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Marlene Kouba had a party for turning 90 with all children present on July 25.
Back row--Rory, Carson, Deanne, Lisa, Rena, Shan, and Morgan
Front row Shera, Marlene and Jess

Mike opened letter - hard cuz was shaking uncontrollably - would it - waited so long - heart beat faster as he sliced his knife through the envelope.

Accepted was all he could see- tears poured out so fast he was afraid the words would be washed away - -. Seemed like years that he had worked - talked - dreamed of taking his family to America - and now here was his proof.

Now the decisions began - what to take - would be going by boat - not much space for anything but what could be carried in a small bundle and clothes on ones back.

But - what did leaving all things behind matter - now his family would be going to a new land - new beginnings.

Taking one last look at the sod house his Grandfathers, grandfather had given to them - Mike remembered the tiny box - grabbed it - closed the door and family began their journey to a new land.

Boat ride - rough - tired children and many thoughts of was this the right decision - should we have just stayed where we were - finally Statue of Liberty arose out of the fog.

Mike and family settled in America, worked hard and now the extended family celebrate bringing families together.

Food, yummies - you name it - everything is possible but every time the highlight of the celebration is the tiny box that Georges Grandfather remembered to grab just before leaving one country to begin life in America.

Big screen in place - computer turned on- new technology allowed contents in the box placed in a saving mode and the movie began.

Desolate land - by a creek - man and woman looking over horizon - begin to dig - shovel after shovel - then one tiny seed placed in the ground. Now another hole dug - another seed placed in the ground - man and woman carrying buckets of water - seed begins to grow.

Years of hard work continued and soon one seed planted lead to many seeds - now more land dug up - more seeds planted and soon some odd looking green is growing beside the tiny seed.

Children watch the scenes in front of them for they too have been taught, from living on the farm, from helping their fathers - that the seeds of goodness spread but sometimes the weeds move in. Now what?

Lights flickered - computer stops. Electric pan-



els checked - nothing - storm clouds moving in - “Guess we'll finish this tomorrow.” and lights went out - “Guess it must be bedtime - laughed Grandpa George - been a fun day - see you in the morning.”

Wind howled - thunder crashed - morning eventually came - much excitement filled Grandmas kitchen as preparations resumed for the day.

Although ravaging wind, crops survived and rain brought a new smell of beauty to the land.

Evening finally arriving - everyone seated to watch end of movie - continues on to riding boat - Statue of Liberty - then the last picture - small black box.

Children love that part for they know in the box is another box and inside is a tiny little seed.

Every year Grandpa George puts in a new little seed and every year after the movie the children get to dig a hole- plant the seed and watch it grow - Grandpa calls it his **LOVE SEED** for he know that only love can conquer all the down falls of life and help the little seed grow - and if you plant enough seeds eventually you have a forest full of Christmas Trees.

(Good thoughts to cool off)

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Rich Wardner, Board Chair

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Schedule for
Sat. August 1
Sun. August 2

(M) 4:30 pm Sat.
(NL) 7:00 pm. Sat.
(R) 8:00 am. Sun.
(M) 10:00 am. Sun.

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Nurses Calendar
for August 2026
August 6th New England Senior Center 11am-1:30pm
August 13th Mott Senior Center 930am-1130am
August 18th Regent Senior Center 11am-1pm
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Dennis & Jan Bentsen & Family

Thank You!
Don and I want to thank Shawn Allerdings, Rex & Kolorada Eagon, Ryan DeMorrett, Cole Egeland, Connor Buchholz and Jacob Steiner, who helped us fight the fire in our pasture, started by lightening on Monday afternoon.
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Our family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the family and friends who attended Richard's service(s) this July.

Your attendance, cards, messages, and gifts were greatly appreciated as we celebrated Richard's life.

The Family of Richard Kalina
(Dianna, Michael, and Jeremy)

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Lemmon, SD

For the eighth year in a row, music series "Live at the Lake" will be held at Shadehill Reservoir. The outdoor concerts, to be held Saturdays in August from 6-8 pm, have been a big success for the past seven years. This year, new faces from the area will take the stage to offer up a fun variety of musical genres.

The line-up includes:

August 1 Nicole Kluck
August 8 Almeda Bradshaw
August 22 Harland Allen
August 29 Shaley and Les Lensegrav

The concerts will be held on Ketterling's Point at the day use shelter. People are asked to bring their own chairs or blankets to sit on and be prepared to spend a fun evening outdoors. The musical acts are sponsored by local businesses and individuals and are free to the public, but a SD State Park entrance fee is required. T-shirts will once again be available to purchase during the concert series.

Saturday August 15 will be the Thunderhawk Wide Open gravel bike race, with live music in the afternoon at the Kokomo Inn Sculpture Garden in Lemmon. All live music lovers are encouraged to come into town to enjoy food and music for the after-race party. No musicians will be at the lake on that date. For more information, call or text Judy Larson at 701-928-1195 or contact Placemakers via Facebook Messenger.

Group Information

Founded in late 2017, Placemakers creates a space for makers and do-ers to share ideas, collaborate, build relationships and use their varied talents for the good of the group and the community. Like their page on Facebook or follow them on Instagram by searching for Placemakers.

For more information,
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SPENDING: NORTH DAKOTA VS SOUTH DAKOTA \$\$

by Rich Wardner

There is a group in North Dakota that points out that North Dakota and South Dakota are similar in many ways, but North Dakota spends a considerable amount more for state government than South Dakota. It is true that North Dakota's State Budget is higher than South Dakota's State Budget. This group wants you to think that North Dakota's Legislature is spending out of control and wasting funds on frivolous projects and they could spend the states money more efficiently. It is always during election time that this

topic comes up and it is used as a political issue. It is not a political issue unless you don't know the facts. Keep in mind that North Dakota's budget is a two year budget and you have to divide it into two parts vs South Dakota's budget which is a one year budget. You would be surprised how many people don't know the difference in the two states budgets and that includes some legislators. The problem is that this group does not tell you the whole story about the two states and their budgets because they want to win elections and truthful facts are not important. I am not fin-

ished writing about taxes, but before I discuss property tax, I want to explain why there is a difference in North Dakota's and South Dakota's Budgets because property taxes are involved.

Remember there are three separate divisions in state budgets; General Funds, Special Funds and Federal Funds. I will be mainly zeroing in on the General Funds and Special Funds. In this article I will compare North Dakota's and South Dakota's top four General Fund Budgets. The fiscal year that is being compared is from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

Fund/Spending	North Dakota		South Dakota
	Two Year budget	One Year Budget with a 2.2% increase	One Year Budget
General Fund Totals	\$6,256.4 million	\$3,197.0 million	\$2,551.4 million
K-12 Education	\$1,709.6 million	\$ 873.6 million	\$ 734.2 million
Higher Education	\$ 884.9 million	\$ 452.2 million	\$ 317.7 million
Health/Human Serv.	\$2,277.6 million	\$1,177.4 million	\$1,050.1 million
Corrections	\$ 344.4 million	\$ 175.0 million	\$ 172.6 million
Remainder Spent	\$1,039.9 million	\$ 531.4 million	\$ 276.8 million

Fact #1: It is true that North Dakota will spend \$714.4 million more than South Dakota in this current year. \$630 million of the \$714.4 is property tax replacement by the state for K-12 education passed in the 2013 legislative session.

Fact #2: If the State of North Dakota in the 2013 legislative session had not taken 125 mill off (in today's dollars equals \$630 million) of the property tax payer for k-12 education North Dakota State Budget spending from the General Fund for k-12 education would have been approximately \$244 million. Who would have paid the \$630 million if the legislature had not acted to reduce property tax for property owners on k-12 education in 2013? The North Dakota property owners, that is who!

Fact #3: North Dakota's revenue sources are higher than South Dakota therefore North Dakota has to pay a higher **Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (F-MAP)**. South Dakota's F-MAP is 50.56% and North Dakota's is 52.91% this difference equals a \$53.5 million that the Federal Government has North Dako-

ta pay for the same services. This moves North Dakota to only \$73.8 million dollars more in Health and Human Services spending over South Dakota.

Fact #4: The difference between the two states in Higher Education funding is \$134.5 million. Dakota has six institutions of higher learning (2 - Research Universities and 4 - Four year Universities) and North Dakota has eleven institutions of higher learning (2 - Research Universities, 4 - Four year Universities and 5 - Community Colleges) There are two community trade schools in South Dakota, however they are not in the higher education budget.

Fact #5: Eight of North Dakota's higher education schools are in the constitution and the remaining three Bismarck State, Lake Region and Williston State were voted into the Higher Education System by the people back in the late 1980's. The legislature has in the past put two of the schools on the ballot to take them out of the constitution and give them a different mission, but the measure was defeated by the people.

Fact #6: The Effective Property Tax Rate in South Dakota is 1.11% and in North Dakota it is 0.99%. On property valued at \$300,000 in each state the South Dakota property owner will pay \$340 dollars more. If you live in South Dakota, you have a state budget that is less than North Dakota's, but you will pick up some of the difference on your property tax bill or you will just go without some services.

In conclusion if you factor in the \$630 million of property tax relief in 2013 and the difference in the F-MAP of \$53.5 million between the two states the overall difference is \$30.8 million. The state legislature can lower North Dakota's General Fund Budget by putting the \$630 million of school funding back on the property tax payers. I don't believe anyone wants that to happen. I am not done with the comparison between North and South Dakota's budgets. Next week I will compare the Special Funds. It is at least another two articles.

Note: Information for this article was taken out of the budget books of North Dakota and South Dakota.

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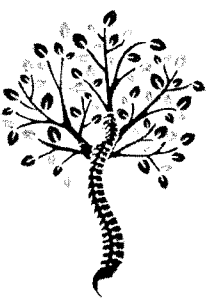


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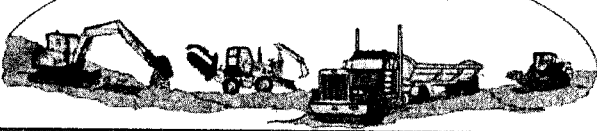
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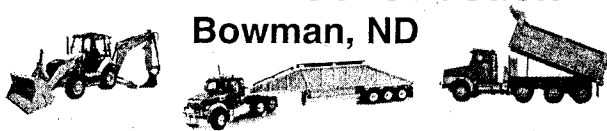
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Homegrown provider steps into new role at JMHCC

While Holly Gaugler's role at Jacobson Memorial Hospi-



tal Care Center (JMHCC) has evolved over the years, her commitment to community and family has remained constant.

Today, she dons her stethoscope for her community as JMHCC's newest family nurse practitioner (FNP), caring for patients at the Elgin Community Clinic as a truly homegrown provider.

"I'm invested. I grew up here. My family is going to grow up here," she says.

As a new provider at JMHCC, Gaugler joins Trevor Stavig, who is primarily in Elgin, Rhonda Schmidt, who is at the Glen Ullin Family Medical Clinic, and Maria Aune, who rotates to both clinics. Morris Duffy, Jurgen Weber and Paul Koppinger primarily provide emergency care. Dr. Steve English serves as medical director.

"I have the best team here right now, between all of the providers and Dr. English and administration. I know I'm immediately set up for success, because I have them helping me. They're all in my corner," Gaugler says.

The daughter of Bill Mosbrucker, who is also an Elgin native, Gaugler's path to JMHCC began at the steps of Grant County High School, where she graduated in 2009.

Her journey then took the Grant County native to Bismarck State College (BSC) for an associate degree in medical laboratory science, then she started her career at JMHCC's lab in 2012.

In 2014, she obtained an online Bachelor of Science degree in laboratory science from the University of North Dakota.

"I actually had started pre-nursing at BSC and you had to take a microbiology course. And the professor there was so amazing and I just absolutely loved microbiology. I ended up switching from pre-nursing to medical laboratory science," she says. "I loved that science world."

"I really enjoyed the lab. I loved the background science that goes on," she says.

Gaugler worked in the lab for seven years before transitioning to another part of JMHCC's care team, with a nursing degree in hand.

"I just saw the need for our hospital for nurses from the community. We were having a lot of travel nurses and when I walked into the ER on call as a lab tech, you could see patients just relax when they saw a familiar face. And I knew I wanted to do that as a nurse. I wanted

to give them that comfortability, saying, 'OK, I know they've got me,'" she says. So, Gaugler put her life into overdrive to accomplish that goal.

With the University of Mary offering an accelerated second degree Bachelor of Science in Nursing program, she was in the first graduating class of that 13-month program in 2019.

"That program was very intense," she describes. "My lab background was so incredibly helpful."

As she earned that degree, Gaugler continued working at JMHCC, going to campus Monday through Friday, then returning home on weekends to be on call in the lab.

In June 2019, Gaugler accomplished her goal of becoming a nurse, soon finding herself working on the COVID-19 floor during the pandemic and expecting her first child.

Then she saw another opportunity to help her community.

"The opportunity came up to be able to be the clinic nursing supervisor. So, after maternity leave, I came back and did that for a while. We just had so much transition of providers, and I could see the frustration in the community and the patients, wanting the stability. I'm like, 'You know what, that's something I could do.' I married a farmer. I know I'm not going anywhere. And I just love learning," she says.

So, she hit the books a third time, returning to college in 2023 to obtain her FNP degree through Bradley University for the three-year program.

And she continued nursing at JMHCC, working with Schmidt, Stavig and Aune to complete her clinicals.

"I am so thankful they are willing to take students, because they're all so busy with their patient loads. Having a student, you have to explain things more than if you were just going and seeing the patient on your own," she says. "I was very, very thankful I could do it here and keep working and stay with my family."

Gaugler is also thankful not only to have this career opportunity in her backyard, but to have a hospital nearby as well.

"If we wouldn't have our hospital or our clinics, we're driving 90 miles to go get healthcare. If my kids are sick, I don't want to drag them two hours to Bismarck. I don't want to wait two weeks to get in to

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see a pediatrician. I want to be able to drive to right here in town, have providers that I trust and know they care about my family more than just being a number on their schedule," she says. "And I just want to make sure that my community and my family and my friends have that option, too."

"My neighbors, my community, I want them to know we have a good team here. No matter who I see, I'm going to be happy with the care that I receive," she says.

As she began working as an FNP this month, she wants that same teamwork with her patients, too, from pediatric to geriatric care.

"I want to make it family centered, where the whole family comes in to see our providers," she says. "I want patients to realize how much we can actually do here."

Gaugler and her husband, Emery, have two children, and they farm near New Leipzig.

"I wouldn't be here without my support system," she says.

But JMHCC is her family, too.

"I love the relationships that I've developed with everybody that works here. It doesn't matter what position you're in, everybody is respectful of each other. Everybody cheers each other on," she says. "It's like being home."



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HETTINGER COUNTY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Hettinger County, North Dakota has position open on the Hettinger County Road Crew. This position will be full time with benefits and will include operating road-graveling equipment; knowledge of mechanical repair would be helpful. Possessing or the ability to obtain a commercial driver's license is a must for this position.

The successful applicants will be subject to all regulations pertinent to county employees as to workers compensation and county policies affecting the operation of county equipment.

This position will be open until filled.

Application (available at Auditor's office) or resume may be delivered to the office of the Hettinger County Auditor in the County Courthouse in Mott, North Dakota, or may be mailed to; Hettinger County Auditor, 336 Pacific Avenue, Mott, ND 58646 and should be marked road crew position.

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City of Mott Job Opening City Worker

The City of Mott has a job opening for a full-time City Worker. The job will be 40 hours weekly. Having or being able to obtain a Class B CDL, with Air Brake endorsement a plus. Must be willing to take training to become certified in State required water and wastewater classifications. Salary will be dependent on experience/qualifications.

You can send resume to:
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Job Opening
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You may also pick up a job description at City Hall, call Pam Steinke, City Auditor at (701) 824-2163 or request via email: citymott@ndsupernet.com. Resume submission/Application deadline is August 7, 2026 at Noon.

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As comedian Ron White so famously quipped, "You can't fix stupid". And, by that I specifically mean these folks who want to criminalize hunting/fishing or eating meat. Anyone who drives around our part of North Dakota knows that the pheasant, grouse and all species of deer populations are not being adequately thinned out anymore—toxic masculinity? I'm sorry but, it's simple observation and, although anecdotal, since 2018, these critters are off the hook everywhere on the roads up here. Which is why the Oregon ballot measure, Initiative Petition 28, was so bizarre. Over 125,000 signatures appeared on this ballot measure to absolutely ban (outlaw) all hunting/fishing/ranching in that state this year. People for the Elimination of Animal Cruelty Exemptions (PEACE) Actors touted that "If enacted, IP28 would extend the legal protections that keep our companion animals safe to animals currently on farms, in research labs, and in the wild—which would then protect those animals from slaughter, hunting, fishing, and experimentation."

Yep, hunting and killing fish/game would now be a crime in the Beaver State! PEACE, as always, deflecting that IP28 didn't actually CHANGE the definition of animal cruelty, it "simply changes who is protected under that definition." And, by change? It would now also be animal sexual assault used to prosecute ranchers who artificially impregnated their livestock for food. Because, after all, "the killing of animals as a strategy to meet our needs is a choice, and our campaign wants to propose making a different one."

Except your "proposal" literally meant that everyone (overnight) became a vegan or a criminal, right? Typical progressive—change the language, control the narrative and slide the craziness through the back door by mouthing, "These are not the droids you are looking for". It's the same suicidal empathy that I keep mocking—it's Bambi's momma, I can't eat her; I'll snuggle up to the grizzlies—they're my adoptive family; or, I'm sure that bison won't get upset if I pet her baby!

It's always the same gas-light! That's why I don't stand too close when these guys are pontificating...the vacuum in their head makes my ears pop. But, fortunately, this past Monday, the Oregon voters balked. Governor Tina Kotek stated she was relieved that IP28 failed to qualify for the November ballot. However, I don't listen to what they say, I watch what they do and, this mess came down to the wire. You see, PEACE claimed they got 142,000 signatures (comfortably exceeding the required 117,173) but, after two rounds of actual "verification", the Oregon Secretary of State's Office ruled that only 104,262 (73%) were valid. Doing the math that means 27% were bogus. Does that mean the progressives cheat at the ballot box? Because, at the end of the day, IP28 was never about eliminating animal cruelty. Oregon already had laws criminalizing that. It was simply going to strip hunting/fishing/ranching rights in that state. And, again, my proposition remains "You mind your own business and I'll mind mine." Ever think it will happen? Have a great week.

BIDS ACCEPTED FOR LEASING OF HAY LAND AT BOWMAN HALEY

Bids for leasing of hay land in the Bowman-Haley Recreation Area are being accepted by the Bowman County Water Resource District. The area being leased is the south side area of the dam and is approximately 300 acres. Hay shall be cut on or after August 1st, 2026. Only one cutting is permitted. **Hay shall be removed from the area by Sept. 15, 2026.** Bids should be in writing and submitted to one of the board members, Paul Fischer, 8306 160th Ave. SW, Rhame, ND 58651, Chanell Walby, Box 1109, Bowman, ND 58623 or Bowman Co. Water Resource Dist., 9706 137th Ave. SW, Scranton, ND 58653.

Bids must be received by August 10, 2026.

ALL BIDS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED WITH A CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF SAID BID. THE BOWMAN COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT WILL RETURN CHECKS TO THE UNSUCCESSFUL BIDDERS AND WILL RETAIN AND DEPOSIT THE CHECK OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER.

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"Business Boost Day" Initiative Starting in Bowman County

BOWMAN, N.D. — A new community-focused initiative from the Bowman Area Chamber of Commerce, **Chamber Business Boost Day**, will feature local businesses monthly and encourage residents to show their support through visits and purchases.

The first Business Boost Day will feature **Out West Mercantile on Thursday, August 6**, located at 18 1st St West in Bowman.

Each month, the Chamber will feature one locally owned Chamber business at random and invite the community to stop in, meet the owners and staff, browse products or services, and make a purchase. Featured businesses may also offer special discounts, promotions, or giveaways throughout the day.

Supporting a Business Boost Day can be as simple as stopping in on your lunch break, grabbing a few coworkers for an afternoon coffee or shopping break, or making the featured business one of your errands for the day. Even a quick visit, small purchase, or social media share helps create energy around the business and shows the power of shopping local.

Whether you spend \$5 or \$50, every dollar spent locally helps support jobs, strengthen our local economy, and keep our communities thriving. Business Boost Days are a simple, fun way for the community to come together and celebrate the businesses that make Bowman County such a great place to live, work, and shop.

Community members are encouraged to make Out West Mercantile part of their day on August 6 and help give the first Business Boost Day a strong start. Out West Mercantile will provide a variety of FREE samples.

Businesses interested in being considered for a future Business Boost Day are encouraged to contact Margo at 701-523-5880 or margo@swnd.org. The program is a free opportunity for Chamber businesses to showcase their products or services, connect with the community, and welcome new customers.

The Bowman Area Chamber of Commerce works to support, promote, and strengthen local businesses while helping foster a vibrant and thriving community in Bowman and the surrounding area.



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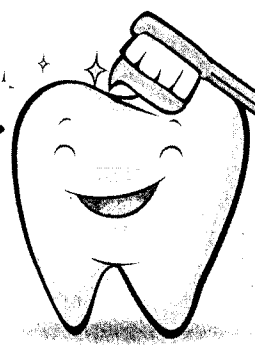
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Bowman Area Chamber Launches "Shop Chamber, Earn Local Rewards" This August

BOWMAN, N.D. — The Bowman Area Chamber of Commerce is excited to launch, its new community shopping promotion, **Shop Chamber, Earn Local Rewards**, running from August 1 through August 31, 2026. The program is designed to encourage residents and visitors to support local Chamber member businesses while earning opportunities to win Chamber Bucks.

Throughout the month of August, shoppers who make purchases at participating Chamber businesses can submit their receipts for entries into a drawing for Chamber Bucks, which can be redeemed at participating Chamber businesses throughout the community. At the conclusion of the promotion, three winners will be selected to win \$50, \$100, and \$150 Chamber Bucks.

How It Works:

1. Shop at a Chamber business.
2. Bring your receipt (or photo of receipt) to the Chamber office (13 E Divide) and fill out a short entry card.
3. You will be entered into a drawing to win Chamber Bucks!

Rules:

1. Receipts must have an August 2026 date.
2. Must spend a minimum of \$15.
3. If you bring in 3 receipts from shopping at 3 different Chamber businesses (must all be brought in at one time), you will get a fourth entry for free!
4. Wednesdays are 'Double Entry Days.' If you make a purchase on a Wednesday, that counts as two entries!

The Chamber encourages residents to take advantage of this opportunity to support local businesses while having a chance to win rewards that can be spent right here in the community.

Additional information for Chamber member businesses will be distributed via email in the coming weeks. Community members are also encouraged to follow the Bowman Area

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Shop local. Have fun. Win Chamber Bucks!



Cloud Seeding Operations Summary for July 20 - 26, 2026

BISMARCK, N.D. — Last week southwestern North Dakota experienced cooler conditions initially; however, an upper-level ridge dominated the latter half of the week leading to hot and dry conditions. High temperatures last Friday through Sunday soared above 100 degrees. Wildfire smoke from the western U.S. began filtering into the region.

In the District 1 operations area, which includes Bowman and part of Slope Counties, no operational flights were flown last week.

This week a couple weather systems should move through the upper-level ridge giving southwestern North Dakota slightly cooler high temperatures (mainly in the 90s) and chances for showers and thunderstorms. Although significant precipitation is not expected, cloudiness and wildfire smoke will help reduce the sweltering heat.

Radar facilities in Bowman operate around the clock during the NDCMP. Radar images can be viewed on the Department of Water Resources' web site at <http://www.dwr.nd.gov/arb>. The NDCMP will continue through the end of August.

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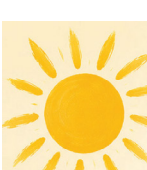


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8:00 am

10:00 am - 6:00 pm

3:00 - 8:00 pm

4:00 pm

6:00 pm

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8:00 am

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9:30 am

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1:00 - 3:00 pm

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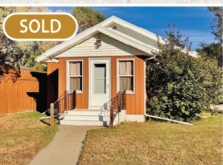
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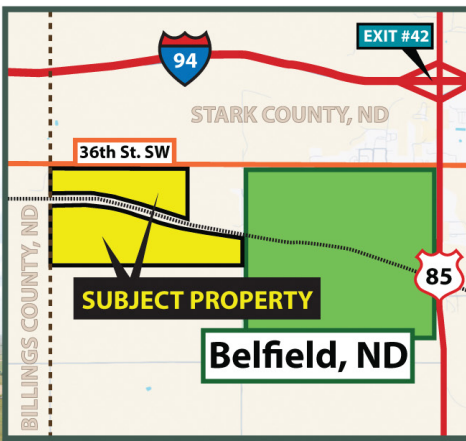
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The hearts of everyone at Mott Health Care Center are overflowing with gratitude after the tremendous success of our 3rd Annual Burgers in the Backyard and Pie Auction Fundraiser. Once again, our amazing community came together with incredible generosity and enthusiasm to make this event one to remember.

This year's pie auction featured some outstanding favorites. **Banana Cream Pie** was the top seller in the live auction, while **Blueberry Pie** earned the highest bid in the silent auction. Peach, Pecan, & Rhubarb Pie along with cheesecakes were also popular!

One of the highlights of the evening was a beautiful handcrafted wooden rolling pin created by **Rob Larson**. Using wood from a tree that had been removed from the Mott Health Care Center backyard, Rob turned the rolling pin on his lathe and donated it for the live auction. In an incredible display of generosity, **Commercial Bank of Mott** purchased the rolling pin and then immediately donated it back to be auctioned a second time. Thank you for your kindness and community spirit!

A huge shout-out goes to our amazing pie bakers, whose delicious creations were truly the stars of the event. This year was especially memorable as two of our newest bakers were just **9 and 11 years old**. Their great-grandmother, who celebrated her **94th birthday** the day after the fundraiser, was our oldest pie baker, while her grandson did the auctioneering—making this a wonderful multi-generational family tradition.

We also extend our sincere appreciation to everyone who volunteered their time and talents. From gathering pies and setting up tables and chairs to cleaning up afterward, your willingness to help made the event run smoothly. Thank you to our outstanding grillers for serving up delicious burgers and hot dogs, and to our energetic auctioneer for keeping the bidding lively and the crowd entertained.

A special thank-you goes to our dedicated Mott Health Care Center staff, who ensured that excellent care continued for the people who call Mott Health Care Center home while also helping make the fundraiser a success.

This event would not have been possible without each and every one of you. Whether you baked a pie, donated an auction item, volunteered, bid enthusiastically, or simply joined us for an evening of great food and fellowship, you made a meaningful difference.

Wow! What an incredible community we are blessed to be a part of. On behalf of everyone at Mott Health Care Center, thank you for your continued support, generosity, and commitment. We are truly grateful and look forward to seeing you again at future community events!



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I'm hoping to get into the pool today. Yesterday it was too hot to be out there, even in the pool.

I'm getting ready to welcome my darling niece Sonya for a visit. It'll be an adventure for the California girl. She's looking forward to sharing the North Dakota lifestyle and exploring the wonders of the prairie. She's wants to pet a cow!

She's really my cousin but her mom (my dad's baby sister) grew up with us and was more my sister than my aunt. Thus; Sonya calls me Aunt Kathy.

In recent days we lost a longtime friend Bev Wolff. Bev and her late husband Darrel have treated me like family for as long as I've been in North Dakota. Auntie and Uncle to me and mine, I loved and appreciated both of them.

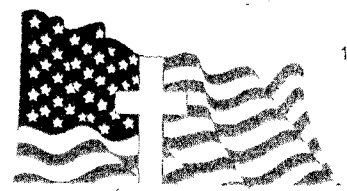
Bev never stopped missing Darrel these many years he has been gone.

She was devout in her faith. I have no doubt that they are together again in heaven. There is a sense of peace when one of God's children is called home. We know our loved ones are fine and blessed. They have gone home. It is those left behind who grieve.

We have been blessed by many in our lives.

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Donna Jean Wruck Rites

Donna Jean Wruck, 81, passed away on July 13, 2026, at Baptist Health & Rehab in Bismarck, North Dakota.



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A memorial service will be held at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in New Leipzig, ND; at 10:00 AM (MDT), on August 1st 2026. A Celebration of Life gathering, will be held at the New Leipzig Community Center following the church service. A private family burial will commence following the community gathering.

Donna was born on March 16, 1945, at the Elgin Hospital to Reinhold and Lydia (Wegner) Hintz. She was baptized at Immanuel Lutheran Church in New Leipzig, North Dakota, and attended New Leipzig Public School, graduating with the Class of 1963. During high school she was a cheerleader, and she made friendships that lasted a lifetime.

On December 31st 1973, she married William (Bill) Wruck; and together they built a life they were proud of. Mom worked alongside Dad through planting and harvest; and the most bitter of winter months. She kept a tidy home, vegetable and beautiful flower gardens, raised her family, and somehow always found time to help someone

else. She wasn't happy unless she was busy.

She is survived by William (Bill) Wruck; her children, Cheryl (Rick) Holmen, Douglas Juras, Jeff Wruck, and Billi Jo (Aaron) Ramsdell; grandchildren Brent Gaugler, Brock Gaugler, Stephanie Gaugler (Eric Loring), Ashton (Michael) Callan, Jordan (Hannah) Wruck, Jade Wruck and his fiancé Jordan Seelye, Jaxon Wruck, Joel Wruck, Ayden Ramsdell, and Lydia Ramsdell; great-grandchildren Willow Van Tongren-Gaugler, Charli Gaugler-Loring, Bridger Wruck, Sterling Wruck, McKinlee Seelye, Raelynn Seelye, and Easton Seelye; her sister, Kathy Hintz; brother, Dave Hintz; Aunt Gertie Werner; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and close friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her brothers, Robert and Kenneth Hintz; and her sister, Erna "Toots" Ellison.

Our family would also like to recognize Cheryl and Doug's extended family in Richmond and throughout Michigan. Mom loved you dearly, and we know how much you loved her in return.

Mom learned the value of hard work at an early age, and she carried it with her throughout her life. She helped on the family farm, cultivated and plowed summer fallow, drove grain trucks during harvest, and never hesitated to pitch in wherever she was needed. Later, she cared for others while working at the Good Samaritan Nursing Home in Mott and Missouri Slope in Bismarck. Families often shared how much her kindness meant to them- it was simply who she was.

Those who knew Mom as a young girl remember that same caring person. She was always willing to lend a hand, share what she had, help the

other girls with their hair, and fill every gathering with laughter. She never sought attention and never thought she was anyone special. She just enjoyed making others feel welcome.

If she wasn't in the field, there was a good chance she was outside "putzing" in her flowers or tending the garden. She loved watching things grow and took pride in raising vegetables that would feed our family all winter long. Harvest meant canning apples, plums, chokecherries, tomatoes, and cucumbers with her mother Lydia and Mother-in-law Selma. Every spring, fresh lemons and oranges from Arizona were juiced and frozen so there would always be homemade lemonade on hot summer days. The kitchen was another place where Mom showed her love. Our family always looked forward to her strudels and pork ribs, chicken and dumplings, meatballs and mashed potatoes, chocolate chip cookies, lemon meringue pie, and apple crisp. Nobody ever left her table hungry.

Mom enjoyed bowling, shooting pool, playing darts, a good game of pinochle or rummy; whether it was with neighbors, family, or the grandkids. Winning was fun, but spending time together was the most fun. Mom and Dad also loved taking drives through the countryside, checking the crops, looking at cattle, and just enjoying the day together. Summer vacations to the Black Hills, Yellowstone and Big Sky Montana were something we always looked forward to.

The winter holidays always ensured us to spend time with our cousins, aunts and uncles. Talk about a feast! Our family sure knew how to cook, with everyone bringing their own special something to the table. We took turns on the snowmobiles with our cousins, blazing through the pasture land and on the frozen ice of the Cannonball River. We never seemed to have enough sleds or toboggans to fly down our snow-covered hills. So, as cousins are known to do; we just fought over them! We can still hear Uncle Kenny's voice yelling to us across the pasture; "You kids knock it off, or there's going to be trouble!" After we all had too much to eat, the parents played cards while we cousins got into more mischief. Whether the holidays were at the Hintz farm south of NL, Aunt Kathy's in Bismarck, Aunt Toot's in Lemmon, Grandma Hintz's in NL, Uncle Sam's farm, or Gertie and Ester's in Elgin; we always took the time to gather as a family.

Mom was one of New Leipzig/Elgin's biggest fans. Whether she was in the stands, listening on the radio, watching on television, or following along on her tablet, she rarely missed a football or basketball game. She was proud of our hometown and loved cheering loud for the team.

She never forgot a birthday or anniversary, and always kept in touch with family and friends; via messenger, text, voice mes-

sage or that ever special phone call. She was known for sending weather updates before the storms rolled in. It was her way of letting everyone know she was thinking about them.

Those who knew Mom will remember a woman who never looked for attention. She was kind, dependable, hardworking, and always willing to help. She found happiness in simple things—a garden in bloom, a card game around the kitchen table, a drive through the country, and having her family together.

We will miss her every day, but we are thankful for the life she lived and the example she set. The traditions she started, the meals she shared, the work she did, the love she gave; will remain with us always. We love you, Mom. Thank you for everything. May God hold you in His loving arms until we meet again.

Doug Plummer Rites Held

Funeral services for Doug Plummer, 90, of Mandan, ND, formerly of Baker, MT were at 11:00



MT am, Tuesday, July 28, 2026 at Stevenson Funeral Home in Baker. Burial followed at the Bonnievale Cemetery.

Visitation for Doug was held from 3:00 to 5:00 pm MT, Monday, July 27, 2026 at Stevenson Funeral Home, Baker.

A Celebration of Life took place at 7:00 pm CT, Thursday, July 30, 2026 at the Mandan Eagles Club, 1400 Collins Ave, Mandan, ND 58554.

Doug passed away on Friday, July 17, 2026 at his home in Mandan.

Douglas Duane Plummer was born on May 4, 1936, in Ollie, Montana, the son of Patrick and Edna (Berg) Plummer. He grew up in the Ollie area and attended school there before graduating from Baker High School in 1953.

Following high school, Doug attended Montana State University in Bozeman, where he earned his degree in Civil Engineering in 1957.

Doug married Myra Corbitt in 1957, and together they welcomed three children: Sherry, Keith, and Kevin. He began his career as a civil engineer with the Federal Highway Department. During his career, Doug and his family traveled throughout 25 different states while working on highway projects.

Following his retirement in 1982, they moved from Mandan to Baker. Doug returned to the Ollie area after his father passed away and took over the Pat Plummer ranch. Myra passed away in 1989. Doug married Judy Schuler in 1990 and together they made their home in Mandan.

From an early age, Doug was a gifted athlete. He competed in rodeo, riding rough stock, and was also active in steer wrestling during his college years. He had a lifelong passion for horses, raising many outstanding horses over the years. He was deeply

involved in 4-H and served as a Sunday School teacher. Doug was also recognized as an expert witness in highway design and was instrumental in helping bring horse racing back to North Dakota.

Doug was a member of McCabe Methodist Church in Mandan, the Bismarck-Mandan Elks, and served on the Mandan Rodeo Board. Above all, he treasured his family and especially loved attending his grandchildren's sporting events and activities.

Doug is survived by his wife, Judy Plummer of Mandan; children, Kevin Plummer of Baker, MT, Keith Plummer of Mandan, and Sherry Plummer of Dickinson, ND; stepsons, Cory (Lisa) Glaser of Bismarck and Jayme (Amyee) Glaser of Bismarck; sister, Loretta (Harold) of Fairview, MT; grandchildren, Justin (Jessica) Plummer, Sheyenne (Jake) Hovick, McKenzi Plummer, Skylar Ehley, Kylee Glaser, and Kady Glaser; great-grandchildren, Wade, Weston, Brynlee, Tenley, Everly, Bentley, and Mavrick; along with numerous extended family members and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Patrick and Edna Plummer, and his first wife, Myra Plummer.

Bernice Olivia Hess Rites Held

Bernice Olivia Hess passed away Friday, July 17, 2026, at her home in Belle Fourche, SD.

Bernice was born May 18, 1937, in Hettinger, ND, to Ole Lysne and Bergetta Ekemo Lysne. She spent her early years on the family farm in the Lodgepole area south of Hettinger. After country school, Bernice attended and graduated from Hettinger High School. She attended business college in Rapid City, SD, before going to Northern State College in Aberdeen, SD, where she earned her teaching certificate.

Bernice married Pete Hess, and they made their home in Lemmon, SD. She was a stay-at-home mom to Lori, Perry, and Barry. When they were older, she took a job in the Lemmon school system. She went on to become a license insurance agent with Lutheran Brotherhood. She thoroughly



enjoyed meeting and helping her clients, which created lifelong friendships. After moving to Belle Fourche, SD, she returned to substitute teaching in the Belle Fourche and Sturgis School districts. Running into past students always gave her great joy and great stories. Bernice was always very active in the Calvary Lutheran Church in Lemmon serving as president of the ELCA. She got involved with local elections as an Election Poll worker in Belle Fourche as well.

"Grandma Bernie" adored her grandchildren and great grandchildren! She loved to see them as often as she could. A typical snow day would find her drying snow suits for Brandon and Quillan when they were young so they could get back on the hill by her house, but not without a snack first. She would never miss a grandparent's day with Sami and Lindi during their elementary years. And if Kris and Tara were having a bad day Grandma Bernie would say "It's time to go shoe shopping."

Bernice was preceded in death by her parents, Ole and Bergetta, husband, Pete, son, Barry, brother, Alan Lysne, and nephew, Jimmy Lysne.

Grateful for sharing her life are her daughter, Lori McNeese (Sherman Crabill), her son, Perry (Andrea "Andi") Hess, her brother, Jim (Paulette) Lysne, her six grandchildren, Brandon McNeese, Quillan (Meg) McNeese, Sami Hess, Lindi Hess, Tara Potter, and Kristina Hess, 14 great grandchildren, one great great grandchild, her nieces and nephews, and her special companion and beloved dog, Charli.

A Visitation was held Monday, July 27th from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at Kline Funeral Chapel in Belle Fourche.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 28th at 10:30 am at St. James Lutheran Church in Belle Fourche. Interment followed at Pine Slope Cemetery in Belle Fourche.

The funeral will be livestreamed and can be viewed on Bernice's obituary page at klinefuneralchapel.com

Arrangements are under the care of Kline Funeral Chapel. An online guest book and video tribute is available at klinefuneralchapel.com

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Rites Held for Robert G. Anderson

Robert G. Anderson, 88, formerly of Ludlow, SD, passed away in July 21, 2026 in Rapid City, SD.

Funeral Services for Robert were held on Wednesday, July 29, 2026 at 1:00 pm at the Harding County Community Center in Buffalo, SD. Pastor Mike Smith and Pastor Tim O'Shields officiated with burial following in the Bowman Cemetery.

Per Robert's wishes, the



family asks for No flowers please.

There are people whose lives are measured not by the places they traveled, but by the ground they faithfully cared for. Robert Gene Anderson was one of those people.

Robert passed away peacefully on Tuesday, July 21, 2026, at Monument Health Home+Hospice House in Rapid City, South Dakota, surrounded by the family he loved so deeply.

Robert (Sonny to his friends and neighbors) was born March 8, 1938, in Buffalo, South Dakota, to Clara (Evenson) and Waldemar "Wally" Anderson. He joined older siblings Arlene and Benny, and in 1944 proudly welcomed his little sister, Betty. Except for the final months of his life, Robert spent his entire life on the family farm and ranch in Harding County—a place that shaped him and, in turn, was shaped by him.

Growing up during the Depression and wartime years meant life was seldom easy, but Robert rarely spoke about hardship. Instead, his stories were filled with family, neighbors, laughter, and adventure. One favorite memory came from first grade, when he and his brother Benny encountered a coyote while walking to Lanesboro Country School. Convinced

the coyote intended to eat him, Robert turned and ran for home until Benny caught him and calmly explained that if the coyote caused trouble, they would simply feed it their lunches instead.

At just fourteen years old, while still in the eighth grade, Robert's life changed forever when his father died in 1952. Overnight, he became responsible for operating the family farm. He also worked neighboring farms and ranches to help support his mother, Clara, and his younger sister, Betty. Those early responsibilities forged the character that defined his entire life: dependable, humble, resilient, and willing to do whatever needed to be done without complaint.

After Clara's death in 1968, Robert "batched" for two years before meeting Vicki Overland in Bowman, North Dakota. Their romance moved quickly. When Robert proposed, he simply asked Vicki whether she'd like to attend his niece's upcoming wedding as his girlfriend or as his wife. Vicki chose "wife," and the two were married on an exceptionally hot July 12, 1970, at Sunset Chapel. It was the beginning of a partnership that would span fifty-six years.

Together they built a life centered on faith, family, farming, and community.

Robert believed deeply in caring for the land. Long before conservation became a common conversation, he was practicing soil-friendly farming methods, planting thousands of trees, and looking for ways to improve the prairie for future generations. He helped establish the Ludlow Grazing Association Cooperative, a co-operative grazing operation that became an important part of his life's work until his retirement in the 2000s. In 1972, he was recognized as Harding County Conservationist of the Year, an honor he always remembered because the banquet took place the evening after daughter Julie was born.

Farming was never simply an occupation—it was a way of life. Robert balanced grain farming with raising cattle and farrow-to-finish hogs while also caring for chickens, horses, cats, and dogs. The horses were working partners. The dogs were companions. Every animal mat-

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Among them all, one faithful Australian Shepherd named Sporty held a special place in his heart. Sporty remained Robert's constant companion and will be buried beside him.

Julie arrived in 1972, followed by Todd in 1974. Their childhood wasn't measured by vacations or amusement parks but by branding pens, hay fields, harvest, trailing cattle, and countless hours riding in tractors. As they grew older, Robert proudly handed them the tractor keys and trusted them with real responsibility. Through everyday work, he quietly taught lessons about honesty, perseverance, stewardship, and keeping your word.

Robert never forgot where he came from. He remained especially close to the Evenson side of the family, particularly his beloved Aunt Edith, whose land he farmed for many years. Following Clara's death, Robert's aunts looked after him with love, making sure the house stayed clean and the laundry got done. Robert, however, had already become a remarkably capable cook, proving there wasn't much he couldn't figure out for himself.

Robert believed that being part of a community meant giving back. He was a charter member and officer of Sons of Norway Smaa Fjell Lodge 4-557 and was active in Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Ludlow, the Ludlow Fire Department, the Dakota Territory Car Club, and numerous agricultural organizations. For nearly twenty years, he faithfully drove the Northwest Regional Library Bookmobile, covering a 200-mile route each month to deliver books and friendly conversation to people across Harding County. Whether volunteering, helping a neighbor, or mentoring younger farmers, Robert quietly lived by the belief that communities thrive when people are willing to serve one another.

Perhaps nothing delighted Robert more than remembering history. He possessed an extraordinary memory for names, dates, places, machinery, and people. He could recount the arrival of electricity, telephones, and indoor plumbing in Harding County as though it had happened yesterday. He remembered nearly every car, truck, tractor, and piece of equipment he ever owned or drove, along with who bought it, sold it, or borrowed it. Family members often joked that if Robert couldn't remember something, it probably hadn't happened.

In 2001, Robert faced cancer with the same quiet determination that had carried him through every challenge in life. Two years later he was diagnosed with an extraordinarily rare cancer involving his sciatic nerve, becoming one of the first ten known patients with the disease. At Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, he underwent groundbreaking treatment, including a stem cell infusion using his own cells. Every birthday afterward became especially meaningful, and on March 3, 2026, family and friends joyfully celebrated what they called his "22nd birthday"—twenty-two years of life made possible through hope, faith, medicine, and perseverance.

In August 2025, Robert and Vicki moved from the ranch to Rapid City so they could be closer to medical care. Leaving Harding County after more than eighty-seven years was not an easy decision, but home was never simply a place. Home was wherever family gathered.

Those who knew Robert will remember far more than the work he accomplished. They will remember his quiet wisdom, his dry sense of humor, his willingness to lend a hand, and his gift for telling stories that preserved the history of western South Dakota. They will remember a man who measured wealth not by possessions but by family, friendships, good neighbors, healthy livestock, fertile soil, and the privilege of watching another South Dakota sunrise.

His legacy lives on in the land he cared for, the family he loved, the stories he preserved, and the countless lives made richer because he was part of them.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents, Waldemar "Wally" and Clara Anderson;

his brother, Benny (Ardy) Anderson; his sister, Arlene (Bud) Larrabee; his baby siblings Joy and Joyce (1933), Donald (1936) and Katherine (1943), his brother-in-law Bill Austin. He is survived by his beloved wife of fifty-six years, Vicki; daughter Julie (Jason) Erickson; son Todd (Jana) Anderson; sister Betty Austin; grandchildren Lexi (Adrian) Bailey, Kyle (Meghan) Erickson, Braden Kline, Haley (Nate Johnson) Erickson, Tate Erickson, and Ella Anderson; eight great-grandchildren; brother-in-law, Everett (Christina) Patterson, many cherished cousins, nieces and nephews; and his faithful cats, Callie, Daisy Mae, and Buddy Lee.



Reflections on the Words of Life

by Pastor Paul Ferrie, Grace Reformed Church of the Lord Jesus, New Leipzig

Last time we began looking together at 1 Peter 4:1: "Therefore, since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind, for he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin." We saw that on the cross, Christ bore the penalty for all the sins of all His people. When anyone puts his or her trust in Christ alone for the forgiveness of sins, that one is placed into union with Christ. Being in Christ is the believer's position. Though Christians continue to sin and will

do so until the flesh is put off in death, we can also say that we have ceased from sin because God views us positionally as being one with Christ. And the day is coming when believers will no longer commit sin at all.

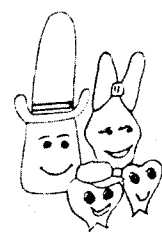
There are many important lessons and applications in this verse. Peter is here encouraging believers to think according to what is true of us in Christ. He is telling Christians to remember that we have a new identity. As the apostle Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 5:17, "Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come." We now have new Master, who has bought us with His blood. We read in 1 Corinthians

6:19-20: "You are not your own. For you have been bought for a price: therefore glorify God in your body." We have a new relationship with our Creator. No longer are we estranged from Him, but are now His beloved children. 1 John 3:1 declares, "See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God." We have a new security that nothing can separate us from. Jesus said in John 10:28, "And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand." We have a new destiny of unending joy, as we read about in John 5:24: "Truly, truly, I say to you, the one who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life." As believers in Christ, we have God the Holy Spirit living inside us, as we read of in the first part of 1 Corinthians 6:19: "Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God?" In and of ourselves, we are powerless to live up to the high calling of the Christian life. But the Holy Spirit is infinitely greater than our weak flesh. He can enable us to do what as unbelievers we could never have begun to do. He can give us the desire to be holy, and He can give us the power to be holy.

Believers, all these blessings described should give us a basis and a motivation for leaving behind an ungodly past. In the case of unbelievers, the main resistance they have against sin is fear of unpleasant consequences. But having become believers in Jesus Christ, we have undergone a gigantic change as described above. Being recipients of such marvelous grace should make us desire to live in a way that pleases our God and to think it most undesirable to go on living in the sinful ways of our past. May God enable us to arm ourselves with these thoughts and seek Him for daily grace to become more and more in practice what we are in position.

If you have never trusted in the Lord Jesus Christ and are not the recipient of the wonderful blessings we have considered, please don't wait. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved," Acts 16:31.

Don't say, "If I could, I would." Say instead, "If I can, I will."



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for the Week of August 4 - 7

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Tuesday, August 4 - Tater tot Casserole, Southwest Corn, Blushing Pears, 1 Whole Grain Bread, Milk

Thursday, August 6 - Pork Roast, Rosemary Potatoes, Green Beans, Pineapple, Corn Bread, Milk

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Why does God let bad things happen to good people?

Jason Bullis
Synod Authorized Minister
Bowman Lutheran Church

Why does God let bad things happen to good people? Maybe you've wondered about this yourself, or you know someone who has. I hear it often from people who are looking for help when they've reached the end of their rope, when it seems like life has dealt them more trouble than anyone deserves. It's a fair question, but it's a difficult one to answer.

In 2009 my younger brother was in a horrific car accident. Eighteen months later he passed away in a nursing home. A month later I had to put my beloved dog Deacon down. Three days later my dad died. Ten months after that my good

friend and mentor was shot and killed while responding to a domestic assault call we had responded to. It was one thing after another. Every time I felt I was starting to get back to "normal", it seemed another tragedy was just around the corner.

I really felt like the world was out to get me. I found myself asking "How can God let this happen", "what have I done to deserve this". I even found myself questioning if God was even really there.

These moments aren't the time to point out that actually, none of us are good, all of us deserve far worse as we are all broken sinners. These are the times when we aren't looking for judgment but instead hope.

The people who gathered in Matthew 1: 24-30, 36-43 were not much different than us today. They were watching the rich get richer and the poor get poorer. It seemed evil was flourishing while the good suffered.

This gospel is the parable of the weeds in the wheat. To summarize, it tells how difficult

it is to separate the weeds from the wheat. If you try to pull the weeds too soon, you may not be able to distinguish the weed from the wheat. If you wait too long, it's too late to uproot one without damaging the other. At face value, it tells us that pulling weeds can cause more harm than good, and destroy the crops.

Think of the field as the world and we are either the wheat or the weed. As people, why should we not pull the weeds we see choking out the good around us. Why does Jesus tell us to "leave them until the harvest"? This is because we aren't good at telling what is wheat and what are weeds. The weeds sometimes are hard to distinguish from the wheat or the roots have become so twisted in each other that it is impossible to pull the bad without hurting the good. At the end of the day we may feel helpless and questioning where is God and his judgment when we need it most.

While we are waiting for God's judgment day to come, I ask that you look inward to your own identity. Is it growing in God's grace? Are you sharing that grace to others? Are you centered in Christ so that nothing can uproot you? Can others tell if you are wheat or weeds by the way you choose to live your life?

Do we let God be the judge or do we, like the servants in the parable, try to pull the weeds, to decide who is worthy to live in God's kingdom? But that is not our job. God will take care of this in his own time.

In the parable, Jesus is inviting us to turn away from the mindset of scarcity into Christ's abundance. As we receive this grace, we can share it with others. Let us nurture those around us so they can grow strong roots in faith and together grow in Christ. This week let our goal be to show that God's kingdom is alive in you.

We all go through seasons of hardship and seasons of joy. Life will bring both tears and laughter, but through it all, God is with us. He never leaves us in our struggles, and He rejoices with us in our blessings. No matter what season we are in, we can trust that His love and presence remain the same. While we wait for God to pass his judgment, let us stand tall as wheat amongst the weeds.

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New To The Area?
Bowman County Elementary NEW STUDENT Registration for the 2026-2027 School Year.

Registration to enroll NEW students in PreK-6, both Bowman and Rhame campuses will be held

Tuesday, August 4th & Wednesday, August 5th
9:00am - 12:00pm & 1:00pm - 3:00pm

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August 10-11

9:00 – 3:00 PM * New Families to the District & Wildfire K-12 Information Packet Pickup

August 12

9:00 – 3:00 PM * Gr. 10-12
Only if you have changes or questions

August 13

9:00 – 3:00 PM * Gr. 8-9
Only if you have changes or questions
10:00 – Noon * Concussion Testing, Gr. 7, 9, & 11
11:30 AM * 7th Gr. Orientation

August 17

Gr. 7-12 Locker List Posted!
4:30-6:00 PM *Community Back to School Picnic & K-6 Locker List Posted!

August 19

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August 21

3:30 PM * Last day to make schedule changes, Gr. 7-12

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Second Wednesdays of Most Months • Bowman
Southwest Healthcare Auxiliary will meet on the second Wednesday of April, May, June, Aug., Sept., Oct. & Nov. at 1:30pm at the Sunrise Village. Anyone is welcome to join.

First Monday of Every Month • Bowman, ND
Bowman Lions monthly meeting and dinner at 6:30 p.m. at Bowman Lodge and Convention Center

Second Monday of Every Month • Scranton, ND
Scranton Lions monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center.

Second Monday of Every Month • Scranton, ND
City Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall

Second Tuesday of Every Month • Bowman, ND
Southwest Cancer Survivors support group for anyone touched by cancer. 4:30pm • Bowman Regional Public Library • All are welcome to attend our meeting.

First Thursday of Every Month • Bowman, ND
NOTICE TO ALL VETERANS: Post 48 Local American Legion invites and encourages you to join our meetings. Back of the Crystal Bar at 7pm. For more info call Tom Bakken, Adjutant, 701-440-8364.

First Tuesday of Every Month • Amidon, ND
City Council Meeting at 8:30 a.m.

Every Wednesday • Scranton, ND
Scranton TOPS meet at 9:00 a.m. in the Community Center.

Third Wednesday of Every Month • Bowman, ND
The Bowman/Slope Community Cupboard is open from 3pm-5pm. No referrals necessary.

Last Monday of Every Month • Check "Be the Light" on Facebook for the monthly location
Be the Light Suicide Support Group • 6:30pm. Everyone Welcome.

If you have a nonprofit, community event you would like published, free of charge, on the Area Monthly Community Events Calendar, Send them to: Eido Connect, PO Box 97, Bowman, ND 58623 by 4:00 p.m. Wednesday.

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Thoughts for the Week

by June Schmidt

Well hopefully you have all survived the extreme heat that Mother Nature granted us last weekend. For our area, this doesn't happen very often, which is a good thing, but it does take a lot out of everyone just to endure that kind of a situation. What's really amazing is that once the temp drops down into the mid 80's, we all start to cheer and perk up when ordinarily, once it hits that limit we are running for the air conditioning or a cool drink. I guess we are just not acclimated to that kind of heat, even if the joke says 'its a dry heat' when we are going through the hot spell.

If you are my age, or close to it, we didn't have air conditioning when I was growing up and most homes didn't. But we always had that friend who had it and suddenly, we were the best of friends and wanted to spend all our time with them. But seriously, we were young and we found lots of ways to 'beat the heat' back then. The

pool was a big thing, but not all of us had access to it if our parents didn't take us or we didn't find a ride, so we had to find other ways to stay cool. There were always popsicles to cool us down or maybe a slice of cold watermelon did it and if things really got bad, we just laid down on the floor in front of the fan with a book until the temps dropped. At night when it was warm the fan worked overtime with the windows opened and blankets were down to just a sheet. Being young, we were able to sleep through pretty much anything.

Nowadays, most homes are equipped with air conditioning and unless you are young, mostly we don't have the energy or the desire to leave our homes even to go to the pool, which is something our town is lucky to have. Thank goodness we have a Park District that maintains a pool and the people that volunteer or are hired to be there to take care of it and those that work as lifeguards in that hot atmosphere are a blessing on a hot day. Hopefully, there are enough people to

support them by buying tickets and taking their kids or themselves to the pool. For the rest of us, we pretty much hibernate in our homes for the duration of the heat and thank goodness it doesn't hang around that long in our part of the country.

For those of you that have to go out to do chores, take precautions to carry water with you and try to do what you need to

do before the heat hits for the day or at the end of the day when it's cooling down. There is a reason that those countries that experience this type of heat on a regular basis close up for business during the heat of the day. It's hard on your system and puts you in peril of heat stroke if you aren't practical and make sure you are doing everything right. If you know of someone that is elderly and has no family, take a minute to give them a call and make sure they are ok as heat stroke can happen easier to them since our regulators don't act as efficiently to remind them that they need to stay hydrated. And if you plan something that takes a lot of effort and is exhausting, make sure that you don't do more than you should. Unless it's an emergency, most things can wait until the heat spell is over. You are worth more than getting the job done and most things will still be there when it's more practical to do them. God Bless you All.



RECIPE OF THE DAY

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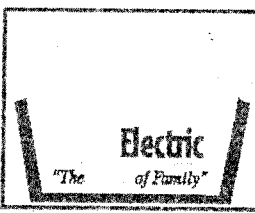
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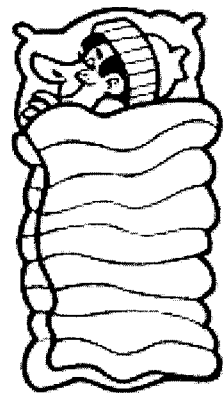
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