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Year

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Eido Country

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Eido Connect's
Philosophy for 2025

- Listen - Hope -

“Follow the Star”

Watch for these circulars in
your area for this week!

H & L Super Valu - Buffalo
Kennedy's Foods - Hettinger
New England Community Store -
New England
Oien Grocery - Mott
Regent Co-op - Regent
R Family Market - Elgin
Menard's
Runnings - Baker
Runnings - Hettinger



Santa's doctor checked the ankle - seems to be okay - maybe a boot will help so you can make your Santa run to the other side of the world.

Santa was elated. He did everything the Doctor had told him to do and the Elves - well they were unbelievable this year. They worked hard, did night and day shifts, hardly had a moment to rest - for they were sure they would make this a wonderful Christmas.

And the community - there was no explaining for how they pitched in - shoveling snow, feeding the Reindeer, helping Mrs. Claus bake cookies, taking food to the poor, the shut ins - what a Christmas this was for Santa.

Now with the okay, from Dr. Elf - Santa went to tell his Elves that the other side of the world was waiting for him and he had permission to proceed. Altho this put extra stress on the Elves they cheered and agreed to get back to work, making toys for the other children.

Clock ticking away, Reindeer being fed, given more rations for it was a much longer trip, sleigh tracks being polished, extra, for there was more snow where Santa was going, elves helping Mrs. Claus - finally everything ready.

Flashing green and red lights sent Santa on his Christmas flight. Almost reaching the moon, Santa could still hear the cheering below. Twisting his foot a little he was so thankful he could make this run - - and his heart swelled when remembering how everyone pitched in to help with his first stop. What a wonder present they had given him.

Reaching other side of the world, stockings were hung - only this time it was very cold where he had to deliver so it took a little more time and the cold - well some arthritis had set into his ankle so he was a wee bit slower.

One place had forgotten to turn off the weather channel, so being a beautiful moon lite night Santa stopped



to rest for a moment and listen to the forecast - snow - flying impossible, freezing rain, no travel - announced. Looking at where the storm was - right in the path he needed to be to get home. Guess I'll take another way so I'll be safe. Might take longer but - - little did Santa know the other way was even worse. He just didn't stay long enough to hear it all.

Moon shining brightly, Santa breathed a sigh of relief - it'll take longer - the storm hit - first rain - Rudolph, Prancer, Dixon - all reindeer soaking wet. Santa freezing, trying to wrap empty bags over himself - then rain turned to snow - reindeer eyes covered with ice - not sure which way to go - no place to land - if ever Santa needed help it was now.

Suddenly an opening in the sky - Santa saw it - then we remembered his Great Grandfather Santa telling him - "If you are ever lost just follow

“The Star”

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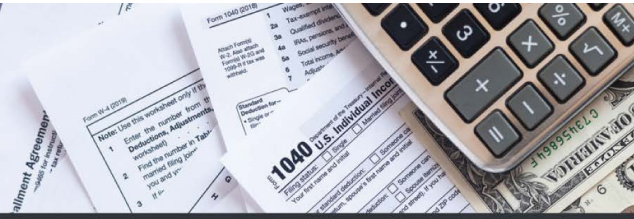
the only place in this area with


100% coverage!!!!!!!

“Gift”

Another year coming close to being 2026 - a week and few days left. Time to remember the blessings of 2025 and celebrate it, on Christmas - for that's what our lives are all about - -. We were given to the world to be a **gift** - - what kind of **gift** will you open to the world on Christmas morning.

Again many thanks and blessings to all who contribute to the **Eido Connect** - you are our **gift**.





**SUPPORT LOCAL HEALTHCARE.
RECEIVE TAX CREDIT.**

Did you know that your charitable gift to West River Health Services Foundation can do double good? When you support eligible North Dakota 501 c (3) organizations with qualified endowment funds, you may qualify for a North Dakota State income tax credit of 40%!

YOUR GIFT CAN HELP:

- ✓ Strengthen local healthcare programs and services
- ✓ Support long-term community growth
- ✓ Ensure critical resources and medical equipment remains available for future generations

HOW IT WORKS:

*Table example shown using 30% tax bracket

Gift Amount	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$25,000	\$50,000
ND Credit:	-2,000	-4,000	-10,000	-20,000
*Fed Credit:	-1,500	-3,000	-7,500	-15,000
Gift Cost:	\$1,500	\$3,000	\$7,500	\$15,000

December 31st is coming up fast! Your generosity keeps quality care close to home! For more information contact Ted Uecker at the WRHS Foundation at 701.567.3666

To claim a federal tax deduction for a charitable gift, you must itemize your taxes. Please consult your attorney, accountant, or financial advisor for guidance.

\$10.00
per week

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Bowman, ND 58623

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**SANTA DAY
CELEBRATION
~THANK YOU~**

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the many volunteers, businesses, and community members who gave their time, talents, and support to make our Santa Day celebration such a success. From planning and setup to activities and smiles shared throughout the day, your generosity helped create a memorable event for our children and families.

We are grateful for the strong community spirit that made Santa Day truly special.
Thank you for helping spread holiday joy in our community!

Sincerely,
Charlotte & Troy



YOU'RE INVITED

DWB OPEN HOUSE



COOKIES & CALENDARS
DECEMBER 22ND-24TH





Merry Christmas
Wishing you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Thank you for your continued trust and support. We look forward to continue serving you on your financial journey!



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The annual Christmas Eve Program will be held at Hope Congregational Church Elgin, ND December 24th at 7 p.m.

This years offering is going to the New Leipzig/Elgin Fire Departments.

Everyone is welcome to attend.



Christmas Eve Service

Trinity Lutheran Church
Mott, ND

Candlelight Service

Christmas Eve
Wednesday, December 24
4:00 pm



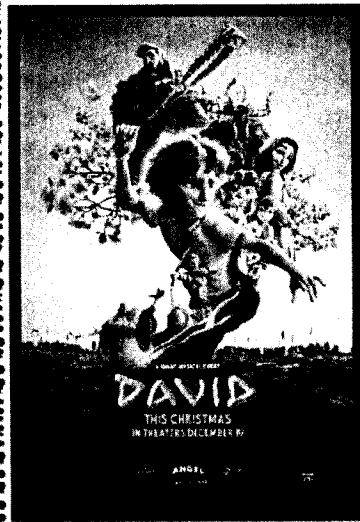
Believe in the Magic of Christmas.

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

Christmas Mass
Dec. 24 Christmas Eve
4:30 pm - Mott
7:00 pm - Regent

Dec. 25 Christman Day
8:00 am - Mott
10:00 am - New Leipzig



CHAMPION SUPPORTER
Mott Ministerial Association

Playhouse Theatre

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

DAVID

DECEMBER 19-21 & 26-28

In a fear-ruled kingdom, a young shepherd dares to face a giant and the darkness behind him. His courage awakens a nation, proving true strength comes from trust, not power.

Rated PG • Animation/Family • Runtime 1h 55m

UPCOMING MOVIES
DAVID (DEC 26-28)

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

List is subject to change. Check Facebook for updates.

Zoar Congregatonal Church
Christmas Eve Program
and
Candle Light Service

Wed., December 24, 2025
7:00 pm
212 Dakota Ave.
Mott, North Dkota

Annual Senior Potluck
Door Prizes will be given
January 1, 2026
Cannonball Senior Center - Mott, ND
All ages welcome!

NOTICE!
Due to
Christmas Week
Eido Connect's
DEADLINE
is
Tuesday,
December 23
10:00 am

Holiday HOURS
GRANT COUNTY STATE BANK
Carson and Branch Office in Flasher
701-622-3491 ~ 701-597-3807

We will be closing at 2:00 pm
Wednesday, December 24, 2025
Closed Thursday, December 25 2025
Have a wonderful Christmas!

We will be closing at 2:00 pm on
Wednesday, December 31, 2025
Noon cut off for 2025 transactions


GIVE BLOOD

GIVE LIFE

Walk-Ins Welcome!

The Bowman Lions Club in conjunction with Vitalant is sponsoring a Blood Drive on:
Monday, December 29th
Noon - 6:00pm
Bowman County Ambulance Service Building
111 Hwy 12 W.
For an appointment call Pam Nester at 701-440-8509 or online at Vitalant.org

Remember to bring Photo ID



Merry Christmas to all and a sincere Thank You to all our patients

Dr. John F. Sanderson DDS is retiring and the dentist office in Elgin, ND will be closing December 31, 2025

Christmas is about forgiveness




Wishing You A Gifted Season

Friends. Food. Fun. Festivity.
May your holiday season deliver it all,
along with our best wishes and gratitude.

Grand River Electric Cooperative

Lemmon, SD - 605-244-5211



Here's hoping Santa delivers everything you've been waiting for, including our best wishes and gratitude.
Merry Christmas!

We Know You've Been Good... Especially To Us!

Dakota Grain Livestock Supply

Elgin, ND - 584-2660



Thank you to all my clients for their support all year. I really appreciate it.

Merry Christmas & A Prosperous New Year

A J Salon | Marie Johnson
306 Hwy. 12 W, Ste A • 701-523-4507

“Christmas is doing a little something extra for someone.”

THANK YOU

The Elgin Community Thanksgiving Dinner wishes to send a BIG THANK YOU ...

To all those that helped in any way to make this year's Thanksgiving Dinner happen.

To all who donated food or supplies or brought food to share,

To all who donated money toward the cost of the meal,

To all who joined us on Thanksgiving Day - for without you we would not have this community gathering of joining friends and family in thankfulness.

May you all have a Very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year, and we hope to see all of you again next Thanksgiving - God willing.

Grief Support
is held weekly on
Sunday from 3:30 to 5:00
at the
Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
in Elgin

For more information, call
701.220.6585

thru 1-17

701.206.0129
vmhdez62@gmail.com
Eido Connect



A Little Birdie Told Me

By: Vivian Hernandez

A Little Birdie Told Me: "Good Things Come To Those Who Wait."

On September 3rd 2024 we started construction on the addition to our daughter's house at Hazen Bay: On December 13th 2025 we were able to move in.

Our Sons-In-Law have done all the construction on weekends with help from a few friends none of who have ever built a house before. At times it seemed we'd never get there but here we are just days before Christmas and moved in.

The house is small and I have more downsizing to-do but we are so grateful to everyone who sacrificed so many weekends to build the house for us. I'm looking forward to decorating and planting flowers in the spring. We have a view of Lake Sakakawea and our grandson slips his boots on and comes for a visit. Life is Good!

A Little Birdie Told Me: "From Our House To Yours Merry Christmas!"

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN HEALTHCARE AND HELPING YOUR COMMUNITY? LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEER HOURS, BENEFIT TO COLLEGE APPLICATION AND JOB RESUMES?

New England Ambulance Service is looking for individuals interested in working as CPR driver's with the service.

Must be at least 16 years of age with a valid drivers license. Would need to have or take a BLS healthcare provider CPR course. If needed the course can be taught by the New England Ambulance Service.

If interested please contact the New England Ambulance Service via phone at **701-260-2594.**

Or by email at newengland6206@gmail.com

YEAR-END DONATIONS

Tuttle Cemetery

of rural Rhame, ND would appreciate your donations for maintenance, mowing & upkeep

Please send donations to:
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8404 159th Ave SW • Rhame, ND 58651

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Lighten Up... It's Christmas!

Wishing you all the trimmings of a very merry holiday season.
Thank you for brightening up our year with your visits.

Slope Electric Cooperative
New England - Mott/Regent - Lemmon - Hettinger - Scranton - Bowman



MERRY Christmas

AND HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM ALL OF US AT

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Thank you for your business!

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Mott K of C Council 2826 Steak Night

Black Jack will be dealt by the Mott Fire Brigade

WHERE: Mott KC Hall, 315 Brown Ave. - Mott, ND

WHEN: Saturday, January 10, 2026

Doors open at 4:00 pm - Supper served from 5:00 - 8:00 pm

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

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

GUNS TO BE RAFFLED OFF!

Henry Big Boy Sidegate .357 Magnum
Shadow Systems CR920 Combat Bronze 9mm
Great Lakes AR-15 Sahara Camo 5.56
Savage Axis 2 Pro Camo .308 Win

Advanced Ticket Prices: \$30 - Tickets at the Door - \$35

Contact KC members for advanced tickets or call/text Dusty - (701) 260-9421
Tickets will also be available at the Commercial Bank of Mott and the Mott Equity

Door prizes start at 7:00 Must be present to win.

Full Cash Bar Available

Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas!

Wishing our friends and neighbors a season trimmed with health, harmony and joy.

We thank you for brightening up our year with your visits, and look forward to serving you again next year.

Wheeler Manufacturing Co., Inc.
Lemmon, SD - 605-374-3848



Merry Christmas!

May the magic of this holiday season bring you lots of happiness and joy.

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with appreciation at the Holiday Season

May the spirit of the season fill your heart and your home, and may you and your family enjoy the warmth of an old-fashioned Christmas.

We appreciate your being such good neighbors all year long, and we look forward to your continued friendship and support.

Our Place Cafe and Lanes
Elgin, ND - 584-3150



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

HETTINGER COUNTY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Hettinger County, North Dakota has position open on the
Hettinger County Road Crew. This position will be full time with benefits and will include operating road-graveling equipment; knowledge of mechanical repair would be helpful. Possessing or the ability to obtain a commercial driver's license is a must for this position.

The successful applicants will be subject to all regulations pertinent to county employees as to workers compensation and county policies affecting the operation of county equipment.

This position will be open until filled.

Application (available at Auditor's office) or resume may be delivered to the office of the
Hettinger County Auditor in the County Courthouse in Mott, North Dakota,
or may be mailed to;
Hettinger County Auditor,
336 Pacific Avenue, Mott, ND 58646
and should be marked road crew position.

12-13,20

FOR RENT

Timber Creek Town House

A 55 and older community located in Mott ND next to WRHS Clinic and Mott Health Care Center.

1,060 square foot one story town house, with no steps. Includes two bedrooms, one and a half baths (5' walk in shower with corner bench), living room, dining room and kitchen. Kitchen has oak cabinets and a center island.

Appliances include stove, refrigerator, microwave, dishwasher, garbage disposal and washer/dryer combo.

Each unit has natural gas heat and central air.

Attached insulated garage is 308 square feet and includes garage door opener. There are no steps to and from garage. Patio is an 8'x10' area with a privacy wall.

Shared courtyard between the 8 units with automatic sprinklers as well as the front yards for a nice lawn.

No pets. Timber Creek Properties L.L.C.

is responsible for water, sewer, garbage, snow removal and lawn mowing.

Timber Creek Properties L.L.C.

Kevin and Patricia Roth, Owners

Kevin (701)690-8975 or (701)824-3364

Patricia (701)690-8979

Devin (701)260-8355

12-20,27

Icy!

by Kathy Craig Harteis

Here we are. We are stuck in Bismarck because roads are too icy to go home. A look out our hotel window this morning

revealed a temporary ice rink in the parking lot. We've heard multiple sirens this morning. I suspect a lot of cars are sliding. Not gonna go out there!

Hopefully tomorrow we'll have a window of opportunity to get home.

You just never know. But for now we are grateful for a warm room and food delivery.

We are looking forward to going to California the end of the month. I really don't want to brave ice and snow again this winter. Somehow even the Northern California fog seems better. At least I won't slip, fall and break something in the fog. Cookie day was a success. You can't go wrong decorating gingerbread people and having homemade soup for supper.

Grandson Kohen did a great job learning to make Aunt Creasie's Old Crooked Noodles and chicken soup. I loved teaching him. It did my heart good and reminded me of cooking with his dad when he was growing up.

The older I get the more precious memories of my own children and younger grandchildren become.

I know I often say I'm blessed. But, it's true. I am blessed. Life is good today.



by

Pat Merriman

Attorneys at Law
Pat Merriman
&
David Crane
701-824-2591

I've been getting a bit morose lately, so, I thought this week I might try, in the spirit of the Christmas season, to lighten the mood a bit. Porch pirates! I have become addicted to watching youtube videos of people getting their just desserts when they steal other people's Amazon packages off the recipient's front porch only to have a booby-trapped explosion erupt (with paint and glitter) as they attempt to escape. It's hilarious, particularly, when the narcissist then proceeds, on the doorbell camera, to berate the property owner with threats of arrest and prosecution. Only to be arrested, themselves, when the constabulary arrives and determines that the "victim" was actually a thief.

But, then, I remembered an old case I had as a young prosecutor in Missouri where an elderly man got sick and tired of youths smashing his mailbox, so, he wired it up with explosive and, subsequently, killed a teenaged passenger who smashed the mailbox from a car and detonated the device. The old guy went to prison and, I remember the judge's admonition that deadly force (force which is "capable" of death or serious physical injury) is not allowed in defense of personal property. So, what exactly does our North Dakota Century Code say? "Reckless endangerment" (an A misdemeanor thru B felony) occurs when you "create a

substantial risk of serious bodily injury or death to another" and specifically condemns the use of a firearm or, the perpetrator's indifference to human life. And, the next part, is the tricky part for those who engage in legal, self-help, "there is risk if the potential for harm exists, whether or not a particular person's safety is actually jeopardized." And, what if the pirate is a little kid or, the thing goes off by accident? Not so funny then.

So, I looked up the definition of dangerous weapon and firearm and, sure enough, "any weapon that will expel, or is readily capable of expelling, a projectile by the action of a spring, compressed air, or compressed gas"; a bomb; any object containing or capable of producing and emitting any noxious liquid, gas, or substance; an explosive (regardless of source or ingredients), bomb or similar device; or any weapon that will expel, or is readily capable of expelling, a projectile by the action of an explosive runs afoul of the foregoing. So, I recall one of my instructor's admonitions, "If it sounds good...no good" and, have to admit that it was funny watching these folks get covered with paint and glitter but, that would not be the case if you got arrested and incarcerated. So, I guess we can yuck it up on youtube but, best to be a spectator not a participant. Have a great week!

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Join our team and help small businesses and communities across Southwest North Dakota start, grow, and succeed. This position combines business advising through the Small Business Development Centers (SBDC) with community and project coordination for Roosevelt Custer. Work may include assisting entrepreneurs, supporting local projects, managing grants, organizing events, and helping with community outreach.

How to Apply

Send resume, cover letter, and two references to sarah@swnd.org

Have questions? We'd love to chat. Call Sarah at 701.523.5880

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Bowman, ND

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May His love and light guide you this Christmas Season



With Our Thanks For Your Trust & Goodwill

For the time you've invested with us this past year, we are sincerely grateful and we wish all of you a most joyous holiday season with many happy returns.

Capital Credit Union

Flasher, ND



With Thanks For Your Business

Wishing you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Farmers Union Insurance

Hettinger, ND- 701-567-4358



A Note of Thanks to Our Customers

When we think of all the faces we've come to know in the past few years, it gladdens our hearts and gives us much to celebrate this Christmas.

So to all of you, who have given so much joy, we offer our gratitude and best wishes for a very merry season.

Fitterer Oil Company

New England, ND - 579-4887

"Christmas my child, is love in action."



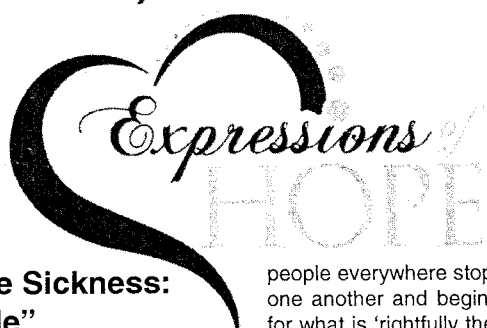
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Expressions of HOPE

"The Sickness: Pride"

Pastor Corey Jenkins
Bowman Methodist Church

Proverbs 16:18 says, "Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall." Dante said pride is human sin #1. C.S. Lewis said, "[Pride] is a cancer that eats up the very possibility of love, or even of common sense." Webster's dictionary describes pride as vanity, conceit, narcissism, unreasonable delight in one's position or deeds. Author Jeff Cook says it this way, when Satan fell from heaven, he said to himself, "Better to reign in Hell, than serve in Heav'n" [Milton's Paradise Lost]. Some move toward the void of hell – not because reality is too ugly or painful, but because the Kingdom of Heaven is about others and not one's self. And when all


people everywhere stop serving one another and begin groping for what is 'rightfully theirs,' this inward focus becomes deadly. The ancients called this attitude of persistent self-focus 'pride,' and when pride takes hold of a culture, everyone starves." And pride says of itself, "Everything exists for me – to serve me – to benefit me – because I am that significant!" [Jeff Cook]

Being proud is different than being prideful. It's good to be proud of your son for his accomplishments; it's entirely different to be prideful your son is "better" than another's son. It's good to be proud of your church for a successful mission trip; it's entirely different to be prideful your church is doing stuff other churches aren't. It's good to be proud of the fact you read your Bible daily (as you should!); it's entirely different to look down on those who don't!

C.S. Lewis said, "A proud [person] is always looking down on things and people, and of course, as long as you are looking down, you cannot find God because God is always above you." This is the need for comparison, of putting yourself at a level above another. As I've said before, the only time you should look down on another person is when you're admiring their shoes! Pride is a great separator because if you consider yourself in any way better than someone else, you are, in effect, separating yourself from them. Pride is made up of that inner need to again and again be in comparison with someone else. To say, "I'm better than..." or even to say, "I'm worse than..." is to constantly judge another person and to place yourself at a distance from them. Pride is separation – exclusion – aloneness – solitude; the way out of pride is to find the opposite!

Short story: for much of my life, I believed I was the funniest person I knew (pride); but when I began to listen to those around me, I quickly found I wasn't near as funny as I thought (humility.) This is the antidote to pride – it's a complete reversal of who we think we are in comparison to others. Humility is knowing who we are in relationship with Christ Jesus and with those around us!

Nail Down A Great Season!



While the holiday spirit is building, we'd like to jump in with our best wishes and gratitude. We truly appreciate your helping to make this year a merry one for us.

Joseph Stenberg Carpentry and Handyman

Mott, ND

SELF – EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY BOWMAN HALEY DAM MARINA

Bowman County Water Resource District has a great business opportunity for you!

We are searching for the perfect fit to manage the Bowman Haley Dam Marina, a family oriented cafe, w/a smoke free bar, equipped kitchen & shower facility. This would include operating a cafe a minimum of 5 months, May 1st - Sept. 30th, w/longer terms available. It would be your own business leased from Bowman Co. Water Resource Dist. Board. You must provide & maintain liability insurance, all appropriate licenses & pay sales tax. Full camping hook-up available for manager.

Please call Chanell at 701-440-0869 or email themarina@ndsupernet.com or send inquiries to: BCWRD, 9706 137th Ave SW, Scranton, ND 58653.

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MAY THIS SEASON BE



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MOMENTS TO CHERISH

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

Krebsbach & Kulseth Funeral Service


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BCDC Seeking Volunteers to Serve on BCDC Board of Directors

Bowman County Development Corporation is seeking conscientious and community-minded volunteers interested in serving on the BCDC Board of Directors. The BCDC Board of Directors is tasked with upholding its mission: **To strengthen Bowman County by encouraging and implementing innovative strategies to workforce, tourism, business, and quality of life.**

Interested candidates will be running against the two incumbents seeking re-election. If you would like to be considered by the Nomination Committee, please contact Bowman County Development Corporation at 701.523.5880 no later than **January 5th** to learn more about the responsibilities of an elected board member and the organization.

BCDC Board of Directors election results will be announced at the BCDC Annual Meeting which will be held on Wednesday, February 4th @ 11:30am at the Bowman Golf Course and is open to the public.



Bowman

COUNTY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

In the Spirit of Christmas give thanks



Merry Christmas
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FAMILY ... FESTIVITY ...
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to our loyal patrons and friends.
Merry Christmas!
Cross Roads Inn
Elgin, ND - 584-2752



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We know it's going to
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And your kind friendship
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"Christmas is doing a little something extra for someone."



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WRHS Foundation Is Back For 8th Consecutive Giving Hearts Day!

By Ted Uecker,
WRHS Foundation

West River Health Services Foundation is now in its 8th year of being a member of the Impact Foundation. This fundraising and nonprofit coaching Foundation was created by the Dakota Medical Foundation and the Alex Stern Family Foundation to foster educational growth for nonprofit organizations in North Dakota and western Minnesota. Our annual membership allows us to be part of the single largest online giving day in North Dakota and the longest running fundraiser in the USA - "Giving Hearts Day" (GHD), on February 12, 2026.

Last year, overall Giving Hearts Day raised \$31.58 million from 40,127 donors. Since 2008, or over the past 18 years, GHD has raised \$226 million! In addition to being part of GHD, our WRHS Foundation also receives the opportunity to promote our other campaigns online (Ambulance Fund, Grateful Givers Club, etc.), network with other nonprofits (we are part of a fifteen member consortium in Southwest ND), attend regular coaching sessions by trained fundraising professionals and more.

Now, our WRHS Foundation will be one of 643 nonprofit options for people to give toward on Giving Hearts Day, **February 12, 2026**. All people have to do is go online on this day to givingheartsdays.org, type in "West River Health Services Foundation" and our screen will pop up describing our mission, who is providing the matching funds and determine where their funds are going. In addition, people can now write checks to "WRHSF" any time from January 1st through February 12th, while at the same time writing

"GHD or Giving Hearts Day" in the memo section of their check. If you're concerned about giving on the exact day, there is early giving a month ahead of time, from January 11 through February 12, when you can give via credit card at givingheartsdays.org. Cash gifts, as well as credit card gifts to our wrhs.com/giving website, do not count as Giving Hearts Day gifts. Of course, we still accept cash at WRHS Foundation; it just doesn't count for Giving Hearts Day.

Our WRHS Foundation has witnessed the positivity of Giving Hearts Day - raising over \$2.17 Million over the last seven years! Overall, our WRHS Foundation raised \$366,219 for Giving Hearts Day last year! Thank you to all of our loyal repeat and first-time donors. It only takes \$10 or more. And every gift could determine more grant gifts!

As part of our Impact Foundation membership, we are required to raise a minimum of \$3,000 in Matching Funds in advance of GHD. This year we are still hoping for large gifts between now and January 26, 2026 to create our total matching funds. We're hoping to reach at least \$43,000 for our matching funds. Then our goal will be to "match the match" and raise another \$43,000; so we raise \$86,000+ total! Thank you for considering a gift of \$10 or more. Of course, overall we'd really love to eclipse last year's amazing total of \$366,219! By acquiring \$10+ checks ahead of time (Jan 1 to Feb 12) written out to "WRHSF" with "GHD or Giving Hearts Day" written in the memo section or by giving credit card gifts from January 12 through February 12th at givingheartsdays.org, then search West River.

Thank you area supporters and the Impact Foundation. Together we are making a difference for our top-notch rural healthcare "close to home." Whether we want it or not, we

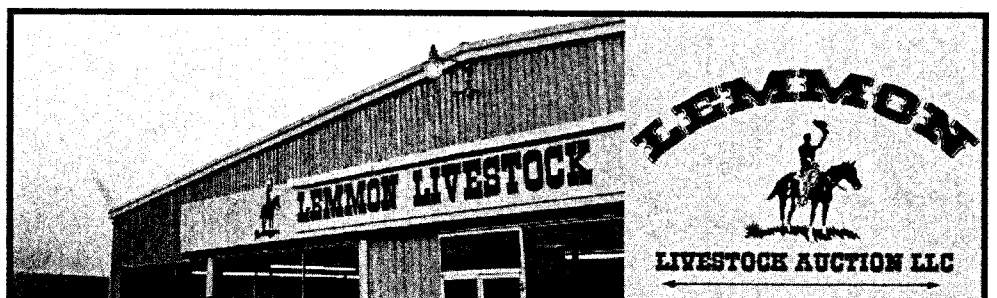
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Please consider gifts to our "Grateful Givers Club," "West River Ambulance Service," "Western Horizons Living Centers," "Surgery," "Scholarships," or any of our Endowment Funds - "Healthcare Heroes," "Physician Recruitment" and "General Endowment."

With only 43 days from January 1 through February 12, we are challenged to "Match our Match" for Giving Hearts Day. It's the 43 Campaign! Please consider attending the following West River Health Service Foundation's Giving Hearts events: Jan 6, 5:00 p.m., "Giving Hearts Hoops Night," Hettinger Gymnasium, Lemmon at Hettinger (Border Battle) Boy's Basketball; Jan 9, 4:00 p.m., "Giving Hearts Hoops Night," Scranton School Gymnasium, Bowman at Scranton (Hwy 12 Rivals) Boy's Basketball; Jan 21, 9 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., Giving Hearts Truckload Sale, \$30 per bag full, at Kennedy's Fresh Foods, Hettinger's North Main Street; February 5, 5:30 p.m., "Giving Hearts Hoops Night," New England Public School Gymnasium, Hettinger-Scranton Girl's Basketball at New England. THANK YOU to our Partners for these events: Dacotah Bank, Dakota Western Bank, Kennedy's Fresh Foods, Scranton Equity, Fitterer Oil, Helena Agri-Enterprises, Northern Bottling/Pepsi, Laufer Vermeer, Kim Erickson Agency, West Plains Inc., Centennial Insurance Agency, and 5A's Next Door Pizza. And possibly more soon!

If you have any thoughts regarding "Giving Hearts Day" or the WRHS Foundation, please call Ted Uecker direct at 701-567-3666. He'll be glad to visit with you about your giving plans. Together let's keep improving our top-notch healthcare system "close to home." Onward!

Our "Giving Hearts Boy's Basketball Night" tips off our "Border Battle of Highway 12" in Hettinger on January 6th, 5:00pm, when the Hettinger-Scranton Nighthawks host the Lemmon Cowboys in Hettinger. This long-time rivalry will have something for everyone, including free admission, free pop and free popcorn. Our hope is that fans might consider "paying forward" a \$10+ check or cash gift to our West River Health Services Foundation for Giving Hearts Day. Plus, there'll be elementary hoops at half-time of the preliminary games and the Legends Freethrow Shootout for Pledges at half-time of the Varsity game. Later that same week on January 9, the Giving Hearts Hoops Night will be traveling to Scranton for the Bowman versus Hettinger-Scranton Nighthawks boys basketball game. Same free admission, pop and popcorn. Plus youth basketball at halftimes of preliminary contests (C game starts at 4pm) and another Legends Freethrow Shootout. Plus twelve days later on January 21, 9am - 6pm, our "Giving Hearts Truckload Sale" will provide



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Third Free Financial Planning Seminar Held -- Despite the Darn Yo-Yo Weather!

By Ted Uecker,
WRHS Foundation

The West River Health Services Foundation went ahead with their long time planned third financial planning seminar on Wednesday, December 10 at the NDSU Extension Center in Hettinger. In spite of the snow and ice, ice and snow, warm and cold -- twenty brave souls came out into the elements and enjoyed the free tasty meal and informative financial planning seminar.

After trying to figure out whether to make the drive from Bismarck or not, Legacy Financial Partners expert Angie Schwartz decided to come present in person. Thank goodness, as Ted is not too Zoom savvy! We sure appreciated having a “Class B” woman (industrious, willing to take on any challenge) present for our December seminar.

And once again, everyone really appreciated the free meal from Kennedy’s -- hot ham and cheese sliders on Hawaiian buns (lots of butter!) with homemade tomato soup and crackers. Topped off with free water and a Reese’s peanut butter cup, it was time to hear from our road-tested guest speaker.

Schwartz presented “Financial Planning: A Personal Guide.” The main six areas she covered were: 1) examining your current finances including goals, priorities, creating a budget, building a cash reserve and managing debt; 2) protect what’s important – insuring your assets and income; 3) accumulate wealth – keep emotions in check, know your risk tolerance, look at the long-term, and embrace diversification; 4) tax planning strategies -- for taxable, tax-free and tax-deferred funds – be diversified; 5) retirement plans – income, expenses, inflation and healthcare; 6) preserve wealth – estate planning, trusts, and your team. In conclusion, she strongly recommended we all have a will, beneficiary designations, financial and healthcare power of attorneys.

Upon entering the seminar, each attendee registered and were placed into a drawing for Giving Hearts Day swag. The recipients were: Terry Henderson – sweatshirt; Aspen Lanning – beanie; Paula Smith and Rhonda Knutson, gift cards. Giving Hearts Day, the largest online fundraising platform in North Dakota, takes place on February 12. However, the

WRHS Foundation is planning for numerous events leading in to the big day as follows: Jan 6 – “Giving Hearts Hoops Night; Battle of the Border” when rival Lemmon comes to Hettinger to battle the Nighthawks boys basketball team; Jan 9 – “Giving Hearts Hoops on Highway 12” when Bowman travels to Scranton for another boy’s hoops tilt; Jan 21 – “Giving Hearts Fill-It-FreshTruckload Sale” at Kennedy’s in Hettinger; and Feb 5 – Giving Hearts Hoops Night in New England when the Nighthawk girls basketball team travels there. The goal is to “Match the Match” of \$43,000 in only 43 days (January 1 through February 12). We need everyone’s participation here!

Thank you Angie Schwartz for making the drive from and back to Bismarck. We’re grateful for your presentation, down to earth visiting with our attendees and overall positive outlook. Of course, we expected no less from a former Mott Cardinal!

The West River Health Services Foundation is currently planning more seminars for 2026. Keep up to date with us at wrhs.com, the Eido and KNDC 1490. Onward!



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Roosevelt Custer Regional Council (RCRC) recently helped secure \$57,663.82 in grant funding to support Bronson's Marketplace with the purchase of Electronic Shelf Labels (ESL), an important investment that will strengthen daily operations and long-term sustainability.

Bronson's Marketplace plays a critical role in the community and region. However, rising operational costs and limited staffing can make it challenging for them to remain competitive. The new label system will help streamline pricing and inventory processes, reduce staff workload, and improve overall efficiency.

RCRC provided technical assistance throughout the grant process, working closely with Bronson's Marketplace to develop their application, identify eligible project costs, and clearly demonstrate the project's impact on the community. This support helped position the project for success and ultimately led to the award of funding.

"Our goal at Bronson's is to have the best store with the best pricing and customer service. Implementing Electronic Shelf Labels (ESL) assists in so many ways including freeing up staff to help in other areas of the store. ESL also ensures pricing accuracy, it creates savings in pricing materials, and savings in labor to print and hang signs all over the store. We will use this labor savings towards customer service and our goal of creating the best store and shopping experience for customers", said Kim Kessler, Bronson's Marketplace.

This funding will allow Bronson's Marketplace to implement modern technology that might otherwise be out of reach, ensuring more accurate pricing, improved customer service and a stronger foundation for the future.

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2. Volunteer your time at a local hospital, nursing home, hospice or orphanage.
3. Invite someone who is alone to Christmas dinner.
4. Donate clothing, a warm coat or blanket to someone who is in need.
5. Cook a meal for an elderly or homebound neighbor.
6. Craft homemade holiday decorations with your kids.
7. Create a family tradition and fond memories by starting a holiday scrapbook.
8. Call, write or plan a get-together with a friend you haven't seen in many years.
9. Spread holiday cheer. Smile and be kind to others.
10. Show appreciation.

AREA COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

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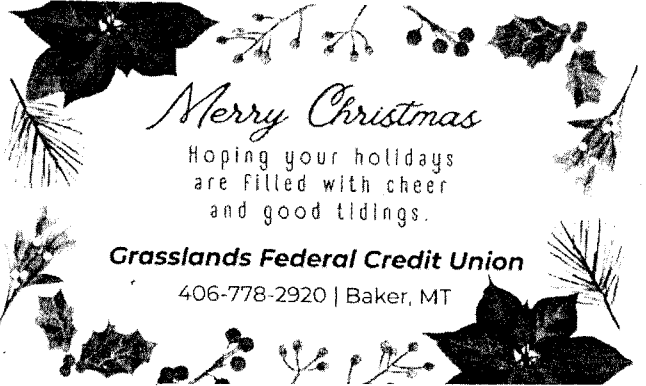
First Tuesday of Every Month • Amidon, ND
City Council Meeting at 8:30 a.m.

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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**Call Elder Care Office
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availability of food.*

Monday, December 22 - Oven Roasted Tur-
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Stuffing, Apple, Dinner Roll, Milk

Tuesday, December 23 - Chicken Parme-
san, Buttered Spaghetti, Italian Vegetables,
Pears, Breadstick, Milk

Wednesday, December 24 - Salisbury
Steak, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Carrots,
Pineapple., Dinner Roll, Milk

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**Tuesday:
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**Wednesday:
2-5**
**Thursday:
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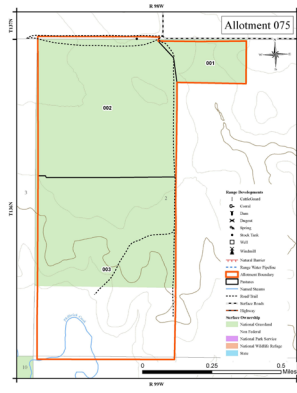
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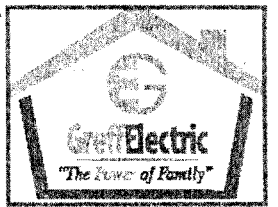
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~ School News ~

Elgin/New Leipzig Public School

Sunday, December 21

No Open Swimming

Monday, December 22

Christmas Break

Report Cards Due by Noon

Tuesday, December 23

Christmas Break

Open Swimming 6 - 8

Wednesday, December 24

Christmas Break - Christmas Eve - NO OPEN SWIMMING

Thursday, December 25

Christmas Break - Christmas Day - NO OPEN SWIMMING

Friday December 26

Christmas Break

New England Public School

Monday, December 22nd

4:00 p.m. 78 BBB vs. Belfield at Fairfield

Tuesday, December 23rd

No School

Wednesday, December 24th

No School

Thursday, December 25th

No School

Friday, December 26th

No School

Monday, December 29th

No School

9:30 a.m. A GBB Capital City Shootout vs. Kidder County at BSC

11:00 a.m. A BBB Capital City Shootout vs. Kidder County at BSC

Tuesday, December 30th

9:30 a.m. A GBB Capital City Shootout vs. Park River at BSC

11:00 a.m. A BBB Capital City Shootout vs. Park River at United Tribes

Wednesday, December 31st

No School

Thursday, January 1st, 2026

No School

Friday, January 2nd

No School

Saturday, January 3rd

5:00 p.m. AB GBB at Flasher

Mott/Regent Public School

December 22 - January 2

Christmas Break

Monday, December 29

HS BBB @ Mandan Tournament

Tuesday, December 30

HS BBB @ Mandan Holiday Tournament

Wednesday, December 31

HS BBB @ Mandan Holiday Tournament

Saturday, January 3

JH BBB @ Richardton/Taylor Tourney

HS GBB (AB) vs Washburn @ Mott Armory, 2:00

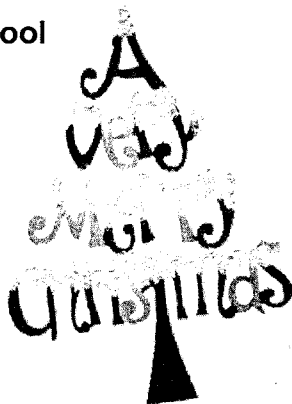
HS BBB (AB) vs Washburn @ Mott Armory, 3:30

Sunday, January 4

End of 2nd Quarter/1st Semester

Monday, January 5

Classes Resume



Area School Calendar Dec. 22nd - Dec. 27th

Bowman County

22 TBD BBB C Tourn @ NE	23 TBD BBB C Tourn @ NE 10am BBB JH vs Beach @ Home 2pm GBB/BBB (AB) vs Flasher @ Home	24	25 <i>Merry Christmas</i>	26	27
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NO SCHOOL

Scranton

22	23	24	25 <i>Merry Christmas</i>	26	27
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NO SCHOOL

Harding County

22	23	24	25 <i>Merry Christmas</i>	26	27
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NO SCHOOL

Baker, MT

22	23	24	25 <i>Merry Christmas</i>	26	27
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Urban Gratz
Rites To Be Held

Urban Gratz, age 93, of Mott, ND, passed away at the Mott Health Care Center on Sunday, December 14, 2025.



Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 3, 2026 at the St. Vincent's Catholic Church in Mott, ND.

A Rosary and Liturgy of the Word Service will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, January 2, 2026 at St. Vincent's Catholic Church in Mott.

Urban Stephen Gratz was born near Rosebud, North Dakota, on January 29, 1932. He grew up on a farm with his five brothers, Adam, Tom, Alfred, Don, and Eric and one sister, Mildred, near new Salem, North Dakota. Urban and all of his siblings were very involved in sports and music in high school, with Urban's highlights including pitching a "perfect" game (where no opponent batter reaches first base) and playing his first "gig" at age 15 with brothers and acquaintances. Urban attended school and graduated from New Salem High School. He then went on to pursue a music degree at Dickinson State College, paying for tuition with money he made performing at various nightclubs and restaurants in the Dickinson area.

Urban met the love of his life, Irene Pfeiler, and they were married on June 1, 1953, in New Salem, North Dakota. After receiving his degree, he accepted a position as music director in Mott, North Dakota in the fall of 1954. In Mott, they raised their four children, Allen, Jerry, Brian and Karen.

Urban liked to stay busy and as a teacher, he had his summers free. So, he decided to become an entrepreneur and in 1958, Urban built and opened "The Park-In", later known as "The Poolside Drive-In". Urban operated this drive-in for five years and in 1963 sold this business and used the proceeds to further his education in music by attending Colorado State College (now Colorado State University) in Greeley, Colorado for three summers and obtained his master's degree in music. He also kept performing in Mott and the surrounding area.

Urban developed many programs in the music department at Mott. He started a new pro-

gram called the Café Concert in 1964. This concert has been immensely popular with the students and the whole community and is continuing to be a high-light performance every spring to this day.

Urban retired from teaching in 1975 after 21 years of being music director. He went on to pursue a career in insurance and real estate and enjoyed this until his retirement in 1994. After retiring, Urban and Irene were able to travel and Urban was able to also focus more on his golf game... and could often be found on the course with a bucket of balls, practicing and honing his skills. He was the Mott Club Champion numerous times, spanning several decades.

Urban was deeply committed to the works of the Knights of Columbus organization, serving as Grand Knight for several years, while also enjoying the social camaraderie and card playing. Recently, he had served on the renovation committee for St. Vincents church.

Throughout his life, Urban enjoyed many hobbies which included golfing, gardening, canning and cooking. He also had a very artistic side. He was talented at oil painting, making many craft items and taught himself the fine woodworking art of intarsia. He enjoyed baseball and loved watching his favorite team, the Minnesota Twins.

Over the course of his years, Urban had developed different slogans. When he was younger, his favorite slogan was "One Step At A Time". As he got older, he chose the slogan "Life is Good" and in his latter years as his health and physical abilities were diminishing, he adopted the slogan "The Best is Yet To Come".

Urban is survived by his brothers Don Gratz and Eric (Sue) Gratz. His four children Allen (Deb) Gratz, Jerry (Kim) Gratz, Brian (Leslie) Gratz and Karen (Brent) Helleckson. His ten grandchildren, Crystalynn (Ward) Larson, Curtis (Keri) Gratz, Nathan (Jennifer) Gratz, Neal (Lindsay) Gratz, Kenneth (Laurie) Gratz, Gabe (Tara) Gratz, Abby (Ryan) Siewert, Aimee (Paul) Morris, Stephanie Helleckson and Jacob Helleckson; and numerous great grandchildren and two great, great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Irene (Pfeiler) Gratz, his parents, Ralph and Gertrude Gratz, brothers Adam Gratz, Alfred Gratz and Tom Gratz and his sister, Mildred (Gratz) Marcotte.

In lieu of flowers, please direct memorials to the Mott Health Care Center, 401 Millionaire Ave. Ste. A, Mott, ND 58646.

Condolences may be sent through our website at www.evansonjensenfuneralhome.com.

Be sure to read the obituaries - they are stories that inspire - although passed on they leave a legacy of inspiration. May we follow their examples.

Rites Held for
Larry Steiner

Lawrence "Larry" J. Steiner, 85, of Scranton, ND, passed away on Monday, December 15, 2025 at the West River Medical Center in Hettinger, ND.



Mass of Christian Burial for Larry was on Saturday, December 20, 2025 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church beginning at 10:00 am. Fr. Greg Hiltzenderger Celebrated the Mass with burial following in the Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery, Scranton, ND. There was a Rosary prayed for Larry on Friday, December 19, 2025 at the Sacred Heart Church beginning at 7:00pm. Visitation for Larry was on Friday, December 19, 2025 from 12-4 at the Krebsbach and Kulseth Funeral Home Chapel and resume from 5-9 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Larry was born April 11, 1940, in Longview, Washington, to Leonard and Rose (Messmer) Steiner. He was raised in Scranton and graduated from Scranton High School in 1958. On October 25, 1961, he married Kathy Cook in Scranton, where they made their home. Larry

worked as a carpenter with his partner Gary, owning S&S Construction, a farmer, and later as a coal miner at Knife River until his retirement in 1995. He served his country in the United States military and was a devout Catholic, a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus. Larry spent his retirement doing what he loved - cutting hay with his friend Doug, golfing, camping and fishing. Larry was known for finding practical solutions to most problems, often with few tools and a lot of creativity.

Larry is survived by his wife, Kathy Steiner, Scranton, ND; his children, Debbie Schields (Jon), Dodge, ND & Scott Steiner, Scranton, ND; his siblings Rita (Tom) MacFarlane, Milwaukie, OR, Kenneth (Rita) Steiner, Bowman, ND, Dean (Kathy) Steiner, St. Peter, MN; his grandchildren, Jessica (Michael) Unruh Bell, Beulah, ND, Lane (Sadie) Schields, Dodge, ND, Shelby (Ian) Arendt, Mandan, ND, Kayelyn (Spencer) Whitted, Spearfish, SD, Evan (Paige) Steiner, Yankton, SD, & Zach Wilson, Spearfish, SD; and his great-grandchildren, Ella, Eva, Lucy, Lily, Sophia, Piper, Aleah, Owen, Kynlee & Willa; extra-special nieces, nephews, many extended family members, neighbors and very dear friends.

He was preceded in death by his daughter Jennifer Rose; parents Leonard & Rose (Messmer) Steiner; brother and sister-in-law Elmer & Chris Steiner; sister-in-law Sharon Steiner, and brother-in-law and sister-in-law LeRoy & Doris Wold.

Joyce L. Gatzke
Rites

Joyce L. Gatzke, 90, of Regent and Hettinger, ND, passed



away on Monday, December 1, 2025 at the West River Regional Medical Center in Hettinger, ND. Joyce, daughter of Christ and Marie (Ness) Krogh was born on a farm five and one-half miles south of Regent. She attended Alden School, a little country school house near her home. She graduated from Regent High School.

Joyce married Herbert Gatzke in 1954, and three children were born to this union, Bradley Allen, Wanda Kay, and Carol Lynn.

Joyce was a housewife and mother staying at home until the children were in school. She then went to work outside the home as a cook and bus driver for Regent Public School.

Her favorite activities were being outdoors working in the yard cutting grass and taking care of her flowers, plus helping Herb plant the garden. She canned many jars of pickles using the fresh cucumbers, dill, and garlic from the garden. An-

other past-time was shopping for the best deals at her favorite stores. According to her family she made the best "yum yum" bars for special occasions.

Joyce and Herbert lived in Regent all their lives. After the passing of Herbert in 2017, Joyce remained in their home in Regent for five years. In September of 2022, Joyce went to live at Western Horizon Care Center in Hettinger, ND. Joyce enjoyed participating in the activities of Bingo, listening to special music performers, and attending church while at the care center. She appreciated getting a free hair cut and having her hair fixed on Thursdays.

Joyce was preceded in death by her husband, Herbert, sisters: Louise Olson, Orlean Rysavy, Margie Krug, and brother Clarence Krogh.

She is survived by her son, Bradley (Laura) Gatzke, Hettinger, two daughters, Wanda (Dave) Geiger, Dickinson, and Carol (Paul) Prince, Mandan, four grandchildren, Amanda DeMorrett, great grandchild Brayden DeMorrett, and Brant (Paula) Geiger, Dickinson, Leonard (Amy) Prince, great grandchildren Emma and Judd Prince, Beulah, Christina (Charles) Brantner, West Fargo.

The family sincerely thanks Western Horizon staff and volunteers who took care of Mom the last three years. Also thanks to Evanson Jensen Funeral homes for their services.

Private burial services will be held at a later date.

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Reflections on the Words of Life

by Pastor Paul Ferrie,
 Grace Reformed Church of the
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Today we resume our study in 1 Peter 2:24, which gives us the reason for Christmas: "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." Jesus, the eternal Son of God, took on flesh and came into this world to provide salvation for all who would ever believe in Him. And what is salvation? Most of the time we speak of it as referring to Jesus' providing forgiveness for our sins through His sacrifice on the cross. But salvation is much more than the forgiveness of sins. Salvation is God's way of doing a complete makeover in His people. The Holy Spirit comes into the life of each believer in order to work in him or her both the desire and the will power to live a holy life—to die to sins and live for righteousness. What Peter is showing us here is that the salvation Jesus provides does not leave people the way they were. No, He provides a salvation so wonderful that new life and power are given to the believer which will completely restore him or her to the image of God that was lost by sin. Christ is making His people like Himself. This will not be fully accomplished until death, when the believer puts off the flesh, which is contaminated by sin. It is then that full Christlikeness will be a reality in each and every believer.

At the end of our verse Peter quotes from Isaiah 53:5: "By whose stripes you were healed." The great paradox of the cross is that by Jesus' tremendous sufferings, we receive tremen-

dous healing. As we see in our next verse, the healing referred to here is spiritual healing: "For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls" (1 Peter 2:25). Here Peter is quoting from Isaiah 53:6. The first part of Isaiah 53:6a says, "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way." What a solemn thing this is to remember. But this is the natural condition of every human being who comes into this world. One does not have to GO astray from God. That is the way we all come into this world. Just look at the whole tendency of this world, and we will have ample proof of this sad reality. Man is pushing God out of the picture and straining with all his mind and might to keep God out of the picture. We all are born like a bunch of dumb sheep who deliberately try to cut ourselves off from our Creator. This is why we need saving. This is the kind of healing we mainly need. Oh, let those of us who are believers in Christ take pity on this poor world and tell others that Christ came to bring us back to God. He is the Good Shepherd whom the Father sent to bring us back to Himself. If you are a believer in Christ, the reason why Jesus paid for your sins is that God wanted you for Himself! He is the One who restores the soul and leads us in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Friends, do you know the Shepherd? Do you have the complete salvation which He came to earth to give? If not, what must you do? Only recognize your need of Him. Tell Him you are a sinner in need of His grace. Ask Him to save you. He will. Then you will have great cause to celebrate Christmas.

Promises by Colleen Maas

Promises, promises
 He promised to keep
 He watches over us by day
 And He sings us to sleep
 Faithful He is because His WORD is true
 If He does this for believers
 Believe He'll do this for You

He says to seek for these promises day after day
 Ask for His hidden treasures each time we pray
 Knowledge and Wisdom are by His decree
 If you love His WORD (Jesus)
 He will give them to thee

He will shield and protect you
 If you choose to do right
 He will grant you discernment
 And give you foresight

Promises, promises
 They'll never fail
 They are proved in my life
 This I can tell

These Blessings are endless in the Joy that I sing
 And there are many many more promises
 That His Love Will Bring!

Matthew 7:7-8 "Ask, and it shall be given to you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be open to you." 8 "For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it shall be open."



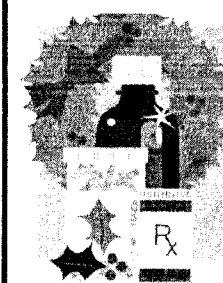
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1/4 c. evaporated milk
1 (6 oz.) pkg. (1 c.) semi-sweet chocolate morsels
1 tsp. vanilla
1 c. chopped walnuts

Combine and blend brown sugar, corn syrup, and evaporated milk in saucepan. Place over medium heat; bring to a boil. Boil for 2 minutes; remove from heat. Add semi-sweet morsels. Stir until blended. Add vanilla and nuts. Cool for 10 minutes. Shape on waxed paper into 2 (12 inch) rolls. Chill until firm. Cut into 1/4 inch slices. Makes approximately 1 1/4 pounds.

Thoughts for the Week

by June Schmidt

Did you ever notice that the most popular shows on television are probably about friends? Even the most dramatic shows, including the murder mysteries, always talk about friends. The people who see you as you are, that can be your spouse, your sister or brother, your Mom or your Dad and maybe the kids you grew up with in grade school. The power of friendship lies in its profound impact on our mental, physical health and overall happiness, providing support, reducing stress, boosting self-worth and even helping us live longer by encouraging healthy habits and offering a sense of belonging during life's challenges like loss or illness. Strong friendships offer security, inspiration and a vial antidote for loneliness, making life more meaningful and resilient.

As we go through life, some friends move on and some new ones come along if you are lucky. Sometimes those friends last a lifetime and you are able to share all your ups and downs in life with them. If you are really lucky, the person you marry becomes your best friend as well as your partner in life. They are there to share your good days as well as comfort you in your bad ones, not judging you or telling you how you should do better, but listening to you and helping you to see your way through. If you have been blessed with one of those, cherish them as not everyone can say that.

When the worst happens and you lose that special person in your life, it takes time to recover from the loss. If it's your parent, quite often you don't realize how much you depended on them until they are no longer

there. You find times even after years when you want so badly to be able to tell them what is going on in your life, to share just one more time what you've been doing and that you haven't forgotten them. But of course, you can't and sometimes you find yourself regretting those times when you were too busy to stop and visit when they wanted you to. If your parents are still around, no matter how far away, think about what you would feel like if they weren't there. Maybe it's time for a visit before you won't have that chance.

If it's your spouse and you've been married a long time, it can be devastating. Life goes on, but the person you committed to that special day to love and cherish has gone before you. Suddenly your 'house' has lost part of it's foundation and every decision becomes questionable. Recovery can take years, but if you had love, you know that person wanted you to be strong and knew that you had it in you to move forward. We all know that this is a possibility in our lives, but we don't dwell on it and maybe we should let it cross our minds once in a while. Maybe we need to hug a bit more, spend a little more time together, walking life's pathways with a little less arguments and a little more love.

The longer you are in this world, the more people will move out of your life, some will leave with a smile, others maybe not so much, but all will leave a memory with you. If you stop and think on this, you can recall names and faces of those that are no longer here, what experiences you shared with them and maybe some of the conversations that you had. Hopefully you have more good memories than others, but maybe they taught you something along the

way. Honor their memory once in a while, maybe they left you a recipe or a song, or a special gift. Maybe it's just when you are standing somewhere, you recall how they said things or something they did with their lives. Every time you remember, they still live in some way in your life. Remember that you

also leave memories for others, so make those good ones, so that one day they will recall you with a smile and an anecdote from your encounters. This is what makes us people who care for others, rather than just those that you are required to deal with. Love starts with friendship and blossoms into a wonderful thing. God Bless you All.

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Mott/Regent School Highlights

Mott-Regent Public School District
Second Quarter Superintendent Report

Introduction

The second quarter of the academic year has been marked by continued progress toward our district goals. Our focus remains on academic excellence, student engagement, and strengthening community partnerships.

Academic Progress

• NDA+: We can conclude, based on our spring 2025 NDA+ scores, that our school district has shown fantastic growth in Math across most grade levels and are currently trending at or above the state average as a district. However, our reading scores have moved in the opposite direction.

• Intervention Programs: Intervention programs and curriculum are being updated to address the reading scores and better align the district with state approved curriculum for reading.

Staff Development

Professional Learning

Staff is scheduled to be trained in AI for teachers on our January 23 professional development day. This will emphasize AI tools that will make lesson planning, curriculum alignment, and grading less time consuming for our staff. Other topics that will be covered on upcoming professional development days include professional ethics, education procedures &

law, CPI, data tracking, Infinite Campus, The Science of Math & Reading, NDA+, classroom management, substitute teacher training, and para-educator training.

Collaboration

Recent building level meetings have emphasized curriculum review, data-driven decision-making, and school calendar development.

Student Activities & Achievements

• Athletics: Congratulations goes out to our JH volleyball team on an undefeated season and to our HS varsity girls volleyball team on their 4th place finish at the regional tournament.

• Clubs & Organizations: The school district would like to encourage all of our students and families to get involved in the county 4H program. Contact Heather HEATHER FISCHER, Hettinger County Extension Agent @ 701-824-2095, to find out how your family can get involved!

• Mott-Regent High School Principal, Mrs. Bridget Greff, has been recognized as a finalist for the NDASSP Principal of the Year. Mrs. Greff represents Region 4 and will be competing against 6 other North Dakota principals for this prestigious award.

• Our school district completed another highly successful Christmas concert. It showcased creative set design as well as our talented music stu-

dents. In the coming months the music department will set up an in house recording studio where students will be able record music that can be shared with the community via our school website and Facebook page.

Facilities & Operations

• Building & Maintenance Updates: The high school physical education office and recovery room that are attached to the weigh training lab have been updated with new flooring. Our next building projects include updating our science laboratory and biology classroom in the high school building and replacing the scoreboards & shot clocks in the Armory. We hope to have each of these completed prior to the start of the 2026-2027 school year.

• Football Field: New pads for our goal posts have been purchased and will be installed this summer. Prior to installing the new pads the goal posts will be painted.

• Technology Upgrades: The building & technology committee is in the process of developing a technology replacement plan for laptops and iPads.

Community Engagement

Parent Communication: For the latest on what is happening in the Mott-Regent Public School district visit our school website at www.mott.k12.nd.us or check out our

Facebook!

Spring School Board Meeting Dates

1. January 21, 2026 @ 7pm (Mott-Regent School)
2. February 18, 2026 @ 7pm (Mott-Regent School)
3. March 18, 2026 @ 7pm (Mott-Regent School)
4. April 15, 2026 @ 7pm (Enchanted Castle)
5. May 20, 2026 @ 7pm (Mott-Regent School)

Partnerships: The fundraiser for the new Armory scoreboard will kick off in January 2026. Be on the lookout for more details.

Upcoming Priorities

Third Quarter Goals: Mott-Regent Public School District is in the midst of our Cognia Review. What is Cognia?

• Cognia is a global non-profit organization focused on improving education through accreditation, assessment, and professional learning. It works with schools, districts, and education service providers to ensure quality standards and foster continuous improvement in teaching and learning.

Strategic Planning: Our strategic plan is a living document. We are constantly reviewing and updating the plan based on data and goals. In the coming months we will be working closely with WERC (Western Education Regional Cooperative) to update and improve our strategic plan.



HS Principal Bridget Greff was selected as finalist for the NDASSP Principal of the Year Award. She will represent region 4!

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National Maine Day

National French Fried Shrimp Day

National Humbug Day

National Crossword Puzzle Day

Monday 12/22/2025

National Date Nut Bread Day

Tuesday 12/23/2025

National Roots Day

National Pfeffernusse Day

National Forefathers Day

Wednesday 12/24/2025

CHRISTMAS EVE

National EggNog Day

Thursday 12/25/2025

MERRY CHRISTMAS

National Pumpkin Pie Day

National A'phabet Day

National No "L" Day

Friday 12/26/2025

National Whiners Day

National Thank You Note Day

National Candy Cane Day

Saturday 12/27/2025

National Fruitcake Day

Local Churches

10am Chair Exercises in the Solarium

11:30am Christmas Crossword Puzzles in Solarium

6pm Countdown to Christmas Hallmark Channel Movie "The Christmas Baby" in the Solarium

10:00am Chair Exercises in the Solarium

11:30am Keep Moving, ALL ARE WELCOME

12pm ELDERCARE MEAL ALL ARE WELCOME

2pm Roll A Tree Dice Game

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

1pm Spa Day Nails

2:00 pm Octogan Game

2:30pm - Gracie Visits

9:00am Chair Exercises in the Solarium

10am Keep Your Faith Going, Pastor John

11:30am Keep Moving, ALL ARE WELCOME

12pm ELDERCARE MEAL ALL ARE WELCOME

2:00pm Left Right Christmas Story Game

10am No Mass

10:30am Chair Exercises in the Solarium

3:00pm No Book Club with Father Kadmas

9am Spa Day Hair Care

10:30am Chair Exercises in the Solarium

2:00pm Uno Card Game

10:00am Chair Exercises in the Solarium

2:00pm Hot Cocoa Bar & Winter Tongue Twisters

4:30pm Mass @ St. Vincent's

NOTICE the Days for Elder Care Meals due to the Holiday!

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6th grade did a fund raiser and donated \$102 to the HCSD for Lyon!

All of these photos are of the stage and entrance to our highly successful Christmas in Our Hearts music concerts.

Hailey Steiner and Allison Grist participated in the Minot State University Teacher Aspire Program for future educators.

