

Seasons Change

Dr. Glenn Mollette

There aren't that many seasons of freedom in life. If you are in one, enjoy the season. When you are a child, you do as your parents say and go where they allow you to go. You are also tied to many, many years of school. You are free, free to go to school, study most of the time and do as your parents say. This season passes quicker than a person can imagine at the time. I remember being a freshman in high school and thinking that four years would take forever. I felt the same way about college, but the years rolled by quickly.

When we graduate from high school or college we breathe a sigh of relief momentarily and think, "Thank God we are free." Yes, we are free. Free to go to work. Free to marry. Free to have children. But wait, how much freedom is there when we are working and providing for a family and taking care of babies? We are free, but with many responsibilities

A man once asked a Rabbi, a Priest and a Baptist minister this question, "When does life begin?" The Rabbi, said he believed life began at conception, the Priest said he believed life began at birth. The Baptist minister said, "Life begins when the last child leaves home and the dog dies."

Maybe you felt more freedom after your children were raised and were on their own. Unfortunately, some people never ever see their children totally raised as many stay dependent on the parent until the parent dies.

Let's say that your adult children are doing well and taking care of their kids. This is hopeful as too many grandparents end up raising their grandchildren. Your retirement years are now staring you in the face. You may be 45 to 55 years old. Th word retirement is a bit scary because you are thinking, "How is this financially possible?" It's taking a fortune to retire. Thus, between the ages of 45 and 65 you are working hard to try to invest in a 401k, pay into Social Security and any other savings plan that you can. Try to start doing this in your very early twenties and it will alleviate a lot of pressure in your late fifties. Back again to your freedom. How much freedom do you have in this stage of life? You may take a vacation or two. Play some golf on the weekend, fish or pursue other hobbies but your life is very regimented.

The day comes when you decide to retire. You retire. Now what?. A friend of mine said the great thing about retirement was that he could do whatever he wanted to do. The problem was that he couldn't afford to do much. Another friend once said when he retired, "I have all the money I need for the rest of my life, unless I buy something."

Retirement is not necessarily the golden window of freedom. Maybe for a while, but things happen. Your spouse may become sick and even debilitated. This changes the scenario. You may become a caregiver to your mother or father. They have no one else but you, so what are you going to do? Just dump them? An elderly parent may become like your child. You may be responsible for their total care. This could be the same for a spouse or even a child or other family members. In most cases this almost completely closes the window of doing much for yourself. Vacations and recreational outings of almost any kind become nearly impossible. Of course, any of us can become sick and debilitated at any moment.

The point of all this is not to make anyone feel bad. The point is, don't take anything for granted. Enjoy everything. Enjoy your day trips, any outings and any vacations. Enjoy your day going to Walmart. Enjoy going to church. Enjoy it all, because seasons change. There is a time to weep and a time to dance. A time to mourn and a time to laugh. Enjoy it all, because seasons change.

Dr. Glenn Mollette is a syndicated columnist read in all fifty states. He is also the author of numerous books and can be heard each weekday morning on XM Radio 131

Yesterdays... From the files of the LaMoure Chronicle

100 Years Ago - March 18, 1926

The P.T.A. meeting held in the school house Friday evening was well attended and an interesting program consisting of musical numbers, a reading and a talk on "Home and School Life" was presented. The next meeting will be held March 22.

Mrs. Hannah Larson is having the big ice house moved from town out to her farm east of LaMoure, where it will be remodeled into an up to date hog house.

Miss Marjorie Bowman went to Valley City Friday evening to be the guest of her sister, Miss Ruth, who visited at the parental home until Monday afternoon.

That the majority of farmers believe that spring is not far around the corner is demonstrated by the chug-chug of tractors in all directions as they are limbering them up for the spring work. If we are to believe the representatives of the machinery company, this is to be a big season for the small tractor, on account of the valuable improvements which have been made during the past year in these machines, making for steady work with less trouble than formerly.

Dr. L., B. Greene and H.P. Murphy of Edgeley, members of the road committee of the Lion's Club, were in LaMoure meeting with the county commissioners and Engineer Meyers last Wednesday talking over matters in connection with the proposed work on the Sunshine Highway north of Edgeley this year.

A very pleasant social occurrence was enjoyed by the operators of city telephone exchange one evening last week, when Mr. S. Brand came in and whisked them all out to his pleasant Riverside home, where a delightful evening was spent in games and conversation. A fine lunch was served at the close of the evening's gaiety.

50 Years Ago - March 18, 1976

Frustrated a year ago in an attempt to make the Class B state basketball tourney, LaMoure was successful this time around by slapping Fairmount 60-50 Wednesday in the Region 1 final at the Valley City State College Fieldhouse. Last year a good Loboe club took a 23-1 record against tiny Fullerton and stunned 43-44. Wednesday an even better Loboe quintet protected a perfect 26-0 season slated by earning that coveted trip to Bismarck March 18-20 and the "B" classic. LaMoure will play Rolla in first round action at 7p.m. on Thursday, March 18.

Winners of the "Save Our Wetlands" annual poster contest held by the James River Sportman's Club are Rhonda Hankel, Gwen Uecker, Illa Benson, Tamara Hajek and Barb Siedschlag. The poster submitted by Rhonda Hakel will be entered in state competition. She has a choice of between a cash prize or a week in the state Wildlife camp.

25 Years Ago - March 21, 2001

The LaMoure City Council met in special session Monday night, March 19, and decided to call for bids to replace downtown sidewalks they deemed to be hazardous, the engineering firm Kadmas, Lee and Jackson from Valley City had plans drawn up and estimates of cost for the council to look at before they made the decision to call for bids. Engineer Kevin Skramstad explained the plans to the council.

The LaMoure County Commissioners talked about purchasing a new door for the Sheriff's office at the March 20 Commissioners meeting Commission Chairman Richard Aberle said that a replacement for the present steel door would cost about \$2000. He said that it would be a metal door with a safety type window in it. Because it is a heavy door it would take a heavy duty closer that would cost over \$100.

The annual Scout Pinewood Derby was held Monday evening, March 19 in the Omega Room of the Omega Mall, with Izak Locks being crowned the overall winner. Winners in each Den were also named.

10 Years Ago - March 23, 2016

The ND State Crop Show is held annually in Valley City, as part of the activities during the North Dakota Winter Show. Each year the ND State Crop Show Committee selects an individual to be recognized during the show. This year's honoree was Al Ulmer, of LaMoure, ND.

Congratulations to the LaMoure County 4-H Hippology Team, coached by Caroline Homan, Kevonna Isakson, Karly Just, and William Job participated in the Hippology Contest at the ND Winter Show in Valley City on Friday, March 11 and placed 16th out of 30 teams.

	MARCH 14	PB	Jackpot
	9-30-42-50-52	21 3	\$77,700,000
	MARCH 11	PB	Jackpot
	3-6-55-58-63	12 2	\$59,000,000
LOTTO AMERICA	MARCH 14	HB-5	Jackpot
	8-9-25-36-44	10 3	\$18,450,000
MILLIONAIRE FOR LIFE	MARCH 11	HB-5	Jackpot
	1-3-22-28-40	7 3	\$17,870,000
	MARCH 15		Lucky Ball
	1-21-29-46-50	1	
	MARCH 14		Lucky Ball
	18-27-31-32-56	1	
	MARCH 13	9	\$50,000,000
	6-19-36-40-55		
	MARCH 10	7	\$533,000,000
	16-21-30-35-65		

Weather NDAWN - ND Ag Weather Network

DATE	TEMP. H/L	WIND	Rain
3/9	42/20	11/27	.09
3/10	27/13	4/13	
3/11	36/17	7/21	.02
3/12	45/23	17/53	.01
3/13	29/19	12/38	
3/14	29/14	10/25	.18
3/15	15/0	19/38	.01

Blood drive March 19 in LaMoure

There will be a blood drive in LaMoure on Thursday, March 19, 12:45-6PM at the Church of the Nazarene.

Vitalant remains in a Critical Need for O type Donors. O+ and O- donors are urged to donate and help build up the blood supply. One hour is all it takes to help make sure blood is available for a patient in need. This March, nonprofit Vitalant is thanking donors who take the time to donate with a chance to win \$10,000*.

Making an appointment is the first step toward saving lives. Visit vitalant.org, download the Vitalant app or call 877-25-VITAL (877-258-4825).

Letter to the Editor

What a great season for the girls' basketball team. It is such a wonderful story and does so much for the school and community. Also, the recognition they receive is very impressive and well deserved. Thank goodness for Title IX.

We won the boys' state track championship exactly 70 years ago in 1956 and I still remember the experience much like any state champion would. Unlike the current girls' team we received very little attention and most people in the area likely did not even realize that we were state champions. Currently the Chronicle does such a nice job of covering local athletics.

R.G Olson
R. G. Olson, Ph.D.
Certified Public Accountant - Phoenix, AZ 85016

County - Cont. from Pg. 1

opioid settlement. The commissioners approved the request.

Mr. Flath explained the process for putting the mill levy issue on the June ballot concerning helping fund the ambulance services in the county. The ballot measure would levy up to fifteen mills county wide. The county currently levies five mills for EMS. The commissioners agreed to put the issue on the June ballot and let the voters decide.

The county will be looking at a dump trailer and pallet forks on the Orr consignment sale. Mr. Wald will monitor the sale.

It was brought up that there is no commissioner information on the county's website. The information is already on the state's website. They will put the information on the website. This will include email and phone number.

County Auditor Hamlin said that the Primary Election is just around the corner. The last day to file petitions or nominations is by 4:00 p.m., Monday, April 6, 2026.

The Primary Election will be June 9, 2026. There will be two polling locations on election day. One will be at the BankNorth Meeting room in LaMoure and the other at the Edgeley National Guard Armory. Both locations will open at 9:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. The drop off box for absentee/vote by mail is located in the northeast corner of the courthouse and available 24/7. Absentee/vote by mail ballots can be dropped on election day by 7:00 p.m. at the drop box or Auditor's Office. Do not take absentee/vote by mail ballots to the polling locations.

North Dakota is the only state without voter registration as our Voter ID law requires a valid form of ID to vote. You may vote in North Dakota if you are at least 18 years old, a U.S. citizen and have lived in North Dakota for 30 days prior to an election. Valid forms of ID are North Dakota Driver's License, North Dakota NonDriver ID, Tribal ID or Tribal Letter, and Long-Term Care Certificate.

This is a good time to get your form of ID updated.

A SALUTE TO AGRICULTURE
Join PURE PRAIRIE PUBLISHING in our "SALUTE TO AG" Edition
Call to place your ad by Friday, April 3rd, 2026, Ads will appear in the April 8th edition of
THE BARGAIN NETWORK
Enderlin Independent • Litchville Bulletin
LaMoure County Chronicle
REACHING OVER 4,000 READERS!
PURE PRAIRIE PUBLISHING
LaMoure County Chronicle 701-883-5393 Litchville Bulletin 701-762-4267 Enderlin Independent 701-437-3131

Fish Fry
FRIDAY, MARCH 20 • 5:30-7PM
LaMoure American Legion
DRAWING FOR 2) FREE MEALS!
Menu: Fresh Walleye, Baked Potato, Coleslaw, Garlic Toast - \$18.00
Carryout Available - 883-5438

SUDOKU

	1	9						
				7			1	
7			8				5	9
	5			3		1		4
6								7
1	2		9				8	
3	1				8			6
	6		3					
					2	8		

© StatePoint Media
Fill in the blank squares in the grid, making sure that every row, column and 3-by-3 box includes all digits 1 through 9.

See answer on back page

SUBSCRIPTION

Single Copy - \$1.00
LaMoure County - \$35
North Dakota - \$40
Snowbirds - Add'l. \$3.00
Out of State - \$45
Email: \$25

Advertising Rates Provided Upon Request
POSTMASTER: Send Address Change to:
LaMoure Chronicle
P.O. Box 196
LaMoure, ND 58458-0196
(USPS 299660) Periodical Postage Paid at LaMoure, ND 58458

NNA
SINCE 1915
NATIONAL NEWSPAPER ASSOCIATION

NDNA
NORTH DAKOTA NEWSPAPER ASSOCIATION

LAMOURE COUNTY CHRONICLE
ESTABLISHED 1883
Published Wednesdays at LaMoure, ND
Periodicals Postage Under Act of Congress, March 3, 1879. Paid at LaMoure, ND 58458.
Official Newspaper of LaMoure County
Official Newspaper of City of LaMoure
Official Newspaper of City of Verona
Official Newspaper of the LaMoure Public School District
Address All Mail to: LaMoure Chronicle
P.O. Box 196, LaMoure, ND 58458
701-883-5393; Fax: 701-883-5076; email: chronicle@drtel.net
Art Hagebock • Diane Hagebock - Publishers and Editors