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Year

Heart of  
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Eido Connect's  
Philosophy for 2025

- Listen - Hope -  
“Best Gift”



Storm continued - Santa lost everything - but star continued to shine. Snow, wind, rain, sleet continued to pelt Santa.

Finally Rudolph slowed down - “What’s up Rudolph?” - then Santa saw - clearing - star above.

Upon landing Santa found, man, woman and child. Reaching back for present, Santa remembered he had

lost everything in the storm.

Stepping out of sleigh, Santa said - sorry I have no present for the baby. Mother smiled? Father said - - “But you brought the best gift of all - you came to see Him” - - and that’s the best gift you could ever give!

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Watch for these circulars in  
your area for this week!

H & L Super Valu - Buffalo  
Kennedy’s Foods - Hettinger  
New England Community Store -  
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Oien Grocery - Mott  
Regent Co-op - Regent  
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## “What’s New”

“What’s new,” asked Mr. Grinch - “Nothing” - same old - same old.

“But” screamed Cinderella - next week begins a New Year - an opportunity to look at ourselves and ask - how could I have been a better example for my community”

Fun things to look at.

Again, we are thankful for each and every person in Eido Country.

Eido - I do believe in you -.

ND 40%

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Call Ted Uecker with West River Health Services Foundation at 701-567-3666 to find out how your \$5,000 or more gift for their "Healthcare Heroes Endowment Fund" could be a win-win-win for you, our WRHS Foundation and our community. Thanks for considering a gift. Onward!



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per week

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NOTICE!

End of the Year

Transactions cut will be at

3:00 pm - December 31, 2025



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Member FDIC

The Bank will be closed  
on New Year's Day

Happy New Year!

PRE-CALVING

OPEN HOUSE

JANUARY 12 - 13

ProPoint Farm and Ranch would like to invite you to our in-store open house! We will have vaccine, feed, equipment, and animal health representatives available.



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Lunch served on January 13.

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December 30th  
deadline will be  
Tuesday morning by  
10:00 am

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# Believe In The Magic!

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



## Annual Senior Potluck

Door Prizes  
will be given

**January 1, 2026**  
**Cannonball Senior**  
**Center - Mott, ND**

All ages welcome!

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St. Vincent's  
St. Henry's  
St. John the Baptist  
Catholic Church  
Schedule for  
Sat. Dec. 27  
Sun. Dec. 28

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

Jacobson  
Memorial  
Hospital Care  
Center and New  
Leipzig - Elgin  
Ambulance Service  
to sponsor

### Safe Sitter Class Jan. 3

A Safe Sitter Class is being planned for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 3, in Elgin for babysitters in grades 5-8.

Sponsored by Jacobson Memorial Hospital Care Center and New Leipzig-Elgin

Ambulance Service, the class teaches essential safety, child-care and first aid for watching siblings or babysitting.

There is no charge for the class, which will be limited in size.

Preregister by calling Cary Kehr at 584-2792, ext. 298, as soon as possible to become enrolled.

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**GIVE BLOOD**

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Walk-ins  
Welcome!

The Bowman Lions Club in conjunction with Vitalant is sponsoring a Blood Drive on:

**Monday, December 29<sup>th</sup>**

**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



Believe in the Magic of Christmas.

## NOTICE!

Due to  
New Year's Week  
Eido Connect's

**DEADLINE**

is

**Tuesday,**  
**December 30**  
**10:00 am**

## Grief Support

is held weekly on

**Sunday from 3:30 to 5:00**

at the

**Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
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For more information, call

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*The magic of Christmas never ends  
when the greatest gift is your family and  
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YEAR-END DONATIONS

## Tuttle Cemetery

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

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*Jesus*  
is the reason for the season!

## 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 31, 2025**  
*Noon cut off for 2025 transactions*

**Closed, Thursday, January 1, 2026**  
**Happy New Year!**

# Christmas is about forgiveness



**Merry Christmas**

Wishing you peace and happiness this season.

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*Thank You*

I would like to thank my husband, Art for not only being the love of my life, my constant, my rock and his newish title of being my caregiver. Kevin and Johanna for everything they have done for us while we were/are on this cancer journey.

Also, thank you to the wonderful community and county we live in! Thank you for the prayers, support, flowers, gifts, calls, gift cards, money for gas, motel, meals, and incidentals.

And to all my clients for their understanding of my being out an extended period of time. It means the world to me to have you in my life.

I really appreciate all of the kindness shown to me during my cancer fight.

I am back to work now, cancer won't win, I will. I am bound and determined to beat this.

LOVE,  
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**A LITTLE BIRDIE TOLD ME:**

*"Should Old Acquaintance Be Forgot, And Never Brought To Mind?"*

New Year's Eve is fast approaching and for many it's time to make resolutions, ponder the past and look forward to what lies ahead. No matter what the year has held for us, looking to the New Year with hope is what we do. But what do we place our hope in? I've spent much of my life living in the past, reliving events, conversations and opening old wounds and to what end? As a result I lose the present moment, I've done a lot of soul searching and praying about this and one scripture comes to mind every time I dwell on the past: "Whoever starts to plow and looks back is not fit for the Kingdom of God." (Luke 9:62)

I'll leave you with a few quotes to encourage you in the New Year.

"Oh my God forgive what I have been, correct what I am, and direct what I will be." (St. Elizabeth Ann Seton)

"Remember this and never forget it: Even if it should seem at times that everything is collapsing, nothing is collapsing at all, because God Doesn't Lose Battles." (St. Josemaria Escriva)

"When your hanging on by a thread, make sure it's the hem of His garment." (Mark 5:27-28)


"Give God the remaining years of your life. Beg God to use them in the kind of life that is pleasing to Him." (St. Padre Pio)

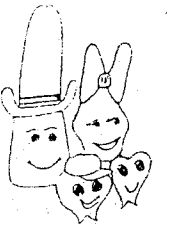
"I know now, Lord why you utter no answer; You, Yourself are the answer." (CS Lewis)

A Little Birdie Told Me: "Have a Blessed and Hopeful New Year."

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

Town: \_\_\_\_\_

Good things about Your Community

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Town: Heltinger

Good things about Your Community

1 Rebecca Furdner (Chamber)

2 Lions Club - (Angel Tree)

3 Mother's Cupboard

4 Beauty of Heltinger (Flowers)

5 Jaycees

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My father-in-law, a darn good family man, is almost 90 years old and, his health is failing fast as he languishes in elder care—alone since his wife's passing 2 years ago. It's always tough over the holidays, especially when it's a parent and, as the spouse, all we can do is hold a hand or listen quietly as the child of that parent grieves. At my age, I've had to do it too many times! And, that's what's important this time of year...it's all about someone else NOT us. I get it. My Dad drilled that into my head...if it's hard, it's the right thing. Being a good man is sacrifice. It's not all about me. It's not always about you or what you want either. In the current narcissistic environment in which we find ourselves, that message gets lost I think.

Minnesota is the classic example right now. You selfish guys in charge over there lost over 10 BILLION dollars--\$250 million (Feeding our Future grant), \$9 billion (Medicaid fraud) and \$1 billion just in good 'ol fashioned "duh, where'd that go" stupidity. Because we know darn well that if these guys are admitting to \$10 B, it's gotta be at least triple that. All because these clowns want to, as per Mel Brook's lovable character Governor Lepetomane intones

in Blazing Saddles, "Holy underwear! Sheriff murdered! Innocent women and children blown to bits! We have to protect our phoney baloney jobs here, gentlemen! We must do something about this immediately! Immediately! Immediately! Harrumph! Harrumph! Harrumph!" But, fellas, you ain't the victims here and, please stop gaslighting the rest of the country, OK? It simply isn't about you, so, how about reaching across the aisle and working together for once?

And, for this week, how about we make each other a promise? Treat others the way you would want to be treated. Let the love of your life grieve over his/her loved one. Stop worrying about whether/not you got your offspring the latest iPhone and, just spend some time with them making a memory or two. Because my wife Selena is right... some day, all you're going to have are your memories. And, if you don't make some right now, you're going to be pushing 90... alone...in that old folks home with nothing but, your phone. So, everyone, have a Merry Christmas, get to Mass, party with your family, stop grouching about the lousy Chief's season and make some memories for old age. Have a great week!

**“Christmas is doing**

**Thank You!**

**You could give us a million dollars and it wouldn't mean as much as it does to read all the good things about our communities in Eido Country and it takes but 5 minutes to let others know the good in our communities.**

## All Set... for a beautiful season!



With warm regards and appreciation  
to our many good friends and patrons  
at this special time of year.

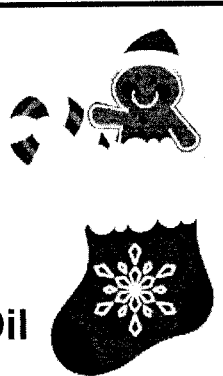
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## Season's Greetings

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worship him." The Magi, Matthew 2:1

At this holy season  
thoughts are with you  
spirit and prayer, as we  
wish you and your family  
a joyous and enlightening  
Christmas.

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AND WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT  
THIS PAST YEAR.**



### Elgin Library Corner

The Elgin Public Library  
wants to wish everyone a very  
Merry Christmas and a Happy  
New Year. We hope that every-  
one will have a very safe holiday  
season.

We will be closed Decem-  
ber 25th for Christmas and also  
January 1st for New Year's Day.

We are still looking for vol-  
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drop box outside the front door  
if unable to come in during our  
operational hours.

### AREA COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

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

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

**Second Monday of Every Month • Scranton, ND**  
City Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall

**Second Tuesday of Every Month • Bowman, ND**  
Southwest Cancer Survivors support group for anyone touched by  
cancer. 4:30pm • 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.

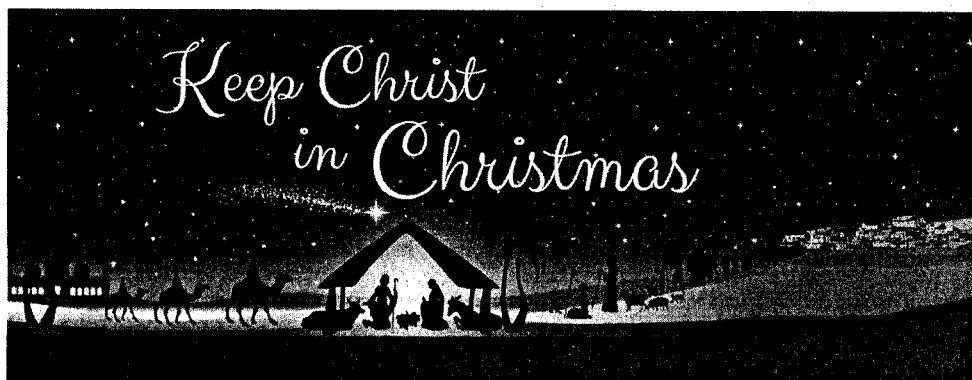
**Every Wednesday • Scranton, ND**  
Scranton TOPS meet at 9:00 a.m. in the Community Center.

**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.



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




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Merry Christmas

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BELIEVE IN THE MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS

**Hoops On Highway 12 Continues With WRHS Foundation's Giving Hearts Hoops Night in Scranton!**  
*By Ted Uecker, WRHS Foundation*

The West River Health Services Foundation is once again gearing up for Giving Hearts Day, the largest online giving day in North Dakota, on February 12. The leadoff Giving Hearts Day event is a Border Battle on January 6 – "Giving Hearts Hoops Night" in Hettinger when the Lemmon boy's basketball team comes to town. The second event is "Hoops on Highway 12" if you will, taking place on Friday, January 9, 2026, 4:00 p.m., when the Bowman Bulldogs boys basketball team makes the 13 mile ride to Scranton to compete with the Hettinger-Scranton Nighthawks in a long-time rivalry game. Bragging rights of Highway 12 are on the line. You won't want to miss this one!

What better game to attend? The admission is free (thanks to Dakota Western Bank), the popcorn is free (thanks to Scranton Equity) and the water/bubblers for the first 240 fans to enter is also free (thanks to Northern Bottling-Pepsi)! The WRHS Foundation is hoping that fans will consider "paying forward" what they would have given (or a little more) for admission, popcorn and pop – toward the local healthcare system. It only takes a \$10+ gift to count for Giving Hearts Day! So please bring your checkbook or a few bills! Plus, you'll have an opportunity to pledge for former legends (Andy Fisher and a former BHS gunner) shooting ten freethrows

a piece, or maybe you'd rather invest in the current Dawg-Hawk stars (Jonah Njos and Aidyn Fisher, known as Team "FishNjos"). Just text or call Ted Uecker at 701-567-3666 if you'd like to pledge. Or catch him on Facebook! Did you hear -- Dakota Western Bank is offering \$1,000 for each made freethrow up to \$10,000! Wow! Let's Go!

The "C" squad game starts things off at 4:00 p.m. sharp, as all of the players will enter the colorfully decorated Scranton Gymnasium dribbling red and white basketballs and sporting their red and white Giving Hearts t-shirt warmups. 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 halftime of both of the preliminary games between Bowman and Hettinger-Scranton 5th and 6th graders. Plus, the Legends Freethrow Shootout for Pledges at halftime of the Varsity game.


And only twelve days later on Wednesday, January 21, 9am – 6pm, our "Giving Hearts Truckload Sale" will provide fresh fruits and vegetable for only \$30 per bag full -- at Kennedy's Fresh Foods on North Main Street in Hettinger.

Then on February 5th, we'll all witness a "Giving Hearts Girl's Basketball Hoops Night" in New England, when the Hettinger-Scranton Nighthawks travel to the fancy "Tigers Den" for an important district matchup. Yes, there'll be free admission (Fitterer Oil, Edward Schwartz Construction, Helena Agri-Enterprises), free pop (Northern Bottling), free popcorn (Centennial Insurance), elementary hoops at halftime of the JV game and a Legends Freethrow Shootout for Pledges at halftime

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*Expressions*

### Reflections on the Words of Life

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

Lately in considering the importance of the believer's living for Jesus Christ in every area of life, we have looked together at the Christian in various relationships. Today we come to the section dealing with marriage. Next to the believer's relationship with God, marriage is the most important relationship in life. Peter begins by addressing wives in 1 Peter 3:1-2: "Wives, likewise, be submissive to your own husbands, that even if some do not obey the word,

they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives, when they observe your chaste conduct accompanied by fear."

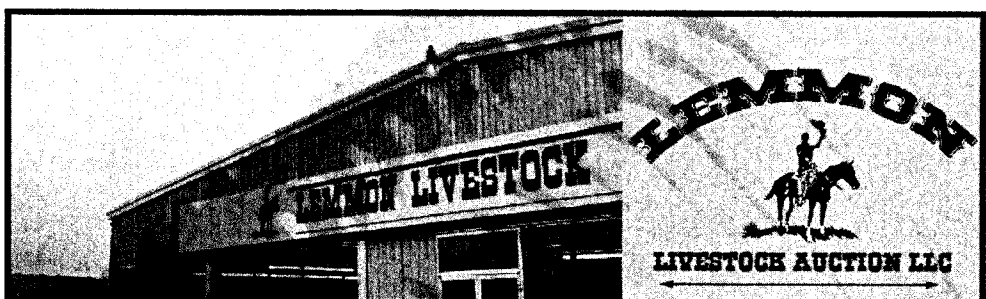
Before delving into our passage, let's consider an important question: Whom should a believer marry? The apostle Paul addresses this in 2 Corinthians 6:14-15: "Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever?" The words "unequally yoked" refer to being bound together in a close rela-

tionship. The expression came originally from a situation where a farmer might put two animals together in a yoke for the purpose of pulling or plowing. If the animals were not of the same strength and ability, many problems would arise, making it almost impossible for them to accomplish the farmer's goal. Paul is saying that two people who do not share the same commitment to Christ cannot pull in the same direction toward mutual goals.

If a Christian man desires to honor God in his business, he should not partner with unbelievers. Their standards and goals would be incompatible. How much more important this is in marriage, the most intimate human relationship. It is critical that the goals, priorities, and desires of both partners be the same. The prophet Amos asked in Amos 3:3, "Can two walk together, unless they are agreed?" A believer should not marry an unbeliever. The primary goal of every believer should be to love, obey, and serve the Lord, something the unbeliever could not seek. Sadly, many Christian young people have ignored this instruction in God's Word, only to have many regrets afterward.

In our passage Peter addresses Christian wives, some of whom were married to unbelievers, for we read, "even if some do not obey the word." This was a common situation in Peter's day because Christianity was very young. Many to whom he is writing were probably married before becoming believers. It seems the case here, that some of the wives had become Christians while their husbands had not. What should a believing wife do who finds herself married to an unbelieving husband? Note that Peter does not tell her to leave. Nowhere does the New Testament advise a believer to leave an unbelieving spouse. Paul says in 1 Corinthians 7:13, "And a woman who has a husband who does not believe, if he is willing to live with her, let her not divorce him." Peter tells the wife to be a strong Christian witness to her husband. HOW she is to do that is important. He does not tell her to preach to her husband or nag him to go to church, but to be submissive to him. This is always the instruction given to Christian wives, whether their husbands are believers or unbelievers. We see in Ephesians 5:22-23, "Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church." A Christian wife is to obey and submit to her husband in everything, unless she is asked to do something which God's Word prohibits.

Lord willing, we shall continue with this passage next time. In closing, I remind us that the



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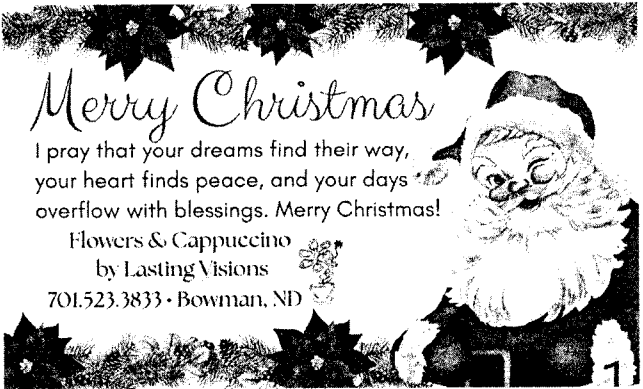


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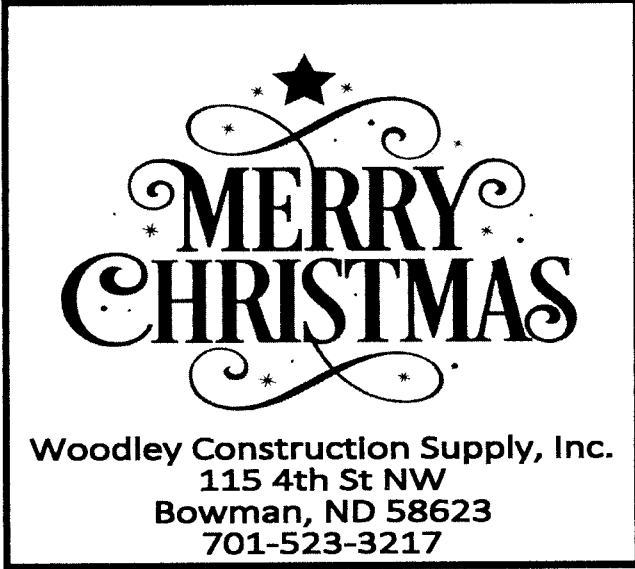
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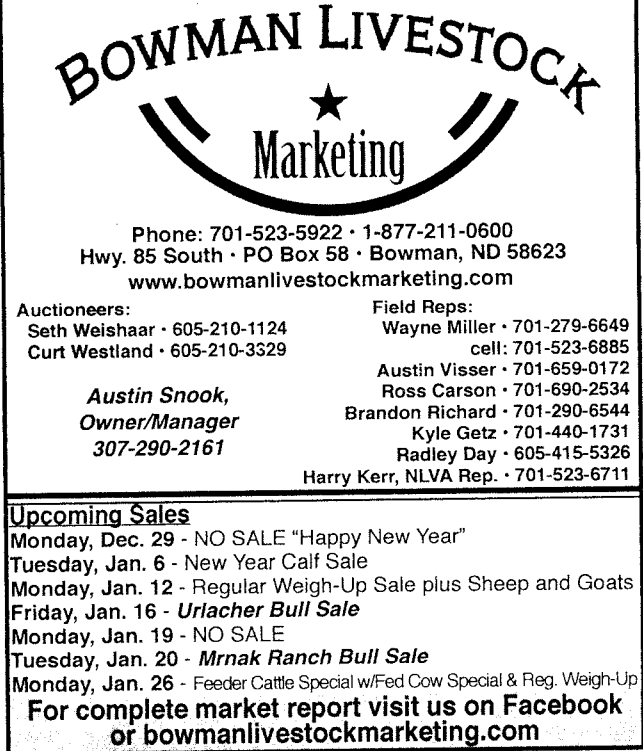
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**Christmas past**  
*By Kathy Craigo Harteis*  
I'm a sentimental mess when it comes to Christmas. Having been raised in a big Christian family, the holiday centered on the birth of Christ. Coupled with that was the gathering of loved ones. We were always together with family and anyone else who needed us. My mom loved a party. She spent a lot of time and effort preparing favorite holiday treats. The dining room table was filled with the treats for all to enjoy. Fast forward to adulthood

for me. I've continued the tradition of gathering family and friends together on Christmas Eve. I have precious memories of days gone by. Each Christmas was filled with excitement of my children and my grandchildren. As in all things, once little children believing in the magic of Christmas are now grown and growing into adulthood. Nothing means more to me than my children and grandchildren. Any time I've had with them has been a gift. As we look forward to the

holidays I am still excited to gather with those who love me. Times and situations have changed a bit for me. Having the lasting affects of my ankle energy last year has altered my stamina. Bless my girls for stepping up to help me. Even though last year I was in the hospital, my girls (by birth and by choice) traveled to Bismarck to be with me. I admit although eating Chinese food off of paper plates in a hospital room wasn't all bad. It was certainly a lot less work. I get frustrated at my lim-

itation's. But, I need only look around me to be reminded that my struggles are minor compared to some. God has blessed me my whole life. When I consider my blessings the biggest blessings have been the people in my life. Merry Christmas. Life is good today.



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# BCDC Awards Play It Forward Funding to Eight Local Organizations

Bowman, ND – Bowman County Development Corporation (BCDC) has announced the recipients of the Winter 2025 Play It Forward funding round, awarding support to eight local organizations whose projects strengthen community spaces, enhance public safety, and improve quality of life across Bowman County.

Through this round of funding, Play It Forward continues to serve as a re-investment tool made possible by BCDC's role as a charitable gaming organization. Proceeds are directed back into the community to support projects that create

meaningful, local impact.

The following organizations were awarded funding during the Winter 2025 round:

Bowman Parks and Recreation awarded \$9,400 to replace basketball uniforms and football game-day jerseys, supporting youth athletics and recreation opportunities throughout the county.

Bowman County Fair Association awarded \$5,000 to restore concrete floors in the 4 Seasons Facility, a well-used venue for community events, meetings, and celebrations.

Bowman Fire Department awarded \$10,000 to replace outdated turnout gear, improving safety for volunteer firefighters and strengthening emergency response capabilities.

Bowman Ambulance Services awarded \$2,785 to purchase supplies for free, hands-on safety and preparedness classes for youth and families.

Bowman County Booster Club awarded \$10,000 to replace aging scoreboards at the school gymnasium and football field/track, enhancing the experience for students, families, and spectators.

Sweetwater Golf Club awarded \$3,000 for community golf clubs and push carts to support instructional programming and expand access to recreational opportunities.

Kruger's Kitchen awarded \$3,765 to install a Free Food Pantry in Rhame, increasing access to food for community members in need.

Council on Aging awarded \$6,050 to support the Mom's Meals program, providing ready-to-eat meals for shut-ins and senior citizens throughout Bowman County.

"Each Play It Forward round highlights the strength of our community and the

dedication of organizations working to meet real needs," said Teran Doerr, BCDC Executive Director. "These projects support everything from youth programs and recreation to safety, food access, and services for seniors. We're proud to reinvest local dollars in ways that directly benefit Bowman County residents."

The Play It Forward program is designed to distribute charitable gaming funds across a broad range of projects, ensuring support reaches multiple sectors and communities

throughout the county. For more information on the awarded projects or details on applying for future funding rounds, visit [playitforwardbc.com](http://playitforwardbc.com) or contact Kate Buer at [kate@swnd.org](mailto:kate@swnd.org) or 701.523.5880.

About BCDC; Bowman County Development Corporation is committed to advancing growth, opportunity, and quality of life in Bowman County. Through strategic programs and partnerships, BCDC supports local organizations, businesses, and initiatives that contribute to a strong and resilient community.



Bowman Ambulance Service



Kruger's Kitchen Free Food Pantry



Bowman County Booster Club



Sweetwater Golf Club



Council on Aging



Bowman County Fair Association



Bowman Parks & Recreation

## Bowman County Business Highlights

In an effort to showcase happenings in our business community, Bowman County Development Corporation is highlighting activity in Bowman County. Here are some Business Highlights from the last few months. Business owners and entrepreneurs are active. Business Highlights are a quick snapshot of what's happening in Bowman County's local business community.

### Rowdy Rooster

Located at 22 S Main in Bowman, ND, Rowdy Rooster is a warm and inviting community space where visitors can enjoy delicious food and drinks while browsing unique retail items. The shop was purchased by Ruth Kosmicki in November 2025 and is proudly managed by her daughter, Brooke Manning.

Open Monday through Friday from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm, Rowdy Rooster offers a relaxing, comfortable

environment for community members to eat, drink, gather, and shop. Ruth and Brooke hope to build upon the foundation of the previous business, expanding and enhancing offerings to better meet community needs while maintaining a welcoming, hometown atmosphere.

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In October 2025, Joshua and Lucy Garcia purchased the lodge from its longtime owners, continuing more than 20 years of dependable service while bringing their own faith-driven, hospitality-centered vision. Focused on clean, comfortable, and affordable lodging, the Garcias seek to create more than just a place to stay; they aim to offer a sense of belonging, care, and transformation.

Their long-term vision is to grow North Winds Lodge into a recognized destination in Bowman, known for genuine hospitality, strong community partnerships, meaningful gatherings, and a legacy of service that reflects both excellence and compassion. They can be contacted at 701-523-5641 or at northwindslodge LLC@gmail.com for reservations or inquiries.



Rowdy Rooster. Ruth & Brooke



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We passed another milestone last month. We

broke the record of 1500 crosses/month by finishing over 3500 crosses. As more and more people see what the crosses do in people's lives, they are interested in becoming part of the ministry. We average over 30 people in an evening that are working on whatever job they can do. Jobs include drawing crosses on the aromatic cedar boards, cutting crosses out on a scroll saw, sanding the crosses, routing the edges or branding both sides of the crosses. We start our evening with pizza and a devotion time. We then turn on the 4 dust collector systems and start our work. Over the top of the noise of the dust collectors you can hear the visiting and laughter as we enjoy each other's company. "Where two or more gather in my name, I will there be." No doubt, God is watching over us and smiling. I can almost hear him saying, "this is how my children should love each other."

I hope that you can hold one of these crosses when you need it the most, or better yet, give one to someone else that needs God in their life at that time. Bless your day!

Bob Splichal



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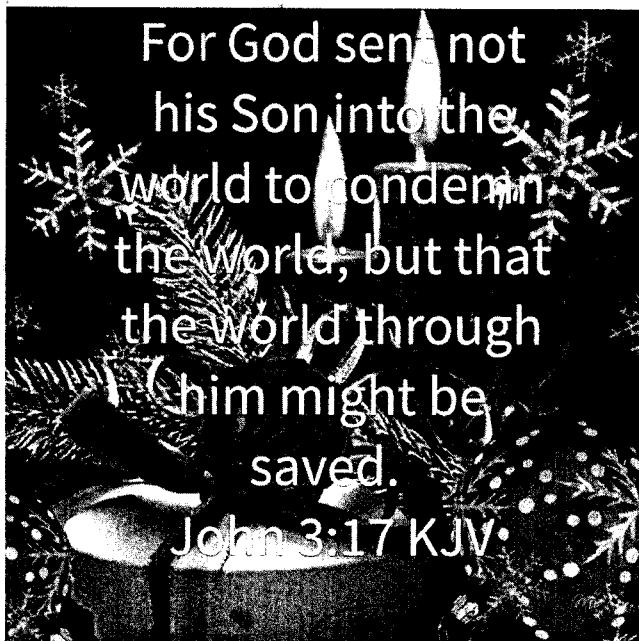
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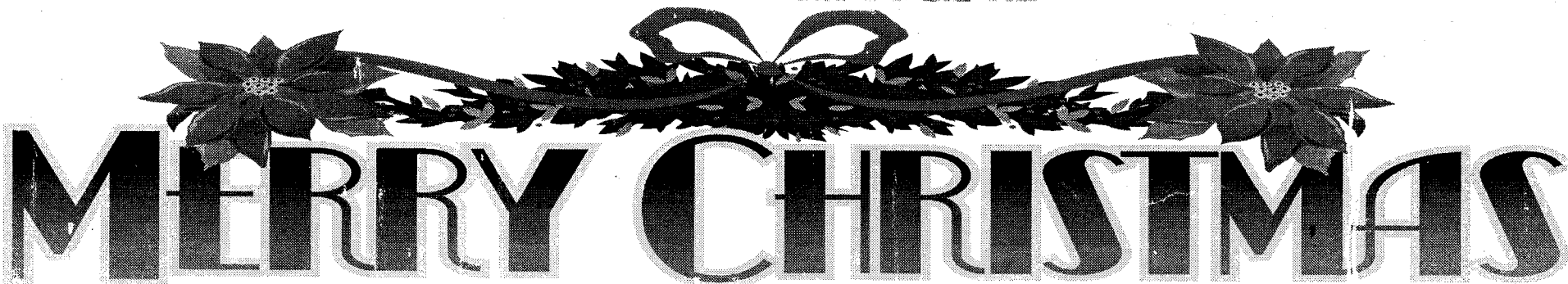
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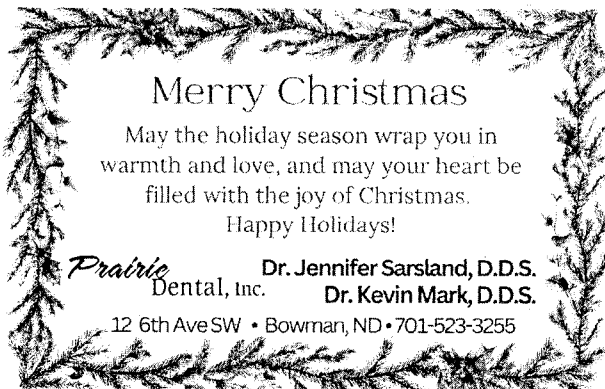
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### When Magi Camped In Bethlehem

by Dr. Ralph F. Wilson

"Could I rent that little house in the back for my family?" Joseph inquired at our door. "We've just moved to Bethlehem from Nazareth."

"And how do you plan to pay for it," my husband Jacob retorted. He didn't trust outsiders, you know. Mercy! If we had just known who they were, we'd have given it to them. But no one knew. Not then.

Joseph held out his hands. Strong, big hands, callused from hard labor. "I'd work for you. Help with the livestock, harvest in the summer, whatever you need," he said. His eyes were pleading. "I... we just had a little baby last week..."

"Oh, was that your baby born in the stable behind the inn?" said Jacob.

"You know about it?" Joseph was amazed, but continued, "When I can get some carpenter jobs I can pay you cash money."

I could see Jacob weakening. He looked at me, and I smiled. "Yeah, you can take it," he said gruffly. "But I'll expect to see you first thing in the morning. We've got wood to cut in the hills."

They moved in that afternoon, and Mary and I became fast friends. She reminded me of my own daughter.

Two years later about midnight, a caravan lumbered into Bethlehem and halted right in front of our house. Camels were kneeling, riders climbing down from their mounts. Easterners, they were, and rich. There were three of them in all, the rich ones I mean. You don't count servants, I'm told.

They were looking beyond us to the little house where Mary and Joseph and Jesus lived. It

was bathed in a gentle, ethereal light. I looked up, then and saw the star--I guess that was what it was--shedding its clear light on the house. The rich men--Magi you call them--didn't seem afraid. They moved toward the little house, with their retinue of servants behind.

Through the open door we could see them kneeling on the dirt floor before the sleeping Jesus.

"We saw the child's star in the East. We knew that it meant a great king had been born among the Jews, greater than any on earth," Balthazar was saying. "We came to do homage to such a great king."

I could see tears flowing down Mary's cheeks. The man continued. "We went to Jerusalem, but they knew of no baby kings."

Jesus, a king? How could it be? The family was so poor, Joseph just a farmer-carpenter, Mary a peasant girl.

"We had an audience with King Herod," he went on. "His scholars said the Messiah-king was to be born here, in Bethlehem of Judah. King Herod seemed troubled." He paused, and murmured something to the others in their strange Eastern tongue. You could tell they didn't trust Herod.

The Magi motioned for their gifts to be brought in. The first fumbled with the latches on a strongbox, and then pushed up the lid. Gold! Under the light from the flickering lamp coins and ingots sparkled. "For the King," he said simply, and then prostrated himself before the toddler. Little Jesus, beginning to wake up now, just sat there, watching intently.

The second visitor opened his chest. Ah... the fragrance of exotic spices flooded the room.

Jesus sniffed and peered into the box, and then the second visitor prostrated himself before the child.

Then Balthazar brought the final box containing a fragile alabaster flask. He pulled the stopper and a new smell struck us--heavy and rich, the smell of death--myrrh, used to anoint the bodies of the dead. Strange gift for a toddler, I thought, even a royal one. He replaced the stopper, and then he, too, knelt with his forehead to the ground before the child.

Finally, the three excused themselves, and sort of backed out of the tiny room. Joseph reached out to Mary, who took Jesus in her arms. They just sat there, holding each other, trying to understand.

Now Balthazar spoke to Jacob. "Could we encamp in your pasture tonight?" Jacob nodded.

The man signaled, and the servants began unpacking tents. By now, half the town was standing on the road in front of our house watching, faces lit by sputtering torches. Servants trekked back and forth from the donkeys and camels to the three great pavilions they had set up, carrying all sorts of things. Finally, people drifted off to their homes, but I must confess, I didn't sleep much.

Next morning the servants were up early reloading the animals, and finally striking the grand tents. The Magi had been over to Joseph and Mary's house several times to see the child, and then they were gone, camel bells tinkling in the distance.

The next night, however, we were awakened by someone beating on our door. It was Joseph. Outside I could see Mary with little Jesus. Joseph was as

white as a sheet.

"Come in man," said Jacob, "You look like you've seen a ghost."

"An angel," Joseph replied. "An angel appeared to me in a dream. He told me, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and escape, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him.'" Mary was shaking so I went over and held her. "Jacob," Joseph asked, "may I buy one of your donkeys for the journey?"

"Of course."

Joseph removed a single gold coin from the folds of his robe. "That ought to cover it," he said, placing it firmly in Jacob's palm.

My husband's eyes lit up, his fingers closed over it, and he was just about to tuck it away when he stopped, and then handed the coin back to Joseph. "No," he said, "I want to give you the donkey, and wish you Godspeed." (I was so proud of Jacob in that moment.) "It's the least we can do," he said, "for you... and for the Christ-child."

I bustled about, heart in my throat, putting together some food for the family, while Jacob and Joseph tied the heavy treasure boxes on Joseph's donkey. Then Joseph helped Mary and the child up onto the other donkey--our donkey--and embraced Jacob. "I don't know how we can thank you for what you have done for us these past couple of years," he was saying. "You've made us feel at home, and now... and now we must leave you in the night. Thanks." Then he whispered, "You won't tell anyone where we went, will you?"

"Where are you going? Back to Nazareth?"

"It's best you didn't know," Joseph said, "but we'll see you again. I'm sure we'll see you



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again." And with that, he led the animals to the road, south towards Egypt. I waved, and little Jesus waved back at me.

"Jacob, do you think they'll be all right by themselves with all that treasure?" I asked.

He looked at me with a tenderness and wonder I only saw in him now and again. "The God who summoned the Magi and sent the angel is right there with them. They're not alone, Rebecca. How could they be alone?"



Silent Night Oh Holy Night.

# Merry Christmas!

## ~ School News ~

### Elgin/New Leipzig Public School

Sunday, December 28

No Open Swimming

Monday, December 29

Christmas Break

BBB Mandan Holiday Tournament @ Mandan TBA

Tuesday, Dember 30

Christmas Break

BBB Mandan Holliday Tournament @ Mandan TBA

Open Swimming 6 - 8

Wednesday, December 31

Christmas Break

New Years Eve

No Open Swimming

BBB Mandan Holiday Tournament @ Mandan TBA

### New England Public School

Monday, January 5th

dismissal for AB GBB traveling to Elgin for 5:00 p.m. game vs. Grant Co/Mott-Regent

Tuesday, January 6th

dismissal for ABC BBB traveling to Bowman for 4:00 p.m. game

Wednesday, January 7th

Religion Release Begins at 2:00

Thursday, January 8th

dismissal for 78 BBB traveling to Taylor for 4:00 p.m. game vs. Richardton/Taylor

5:30 p.m. AB GBB vs. Lemmon in new gym

Friday, January 9th

Today is band day

### 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

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they say they came.

**w** W is for Worship, Hallelujah  
Praise to His name.

So as you eat these candies or share them  
with a friend, remember the Spirit of  
Christmas and never let it end!

Merry Christmas

## Area School Calendar Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> - Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>

### Bowman County

29 1pm GBB/BBB (AB) vs LLM @ Home	30 9am WR @ Buffalo 10am GBB/BBB (AB) vs EKM @ Home	31	1 *HAPPY NEW YEAR 2026	2 4pm GBB (ABC) vs S.Heart @ Home	3 WR @ New Salem 11:30am/1pm BBB (C) GBB (B) vs Carter Co. @ Home
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### Scranton

29 9:30am GBB (A) vs Medina @ United Tribes Community College	30 WR B/G @ Buffalo 8pm GBB (A) vs Wilton @ UT Community College	31	1 *HAPPY NEW YEAR 2026	2 4pm BBB (ABC) @ Belfield	3 WR G @ Spearfish 1pm GBB/BBB (AB) @ Faith
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### Harding County

29	30 9:30am WR @ Home 1pm BBB (AB) @ Edgemont	31	1 *HAPPY NEW YEAR 2026	2 1pm GBB (AB) vs Belfield @ Home	3 2pm GBB (AB) @ Hill City 10am WR G @ Spearfish
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### Baker, MT

29	30	31	1 *HAPPY NEW YEAR 2026	2	3 1:30pm BBB/GBB @ Lame Deer
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# May His love and light guide you this Christmas Season



## Cleo Ann Johnson Death Notice

Cleo Ann Johnson passed away December 10th, 2025, at



West River Health Services in Hettinger, ND.

Cleo was born to Bud and Elva Bailly in Park Rapids, Minnesota on September 11th, 1941. She grew up in Park Rapids with her two brothers, Larry and Carl. As Cleo was growing up she loved learning new things and developed an interest in music. She learned to play the accordion, organ, and piano.

In the fall of 1959, she was introduced to a Naval Sailor, Bob Johnson. On December 24th, 1959, they married, and she started her life as a military wife. Being a military wife is not easy, but her love for her husband, family, and country helped her become the best.

Cleo and Bob had three children. Anthony was born first, but sadly he passed at four months. Her daughter, Mary, and son, Sam, joined later. Anybody who has children knows how difficult it can be to travel. Cleo traveled to many different states, setting up residency in Virginia,

Oregon, California, Montana, and even two other countries, Canada and Australia.

Cleo loved her family very much and took great pride in taking care of them. She loved sewing, cooking, crossword puzzles, thriving, and just being a mom and wife.

In April of 1976, Bob retired from the military and the family moved to Missoula, Montana. Cleo found employment at the University of Montana and was employed for 30 years. She earned the respect and admiration of her coworkers and University Administrators, not to mention the students and community. She always had a humble heart and didn't want the attention. During her spare time she enjoyed activities with her family. Weekends found her shooting, camping, hunting, and exploring Montana's outdoors.

In 2007, Bob and Cleo moved to Lemmon, South Dakota. They found they could enjoy some of the same things that Montana had to offer. Over the years they developed many special friendships, many of whom provided support after the loss of her husband, Bob, in 2019 and continue to this day.

Cleo was an amazing woman, wife, mom, and friend. She touched so many lives with her caring heart. Words can't begin to say how much she will be missed by all. We love you, Mom. Thank you for all you've done.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

## Eugenia "Jean" Dietz Rites

Eugenia "Jean" Dietz, 97, Belfield, died on Sunday, December 14, 2025 at Benedictine



Living Community, Dickinson. Jean's Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10 a.m., Saturday, December 20, 2025 at St. Bernard's Catholic Church, Belfield with Fr. Shane Campbell as celebrant. Inurnment took place at St. Bernard's Cemetery, Belfield, on Sunday at 12 p.m. Visitation was from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday at Ladbury Funeral Service, Dickinson with a Rosary & Vigil at 7 p.m. with Deacon Loren Kordonowy presiding. Visitation continued one hour to the Mass at the church.

Eugenia I. Schaff was born May 12, 1928 in Mineral Springs Township, Slope County, ND, the daughter of Michael and Selma (Obrigewitch) Schaff. On October 1, 1935, they moved to Belfield where she started grade school. She graduated in May 1947 from Belfield High School. She worked at Maw Perkins Café in Cooke City, MT. Jean went on to Dickinson State Teachers College where she received her teaching degree. Her first job was at a country school four miles south of Belfield, teaching all eight grades. This was the beginning of her six-year teaching career.

On January 13, 1949, Jean married the love of her life, John P. Dietz. They lived in New

England for a short while until they purchased John's parents (Andrew and Josephine Dietz) farmstead south of Belfield. Jean resided on the farm until her move to the Benedictine Living Community in Dickinson.

As a farmer's wife, Jean worked along John with all the chores and harvesting, raising cattle, chickens, and pigs. Their marriage was not blessed with children, but she loved and cared for all of her siblings and their children. She was a devote Christian and very active at St. Bernard's Catholic Church. Jean had many close friends that she enjoyed card and coffee gatherings with.

She belonged to Christian Mothers Guild, lifetime member of the William C. Blair Post 144 American Legion Auxiliary, Belfield Senior Citizens, Pioneer Birthday Club, and Germans from Russia Group.

Jean loved to quilting, crafting, tatting, knitting, weaving, sewing and painting. Gardening and tending to her flowers was very special to her. She loved to feed the wildlife that visited her yard.

Jean is survived by her siblings, Magdalene Dolyniuk, Beach, James (Beverly) Schaff, Moorhead, MN, Rose Ella Wilson, Burlington, WI, and Joan (Jim) Goplin, Fargo; sisters-in-law, Patti Schaff, Salem, OH and Becky Schaff, Belfield; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Dietz; her parents; in-laws, Andrew and Josephine Dietz; siblings, Frank (Joanne) Schaff, Matt (Josephine) Schaff, David Schaff, and Nolan Schaff; brothers-in-law, Phil Dolyniuk and Lyle Wilson; and several nieces and nephews.

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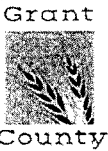
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2026 FIRE EMERGENCY DECLARATION & BURN RESTRICTIONS  
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WHEREAS, Grant County, North Dakota has experienced and has forecasted dry weather conditions, combined with significant vegetative fuels available; and

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WHEREAS, the cost of response, inordinate equipment wear/tear and fire damages may be beyond available Grant County resources; and

WHEREAS, the Grant County Commission wishes to regulate activities within Grant County which pose a potential hazard for such loss, should the present weather conditions continue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Grant County Commissioners declare a Fire Emergency and Burn Restrictions effective when the North Dakota Rangeland Fire Danger Rating is in the *High, Very High or Extreme Rating and/or Red Flag Warning* for Grant County, North Dakota, effective immediately until rescinded or through December 31, 2026.

What's Included: No Burning When Activity Matches Below	
Burning is Prohibited if the Fire Index is in Extreme Category as Issued by NWS (ND Administrative Code – Title 33.1 Article 15 Chapter 4)	
Low	No restrictions. Controlled burns (i.e., pits, wood piles, tumbleweeds, tree piles, pits, etc.) and cropland/ag burning must follow the “2026 GRANT COUNTY, ND CONTROLLED BURN PROCEDURE” found at <a href="http://grantcountynd.com">grantcountynd.com</a> .
Moderate	No restrictions. Controlled burns (i.e., pits, wood piles, tumbleweeds, tree piles, pits, etc.) and cropland/ag burning must follow the “2026 GRANT COUNTY, ND CONTROLLED BURN PROCEDURE” found at <a href="http://grantcountynd.com">grantcountynd.com</a> .
High	Campfires, controlled burns (i.e., wood piles, tumbleweeds, tree piles, pits, etc.), cropland/agricultural burning, outdoor wood fireplaces and chimineas, fireworks aerial, fireworks ground, garbage/pit burning, charcoal grills/smokers.
Very High	Campfires, controlled burns (i.e., wood piles, tumbleweeds, tree piles, pits, etc.), cropland/agricultural burning, outdoor wood fireplaces and chimineas, fireworks aerial, fireworks ground, garbage/pit burning, charcoal grills/smokers.
Red Flag Warning	Campfires, controlled burns (i.e., wood piles, tumbleweeds, tree piles, pits, etc.), cropland/agricultural burning, outdoor wood fireplaces and chimineas, fireworks aerial, fireworks ground, garbage/pit burning, charcoal grills/smokers.

THE PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF THIS BURN RESTRICTION IS A CLASS B MISDEMEANOR (NDCC 37.17.1-10.1: MAXIMUM SENTENCE OF 30 DAYS IN JAIL AND A \$1,500.00 FINE).

The Daily Fire Danger Rating is available at the following website: <https://ndresponse.gov>

DATED at Carson, North Dakota this 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2026

Alton Zenker, Chair  
Grant County Commission

Sara Meier  
Grant County Auditor

2026 GRANT COUNTY, ND CONTROLLED BURN PROCEDURE

- Any person planning a controlled burn in Grant County must follow this procedure.
- Note:** Small fires such as campfires, burning barrels, etc. do not fall under this procedure.
  - Residents wishing to burn should start by checking if what they intend on burning is legal and does not need a variance permit with the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality: <https://deg.nd.gov/AQ/permitting/openburning.aspx> (also linked at [grantcountynd.com](http://grantcountynd.com))
  - Next residents need to check the North Dakota Fire Danger Rating Map, and Grant County Fire Emergency Declaration & Burn Restrictions. This information can be found at [www.grantcountynd.com](http://www.grantcountynd.com).
  - Before a controlled burn begins, the person(s) conducting the burn must contact State Emergency Communications Center (State Radio) at 701-328-9921 or 1-800-472-2121 to request a controlled burn, so that emergency responders are not dispatched for reports of fire. Be prepared to give your name, contact number, what is being burned (i.e. a field, garbage pit, tree piles, etc.), location of the controlled burn and anticipated duration of the burn. State Radio will notify the Grant County Sheriff's Office of the location of the burn. The Sheriff's Office will contact the fire chief of the fire district where the burn is located.
  - After the burning is completed and the fire is out, again contact (State Emergency Communications Center) State Radio at 701-328-9921 or 1-800-472-2121 to inform them of the completion.
  - A controlled burn needs to be physically monitored at all times. Once the fire is started, do not leave the site unattended until the fire is completely out.
  - Be prepared if the fire gets out of hand. Call 911 immediately and have resources available on site to mitigate the effects (water, extinguisher, tractor, shovels).

Following this procedure ensures that the State Emergency Communications Center, fire departments, and the Grant County Sheriff's Office are aware of the controlled burn and not unnecessarily called out unless there is a real emergency.

Tiny Tim  
Children's Short  
Story

A Short Christmas Story by  
Charles Dickens

There was once a man who did not like Christmas. His name was Scrooge, and he was a hard sour-tempered man of business, intent only on saving and making money, and caring nothing for anyone. He paid the poor, hard-working clerk in his office as little as he could possibly get the work done for, and lived on as little as possible himself, alone, in two dismal rooms. He was never merry or comfortable, or happy, and he hated other people to be so, and that was the reason why he hated Christmas, because people will be happy at Christmas, you know, if they possibly can.

Well, it was Christmas eve, a very cold and foggy one, and Mr. Scrooge, having given his poor clerk unwilling permission to spend Christmas day at home, locked up his office and went home himself in a very bad temper. After having taken some gruel as he sat over a miserable fire in his dismal room, he got into bed, and had some wonderful and disagreeable dreams, to which we will leave him, whilst we see how Tiny Tim, the son of his poor clerk, spent Christmas day.

The name of this clerk was Bob Cratchet. He had a wife and five other children beside Tim, who was a weak and delicate little cripple, gentle and patient and loving, with a sweet face of his own, which no one could help looking at.

It was Mr. Cratchet's delight to carry his little boy out on his shoulder to see the shops and the people; and to-day he had taken him to church for the first time.

"Whatever has got your precious father, and your brother Tiny Tim!" exclaimed Mrs. Cratchet, "here's dinner all ready to be dished up. I've never known him so late on Christmas day before."

"Here he is, mother!" cried Belinda, and "here he is!" cried the other children, as Mr. Cratchet came in, his long comforter hanging three feet from under his threadbare coat; for cold as it was the poor clerk had no top-coat. Tiny Tim was perched on his father's shoulder.

"And how did Tim behave?" asked Mrs. Cratchet.

"As good as gold and better," replied his father. "He told me, coming home, that he hoped the people in church, who saw he was a cripple, would be pleased to remember on Christmas day who it was who made the lame to walk."

"Bless his sweet heart!" said the mother in a trembling voice.

Dinner was waiting to be dished up. Mrs. Cratchet proudly placed a goose upon the table. Belinda brought in the apple sauce, and Peter the mashed

potatoes; the other children set chairs, Tim's as usual close to his father's; and Tim was so excited that he rapped the table with his knife, and carried "Hurrah." After the goose came the pudding, all ablaze, with its sprig of holly in the middle, and was eaten to the last morsel; then apples and oranges were set upon the table, and a shovelful of chestnuts on the fire, and Mr. Cratchet served round some hot sweet stuff out of a jug as they closed round the fire, and said, "A Merry Christmas to us all, my dears, God bless us." "God bless us, every one," echoed Tiny Tim, and then they drank each other's health, and Mr. Scrooge's health, and told stories and sang songs.

Now in one of Mr. Scrooge's dreams on Christmas eve a Christmas spirit showed him his clerk's home; he saw them all, heard them drink his health, and he took special note of Tiny Tim himself.

How Mr. Scrooge spent Christmas day we do not know; but on Christmas night he had more dreams, and the spirit took him again to his clerk's poor home.

Upstairs, the father, with his face hidden in his hands, sat beside a little bed, on which lay a tiny figure, white and still. "Tiny Tim died because his father was too poor to give him what was necessary to make him well; you kept him poor," said the dream-spirit to Mr. Scrooge. The father kissed the cold, little face on the bed, and went downstairs, where the sprays of holly still remained about the humble room; and taking his hat, went

out, with a wistful glance at the little crutch in the corner as he shut the door. Mr. Scrooge saw all this, but, wonderful to relate, he woke the next morning feeling as he had never felt in his life before.

"Why, I am as light as a feather, and as happy as an angel, and as merry as a schoolboy," he said to himself. "I hope everybody had a merry Christmas, and here's a happy New Year to all the world."

Poor Bob Cratchet crept into the office a few minutes late, expecting to be scolded for it, but his master was there with his back to a good fire, and actually smiling, and he shook hands with his clerk, telling him heartily he was going to raise his salary, and asking quite affectionately after Tiny Tim! "And mind you make up a good fire in your room before you set to work, Bob," he said, as he closed his own door.

Bob could hardly believe his eyes and ears, but it was all true. Such doings as they had on New Year's day had never been seen before in the Cratchet's home, nor such a turkey as Mr. Scrooge sent them for dinner. Tiny Tim had his share too, for Tiny Tim did not die, not a bit of it. Mr. Scrooge was a second father to him from that day, he wanted for nothing, and grew up strong and hearty. Mr. Scrooge loved him, and well he might, for was it not Tiny Tim who had unconsciously, through the Christmas dream-spirit, touched his hard heart, and caused him to become a good and happy man?

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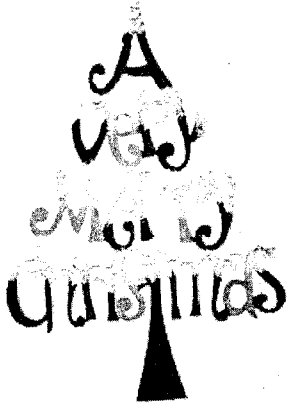
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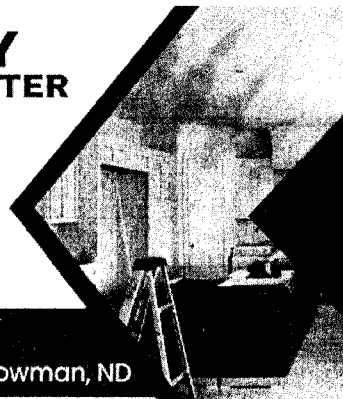
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## Thoughts for the Week

by June Schmidt

Its surprising to see that on social media they are talking about bringing back Home Ec into the schools to teach kids the basics of taking care of themselves. When they took it out many years ago, apparently the thought back then was it was an unnecessary program, possibly thinking that with the internet and the access to so much information, they could use that period for an educational program. Guess they may have thought wrong.

Not sure how many of you out there have encountered young people that are totally lost out there, but I think there are more than you know of. Possibly some of you have encountered someone giving you change at a fast food joint that cannot figure out how to do it if the cash register doesn't tell them how much. Maybe some of you got too much change and had to give it back or possibly some of you got too little back and had to take time to explain that you had more coming than they gave you.

But the greatest change is in the lack of preparedness for those that have gotten old enough to be out on their own and don't know the first thing about that. How many of them

know what a check register is and how to balance their account, or even how to live within their means? I would venture there is a large segment of the population that overspends their account on a regular basis just on fast food and convenience items. Once you graduate from High School or College it is assumed that you know what the facts of life are when it comes to supporting yourself, but I venture to say that the assumption would be incorrect. Not that some people haven't tried to explain that to their children, and some do better than others, but it's a different experience when there isn't anybody out there to fill your account when you go short like it used to be.

And as far as cooking goes, how many kids really know how to make a meal and take care of a household and how to spend the least amount of money and get the most out of it. It's way too easy when you are in a bigger town and out on your own to go through a drive-through and grab something, but the cost adds up very quickly. I have heard of mothers of children that don't know the basics and would rather just grab something that can be warmed up or eaten cold instead of cooking a sit down meal. And speaking of sit down meals, how many people actually sit at a table with

the family? Maybe some do, but I think there are a lot that just grab something and throw it in the microwave before plopping down in front of the television or a computer screen. Even if they do sit down at the table, how many have their phone beside them and watch that until the meal is done and they can leave. Family time is not as prevalent as it used to be.

So what do you think about this? Has society gotten so used to quick and fast that they forgot

about the basics and we have to go back to school to learn them? Shouldn't we be teaching these things to our kids and requiring them to cook and clean up at least one day a week at home? Isn't it our job to teach them what having money means and why they should save or keep track of what they spend? Not being responsible for your actions means that your future is in jeopardy of failure just by not knowing what it is you need to know. It's a lot harder to find out what you need and why you need it once there is no parent there to help you out. And while they will continue to help you, there is a point at which they should not help you as that may jeopardize their own future.

Maybe in this season of giving and sharing, take the time to give some good advice and share some of the knowledge that you have gained over the years. Maybe you can save your kids a bit of future pain by putting in a little time with them even if they think it's not necessary. Make it fun if you can, and maybe it will be a memory more precious than gold in the future. God Bless you All.

RECIPE OF THE DAY

EASY SALMON SPREAD

8 oz. container sour cream  
8 oz. pkg. cream cheese, softened  
7 oz. env. Italian salad dressing mix  
6 oz. can salmon, drained and flaked  
Assorted crackers

Combine all ingredients except crackers; mix well and chill. Serve with crackers. Makes about 2 cups.

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National Card Playing Day

National Chocolate Candy Day

National Pledge of Allegiance Day

Monday 12/29/2025

National Pepper Pot Day

National Tick Tock Day

Tuesday 12/30/2025

National Bicarbonate Day

National Bacon Day

Wednesday 12/31/2025

NEW YEARS EVE

National Champagne Day

National Make Up Your Mind Day

National No Interruptions Day

Thursday 01/01/2026

NEW YEARS DAY

National Bloody Mary Day

Friday 01/02/2026

National Cream Puff Day

National Science Fiction Day

National Buffet Day

National Personal Trainer Awareness Day

Saturday 01/03/2026

National Drinking Straw Day

National Chocolate Covered Cherry Day

National Fruitcake Toss Day

Local Churches

10am Chair Exercises in the Solarium

2:00pm Skip-Bo Card Game

10:00am Chair Exercises in the Solarium

11:30am Keep Moving, ALL ARE WELCOME

12pm ELDERCARE MEAL ALL ARE WELCOME

2pm Discussion on Decorations for January Wall

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 Scrabble Board Game

2:30pm - Gracie Visits

9:30am Chair Exercises in the Solarium

10am Keep Your Faith Going, Pastor John

10:30am Make Tom & Jerry Batter (Non-Alcoholic)

11:30am Keep Moving, ALL ARE WELCOME

12pm ELDERCARE MEAL ALL ARE WELCOME

2:00pm New Years Eve Party

10am No Mass

10:30am Tabletop Volleyball

2:00pm Work on Decorations for January Wall

3:00pm No Book Club with Father Kadmas

9am Spa Day Hair Care

10:30am Chair Exercises in the Solarium

2:00pm Bingo

10:00am Chair Exercises in the Solarium

2:00pm Left Center Right Dice Game

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