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NDHSA Home Educators' Convention

February 23, 2017:
HOMESCHOOL DAY
at the Capitol

February 23, evening:
Registration; Used Book
and Home Biz Sale; Teens
Meet & Greet

February 24-25:
Convention Activities

Greetings!

As the legislature continues to slog through hundreds of bills, I am already looking forward to spring. With the recent melting and the smell of fresh west winds I am fast-forwarded to March.

I have had a Snowy Owl in the north trees everyday for more than a week. What magnificent birds!

As we look forward to milder weather, let us not forget to live *this* day fully. We are not promised tomorrow. Psalm 90 says that we bring our years to end with a sigh ... they are soon gone and we fly away!

One can look forward to flying away, but we must also live each day justly, honorably, minding our own business, working with our hands, generously, and with grace.

Praying for us all as we skip towards forever,

Grace and peace,
Gail M. Biby

The View from my Window

By Mrs. Theresa Deckert, office administrator

The **Home School Day at the Capitol will be Thursday, February 23**. This is a great opportunity for our legislators to see that home educators are becoming a large group who are active in the political arena and are raising children who will also be such! We have the Memorial Hall reserved from 12:30 – 5:00. If you want to sit with one of your legislators on the floor, please contact them prior to the date. If attending the legislative floor session, you may want to arrive at 12:30. Please be dressed appropriately ... business casual, no jeans or holes in clothing. Parents, please watch your children while at the Capitol.

Students from the Devils Lake Generation Joshua Club will be helping out by serving cookies to our legislators. Joel from Gen J will speak sometime after 3:30 in the Memorial Hall. You can also go on a tour of the Capitol at this time.

This year **we are inviting legislators to attend our convention at no charge**. We will have invitations available for you to personally hand to your legislators. Make sure you stop by and pick up a few.

Plan now on attending!

Jamison Quanbeck, a home schooled graduating senior, has been named one of more than 4,000 candidates in the 2017 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program. The candidates were selected from nearly 3.3 million students expected to graduate from U.S. high schools in the year 2017. Inclusion in the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program, now in its 52nd year, is one of the highest honors bestowed upon graduating high school seniors.

The Commission on Presidential Scholars, a group of up to 32 eminent citizens appointed by the President, will select the finalists, and the U.S. Department of Education will announce the Scholars in May. Scholars will be invited to Washington, DC, for several days in June to receive the Presidential Scholars Medallion at a recognition ceremony and to participate in events and activities. **Jamison is the son of Joel and Meri Quanbeck of Fargo.**

Congratulations to Jamison and his parents!

EXTRAS and CREW needed! Great learning experience to be a part of a crew or an extra in a film! February 20-22, 2017, Nicol Films will be shooting a short film in Bismarck, N.D. for its online TV series. They need many high school age looking individuals for extras. They are working with an experienced actor, and the crew is primarily made up of homeschoolers seeking to glorify Jesus in all they do. Contact producer/director Dan Nuckols if interested: 612.203.3405 or djnuckols@gmail.com



From *The Wisdom of Fenelon on the Education of a Child*

- The mind of a child is soft and pliable which allows easy impressions upon it; we should therefore lose no time to imprint on their minds those characters which are so easily formed there. But we must choose images which we would wish to impress upon them; for in so small and so precious a reservoir, we should lay up no froth but exquisite things.
- It is to be remembered that we should throw nothing into the minds at this tender age, but what we would desire to remain there during life.
- Of all the troubles of education, none are to be compared to that of bringing up a child who lacks sensibility and shows no disposition for improvement.
- Praises are to be feared on account of vanity. Well-timed praise may be profitably used as a stimulus to industry, but not as an incitement to intoxicating self-esteem.

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* As of November 2016

Helps for becoming a faithful dad from our convention keynote speaker, Travis Zimmerman.

<http://afaithfuldad.org/>

A Committed Generation - GenJ Experience

By Abigail Wilson abigail.karen.wilson@gmail.com

It was Friday morning at the NDHSA Home School convention as I rushed through several halls, trying to find the room where **Generation Joshua** would be running **iAdvocate**—that year's teen track. I had no prior experience with GenJ, and was excited to see what it was all about. Shortly after I arrived, it began. Wow. We were immediately launched into the crazy world of legislation. After only an hour lecture, we began writing bills, lobbying, forming political party platforms, and electing our leadership. For those of you who think that learning about government is stifling ...yes, well, it's not really. Inspiring, over stimulating, and a bit stressful at times—maybe. But certainly not boring.

After those two days of rigorous training and fun, I left passionate. Passionate about government, passionate about politics, but most especially, I left even more passionate about impacting my culture for Christ. Twelve months later, that passion hasn't diminished.

But I wanted to do more. I knew that government was an avenue where so much improvement is needed. So I began coordinating and planning a **GenJ club**. I contacted people, worked on the logistics of it all, brainstormed, and finally, on October 15th, we had our very first meeting. We have only been going for a few months now, but already we have learned a lot—or at least I have! Each month we have a discussion on a previously picked topic, go through an episode of Constitutional Literacy (by Michael Farris), have fun, and talk.

I am not satisfied with just watching our nation fall apart. I know that government isn't the main issue for all the problems in our country, sin is; but if we are to preserve our Christian heritage—or whatever we have left of it—if we are to preserve our freedom, we must fight. We must be a generation that is committed to preserving liberty. We must actively engage our culture. I know that one person cannot change a society, but I also know that one person wholly surrendered to Jesus Christ can impact it. Because it's not about our capabilities. We are called to be Christ's ambassadors, and as such, we must fire our complacency and execute our apathy. Christ's redemption that he purchased on our behalf cost Him everything; should our walk with Him require less?



2017 NDHSA Home Educators' Convention will be held February 23-25 in Bismarck. Registration is due by Feb. 13, 2017 for *reduced prices*. Visit www.ndhsa.org to download the full version convention booklet. SIGN UP TODAY!

BOARD COLUMN

By Troy Durham, NDHSA board member

POLITICS! It is one of three things that we should not talk about in social settings, but please allow me to take the next few minutes to do such a thing.

Most of us would prefer to shy away from this topic for many reasons (too controversial, not informed enough, do not want to get ridiculed for our beliefs, etc.) but we need to be aware of what is going on in our state.

The 65th Legislative Session is in full swing in the state of North Dakota and from what I have been able to see there have been over 800 bills introduced in both the House and Senate. Some of the them may not have any effect on you or your family but there are some that will either positively or negatively effect us all.

I am not saying we need to be fluent in the North Dakota Century Codes but we need to be familiar with what is being proposed at the very least. One of the main reasons we need to be on top of what is being proposed and of what the Century Code includes is because we will be faced with situations where people will try to tell us that we are wrong; that we don't know what we are talking about; that they are right because they were told by someone with a highly respected title.

My wife and I were recently faced with such a situation. My wife had responded to a lady about a situation this particular person was facing with her children. My wife gave her some sound advice but someone that was not directly involved in the situation felt compelled to give her input into the situation as well. This particular lady told my wife that she was wrong due to the fact that a person with a highly respected title gave her information and that my wife should read the law.

We took it upon ourselves to figure out exactly what the North Dakota Century Code stated in this particular situation. We found nothing that supported this person's assertions. We were not satisfied with what we found because it did not completely answer the topic of this situation. After some more digging we found the answer we were looking for; it wasn't even in the Century Code but in a booklet produced by a state agency.

We are all busy, but as home school families it is imperative that we understand the importance of the laws that are being proposed and that are already in the Century Code so that we can stand up for all of homeschool families across this great state.

If you run into a situation where you don't have an answer, or you can't find the answer, contact one of the NDHSA board members and let us help you. We don't have all of the answers but will do what we can to help you; that's what we are here for.

As the 65th Legislative Session carries on this year take some time to read up on some of the proposed laws that have the potential to affect you and your family. This way we can talk with others confidently about the current issues that are taking place in our state. Plus, if you find something you don't like, or something you do like, it gives you an opportunity to join us on February 23, 2017 at noon in Bismarck, ND at the state capital for Homeschool Day at the Capital with the hopes of seeing your district senator and/or representatives to personally discuss the proposed bills.

Editor's note: And what a great field trip! Visit our beautiful art deco Capitol building. Make plans to visit the Heritage Center next door. Email your senator or legislators and let them know you will be seeing them Thursday afternoon, Feb. 23, 2017. Invite them to stop and visit the displays in the Great Hall. Invite them over to the Bismarck convention center to visit the convention.

View complete convention booklet at: www.ndhsa.org

**Homeschool Day at the Capitol
February 23, 2017**

**Solar eclipse
this summer!**

Go here:

<http://archive.aweber.com/classical-astro>

Convention CHOIR

"CALLING" one and all, ages 12-99 years "TO SING" in the Home Educators' Convention State Choir. The choir will be performing two songs during the convention and we will be thrilled to have you join us as we lift our voices in praise. The Bismarck Civic Center is quite large so we need as many voices as possible. There will be two practices during the convention. The times and places of the practices will be announced at the convention.

The musical selections are entitled "I Thank My Savior For It All" and "We Have an Invitation". You will find them on rejoicemusic.com Go to the tab *Choral/Vocal music*, then to *Rejoice Choral* series and then to *4-part choir* (SATB) There you can download the music for \$.99 each plus tax.

Problems: Go to the FAQ tab at the top of the page and download the required apps. A toll free number for further assistance: 800-722-3220 (Rejoice Music). **If all else fails call Bev Skaar at 701-247-2875 and the music will be mailed to you.**

Thank you for sharing your talents to bless others. See you soon. Have FUN practicing !!!

Is Genesis History?

IS GENESIS HISTORY? - coming to theaters on February 23rd. What exactly happened, "In the beginning ..." and in the time that followed? Throughout most of history, Genesis was considered an accurate and reliable record, but over the past 250 years, it has become one of the most controversial books of all time. Events highlighted—including the Creation of the universe in six days, the existence of the real Adam and Eve, and a global Flood destroying the world—are now questioned by many ... including some Christians. Where can reliable, well-researched answers be found?

Visit [the movie website](#) to learn more, get a bunch of [free resources](#), and to [find tickets](#). Being a one night event, tickets are limited.

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A Prayer for Your Aging Parent

Editor's note: My mom will soon be 97, Lord willing, and I am reminded by the following article of my sweet duty to pray for her diligently.

By Dawn Wilson

One of the greatest privileges of my adult life has been to pray for my elderly mom. Read full article here:

<http://www.crosswalk.com/faith/prayer/prayers/a-prayer-for-your-aging-parent.html>

Homeschool.com is happy to announce our Top 100 Educational Websites for 2017.

We've broken the Top 100 into categories, so you can easily find the resources that interest you. The categories include:

- GREAT PLACES TO PURCHASE HOMESCHOOLING PRODUCTS
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- HISTORY, ART & MUSIC
- GIFTED & SPECIAL NEEDS
- FOREIGN LANGUAGE
- SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL CURRICULUM & FAITH BASED

PLUS MANY MORE!

And within each category, the Top 100 are listed alphabetically. Really, whatever you're looking for, we have it covered!

We hope you enjoy the list - [The Top 100 Educational Websites of 2017!](#)



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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.

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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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Pray without ceasing ... for the fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

ASK God to continue to give wisdom in all governance affairs of the NDHSA to our board of directors: **Ken & Llorra Knight, Jeff & Theresa Deckert, Pas. Jeff & Karol Kapelle, Sue Huntington, Neil Toman, Pas. Brian & Bev Skaar and Troy & Kristin Durham.**

BLESS those in your support group with encouragement and assistance.

INTERCEDE for Neal and Erica Anderson family as they have just returned home after 6 months at Children's Hospital.

PRAISE God for HSLDA and the myriad ways they continue to assist and defend parent educators.

ASK for wisdom as you raise your children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

REMEMBER the Barkie family as Lisa recently died due to a severe infection. She was a long-time support group contact for the Watford City area and still homeschooling.

PRAY for the convention and our convention coordinator, Karol Kapelle. Big job!

PRAY for your Pastor and his family. Encourage, support, assist them as the Lord leads.

INTERCEDE for homeschooling dads that God will strengthen their resolve and show them how to lead with devotion.

REMEMBER when you pray that the Lord is Sovereign; that He is good; that He intends good for His children; and that He will never leave or forsake those called by His Name.

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.

Eph.3:20-21

Send prayer requests to editor.