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**THE THRIFT STORE**, Garrison Area Resource Center, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**THE THRIFT STORE**, 181 Ellsworth St., Makoti, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENT**, Hometown Tavern, 12 p.m. registration

## MONDAY, JANUARY 22

**YOGA**, First Congregational Church, Garrison, 8 a.m.

**BONE BUILDERS**, Garrison Senior Center, 10 a.m.

**THE WASHBURN PUBLIC LIBRARY** invites you to join us Monday Mornings at 10:30 a.m. for our weekly children's story time *Puppy Tales* with *Ichabod*.

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

**GARRISON RURAL ANNUAL FIRE MEETING**, Fire Hall, 8 p.m.

**THE THRIFT STORE**, 181 Ellsworth St., Makoti, 3-6 p.m

**YOGA**, First Congregational Church, Garrison, 8 a.m.

**THE THRIFT STORE**, Garrison Area Resource Center, 10 - 6 p.m.

**Alcoholics Anonymous**, First Congregational Church-UCC, 7 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

**BIBLE TALKS**, Washburn Memorial hall, 7 p.m. all are welcome.

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

**BONE BUILDERS**, Garrison Senior Center, 10 a.m.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**, Garrison Hospital cafeteria (enter through ER), 8 p.m.

**COMMUNITY CLOTHING SHARE-EXCHANGE** at 221 Main St. in Turtle Lake has a clothing opportunity at no cost each Thursday from 12:00 -6:00 p.m.

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

**TURTLE LAKE SENIOR CENTER** 1:30 p.m. at Turtle Lake City hall.

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

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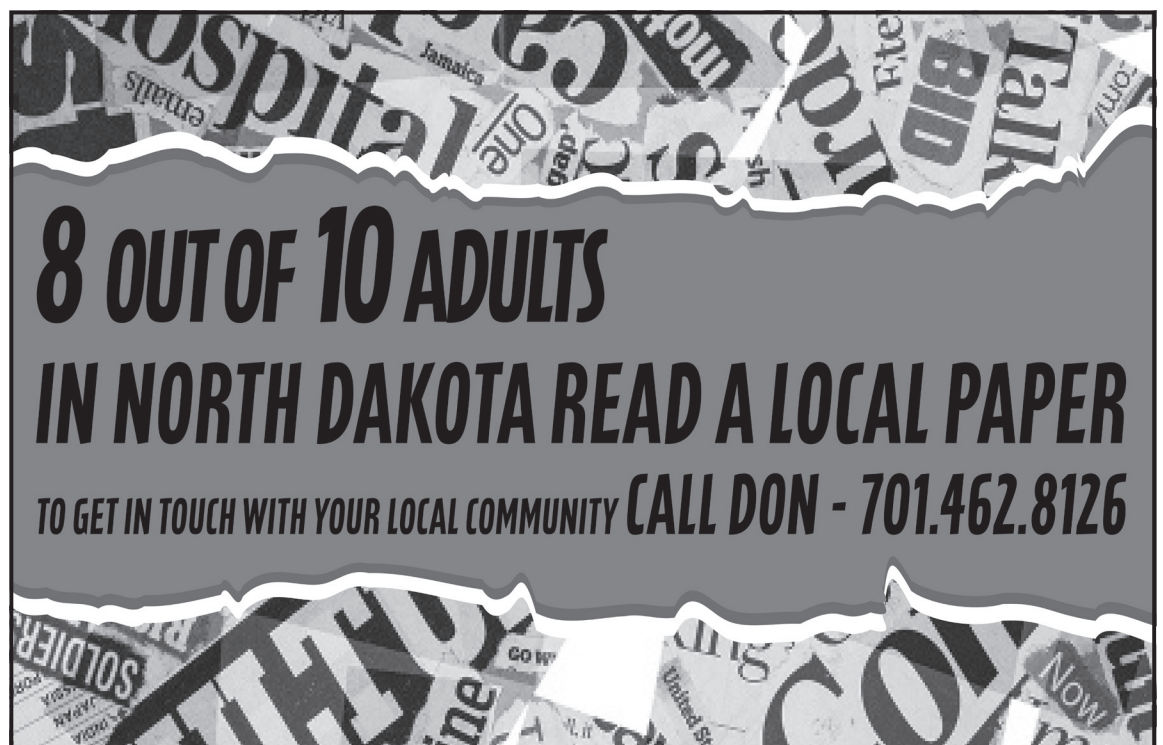
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## DAKOTA DATEBOOK

### Kidnapping Klutz

by Jayme L. Job

January 22, 2024 — A kidnapping report that had put the city of Fargo into a frenzy was retracted on this day in 1928. On January 19, eighteen-year old Esther Monson was found lying unconscious on a sidewalk in downtown Fargo. The Bottineau girl was rushed to St. John's Hospital, where she was resuscitated by doctors.

Upon examination, the doctors found the back of Monson's head badly bruised, and that the girl had suffered a sprained ankle. How she had come to be in such a state remained a mystery until Monson reported her story to her nurse the following evening.

Monson said she had been kidnapped by three men near the Great Northern subway. She claimed that the men had forced her into their car and beaten her, although she was unsure as to how she had ended up on the sidewalk where she was found.

The residents of Fargo became fearful that three kidnappers were on the loose in their own city. The next day, Monson told an identical story to a reporter from The Fargo Forum, but when she repeated the detailed story to Fargo's Chief of Police Louis Dahlgren and Captain Morton Sydness, the officers noticed slight differences in her accounts.

Since no car had been seen on the night of the 19th in either the area where Monson claimed to have been picked up, or where she was found, the officers grew skeptical of the girl's story.

After probing her account further, Monson finally admitted that the story was "all a dream," and that she had somehow believed it after waking up in the hospital that first night. By the time that she realized that the story was in fact a fiction of her own creation, it had already been reported to several people.

Monson told the police officers that she had in fact slipped and fallen on the ice while walking home, and it was her own clumsiness that had resulted in her sustained injuries. This modified story was then reported to a second Forum reporter, who reassured the city of Fargo with the harmless account.

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### Contradictory History

by Jayme L. Job

January 23, 2024 — As the 19th century blended into the 20th, many thousands of women moved to North Dakota to homestead and wrest out a living for themselves.

Despite their hardiness and proven strength, their road to getting the vote was a rocky one. It was on this day in 1917 that they finally achieved their goal.

Women's Suffrage almost passed as early as 1872 — in Dakota Territory — failing by only one vote. In 1885, Republican Territorial Governor, Gilbert Pierce, vetoed the measure, reasoning that if they allowed women to vote, it might ruin the territory's chances at statehood.

Four years later, the new state of North Dakota did give women the right to vote on school issues, and in 1892, Independents backed Laura Eisenhuth for Superintendent of Education. Although women were still being held back, they have also had a tendency to make history; Eisenhuth won, making her the first woman in the country to hold statewide elective office.

In 1913, the Women's Suffrage Act was again passed by the legislature, but this time it was turned down by the state's all-male voters. Women's suffrage was closely linked to prohibition. In addition to restricting the use of alcohol, the Christian Temperance Union wanted also to limit child labor, restrict the sale of obscene literature, and separate first offenders from long-term convicts in prisons. Those who were opposed to these notions, especially those who favored the liquor trade, strongly opposed them. Others who were opposed to women's suffrage included the McKenzie political machine, the railroads, and foreign-born men, particularly

the Germans.

Things turned around for pro-active women when the Non-Partisan League gained control. The NPL put women's suffrage on their platform, and in 1917, the legislature gave women the right to vote in local and presidential elections. Then two years later, they ratified the federal Woman Suffrage amendment, and women were given the right to vote for statewide offices as well.

For the first time, women used their full voting rights on November 2, 1920.

Later, North Dakota women made further headlines: just three years after they'd won the vote, two women won seats in the ND State Legislature. One of these, Minnie Craig, ended up serving as a Representative for six consecutive sessions, and in 1933, she made history when she was elected Speaker of the House. It was the first time in national history that a woman served as the head of a legislative body.

The next step in women's rights began in 1923, with the Equal Rights Amendment. When it finally came up for ratification in North Dakota in 1973, it passed in the Senate but lost by one vote in the House. The following year, it came up for a vote again and passed, making North Dakota the 34th out of 38 states to ratify the ERA. Ultimately, that amendment failed.

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## THE FILM PURSUIT

By Hunter Kamrath

### Up There with the Best of the Best

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Obviously, the events of 2020 were a huge disruption to the movie industry. Slowly but surely newer films were making their way back to the theatre, but so many of them left me disappointed and my only form of excitement was seeing older movies being brought back to the silver screen. Luckily, 2021 saw a mild resurgence, and we got a huge box office hit that started to revitalize my hope for the return of great movies: "Spider-Man: No Way Home." 2022 is where things really changed, a year that greatly helped inspire the creation of the Film Pursuit.

2022 was off to a decent start. A few hits like "Dr. Strange in the Multiverse of Madness", "The Batman", and "Redeeming Love" were the highlights to kick off the year. Throughout the winter and spring, a trailer that regularly was shown before the feature presentation was

"Top Gun: Maverick", and I found myself intrigued. I had seen the original, that was first released in 1986, while I was still in high school. I found myself curious to see what kind of story the filmmakers would tell after waiting 38 years after the original.

There I was, opening weekend, with a nearly full theatre ready to see the second installment in the high-flying series. I found myself in shock as the credits started to roll, the film was nothing short of a masterpiece, and it felt like a perfectly natural continuation of what we saw in the first film cleverly combining old and new.

You can tell that this movie meant a lot to the film's lead actor, Tom Cruise. He brought so much depth to the role of Pete "Maverick" Mitchell. Jennifer Connelly plays a bar keeper and is Maverick's love interest in the film. These two have amazing chemistry on screen. One of my favorite scenes in the entire film occurs early on. Maverick was just leaving the bar when he notices some "Top Gun" students singing the song "Great Balls of Fire", unfortunately causing Maverick to have flashbacks to tragic events that occurred in the first feature. Pete Mitchell looks very distraught in the scene and Penny quickly sees that Maverick looks extremely sad. The two instantly share a connection with no dialogue

whatsoever, but we learn so much about these two in that small amount of screen time.

The other scene that is quite incredible is near the midpoint when Tom Cruise's character meets with an old friend nicknamed Iceman played by Val Kilmer. The character guides Maverick through a difficult situation. The scene displays how one of the film's key themes is that the past is the past. Maverick is struggling to teach a young pilot who is mad at him because of past events. Iceman simply tells him that "It is time to let go". The acting is what really sells the scene as both actors bring in a lot of heartfelt emotion to this great scene.

It wouldn't be a "Top Gun" movie without incredible aerial dogfight scenes with planes, and this movie has the best of all movies. In an era where so many action scenes are done on a computer; this film looks so authentic and real. No matter how many times I watch this film, the aerial scenes put me on the edge of my seat.

This is the film that saved movies for me. There are some films I really enjoyed like "Spider-Man: No Way Home", but "Top Gun: Maverick" proved that true masterpieces are still possible today and it may be remembered as saving movie theatres, by shattering all kinds of box office records.

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