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Eating Tips for a Healthy Holiday Season
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You're a sweet one, Mr. Grinch!

Some days, I'm sort of ashamed to admit to being an American. Especially, when a few people, with a collective voice that booms across the nation are now preparing their next campaign to destroy a real American icon. Yes, these Little Susie sissies are planning to remake The Christmas Grinch into something "less scary" because the traditional Grinch frightens too many kiddies.

Well, tell me this. Just who are we going to say is coming to steal and ruin Christmas if not the Grinch? Not Grandma, 'cause she got run over by a reindeer, half drunk and in dire need of her meds. My Lord! Cindy Lou Who, the smallest of all the people in Whoville wasn't scared of the Grinch! How do we explain a middle school kid, sleepless and afraid because they watched the Grinch on television and got so scared they evacuated. That blonde lounge lizard who fell for the Grinch scared me more. All the Grinch wanted was to ruin Christmas. She was looking for, (shudder) commitment. Sure I was scared. But I didn't run to a therapist, who can always



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find a problem looking for a person.

There was only one Grinch. "Miracle on 34th Street," a Christmas all-time favorite movie, featured numerous lawyers, some trying to destroy Santa. Now are we going to force all lawyers to become less scary looking and socially friendly? Where would you start?

Since the book "A Christmas Carol" was written, to convince rich people to open their hearts and wallets to share with the less fortunate, that has been the spirit of Christmas tales, stories and movies. Some poor unfortunate starts out with the shaft and ends up with a gold mine, all due to fellow travelers on life's highway sharing. This is why you see the less fortunate pan-handling in front of stores at Christmas time,

hoping to make their year's salary in a few days - kind of like betting on horses when the fix is in. You go for the sure thing.

But, Christmas is all about happy endings and faith and hope in people. A Grinch, with a personality as sweet as a used car salesman, would have no room to develop, as a character. How and why would his heart grow two sizes if he wasn't a bad banana with a greasy, black peel to begin with. He'd be just like some of us - that is perfect. That's enough about me.

Whom, I ask, had any idea what a Grinch looked like when he was created. Might Donald Duck have made a great Grinch. Hard to imagine. My friend, Fin, was grouching recently because his current wife had gone off and called him a Grinch. "Hell," he snorted. "My heart is plenty big. I've been in love with at least six women. It's my pocketbook that is always two sizes too small!" If this guy had collected all his Lounge Lizards, he'd have his own reptile farm. In their defense, they were mostly sweet gals, just too likely to

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respond to the pick-up line that goes, "Hi! Could I buy you a few too many drinks?" In defense of his current love, Fin has slinked, slanked and slunked, while performing select, shall we say, "home invasions" than the real Grinch. Even one who expands the holiday by celebrating Christmas in July and December.

So, it appears we may be getting a softer, kinder, less scary Grinch for Christmas. I suppose one who attracts small children, dogs and really mature women. I've known some men who went through this "change" and believe me, this is what I'm told, no good came of it.

The ex-Grandma was berating me for being an old Grinch myself. I advised her that one lady had told me I was a good listener. Another said I was easy to talk to. Another said I was the calmest man she'd ever met. Proving that the Grinch may be female, the Ex-Grandma responded that all of these lovely ladies must certainly be quite recent exposures, none having known me in my previous life, which she simply refers to as "hell on earth."

In my defense, I didn't raise any kids that were scared of the Grinch. In their forties, none of them are even scared of me anymore.

Just today, a dog jumped up on me without intending to rip out my throat. A small child smiled at me and a mature lady came in the office and hugged me. Please! You have to join me in trying to save The Grinch from being

re-made. We need to save one hero, someone who will look upon a ragged, troubled beggar and snarl, "You want money, get a job! The government is hiring. Just go over to that office with the soldier on the sign, and they'll sign you up. They'll even give you some nice new shoes that aren't two sizes too small!"

I have another friend who is wound too tight for this

life. He watched the Grinch and became all worked up, screaming at his television, "The guy robs a whole town. Where in the hell were all the bleeping cops. Asleep again!"

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Ugly Christmas sweater 5K

By KATE JOHNSON

The Beulah Parks and Recreation have made a new tradition – The Ugly Sweater 5K Run/Walk.

Participants will gather at the Energy Wellness Center Saturday, Dec. 15 at 8 a.m. to register. The 5K

will begin at 8:30 a.m.

Pre-registration is happening now through Dec. 7 to guarantee a ugly Christmas hat. Registration for the event is \$20 and all proceeds will be going towards Gateway Park.

The Beulah Parks and Rec-

reations have been continually working on updating their parks throughout Beulah. They have two parks left to update and bring them up to code – Gateway Park and the park off Central.

Updating these parks not only brings them into compliance but also they will be safer and more inclusive to everyone.

Participants are encouraged to wear their ugliest sweater or ugliest Christmas sweater. Like all 5K's hosted by the park district this is supposed to be a fun outing that gets people active.

People are welcome to run the 5K or walk; do it by yourself and your dog or with a group of friends.

For those that aren't comfortable walking or running outside for the event the Energy Wellness Center's walking track will be available for the event. However, those wishing to do the 5K inside would need to bring indoor shoes.

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Farmers Union Oil Company of Beulah & Halliday is seeking applications for a full time bulk fuels & propane delivery driver. The position duties include delivering bulk fuels, sales, and maintenance of equipment while providing customer service and maintaining a safe, professional image. Driver is also responsible for keeping accurate inventory and coordinating delivery with management, and operating as efficiently as possible.

Physical demands include: working under deadlines and schedules, ability to pull heavy hoses over adverse ground conditions, ability to work in adverse weather, able to lift up to 100 pounds as needed, ability to climb up and down ladders.

Skills and Qualifications

- Must possess a valid ND CDL with air brake & hazmat (or able to obtain immediately)
- Able to pass a pre-employment drug tests and random testing per company policy
- Team oriented with positive attitude
- Strong customer service, communication and organizational skills
- Knowledge and experience in fuel and oil industry preferred
- Must be able to calculate figures and amounts such as margins, discounts, taxes, percentages and volume
- Have a basic understanding of fuel service work, propane service work & delivery (will train) and other functions as required in support of all company departments

Position is full time and is based on a 40 hour work week but overtime is possible to meet customer needs. Employer provides excellent health insurance with minimal cost to employee, group AFLAC coverage, 401k with company match, sick, vacation and holiday pay and competitive wages DOE. Please stop by for an application or contact Joe at 873-4363 or 870-0264.



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Special Education Teacher

Oliver-Mercer Special Education Unit is searching for a Special Education Teacher at Beulah Middle School. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree in special education. An emphasis as a special education strategist would be desirable. This position is immediately open until filled. Candidates for this position can apply by sending a letter of application, resume and references to Linette Irwin, Director of Special Education, Oliver-Mercer Special Education Unit, PO Box 1005, Hazen, ND 58545. Call 701-748-6383 for more details. This position is also listed on ndworkforceconnection.com.

The power that makes Great River Energy an industry leader is our employees.

Great River Energy (GRE) has the following Job Openings:

Auxiliary Operators (2 openings) to operate and monitor auxiliary plant systems, air quality control equipment, and ash systems to provide safe and efficient plant operation. Assist with emergent and routine operation and minor maintenance assignments on shift. This position is located at Coal Creek Station in Underwood, North Dakota. Associate's in Applied Science degree in power plant technology or power process training, or equivalent experience is required. Work experience in power plant operation or maintenance is preferred. Application deadline is Friday, December 7th.

Warehouse Attendant to support and assist Coal Creek and Spiritwood Station. The successful candidate will receive and issue inventory including consumable materials, inventory spare parts, conduct material handling and freight inspections. Must have high school diploma, GED or equivalent. Minimum of two years warehousing experience is required. Experience operating forklifts is preferred. Application deadline is Monday, December 17th.

Qualified candidates will find we have a lot to offer: comprehensive benefits package, wellness programs, continuing education, generous retirement plan, a team based collaborative culture and more! Please apply at www.greatriverenergy.com under the Careers tab before the application deadline.

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The Christmas message in song

By DANIEL ARENS

This weekend, singers from around the area are coming together once again for a concert to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas.

The Knife River Chorale has performed every December for the last 62 years. Each year, singers begin practicing in October, meeting once a week to rehearse choral renditions of Christmas carols and songs.

Performances will be held at the Hazen High School Theater Dec. 8 and 9. The Saturday concert will be at 7:30 p.m. and the Sunday performance at 3 p.m.

The concert features a director who is relatively new to the chorale. Phillip

Voeller, the choir teacher at Beulah High School, got involved with the chorale last year, directing the cantata portion of the concert and singing with the other pieces.

This year, Voeller will direct the entire concert, which includes the same cantata used by the chorale the last few years, with David Lundstrom and Christie Obenauer again narrating alongside the singers.

Beside the cantata, there will also be a variety of other songs old and new, ranging from a beloved rendition of "O Holy Night" to "Betelehemu", a Nigerian Christmas piece.

There will be a total of 26 performers in the chorale this year. In addition,

Tammie Vernon, Stephanie Huber and Deanna Knudson will play piano accompaniment, while the United Ringers Bell Choir will do a performance during the intermission.

Several singers are celebrating milestones with the group, including Dan Pillar with 15 years of singing, and Teri Torgerson and Jerry Gahner with 20 years singing. Keith Johnson is returning to the chorale this year, marking one of the group's most seasoned veterans with 35 years of singing, surpassed only by Verna Gowin with 41 years.

Everyone is welcome to hear talented local singers present the story of Christ's birth in a special and memorable way this weekend.

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BE PREPARED FOR SEVERE WINTER WEATHER



As road conditions worsen, and with the added truck traffic on area roads, please use extreme caution when traveling.

The recent warm temperatures and sunny skies have been nice – but we all know what’s waiting for us just around the corner – Winter! The cold and snowy season is almost here and the question is – are you ready for it? You should ... Get a Kit ... Make a Plan ... and Be Informed. Keep a high level of situational awareness by listening to the forecast every day. When snow, sleet, or freezing rain is in the forecast expect that it will impact your day to day routine, and be ready when it does!

Survival Kit For Winter Driving: *Clip 'n' Save*

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coffee can or other empty and clean food can • 60-inch length string (cut into 3 equal pieces - used to suspend can) • 3 large safety pins (tie string to safety pins and pin to car roof interior to suspend can over candle) • 1 candle 2" diameter (place on lid under suspended can for melting snow). Canned Sterno will also work to heat water. • 1 pocket knife, reasonably sharp (or substitute with scissors) • 3 pieces of bright cloth 2" wide x 36" long (tie to antenna or door handle) • Several packets of soup, hot chocolate, tea, bouillon cubes, etc. (mixed into melted snow to provide 	<p>warmth and nutrition)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plastic spoons • Packages of easy to eat, high energy foods like peanuts and candy or canned, ready-to-eat soups or fruit • 1 pair of socks and 1 pair of gloves or glove liners; cotton is not recommended because it provides no insulation when wet). • Extra clothing and a blanket or sleeping bag • 2 packages of book matches • 1 sun shield blanket or 2 large green or black plastic leaf bags (to reflect body heat) • 1 flash light and batteries (keep separate) • First aid kit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toilet paper and sealable container for bathroom purposes • Fire extinguisher • Small tool kit • Ice scraper/snowbrush • Shovel • Sand or other traction aid • Tow rope or chain • Jumper cables • Road flares or warning lights • Gas line antifreeze • Large plastic garbage bag • Pencil stub and paper • Plastic whistle • Cellular phone with a charger <p>You may want to keep the survival kit in the passenger compartment in case you go into a ditch and can't get to or open the trunk.</p>
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Mercer County Sheriff's Dept. Travel Advisories
What they mean –

Use caution advisory – is issued by this office when visibility is reduced and driving conditions require that people reduce speed.

No travel advised – means that law enforcement and the highway department have determined that near zero visibility is occurring and/or that the driving surface of the road is blocked or covered with ice and driving is a deterrent

Road closed no travel allowed – (extreme conditions are present) is issued when roads are blocked and vehicles are stuck on the roadway. No travel will be allowed by any vehicle regardless of the situation. Barricades or officers will be blocking the roads leaving and entering the closed area. Drivers going around barricades will receive complaint and summons to district court. Schools, mines and power plants will be notified by phone.

All this information is given to the weather service and television and radio stations as it is occurring.

Winter Weather Terminology

- Watch** is issued when the risk of a hazardous winter weather event has increased, but its occurrence, location, and/or timing is still uncertain.
- Warning or Advisory** is issued when a hazardous winter weather event is occurring, is imminent, or has a high probability of occurrence. A warning is used when there is a threat to life or property. An advisory is for less serious conditions that cause inconvenience, and, if caution is not used, could lead to situations that may threaten life or property.
- Snow criteria** for a warning is 6 inches or more in 12 hours or less, OR, 8 inches or more in 24 hours or less. Snow criteria for an advisory is 3 to 5 inches.
- Winter Storm Warnings and Winter Weather Advisories** may be issued for a combination of elements like snow coupled with wind and blowing snow, or snow coupled with sleet and freezing rain.
- Sleet** is pellets of ice. Sleet bounces when it hits the ground.
- Freezing Rain** is rain that freezes when it hits the ground or objects on the ground. It forms a sheet or glaze of ice.
- Ice Storm** is used to describe occasions when the ice from freezing rain is significant enough (1/4 inch thick or more) to cause damage
- Blizzard** is a storm with winds of 35 mph or higher AND visibility frequently below 1/4 mile in snow and/or blowing snow AND these conditions last three (3) hours or longer. There is no set temperature requirement for a blizzard.
- Wind Chill** is that part of the cooling of a human body caused by moving air. Moving air accelerates the rate of heat transfer away from a human body.
- Wind Chill Advisory** is issued for wind chills of 25 to 39 below zero with a wind speed of at least 5 mph.
- Wind Chill Warning** is issued for wind chills of 40 below zero and colder with a wind speed of at least 5 mph.

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