December 20

GBB A B vs Lemmon @ 2:00 and 5:00 @ Elgin

BBB A B vs Lemmon @ 3:30 and 6:30 @ Elgin

New England Public School

Monday, December 15th

dismissal for AB GBB traveling to Garrison for 5:00 p.m. game

dismissal for 78 GBB traveling to traveling to Mott for 4:00 p.m. game vs. Grant Co/Mott-Regent

4:00 p.m. 78 BBB vs. Grant Co/Mott-Regent in new gym

Tuesday, December 16th

dismissal for 78 GBB traveling to Killdeer for 4:00 p.m. game

dismissal for A BBB traveling to Bowman for Roughrider Tournament at TBA

Wednesday, December 17th

Religion Release Begins at 2:00

Thursday, December 18th

dismissal for A BBB traveling to Bowman for Roughrider Tournament at TBA

Friday, December 19th

1:00 p.m. dismissal

dismissal for AB GBB traveling to Belfield for 5:30 p.m. game

TBA 8 GBB District #5 Tournament in South Heart

TBA 8 BBB District #13 Tourney in Bowman

Saturday, December 20th

TBA 8 GBB District #5 Tournament in South Heart

TBA 8 BBB District #13 Tourney in Bowman

TBA A BBB Roughrider Tournament in Bowman

Mott/Regent Public School

Monday, December 15

7-12 Art w/Myra

FFA Fruit Delivery

JH BBB @ New England, 4:00

JH GBB vs New England @ Mott Armory, 4:00

Tuesday, December 16

K-6 Art w/Myra

Wildfire Day!

K-6 Monthly Assembly, 2:50

JH GBB vs Glen Ullin/Hebron @ Mott Armory, 4:00

HS BBB @ New Salem/Almont, 5:00

Wednesday, December 17

Semester Tests

School Board Meeting, 7:00 PM

Thursday, December 18

Semester Tests

HS GBB (ABC) @ Beach, 4:00

JH GBB vs Hettinger/Scranton @ Mott Armory, 4:00

JH GBB vs Flasher @ Grant County, 4:00

Friday, December 19

Semester Tests

K-6 Christmas Movie, 8:30

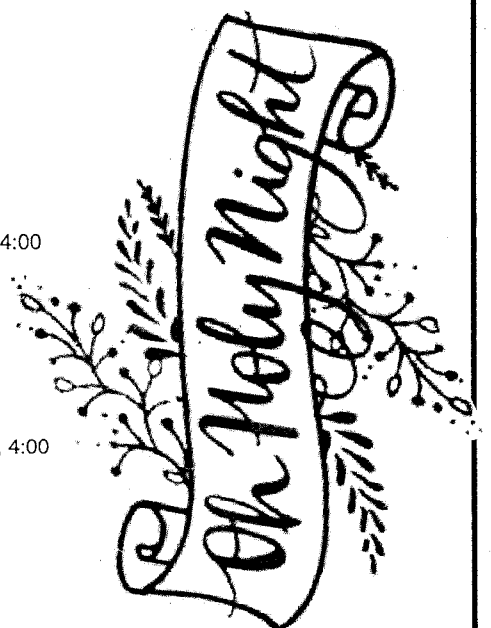
7-12 Christmas Movie, 12:30

Early Dismissal, 2:00

Saturday, December 20

HS GBB (AB) vs Lemmon @ Grant County, 2:00

HS BBB (AB) vs Lemmon @ Grant County, 3:30

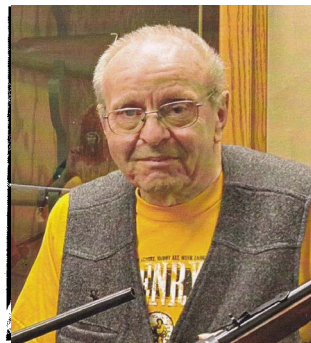


"Gifts of time and love are surely the basic ingredients of a truly Merry Christmas."



James "Jim" Henry Huether Rites Held

James "Jim" Henry Huether passed away on Saturday, November 29, 2025, at his home in



Wibaux, Montana, with his wife by his side.

Jim was born on September 16, 1951, in Miles City, Montana, to Delores (Entzel) Huether and Henry Huether. He attended Hillside Country School for eight years and later graduated from Baker High School in 1970.

Jim worked for Pinnow Employment as a mechanic before moving on to Moline Trucking and Farmers Union. Later, he began custom swathing and custom hauling cattle and hay—work he loved. He also worked as a ring man for Northwest Auctions, a role he greatly enjoyed. In addition, Jim farmed, served as a fireman for five years, and was an active member of Jaycees for 20 years.

Jim married Edith Cale on September 6, 2008 in Wibaux, Montana.

He was known for his good-natured teasing—he loved to pick on people and expected them to give it right back. He collected Henry rifles and handguns, though he never shot them. In 2023, Jim and Edith went to Rice Lake, Wisconsin, home of the Henry Rifle, one of his most fond memories and often looked forward to going back. He also enjoyed attending gun shows and was a promoter of the Glendive Gun Show.

Jim is survived by his wife, Edith Huether; his brother, Ernie (Karel) Huether of Glendive, Montana; his sisters, Shirley (John) Emge of



person and liked by everyone he met. He was a self proclaimed genius, always pursuing knowledge. His nephews grew up knowing him as "Gene Genius". He would make his nephews his famous "genius stew" and would tell them with every bite they would become smarter and smarter! Eugene loved spending time and working alongside his brothers and nephews.

Eugene is survived by his mother, Emma Melling, sister Sherri Zimmerman, brothers, David (Renee) Burrer and Donald (Leilani) Melling, Jr. and nephews, Alex and Brady Burrer, Kolson, Kolby and Kaison Melling and Sampson, his new puppy.

Eugene was preceded in death by his birth father, Kent Burrer, his father Donald Melling, Sr., his grandparents, numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and his furry friends, Slick, Jake and Klowny.

Condolences to Eugene's family can be sent through our website at www.evansonjensenfuneralhome.com

Leotta Louise Smith Rites To Be Held

Leotta Louise Smith, 104, passed away peacefully at Southwest Healthcare Services



Hospital in Bowman, ND on Sunday, December 7, 2025.

Service of Remembrance will be Saturday, December 13, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. MT at the Hettinger Lutheran Church in Hettinger, ND. Rev. Galen Strand and Barb West will officiate. Burial of Leotta's ashes will be at a later date next to her husband, Bud Smith at the Hettinger Cemetery.

Leotta Louise Smith was born February 15, 1921 to Albert and Mayme Wulf at their home near Flandreau, SD. She was later joined by siblings Verla, who died in infancy, Doreen, twins Floyd and Lloyd (Lloyd passed away as an infant), and Darrell who was born after the family moved to a farm south

of Stool, SD. Leotta and her three siblings walked or rode horseback three miles to attend a one room country school. After graduating from high school she attended Spearfish College, now called Black Hills State University. She taught in the Lodgepole area for three years at the Hubbard and Fredlund schools.

Leotta and Bud were married on Valentine's Day in 1942 just months after the bombing of Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. Four months later Bud enlisted in the US Navy. As a war bride, Leotta followed Bud during his training. She worked in a tobacco factory packaging Chelsea cigarette in Richmond, VA, and as a sales person in a shirt shop in Long Beach, CA. After Bud was assigned duty on the USS Waller, a destroyer that was sent to the South Pacific, Leotta returned to SD and worked for two and a half years in the office of John Morrel's Meat Packing Plant in Sioux Falls, SD.

Following Bud's discharge from the Navy, Leotta and Bud began farming and ranching with Bud's parents. In 1951 they moved to the Newell and Bessie Smith homestead where they raised their family and spent most of their life. Leotta and Bud had three children: Vickie, Suzanne, and Tim.

Leotta was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith. She was active in the Lodgepole community and was a member of Lodgepole Lutheran Church serving as treasurer for 29 years. She was a Sunday School teacher and a Bethel Bible Class teacher. She was a member of Jolly Jills Homemakers, the Grand River Homemakers, Lodgepole Ladies Aid, and Beta Sigma Phi.

She was an accomplished seamstress, sewing her daughter's dresses and skirts from childhood through high school, including their formals and bridesmaid dresses. She enjoyed quilting and made over 30 queen size quilts for family members. Leotta took on anything artistic and crafty; knitting sweaters, making her husband a sport coat, doing counted cross stitching, upholstering, refinishing furniture, and oil painting. She also loved to dance, read, and exercise; walking country roads on the ranch for many years and in her later years using the hallway at Western Horizons as her track.

As a result of Bud's declining health, Leotta and Bud moved to Western Horizons in the fall of 2011. After Bud's death, Leotta continued to live at Western Horizons until August 2025 when she moved to the Long Term Care Unit at Southwest Health Care in Bowman until her death.

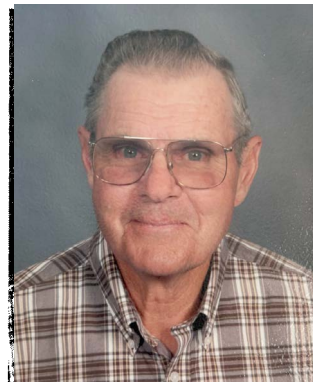
Leotta is remembered with love and gratitude by her family: her children Vickie (Rod) Reinke; Suzanne (Galen) Strand; Tim (Gwynne) Smith. She is also remembered by her grandchildren: Travis (Julie) Reinke; Shana (Bill) Bernhard; Rochelle (Travis) Thompson; Kyle (Holly) Smith; Josh Smith; Jeff (Shalee) Smith. She is also survived by great-grandchildren: Payton, Logan, Sydney, Sophia, Tucker, Aidan, Molly, Knox, Jaden, Aubree, and Boden; and great-great-grandchild, Ellie.

Leotta was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. She had a tremendous influence on her family and filled their lives with so many special memories. We are so thankful for the gift of Leotta.

In lieu of flowers, a Memorial has been established to the Lodgepole, SD Rural Fire Department.

Kenneth Barnhart Rites Held

Funeral service for Kenneth Barnhart, 84, of Dickinson was



held at 1:00 pm, Monday, December 8, 2025 at St. John Lutheran Church in Dickinson with Pastor Lisa Lewton and Pastor Mary officiating. Burial will take place in the spring of 2026.

Visitation for Ken was 3:00-4:00 pm, Sunday, December 7, 2026 at Stevenson Funeral Home with a prayer service being held at 4:00 pm. After the short prayer service, visitation continued until 6:00 pm.

Ken passed away Sunday, November 30, 2025 at CHI St. Alexius Health, Bismarck.

Kenneth Alfred Barnhart was born in Belfield on August 10, 1941, the son of Ralph and Florence (Knudson) Barnhart. Ken acquired the nickname "Bunky" in his early years. He grew up in the Fryburg area, graduating from Fryburg High School in 1959. Following graduation, he was enlisted with the US Army. Ken worked at the Medora Musicals before he left for his military assignment. After his honorable discharge, he returned to Belfield where he met his lifetime best friend, Leona

Hecker. The couple was married in Dickinson at St. Joseph's Catholic Church on October 24, 1964. Ken and Leona were blessed with two children, Troy and Lisa. He worked in Belfield in the oilfield, on oil rigs & Amerada-Hess, until the family moved to Bowman in 1976. Ken was a production foreman with Luff Exploration for the next 30+ years. After his retirement, Ken and Leona moved back to Dickinson where they are currently living. Ken enjoyed golfing and hunting, especially elk hunting trips. He loved old tractors and watching the Denver Broncos.

Ken was a member of the Elks. He was very close with his siblings and made sure to stay in touch. He was always a helping hand to anyone who needed him and his family was blessed to have him always checking in on them. Friends and employees have all expressed what good man he was. His kind and giving heart will be missed.

Ken is survived by his wife of 61 yrs., Leona; son, Troy (Tina) Barnhart; daughter, Lisa (Brett) Buican; grandchildren, Kyler and Keiana Buican, and Cheyden Paulson; step-granddaughters, Heather and Amber; step-great-grandchildren, Liam, Serenity, Sebastian and Sawyer; brother, Faron (Kiddo) Barnhart; sisters, Blanche Barnhart, Shirley (Chuck) Irons, Janice Okpanachi (Isaac), Beverly Turbiville (Walter); Brother-in-law Edwin Hecker (Eva), Sister-in-law Sister Laura Hecker; numerous nieces, nephews and extended family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ralph and Florence; brothers, Andrew and Sheridan Barnhart; granddaughter, Zoey Paulson.

Daniel E. Harman Rites Held

Daniel E Harman, 78, of Sun Lakes, AZ, went to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on November 22, 2025, sur-



rounded by family. Dan battled hard for the past year against an unknown form of Large B Cell Lymphoma.

Dan was born in Columbia MO. He graduated from Billings West High School, Billings, MT and NW Nazarene University, Nampa, ID. He received his Masters Degree from the University of Mary, Bismarck, ND.

Dan married Linette (Lin) Kirschmann on December 11, 1971 in Bismarck, ND. After graduating from Naval Officers Candidate School in Newport, RI in 1972, Dan and Lin moved across the country to San Diego, CA where they were stationed for 4 years at Naval Base San Diego and Naval Base Coronado. While in San Diego, they were blessed with the birth of their daughter, Gail. In 1976, Dan was honorably discharged from the Navy and moved his family back to North Dakota.

The ND State Health Dept was his work home for 37 years as a manager for the Air Quality Division and Radiation Control Monitoring. After retiring in 2013, Dan and Lin moved to

Billings, MT to be closer to family and to be able to attend many of his grandsons (Tanner) wrestling matches and granddaughters (Megan) basketball games. While in Billings, Dan enjoyed working part-time for 10 years as a NAPA parts delivery driver. In 2024, Dan and Lin moved to Sun Lakes, AZ.

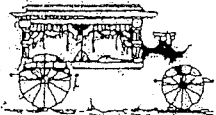
Dan enjoyed hunting and spending time outdoors. He was a member of a local hiking group in Sun Lakes. His fondest memories were of helping on the Kirschmann family farm southwest of Regent, ND during 51 seasons of harvest.

Dan is survived by his wife Lin, daughter Gail (Troy) Brown, Billings, MT, grandson Tanner (Jonelle) Brown, Twin Falls, ID, and granddaughter Megan Brown, Minneapolis, MN; his brother Paul (Cheryl) Harman, and sisters Gena (Tim) Davidson and Lynda Patterson; brother-in-law Leon (Cynthia) Kirschmann, sister-in-law Cindy (Chuck) Dreifus, and many nieces and nephews. Preceding Dan in death were his parents Ray and Maxine Harman, his in-laws Harold and Lorena Kirschmann, and his brother-in-law Bill Patterson.

May God richly bless each and everyone of you who journeyed and prayed with us over the past year. A special thank you to Chuck, Cindy, and Katie for the countless hours you spent with Dan at the many hospital stays. Also a special thank you to Leon, Terry, Harrison, and M&M Catering (Melissa and Maddie) for the countless memories Dan spoke about often of those crazy and sometimes stressful, but rewarding, harvest seasons as he loved every minute of his time on the farm.

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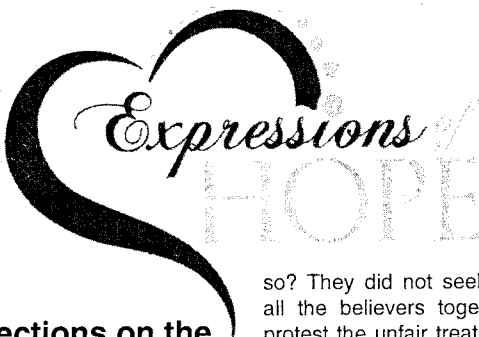
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Reflections on the Words of Life

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

We resume today in the passage we began considering last time, 1 Peter 2:22-23: "Who committed no sin, nor was deceit found in His mouth; who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously." These verses describe the way Christ responded to His excruciating undeserved suffering, and believers are told to follow His example. This idea seems very contrary to the trend of our day in which people, including some Christians, demand their rights. I do not question believers' privilege to work for issues they believe are right. But the idea of Christians banding together politically and trying to force the rest of the country to do things their way is contrary to our passage. How did the disciples Peter and John react when they were imprisoned for preaching in the name of Christ and commanded to stop doing

so? They did not seek to rally all the believers together and protest the unfair treatment. Instead, we read in Acts 5:41: "So they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name." Afterward they met together with the other believers to pray that God would give them boldness to keep preaching the gospel of Christ.

What it really boils down to is whether or not we can do what Peter tells us Jesus did at the end of verse 23. Can we be content to commit ourselves to God, who judges righteously? Are we so proud and think ourselves so important that we cannot endure any injustices in this life, when our Lord Jesus endured tremendous injustice for our sake? Jesus has left us an example to follow in His steps. Let us ask God for grace to be humbled and follow the example of our Savior.

This brings us to verse 24: "Who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness; by whose stripes you were healed." Now if ever there was undeserved suffering, it was the suffering which our Lord Jesus Christ bore on the cross. Not only were none of those sufferings deserved by Jesus, but ALL of them were sufferings for others. Jesus bore all the sins of all His people in His own body on the tree. Friends, there was no other way for sinners to be saved. For God to maintain His holiness and justice and at the same time save a sinner, His justice for the offense of sin must be satisfied. And there is only one thing that could satisfy the infinitely deep offense of our sin against God: the infinitely precious blood of Jesus Christ. Jesus had to take the very sins of all who would ever believe in Him upon Himself. It was an actual transference of the guilt of all believers to Jesus. And then Jesus, as if He had committed those sins, took all the punishment and paid all the price and endured all the sufferings that believers deserved in our place. Jesus did not just die as a martyr, as some think. His death was not some unforeseen act of cruelty by the Jewish and Roman leaders. No, He consciously and deliberately offered Himself up as a sacrifice to God. Jesus put Himself openly and publicly under the curse of heaven. As Galatians 3:13 explains, "Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us for it is written, 'Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree.'" As Isaiah prophesied centuries before Christ, "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all" (Isaiah 53:6). Friends, were your sins paid for by Christ on the cross so that you can be forgiven and live as a child of God for all eternity? How can you know? Simply by this: If you have been brought to see that you are a sinner who needs forgiveness and that Christ is the only Savior, and if you have placed your trust in Him alone to make you right with God, then you can have the joy of knowing that all your sins have been paid for and that you have eternity in heaven to look forward to.



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Sunday 12/14/2025

National Alabama Day
National Bouillabaisse Day
National Monkey Day

- Local Churches
- 10am Chair Exercises in the Solarium
- 2:00-3:00pm Monthly Birthday Party hosted by The Mott Evangelical Community Church
- 6pm Countdown to Christmas Hallmark Channel Movie "Oy To The World" in the Solarium

Monday 12/15/2025

National Wear Your Pearls Day
National Cupcake Day
National Cat Hoarders Day
National Bill of Rights Day

- 10:00am Make Cupcakes
- 2pm Decorate the Christmas Light Cupcakes

Tuesday 12/16/2025

Chocolate Covered Anything Day

- 9am Shopping downtown Mott
- 10am Chair Exercises in the Solarium
- 11:30am Keep Moving, ALL ARE WELCOME
- 12pm ELDERCARE MEAL ALL ARE WELCOME
- 1pm Card Players in the Solarium
- 2:00 pm Cover Anything in Chocolate
- 2:30pm - Gracie Visits
- 6:30pm Tour de Mott to admire Christmas Lights.

Wednesday 12/17/2025

Maple Syrup Day
Wright Brothers Day

- 9:00am Chair Exercises in the Solarium
- 10am Keep Your Faith Going, Pastor John
- 2:00-3:00 Bingo with MRPS 6th Graders

Thursday 12/18/2025

National Twin Day
National Roast Suckling Pig Day
National Re-Gifting Day

- 10am Mass
- 10:30am Chair Exercises in the Solarium
- 11:30am Keep Moving, ALL ARE WELCOME
- 12pm ELDERCARE MEAL ALL ARE WELCOME
- 1pm Spa Day nails
- 2:00-3:00pm Christmas Entertainment by MRPS K-6 Graders performing parts of the Christmas Concerts
- 3:00pm Book Club with Father Kadrmas
- 9am Spa Day Hair Care
- 10:30am Chair Exercises in the Solarium
- 11:30am Keep Moving, ALL ARE WELCOME
- 12pm ELDERCARE MEAL ALL ARE WELCOME
- 2:00pm Uno Card Game

Friday 12/19/2025

National Ugly Christmas Sweater Day
National Oatmeal Muffin Day
National Hard Candy Day
National Under Dog Day

Saturday 12/20/2025

National Go Caroling Day
National Sangria Day

- 10:00am Chair Exercises in the Solarium
- 2:00pm Ping Pong Ball Cup Race Game
- 4:30pm Mass @ St. Vincent's
- 6:00pm Countdown to Christmas Hallmark Channel Movie "A Make or Break Holiday"

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Thoughts for the Week

by June Schmidt

Tis the season to wonder if you should send a Christmas card to all your friends and family, or just post something on social media and call it good. If you listen to the ads for the most popular site for all things regarding picture cards, you should now be ordering, or should have in your posession, the cutest picture from your photo array on your phone immortalized on a card to mail out. Or if you don't want to do the mailing, you can just pay extra to them and give them your list and they will cheerfully mail it for you. For a cost of course!

The custom of sending Christmas cards started in the United Kingdom in 1843, initiated by Sir Henry Cole, a civil servant who wanted an efficient way to send out holiday greetings. He commissioned John Callcott Horsley to create the first one, featuring a family scene and the words: 'A Merry Christmas and a Happy New

Year. Though initially expensive and slightly controversial due to the children in the family scene showing them drinking wine, the idea of printed cards caught on after Cole sold some, leading to more affordable versions and establishing the tradition.

I do remember my Mother and Father sitting down at the table deciding who to send them to and addressing the cards. Well, to be honest, my Mother did all the work and my Father did all the directions. There were always personal notes inside to each recipient, especially those that were far away that we rarely, if ever, saw during the year. I think that was true for most people back then as postage was cheap and phones were rare, and long distance calls were expensive. Writing a letter was common and even those that you didn't write a letter to, got a card just to say they were being remembered during the Christmas Season.

But over the years, sending cards has been more of a way to show people what you've

been doing with photo cards, and how your family is growing. Writing letters has gone out of fashion and pen pals that we had as children are pretty much non-existent. These have been replaced by phone calls or video calls and since people travel more than they used to years ago, maybe personal visits at Christmas or Thanksgiving. People don't always take the time to sit down and address a stack of Christmas cards, but they may mail out a few to spe-

cial people or just go the simpler route of the photo card.

Then again, the cost of mailing a card is not the simple cost of 10 cents that it was in the 70's, and over the years has increased to a whopping 78 cents per ounce for a simple card to well over a dollar or more for the larger more elaborate cards that you can get. Then there's the time it takes to sit down and address all those cards if you have a large family and especially if you want to put in a bit of a note for each one. Hmm wonder if it's worth the time and effort let alone the cost! So no wonder people have exchanged the mail for a phone call. Especially since we are pretty much attached to our phones from the age of 10 and up 24/7.

So if you have procrastinated your way past the cut off date to put those memories on a photo card and send it out, you are probably not alone. For whatever reason, money or time or just don't have the gumpshion to get it done, you have probably missed the cutoff date since the mail delivery is no longer in one or two days, but can take

RECIPE OF THE DAY

CHERRY WALNUT FUDGE

3 c. sugar

12 oz. can evaporated milk

10 - oz. jar maraschino cherries, drained, chopped and liquid reserved

1 t. vanilla extract

1/4 c. plus 1 t. margarine

1 c. white chocolate chips

1 c. chopped walnuts

In a large heavy saucepan over medium-high heat, combine sugar, evaporated milk and 1/4 cup reserved cherry liquid. Bring to a boil. Stirring constantly, cook until mixture reaches soft-ball stage, 234 to 243 degrees on a candy thermometer. Remove from heat. Add remaining ingredients. Stir with a wooden spoon until chocolate chips melt and mixture starts to thicken. Pour into a buttered 15" x 10" jelly-roll pan. Let cool before cutting into squares. Makes 3 dozen.

up to 10 days to get where you want it to go. Maybe it's time to decide who you want to call or what the excuse you are going to use when they call you and want to know why they haven't

heard from you in a long time. Oh well, you can always use the excuse that you put them in the mail and just create a greeting on Social Media. God Bless you All.

Menu

Mott Elder Care Menu

for the Week of Dec. 16 - 19

For meal reservations call by noon the day before.

Call Elder Care Office

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All menus are subject to change based on the availability of food.

Tuesday December 16 - Pasta w/Meat Sauce, House Salad w/Dressing, Zucchini, Mandarin Orange, Garlic Bread, Milk

Thursday, December 18 - Blueberry French Toast, Scrambled Eggs, Glazed Sweet Potatoes, Banana, Yogurt

Friday, December 19 - Country Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Pineapple, Wheat Bread

Trinity Lutheran Church

Mott, ND

Sunday

Adult Bible Study - 9:30 AM

Worship Service - 10:45 AM

Christmas Word Search Puzzle

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Frosty

Ivy

Joy

Noel

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Santa Clause

Snowflake

Tinsel

Yuletide

Bells

Cards

Christmas Dinner

Cookies

Elves

Garland

Jack Frost

Manger

North Pole

Presents

Scrooge

Snowman

Toys

Bitzen

Carols

Christmas Lights

Cupid

Family

Gingerbread Man

Jesus

Merry

Nutcracker

Reindeer

Season

Spirit

Vicen

Bow

Cheer

Christmas Tree

Dancer

Festive

Holidays

Jingle Bells

Mistletoe

Ornaments

Ribbon

Sled

Stockings

Winter

Candies

Chestnuts

Church

Dasher

Fireplace

Holly

Jolly

Nativity

Peace

Rudolph

Sleigh

Three Wise Men

Wreath

Magical Medora Christmas Show Shines Brightly Again, Despite Snow and Freezing Rain!

By Ted Uecker, WRHS Foundation

The “Magical Medora Christmas Show” began their award-winning, four-state, 2025 Tour in Hettinger on Friday, November 28, 7:30 p.m., at the Roberts-Rienke Auditorium. Though 4” of snow fell that morning and freezing rain the same evening, the Show went on as planned! Heck, it was twenty degrees warmer than last year! No doubt, the snow and mainly icy roads deterred many fans from attending. No matter, the cast came out singing and dressed to the nines in their crisp red and whites, for the over 450-strong crowd of rural area music enthusiasts and Wake-Up Santa Parade and Fireworks Watchers (earlier that same evening). What began as a phone call visit with Hettinger’s own Rick Berg two years ago, now has turned into the second consecutive annual gathering of performing arts for this greater rural community.

The set, light and sound crews arrived at 10:40 a.m. Friday, as Coach Burwick, his son Kyle and most all of the Hettinger-Scranton wrestlers were ready to help unload and set up. We were all amazed at the amount of equipment in that semi-truck! And to think they’ll be unloading and reloading this equipment 23 more times over the next 23 days (but with a lot less help, most likely)! With their nearly eight armoires (just like in Hollywood!) full of sparkling costumes, these nine super talented professional musicians (who arrived in the bus a few hours thereafter), including former and current Medora Musical vocalists, as well as a variety of national recording artists, music mentors and magicians -- the crowd came alive immediately at about 7:40 p.m., after West River Health Services Foundation’s Director, Ted Uecker, thanked each of the six Show Partners; Nighthawk wrestlers; Hettinger Public School; the Junior Class Team (Katie Buckmier, Callie Timm and John Monroe); Kennedy’s Fresh Foods; Gate City Bank; and Pepsi. In spite of the snow and freezing rain, the Hettinger Gymnasium was still well over half-full (including nearly all of the 250 gym floor chairs and over half the surrounding bleachers)!

Misti Koop, an energetic sparkplug for this cast and seven-year Medora Musical legend, led her crew of recording artists off with a “Christmas Medley.” This year’s theme of the Show was “The History of Television,” so we were entertained with the early days of television, including the likes of the Andy Williams, Ed Sullivan, and Lawrence Welk Shows. After a short intermission for everyone to catch their breath (and get a popcorn, cookie and/or water from the HHS Junior Class), the Show moved on to Cable Television themes with the Nashville Show and the Game Show Network. Thereafter, came the Digital Era with a Christmas Special and The Gospel Hour. Musical numbers sprang from the various television show themes.

Bill Sorensen, the former Mayor of Bismarck and originator/leader of the Show, m.c.’d the event once again, this go round with the aid of some video recordings. New York City Magician Colin Zasadny pulled a full bottle of coke out of his bag (how did he fill that empty bottle?) and engaged the crowd with his deft slight of hand.

Of course, the entire cast of professional musicians, led by 7th year Music Director, Travis Smith, sang and played together in a variety of solos, duets, trios and more – always

including a background band of a steady guitar (Emily Schuman from Philadelphia, PA), keyboards (Smith & Dickinson’s own Damon Fichter), drums/fiddle (Evan Raines) and at times, more! Plus, a little but mighty saxophone (Koop), suave trumpet (Michael Cartwright) and aggressive trombone (Fichter), too! They also did a little down-home “Honky Tonk Christmas” for the country folk in attendance.

Cydney Grace brought the house down with “Wrapped in Red,” as did Smith with “That’s What Christmas Means To Me.” Megan Taber, another amazing returning performer from last year year and current actress in films, TV and commercial roles in New York City; along with her husband Trent Taber, the lead at Medora Musical this past year, also had their solo and group moments – singing thoughtful numbers that captivated the capacity crowd. Trent definitely had a moment during the final number “Oh Holy Night.” Plus, get this -- two of the performing couples had babies this year! Outstanding!

Much like at the Medora Musical, this group didn’t forget about our US veterans, asking each of them in attendance to stand for an applause -- for their service. Tabor paid tribute with his vocal rendition, “There’s No Place Like Home.” It was a sensational acknowledgement of our men and women of the USA armed forces. Thank you Medora Christmas Show for recognizing our local veteran heroes. It means more than you know.

Bill Sorensen Productions has been entertaining crowds with this fabulous Medora Christmas Show across the four-state area for the last eleven years now. This year, they will travel to 24 communities, and perform 25 shows -- in only 24 consecutive days! Hence, the need to be “down-to-earth, good people.” Lots of time in close quarters! Of course, they are also professional musicians and magicians. And to start off their 25-Show “Tour” right here in Hettinger, ND, USA! Magical!

All of this awesome entertainment for the second consecutive year, began with a phone call from Producer Bill Sorensen to our West River Health Services Foundation. They wanted to come back to Hettinger, as “they’ve never had the red carpet rolled out for them like that in their ten-year history.” Our WRHS Foundation deliberated for a while, but not for long. Once our Partners were contacted and gave the go-ahead, we couldn’t wait to get back on the local sales track!

With the financial support up front from our Partners Mark and LaNae Kristy, Josh and Carrie Ranum, Mike and Sandy Marion, Rick and Tracy Berg, the Hettinger Jaycees and Slope Electric Cooperative Inc. – we worked out a deal to bring the Magical Medora Christmas Show to Hettinger for the second consecutive year! And are we ever glad we did! Again!

With Hettinger High School providing their gymnasium free of charge and ticket sales throughout southwestern ND and northwestern SD gaining steam, the Show became reality.

In addition, because of these terrific Partners, every \$40 ticket sold went directly toward our West River Health Services Foundation – providing fundraising support for West River Health Services and Western Horizons Living Centers. Together we are making an impact on our rural area communities’ top-quality healthcare system.

And this Medora Christmas Show did not disappoint. We had heard earlier from a few locals that this Show was “magical” and that “it made you feel good about life again.” Something we all could use during this divisive time in our country. And our world. The Show did all of that and then some! Here are a few of the comments we received from attendees for this marvelous Magical Medora Christmas Show in Hettinger:

“It was such a great show!”; “We so enjoyed it!”; “It was a fabulous Show!”; “We enjoyed it immensely!”; “It was such an awesome show!”; “I got a hug from Misty Koop after the Show”; “It was fantastic!”; “We are all blessed to attend and take in the great music and talent. Thank you.”

It appears we sold about 500-550 total tickets for the event. We set up a way to utilize a QR Code on our posters and website so people could purchase tickets locally at retail outlets in their own or nearby towns; Medora had a website at medorachristmas.com to purchase tickets online; we traveled to ten area communities, promoting the event up and down Main Streets and telling about the Show and Wakeup Santa Festivities in Hettinger; we placed 2’ x 6’ pull-ups in four area grocery stores; we posted hundreds of posters in 10 area communities’ businesses; daily Facebook advertising; weekly newspaper and radio advertising; articles in area newspapers; we were on KNDC’s TTO Program numerous times; and more.

Thankfully many rural area folk eventually purchased tickets in mid to late November, with some showing up the night of the event! We think we had about 450 people in the Roberts-Rienke Auditorium the evening of November 28th! And we hope we raised over \$15,000 net for our healthcare system! We are grateful to each Partner and each ticket Buyer. We hope you enjoyed the Show. And the popcorn, cookies and water; the LED sparkling red and white wands; glow in the dark red and green necklaces; and WRHS Foundation “Thank you” pens! Speaking of which....

“Thank you” to Kennedy’s Fresh Foods for supplying the wrestlers and crew with brunch; the cast and crew with mid-afternoon lunch; and sack lunches after the Show (they performed for well over two hours for us here!). And “Thanks” to the Hettinger School Junior Class for providing popcorn, Gate City Bank’s cookies, and Pepsi’s water for a goodwill donation for their after-prom party – before the Show and during the intermission. They raised \$1,000 for their efforts! “Thank you” Graphic Attic for creating the awesome t-shirts for all of the cast and crew, plus our short staff of helpers – including Barb West and Molly Wolf at the Ticket Counter, plus our two-year official program distributor, Jaylee Wolf. And Erin Timm and Sheri Uecker for popping all of the popcorn!

In fact, the entire Magical Medora Christmas Show cast and crew said they have never in the history of their traveling show (eleven years), witnessed such an outpouring of gratitude for their coming to our local rural community. Shirts, food, drinks, help, getting them 13 motel rooms at the 19th hour – everything we could possibly do for them – so maybe they’ll consider returning next year.

After all, “we’re only as good as our last at bat.” And our last at bat was a good one – because of your belief in the future of our local rural healthcare system and the outstanding reputation which precedes the Medora Musical and West River Health Services. Onward to our Free Financial Planning Seminar December 10 in Hettinger and then Giving Hearts Day on February 12 (and all of the terrific events leading into it). Thank you.



Misti Koop from the Magical Medora Christmas cast hugs our Program Distributor Jaylee Wolf - just before their opening medley in Hettinger November 28th.



Capacity crowd at Hettinger’s Magical Medora Christmas Show



Cydney Grace Cartwright, Medora Christmas Show soloist, wows the Hettinger crowd November 28th

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1 large shallot

2 tablespoons dry red wine

1 teaspoon olive oil, divided

2 tablespoons Dijon-style mustard

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/2 teaspoon dried thyme

1/2 teaspoon pepper, divided

1 sheet frozen puff pastry (1/2 package), thawed

8 ounces mushrooms

Directions:

1.Heat 1/2 teaspoon oil in large nonstick skillet on medium-high heat until hot. Combine salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper. Press evenly onto all surfaces of beef Tenderloin Roast. Place roast in skillet; brown evenly. Remove roast from skillet.

2.Heat oven to 425°F. Place mushrooms and shallot into food processor; pulse on and off about 10 times until finely chopped. Do not over process. Heat remaining 1/2 teaspoon oil in same skillet over medium-high heat until hot. Add mushrooms and shallot; cook 4 to 6 minutes until tender and all liquid is evaporated, stirring often. Add wine; cook 2 to 3 minutes until all liquid is evaporated. Stir in mustard, thyme, remaining 1/4 teaspoon pepper. Cook 2 to 3 minutes. Remove from skillet to medium bowl; cool. *Cook's Tip: Mushrooms and shallot may be finely chopped by hand.*

3.Line rimmed baking sheet with aluminum foil and place in oven. Unfold pastry dough on lightly floured cutting board. Roll pastry out to 12 by 9-inch rectangle; lay dough with shortest edge toward you. Spread mushroom mixture onto pastry dough, leaving 1/2-inch border around edge of dough. Place roast in center of mushrooms. Fold pastry dough neatly around roast, stretching dough if necessary. Cut off excess pastry dough; press to seal overlapping edges. Remove baking sheet from oven and dust lightly with flour. Place pastry-wrapped roast, seam-side down, on baking sheet. Cut 4 (2-inch) vents in top of pastry. *Cook's Tip: Use any excess dough to decorate Wellington.*

4.Bake in 425°F oven 35 to 50 minutes or until golden brown and instant-read thermometer inserted into center of roast registers 135°F for medium rare; 150°F for medium. Transfer Beef Wellington to carving board. Let stand 10 minutes. (Temperature will continue to rise about 10°F to reach 145°F for medium rare; 160°F for medium.) Carve into slices and serve with your favorite vegetables.

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