



Editorial

By Benjiman Cartwright

Thanks to everyone who has already reached out about The Rock, It has been exciting to hear the stories come out so far and start getting pictures to start to work soon on the book.

The Westhope car show was a great time, the weather cooperated and stayed nice with a slight overcast and a little breeze to keep the bugs away. I thought for sure it was going to be a scorcher when the sun was out in full force to start the morning. The cars were amazing, and Emma even had her van at the show, its still just a regular old van, but people were excited to talk about what plans are going into it. Great job Tim and Diane as well as everyone else who had a hand in making it another successful year.

Saturday night the weather came through in full force. It was a lightening show after midnight and the wind didn't let up for a bit, blowing thigs around town. I didn't see too much damage, but the Fire Department did have their deer blind that is being raffled off blow across the road. It always seems to be something doesn't it?

I hope everyone had a great Fathers Day, I worked on my

building a bit, then in the coffee shop. My kids got me a new cook book and apron. I tried out a recipe when I was working and it was a success. I enjoy baking a little bit, its not something I would want to do every day, but every once in a while I like to whip something up. I had craved a rhubarb pie for a little bit so I got the ingredients and made one last weekend. It was pretty darn good. Then this weekend I made some scones and they were mighty fine as well. Might have to add them to my list of the cheesecake everyone likes that I make.

During the storm on Saturday/Sunday one of the things that did receive quite a bit of damage was the Metigoshe Drive In at Lake Metigoshe. The roof had blown off and with the help from many locals, they were able to clean things up and it seem they got it sealed up for now. For a fund raiser they are having a burger cookout TONIGHT. I put their flyer below. Go help out if you are able, it will be nice to be able to get them back up and running as this business is seasonal only.

Have a great week everyone!

MDI COOKOUT



join us for burgers & chips!
metigoshe drive inn lot
wednesday (6/19)
5pm-7pm
all donations raised will go
towards MDI

LET'S DO THIS

This past weekend, well known Westhope standout Walker Braaten made his commitment to play football at North Dakota State University. The upcoming senior has made his impact on Sioux athletics and is looking to continue to make an impact at the next level. Braaten held offers from a handful of different places, including out of state offers, but ultimately decided that NDSU was the place for him. Walker made the decision on June 16th, 2024 while at a football camp being held by NDSU throughout the weekend. He will officially sign his letter of intent in December of this year.

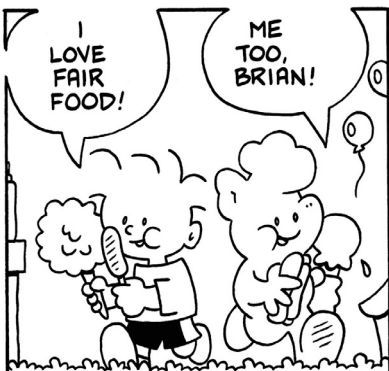


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That's Life

By Tony Bender

That Dad Thing

In the three-plus decades I've been writing columns, I wonder if I've ever written a Fathers Day column before the holiday. Well, why mess with tradition?

Maybe it's the writer gene in me, but I was born an observer, and I saw the differences in the way my grandparents parented, how my father learned from them, and me from him. They loved their kids but any shows of affection were understated. But each generation evolves.

I have a sense that Dad was a bit spoiled, or at least didn't want for much. He had cars! I had to carjack our '67 Chevy station wagon. It had a 396, laid rubber, and though sluggish off the line, could take most of the sports cars in town.

I was the first of six kids. Before we go on, it's my observation that kids are who they're going to be when they're born, so my folks would have been better off if the eldest was someone civilized and smart like my sister Sherry. Instead they got a respectful renegade—a psychiatric term, I'm sure.

I was going to break the rules, accept the punishment—often two weeks of being grounded—and then I'd do it again. My parents were horrified at the thought of having six of me, but they needn't have worried, only Joel, the second to last, was a rebel. Such a snotty teenager he even managed to offend me. I think part of the reason he got away with more is because they were flat-out pooped by then.

I think if I had been a young father when Dylan was born, I think I would have gone the drill sergeant way. However, it was obvious very early that he was, as the Lakota call them, Heyoka, a contrarian. Dylan sometimes makes an attempt to contradict that description to which I respond, "Dylan, you crawled backwards!" He was noisy and energetic, a typical boy in that regard, and he tallied so many stitches, I once got a call from Child Protective Services after Dylan had smacked his forehead on the kitchen counter overhang at full speed. They wanted an explanation. "He's a boy," I said.

The standard discipline tactic—"Because I said so."—wouldn't have worked on Dylan. Reason worked. A conversation, an explanation, did.

Now, India... sweet, little, smiley India, was a different case. Defiant. Stubborn. Petulant. If I ever won a match it could be attributed to her benevolence. She still scares me.

I wonder about the strategies and genetics of those who preceded us. Grandpa Bender was easy-going, good-humored and rarely lost his temper. Grandpa Spilloway was stoic but when he was unhappy with you, his steely gray Russian eyes demanded attention.

Years ago, when I was working radio, a sometimes tense occupation, I threw a recorded "cart" against the wall that was advertising something that had already happened, and as tape unfurled like a New Years celebration, I stomped out of the studio spewing expletives. Everyone scattered. Even the General Manager ducked into his office.

"Curious," I thought, as I strode back into the studio and caught my reflection in the glass. Those eyes. That steely Russian look. I was looking at my grandpa. Ah. I'll confess that I've used that look as necessary ever since. It moves mountains. Slays dragons.

Sometimes I hear my father if I snort when I laugh. It's hard to believe I'm older than he ever got to be. The dynamic of fathers and sons changes, and I regret that I lost him when we were just becoming friends, a relationship that was man-to-man. I remember especially one day we cruised the backroads looking at towering cornstalks, just talking, laughing, and getting to know sides of each other that had been hidden.

I doubt he knew how much of him was in me, in the way I approached the world. Like all fathers do, he worried about me, my willingness to take career chances, my defiance.

"Sometimes you have to put up with some s—t," he told me once.

"Oh, yeah," I responded, "When exactly did you ever do that?"

For better or worse, my kids will take the lessons I didn't even know I was teaching and build on them. They'll be better at parenting than I've been. Exactly as it should be.

When I congratulate a new father I invariably say, "It's the best job in the world."

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In the Past

100 Years Ago June 19, 1924

The week of June 9th to 14th was Dairy week in Bottineau County and 5 dairy picnics were held at Kramer, Bottineau, Overly, Lansford and Loraine. These meetings were in the form of Dairy picnics and were put on under the auspices of the various Co-operative Shipping Associations working in cooperation with County Agent Aamodt. The association also held their annual meetings in connections with the picnics. Approximately 1000 people attended these meetings and a great deal of interest was shown.

Both rural carriers Larson and Nesting had considerable difficulty in making their rounds Thursday, owing to the heavy rain. Both had to be hauled out of the mud at least once.

Last Friday a ball game was played here between Brander and Westhope. Brander won by a score of 11 to 1.

90 Years Ago June 21, 1934

About the Metigoshe Fish Story: The Ward County Independent has the following to say in an "editors note" in connection with the 22 pound pike supposed to have been caught by Ed Ehr at Lake Metigoshe: Editors note: since writing the above, it has been learned that there are a number of discrepancies in Ehr's "fish story". The fish does weigh 22 pounds, it is 42 inches long and it is the largest fish every caught in Metigoshe. Furthermore it was brought to Minot by Her, who is going to mount the head. A "little bird" informed The Independent that Ed didn't catch the fish at all, but that it was caught by a fellow who lives up at the lake. It was caught under the bridge in about two feet of water, by means of a three point grappling hook built for that purpose. Just what Ed paid for the fish he wont tell, but for several days he was the envy of all other disciples of Izak Walton in the northwest.

G.A. Williams, proprietor of the Bottineau Bakery, was in town Wednesday on business. They recently added a new truck to make deliveries in.

The local Customs Patrol unit are now driving a Model A Ford, replacing their Chevrolet which is being offered for sale.

Ford Prices are Down- Detroit, Mich, June 21. Reductions of \$10 to \$15 in list prices of 1934 Ford V-8 passenger cars and \$10 to \$20 in list prices of Ford V-8 commercial cars and trucks were announced last week by the Ford Motor Co. effective Friday June 15th. The price reduction on the standard and de luxe Tudor Sedans, most popular individual models in point of sales is \$15. Prices of other standard and de luxe body types were reduced \$10., except prices of the Roadster, Phaeton and Cabriolet de luxe types which remained unchanged.

80 Years Ago June 22, 1944

Ray F. Johnson completed a deal last Thursday whereby he becomes the sole owner of Phipps & Keen Elevator at Dunning. Mr. Johnson has managed the elevator for some years and has had a half interest in it. In the deal this week he bought the half interest owned by B. C. Phipps who is now in California.

Work was started Monday putting a new front in Benthagens store building. Preliminary work was being done and cement was run Wednesday. When completed this will be another big improvement on Main Street, and Mr. Benthagen is to be congratulated.

The OPA has put a ceiling price on used cars whether sold by dealers or private individuals. The ceiling is at levels which prevailed January 1. Specific dollars and cents prices have been set for various regions; here for example, a '42 deluxe Ford sedan would have a ceiling of \$1,065 'as is' or \$1,281 by dealers on a warranty basis. These prices are down quite a bit from what many 1942 models have sold for locally in recent months.

We understand several have recently caught bullheads at the mouse river east of town.

The hilarious stage hit at last hits the screen- Rosalind Russell, Brian Aherne, Janet Blair in 'My Sister Eileen' at the Arcade Saturday and Sunday.

We noted A.N. Baumann and Alfred Christensen starting out for the Mouse River Tuesday to do a little fishing. They were looking for a good sized trailer to bring their catch back in, but we don't know if their luck was that good or not.

Double feature stage and movie show at the Westhope Community Hall Sat. night June 24th. Latest war pictures will be shown in addition to the regular stage program.

Henry Jensen was in Antler Wednesday evening and attended a

meeting of the Antler Masonic lodge at which four candidates were initiated to the Fellowship degree. They were Jake Dyar, M.D. Nelson, Tennes Tofteland and Lloyd Haugh.

70 Years Ago June 17, 1954

According to the figures of city assessor Ernie Loughman, the population of Westhope at this time is 552. This does not include certain persons in transient manner who are not assessed here. According to these figures the population of Westhope has taken a slight drop since 1950 when the federal census put the figure at 575.

The city has begun an engineering project to drain away the water which has been accumulating on the second block of main street. Surveys have indicated there is sufficient drop to the north and culvert are being put in along the edges of both sides of the street and the water will be drained to the north edge of town near the park.

Cardinal Drilling Co. has announced the site of a new oil test north of Westhope. This well will be just south of the Canadian border, nearly opposite the Canadian customs house, located on the same 40 as the U.S. Customs house. The location of this test, the No. 1 Winona National and Savings Bank, is SE SE 27-164-80. This is a northwest offset to the Ward- Williston Gorder No. 1. Alden Thompson, tool pusher for Cardinal, told the Standard that loading of the rig from its present site at Duneith, would start today if field roadways were not too soft.

The Soo Line and Great Northern railroads have asked the public service commission for permission to discontinue their joint agency service at Omeme, in Bottineau county. The commission set the proposal for hearing at the Omeme depot June 30. A hearing will be held July 1 at the depot at Eckman on the Soo Lines application to discontinue agency service there.

The Westhope baseball team played at Oxbow, Sask. Sunday in their second game of the season. In their first game they lost to Lansford 9 to 0 and lost No 2 at Oxbow 4 to 0.

50 Years Ago June 20, 1974

The Lesje Lutheran Church, rural Roth, will celebrate its seventy fifth anniversary beginning Friday June 28th and continuing through Sunday, June 30. Former pastors will be speaking at each of the five services scheduled to be held.

WANTED- Three speed transmission for 1964 Tempest Pontiac, also Baby Walker.

Charles L. Rotzien a representative of the Minot Office of the Social Security administration will be in Westhope, Wednesday June 26, 1974 at 1:30 pm at the Fire Hall.

Notice for tryouts at Sawmill Playhouse second production "Barefoot in the Park" Sunday, June 23, from 2-5 and 7-10 at the Theatre. Everyone is welcome to attend either of the tryouts.

35 Years Ago June 21, 1989

After knocking on more than 1,300 doors, Dwight Pfeifer has officially opened his investment office for business at 104 West 11th Street in Bottineau. During the past 10 months, Pfeifer has been going door to door to introduce himself to the community and the residents of Bottineau county.

On Friday, June 23, beginning at 4 p.m. with a social hour, Mount Rose Township of rural Lansford will hold their Centennial picnic at the Geo. Hanson Farm, in case of rain, at the Scott Sagsveen farm. At 5 p.m. a potluck supper will be held with buns, meat, beverage and ice cream furnished. Bring your own chairs and dishes. A program is planned and anyone having 'roots' in the area is most welcome to join the fun.

25 Years Ago June 16, 1999

Westhope Garden Club met June 10th at the home of Vivian Hulse. The flower show has been set for August 19th at the Senior Center. The July meeting is a surprise breakfast for Arles Hatlestad as hostess.

The Village Family Service Center received a gift of \$90,000 from the estate of Joe Krzcbetkowski. Krzcbetkowski, insurance agent and longtime community leader of the Bottineau community, died in August, 1998. He was a strong supporter of agencies and programs to support children and families.