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Eido Connect's  
Philosophy for 2026

## Different

### “The Big Flush”

Many many years ago - when the United States was just beginning - my great Uncle always told us this story of survival and how they eventually made it through the tough times.

Here's his observation passed on to us -

Wars - murders - corruption - never heard about them until - wow - radio invented. All kinds of news - we finally know what the outside world is like. Listened, heard about happenings in the outside world of our community - now we also heard about new things outside our communities. Before some of us couldn't read but we could hear - our line of communicating with each other - then - instead of small talk we had something else to say -

Then

Instead of just listening - hearing - we were introduced to the box with pictures. Funny pictures to laugh at - funny things to see - stories to tell about what was seen in the box.

Now

Stories of families were left behind, people didn't have much time to talk about their families - my uncle would just laugh and shake his head. Seems like all the fun we use to have - the threshing bees, the women making big meals - celebration.

Again

Something newer - cell phones - speak to anyone in the world. Uncle Jake watched. He noticed going in space - many great things, great assists but he always said something was missing from his community - but could never voice what he saw -

Uncle Jake eventually went home to rest and left us that night. Sadness filled the small community where he lived. As people talked about him at his wake, most of them agreed how he always said. “Every problem has a solution - just need to look for it.”

Family members set a date for cleaning out his home - winter came - snow storm and cleaning out was postponed. Business took over and Uncle Jake's house stood empty. Community kept busy - families moved - years past - murders, riots, you name it - it was happening. How everyone wished Uncle Jake was there to help them with a solution - seemed like nothing new was being created but there sure was a lot of negative being thrown around.



One day, family was notified that if they want any of Uncle Jake's belongings they must set a date or the house would have to be torn down - family responded - time set.

Went thru belongings, some took just a small memory piece - something to remember Uncle Jake by - then by chance one of the younger ones while looking at the old books happened to flip it open and here was a note from Uncle Jake.

Solution - message of love. If any of you find this note just want you to be able to laugh - look at life - how wonderful it is and cherish everything about life. Me - I want to know - tonight before going to bed and remember when toilet paper was first invented - wonderful invention - now I could save my catalogue - then flushing toilets - wow - but tonight before going to sleep I thought of all the garbage we hear about everyday - that's not the world we are to live in - so I take out a marker - write all the garbage I had in my heart on the toilet paper - flushed it down the sewer - smiled and went to bed.

**Everything in life has  
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#### “Sometimes”

Sometime - word used - probably everyday - sometime I will say thank you.

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That's where the “**Sometimes**” comes in. Maybe this is the sometime we say thank you to our pastors for giving us encouragement and keeping us focused on the most important things -

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# The success that turns your head usually leaves you facing the wrong direction.

## Annual Meeting Marmarth Volunteer Fire Protection District

Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>  
7:00pm  
Marmarth Fire Hall

Everyone Welcome!



St. Vincent's  
St. Henry's  
St. John the Baptist  
Catholic Church  
Schedule for  
Sat. Feb. 14  
Sun. Feb. 15  
(M) 4:30 pm Sat.  
(NL) 7:00 pm. Sat.  
(M) 8:00 am. Sun.  
(R) 10:00 am. Sun.

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## Officers Elected For 2026

Hettinger County Farm Bureau held a reorganizational meeting on January 26 in New England to discuss basic business and to elect officers for the coming year.

The new officers are President Alex Nielsen, Vice-President Kent Maersbeker, Treasurer Trey Fischbach all of New England and Secretary Marlene Kouba of Regent. Kelly Kouba of Regent is the outgoing treasurer.

Plans were made for Farm Bureau Week of March 8-14 that include a children's drawing contest plus a grocery store contest. Watch for the announcements.

There are also five scholarships that are available. If interested, check out [www.ndfb.org](http://www.ndfb.org) for more information on them.

## OPEN HOUSE

## Dakota Prairie Helping Hands

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## ANNUAL MEETING

February 22  
5:00PM

• Elections of Board Members  
2 Expired Terms

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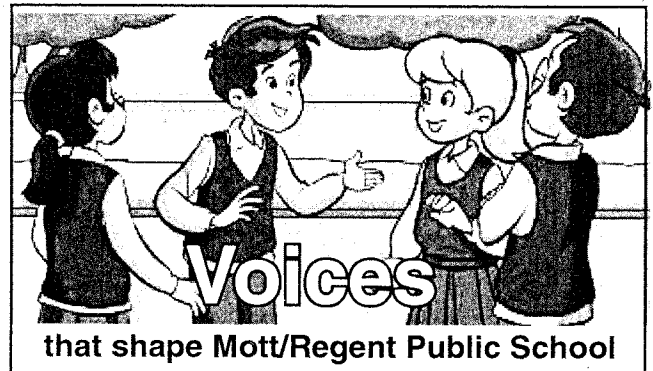
## History Is Important

... by geno sloan

I recently read Rylee Green's article in the Eido. She wrote about school and things that students may think they won't need or use in their adult lives. She's right about the importance of school. Here is my story.

I usually hated History class. It was SO boring. Then, in my senior year, we had a teacher who made it come *alive*. He actually became Abe Lincoln, or Christopher Columbus, making it so real! The next year, attending college in Dickinson, I was lucky to get a similar History instructor. Maybe they knew each other!? He used the same method to make historic figures come alive for me.

History became an important interest to me through the years, and now, over 70 years later, it is still one of my favorite subjects



that shape Mott/Regent Public School

## Who Are the People You Look Forward to Seeing During Your School Day?

By: Jaycia Thomas

There isn't a singular person that I look forward to seeing during my school day but multiple. The people I look forward to seeing every day include my friends and my teachers. These people ultimately help make my school day feel less stressful and more enjoyable. Even on days when I'm tired or just having a bad day, they always find a way to make my day better.

First, I always look forward to seeing my friends. They are the people who I talk to, laugh with, and joke with the most. I truly don't think I could get through the school day without them. Even when I am having a rough day, I know my friends are

always there for me and that is something I am extremely grateful for. Second, I look forward to seeing my teachers and this includes the people who work in the office and say good morning to students each day. I specifically look forward to seeing my teachers who I know genuinely care about their students and can have a good time with them. I appreciate that they take time to prepare lessons and are always there if a student needs help.

Overall, the people I look forward to seeing during my school day include my friends and teachers. Graduating in three months has made me realize how much I am going to miss seeing them each school day. I am grateful for each of them, because in some way or another, they have made an impact on my life and have helped me gain lifelong memories.

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If I've learned anything in this life it is to make the effort to spend valued time with people you love. Tomorrow is not promised.

It's easy to be lazy and make excuses why we don't have the time. Why you just can't do something.

One of these days we will turn around and see the opportunity is gone. Don't let those opportunities slip through your fingers because of your own self pampering.

As for me and Carolan we have over the years (even when in different states) made the effort to have that annual road trip.

Yesterday we went to see 'Melania' and it was beautifully done. We loved it.

We went exploring and we went shopping. We first went to brunch where I had my first taste of chicken and waffles. I've always avoided that combo but now I get it. It's nothing we should eat everyday, but for an occasional treat it's perfect.

Our trip this year was down in Stanislaus and Merced Counties. Back in the 60's I used to work and live in that area. I had forgotten what a pretty area it is. Lots of palm trees and sunshine once the morning fog lifts. I remember those days fondly.

Chapters. We all have chapters of our lives. Time there in the 60's was one of my well written chapters.

The visit was good. Life is good today.

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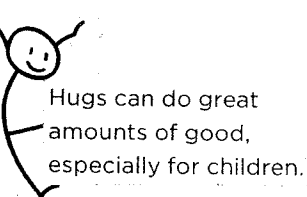
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**Life is short.**  
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**you still have**  
**teeth.**

I never thought I would hear myself say this but, the Super Bowl stunk! I have been on this planet since 1957 and, for the last 2 years, I've had to hold my nose while I watched my favorite sport's penultimate event. Last year, my Chiefs (40-22) couldn't block or catch; in 2019, Patriots vs. Rams (13-3); in 2014 Seahawks vs. Rams (43-8); in 2001 Ravens vs. Giants (34-7); and in 1993, Cowboys vs Bills (52-17). Some truly stinky games but, at least it was actual football covered by a mainstream network as an awesome, annual entertainment. What made this year so bad? First, NBC's coverage. Since we all went to "streaming services", Fubo made the most sense for me 3 years ago because of the variety of NFL coverage. Enter November 21, 2025, and NBC "Universal's" "contract dispute" with Fubo. The latter claims that NBC is negotiating in bad faith (high prices and bundling unwanted channels) while NBC whines that Fubo is not accepting "fair terms" offered to other distributors.

Translation: Fubo wants consumer-friendly, low-cost, flexible viewing of popular channels and, NBC believes that these "cheaper alternatives" are inappropriate and, demands that Fubo bundle expensive non-sports channels if they want NBC. Ignore the fact that ABC, CBS and Fox are all on board. And, no offense, but, it ain't like NBC still offers a watchable version of the Tonight Show, Saturday Night Live, ER, or Friends anymore. It's more of

Real Housewives of [fill in the blank], Law & Order, and whatever disaster weekly they can peddle. So...I had to pay \$20 to watch the game on NBC's Peacock which I canceled immediately after the game! Second, I haven't said anything about Roger Goodell who the team owners are paying \$64 million per year. My grandma said, "if you can't say anything nice..." This clown's obvious attempt to move franchises outside the US is enough said and, the cost will be to the loyal fans who can't afford to cross the pond as they say! He has ruined the NFL with this DEI crap!

Disagree? What was this year's half-time show? Really? It has gotten so bad that you can't let your kids (or grandkids) watch the thing. You usually have to frequent a Vegas venue to see that much inappropriate content! The Super Bowl used to be about good, 'ol American values but, now... And, finally, the incredibly vacuous and stupid commercials which appear to be only to make fun of guys like me—you know, traditional NFL fans. Remember the Mean Joe Greene Coke; Budweiser frogs, Clydesdales and Wassup; and John Madden classics? I'm sorry but, at least Budweiser had a throw-back this year to the good 'ol days with that Clydesdale-American eagle one. I guess they learned a wee bit from that whole Bud Light fiasco, huh? So, at the end of the day...I miss the game played by men for toxically masculine admirers! Not, the freak show I suffered thru last Sunday. Have a great week!

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by Pastor Paul Ferrie,  
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Last time we began the section of 1 Peter 3 that deals with relationships among believers. Verse 8 tells us, "Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous." We considered the instruction for believers to be of one mind and saw that Christians share a common bond and the most important truths of all. Peter goes on to say that believers are to have compassion for one another. The word translated "compassion" is from the Greek word that literally means "to feel with" and gives us our English word "sympathy." The union of believers in the body of Christ is the basis of sympathy. We belong to one another in Christ's family. 1 Corinthians 12:13 tells us, "For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body." Christianity was never intended to lead believers into lives of individualism. The idea of rugged individualists who can get along just fine all by themselves should have no part in the lives of believers. Nor should the idea of living isolated from the world in monasteries or cloisters. The Christian life is to be lived out in fellowship with other believers, and Christians should see themselves as united with one another. Shortly before Jesus' arrest leading to His crucifixion, He prayed this prayer for His followers: "That they all may be one, as You,

Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us" (John 14:21). When believers see themselves as one with other believers, they view one another's hurts and needs as their own. Such a perspective leads people to do for others as they would have others do for them.

Peter reinforces this point by telling Christians to love as brothers. You see, believers in Christ are members of the same family. When a person comes to trust in the Lord Jesus Christ alone to make him or her right with God, that one becomes a member of the family of God. Believers are brothers and sisters because they have been born again into the same spiritual family, just as they were born the first time into a physical family. Though they may not share the same physical bloodline, they are united by the blood of Christ. The quality of loving as brothers was beautifully exemplified in the early church. Though those early believers had so much less materially than we do, they were so much more generous with the little they had. We see their love in such passages as Acts 4:32: "Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul; neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common." Love always has the tendency to give. "For God so loved the world that He GAVE His only begotten Son." Love wants to do something good for the object of that love. The early believers loved one another sacrificially, just as the Lord loves His people.

Many in our country celebrate February 14 as the holiday of love, but do we really know what love is? We have a wonderful statement about this in God's Word: "In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins" 1 John 4:10. True love is sacrificial in nature. God the Father sent the One most dear to Him to take on human flesh and pay the penalty for the sins of all who would place their trust in Him. God the Son willingly came and endured unimaginable suffering to save His people from eternal condemnation. Have you placed your trust in Jesus' perfect payment for sin to make you right with God? When we experience the boundless love of God through faith in Christ, we can begin to love Him and to love one another.

### Contest For Students

By Marlene Kouba

To celebrate National Agriculture Week, North Dakota Farm Bureau is sponsoring a drawing contest for fourth and fifth grade students throughout the state.

Students are invited to create a drawing that shows how they help make the farm a safer place. The theme is "Farm Safety Starts With Me". The drawing should show that everyone, kids included, has a role in farm safety. Students should also complete the sentence "Farm safety starts with me when I ....." on the page.

Artwork must be by a fourth or fifth grade student, should illustrate a farm safety behavior or choice that helps prevent

injuries, must be created on an 8.5" x11" sheet of paper, and includes the name, grade, school and contact information on the back of the entry. The drawing may be colored. Each school in the county has received forms to enter this contest so encourage your child to enter.

All entries must be postmarked by February 20 and sent to Marlene Kouba, 6160 105th Ave SW, Regent, ND. Entries will be judged on creativity and originality of the theme and quality of artistic design. There will be county winners for each grade and category. The winning entries will then be forwarded to the state committee for further judging. All four state winners will receive \$50 each and will be featured in North Dakota Farm Bureau communications.

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

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

**Second Tuesday of Every Month • Bowman, ND**  
Southwest Cancer Survivors support group for anyone touched by cancer. 4:30pm • Bowman Regional Public Library • All are welcome to attend our meeting.

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

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

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

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

**Last Monday of Every Month • Check "Be the Light" on Facebook for the monthly location**  
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**Send them to: Eido Connect, PO Box 97, Bowman, ND 58623 by 4:00 p.m. Wednesday.**

### Scholarships Available

By Marlene Kouba

There are several scholarships available for high school students, undergraduates and individuals pursuing agriculture-related studies. There is also a Student Volunteer scholarship.

All of these scholarships are available through the North Dakota Farm Bureau (NDFB). There are five categories and they are: one for high school seniors who will be enrolled in any ag-related post-secondary school; college students pursuing an ag related degree; an NDFB family member scholarship and the Becki Palmer Scholarship which recognizes academic achievement as well as leadership skills of high school seniors.

The NDFB \$2,500 Student Volunteer Scholarship is for students who volunteer through Farm Bureau programs. It is based on a point system where students can earn additional points by becoming a student member of NDFB.

Interested candidates can apply for these scholarships at [www.ndfb.org/educate/scholarships](http://www.ndfb.org/educate/scholarships). The deadline for applications is March 1, 2026 so get

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### Bowman County Development Corporation Highlights Community Impact at Annual Meeting

BOWMAN, N.D. (February 2026) – Bowman County Development Corporation (BCDC) hosted its Annual Meeting on February 4, 2026, at the Bowman Sweetwater Golf Course. The event welcomed community members, local businesses, and regional partners to celebrate recent successes and highlight ongoing projects supporting growth and development across Bowman County.

Attendees enjoyed a complimentary lunch followed by a brief business meeting, during which board election results were announced. Incumbent board members Kevin Bucholz and Scotty Hardy were reelected to serve additional three-year terms on the BCDC Board of Directors.

A featured highlight of the meeting was a video presentation


showcasing BCDC's work throughout 2025. Projects highlighted included the Rotary Park expansion, the Play It Forward Fund, the newly launched Ware Fair program, and a range of business and community development initiatives. The video also included interviews with local business owners, managers, and community members who shared how BCDC programs and partnerships supported their efforts over the past year. In addition, the presentation emphasized BCDC's collaborative contracts with organizations such as the Roosevelt Custer Regional Council, Bowman Area Chamber of Commerce, and the North Dakota Small Business Development Centers.

"Our annual meeting is an opportunity to reflect on the progress we've made and, more importantly, to recognize the partnerships and people that make this work possible," said BCDC Executive Director Teran Doerr. "The projects highlighted represent our continued commitment to strengthening local businesses, enhancing quality of life, and investing in long-term opportunities for Bowman County."

Doerr also addressed audience questions during the meeting, providing insight into current and upcoming projects, BCDC's operations, and the organization's unique contractual partnerships.

Attendees also received BCDC's 2025 Annual Report, which is available for pickup at the BCDC office. A recording of the video presentation is available on Facebook at @GrowingBowmanCounty and on YouTube under Bowman County Development Corporation. For more information, contact the BCDC office at 701-523-5880.

About Bowman County Development Corporation:  
Bowman County Development Corporation is a non-profit organization dedicated to empowering individuals, businesses, and community organizations to succeed. By providing critical resources and fostering strategic initiatives, BCDC is driving sustainable growth and creating opportunities that extend beyond Bowman County.



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**Thursday, February 19** - Italian Baked Pasta, House Salad w/Dressing, Zucchini, Blushing Pineapple, Dinner Roll, Milk

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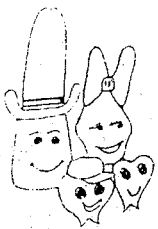
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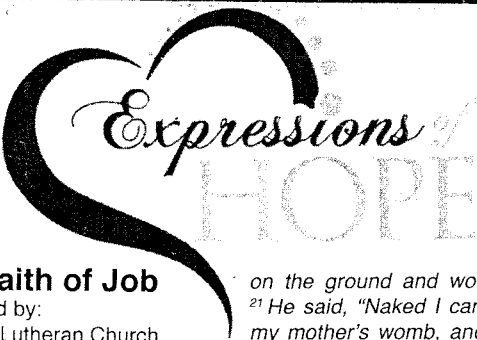
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The Faith of Job

Submitted by:  
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Scripture Reading: Job 1:1-22  
"Then Job arose, tore his robe, shaved his head, and fell

on the ground and worshiped.  
21 He said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return there; the Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord." 22 In all this Job did not sin or charge God with wrongdoing."

There are many examples of faith in the Bible but, the faith of Job is truly remarkable. Job in his day was a very wealthy man, blessed both in possessions and in life with a great family. Not only did Job have great in faith in God but also God trusted in Job. One day Satan tested God saying in chapter 1, verses 9-11, "Then the accuser answered the Lord, "Does Job fear God for nothing? Have you not put a fence around him and his house and all that he has, on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. But stretch out your hand now, and touch all that he has, and he will curse you to your face." God responds to Satan, "The Lord said to the accuser, "Very well, all that he has is in your power; only do not stretch out your hand against him!" So the accuser went out from the presence of the Lord".

As you read further in the chapter Satan destroys Jobs wealth of possessions oxen, donkeys, sheep, servants, camels, and even his family. Job receives news of all that has happened by three separate servants. And how does Job respond? He just received the worst news. What the Lord has blessed him with that is valuable in this life has been taken away. He doesn't blame or curse God but Job, immediately falls to his knees and praises God saying, "The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away, may the name of the Lord be praised".

As followers of Christ, how do we respond in seasons of trial? What does our prayer life look like? Do you draw away or draw closer to God? Do we only praise God when there is more blessing than trial? God wants us to trust Him and His plan. Use the hard times in life to draw closer to God. Praise Him in both the blessings and the trials. God is always faithful.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank you for your faithfulness. Walk with us through the ups and downs of life. May we feel your presence everyday in our lives. Remind us that treasures on earth will pass away but treasures in heaven are eternal. Amen.



"DIFFERENT: Valentine's Day Quotes"  
By Don Taskila  
Hettinger County, ND  
Feature Writer

I maintain that a Valentine's Day Quote becomes "DIFFERENT" and more meaningful when it goes beyond generic phrases and embraces 'LOVE', personality, sincerity, and unique shared memories. Instead of using overused routine phrases, unique quotes are personalized to the recipient's personality, frequently combining emotional depth with humor or special inside jokes.

Here are some examples of "DIFFERENT: Valentine's Day Quotes":

"Love is just a word until someone comes along and gives it meaning." ... This quote by author Paulo Coelho, which is commonly used in his book Aleph, says that 'LOVE' is just an idea or word until it is brought to life through acts, dedication, and a real connection with someone else. May I think that 'LOVE' is more than simply a feeling or a definition; is it not an act of affection?

"Love is like a good business deal: it's all about compromise."

"You know you're in Love when you stop comparing." ... This quote, commonly given to author Mason Cooley, implies that pure 'LOVE' is contentment and acceptance, eliminating the urge to compare a partner or relationship to others. It emphasizes finding enough worth and satisfaction in the unique connection that external norms are no longer important.

"You are the reason I believe in Love." ... This quote is also the title of a college love story by Ankush Singh.

"You are my favorite hello and my hardest goodbye."

"Our Love is a journey, starting at forever and ending at never."

"I never want to stop making memories with you."

"Marriage has no guarantees. If that's what you're looking for, go live with a car battery." ... This famous quote is from Erma Bombeck (1927-1996), an American writer noted for her witty essays about suburban life and marriage.

"You can't blame gravity for falling in Love." ... Albert Einstein's famous, frequently referenced quote is a hilarious, metaphorical remark that suggests that, while gravity rules physical attraction and falling, it cannot be held responsible for the emotional, aware, and complicated human experience of falling in 'LOVE'.

"Love doesn't need to be perfect. It just needs to be true."

"You are the reason I believe in Love."

"Love is a language spoken by everyone but understood only by the heart." ... This quote, credited to author Paulo Coelho, perhaps suggests that 'LOVE' is a universal human feeling and a method of expression that overcomes language, cultural, and rational obstacles.

"Love keeps the world turning, but chocolate makes the journey worthwhile."

1 John 4:19, "We Love because he first loved us."


... Proves that human 'LOVE' for God and "Others is a reaction to God's earlier, initial 'LOVE', rather than a self-generated behavior.

In closing, that's plainly enough. "Happy Valentine's Day!"



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WHAT'S HAPPENING February 15<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>, 2026

Sunday 02/15/2026

National Wisconsin Day

National Gumdrops Day

Local church services

10:00am Tabletop Volleyball in the Solarium

2:00pm Lets Talk Conversation Cards

Monday 02/16/2026

PRESIDENTS DAY

National Do A Grouch A Favor Day

National Almond Day

10:00am Chair Exercises in the Solarium

2:00pm President's Day Trivia/Discussion

Tuesday 02/17/2026

MARDI GRAS

FAT TUESDAY

National Pluto Day

National Cauliflower Day

National Cabbage Day

National Random Acts of Kindness Day

10:00am Chair Exercises

12:00pm ELDERCARE MEAL ALL ARE WELCOME

1:00pm Card Players in the Activity Room

2:00pm Activity with MRPS 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders

Wednesday 02/18/2026

ASH WEDNESDAY

National Battery Day

Nat. Crab Stuffed Flounder Day

9:00am Chair Exercises in the Solarium

10:00am Keep Your Faith Going - Pastor John - Communion will be offered

2:00pm BINGO with MRPS 6<sup>th</sup> Graders

Thursday 02/19/2026

National Iwo Jima Day

National Arabian Horse Day

National Lash Day

National Chocolate Mint Day

10:00am Mass with Father Kadrmas in the chapel

12:00pm ELDERCARE MEAL ALL ARE WELCOME

12:30pm Bridge Players

1:00pm Spa Day nails

2:00pm Make Chocolate Mint Bars

3:00pm Book Club with Father Kadrmas

Friday 02/20/2026

National Leadership Day

National Comfy Day

National Muffin Day

National Caregiver Day

National Love Your Pet Day

9:00am Spa Day for Hair

10:00am Chair Exercises

12:00pm ELDERCARE MEAL ALL ARE WELCOME

2:00pm Spill N Spell Dice Game

Saturday 02/21/2026

National Boiled Peanuts Day

National Red Sock Day

National Grain-Free Day

National Sticky Bun Day


10:00am Chair Exercises in the Solarium

2:00pm Cornhole in the Solarium

4:30pm Mass @ St Vincent's

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## ~ School News ~

### Elgin/New Leipzig Public School

Sunday, February 15

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

Monday, February 16

GBB District 7 Tournament @ Bowman County TBA

President's Day NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, February 17

Pre School 8:15 - 3:15

GBB District 7 Tournament @ Bowman County TBA

Open Swimming 6 - 8

Wednesday, February 18

Elig Due @ 8:20

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

Pre School 8:15 - 3:15

PLC's @ 7:30 am

Artist in Residence for JH/HS

Ash Wednesday

Thursday, February 19

Pre School 8:15 - 3:15

BBB A B @ Bowman County @ 5:00

Artist in Residence for Elementary

Open Swimming 6 - 8

Saturday, February 21

District 7 Play in game @ Elgin TBA

Speech Meet @ Hazen TBA

### New England Public School

Monday, February 16th

No School – President's Day

TBA A GBB District #7 Tournament at Bowman

Tuesday, February 17th

TBA A GBB District #7 Tournament at Bowman

Wednesday, February 18th

Religion Release Begins at 2:00

Thursday, February 19th

dismissal for Girls Varsity Wrestling traveling to Fargo for State

5:00 p.m. AB BBB vs. Alexander in new gym

Friday, February 20th

Girls Varsity Wrestling at Fargo for State

dismissal for FFA traveling to Bowman

Saturday, February 21st

FFA at Killdeer

Girls Varsity Wrestling at Fargo for State

### Mott/Regent Public School

Monday, February 16

7-12 Art w/Myra

HS GBB District 7 Tournament @ Bowman County

Tuesday, February 17

K-6 Art w/Myra

HS GBB District 7 Tournament @ Bowman County

2nd Grade Visits the Care Center, 2:00

Wednesday, February 18

School Board Meeting, 7:00 PM

Thursday, February 19

Hettinger County Spelling Bee, Grades 5-8

HS BBB(AB) @ Bowman County, 5:00

Friday, February 20

No School

Café Concert tryouts for solos, skits, and ensembles from 8:00-5:00

Saturday, February 21

HS BBB District 7 Play-In Game (if necessary)

## Area School Calendar Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> - Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>



### Bowman County



16	17	18	19	20	21
HAPPY PRESIDENT'S DAY			4pm BBB (ABC) vs Grant Co. @ Home	FFA	7:30am FFA 6pm BBB Dist. Play-In SP @ Hazen
TBD GBB Dist. @ Bowman			NO SCHOOL		
			WR State Girls/Boys @ Fargo		



### Scranton



16	17	18	19	20	21
No School HAPPY PRESIDENT'S DAY			5pm BBB (AB) @ Flasher		6pm BBB Dist. Play-In
TBD GBB Dist. @ Bowman			WR State Girls/Boys @ Fargo		



### Harding County



16	17	18	19	20	21
5:30pm GBB (AB) vs Bison @ Home HAPPY PRESIDENT'S DAY	6pm BBB JH vs Newell @ Home		4pm BBB (JH, AB) vs Hulett @ Home 5:30pm GBB (AB) @ Philip	4pm BBB (JH, AB) @ Dupree TBD WR G Regionals @ Rapid City	9:30am WR B Regionals @ Rapid City



### Baker, MT



16	17	18	19	20	21
FFA Spring Districts @ Ekalaka HAPPY PRESIDENT'S DAY	3pm BBB/GBB @ Miles City			No School	
WR State @ Billings					



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**Monty (Martens) Slagter Rites Held**

Monty (Martens) Slagter, age 71, of Baker Montana passed away peacefully Satur-



day morning February, 7th 2026 at Fallon Medical Complex, surrounded by family.

Funeral services for Monty Lou Slagter was held at 2:00 pm Friday, February 13, 2026 at Stevenson Funeral Home with Pastor Jim Biswell officiating. Burial followed at Bonnievale Cemetery. Visitation took place from 1:00 - 2:00 pm Friday, February 13, 2026.

Monty lived a life of authenticity and heart. She was fiercely devoted to her family, a joyful storyteller with a boisterous laugh, always up for a fun prank and someone whose generosity touched many lives. Monty had a spirited nature and a protective heart. She loved to joke, laugh loudly and stand fiercely for the people she cherished.

Monty was born in Ekalaka, MT June 16, 1954 to Jonathan and Olethia Martens. Early on they moved to Baker, MT to run the Baker Motel. The sudden death of her father Jonathan started a life of adversity. She, her mother and brother Randy moved in with Olethia's brother

Harry Tiedeman. His wife Lucy and their 5 children Brian, Eric, Diana, Doyle and Josh, creating one big family. Here she honed her sharp wit and love of family. While attending High School in Baker she met the love of her life Benjamin Nat Slagter. On June 26, 1969 she made him her husband. Over the next 2 years they had 2 boys, Jonathan Nat and Quincy Wade Slagter, who she stayed home to care for.

Ben's work eventually took them away from Baker and they moved to Gillette, Wyoming. Here she furthered her education while raising her boys and caring for her mother. Becoming an entrepreneur, she opened and operated an answering service. In 1995 after her sons were grown, on the way home from a wedding in Idaho she saw a "Big Truck" with a sleeper on the back. She thought that would be a good way to see the United States. As soon as she got home she went straight to the DMV to get started on her CDL and her next adventure on the road with her husband. They purchased a Semi truck and headed out to see America as independent truckers. She was amazed that "about "2-½ days" was all it took to get anywhere in the US. They would do this for 10 years.

Eventually her heart longed for a home back in Baker. She and her son Jon hatched a plan to open a Lumber Yard. In April of 2003 she left the road to build another business, J&M Lumber. She enjoyed being back among old friends and family. She generously gave back to her community and looked forward to interactions with her customers.

She became the face of the business and greeted everyone with a quick smile, a cup of coffee, a cookie and an ear.

The Lumber business helped her embark on her biggest adventure yet, being a grandmother. She cherished her time with her grandson and granddaughter and cared for them daily at the lumber yard until they went to school. She loved attending family activities and school events, taking hundreds of photos and making lasting memories.

This passion guided her to one of her greatest joys - genealogy. she found deep meaning in preserving her family story, carefully collecting photographs, creating scrapbooks, and honoring those who came before her while thoughtfully adding her own chapter to the Legacy. Through this work, she became both a keeper of memories and a bridge between generations, ensuring that the past would always have a voice in the future. Carrying these stories forward is one of the most meaningful ways we can honor her and continue the Legacy she treasured.

She is survived by her husband; Benjamin Nat Slater; sons, Jonathan Nat and Nikki Slagter, Quincy Slagter; grandchildren, Robert Nat and Shelby Slagter. Megan Slagter, Great Grandchildren Wilder Nat, Oaklen and Haisley Slagter; close cousins, Stan and Diana (Tiedeman) Lang, Brian, Eric, Doyle and Josh Tiedeman.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Jonathan and Olethia; brothers, Randy and Gene; Al Johnson; bonus mom and dad, Harry and Lucy Tiedeman. Her laughter echoes in the memories she leaves behind.

Grandchildren Wilder Nat, Oaklen and Haisley Slagter.. Close Cousins Stan and Diana (Tiedeman) Lang, Brian, Eric, Doyle and Josh Tiedeman.

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**Billy "Bill" L. Freitag Rites Held**

Billy "Bill" L. Freitag, 74, of Dickinson, ND, passed away at his home on Saturday, February 7, 2026.

Funeral Services for Bill were held on Thursday, February 12,



2026 at 11:00 am at the Hillside Baptist Church in Dickinson, ND. Pastor Rob Grunden officiated with a burial that followed

in the Bowman Cemetery. Visitation for Bill was at the church from 9-11.

Services were live-streamed here: <https://www.facebook.com/HBCDickinson>

Billy L. Freitag was born in Hettinger, ND, on February 28, 1951, the eldest son of Don and Ferne Freitag (Bagley). He was baptized at the Bowman Lutheran Church, attended Cottage Country School through the 8th grade, and graduated from Bowman High School in 1969. Billy grew up on the family farm north of Bowman. At the age of 13, being the eldest son, he took on significant responsibilities following his father's illness. After graduation, he worked for several ranches in the Badlands and enjoyed breaking and working with horses. Billy had a gentle spirit and a natural connection with the horses he trained.

Around 1986, Billy started Badlands Guide Service. As the business grew, he leased various ranches in the area to guide hunters from across the United States. Some of his proudest moments included partnering with the Mossy Oak TV crew to film guided hunts in the North Dakota Badlands. Billy also traveled to multiple sports shows on the East Coast to promote the guide service.

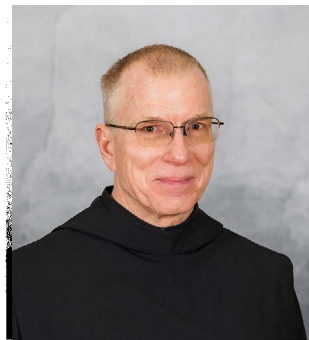
Billy and Betty met on a blind date on Christmas of 1990, arranged by their good friends, Mert and Jeanette Mitchell. They later married and made their home in Dickinson, where they lived for the past 32 years. Although Billy loved hunting and guiding, he eventually shifted his focus to work that allowed him to spend more time camping and fishing with his children and grandchildren. He also enjoyed ice fishing and spending time with special friends. Billy was a gifted storyteller who loved a game of pinocle or any game played at family gatherings. He was an active member of the Hillside Baptist Church family, where he served as a greeter, helped with AWANA, participated in Senior Bible Study, and volunteered at the AMEN Food Pantry. He loved meeting new people and sharing stories of his many adventures.

Billy loved his yard and was always looking for a new tree or flower to add to it. He was a avid gardener, as long as it was only the planting, and harvesting.

Billy will be deeply missed by his wife, Betty; his children, Suzy Anderson (Scott) and Earl Shear (Theresa); his grandchildren, Tim Evans, Cassidy Vine (Koty), Kellee (Skyler) Cheff, Mikayla Shear, Brooklyn Shear, Alexius ( Eli) Harpster (Alicia Shear (Michael), and Steven Shear (Mariah); and his great-grandchildren, Luna Evans, and Emerson and Bruin Harpster. He is also survived by his siblings, Twyla Burke (Tom), Terri Whitney (Chuck), and Blane Freitag (Jackie), along with numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Don and Ferne Freitag; his brother, Bryan Freitag; and his grandparents, Walter and Ellen Bagley, and Max and Anna Freitag.

**Father James Kilzer Rites To Be Held**

A vigil service will be held for Father James Kilzer at the Abbey church on Sunday, February 15 at 7:00 p.m. MT.



The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at Assumption Abbey on Monday, February 16 at 10:30 a.m. MT. He will be buried in the Abbey Cemetery. Our beloved confere.

Father James Kilzer, OSB, 63, passed to his eternal reward on February 7 at 11:36 a.m.

Born in Jacobson Memorial Hospital (Elgin, ND), on November 26, 1962, the tenth of fourteen children, he was named Ernest after his Benedictine uncle, a monk of St. John's Abbey (Collegeville, MN). Ernest grew up on the farm settled by his paternal grandparents seven miles from Bently, ND, and attended Eagle Scout School #2 in Hettinger County, where the students were almost all his siblings or cousins. High School took him to St. Mary's (New England, ND) for one year; the remaining years he spent in Mott Lincoln High School, graduating in 1981.

After two years at Eastern Montana College (Billings, MT) studying chemistry and computer programming, he took time off to see the world with Up with People before a stint at selling everything from vacuum cleaners to cotton candy.

Then, in 1986, he returned to college earning a bachelor's degree in theology from Franciscan University (Steubenville, OH) in 1989. That same year he came to Assumption Abbey and, after candidacy and novitiate, received the name James when he pronounced simple vows in 1991. After solemn vows in 1994, he attended St. John's School of Theology (Collegeville, MN) and was ordained a priest in 1998.

"My upbringing," he said, "had me well prepared for mindfulness of others, so necessary in a monastery. As a large family, we learned to make do, make allowances, share and share alike, to think how our behavior impacts upon others." He frequently did weekend pastoral work. His penchant for

wordsmithing was appreciated both in the parishes in which he helped, as well as by his brother monks. A self-starter, James got involved in many areas of work. If he did not know how to do something, he read everything he could get his hands on and learned how. Tough jobs of refurbishing and altering rooms went to James because he had, it seemed, limitless skill and energy.

His assigned duties over the years showcased his multiple interests. He was in the Abbey Business Office for sixteen years. He made candles for sale. He was an excellent carpenter. For one of his last major projects he installed a new stock tank in the east pasture of the Abbey farm, to prevent the banks being muddied by cattle, something unhealthy for them and for wildlife.

When James took charge of the Abbey Gift Shop, he built new and better shelving, set down new vinyl flooring, and turned the place into a boutique with ample inventory. All of this he did while serving as the Abbey's oblate director for twenty-two years; he gave that lean program a solid base and the enrollment mushroomed.

Diagnosed with cancer in June of 2024, he did not sit on his hands but began journaling. He sent these reflections to various newspapers, then collected them into a self-published book Thoughts on Living with Cancer which was a comfort to many.

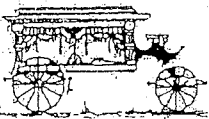
He died on February 7 in the Benedictine Living Community (Dickinson, ND) at peace and fortified by the sacraments of the Church.

Father James was preceded in death by his parents Werner and Edith (Remington) Kilzer, and his brother Mike, his sister-in-law Vicki, his nephew Colby Kilzer and his niece Lindsay Binstock. Besides his brother monks at Assumption Abbey, he is survived by twelve of his thirteen siblings as follows: Sherryll (Muessig) Kilzer of Billings, MT; Madonna (Walter) Braun of Rosholt, SD; Richard (Linda) of Redding, CA; Paul (Karen) of Richfield, MN; Roger (Sue) of Bently, ND; Veronica (Dan) Sparling of River Falls, WI; Lauretta (Terry) Marigny of O'Fallon, IL; Jude of Minneapolis, MN; Margaret (Allan) Binstock of Dickinson, ND; Raymond (Brenda) of Mott, ND; Sharon of El Paso, TX; Marian (Kent) Quamme of Fergus Falls, MN; and Kristine (Stewart) Mehner of Dickinson, ND.

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## Mary I. Jacobi Death Notice

Mary I. Jacobi, 86, of Bowman, North Dakota, passed away peacefully on February 7, 2026, at Southwest Healthcare Services.

Mary Ida Wilber was born on August 2, 1939, in Thunder Hawk, SD, to Ida Maire and James Wilber. Mary grew up in the Thunder Hawk/Lemmon area and often babysat for local families while in high school. She attended and graduated from Lemmon High School.



After graduating, Mary continued to live and work in Lemmon. Mary met National Guardsman Ross Jacobi while he was in town for drill, crossing paths at the Kokomo Bar in Lemmon. Soon after, the two began dating and fell in love. Mary and Ross were united in marriage on November 15, 1959.

Ross and Mary lived in Buffalo, South Dakota, for a brief period before moving to the family ranch near Ludlow. While living on the ranch, they built a life together and were eventually joined by a son, Randy, and daughters, Retta and Roma. Mary was very active in the community, participating in a Homemakers Club, helping with Girl Scouts, serving as an active member of the Methodist Church, assisting with Harding County elections, and dedicating many hours to both the Harding County Fair and the Bowman County Fair. In August 2022, she was honored with Harding County's "Friend of the Fair Award" in recognition of her dedication and service. She also volunteered for many years at the Pioneer Trails Regional Museum and worked for a summer at Eats N Treats. Mary enjoyed reading, puzzles, sewing, and watching Jeopardy!. Above all else, Mary treasured quality time with her loved ones. She welcomed visits from family and friends near and far and never cared how long they stayed, simply appreciating the time spent together. As the years went by, Ross and Mary moved to Bowman, North Dakota, where they found a small apartment with less maintenance and easier access to healthcare. Mary lost Ross, the love of her life, in December 2016 after sharing more than 57 years of marriage. Mary continued to live in Bowman following Ross's death. She loved living in town, as it allowed her to be more social, attend her grandchildren's and great-grandchildren's sporting events and school concerts, and enjoy more frequent visits from family and friends.

Mary continued to live on her own until 2023, when she

moved to Southwest Healthcare Services to receive additional support, allowing her to remain safe and well cared for. While Mary initially found the move less than ideal, she quickly adapted and became very attached to the staff who cared for her. That feeling was mutual, as the staff truly loved and adored her as well. Mary was well known for keeping staff on their toes, often offering helpful tips, gentle reminders, and thoughtful advice on how things could be done just a bit better. Mary remained active, continuing to attend family outings, sporting events, concerts, holiday get-togethers, and coffee dates. Even in her later years, her presence, wisdom, and love left a lasting impression on everyone around her. Confident and outspoken, Mary was never shy about sharing her opinions or offering guidance. Her leadership, humor, and strong presence were part of who she was until the very end.

Mary was preceded in death by her husband, Ross; an infant son; and her parents, Ida Maire and James Wilber. She was also preceded in death by her brothers, Ron Wilber Sr. and Dean Wilber; her sister, Althea Mandan; her niece, Roberta Wilber; her nephew, Ron Wilber Jr.; her father- and mother-in-law, Ralph and Signie Jacobi; and her sister-in-law, Roberta Cottle.

She is survived by her son, Randy (Darla) Jacobi of Ludlow, South Dakota, and their children Raeanna Jacobi; Kaitlin (Tyler) Focken; Kirsten (Jeremey) Stotts; and Ryan (Kathy Wilson) Jacobi. She is also survived by her daughters, Retta Jacobi of Bowman, North Dakota, and her children Jerica (Kyle) Harmon; Naomi (Dallas) Clark; Caynin; Corban (Cassidy); and Carson (Alyssa) Massey, and Roma Schade of Bowman, North Dakota, and her children Jordan (Michael) Bahm-Schade; Jason (Talyssa) Schade; and Sterling (Morgan) Quintanilla.

Mary is further survived by 10 great-grandchildren, with one on the way, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, extended family members, and friends who will forever cherish her memory.

## Dennis Roy Bagley Rites Held

Dennis Roy Bagley, 83 of Tioga, ND, died Monday, February 9, 2026 at Tioga Medical Center in Tioga, ND. Memorial Services for Dennis was Sat-

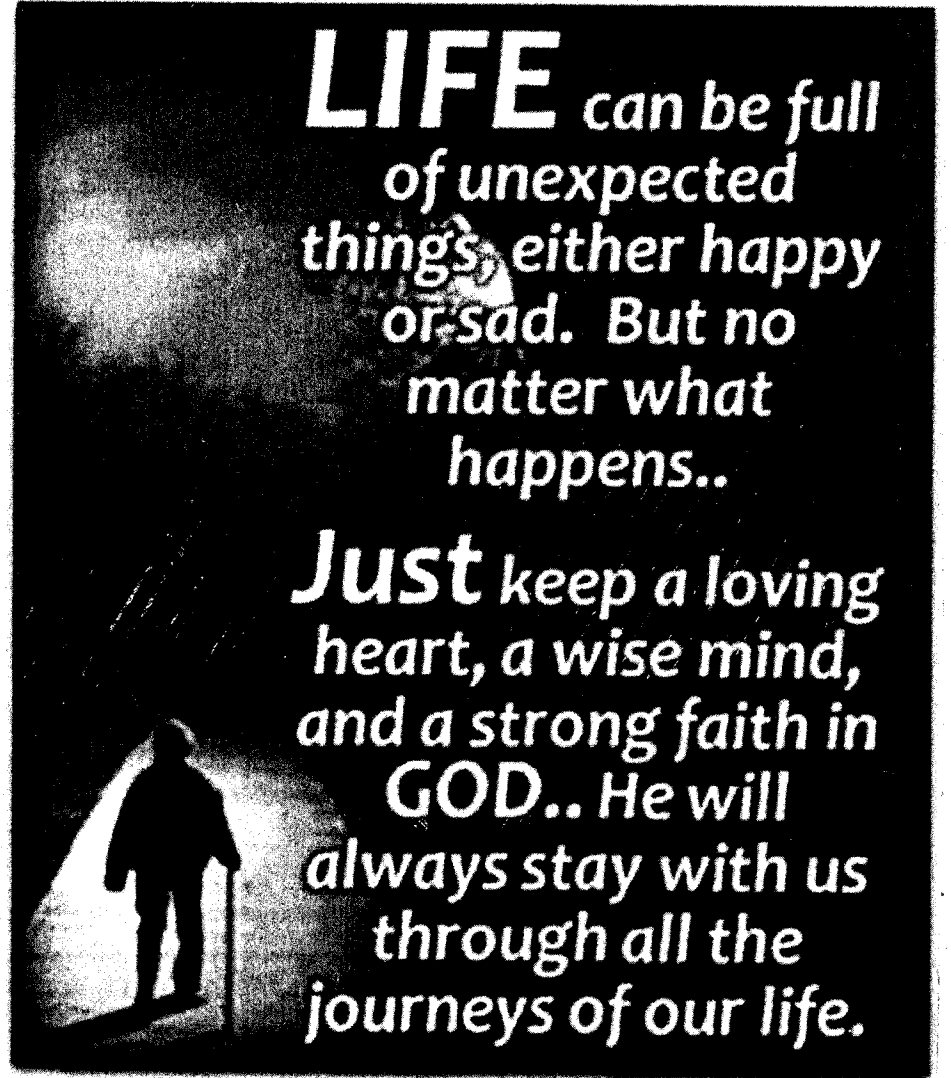


urday, February 14, 2026 at 10:00am at the Bowman Lutheran Church in Bowman, ND. Pastor Galen Strand officiated with a burial that followed at the Bowman Cemetery.

Dennis Bagley was born on August 11, 1942, in Gem Township in Bowman County, Bowman, ND, the son of Walter and Ellen (Gross) Bagley. He was the youngest of seven children. He was raised on the family farm 8 miles south of Bowman and attended rural Gem School. After the family moved into a new home in Bowman, he continued his education in the Bowman Public Schools.

From a young age, Dennis brought a unique perspective to the world. He lived at home with his family until the passing of his father. He then found comfort and community in several group homes. Jackson Group Home in Harvey, became his new home. Here he became one of the family. He worked at the Harvey HAV-IT Center doing various jobs around the community. He enjoyed shopping trips and even a few vacations where they traveled to Bowman to visit his family. In September 2025, Dennis moved to Tri City Care Home in Tioga, ND.

One of Dennis' many joys in life was fishing. His father had taught him how to fish at a very young age. When we would ask him what he wanted for a birthday or Christmas, the first thing on his list was always a fishing pole. Dennis' favorite pastime was watching gunfights in old western John Wayne movies.



Dennis' quick wit and humor brightened the lives of everyone that knew him. He faced life's challenges with a remarkable resilience and was never one to complain. Though we are deeply saddened by his passing, our memories of his witty humor, and fun spirit will forever live in our hearts.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Ellen Bagley, his sisters and brothers in law: Elaine (Vic Czywczynski and Clint Hofland), Marion Bagley, Ferne (Donald) Freitag, Joy (James) Swanson, Delores Scally, brother Walter Glen Bagley, nephews; Billy Freitag, Bryan Freitag, Johnny Scally, Alan Czywczynski, Larry Czywczynski, niece Patty Scally, great nephew Scott Czywczynski and great-great-niece Ellie Johnson. Dennis is survived by numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

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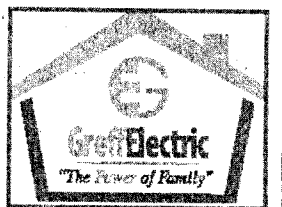
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## ND250 Commission Funds \$94K in Community Grants

15 Projects Receive Funding to Tell Local Stories Through Art, Education, and Performance.

BISMARCK, N.D. (Feb. 10, 2026) — The ND250 Commission has awarded 15 community grants totaling \$94,355 to support projects across North Dakota that celebrate and promote the upcoming 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.

The ND250 Community Initiatives Grant Program helps organizations and local govern-

ments develop engaging projects that honor North Dakota's influential role in America's story.

"These grants represent more than funding—they're an investment in how communities across North Dakota share their piece of the American story," said Bill Peterson, director of the State Historical Society of North Dakota and chair of the ND250 Commission. "From murals and musical theater to lectures and living history, these projects help connect people to the past in ways that are meaningful, engaging, and rooted in local pride."

Grant recipients include:

- City of Beach — \$5,000 for a community art sculpture reflecting the unique historic landscape and cultural heritage.

The ND250 Commission received 42 applications, which were reviewed and scored by a select committee.

The ND250 Community Initiatives Grant Program remains open for applications through April 1, 2026. Proposals are reviewed and scored quarterly to determine funding. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations, as well as city, county, and tribal governments. Grant guidelines and applications can be found at [www.ND250.com](http://www.ND250.com).

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## Thoughts for the Week

by June Schmidt

Good intentions and advice appear to be out of fashion along with having your own opinions. All we hear on social media and off major news and talk shows is how you are supposed to be whomever you are and not to let anyone tell you what to think, but all they really do is tell you what you should be thinking. And if anybody objects to that saying that they have their own opinion, how fast they come up with their own opinions on how wrong that is. Nobody's perfect and the nice part about the world is that nobody thinks the same about anything, the bad part is that nobody really wants to hear any other opinion other than their own.

It must be hard to be a parent these days. Before the explosion of the internet and all the people out there that are trying to tell us what to see, hear and say, we depended on the people we knew best to help us when we needed it. Our parents, grandparents, uncles and aunts were probably the most influential in our lives. When we needed advice, we could go to them and they would tell us how they handled things and what would be a good thing to do.

We sometimes went to teachers who were concerned with how we were doing, if they were good teachers, and maybe even a clergyman or a scout leader or 4H leader. That doesn't happen much anymore. Kids rarely reach out to anyone else unless they are in real trouble and they have no other option other than to ask their parents. Not because they don't love them, but they don't think their parents know as much as the internet.

And most of us adults find ourselves checking out information on the net. Want to know the scores or weather, ask your phone. Have a medical question, ask the internet. Want to know where to get pretty much everything under the sun? Look it up on the internet. Unfortunately, want to know what's going on in the world, you can ask the internet, but is the information reliable? Who knows, because news is not fashionable or thought provoking, its opinions and the more sensational the headlines, the less real information is actually given. Who wants to read about the real story if you can get more people to click your website if you just tell the part of it that qualifies as 'clickbait' to the world.

So what can you do to keep your children from believing

everything they see on the internet and having some control over it? Not sure, because it's like putting the genie back into the bottle. Once they see what they can find online, even if you have not given them a phone of their own, believe me they will find out from their friends. We used to go to a sketchy friend to find out about things

we didn't know about and now the sketchy friend is the phone in their hands that they have 24 hours a day. Even if you are totally open with your kids and spend time talking with them every day, telling them how much you love and care for them, you are not with them all the time.

We all want our kids to be safe and believe that what we tell them is the best for them, but we were young once and we know what we felt. They have to spread their wings, but unless you have spent the time with them that they need when they were little, maybe they didn't get the skepticism gene that you tried to pass on to them. Hopefully they don't believe that the 'guy' they are talking to is just like them and not the 40 year old stranger in the basement on the other end of their internet connection. Maybe you have informed them that dreams are great but the reality is that dreams cost time and money and nothing is given to

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you for free. Perhaps you have told them that car salesmen and recruiters are trying to sell to make a living and they don't always have your best interests in mind. And most of all we pray that you have instilled into their psyche that you are willing to listen to anything they have in mind, even if you don't advise them to do it. Maybe then they will think twice and three times before they get into something they can't get out of. God Bless you All.

## Valentine's Day Word Search

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