



# The Eclectic Report

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## Greetings!

Wow, I must say the convention was thrilling. If you missed it . . . well, I'm sorry you missed it. The silent auction had some great offerings, the art show was most enjoyable, the keynote speaker was thought-provoking, the workshop leaders were informative and encouraging, the vendor hall was filled with goodies, and the weather was glorious -- 67 degrees in February?! For me the best part was the opportunity to visit with so many folks, some I have now known for a very long time. And how thrilling to meet second generation homeschoolers! I praise the Lord for this event and am doubly grateful for the fine work Karol Kapelle and Theresa Deckert do for North Dakota homeschoolers. May the Lord continue to bless them and you as we look forward to Spring.

May our dear Lord Jesus be praised!

Gail

[www.ndhsa.org](http://www.ndhsa.org)

Look for updated HS PKTs, ND Guide to Home School High School & NDCC Annotated posted at our site.

## Wendell and Beth Sip Family Farm Fun Days

June 17-19, 2016 at the Sip Farm

Please contact us by *PHONE* (218) 784-4804 or by sending us an *EMAIL NOTICE* ([wbsip@loretel.net](mailto:wbsip@loretel.net)) to register your family.

PLEASE NOTE: you are **NOT** counted as attending by sending a "going" on one of our kids' Face book accounts. I'm emphasizing this more than usual, as we have had families disappointed about past camps because they thought they were registered and later when we are full to capacity they realize they did not get their name in on time because they just signed on over Face book. So, PLEASE call or email! [wbsip@loretel.net](mailto:wbsip@loretel.net)



### The View from My Window

Theresa Deckert, NDHSA office administrator

This column will return in the April issue.

"My Grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness," 2 Corinthians 12:9

**CONVENTION LOST and FOUND:** If you lost, misplaced or simply forgot something at the convention, contact Karol at [kapklan@gondtc.com](mailto:kapklan@gondtc.com) to describe and reclaim your items.

**CONVENTION EVALUATIONS:** Yes, these are very important and you can still fill yours out and send it to our office: NDHSA, P.O. Box 1066, Devils Lake, ND 58301 or email your thoughts to [office@ndhsa.org](mailto:office@ndhsa.org). It matters!

**LOOKING FOR RESOURCES:** The NDHSA is looking for links to valuable assets for parents to use with their learning disabled or developmentally disabled children. We know there are many resources available for speech therapy, cognitive training, auditory challenges, occupational therapy, even information on medical resources. Send us your links to resources you have successfully used with your dear ones. We will be posting this information on our website and it will also prove useful in legislative interactions. Maybe it goes without saying, but these resources should be homeschool friendly and useful to parents who are not special education teachers.



## AG DAY

NORTH DAKOTA'S LARGEST CLASSROOM ON AGRICULTURE  
MARCH 17, 2016

JOANN HETZEL 4-H MEMORIAL BUILDING (3715 E. EXPRESSWAY), BISMARCK, ND

ADMISSION: FREE AGES: K- GRADE 2

SPECIAL EVENTS: PETTING ZOO, AG Ed BOOTHS, LIVE ANIMALS. SHEEP SHEARING, FARM SAFETY PUPPET SHOW, NAME THE CALF CONTEST AND LOTS MORE.

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT: [MCFBAGDAY@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MCFBAGDAY@GMAIL.COM) OR NATHAN BOEHM AT 701.320.8174

## Four Teaching Tips for Your Teacher Journey

by **Krisa Winn**

I am a former teacher turned homeschooling mommy. As a classroom teacher, I wanted the best for my students. I wanted them to love learning, overcome challenges, and reach their potential.

Fast-forward four years, and I can honestly say that the hopes and aspirations I had for the students in my classroom pale in comparison to those that I have for my own children. We homeschooling moms are serious about teaching our young, and we are no strangers to putting pressure on ourselves!

I often talk to moms who tell me, "I'm doing the best I can, but I'm not sure if it's enough or if I'm doing it right." I love to talk to these mommas. Brainstorming, sharing ideas, and learning from each other—it's what teachers do. Today, I want to share a few of those teaching tips with you so you can teach your child with confidence.

[What are these teaching tips? >>](#)



I am spreading the word about a **new video series** of interest to homeschoolers.

I am the Assistant Curator of the Creation and Earth History Museum in Santee, CA and I am also a wildlife specialist who focuses on herpetology.

I have written and hosted 3 episodes of the "Creeping Things" DVD series produced by Awesome Science Media. We are producing 3 more episodes in 2016. The purpose of the series is to steer your gaze at the creature so that you marvel at the handiwork of the Creator and praise Him!

For more information check out the following links:

DVD Website

[www.creepingthingsdvd.com](http://www.creepingthingsdvd.com)

Creeping Things Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/CreepingThings/>

Creeping Things DVD Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/creepingthingsDVD/>

Creeping Things Blog

<https://creationismandherpetology.wordpress.com/2015/11/25/creeping-things-video-series-now-selling/>



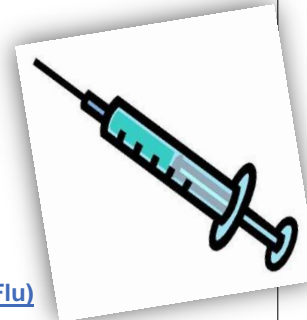
Thank you,  
Nathan Hutcherson

**Trying to be wise about vaccines? Here are some links:**

### Infectious Diseases & Vaccines

[Anthrax](#)  
[Haemophilus Influenza Type B \(HIB\)](#)  
[Diphtheria](#)  
[Ebola](#)  
[Hepatitis A](#)  
[Hepatitis B](#)  
[Herpes Zoster \(Shingles\)](#)  
[Human Papillomavirus \(HPV\)](#)  
[Influenza](#)  
[Measles](#)  
[Meningococcal](#)  
[Mumps](#)  
[Pandemic H1N1 \(2009/2010 Swine Flu\)](#)  
[Pertussis \(Whooping Cough\)](#)  
[Pneumococcal](#)  
[Polio](#)  
[Rotavirus](#)  
[Rubella](#)  
[Smallpox](#)  
[Tetanus](#)  
[Varicella Zoster \(Chicken Pox\)](#)

From NVIC website: <http://www.nvic.org/Vaccines-and-Diseases.aspx>



The **National Youth Science Camp (NYSC)** scholarship application deadline has been extended to **Wednesday, March 16, 2016, at 6:00 p.m.** (EST)

We only have two ND high school seniors who have applied and we should have at least six!!! Help spread the word!

**Students should to go:** <http://apply.nysc.org>

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**What is really important?** That your child: Know the Bible; build character; know God; cover subjects; learn basic academics; deal constructively with conflict; be prepared for adult living; have at least one highly developed skill; be 'educated'; be culturally literate; be a 'good sport'; be good at sports; exhibit normal behavior; have a relationship with God; and have a relationship with family. From *Learning In Spite of Labels*, Joyce Herzog

Read The Old Schoolhouse magazine free online at [www.TOSMagazine.com](http://www.TOSMagazine.com) or free on your mobile devices with the apps available at [www.TOSApps.com](http://www.TOSApps.com)

### From CHILD EVANGELISM FELLOWSHIP - CHRISTIAN YOUTH IN ACTION

Do you know a teen who wants to make a difference for eternity and make life-long friends while doing so? **Christian Youth in Action** (CYIA) is a perfect opportunity to do both! CYIA equips students, ages 13 and older, to serve as summer missionaries who share the Good News of Jesus Christ with kids right here in North Dakota.

CYIA begins with an intensive, 9-day training camp June 6-14. Students then take the Gospel to children through a variety of ministries, such as 5-Day Clubs, evangelistic fair ministries, and Camp Good News.

To learn more or to apply, please visit [ndcef.com/cyia](http://ndcef.com/cyia) or contact Ben Vinje, Assistant State Director ([ben@ndcef.com](mailto:ben@ndcef.com) 701-340-4999).



Laurie Morstad is now collecting **Box Tops for Education** for the NDHSA. Send your clipped labels to her at: Laurie Morstad, 9175 80<sup>th</sup> St. NE, Hampden, ND 58338. Be sure to check for an expiration date.

## Board Column

By Bev Skaar, convention choir director

Wow!! What a great Home Educator's Convention. Our prayers for good weather were answered "above all we could ask or think". 72 degrees in Bismarck, ND in February! It doesn't get any better. We have been attending since 1993 and this will go down in the record books as the mildest weather yet.

The keynote speaker, Israel Wayne, shared many truths from his wealth of experience as a homeschool graduate and as a parent educator. We definitely want to instill in our children a Biblical worldview. The ultimate goal is for them to have a personal relationship with Christ and to view life through the lenses of scripture.

Beth and Forest Mora, Jake MacAuley, Patrick Nurre, Brian Geiger, and Theresa Deckert are just a few of the workshop speakers that shared their passion of home education with the 1,100 attendees. Workshop titles from *Getting Started in ND* to *Overwhelmed & Underpaid* to *Super Moms* and *Finding Piece in the Puzzle*, all kept parent educators and future parent educators attentive sponges trying to soak in as much as possible. One wanted to just take in all of them. But alas, it was impossible so you can purchase the CDs of your favorites and the CDs of the ones you couldn't attend.

The younger set certainly had lots of activities to enjoy including keynote sessions with Child Evangelism Fellowship, science experiments, and creation/dinosaur workshops. The teens, following the Generation Joshua track, were busy learning the process of drafting legislation. A grandmother shared with me today that her granddaughter is still talking about the things they learned and discussed "in committee".

ND has some very talented homeschool students. The art and talent shows were a delight. How about that young yo yo artist? How about that axe? The choir also did a fantastic job! It was great to have some homeschool graduates as well as some moms and dads join us too. A big thank you to all who participated.

The venter hall is like the cherry on top. Where does one begin to uncover all the treasures that can be found here? We appreciate the venders that travel many miles to share a large variety of educational curriculum and material with you, the educator.

**Next year's convention will be in Bismarck again - Feb. 23-25.** Mark your calendars now and begin praying and planning. If you didn't submit an evaluation form at the convention, you are welcome to email Karol Kapelle, the convention coordinator, at [convention@ndhsa.org](mailto:convention@ndhsa.org) with your comments. Hats off to Karol for another successful ND Home Educators' convention. She does a GREAT JOB!

On behalf of the NDSHSA board of directors we want to thank you for your support and commitment to home education in ND. We consider it an honor and a joy to serve you.

*Bev Skaar*

*Editor's note: And I would add that the ladies' double quartet did an outstanding job. Loved it! The convention choir was a complete delight to listen to; the only drawback -- they should have sung one or two more selections.*

*Another note: The 2017 convention will occur during Legislative Crossover which means there will be a flurry of activity to ensure all bills have left their house of origin. The Legislative will recess Feb. 27-28, 2017. Plan to attend some of the session while in Bismarck. If nothing else, plan a trip to the Heritage Center; you will not be disappointed!*

# Pray without ceasing...

~**Pray for** our board: **Ken & Llorra Knight, Jeff & Theresa Deckert, Pas. Jeff & Karol Kapelle, Sue Huntington, Neil Toman, Pas. Brian & Bev Skaar and Troy & Kristin Durham.** Pray for them regarding all issues of board governance. Pray for our testing task force member, **Pas. Jeff Hoverson,** Minot.

~**Pray for** single parent homeschoolers. May God give them perseverance and peace as they follow His leading. Help them if you are able.

~**Continue to Pray** for those with health challenges. Pray that God will give the measure of health that will most glorify Him!

~**Praise** God for a truly wonderful convention with more than 1100 attendees. Ask our dear Lord Jesus to use the information, encouragement, resources and contacts for His glory as devoted parents continue to grow their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

~**Pray** for Christians in Iraq, Syria, and Libya. Pray for Christians in Kenya, and Niger. *Open Doors USA* reports that 100 million Christians are persecuted globally. Many are dying with the name of our dear Lord Jesus on their lips. Pray for those fearful mommies and daddies and their little ones as they run, hide or die because they are Christians. Then express your gratitude to the Lord for being born in America!

~**Praise** God for the ways Home School Legal Defense Association has advanced homeschooling in America. **Praise** God that HSLDA is a Capitol Hill watchdog particularly on issues about U.N. treaties and parental rights. **Continue to pray for our new HSLDA attorney contact Daniel Beasley.**

~**Pray for homeschooling mothers and fathers** in your support group, on your block, in your city, in North Dakota & around the world. Support groups matters!

~**Pray** diligently for your Pastor. Ask God to make them students of the WORD and courageous speakers of the truth. Pray they will devote themselves to prayer. Pray for the unity of your church and the entire Body of Christ.

~**Pray** for homeschooling mommies struggling with discouragement, feelings of being overwhelmed, resistance to this hard call, and for those who feel alone in their endeavor (especially in rural areas of N.D.). Ask God to give them strength for the journey.

**Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen. Ephesians 3:20-21 KJV**

Send your prayer requests to [office@ndhsa.org](mailto:office@ndhsa.org) or [billbiby@msn.com](mailto:billbiby@msn.com)

The cross-life . . .



## From Elisabeth Elliot's book, *Love Has a Price Tag*

The routines of housework and of mothering may be seen as a kind of death, and it is appropriate that they should be, for they offer the chance, day after day, to lay down one's life for others. Then they are no longer routines. By being done with love and offered up to God with praise, they are thereby hallowed as the vessels of the tabernacle were hallowed--not because they were different from other vessels in quality or function, but because they were offered to God. A mother's part in sustaining the life of her children and making it pleasant and comfortable is no triviality. It calls for self-sacrifice and humility, but it is the route, as was the humiliation of Jesus, to glory.

To modern mothers I would say "Let Christ himself be your example as to what your attitude should be. For he, who had always been God by nature, did not cling to his prerogatives as God's equal, but stripped himself of all privilege by consenting to be a slave by nature and being born as a mortal man. And, having become man, he humbled himself by living a life of utter obedience, even to the extent of dying, and the death he died was the death of a common criminal. That is why God has now lifted him so high . . ." (Phil.2:5-11 Phillips).

It is a spiritual principle as far removed from what the world tells us as heaven is removed from hell: If you are willing to lose your life, you'll find it.

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### NDHSA Statement of Faith

We believe in Almighty God, the Author of all creation, eternally existing in three persons, God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit; the Bible as the inspired, infallible, written Word of God, complete in 66 books and our sole basis of faith and practice; the fallen state of man, guilty by nature and by act and therefore condemned before God; the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, fully God and fully man, except without sin, the substitutionary death of Jesus Christ on the cross for our sins, His visible bodily resurrection demonstrating His power over death and sin, His personal return; and regeneration by God, the Holy Spirit when we accept His free gift of salvation by His grace, through our personal faith, and not by any works we can do.

### Mission statement

To provide a comprehensive home education information system to support, train and protect every willing North Dakota individual, family and church in the methods of privately funded, parent-directed home education.

### NDHSA Statement of purpose

1. Encouraging and assisting Christian families in the education of their children according to Biblical principles;
2. Providing to home educators and the general public information pertaining to the Biblical, academic and legal aspects of home education;
3. Entering into activities, in filling out contracts necessary, incidental or beneficial to the accomplishment of the nonprofit purposes of this corporation.

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