

SERMONETTE

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Hello and I hope you are having a great week. Today is tax day, everyone's favorite time of the year. There is a passage in Matthew that deals with taxes and is the inspiration for today's message. "Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away. Matthew 22:17-22.

The Pharisees thought they would trick Jesus into saying something against Roman law so they could prosecute Him. They were basically asking if a Jew should give money to God or to the government. Jesus pointed out that currency had the face of the emperor on it and so they should give the government things that belong to the government and give to God what belongs to Him. This concept is something we can easily miss when we get too focused on the world and on money.

I often hear people complain that all the church wants is their money. There are a lot of churches that do put a big emphasis on tithes and offerings. Some of them do it because they are trying to meet their budget and don't have a lot of faith in God, some do it because they are greedy and have a wrong heart on things, and some do it because they truly believe in the blessings that God has for people that have a heart focused on Him instead of money and want to provide an opportunity for people to participate in funding the ministry and showing that they aren't ruled by money. The fact is, if every person at a church quit giving, God could still fund the church, but would He want to.

Having a mindset too focused on money was the problem Jesus encountered with the rich young man in Matthew 19. The man approached Jesus and asked what he needed to do to have eternal life. Jesus told him to follow the commandments and the man claimed he did. So Jesus decided to test the man and told him the one thing he was lacking is that he needed to sell everything he owned and give it to the poor. The man left sad because he was rich and loved his money. Jesus said it is hard for the rich to enter heaven, not because money is bad, but because rich people often have a love of money that is greater than their love for God.

God is not broke. He doesn't need our money. The bible says He owns the cattle on a thousand hills. Gold is so abundant in Heaven that it is used to pave the streets. He created the whole universe and everything in it. What does He need our money for? He wants us to show that He matters more. Any income we have, is because of blessings that He has given us. Are we willing to give a portion of it back to Him? If so, we will find ourselves even more blessed because of it. It might be material blessings, or it might be spiritual blessings. Either way, it is worth it.

Praying blessing over all of your lives, Pastor Matt Myers

Elementary volleyball teams do keep busy

It was a busy week for the Bearcat Elementary Volleyball team!

Monday, March 30 the team played their first home matches, hosting Richardton-Taylor and Grant County.

Grant County

First up was Grant County for the fifth and sixth grade teams. The fifth grade girls played excellently, and serving was the critical piece for the girls as they had 35 aces in the match!! They won the match handedly with set scores of 25-14, 25-12 and 15-5.

The sixth graders had a close match as some serve receive issues lead to some Grant County serving runs. After a first set loss of 24-26, the girls bounced back and took sets two and three with scores of 25-18 and 15-9, to take the match win.

Next up was the fifth graders

Brock City Senior Lunch Menu

Thursday, April 16

Hamburger on Bun, Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, and Pickle, Potato Salad, Coleslaw, Apple Slices

Friday, April 17

Chicken Cordon Bleu, Noodles, French Cut Green Beans, Mandarin Oranges

Monday, April 20

Roast Pork, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, mixed Vegetables, Fruit Cocktail

Tuesday, April 21

Baked Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Corn, Banana

Wednesday, April 22

Chili, Lettuce Salad, Fruit Cocktail, Caramel Roll

Thursday, April 23

Meatloaf or Liver and Onions, Baked Potato, Green Beans, Tropical Fruit

Friday, April 24

Stuffed Pepper Casserole, Carrots, Pineapple

Monday, April 27

Chicken Strips, Potato Wedges, Macaroni Salad, Apricots

who took on Grant County again. The team played consistently and won the match with set scores of 25-16, 25-15 and 15-11.

Richardton – Taylor

The fourth grade got into the action for the first time with a "true" fourth grade only match when they took on the Richardton-Taylor fourth graders. The girls played well with both serving and passing success as they took the match with set scores of 25-20, 25-9 and 15-13.

During the last matches of the evening, the fourth graders took on Richardton-Taylor again and came up short this time in a couple of close sets with set scores of 20-25, 14-25 and 15-13. The sixth graders took on Richardton-Taylor and had a great match, with some passing errors leading to a second set loss but overall had a match win with set scores of 25-20, 24-26 and 15-11.

Grant County

New Salem-Almont

Tuesday, March 31 the teams headed to Elgin to face Grant County and New Salem-Almont. First up was the Holsteins from New Salem-Almont. The fourth and fifth grade girls played well and ended up with match wins with set scores of 25-21, 18-25 and 15-9.

The sixth grade girls played well, but moments of serve receive errors lead to a match loss, with scores of 21-25, 14-25 and 10-15.

The teams next faced Grant County. The fourth and fifth graders again played well and ended up with a match win with scores of 25-16, 25-15 and 15-6. The sixth graders also played well, and took the match with scores of 25-19, 25-17 and 12-15.

Another Home Game

Thursday, April 2 the Bearcats rounded out the week with another home game in Glen Ullin with Grant County coming up for some matches. Success was achieved by all three teams, with the fourth grade starting off the night, playing well especially in the serving realm. They took the match with set scores of 25-6, 25-12 and 15-8.

The fifth grade girls were up next and played well with good serves and good passing. They won the match with set scores of 25-16, 25-15 and 15-10. The sixth grade girls closed out the night, playing well and they are really starting to pass well to the setter. They took the match with set scores of 25-16, 25-13 and 18-16.

Future Games

The week of April 6 the teams will head to Hazen and Flasher, the week of April 13 they are home in Glen Ullin Monday, April 13 and will head to Richardton on Thursday, April 16. They will then enter the last week of the season with one last home game on Thursday, April 23 and a couple of trips to Center April 21, 24 and 25.

Jacobson Memorial Hospital Care Center

ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday, April 28

Elgin Community Center

5:45 p.m. Meet Miss North Dakota Kennedy DeLap and enjoy a meal served by the Grant County High School junior class. Vie for some great prizes in a fundraiser by the Jacobson Memorial Hospital Foundation.

6:30 p.m. Business meeting with JMHCC updates and election of directors. Learn about the status of JMHCC! **Keynote speaker:** N.D. Department of Health and Human Services Interim Director Pat Traynor

NOTICE OF ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ON **THURSDAY, THE 28TH DAY OF MAY 2026,** ANNUAL ELECTION WILL BE HELD FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING THREE MEMBERS TO SERVE A THREE YEAR TERM. THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN AT **9:00 A.M. CT** AND WILL CLOSE AT **7:00 P.M. CT** OF THAT DAY IN THE MULTI PURPOSE ROOM AT THE HEBRON PUBLIC SCHOOL.

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Calendar of Events

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April 16 - Volleyball 5th and 6th Grade Triangular @ RT; JH Track Meet @ Hazen 1 p.m.; Varsity Track Meet @ Washburn, 12 CT
April 20 - JH Track Meet @ Beach 2:30 CT
April 21 - Elem. VB @ Center 4 p.m. CT
April 23 - Elem. VB @ GU 4 p.m.; Varsity Track @ Bowman 1 p.m. CT
April 24 - Fourth Grade Elem. VB Jamboree @ Center