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Philosophy for 2025

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New Year

Excellent articles and also ads begin the **Eido Country** New Year. Fantastic place to live -- people filled with love, stories and excitement for the New Year. Let us all look forward to being an inspiration to each other by turning off the negative button - get out do puzzles, join reading books and again see how we can challenge ourselves to be New Year people.



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bowmantheater.org



Sonic the Hedgehog 3
Rated: PG • Run time: 1 hour 49 minutes
Jan. 3rd - Jan. 5th
Jan. 10th - Jan. 12th
Friday • 7:30pm
Saturday • 7:30pm
Sunday • 2pm
Sonic, Knuckles and Tails reunite to battle Shadow, a mysterious new enemy with powers unlike anything they've faced before. With their abilities outmatched in every way, they seek out an unlikely alliance to stop Shadow and protect the planet.
This Week's Sponsor:
Let us know if you'd like to be a featured movie sponsor
Upcoming Movies:
Mufasa: The Lion King (1/17 & 1/24); Paddington in Peru (1/31 & 2/7)
Schedule subject to change.
Adults: \$8.00
Students/Seniors/Vets: \$6.00
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• Sunday: BYOB (bring your own bag)
• Now accepting Credit Cards

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Bowman Area Chamber of Commerce
ANNUAL MEETING
2024 in Review


WHO SHOULD ATTEND
From business owners, managers, employees, and more this meeting is for you.

WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND
Learn more about how the Chamber works, what your membership means, vote for new board members, and share your input with the Board of Directors.

Virtual Link: bit.ly/chamberannual2024
RSVP (for in-person attendance): 701.523.5880

January
22

Meeting at 12:00 pm
Join us virtually or RSVP to join us in person at the Chamber office.



Medical Benefit for Mike Greff
Hosted by Mott KC Council 2826, St. Stephen's KC Club and the St. Stephen's Christian Mothers

WHERE: Mott KC Hall, 315 Brown Ave, Mott, ND
WHEN: Saturday, January 25th, 2025
Social Hour – 4:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.
Supper served starting at 5:30 P.M.
Silent Auction and Live Auction
FREE WILL OFFERING

Serving will be Deep Fried Turkey with all the trimmings along with a variety of desserts.

Delivery of meals will be available.

There is also an account set up at the Commercial Bank of Mott to donate to Mike. To order a takeout meal or for more information, contact Duane Zent (701) 290-7659 or Ben Auch (701) 260-1398.

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Wishing you a festive season

Mott K of C Council 2826 Steak Night



Black Jack will be dealt by the Mott Fire Brigade



Mott KC Hall, 315 Brown Ave, Mott, ND
Saturday, January 4th, 2025

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

Serving will be a 12 oz. ribeye steak, baked potato, salad,
garlic toast and desserts.
Hot dogs and chips for kids - \$5

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

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Meal Prices: \$30

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

12-14,21,28-1-4



Adams County Library News

New Year and new resolutions to improve go hand in hand. Reading books offers many health benefits:

Benefits of Reading Books:
For Your Physical and Mental Health <https://www.healthline.com/health/benefits-of-reading-books#strengthens-the-brain>
To that end The Adams

County Library and Better Life are teaming up with a winter reading challenge to help you read your way to better health!

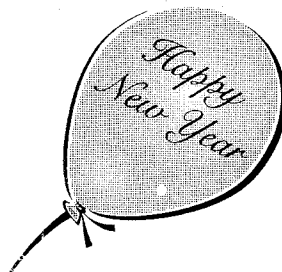
All ages are welcome to participate. Parents remember your children watch what you do so if you read they will too!

The challenge will begin January 6, 2025 and run through February 13, 2025.

Log your reading through the Beanstack App, Goodreads or on a sheet of paper. For Goodreads you will need to share your list via email with the library. Paper logs can be dropped off at the library on February 13.

Fabulous prizes will be awarded to readers!

Contact the Adams County Library for more information.
7012-567-2741
acrequest@gmail.com



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

Schedule for

Sat. Jan. 4

Sun. Jan. 5

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

Sweetwater Country Club Inc.

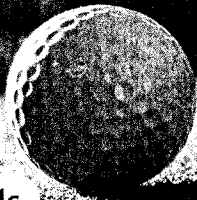


ANNUAL MEETING

January 26
5:30PM

- Review of 2024 Financials
- Elections of 2 Open Seats
- Re-election of 2 Seats

If you or anyone you know is goal orientated, motivated by teaching our youth, and want to be a part of the future of golf in our community, please run for a position.



Life makes fools of all of us sooner or later. But keep your sense of humor and you'll at least be able to take your humiliations with some measure of grace. In the end, you know, its our own expectations that crush us.

YOU ARE NEVER
TOO OLD TO SET
ANOTHER GOAL
OR TO DREAM
A NEW DREAM

~ SAVE THE DATE ~

June 12 - 14, 2026

All School Class Reunion
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Contact

McChelle Finck - 701-204-5875
Paula Anderson - 701-563-7213

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~ NOTICE ~

A meeting will be held to discuss the options for the
Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Building on
Monday, January 13th
at 7:00 pm
at the
Dakota Buttes Museum.
It would be appreciated if anyone with family interred at Emmanuel Cemetery or anyone with interest in the Church would attend.
Any questions please call
Shawn Hoffer at 701-567-3200.



Mott Food Pantry
FOR MOTT AREA ONLY
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Friday, January 10, 2025
12:00 Noon until 1:00 PM
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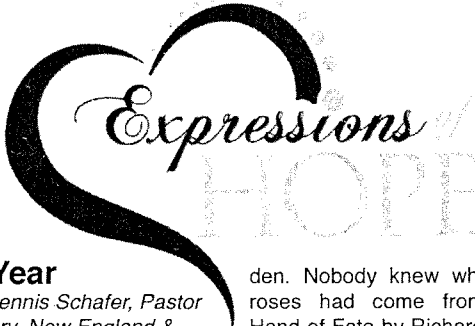
Rejoice in the New Year

Life's battles don't always go to the stronger or faster man, but sooner or later, the man who wins is the man who thinks he can.

 *Thank You!* 

Wow, Wow! We would like to do a shout out of many thanks to: 1 - We want to thank God first. 2 - We want to thank Erika Pagel, Todd's amazing hunting group, along with Troy & Sarah Dschaak for putting the benefit on for Todd. 3 - Pam Anderson for playing music. 4 - Thanks to everyone who helped set up, tear down and serve the delicious meal. Also, thank you to each and every one for donating to the silent auction, for the food, cups etc. Thanks for all the prayers, cards, and hugs along with everything else. May you all be blessed as much as we have been.

 **Todd & Kristy Donner** 



New Year

Father Dennis Schafer, Pastor Saint Mary, New England & Saint Elizabeth, Lefor

A small shrine appeared on some bare dirt near the intersection where a transient had been struck and killed. Neighbors brought candles, roses, prayerful messages written on cards. The next day the City cleaned up the guttered candles and withered roses and tossed the messages into a plastic bag to be thrown away.

Carly, during a walk through the neighborhood, looked down at the dead patch of dirt. She wondered why a nameless person had drifted along her street. All that remained beside the sidewalk were windblown leaves. And one faded rose. Carly leaned over, picked it up.


She took the spent thing back to her apartment. She put it in a damp paper towel. She made a quick trip to the store to buy a clay pot and small bag of soil. She prepared the stem for propagation. Her mother, long gone to heaven, had once taught her how. Carly put the cutting into the soil and placed the pot in her small apartment window. She was careful to keep the soil moist and warm. Early one morning, when nobody was about, she walked down the sidewalk back to the intersection and its dead patch of dirt. She brought a hand shovel. Every morning after, she brought a water bottle.

Many years after Carly had joined her mother, those who walked by the intersection would pause to marvel at the strange abundance of wild, beautiful roses. Hundreds of blooms crowded the sidewalk. It seemed the Hand of Fate had birthed an improbable garden. Nobody knew where the roses had come from. [The Hand of Fate by Richard Schulthe]

As we contemplate the New Year at hand we often get so caught up in our need for renewal, our need to start again. It can be very self-focused. In the coming year, perhaps we can ask ourselves what sort of thing can I do that will make a difference to others also. Changes are never easy, and especially when we focus on negative things we do not like about ourselves. In the story above, Carly makes a difference by putting her own wonder about how things are into an action that will beautify the lives of others for a long time to come. Do we ever wonder how our need for renewal can be an encouragement for others? Let us focus on new growth, new life, and strive to recognize how the opportunity for change can be a blessing. Jesus was born to bring new life for us. In keeping our focus on Him and less on ourselves we can allow His kingdom to blossom and our lives will change for the better.



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Churches beautiful for Christmas.**

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

Interested candidates will be running against the three incumbents seeking re-election. If you would like to be considered by the Nomination Committee, please contact Bowman County Development Corporation at 701.523.5880 no later than **January 13th** to learn more about the responsibilities of an elected board member and the organization.

BCDC Board of Directors election results will be announced at the BCDC Annual Meeting which will be held on Wednesday, February 5th @ 11:30am at the Bowman Golf Course and is open to the public.



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CORPORATION
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Menu

Mott Elder Care Menu
for the Week of Jan - 7 - 10
For meal reservations
call by noon the day before.
Call Elder Care Office
701-456-1818
All menus are subject to change based on the availability of food.

Tuesday, January 7 - Tater Tot Casseroles, Southwest Corn, Pears, Dinner Roll

Thursday, January 9 - BBQ Chicken, Broccoli, Baked Potato, Peaches, Wheat Bread

Friday, January 10 - Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, House Salad w/Dressing, Zucchini, Grapes, Garlic Bread

it's not whether you get knocked down, it's whether you get up.

Sometimes silence is the best answer

WRHS Foundation Hosting-Giving Hearts Hoops Night in Scranton on Feb 4th!

By Ted Uecker,
WRHS Foundation

The West River Health Services Foundation is once again hosting a "Giving Hearts Night" boy's basketball tilt in Scranton, when the Grant County (Mott-Regent - Elgin - New Leipzig) "Cougars" come to Scranton to face the Hettinger-Scranton "Nighthawks" on February 4th, 5:30pm, at the Scranton Gymnasium. As of now, there will be a Junior Varsity game starting at 5:30pm and a Varsity match to follow about 7:00pm.

Dakota Western Bank has stepped up once again as the Premier Sponsor, offering a \$2,500 match to get the fundraising started! Scranton Equity, Slope Electric Cooperative, Next Door Pizza and more are lining up to be part of this enthusiastic evening of fun! The admission, popcorn and pop is all FREE! Of course, we're then hoping for a gift to our West Riv-

er Healthcare Services Foundation for continued improvements to our area healthcare leader. In addition, we'll also be paying forward a gift to the Family of Eleanor Krinke-Krumm, to help offset some of her medical expenses. Or maybe you just want your gift to go to West River Health Services or just to Eleanor, or both - either way, we are learning about giving! And we will always respect exactly where you want your gift to go.

So please bring your checkbook! You can write a check to "WRHSF" and if you write "Giving Hearts Day" in the memo section, it will count for Giving Hearts Day too, which falls on February 13th this year. This is the largest online giving day in North Dakota and the longest running fundraiser in the United States of America! Unfortunately, cash gifts don't count for Giving Hearts Day, but we won't turn your cash away at the WRHS Foundation! We're just hoping for the double-play, where your gift counts for WRHSF and Giving Hearts Day. Of course, you can always give via credit card after January 13th to givingheartsday.org

and select West River Health Services Foundation too. Thank you. For any gift amount at all on this night, you'll possibly receive a bracelet, a hearts necklace and new red pen! For gifts of \$50 or more the night of the event, you'll receive a new Giving Hearts t-shirt! And who knows what our sponsors will be adding to the give-aways!

Back to the ballgame. We'll have all of the junior varsity and varsity players decked out in red and white warm-up t-shirts. Plus, all of the statisticians, managers and scorekeepers will be outfitted as well. All of the coaches will be sporting red and white Giving Heart's polo shirts! The 5th/6th grade boys players will take the court at halftime of the JV game, with their red and white uniforms and balls. You won't want to miss the future here!

Between the Junior Varsity and Varsity games, we'll have a Live Auction (with a real live auctioneer!) for seats on the "Comfy Couch!" Just keep waving your hand in the air and you might find yourself sitting at mid-court on the comfy couch, while we bring you all the drinks, candy, popcorn you can gorge yourself with. Or maybe you want to buy the seat for someone else? That's ok.

And at the quarter breaks and some timeouts, we'll be going around throwing out prizes - basketballs, t-shirts, hats - could be anything to do with hoops or Giving Hearts or sponsors! This is gonna be super fun!

Then at halftime of the Varsity game, we'll all witness former and current shooting stars trying their best to make freethrows. Hettinger Scranton will set forth their inside/outside punch of Blake Larson and Caeden Anderson, each shooting five free tosses for a total of ten. Grant County will provide two shooters as well. And we'll have some former stars from yesteryear giving it a whirl again too. You can pledge for makes, attempts or a flat total gift. No matter how you give, it all adds up to top-quality healthcare.

Of course, after the game, we'll provide pizza for all of the players, stats, managers, coaches and bus drivers from each of the school's participating. Nothing like good camaraderie after a battle - kinda like it used to be. Compete hard, but enjoy the friendships long after. Respect.

Come see us in Scranton at the School. You'll witness fun like never before, with kids diving for loose balls, tickling the twine and giving their all. Tuesday, February 4th - free admission, free popcorn, free pop - it doesn't get much better than this! Onward for top-quality healthcare "close to home."

We'll be bringing you more information over the next four weeks -- like photos and back-grounds of our pledge free-throw shooters, sponsorships and even more fun, via "Giving Hearts Night" posters all over our area towns, on Facebook, in the local newspapers and on the local radio stations. Thank you for supporting our efforts to keep improving our rural healthcare system. Together we are one team. Together we are strong.

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

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~ School News ~
Elgin/New Leipzig Public School

HS GBB (AB) vs Garrison @ Grant County, 3:00

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|----------------|--------------------------|---|--|---|------------------------------------|
| 6 | 7 5pm WR @ Home | 8 | 9 2pm/3:30pm BBB/GBB (AB) vs Ekalaka @ Home | 10 No School 2pm/3:30pm GBB/BBB (AB) vs Fairview @ Home | 11 8am SP/DR @ Culbertson |
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He Knows His Plans For You

Pastor Julian Burgess - Western
Plains Baptist Church

Here we are the Last Sunday of 2024 and the first Sunday of 2025. What are your expectations for the new year ahead. Any new year resolutions that you plan on attempting to make past February. You know how that goes start out with the best of intentions, and like clockwork life gets in the way and the first thing to go is our new year resolutions that we were so dead set on this year doing. Let's look at Jeremiah 29:11 a verse that we look at often, but has so much to say to us as His people. I know the plans that I have for you, to prosper you, not to harm you, but that you may have a life of abundance through me. This was part of the letter that Jeremiah wrote to the children of Israel when they were going into bondage in Babylon. Even though God had sent Israel to Babylon it was not to punish them.

Jeremiah 29:4 thus says the Lord of Hosts, the God of Israel, to all who were carried away captive, whom I have caused to be carried away from Jerusalem to Babylon; Build houses and dwell in them; plant gardens and eat their fruit. Take wives and begat sons and daughters; and take wives for your sons and give your daughters to husbands, so that they may bear sons and daughters—that you may be increased there and not diminished. And seek the city where I have caused you to be carried away captive, and pray to the Lord for it; for in its peace, you will have peace.

Now, regardless of what we are going through in our life, if we are smart, we will take a step back and assess the situation, and see what part of what is going on is God at work in our lives. Yes, absolutely we can never know nor expect what God could be doing in our lives till we step back and see, sometimes it is obvious and sometimes it is not. Sometime we just have to wait and see what is going on.

But here with Israel, God was sending Israel to rest. In all their disobedience to God, they were pretty much beat up and beat down. God allows Jeremiah to write this letter I know the plans that I have for you and He did. After 70 years, Israel was coming home to the Promise Land and never to again to be sent captive to another land.

My goodness from my stand point of view it never helped Israel to be faithful to God, except short periods of time. God tells us today the very same thing over and over again. I know the plans that I have for you, to prosper you and not to harm you but allow you to have an abundant life through me. Now, this is where we tend to get lost. The only way that He can prosper us, we have to be His. We have to make that decision to be

His, to ask Him in our heart, to forgive us our sins and become Lord of our life.

So many folks today think that they can make it all by themselves that they do not need God. They say look at all this that I have, I am a big farmer, rancher or I have a very important job at some place of employment. Look at all my nice stuff and look at my bank account, now why do I need God, what is it that He can do for me that I cannot do for myself. The Church just wants me to give them money and to waste my time.

John 15:5 says I am the true vine; you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. Now, get this next part of the verse, we are the branches, here what happens to a useless branch. If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. As people if we are not a follower of Christ and we have not accepted Him as Lord and Savior we will be cast into the eternal damnation of hell and there is not a rest of the story.

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By Kathy Craig Harteis

It's not likely I'll forget
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It's the first Christmas Eve
my kids and I have not been
together. There will be another
day to celebrate. No Worry.

It's been nearly a week in
the hospital, have had surgery
on my ankle and next I'll go to
rehab facility for a lengthy stay.

It looks like I'll live at St.
Luke's a skilled nursing facility
in Dickinson for a few weeks. I
know it's a lovely place and fairly
close to home. Sadly my last
visit there was to sit next to my
late husband David as he finished
his life's journey.

I first started writing a column
more than 20 years ago
when David started his final journey.
Erv and Donnavie at Eido
Connect asked me if I would
be comfortable writing about
what we were going through. As
it has turned out it has been a
strength and encouragement for
me. I hope I have helped a few

folks along the way.

You'd think I'd be depressed.
Not so. I've been praying for
some time for clear knowledge
of what I'm supposed to do.

In the hospital I've met so
many people who seemed to
need conversation with me.

I'm not pleased with crashing
on the ice but sometimes it
takes a bit to get our attention.

I can't go home because I
can't manage steps into house
etc. Plus I have to have therapy
every day. I've had a lot of
pain since the pain block from
surgery wore off but I have good
drugs and wonderful staff to
help me. I've had encounters
with some wonderful people.
I've met a lot of people who
seem to need my visit. One
young male nurse even comes
to see me now even if I'm not
on his shift. Guess I collected
another kid here.

I've felt the prayers of many
and received good wishes and
messages from so many people.

The ladies that daughter
Tiffany hikes with in Theodore
Roosevelt National Park
brought flowers. Thank you
Nora, Brenda and Carol.

I got up yesterday and practiced
with a walker. Sat in a chair
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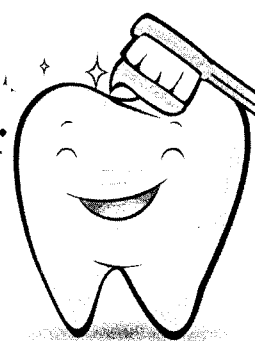
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Well, it's the last week of 2024 and, what a year it has been. Taylor Swift and Travis Kelsey, continuous federal election sniping, 2 assassination attempts, Jaylo dumped Ben Affleck AGAIN, Diddy Combs lost his mind (and his freedom), heart attacks, and the deaths of Teri Garr, Carl Weathers, Donald Sutherland, Shelly Duvall, James Earl Jones, Kris Kristofferson, Quincy Jones, and Liam Payne. It also, at least so far, seems to be the death of progressive cancel culture and immature attacks on this great country of ours—1st world problems. Caitlan Clark made women's basketball interesting and racist of course. Daniel Penny is a free man despite the machinations of the village idiot Alvin Bragg and, the attack on the evil Caucasian man's right to protect himself and others from those who would do them harm.

And, honestly, since this pandemic lockdown, there is a finally a feeling of freedom to love this country and its citizens blooming again...ALL of its real citizens and not just the politically-correct. I know the "cut your family members loose because they didn't vote your way" movement had no impact on my family's holidays; but, hey, we never listened to these malcontents before anyway. Because the simple truth is that no one is trying to break out of the United States to breathe free...it's the opposite. And, anytime you disagree, all you need to do is take a road trip outside the U.S. and, you will find out real quick—we don't have real problems here. It's all 1st world problems and, we should be grateful! And, as the NFL post-season heats up, I'm sitting on the edge of the sofa as Patrick Mahomes and his Mahomies try to take it to the end zone 3 straight trips baby! Why? Because it's the US and I can do it if I want to without anyone else's permission

And, who knows, maybe our politicians will be able to define a "man" or a "woman" again and, we can all start using standard American English again since these personal pronouns are so darned stupid! Regardless, I'm looking forward to the new year 2025 and what it brings. Have a great week!

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The Little New Year

by Ellen Robena Field

One cold morning Maurice awoke from his dreams and sat up in bed and listened. He thought he heard a knock at his window; but though the moon was shining brightly, Jack Frost had been so busily at work that Maurice could not see through the thickly painted panes. So he crept sleepily out of bed, and opened the window, and whispered: "Who is there?"

"I am," replied a tinkling voice. "I am the little New Year, ho! ho! And I've promised to bring a blessing to everyone. But I am such a little fellow I need somebody to help me distribute them. Won't you please come out and help?"

"Oh, it's so cold!" said Maurice; "I'd rather go back to my warm bed;" and he shivered as Jack Frost, who was passing, tickled him under the chin with one of the frosty paint brushes.

"Never mind the cold," urged the New Year; "please help me."

So Maurice hurried into his clothes, and was soon out in the yard. There he found a rosy-cheeked boy a little smaller than himself, pulling a large cart which seemed to be loaded with good things. On one side of this cart was painted the word "Love," and on the other "Kindness." As soon as the New Year saw Maurice he said, "Now please take hold and help me pull," and down the driveway and up the hill they travelled until they came to an old shanty.

"Here is where I make my first call," said the New Year. Maurice looked wonderingly at him. "Why, nobody lives here but an old man who works for us; and he hasn't any children!" "He needs my help," said the New Year; "for grown people like to be thought of just as much as children do. You shovel out a path to his door, while I unload some of my blessings; and the little hands went busily at work, piling up warm clothing, wood, and a new year's dinner, the New Year singing as he worked:

"Oh, I am the little New Year; ho! ho! Here I come tripping it over the snow, Shaking my bells with a merry din; So open your door and let me in."

Old Joe, hearing some noise outside, came to the door, and when he saw all the nice gifts the tears ran down his cheeks for gladness; and as he carried them into the house, he whispered: "The dear Lord has been here tonight."

"Where am we going now?"

asked Maurice, as they ran down the hill. "To take some flowers to a poor sick girl," answered the New Year.

Soon they came to a small white house, where the New Year stopped. "Why, Bessie lives here," said Maurice. "I didn't know she was sick." "See," said the New Year, "this window is open a little; let us throw this bunch of pinks into the room. They will please her when she wakes, and will make her happy for several days."

Then they hurried to other places, leaving some blessing behind them.

"What a wonderful cart you have," said Maurice; "though you have taken so much out, it never seems to get empty." "You are right, Maurice, there is never any end to love and kindness. As long as I find people to love and be kind to, my cart is full of blessings for them; and it will never grow empty until I can no longer find people to help. If you will go with me every day and help me scatter my blessings, you will see how happy you will be all the long year."

"A happy New Year!" called some one; and Maurice found himself in bed, and his sister standing in the doorway smiling at him. "Have you had a pleasant dream, dear?" she asked.

"Why, where is the little New Year?" said Maurice; "he was just here with me."

"Come into Mamma's room and see what he has brought you," answered his sister. There in a snowy white cradle he found a tiny baby brother, the gift of the New Year. How happy Maurice was then! But he did not forget his dream. Old Joe and Bessie had their gifts, too, and Maurice tried so hard to be helpful that he made all his friends glad because the happy New Year had come.



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This is a story that happened 15 years ago but it has always stayed with me since then.

On the way back from work every evening, more often than not there would be a homeless man standing at the exit of the freeway. He looked to be in his late 40's but was probably a lot younger. He had shoulder length straight black hair a short beard, and he was of average stature.

His eyes were what struck me the most about him, they were brown and they had a sparkle. Like an inside light that was beaming out of his eyes. His eyes, I thought, represented the man in general. People say they can tell a lot from a person's eyes. It was certainly true in his case. He always waved at every car, he was always happy and smiling and sometimes almost dancing.

Every day after work I would remember to gather any spare change, and put it aside to give to him if I saw him. A feeling of joy would come over me every time I saw him, as I came off the ramp. He had that effect.

I'd quickly roll down my window and give him the coins. Occasionally the red light would be on for a minute and we would ask each other about our day. His answer would always be the same, "I'm blessed!"

I knew what his answer was going to be every time, yet I would still ask. It amazed me that even in his situation of being homeless he was so positive, and his answer would remind me of how blessed I was.

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Then one day I was called into my boss's office and was told that I was being laid off due to the economy. A feeling of worry engulfed me, and for the rest of that day all I could think of was "how am I going to provide for my kids, how am I going to pay rent, what am I going to do?"

Needless to say that on my way home that day I was very sad and upset. I didn't remember to look for my spare change and keep it ready like I usually did. I wasn't feeling the joy as I got off the ramp where the homeless man would be. Yet there he was as always, as I turned the ramp. He set his eyes on me, while still smiling and waving at others.

I'd hoped to catch the green light, but I missed it. While I was waiting for the red light to turn, he strolled over to my car. He had a big smile he looked me straight in the eyes and said "today I will give you a dollar". He then reached into his pocket and pulled out a dollar bill. I was blown away. I burst into tears. I wanted to jump out of my car and hug him!

You see that day he gave me more than a dollar bill, he taught me a valuable lesson. No matter what material things are taken from you, no one can take away your choice to be joyful. My ride home was smooth sailing, I had lost my job, had no savings, but I knew I was blessed!

Every time I'm faced with challenges, I think of the homeless man's valuable lesson and remember that I am blessed.

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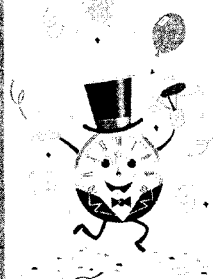
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Charlotte Hillius Rites Held

Charlotte Hillius, age 82, of Elgin, ND, passed away in Bismarck, ND, on Sunday, December 22, 2024.

Funeral services were held at 1:30 p.m., on Saturday, De-



cember 28, 2024 at the Hope Congregational Church in Elgin, ND.

Charlotte Hillius, age 82, was called to her heavenly home on Sunday, December 22, 2024. Born to John and Edna Hoffman in Elgin, ND on August 28, 1942. She grew up on a small family farm north of Elgin, ND. She attended a country school and graduated from Elgin Public School. She married the love of her life, James Hillius of Leith, ND. They were married in 1960 and lived on the Hillius family farm south of Leith, ND for 18 years. They were married for 32 years and were blessed with three children (Jeffrey, Vickie, and Stephanie). Charlotte enjoyed the farm life and worked hard raising chickens, bum lambs, milk cows, cattle, and hogs. Then they later moved to Elgin where she en-

joyed gardening, raising beautiful flowers, and enjoyed playing with her grandchildren. Having various jobs throughout the years in Elgin, her favorite was "Head Cook" for the Farmers Union Camp. The children treated her like their own mother. She made their favorite meals and snacks, especially "monster cookies."

After the passing of her husband, James, Charlotte moved to Bismarck, ND where she loved reading, biking, playing golf, taking long walks, and playing with her great grandchildren. She worked several jobs including Manager of Environmental Services for Waterford Assisted Living and Valley View. Her faith in Jesus Christ was her source of comfort when she suffered a major medical injury in August of 2003. From then on, Charlotte experienced years of health concerns resulting in assisted living at Edgewood and then Benedictine Living Nursing Home in Bismarck.

Left to mourn her loss are her three children, Jeffrey (Darla) Hillius, Vickie (Dan) Sellers, and Stephanie Hillius; grandchildren, Jesse (Stephanie) Hillius; great grandchildren, Emily, Jarrett (Brienne) Hillius; great grandchild, Abrielle, Joe (Stacy) Hillius; great grandchildren, Emma Sellers, Greyson Sellers, Tatum Sellers, Colter (Shiann) Sellers; great grandchild, Sheridan Sellers, Casey (Casey Rae) Sellers; sisters, Marcella (Pat) Smith, Cheryl (Bill) Wutzke, and Linda Gomez; brothers, John (Connie) Hoffman, James (Marlene) Hoffman, Mark (Pam) Hoffman, and Tom (Anna) Hoff-

man.

She is preceded in death by her husband, James Hillius; father and mother, John and Edna Hoffman; sisters, Lola Junker, LaRue Jarhaus, Margret Hoffman; brother, Jeffrey Hoffman; mother-in-law, Eva Hillius; and father-in-law, Otto Hillius.

Cards and memorials can be sent to Jeffrey Hillius, 304 6th Ave NE, Elgin, ND 58533.

LaVon Getz Rites Held

Funeral Service for LaVon Getz, 82, of Dickinson, was held at 10:00 am, Saturday,



December 28, 2024 at Stevenson Funeral Home with Pastor Lisa Lewton and Pastor Mary Wiggins officiating. Burial took place at the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery in Mandan.

Visitation took place at 1:00 - 6:00 pm, Friday, December 27, 2024 with family receiving friends from 4:00 - 6:00 pm at Stevenson Funeral Home.

LaVon A. Getz passed away peacefully in Dickinson, North Dakota, surrounded by the love of her family, in the early morning hours of Christmas Eve, December 24, 2024, from complications of Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency.

LaVon A. Jensen (Getz) was born January 11, 1942, in Bowman County, North Dakota, the daughter of Alvin and Leola (Sipma) Jensen. She grew up and attended school in Scranton, graduating from high school in 1960.

LaVon married Lewis Getz on December 27, 1961. To this union two children were born, Michael of Dickinson, and Michelle (Kovash) also of Dickinson.

LaVon worked as a secretary at the Scranton Public Schools. After she and her husband returned from Lawton, Oklahoma, where Lewis was stationed in the U.S. Army, she worked for the First National Bank in Scranton and Bowman for many years. She worked for Peterson Law Firm while living in Beach, and later for Dakota Western Bank with the Dakota 50 Club in Bowman. She was employed with Satrom Travel and Tours in Bismarck as Tour Manager and escorted group's travel which she loved doing until she retired. She was a "people

person" and enjoyed life. She and Lewis had the opportunity to do a lot of traveling during this time, which they thoroughly enjoyed. She enjoyed being busy helping family and friends. She thoroughly enjoyed her family, family reunions, and any get together with friends. Her home was always open and made welcome to all who stopped by for coffee, to visit, or overnight. She treasured her many friendships that she had made during the years. She always felt that if you were able to call on family and friends at any time or during a crisis that you were the "richest person in the world" and she truly felt she was very blessed.

LaVon was baptized and confirmed at Peace Lutheran Church in Scranton and is now a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Dickinson. She was a member and officer of the American Legion Auxiliary Units in Scranton, Beach, Cando, and Dickinson. She was also a member of PEO, CHI St. Alexius Health Dickinson Medical Center Auxiliary, and volunteered at House of Manna, as well as being active in many other organizations during the years.

LaVon's family would like to thank the Alpha-1 Foundation for their support and kindness as she battled this rare disease over the years.

LaVon is survived by her husband, Lewis; son, Michael and Ellen (Baird) Getz; daughter, Michelle and Keith Kovash; grandchildren, Christopher, Kelsey (Barth), Macklynn, and Addilynn Kovash of Dickinson; sister, Patricia and Ron Moe of Grand Forks; sisters-in-law, Kay Jensen Luken of Council Bluffs, Iowa, JoAnn Getz of Penguilly, Minnesota, and Patsy Getz of Bowman.

She is preceded in death by her mother, Leola Nibbe; step-father, Marvin Nibbe; father, Alvin Jensen; grandson, Matthew Allen Kovash; brother, Andrew C. Jensen; brothers-in-law, James Haag, Dwaine (Sonny) Getz, and Leary Getz; sisters-in-law, Darleen and Gerald McLaughlin and Margie and Robert Silbernagel.

Remembrances and condolences can be shared with the family at www.stevensonfuneralhome.com

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Deborah M. Larson Stearns Rites Held

Deborah M. (Larson) Stearns, 71, of Bismarck, ND, formerly of Scranton, passed away on December 22, 2024 at Sanford Medical Center after a long



courageous battle with breast cancer. Funeral services were held on Saturday, January 4, 2025 at 11:00 a.m at Krebsbach and Kulseth Funeral Home. Pastor Mary Peterson officiated the services. Burial will be at a later date at the Peace Lutheran Cemetery.

Deborah M Stearns was born on October 23, 1953 in Bowman, ND to Raymond and Carol (Langlee) Larson. She was the middle of five children. Deb grew up and went to school in Scranton, graduated in 1971, then attended Dickinson State University from 1971-1972. Deb married Allan Andersen in 1973 and they were blessed with two wonderful boys, Kasey (1979) and Kyle (1982). During her years in Scranton, Deb worked at the Super Value from 1977-79, then worked with her dear friend LaVonne at her daycare from 1988-1993, where her love for working with children grew. She then went on to work as a para at Scranton Public School from 1994-2000. In 2001 she moved to Dickinson and continued her work in education at Hagen Junior High. There she met so many dear friends that she cherished the rest of her years. During her time at Hagen, she also worked part time at TMI until she went full time there in 2006 until 2010 when she went back to work at Hagen Junior High. In 2010 she married her high school sweetheart, Jerry Stearns and they moved to Bismarck in 2012. While in Bismarck she worked at Roosevelt Elementary School in Mandan from 2012-2018.

In 2015, she became a grandma for the first time, when Kyle and Kacy married and

Kacy brought with her sweet Baely into the family. Then in 2018 Kasey and Aubree welcomed Dax, her first grandson, and she couldn't have been more over the moon. In 2020, Kacy & Kyle welcomed their first beautiful boy Miles, then sweet Birdie in 2022. Deb loved nothing more than being a grandma. She loved her grand babies more than anything in this world.

In the early years of her and Jerry's marriage, they enjoyed many trips on Jerry's bike and traveled to several beautiful places including NYC on New Years Eve.

If you knew Deb, you knew how very important it was for her to let her friends and family know how much she loved and appreciated them. Whether it was a thank you note for coming to visit, a text hoping you have a great day, or phone call, she always made a conscious effort to let you know she cared about you. She was the most sentimental and put so much thought into gifts and kept every card and gift she ever received.

Deb cherished above all else the time spent with her children and beloved grandchildren, moments that brought her immeasurable joy. She treasured coffee dates with her dearest friends, Luci and Von, where laughter and memories flowed freely. But perhaps what meant the most to her were the times shared with her siblings—her sisters and brother—whose love and bond gave her strength and comfort throughout her life. These profound connections were the heart of her world.

She was the peace keeper, the calm in any storm, the shoulder for everyone else to lean on, the wise one, the knower of all things that needed to be remembered. Her soul radiated with all that is good and kind in this world and she has left us all with a million beautiful memories of her.

A special thank you to her loving and devoted husband Jerry for everything you've done for Deb throughout her cancer battle. Your unwavering strength, love, and dedication have been a constant source of comfort and hope. You've been by her side every single step of the way, never once hesitating to care for her and support her. Watching you stand by her with such patience and tenderness, even in the hardest moments, has been a reminder of the true meaning of love and partnership. Your selflessness and devotion have been nothing short of extraordinary.

Deb was preceded in death by her parents Raymond and Carol Larson and brother in law, Dean Nester.

Deb is survived by her husband, Jerry Stearns of Bismarck, ND; her sons Kasey Andersen (Aubree) of Dickinson, ND and Kyle Andersen (Kacy) of Spearfish, SD; grandchildren: Dax Andersen (Kasey), Baely, Miles and Birdie Andersen (Kyle); stepchildren: Erin and Mika Stearns; siblings: Gayle Nester of Dickinson, ND, Dennis (Cathy) Larson of Malvern, AR, Donna (Bill) Olson of Dickinson, ND, and Shelly (John) Truetken of Scranton, ND; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

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Reflections on the Words of Life

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

Last week we looked together at 1 Peter 1:18-19: "Knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot." We considered the fact that the blood of Jesus alone can pay the price for sin. In Old Testament times, God required the Israelites to offer animal sacrifices for sin. The blood of thousands upon thousands of animals was shed. And yet the very God who required those sacrifices tells us that they did not pay for one single sin. We read in Hebrews 10:4, "For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins." Then why did God require the shedding of animal blood? Scripture answers the question. All those sacrifices were designed to point to Christ, showing us that we needed a sacrifice which COULD pay for sin. And so the writer of Hebrews, speaking of Christ, tells us in Hebrews 10:12, "But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God." Understanding this will lead us to understand why John the Baptist reacted the way he did the first time he saw the Lord Jesus. We are told in John 1:29, "The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, 'Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!'" John realized that Jesus was God's provision for sin, that He was the only Lamb whose blood could cleanse from sin.

Do you remember that in the Old Testament, the animals that were offered had to be without any physical defect? We read in Deuteronomy 17:1, "You shall not sacrifice to the LORD your

God an ox or a sheep which has a blemish or any defect." This, too, was a picture of Jesus. For He is the only one who lived a perfect life in obedience to all that God required. And so when He offered Himself as a sacrifice on the cross, He was unblemished. His sacrifice was the perfect sacrifice. It was the only one which could please the Father and pay the infinite debt of sin. Furthermore, Jesus' perfection is the basis of the gift of righteousness which God gives to everyone who believes on the Lord Jesus Christ as his or her Savior. Jesus lived a perfect life not only for Himself, but also for His people. We see this in 2 Corinthians 5:21: "For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."

Finally, Peter tells us at the end of verse 18 that the redemption which Jesus provides leads His people away from the aimless, or FUTILE (New American Standard Bible translation) way of life which they inherited from their forefathers. Peter describes the life of the unbeliever as FUTILE. Dear people, let us learn to look at life from God's perspective. Wealth, fame, power, success—these things will not matter in the end. The only thing that will matter is if you have seen the loveliness of Jesus Christ and the perfection of His saving work and have trusted in that alone for the saving of your soul. The words of Rhea Miller's hymn are a fitting conclusion to what Peter is saying in the verses we have been considering: "I'd rather have Jesus than anything this world affords today."

A LIFE IS NOT IMPORTANT except IN THE IMPACT IT HAS ON OTHER LIVES

Thoughts on Living with Cancer (#1)

18 August 2024

by Fr James Kilzer, OSB

Continued from last week



THE JESUS PRAYER

Fr Lawrence Wagner, OSB, said, in a monastic retreat conference, that he daily prays his own form of the Jesus Prayer: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of Mary, I thank you for your mercy and love." The more traditional wording would be: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy upon me (a sinner)." Notice that Fr Lawrence converted the traditional petitionary prayer into a prayer of gratitude, and he names Jesus as Son of Mary (cp. Son of God).

This prayer might be uttered now-and-then in the course of one's day. It might also be uttered continuously, until it is ingrained in one's mind and body, a kind of constant petitionary prayer for mercy; or constant thanks for divine mercy and love, in Fr Lawrence's version.

Sometimes, when my prayer in tongues seems very repetitive in its phrases, I wonder the more what I am praying at that moment, me voicing, the Holy Spirit giving the mysterious words. Perhaps it is something like the Jesus prayer, repeated over and over, or like the song *I Surrender*, (just above), a kind of reveling in a theme, be it repentance, surrender, praise, adoration, thanksgiving, and sometimes prompting emotions appropriate to the words, though the words be unknown

to the one praying in tongues. HAVE YOUR OWN WAY IN ME

What to do when you have suffered a golden wound, or when you have been pierced with love for God? Pray through the experience. Pine for deeper friendship with Jesus; for more familiar and regular time with our heavenly Father; for the active grace of the Holy Spirit in the present moment. Pray with longing for heaven, to be with Jesus and all the saints in our Father's house.

I often find myself pleading Jesus to make me more like him, to make me a saint (knowing this is costly). Who can become more like Jesus without changing. Change is uncomfortable at best and sometimes profoundly so. Am I willing to be changed, to be worked on by my Brother and Redeemer, Jesus? Am I willing that our perfect heavenly Father send or allow challenges to befall me, that I might grow through those challenges (theme of part 13)?

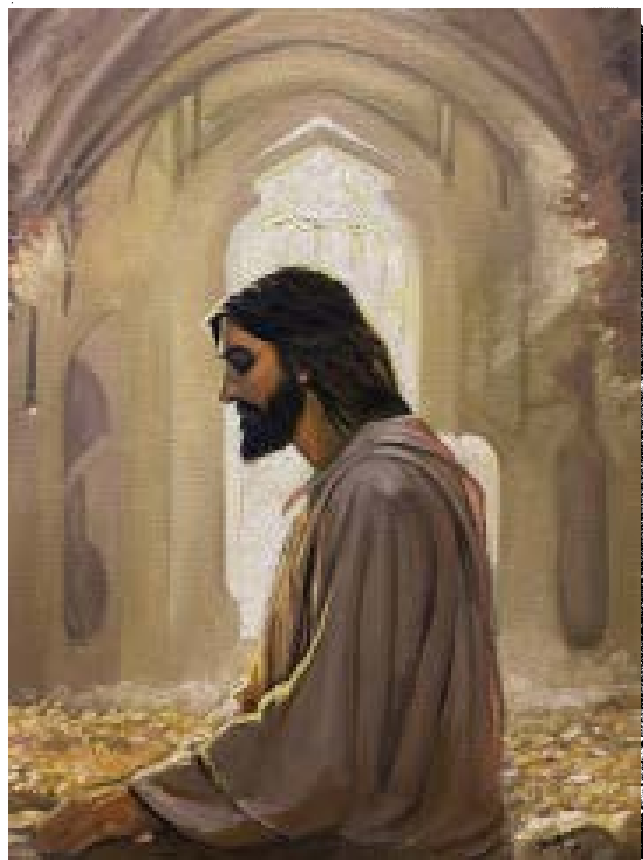
I face a major life-challenge right now, diagnosed as I was (five and a half months ago) with what specialists regard as a terminal, incurable cancer. Three months into chemotherapy, my oncologist called my latest PET scan images "miraculous." What will my next PET scan (perhaps in January) reveal? I continue to pray often for the grace to accept whatever the Father grants as my lot. I ask for remission. I ask for complete cure of my cancer. I ask for grace to accept and live joyfully, whatever the outcome, however soon or far off my exit for heaven. Thus, my focus in this essay on repetitive prayers, prayers which are simple, to the point, and repeated often.

Why the repetitiveness? Because God is slow in hearing? Not at all. I think I need the repeated praying of the same basic lines. Jesus, make me more like you. Jesus, make me a saint. Father, call me home when and as you will. Thy will be done. *Have your own way in me. Have your own way in me.*

On Suffering, and Prayers of Lament [part 16]
December 4, 2024

by Fr James Kilzer, OSB
MORNING PRAYER

My fellow monks had just stood up for the start of Morning Prayer in our abbey church, with our customary start to Morning



Prayer: "Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will proclaim your praise." My attention was not fully with the monastic choir for a moment. I had remained seated, and instead of joining in the opening verse, I thought: "I only want to be a saint; Why must this be so hard." And as my fellow monks proceeded with the opening hymn of Morning Prayer, I wept for my hard road. Why must this be so hard?

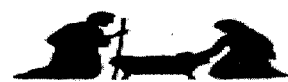
Our opening hymn concluded, addressing God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit... *"who call us forth from nothingness to find in You our resting place."* This is our life in a nutshell: Called forth from nothingness; Destined to rest in God's bosom. Not a bad life, I would have to admit.

ARE WE THERE YET

Remember traveling far on a summer automobile vacation? Remember the anxious (weary, bored) lamentations from the back seat: "Are we there yet?" I guess I am having some of that going on in the back of my head. Are we there yet? When does the redemptive suffering start? *When do I start to offer*

my sufferings as redemptive, in intercession for my needs or the needs of others? I suffer plenty, no doubt, yet I tend to postpone "offering it up" until in extremis in my final decline to death. But why not now? Why not turn our suffering into blessing—for someone at least—if not for ourselves?

A cousin wrote to me, relating how she offers up her grief and my sufferings for many causes close to home—for another family member currently grieving; for this one who is also facing cancer; for that one who is a bit lost in young adulthood and struggling to find her place. Wow, that's a lot of blessings going out, some of them from my sufferings, offered up by a cousin. God is very clever. And, inspired by this cousin, perhaps "we are there already"—time to offer up my sufferings to bless others.



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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. 4:40pm • Pleasant Manor meeting room • 206 10th Ave NW. Questions call: 701-279-6603, 701-523-4657, 701-440-8344, or 701-440-8788.

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

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The Bowman/Slope Community Cupboard is open from 3pm-5pm. No referrals necessary.

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Thoughts for the Week

by June Schmidt

We are now in the season of peace and understanding. We are told to love our neighbors as we love ourselves and to share the peace and understanding with others. So why is it that there are so many people posting their views that are not only anti peace but downright mean? We see articles of people being hurt by others and bystanders trying not to look, walking away and if they do help, being jailed for violating someones rights. We keep asking for a kinder, gentler future, but what we are getting appears to be a critical and less understanding one that punishes those that try to do the right thing.

We all know that the world we live in is not perfect, because people are not perfect. There are good people who try their best and there are those that feel that they are owed whatever they can get by whatever means that they can get it. This is why we have hackers that call up senior citizens on a regular basis and extort money from them on the pretext that their grandchildren are in danger. It also encompasses those that thing they can get something without earning it. There is a cost to everything whether you bear the cost or someone else does. Nothing in this world is free except the air that you breath, and if you have lung issues, maybe that isn't free either. So why have we become this kind of world, when most of us were not raised to be like that? Is it because at some point, we listened to those that

wanted more than what they had and then tried to convince everyone else that they were right and all the rest of us were wrong? Why do we see more and more people, especially young ones, actually being vocal about the world being against them and owing them everything rather than trying to earn it for themselves? Where did things go wrong?

There are studies showing that there is an actual breakdown of family values and maybe that's because many families spend more time trying to earn money to give everything to their children rather than teaching their children that material things are not as important as family. In times before, families were everything, we got together as a family not just three or four times a year, but uncles and aunts and grandparents were a big part of our lives. We spent time with them learning by watching them work and helping even if that was just holding the wrench or getting something from a cabinet. We proudly displayed our accomplishments to our parents even if it was a little burned or a little crooked and they told us how nice it was even if they had to drink a lot of water to get it down or fix it when we weren't looking. We played with our cousins outside for hours and came in only when we heard them yell that dinner or supper was ready. Then mostly we scarfed down our food and went out to play until dark. Even in the winter, we got together for cards or games, stayed until we fell asleep and had to be woken up to get dressed to get in the

car or we got to sleep at Grandmas until the next day. Sadly, we don't do that anymore. Many times we hardly ever see our relatives and when we do, the kids are more interested in their phones and tablets and sometimes even get upset when they are told they are going in the first place.

So what do we do about the whole situation? Do we just throw up our hands and say 'thats the way it is' or do we try to fix it? Maybe we need to start when they are little. Do they re-

ally need a cell phone because everyone else has one? Does using the phone or a tablet stop everyone from talking to each other? If they are not monitored when they are online and they see others behaving badly, who do we blame - the internet or the parents who refuse to take responsibility for educating their children? Just so you know, it's not the teachers problem, it belongs to the parents to see that their children are the people that they want them to be. If you want someone to be kind, you have to show them what that means and explain why they should be kind and that they need to share that explanation with others. If their friends are not kind people, maybe they need to look for friends who share their values and be strong enough to tell those that are not kind to go away. It's all up to you as children are our future. One day they will be where you are with children of their own. Give them the tools to do it right and just maybe we will have stories of good deeds rather than just the bad ones. God Bless you All.

RECIPE OF THE DAY

WHITE CHOCOLATE CHERRY CRUNCH

Prep: 10 minutes
Cook: 5 minutes
Stand: 1 hour

- 2 cups Corn Chex cereal
- 2 cups tiny fish-shaped pretzels
- 2 cups dry-roasted peanuts
- 1 cup miniature marshmallows
- 1 package (3 ounces) dried cherries (2/3 cup)
- 1 bag (12 ounces) white baking chips (2 cups)
- 1/4 cup half and half
- 1/2 teaspoon almond extract

1. Toss cereal, pretzels, peanuts, marshmallows and cherries in large bowl.
2. Heat baking chips and half-and-half in 2 quart saucepan over low heat, stirring frequently, until chips are melted. Stir in almond extract.
3. Pour melted mixture over dry ingredients. Toss gently until dry ingredients are coated. Drop mixture by tablespoonfuls onto waxed paper. Let stand about 1 hour or until set. Store loosely covered up to 1 week. About 16 servings (1/2 cup each).



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