

The Eclectic Report

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Greetings!

The Bible says that we bring our years to an end with a sigh; they are soon gone and we fly away! Time really does pass quickly and most homeschoolers are already gearing up for summer fun mixed with learning. I love summer. I love country living. I love God's created world and His creatures (well, maybe *some* are very hard to love!). But in God's great wisdom He has crafted the world in which we live. And there are times I think if earth can be this lovely, what must heaven be like? So the older I get, the more I look forward to heaven. I used to think that when I left this mortal coil I would likely be looking over my shoulder at what I leave behind. That is no longer the case. I finally have a modicum of sense to know that what lies ahead is superior in every way and beyond our imagination. There will be nothing we regret leaving behind because ahead is the glorious Kingdom of our dear Lord Jesus.

This life is filled with great joy and great sorrows. It is hard, very hard, at times to rejoice, nevertheless we are commanded to "Rejoice always!" It is a matter of choice; easier at times than at others. Even the things that others mean for evil, God will use for good (remember Joseph?).

I will be praying for you that during these wonderful summer months you (and me, too!) will realize anew how fleeting this life is and that whatever is not done for God's glory is a waste. Your calling to homeschool is one of the most worthwhile endeavors of your life. Raising your children in the nurture and the admonition of the Lord is a duty for every Christian parent. Carry on, dear ones. God is *for* you!

Grace and peace,
Gail M. Biby

New STATEMENTS OF INTENT published by the NDHSA will be posted at our website during July.

The form will reflect the new law allowing any parent, regardless of academic qualifications, to opt their child out of testing based on a philosophical, moral or religious belief. **New law takes affect August 1, 2017.**

The Lake Region Area Homeschoolers presents **"Pride and Prejudice"**

Sunday, May 14

3:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Robert Fawcett Auditorium

Lake Region State College

Devils Lake

Free-will donation.

The View from my Window

By Mrs. Theresa Deckert, office administrator

May is here and most of you are probably wrapping up your school year. I think most homeschool mommies look forward to summer break more than their children and yet when summer wanes we again look forward to the routine of the school year. I pray that this summer will be a time of renewal, a time of making memories, a time to enjoy and appreciate the stages at which you find your children.

With my last child finishing his sophomore year, I both long for and dread the day when I will hang up my "homeschooling towel." I have been on this journey for over 30 years and yet I still wonder, "Where did the time go?"

So the words of an old song come to mind: "We have this moment to hold in our hands and to touch while it slips through our fingers like sand. Yesterday's gone and tomorrow may never come, but we have this moment today." Treasure the days with your children – they will be gone faster than you can imagine! Have a great summer.

Home School Enrichment Magazine

We never expected the [March/April digital edition](#) of *Home School Enrichment* to be so delayed! Fortunately, the upgrades we were working on appear to have been worthwhile. Here are some of the new features:

Works on all devices! New editions no longer use Flash, meaning they work on (pretty much) any modern Internet-enabled device.

True full-screen view: Opens in a full-screen browser window (or tab) so you can get in closer and see more of each page!

Login no longer required: Digital editions are now available without registration or login! Here's some of what you'll find in the [March/April issue](#):

- Rediscovering the Most Important Subjects
- Reading Comprehension Show-and-Tell
- Picture Books As History
- Hands-On History
- STEM For Your Early Learner
- Dual Enrollment: Essential Skills
- Mountaintop Moments
- Lots more!

[Click here for the full list of contents](#) and to view the new, improved, digital edition!

Thanks for reading, and enjoy!

God bless,

The Lewis Family

Frank & Kari

Matthew, Lisa, Abigail, Chandler, & Elliott

Jonathan, Linnea, Patrick, Timothy, & Katherine
Home School Enrichment, Inc.

Worth reading

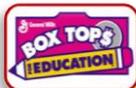
<http://www.wnd.com/2017/03/how-to-homeschool-when-it-seems-impossible/>

Sip Family Fun Days-June 23-25, 2017

Registration is open - so send us an email saying how many are coming - tenting or camper. We will send out more info as the time gets closer, but if you have any questions, just jot us an email and we'll get back to you. Looking forward to seeing many of you there!! "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men." Col 3:23

Thinking of you all,

Wendell and Beth Sip Family wbsip@loretel.net



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

HEART of DAKOTA site really worth visiting!

Heart of Dakota publishes Christ-centered homeschool curricula that is easy to use, flexible, educational and can also be used with multiple ages at the same time. Their desire is to help homeschool teachers have a successful experience from the very beginning, while keeping God's Word at the heart of their children's academic training.

Check these out:

[Hearts for Him Through High School: World History](#)

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Carrie Austin says this is what makes HoD different:

"Training children's hearts and minds, one child at a time."

For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart. 1 Samuel 16:7

[Find out more about our educational philosophy.](#)

HB 1428 - Homeschool Test Opt Out Bill

[Signed by Gov. Burgum; takes effect August 1, 2017; votes below](#)

House vote: YEAS: Beadle; Becker, Rich S.; Becker, Rick C.; Blum; Boehning; Bosch; Brabandt; Brandenburg; Carlson; Damschen; Delzer; Devlin; Dockter; Ertelt; Grueneich; Headland; Howe; Johnson, C.; Johnston; Jones; Kading; Karls; Kasper; Kempenich; Kiefert; Koppelman, B.; Koppelman, K.; Laning; Lefor; Louser; Magrum; Maragos; Martinson; McWilliams; Meier; Monson; Oliver; Olson; Owens; Paur; Porter; Roers Jones; Rohr; Ruby, D.; Satrom; Schatz; Schmidt; Schobinger; Seibel; Simons; Skroch; Steiner; Streyle; Toman; Trottier; Vetter; Vigesaa; Weisz
NAYS: Anderson, B.; Anderson, D.; Anderson, P.; Boe; Boschee; Delmore; Dobervich; Guggisberg; Hanson; Hatlestad; Heinert; Hogan; Holman; Johnson, D.; Johnson, M.; Keiser; Klemm; Longmuir; Mitskog; Mock; Nathe; Nelson, J.; Nelson, M.; O'Brien; Pollert; Sanford; Schneider; Schreiber-Beck; Sukut; Westlund; Zubke
ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: Kreidt; Marschall; Pyle; Ruby, M.; Speaker Bellew

Senate vote: YEAS: Anderson; Armstrong; Bekkedahl; Bowman; Burckhard; Campbell; Casper; Clemens; Davison; Dever; Erbele; Heckaman; Hogue; Holmberg; Kannianen; Kilzer; Klein; Krebsbach; Larsen, O.; Larson, D.; Lee, G.; Luick; Meyer; Myrdal; Oehlke; Osland; Poolman; Sorvaag; Unruh; Wanzek
NAYS: Cook; Dotzenrod; Grabinger; Kreun; Laffen; Lee, J.; Marcellais; Mathern; Nelson; Oban; Piepkorn; Robinson; Roers; Rust; Schaible; Vedaa; Wardner



I've mention this before, but I'll mention it again. As the Boy Scouts continue to give in to the political correctness of our culture, many parents are looking for an alternative that supports Biblical truths. Well, there is one: **Trail Life USA**. This organization is unashamedly Christian and provides opportunities for boys to learn leadership skills; is character-focused rather than reward-focused; is family oriented; and provides activities for adventure.

For more information contact:

Contact@TrailLifeUSA.com

Thoughts from Rep. Nathan Toman on the Legislative Session

The session went well because it is always good when you have the opportunity to rein in the size of government. I started out this session, my third, with the idea of returning greater control to homeschooling parents. I pitched my idea to Rep. Chris Olson who said he had also been working on a similar bill. He primed the bill that passed and I helped to promote it behind the scenes with our colleagues. As you know, the bill easily passed the House and had issues in the Senate, but the majority of the senators proved to be amicable to parents' rights in education and passed the bill.

We've come a long way since my parents were taken to court for homeschooling my brother and me. Now we have five homeschool parents and at least one homeschool graduate serving in the legislature and that is a great thing to see. The passage of HB 1428 was a very exciting event for me as I've desired the burden of regulation and constant micro managing of homeschoolers to be lifted and the state to recognize that we are parent-directed education and no part of government school K-12 as they see and manage it.

My wife has been a true Proverbs 31 woman and I am blessed that God has placed us together and I thank Him daily for her. She tolerates my serving in the legislature quite well and agrees that God has made it happen for whatever are His reasons.

In Christ,
Nathan

You can congratulate Nate or express your gratitude at: Tomannathan@gmail.com I did!

(See final House & Senate votes pg.2)

From our office administrator-REMINDERS-one more time:

- If people signed up for membership at the convention they may have access to the members only portion of the website. In order to access an account must be set up. They can do this by hitting the "request membership" tab on the left hand side of the screen. Once they fill out the information it will ask how they will pay. Simply click the box that says "I am a current member".
- The Lake Region Area Homeschoolers will be presenting the play "Pride and Prejudice" on Sunday, May 14 (Mother's Day) at the Robert Fawcett Auditorium located at Lake Region State College, Devils Lake. [There will be two performances, one at 3:00 and one at 7:00.](#) No admission fee, just a donation box at the desk for free will offering. A great opportunity for a family outing on Mother's Day.

Solar eclipse
this summer!
[http://archive.a
weber.com/clas
sical-astro](http://archive.weber.com/clas-sical-astro)



GUESS who has a new book out? Our own Mrs. Llorra Knight has completed her gigantic, all-encompassing high school level *The Story of North Dakota*. I'm reading it now with joy and have learned a whole bunch about a state I already know a lot about. What a treat.

If your secondary child takes and completes this course, he will have a good overview of North Dakota - past, present and future.

Mrs. Knight covers: symbols, geography and geology, Native American people groups, the early fur trade, the settlement years, early statehood, modern times (includes fine arts, Roughrider Awards, oil boom, floods and much more), people and religion, counties and cities, government, natural resources, and a lengthy list of famous North Dakotans. The spiral bound book with almost 340 pages contains many color photos, maps and charts. Each section contains review questions and a section with resources for further study. It is quite complete and is all a homeschooler would need to fulfill the requirements of North Dakota studies at the secondary level.

You can contact Mrs. Knight at: knight_publishing@hotmail.com for more information or to order.

Overview of Methods and Philosophies of Education

Editor's note: Here is a brief review of ways to get the job done. Something to review and assess according to the needs of your family.

Traditional textbook/workbook - This method has textbook, workbook, teacher's manual with a specified scope and sequence; a traditional public school classroom approach. Resources include: A Beka Books, Bob Jones, Alpha Omega, Christian Liberty Press, Rod and Staff, Seton and others.

Classical education - An Old World method of instruction that used the three stages of grammar, dialectic, and rhetoric. Examples include Trivium Pursuit, Veritas and others.

Unit study approach - This includes an integration of all subjects into topical studies. Examples include KONOS, Advance Training Institute, Alta Vista, Sonlight and others.

Charlotte Mason/living books - A living books method which teaches the basics then exposes children to the best sources of knowledge for all subjects. Examples include: *For the Children's Sake* (Macaulay), *Charlotte Mason Companion* (Andreola) and *Educating the Whole Hearted Child* (Clarkson).

Unschooling - In this method the child pursues his own interest; parent provides resources; unstructured model. Read about this in: *The Unschooling Handbook* (Griffith); *The Relaxed Homeschool* (Hood) and *Homeschooling for Excellence* (Colfax).

Principle approach - Uses three key concepts: 1. Knowledge of American Christian history; 2. An understanding of our role in the spread of Christianity; 3. Living according to Biblical principles upon which our country was founded. See: *Guide to American Christian Education for the Home and School* (Rose)

Delayed academics - Education begins when the child is developmentally read; parents know best. Read: *Home Grown Kids* (Moore)



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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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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.**
- **PRAY** for your support group families through the summer months. Keep in touch.
- **INTERCEDE** for those struggling with harmful lifestyles, disregard for Scriptural teaching, and lack of love for the Saviour.
- **PRAISE** God for Home School Legal Defense Association and for our attorney of reference, Daniel Beasley.
- **ASK GOD** for wisdom; He will abundantly provide.
- **Continue to REMEMBER** in prayer those who are facing the loss of a loved one, the loss of a friendship, the loss of a child.
- **Praise** the LORD for good friends ... and be one!
- **PRAY** for your Pastor and his family. Encourage, support, and assist them as the Lord leads.
- **INTERCEDE** for homeschooling dads, that God will strengthen their resolve and show them how to lead with devotion and grace.
- **REMEMBER** these words of Jesus, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die."
- **PRAY** for those in prison. It is a hard life for Christians.

God is our refuge and strength. A very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear. The Lord of hosts is with us. Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations. I will be exalted in the earth! The Lord of hosts is with us.
From Psalm 46