

Dakota Attitude

Floyd McLeod

Interview: August 21, 2009 • County: Cavalier • City: Milton

Teaching the Children Honesty Is Vital

After graduating from high school in 1948, Floyd McLeod began his teaching career at Cavalier County's Tongue River Number One School, later known as Olga Number Seven. "When I first taught school in Cavalier County, there were 42 schools in the county. Now there are two, three with the parochial school in Langdon." Besides teaching in rural schools for five years, he also taught in Fargo and Milton. Although the schools are small, McLeod believes children can still get a good education. "The important part of education is learning how to educate yourself with the guidance of a teacher. Good study habits are also important." Floyd says that reading is also important, not just relying on the television as the

sole source of information. "My dad, as far as I'm concerned, was one of the most educated people I know, and he never went through the eighth grade. But, boy, he was well read. There wasn't much he didn't know as to what was going on in the world, and he didn't have TV."

Floyd married Doreen Thomasson in 1960 and they have three daughters.

When it comes to being a good dad, he believes that teaching his children honesty was vital. "I used to tell my kids, you can do anything you want to. If you get into trouble, when you come home, tell me about it. But if you one time tell me a lie and I find out it was a lie, I don't know if I can trust you again."



Every morning Floyd and his friends gather at the local senior center between eight and 10 for coffee. We take turns making coffee. "We sit around the table and drink coffee for a couple of hours," Floyd says. "Something to look forward." Asked what would happen if he would not show up one morning, Floyd says, "They would be checking up on you. If you have a doctor's appointment one day, you better tell them the day before. As everyone would be wondering where so and so were."

When asked if that was a good feeling, Floyd replies, "You betcha."

Archie and Loree (Anderson) Score

Interview: July 28, 2014
County: Richland
City: Dwight

The Cereal Box Signal System for Coffee

Born in 1930, Archie Score attended two country schools. "During the winter we had a sled that they took us to school on. [Dad] was very proud of his six pure white horses."

When Archie was about one, the family moved to Dwight, where his father established the Dwight Oil Company, which Archie later took over and ran.

Archie graduated from Wahpeton High School in 1948 and began a brief teaching career. "They were short of teachers, and the county, they'd give a test to you, and if you passed that test you could teach in a school. I passed the test and taught one year." Archie went into the Navy from 1951 to 1955.

In 1953, Archie married Loree Anderson, who was born in 1932 and grew up on the edge of Dwight. Her childhood memories are of her mother's cereal box signal system. "In Dwight, nine in the morning or three in the afternoon were coffee times. There were no phones then. Well, if you were going to [host] coffee, you'd put your cereal box on the window ledge. And then four houses



could see it [but one couldn't]. So you'd put up two boxes and that meant the lady that could see Mother's should tell the next person, 'Iola is having it today.' If the boxes weren't up, there wasn't coffee."

Loree graduated from Wahpeton High School in 1950 and got a teaching degree. "At that time," she says, "there were three [career choices]: you were either a nurse, a teacher, or a stenographer." Loree picked teacher but only taught a short while before following Dwight to Norfolk in the Navy.

Loree and Archie have three sons, six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. "I guess I wouldn't trade anything that went on in our life in Dwight for any big city," Archie says.

"Yeah," Loree says. "It was a great town. You know, it's kind of disintegrated so it isn't like it used to be. When the schools closed, that was a big loss. But the church continues being good." Both give the same advice to family: "Always have the Lord Jesus in your life."

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tifications. Contractors using any other means for obtaining plans and specifications must periodically check the QuestCDN website for any addenda. In addition, the Drawings and Project Manual may also be examined at the following locations: Brosz Engineering, Inc.

The City of Bowman reserves the right to reject any or all Bids and waive any defects therein.

Disabled persons needing assistance, please contact the Office of Auditor at least 72 hours before the services are required. For more information or for complaints about ADA compliance, call (701) 523-5716.

This project anticipates funding from the Drinking Water and/or Clean Water State Revolving Fund program. Bidder's attention is called to the SRF requirements in the bid package.

Bidders on this work will be required to comply with American Iron and Steel requirements of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2014. The

requirements for bidders and contractors under this regulation are explained in the specifications. Bidders are required to comply with Davis-Bacon prevailing wage requirements.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF SHARON KALISIAK, AKA SHARON R. KALISIAK, Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to Karen Froistad the personal representative of the estate, at 676 Norfolk Way, Aurora, CO 80011, or filed with the Court.

Dated this 21st day of May, 2026.
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Allan Martwick

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County: McHenry
City: Balfour

"I Got a List by My Chair"

"I guess farming was in my [blood] from the beginning," says Allan Martwick, who was born in 1943 and grew up near Balfour. "Before I went to school, I'd go out and play in the trees and make myself a farmstead with my little tractors and fences."

After graduation, Allan enlisted into the Army, and upon separation from service, he worked in road construction and drove over the road. Then he purchased the Martwick farm. Was the move to farming a good one? "Sometimes I wonder," he says, "When I was out in the field seeding or something and people'd go by with their fancy boats and campers, I'd think, 'Oh, I wonder if they're paid for?'" Although he started with just a quarter, Allan now owns "a fair amount of acres. One thousand."

Allan met his wife, Ellen, in high school, but he was a little shortsighted at that time. He laughs, "I guess I kinda overlooked her when I was in school. She remembered me, and I knew her dad and mom. I went over there one time after her dad died and bought



sheep. So that's how we got to know each other."

At 73 and retired, Allan is content to sit back and enjoy the quiet of rural living. "Nobody around, no neighbors hollering at me because I don't cut my grass. I don't have to get up in the mornings if I don't want to. I never did like getting' up in the mornings. I'd rather work until midnight than get up in the morning."

"I got a list by my chair [of things to get done]. It seems like that list don't get much shorter." What's on my list? "We haven't got our garden in all the way yet. Been messin' around a little bit with the sprayer; I don't know much about them, so that's time consuming. And I don't know—pretty soon we're gonna have to think about haying, and then I gotta bring the equipment up here from wherever it's parked and get things lined up for that. I like to sit in my chair and drink my coffee. Nine regular cups, then I'm getting close to ready."

Slope Electric Cooperative's annual meeting

Slope Electric Cooperative

Members of Slope Electric Cooperative are invited to attend the 2026 Annual Meeting of its members on Thursday, June 4, 2026. The meeting will be held at Slope County Fairgrounds, 2 North Main, Amidon, ND, at 5 p.m. Registration will end promptly at 4:50 p.m. and the meeting will be followed by dinner served by the Amidon First Responders and bingo.

Slope Electric members are welcome to explore an operations and safety booth to learn about the latest projects and work plans. In addition, members will have a chance to win prizes while playing bingo. Prizes include a Medora vacation package, Medora Musical tickets, energy credit, cash and other great prizes donated by Slope Electric's trusted partners.

This gathering will address pivotal matters concerning the cooperative's governance and provide an opportunity for

members to engage actively in the decision-making process.

The cornerstone of this meeting will be the approval of various bylaw amendments and the election of three directors. The following esteemed members have been nominated by the Nomination Committee, in accordance with the Cooperative's Bylaws:

- District 1: Angela Carlson, Regent; William Gion, Regent; and Charlotte Meier, Regent

- District 2: Steven Wegner, Reeder

Members can expect a comprehensive report from the officers and directors, detailing the cooperative's performance and outlining plans for the future. Additionally, the meeting will address any other business brought forth or any adjournment or adjournments thereof.

Slope Electric Luck-of-the-Draw Scholarships

In conjunction with the Annual Meeting, Slope Electric is pleased to announce Luck-of-the-Draw Scholarships. Three

\$1,000 scholarships will be offered to full-time students, and two \$500 scholarships will be offered to either full- or part-time students. All area high school students who are dependents of a Slope Electric member are eligible as well as any adult member enrolled in full or part-time college courses. If you are a dependent of a member you must attend the Annual Meeting, accompanied by at least one parent or guardian.

"We are excited to convene our members for the Annual Meeting and provide an opportunity for their active participation in the cooperative's governance," remarked Brooke Waltner, Manager of Member Relations at Slope Electric. "Additionally, we are proud to support the educational pursuits in our area through the Luck-of-the-Draw Scholarships."

For further details on the Annual Meeting and scholarship application process, please visit www.slopeelectric.coop or contact Slope Electric directly.