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#### A bit of 'overboard kindness,' okay

In the days when I was a kid, kindness was generally considered to be next to "foolhardy" in the big book of Webster. Even the rare random act of kindness was viewed askance by skeptics of which we had all stripes.

When such an act did occur, the follow-up addressed itself to the lack of practicality it offered. If such an act couldn't be worn for work, eaten for work, or used for work, it was deemed in the overboard kindness capacity.

Christmas, as you may have guessed, always arrived and departed allowing one to not only enjoy the bitter taste of practicality but to savor it long after the holiday was done and gone. Believe me, a sweater that is two sizes too small, when you're a fat kid with lots of belly rolls, that lingers.

Which may explain why, in spite of all the great things that dazzled me this Christmas season, I didn't ask Santa for a new boat with a 350-horse on it. I didn't ask for a new side-by-side that would go 100 any-where. I didn't ask to be a free, non-indentured person who could go south when the weather got cold and the snow piled up.

Nope. I asked for a new snow blower. Practical to the bitter end!

My first and only snow blower, dubbed "Ol' Herb" after its original owner and later purchased by me for 100 bucks, finally decided it was being taken advantage of and failed me a day short of my hour of need. The storm took a little longer to get here than forecast, and everyone knows you don't try to start your snow blower until the snow is in big piles and the time you're wishing you'd put up the outdoor lights and decorations, just like your conscience or your wife told

I have no doubt that trying to start Ol' Herb early is
what led to his failing and
he is now in the big snow
blower land in the sky – or
whichever dump my son
threw him into. I say that
because my son loaded
Herb up in his truck and was
heard to say as he drove out
of sight, "I know a guy who



## TRACKS IN THE SAND KEN BEAUCHAMP

can fix him." HO, HO, HO!
Now I haven't gotten to
using e-mail or that stuff.
I'm past writing letters and I
still phone a lot. So, I called
Santa to bring a new snow

blower.

"Santa!" I said, as the snow piled up. "I need a new snow blower delivered to my house. Today."

Santa didn't ask if I wanted anything special. He just brings what I need, as long as it's hardware related.

"That's going to be about a thousand bucks," Santa said.

"No problem, just sign the charge slip," I replied.

Now that, folks, is believing in Santa Claus.

I went home from work at noon. No snow blower.

Well, early deliveries are tricky. I went home about 3 p.m. to check the mail.

Holy Crap! Someone had come and cleared out my whole driveway with a skidsteer.

I went through my mental list of benefactors and decided it was one of three people, 'cause I only know three people with skidsteers and one is a long shot. Two possible benefactors who kindly helped an old guy out.

I had a problem. Kind of.
This random act of kindness, not totally unexpected,
as it has happened before,
raised questions. Should I
pay a grand for a new snow
blower, wasting a perfectly
good Santa wish? Or, should
I believe that my mystery
person would show up every time it snows and clean
my driveway? Could anyone
of sound mind deem that
practical?

I thought about calling Santa and canceling the snow blower, but when I called to check it was en route. Everyone knows that you cannot divert a Santa deal, and I refer you to the two-sizes-too-small, belly-roll-hugging sweater.

I suspect when I get home tonight, I will have a snow blower that I may not need, depending on the randomness of snowfalls and the cleaning process hereafter. This hereafter, not the one where Ol' Herb is most likely at. I doubt there are any snow blowers needed in the other hereafter, although I have yet to hear anyone opine that there would be a "snow blower's chance in hell"

Here's the plan. I may have been rewarded by an overboard act of kindness, one which repeats itself over and over, as needed. In the event I'm wrong, I have a new snow blower, which makes me happier than if I woke up to a box of puppies or a herd of miniature horses. In my haste to assume the need for a practical act, like a new snow blower, I may have goofed.

However, if I never get the chance to use my new snow blower, thanks to ongoing and no longer random acts of kindness, I feel I can, in good conscience, sell it to my son for \$1200.

Hey, that's more practical than leaving your Christmas sweater anywhere someone might steal it. Or trying, unsuccessfully, to burn it in the trash barrel. Or digging up and scattering the bones of the loved one who bought it for me.

I once committed a random act of kindness. Only to have a person to explain to me that accidents of character and random acts of kindness are not one and the same. Something about outcome and motivation.

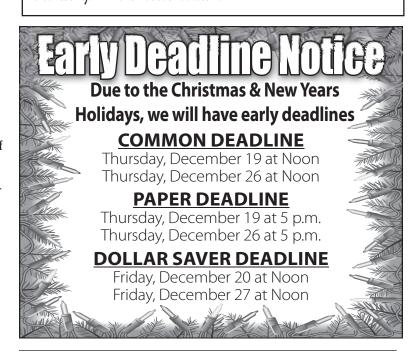
In the words of singer Glen Campbell, "Try a little kindness." 'Cause it is crowded on narrow-minded streets. Unless you're a narrow-minded person. Someone who hates sweaters dressed up as gifts. HO-HO-HO!



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#### **Releases slow at Garrison Dam**

Corps steps back water output to avoid flooding further south By Alyssa Meier BHG News

Garrison Dam releases were reined in by about 20,000 cubic feet per second over the last week, as the Army Corps of Engineers aims to retain water levels in the reservoir and deter flooding on lower parts of the Missouri River.

Starting Nov. 20, releases from the dam declined by 3,000 cubic feet per second, or cfs, with the goal of bringing releases down to 24,000 cfs by Wednesday.

According to the Corps, the change at Garrison Dam is one of several taking place on the Missouri River reservoir system, with Fort Randall Dam and Gavins Point Dam also set to reduce water output.

"Inflows into reservoirs at Fort Randall and Gavins Point Dams since Nov. 1 have been lower than forecast, and the reservoir elevation at Garrison Dam is declining faster than forecast meaning Missouri River Mainstem System storage is declining faster than planned," The Corps said in a news release.

Decreases releases have a twofold purpose.

The Corps is hoping to increase storage levels at Garrison, Gavins Point and Fort Randall, while also hoping to avoid flooding downstream.

"To avoid impacts to water supply and risks to critical infrastructure downstream of Oahe Dam, changes to system releases are aimed at slowing the pool decline of the Fort Randall reservoir," said John Remus, chief of the Missouri River Water Management Division.

#### Downstream

Even with releases waning, Remus said output will be higher than normal in the Missouri River System, in hopes of allowing flood control zones to adequately drain before snowmelt in the spring and summer.

"The river in the Bismarck area can rise as much as 6 feet during ice-in which means the river stage needs to be lower to prevent flooding during this time. Once the ice has formed, then releases can be gradually increased to smooth the underside of the ice and carry





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a little more water. Trying to push more water under the ice or dropping releases too much can cause the ice to break up and jam," said Remus.

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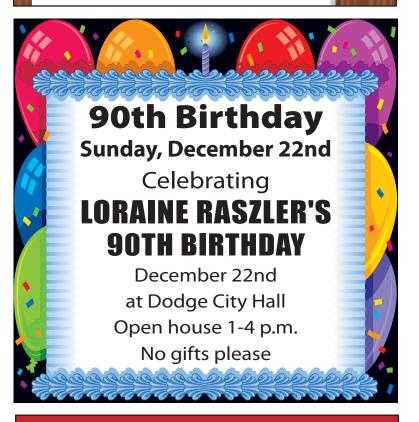


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### Santa comes to Golden Valley

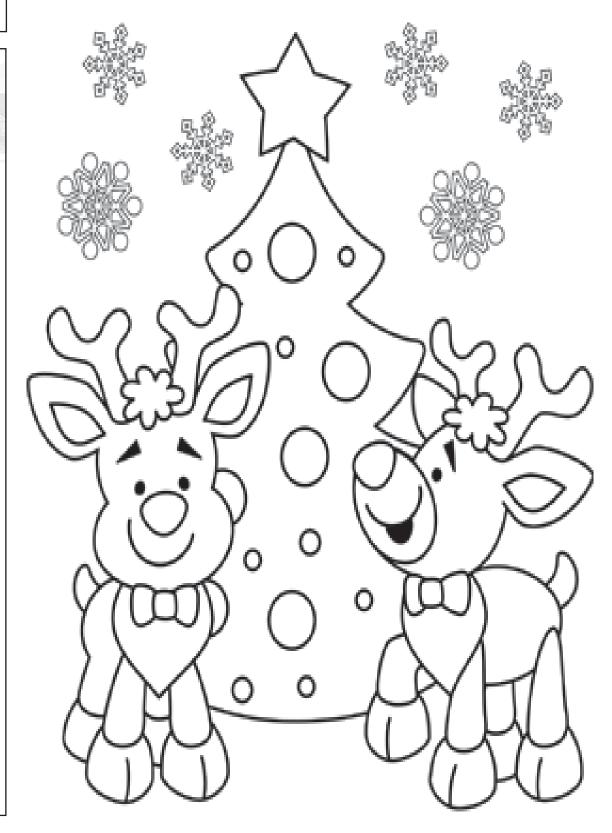
By KODELLE DUNKLEY

It is that time of year again. Time for decorating trees, singing carols and wrapping presents. That can only mean one thing, its time for Santa Day in Golden Valley. Santa Day is hosted by the Golden Valley Community Club and will be held at the Golden Valley Community Center, Saturday Dec. 7 at 6 p.m. CT. "Come out for a very nice evening and see Santa and maybe win a prize," says Darlene Bauman.

There will be a potluck supper starting at 6 p.m. Everyone who attends is to bring some sort of dish to share. Main dishes, side dishes, appetizers and desserts are all welcome. While Santa Day has been a long standing tradition, this will be the fifth year including a potluck supper. In previous years this style supper has been a success with plenty of food.

After supper prizes will be given out. All of the children will be grouped by age and allowed to choose from the prize table starting with the youngest group. Every child gets a prize. The adults will be eligible for door prizes that include certificates donated by the local community.

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