

A Grade Beyond The Grave

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James E. Webb was my first cousin, neighbor and friend. James was about ten years older than me. At the age of 23, he became my junior high school teacher. I had him for classes in the seventh and eighth grades.

Growing up, he taught me chords on the guitar and mandolin. Once, he even put up a basketball goal for me to practice on behind my grandparent's chicken coop. He also coached our seventh and eighth grade basketball teams. Through my young teenage years, James was a teacher, a coach, a mentor, a neighbor, a dear first cousin and so much more. He made an electric guitar for me. That was the first of many, many hand-crafted instruments he would make for others, which were mostly banjos and mandolins.

When I was in the eighth grade, James gave me an A+ on a poem I wrote. That was the only "plus" I ever received from him in school. He once gave me a C because I failed at memorizing all of the 23rd Psalm. However, the A+ for the poem was an encouragement to me to keep writing and, for better or worse, I have been writing my entire life.

Mr. Webb, as he was affectionately known by hundreds of endearing students, recently died. His funeral was on February 14th. Loved ones and admiring friends paid their respects through various songs and testimonies. Sadly, I wasn't able to attend.

Years ago, I wrote a book titled Grandpa's Store, Reflections of my Childhood. The book has been around for a few years and has even been out of print for a while. Recently, it was restored back into print. One week after Mr. Webb's funeral, on February 21, I was reading over the information about Grandpa's Store on Amazon.com and to my astonishment there was a very nice review left by Mr. Webb about my book. He was mentioned several times in the book because he was raised by my Grandpa and Mama Hinkle. He was a central character in Grandpa's Store. He told me once that it was a good book. I was relieved to hear him say so. Yet, somehow I missed his written review on Amazon.com.

The review was an A+, five-star review with lots of info, insight and affirmation. I put my laptop down and wiped tears from my eyes. Mr. Webb was giving me a final parting grade from the grave. Of course, he always got the last word. Because he was ten years older, a coach and a school teacher, all I could do was nod my head and agree with whatever he said.

The review that Mr. Webb wrote was written several years ago. It was surreal that I didn't read it until one week after his funeral. I guess God knew that's when I needed to read it. What he wrote came at the just right time.

I hope that we can all think about what words we might say. What actions we might do that might be a meaningful word to those who left behind. Something we might write or say or do today might be just what they need to hear from us, from the grave.

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Yesterdays... From the files of the LaMoure Chronicle

100 Years Ago
February 25, 1926

Nearing the end of the basketball season, the LaMoure high school team is planning on taking part in the sub district tournament at Jamestown as one of the six teams entered in this elimination contest. The four games to be played will occur on Friday evening commencing at 7:45 p.m. and on Saturday evening commencing at the same time. All will be played at the Jamestown college armory. The teams are LaMoure, Oakes, Ellendale, Jamestown, New Rockford and Kensal.

The two winning teams at this tournament will take part in the district tournament next week at Valley City, meeting two other teams out of the other section of this district to decide district championship honors.

School notes, Berlin; Tuesday morning the high school agriculture class visited the North American Creamery which is operated by Mr. Cloke. Here they observed how milk and cream are tested.

The primary and intermediate rooms are decorated suitably for the birthdays of Washington and Lincoln.

Mildred and Pearl Larson were absent from school a few days last week because of illness.

Frank Rasmuson returned last Friday by auto from California, just one lap ahead of the snow storm. He said that the roads were fine all the way back and that the poorest piece of road he found on the entire trip was the five miles near the county line outside of Monango. He reports seeing many of the LaMoure county people out in the western state, and that they were all interested in news from LaMoure. Mr. Rasmuson reports that he had a very little car trouble, and that after he arrived here he figured that the Buick had traveled just 21,500 miles since last April, which is some mileage. And with the exception of one day Mr. Rasmuson has been at the wheel himself during all the miles that the car has traveled.

50 Years Ago
February 26, 1976

The LaMoure Loboes had four players in double figures as they piled up a 88-51 score over the Ellendale Cardinal Friday. The victory gave the Loboes a 19-0 record for the season.

An early morning fire destroyed the unoccupied house owned by Duane Lauf Friday. According to reports the fire was discovered by Air Force personnel returning to report the fire was discovered by Air Force personnel returning from duty about 5:25 a.m. The men turned in the alarm and then went to the house to determine if there was anyone inside.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Larson are the parents of a daughter, Jane Mary, born February 20 in Ellendale Hospital. She weighed 7 lbs. and joins two brothers, Eric and Carl.

25 Years Ago
February 28, 2001

The 25th anniversary of the 1976 LaMoure Loboes state Basketball Champions will be celebrated at the Friday, March 16 state Class B Basketball game held in Minot. The team will be acknowledged between the evening game.

The Lobeo Cheerleaders, under the direction of Wendi Martin, took 3rd place in the District 5 Cheerleading Competition. The Cheerleaders are Amy Frauenberg, Ashley Lacina, Heather Rodin, Grace Daugherty, and Amanda Hagebock.

Jenny Lacina, Daughter of Jody and Susan Lacina has been accepted at North Dakota State University for the fall semester of 2001. She is accepted with distinction because she is an honor student at LaMoure High School. She has been active in volleyball and on the annual staff. She is a member of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America.

10 Years Ago
March 2, 2016

An incredible blizzard struck LaMoure county Wednesday at 10 a.m. and raged until Saturday night without a let up, increasing in ferocity steadily until Saturday morning, and then tapering off a little.

LaMoure school closed at noon Wednesday and got the kids home, which was a good thing as it was a moment to soon. Thursday about half the businesses in LaMoure didn't operate, and Friday only two or three were open. Saturday about half were open.

Winds raged as high as 60 miles an hour steadily for days (75 is hurricane force.)

Laura Nelson brought her business to LaMoure, swing in and say hi or make appointment at Short Cut.

	FEB. 21	PB	Jackpot
	27-28-36-48-49	21	4 \$190,000,000
	FEB. 18	PB	Jackpot
	9-38-52-64-66	1	2 \$168,000,000
	FEB. 14	HB-5	Jackpot
	2-4-7-49-51	9	2 \$15,230,000
	FEB. 11	HB-5	Jackpot
	2-14-28-41-51	2	2 \$15,180,000
	FEB. 14		Lucky Ball
	14-17-30-43-48		10
	FEB. 13		Lucky Ball
	6-18-21-35-39		12
	FEB. 13		
	34-40-49-59-68	1	\$385,000,000
	FEB. 10		
	5-25-30-36-68	6	\$366,000,000

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Kulm Lions Club BAKED POTATO LUNCH

Kulm Community Center
Sunday, March 1st
from 11 AM to 2 PM.

Raffle drawing for prizes, a Pie/Dessert Auction and Bingo will be featured.

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Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, February 25, 2026 at 9:00 AM
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Call to Order & Roll Call
Additions to Agenda & Approve Agenda
Approve the January 29th Minutes
Public Comment
Joint Water Resource District meeting with Barnes County
Review & Approve Bills
Correspondence
Other Business
Adjourn

Jenna...
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Staff and residents at Benedictine Living Community – LaMoure agree that Jenna brings a positive light to the facility. Kind, welcoming, and dedicated to quality care, she is already an incredible addition to the team. BLC-LaMoure is grateful to have her serving the LaMoure community.

Weather NDAWN - ND Ag Weather Network

DATE	TEMP. H/L	WIND	Rain
2/16	45/27	6/19	
2/17	42/32	17/32	.01
2/18	35/16	19/40	.31
2/19	16/2	21/33	.02
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2/21	8/-1	12/26	
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