



The Eclectic Report

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Greetings!

As November gently begins with southerly breezes that smell sweetly of SPRING, I am very grateful for the gracious hand of God during this gentle autumn in North Dakota, but the truth is I should also be thankful if WINTER had come in October. Why? Because the Lord's tender mercies are over all that He is made and it is He that brings forth the wind, rain and snow from the heavens.

He does the same regarding politicians. It may not seem like it, but it is God who ordains those who hold positions of power. If not, then our God would not be sovereign. And if it is one thing I know for sure after almost 70 years it is that *God is in charge over ALL!*

This knowledge has brought me great comfort and unbelievable peace. It has given me security in an insecure world and it has provided answers to questions I often can't even articulate. Suffice it to say: God's sovereignty is an unspeakable blessing.

So as we enter November and exercise our great privilege to vote and as we get ready to celebrate my favorite holiday, Thanksgiving, remember that we have *much* (and I mean *MUCH*) for which to be thankful. And we can rest in security knowing our God is in charge over all.

Grace and peace,
Gail

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Look for HS PKTs, ND Guide to Home School High School & NDCC Annotated.

For all kinds of information:
www.hslda.org

NDHSA Convention

February 23-25, 2017

Bismarck

Homeschool Day at the Capitol

February 23, 2017

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



The View from My Window

Theresa Deckert, NDHSA office administrator

On October 28, I had the privilege of speaking to the Bismarck Mandan Area Homeschoolers. What a wonderful time of seeing old friends, meeting new friends and putting names and faces together! It was especially encouraging to see so many younger moms just starting their homeschool journey - to hear about the curriculum they are using and the many great ideas they shared with the group. I have been doing this a long time and frankly am not always familiar with newer curriculums. What a great time to homeschool with so many excellent choices!

My topic was "Practical Tips and Tricks from a Home School Mom". I have learned a thing or two over the last 30 years of homeschooling that has helped in my homeschooling efforts. I hope some of these ideas will benefit these gals as well!

Llora Knight and I are both available to come to local support groups no matter how large or small. We love the chance to get to know more of you, but also to be able to encourage from our many years of home educating our own children. Each of us has a number of topics we present. Our husbands are willing to come along and we are all members of the NDHSA board.

Our goal is to help and encourage in any way we can. So if you would like one of us to come to your group, you can contact me at office@ndhsa.org.

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



Homeschool Students Targeted in "Operation Round Up"

Homeschooling families were shocked to hear that their children would be considered fair game in their county's truancy initiative. [Read more.](#)

Homeschooling through High School Newsletter

Parents of high school teens or soon-to-be high schoolers can subscribe to a free monthly *Homeschooling Thru Highschool* email newsletter written by Carol Becker and Diane Kummer, HSLDA high school consultants. Each newsletter addresses common questions, gives practical tips, explains viable options, and lists helpful resources. [Subscribe now \(and browse the archives\)!](#)

N.D. Junior Duck Stamp Program

Artwork requested from four age groups: K-3, 4-6, 7-9, and 10-12. Each entrant submits their best wetland habitat and waterfowl artwork for judging.

Entries must be submitted by March 15, 2017 to:

N.D. Junior Duck Stamp Coordinator
221 2nd St. NW, Ste. 2
Devils Lake, ND 58301



Questions? Contact:
colleen_graue@fws.gov
or call 701.766.4272 X428

Thanks for the tip, Y.

Something to think about!

[The Case Against the Internet, Part 1](#)

Shane Morris | BreakPoint.org | August 22, 2016

[The Case Against the Internet, Part 2](#)

Shane Morris | BreakPoint.org | August 24, 2016

Need help with CLEP exams?

speedyprep.com/homeschoolworld

For all your homeschool curriculum needs, visit www.heartofdakota.com!

HEART OF DAKOTA

2016 Practical Homeschooling Awards:

First Place: "History" category for our entire Heart of Dakota curriculum

First Place: "High School Curriculum" category for our *Hearts for Him Through High School* series (which includes *Hearts for Him Through High School: World Geography*, *Hearts for Him Through High School: World History*, and *Hearts for Him Through High School: U.S. History I*)

First Place: "Geography" category for *Hearts for Him Through High School: World Geography*

First Place: "Middle School" category for our *Hearts for Him Through Time* series (which includes *Creation to Christ*, *Resurrection to Reformation*, *Revival to Revolution*, and *Missions to Modern Marvels*)

First Place: "Elementary Curriculum" category for our *Little Hearts for His Glory* series (which includes *Little Hearts for His Glory*, *Beyond Little Hearts for His Glory*, *Bigger Hearts for His Glory*, and *Preparing Hearts for His Glory*)

Second Place: "Kindergarten" category for *Little Hearts for His Glory*

Second Place: "Preschool/Readiness" category for *Little Hands to Heaven*

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Some GREAT articles from Mary Pride

[NEW! Narration: A different way to find out what your children know](#)

[50 Great Quotes & Facts About the Power of Play](#)

[Autism and Learning](#)

[10 Steps to Make Your Children Outstanding Leaders](#)

[Some Fascinating Facts About Homeschool vs Public School](#)

[Discover Your Learning Style](#)

[The Great Gardasil \(HPV Vaccine\) Scam - Protect Your Children!](#)

[5 Ways to Wow Your Preschooler with History](#)

11 Simple Tips for Having Great Meetings

(Because support groups matter!)

This list of meeting suggestions is culled from executives, entrepreneurs, and other paragons of productivity. Challenge: pick one to apply at your next meeting.

[Read More](#)

Homeschooling a high schooler? HSLDA can help. Member families (another great reason to join!) may contact high school consultants, Carol Becker and Diane Kummer, for advice on teaching teens. Call 540.338.5600 or visit hslida.org/contactstaff or hslida.org/hs101 to understand our state laws or hslida.org/Q416diploma for questions about high school diplomas.

It is the home that lays the foundation of a child's future. And though the strength of the foundation is determined by the virtues of both parents, it is a woman who holds the key to her children's heart in the early years of childhood. She has the privilege of weaving God's eternal truth into the daily lives of her children while they are still young and tender.

A judicious woman, who is diligent and virtuous, is the soul of her family.

The foundation of a child's life, is it not molded from the earliest days of his mother's breasts as he listens to the music of her heart? And is it not from this same heart that he will learn virtue or vice?

The Wisdom of Fenelon - Education of a Child

BOARD column

Foundations for Thanksgiving

From Pas. Brian and Bev Skaar

My family and I recently visited an old barn on my grandparent's farm. As far as I know it has not been used in my lifetime other than some cows walking through it for some temporary shelter from the wind. I was always impressed by how straight the barn seemed to be since there has not been any maintenance such as shingles, siding, windows or door repair in my memory. When we stopped this time we noticed that the north end of the barn was starting to collapse. Upon closer inspection we saw that the foundation was breaking down and it won't be long before this barn joins many old barns in North Dakota and falls to the ground. It's sad to see another old building become a heap of rubble.

On the farmstead where we live there is also an old barn. It is nearly thirty five feet tall with a hayloft and of course faded red barn paint. The east side looks like it could collapse. Forty years ago the former owner had retired and stopped using it. He decided to burn it down. No one was willing to help him so he left it standing. When we moved here my plan was the same: let's burn the old barn down. Earlier this year, we had a wind storm with nearly ninety-mile-an-hour winds. It destroyed another large building that we were using. The old barn didn't move. We called in an engineer. He said you can save that old barn. It has an amazing foundation with only a few cracks. We are hoping to hire a barn straightener from Minnesota, a roofer and someone to dress it up a bit. Two barns: similar stories, different endings. The reason for saving one and not the other is the foundation.



We are thankful for the opportunity to homeschool our children. We are thankful to live in a country that allows us to have rights under a Constitution and to believe in biblical principles. We are thankful to live in a land that is prospering compared to the rest of the world. We will have some storms. Are our foundations strong enough to withstand the pressures from the outside world? Greater is HE that is within us than anything that the world can use to wear us down. Be thankful!

FUNDRAISING THOUGHTS

The NDHSA would like to encourage support groups to hold fundraisers at their local Pizza Ranch restaurants from now until convention. They can do one a week or one a month ... whatever the restaurant allows. That's a possibility of at least 4 times. If even six groups did four events each and made only \$200 each time, that would be almost \$5000!

Groups are raising money for the children's special events and teen's (GenJ) program held during the annual event (in case the business asks for the specific need for which the money will be used). These worthwhile activities make for additional costs, but are useful, well-attended, and are becoming a highlight of the convention.

Monies can be sent to the NDHSA office specified as *NDHSA FUNDRAISER*. Other fundraising opportunities may be available in your community. Be creative.

For more information on how this works, check with the Devils Lake support group at: kapklan@gondtc.com.



NDHSA Convention Feb. 23-25, 2017

PRA Y 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 wisdom regarding all issues of board governance and 2017 convention preparations.

~**Pray for** moms (and dads) as they continue the 2016/17 school year. Ask God to grant them wisdom. And strength. And joy!

~**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 the privilege to vote. Study the issues. Then vote. Yes, you!

~**Pray** for Neal and Erica Anderson, Fargo/Moorhead area homeschoolers. Arlyn (7 years old) went into spontaneous liver failure, had transplant with host of continuing life-threatening complications. Pray for strength, endurance, grace and the Lord's mercy. Erica gave birth to their baby girl after they were already at Children's Hospital with Arlyn. Pray for this devout family as they live triumphantly in the face of great trials.

~**Pray** for Christians in countries all over the world where they are persecuted and murdered. Never weary of praying for our Christian brothers and sisters.

~**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 HSLDA attorney *Daniel Beasley*. Praise God for the wealth of knowledge and continuing assistance offered by HSLDA to member families and the NDHSA.

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

~**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.

~**Ask** God to give wisdom to homeschooling fathers. Praise God for them!

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 or billbivy@msn.com

Box Tops for Education needed for the NDHSA. Send your clipped labels to:

Laurie Morstad
9175 80th St. NE,

Hampden, ND 58338. Check for expiration date. **More than \$150 received to date!**



From *The Pursuit of Holiness* by Jerry Bridges

No one overcomes the corruptions of his heart except by the enabling strength of the Spirit of God.

We express our dependence on the Holy Spirit for a holy life through a humble and consistent intake of the Scripture and [by] pray[ing] for holiness.

We have to learn that we are dependent upon the enabling power of the Holy Spirit to attain any degree of holiness. Then, as we look to Him, we will see Him working in us -- revealing our sin, creating a desire for holiness, and giving us the strength to respond to Him in obedience.

From *The Mission of Motherhood* by Sally Clarkson

God holds us accountable for our stewardship of His blessings. And that means I am responsible for the ways in which I choose to care for the children He has given me. At the Judgment, I know I will give an account to Him for these precious lives He entrusted into my hands.

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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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