

The Manorette

JANUARY
2026

Thank You

Julie Rasmussen- Root Beer Floats
and wonderful movie idea!

United Methodist Women- Gifts
for all the residents

Helen Honstein- Christmas
Decorations

Salvation Army-Gift bags

Private donor-Christmas Cookies
for residents From Gabriel

Brad and Jeannie-Amaryllis
Flowers

Jolana and John Varga-Painting

Jeanne Gunn-Bingo Stuffies

Walgren Family-Flowers

Roger Dotson-Delicious Food
Trays

Happy New Year!

A bright, shiny new year, empty neat and pristine
Waiting, ready for us to get it right.
Another chance to love and forgive
Another chance to make a real effort to give more than we get.
Another chance to make a difference.

A good new year!

A Happy New Year!

HAPPY
new year



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Each new day is a blank page in the diary of
your life.

The secret of success is in turning that diary
into the best story you possibly can."

Douglas Pagels

Rest in Peace!
Leona Hamilton

9/17/1943-12/16/2025



A NEW YEAR

- * Renewed Hope
- * New Opportunities
- * New Adventures
- * New Ways to Give and Love.

*May this be
your best year ever!*

*Thank
You*

A special Thank you to
everyone who so
graciously and
generously gave to the
residents from the
Giving Tree!

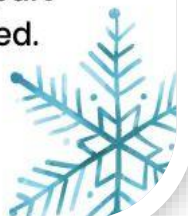


Dust of Snow

By Robert Frost

The way a crow
Shook down on me
The dust of snow
From a hemlock tree

Has given my heart
A change of mood
And saved some part
Of a day I had rued.



Happy January Birthdays!

Let's celebrate! Please send a card to:

7-Avis Summerville

8-Mary Wolvington

13-Kittie Woodden

21-Gene Sanchez

27-Jim Kern



Remembering
those we lost
in 2025



- 01/13-Vivian Ainslie
- 02/07-Adele Holsinger
- 03/25-Albert Landreth
- 04/26-Leanne Binger
- 04/28-Dottie Peters
- 06/26-James Smith
- 07/05-Phyllis Kearns
- 07/21-Cathleen Burbach
- 07/31-Marilyn Kutschara
- 08/12-Peggy Kuester
- 08/13-Dixie Stouffer
- 08/22-Celia Barth
- 10/02-Stephen Lecher
- 10/05-Edward Vodicka
- 10/31-Bonnie Hahn
- 11/14-Doris Scott
- 11/16- Donald Mink
- 11/22-Richard Roth
- 12/16-Leona Hamilton

The idea of making New Year's resolutions
is *very* old—thousands of years old!



Here's how it started:

- **Ancient Babylonians (around 4,000 years ago)**
They are believed to be the first to make New Year's resolutions. During a 12-day festival called *Akitu*, they promised their gods that they would pay debts and return borrowed items. If they kept their promises, they believed the gods would bless them in the coming year.
- **Ancient Romans**
When the Romans adopted the concept of a new year, they made promises to the god **Janus**, the two-faced god of beginnings and endings (and the namesake of January). They pledged to behave better in the year ahead.
- **Medieval and Early Christian Traditions**
Early Christians used the new year as a time of reflection—thinking about past mistakes and deciding to do better. This eventually blended into a more personal, secular tradition.
- **Modern Times**
By the 1800s and 1900s, New Year's resolutions became a cultural habit in Europe and the U.S.—less about religion and more about self-improvement. Today it's common to set goals for health, habits, finances, and personal growth.

In short: Resolutions started as promises to gods and evolved into promises we make to ourselves.

How to Keep Your New Year's Resolutions



From Playtime to Patents

January 17 is the day of the K.I.D.—that’s short for Kid Inventors’ Day. This special day honors Benjamin Franklin’s birthday on January 17. Most people know Franklin for his bifocals and experiments with electricity, but fewer realize that at age 11 he invented swim flippers for the hands.

But Franklin isn’t the only kid inventor. Perhaps the following inventions by kids will inspire you to take your own unique product from idea to “patent pending” (through the federal Patent Office).

In 1905, an 11-year-old boy from San Francisco named Frank Epperson stirred some sugary soda powder into water and left the mix outside all night. He awoke to discover it had frozen solid in the cold. When he licked it straight from the wooden stirrer, he knew he had accidentally made something delicious. The “Epsicle,” as he called it, was the first Popsicle.

On the last day of middle school, Sarah Buckel watched as a friend struggled to scrape off the glue used to stick posters and other decor to the locker wall. Over summer break, Buckel came up with a solution: magnetic wallpaper. Fortunately, Buckel’s father ran a magnet manufacturing company. In no time, her decorative magnetic wallpaper could be found at Staples, Target, and other large chains.

The list of young inventors doesn’t end there. Chester Greenwood invented earmuffs at age 15. Louis Braille invented braille, the alphabet for the blind using raised dots, at age 15. Hart Main, 13, conceived of a line of candles for men called Man Cans, offering “manly” scents like sawdust.

At 15, Param Jaggi had the idea to insert algae into a car’s muffler to eat up carbon dioxide before it entered the atmosphere. And Mattie Knight, dubbed “Lady Edison” by fans, developed a safety device at age 12 that became a standard fixture on looms.

How’s that for ingenuity? All of these kids prove there’s no minimum age for having an inventive spirit and leaving your mark in the world.



KID INVENTORS' DAY

(K.I.D.)

JANUARY 17TH



Happy Birthday





Merry
Christmas





Leona Hamilton

September 17, 1943 — December 16, 2025
Gordon



Leona Fae Hamilton was born in Montrose, CO on Sep. 17, 1943, to Walter and Lenore (Williams) Champlin of Ridgeway, CO. She was the middle of 3 children, remembering fondly times when money was scarce, but love of God and family grew in abundance. She died on December 16th from cancer. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Don, and her siblings Carol Owsley and Ray Champlin.

Leona grew up a Colorado rancher's daughter and met her future husband, Don Hamilton, in high school in 1958. She and Don were married on August 4th, 1963 and set a 60-year example of love and partnership for their children Sloan and Laura. Leona never lost her love for the San Juan mountains she called home as a child, but grew to think of the sandhills as the home of her heart.

Leona loved children and served as a Sunday school and VBS teacher most of her life. She also loved nature and animals, including the cattle, horses, Rottweilers, and poodles they raised on the ranch. Leona expressed her deep faith through poetry and the beautiful crochet work she gifted to others.

Leona is survived by her two children; Sloan (Colleen) Hamilton of New Hope, MN and Laura (Scott) Berndt of Lakeside, NE and her good boy Louie.

Grandchildren include: Nolan (Olaire) Hamilton of Casper, WY, SSG Tucker (Rebecca) Harris of Junction City, KS, Zane (Dayna) Hamilton of Chadron, NE, Christian Schultz of Minneapolis, MN, Colton Berndt of Lakeside, NE, Levi Berndt of Sidney, NE, Sevanna Berndt of Rapid City, SD, and Toby Berndt of Lincoln, NE as well as many grandchildren of her heart who called her "Ma".

Great-Grandchildren include: Finley Harris, Olaya Hamilton, Gunner Berndt, Eden Hamilton, and Harper Schwarting.

