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Cousins meet for the first time.

Eido Connect's
Philosophy for 2026

Different "The Example"

Jocie, beautiful tiny baby - what a gift, what a perfect life lay before her. Born to a wealthy family - much love - called the richest family in the world for they lacked nothing.

Jocie grew - educated - everything was perfect. She had friends, much love from family and reached the age of college - not a challenge for her - scholarships - you name it - she had it.

College was an advancement to her life long dream of climbing Mt. Everest - Dream came true and the arrangements - equipment - friends - everything in place.

Fourth of July celebration - group would leave next day - picnic - perfect evening - looking at the astonishing - brilliant display of lights, Jocie danced around - full of joy - tripped.

Jocie woke up three days later - the fall had hit her head - she could see - but the fall had some way or another - took her hearing and voice - could move her mouth but no sound came from her mouth.

Silence filled Jocies world - voice - hearing all gone - doctors, specialists - every possible avenue was checked out - healing workshop - you name it - the family did it.

Jocie could see - but the rest was gone - sadness filled Jocies family, friends - community. Questions of why - why would this happen to such a loving vibrant young lady - why to such a loving, caring family. The community was filled with questions.

Her story circulated the area and others, too, began questioning - why - why - everyone questioned except - Jocie.

She knew her dream of Mt. Everest no longer existed, she knew she could no longer hear the voices of little children's laughter - or hear the birds sing - maybe no longer have the job she desired - but Jocie could see - and for the first time she saw beauty she never knew existed.

Warking early she marveled at the colors of the rising sun - the magnitude and brilliance of the sun bursting though the horizon.

She noticed the flock of birds - flying through the air - never running into each other - how could they be so close - never touch or fight - only allowing the air to guide them.



One day on Grandfathers farm watching the baby lambs, all she good do was smile - watching their playful spirit, she remembered when she and her siblings use to have that same playful spirit - one was not more important than the next - didn't matter who was younger or older - only love existed.

When shopping with her friends she chose to sit and watch the people - some in a hurry - some unhappy - some frustrated - seeing their faces she noticed the lives of anger - love - it was easy to see.

She saw the beauty of a Canola field - noticed how much her community had to offer - the list was endless.

Jocie realized things she never would have dreamed possible - her life continued and the more she saw the wider her smile.

Jocies accident left an impression on her community - one she would never dreamed possible if not for one small tripp - they learned in adversity - never give up - keep moving ahead and you to will be the example your community needs to see.

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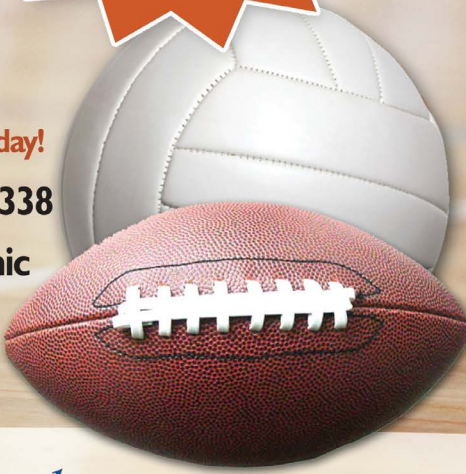
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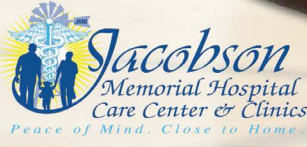
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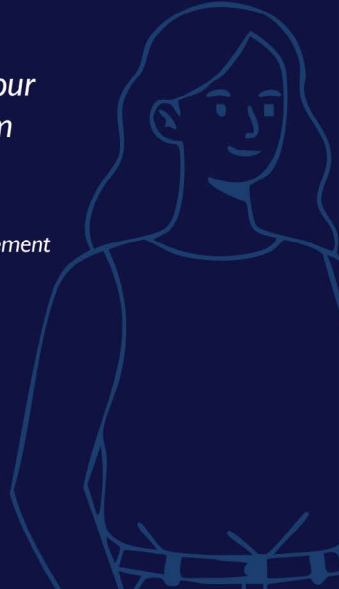
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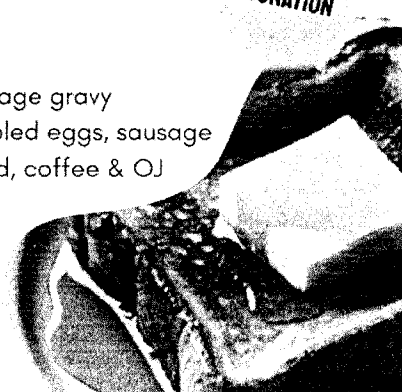
**We all benefit from a better economy - -
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SUNDAY
BRUNCH @ DPEC
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Sunday, July 12th
9 AM - 12 PM

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w/biscuits, scrambled eggs, sausage
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Mott Food Pantry
FOR MOTT AREA ONLY
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Friday, July 10, 2026
12:00 Noon until 1:00 PM
Any questions call 824-3209

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The Gift Shop and the Historical Museum along with other Regent businesses are involved with the construction on main street. There is no question that it will cause disruptions to the business community but when it is done it will be great thing for the community. Those of us who are involved with the Enchanted Highway are focused on up grading the sculpture sites. We will be using this time to finish the kiosk signs along with some additional signage to bring more visitors to Regent.

Those visiting that want to stop at the Gift Shop for ice

cream or a souvenir can drive the alley and park in the back area of the Gift Shop. This past weekend it was all about Theodore Roosevelt and how he dealt with controversy at the opening of the TR Presidential Library in Medora and we too need to stay focused on the future and see the benefits of the street project. Our motto is "Teddy Rides Again" and when the construction is completed Regent will be an improved community and we all ride again.

Rich Wardner,
Board Chair

St. Vincent's
St. Henry's
St. John the Baptist
Catholic Church
Schedule for
Sat. July 11
Sun. July 12

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

Safe Sitter Class
August 1

A Safe Sitter Class is being planned for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, in Elgin for babysitters who are 12 years old or older.

Sponsored by Jacobson Memorial Hospital Care Center (JMHCC) and the New Leipzig-Elgin Ambulance Service, the class teaches essential safety and childcare information as well as first aid for watching siblings or babysitting.

There is no charge for the class, which will be limited in size. The class will be held at JMHCC.

Preregister by Monday, July 20, by calling JMHCC EMS Director Cary Kehr at 584-2792, ext. 298.

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July 10-12

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~ NOTICE ~
The Hettinger County
Museum in Regent
will be
CLOSED
for the month of July
due to street repairs.

The Annual meeting will be held
August 2nd, 2026
at the Enchanted Castle at 1 pm

Mott Public Library
Hours

Monday - 10 am - noon - 1 pm - 4 pm
Tuesday - 10 am - noon - 1 pm - 2:30 pm
Wednesday - 10 am - noon - 1 pm - 2:30 pm
Thursday - 10 am - noon - 1 pm - 2:30 pm
Friday - Saturday - Sunday CLOSED

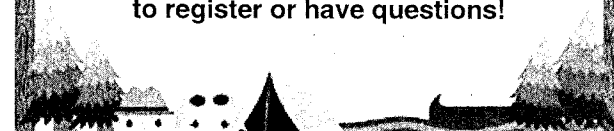
SUMMER CAMP

Hettinger County
Farmers Union Day Camp
(day class)
Sat., July 25, 2026
Mott Legion Hall (Courthouse)
9 am to 2 pm

Bring a sack lunch
Anyone from completed grades 1 - 12

Must register by or before July 15
so we have enough supplies

Call Nancy at - 701-690-1933
to register or have questions!



**Instead of looking at what's wrong,
look at everything that is right!**

Remember "The struggle" is the struggle to better yourself, to change, and to grow with courage and patience

65th Wedding Anniversary Party

Dennis & Jan Bensten

Saturday,
July 18, 2026
2 pm - 5 pm
Hettinger
Lutheran Church
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Hettinger, ND 58639
No Gifts Please!



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North Dakota Community Foundation Awards 50 Grants to Food Pantries to Celebrate its 50th Anniversary

Bismarck, North Dakota . . . The North Dakota Community Foundation (NDCF) is celebrating its 50th anniversary by awarding 50 grants to food pantries across the state.

"When we discussed how best to celebrate this organization and its impact, we wanted to do something meaningful that furthered our mission," said Steve Lipp, President & CEO of NDCF. "Providing grants to food pantries all across the state and in some of our most rural areas was a perfect fit."

NDCF partnered with the Freeman Foundation in the endeavor. The Freeman Foundation is committed to fighting food insecurity across the nation and provided the funding for the grants.

Food pantries receiving grants and the community in which they are located in North Dakota are as follows:

Name of Food Pantry City
Amidon Community Cupboard
Amidon
Belfield Medora Food Pantry
Belfield
Bowman Slope Community Cupboard
Bowman
Glen Ullin Community Food Pantry
Glen Ullin
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Listening...what a good idea! This past week, I have been driven crazy by folks who simply can't stop talking long enough to listen. I mean, after all, you are paying me to tell you what you NEED to hear; not what you want to hear; and, doesn't that, at least, imply you need to "listen". As a neuro atypical, I can tell you that we get overstimulated quite easily. Imagine someone standing right next to you and dragging a nail across a chalk-board. Annoying, right? Well, multiply that by about 1,000 and, that's how frustrating it is to talk to a "normal" person and, after giving advice or direction, they simply re-phrase their last remark and repeat it back over and over again. Makes you wanna keep hitting yourself in the head with a hammer because it feels so good when you quit, like my grandpa Luther used to say, right?

My dad got that thru to me at an early age through karate at age 6. It's why I stuck with it for over 63 years. In both karate (and football I suppose), what happens if your lips are always moving and that keeps your ears turned off so you can't listen to the coach? You get punched, kicked, thrown, tackled, blocked or run over! Cause and effect, said Scottish philosopher Da-

vid Hume in the 18th century. If your lips are moving...you're not listening. If you're not listening, you can't learn. If you can't learn, you are doomed to repeat the same thing over and over again. Sort of like driving your go-cart off the road and into a ditch after my dad said the steering strut I used wouldn't work. He didn't yell, he would always just say, "What did we learn from that?" I never did that again... that's what!

If someone had told me as a teenager that someday I would be a responsible adult, particularly, with a law enforcement career, both me and my homies would have laughed until we cried. But, one thing is sure... I was raised to listen because for actions, there are consequences and, I prefer to learn from YOUR mistakes and, try to avoid mine. In addition, if you're a boss, you're not paying your subordinates to stand around and wait for you to tell them what to do. Or, OK what is so painfully obvious that, if I wanted to do it myself, I would not have asked. So, I sincerely wish that our new crop of Gen Z'ers perfect that whole listening thing before they repeat the same old mistakes that have led to poverty, misery, divorce and chaos for centuries. Have a great week!

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My heart hurts

By Kathy Craigo Harteis

Today I said goodbye to two of my 'adopted' daughters. They are leaving to begin a new life together in Alaska.

Alaska! That's a long way from North Dakota.

Jodi has been a part of our family for the last 27 years. Every family gathering, every holiday and even the sad days when we were losing David, Jodi was there. She was and is one of us.

When she met Robin it was natural to welcome her to our family as well.

When they decided to get married it was my honor to officiate their wedding.

Surrounded by family and friends that have become family, they began their lives together.

A new life and a new adventure they chose to accept positions in Alaska.

I wish for them nothing but good things and multiple blessings. Yet the selfish me is feeling the loss. I'm feeling the loss of two bonus daughters who will forever be in my heart.

There will be an empty hole in our family and two empty chairs at our table.

I'm praying for the girls as they set out, one pulling a U-Haul, the other pulling a camper across the Alaska Highway.

We'll be praying for them all the way there and beyond.

It's an adventure they say. I hope they will see the adventure in occasionally catching a flight back to North Dakota, home and their family.

Fingers crossed that they'll be home for Christmas.

Although my Ma Craigo heart hurts; Life is good today.



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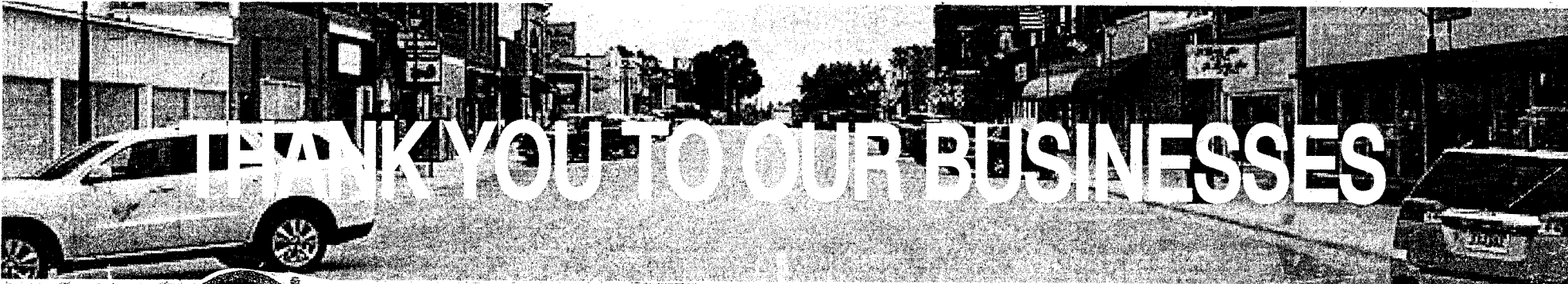


SEATED MARCH

Lift your knees up towards the ceiling. Alternate between legs. Make sure to lift your knees as high as you can on each repetition.

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You cannot both change and stay as you are.



How Simple Prayer Can Come Alive

Fr. Greg Hilzendeger, Pastor
Holy Trinity-Hettinger, Sacred
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Sacred Heart-Scranton

The goal of the entire Christian life is a covenantal relationship of union with God. The lifeblood of this relationship, as with all intimate relationships, is communication. This is what prayer is: conversation with God. Prayer takes various forms and should be engaged in with all the freedom of love. Yet this does not preclude the use of set, memorized prayers. Such prayers are of great importance and have been throughout the history of Christianity. Indeed, in response to His disciples' inquiries about prayer, Jesus gave such a prayer, The Our Father. These prayers can provide a sure foundation for our prayer life, giving us words to express our needs and desires when we can't find the words ourselves. Yet, these memorized, repeated prayers become sterile if we merely recite them or treat them superstitiously. Therefore, I would like to briefly reflect on how we can make these prayers truly come alive as treasured means of communion with God.

First, we must remember the one to whom we are speaking. It can be easy to engage in rote prayers such as the Our Father in a routine way, merely repeating words we've said thousands

of times before. These prayers are meant to be relational, spoken to a real Person who hears us and wants to communicate with us. Even taking a few seconds to mentally and spiritually place ourselves in the presence of the one we are addressing can transform the prayer from mere words to communion.

A second fruitful way to enliven these set prayers is to intentionally engage our desire. Desire is at the heart of prayer. For example, in praying the Our Father, when saying the words "thy will be done" we ought to stir up in our heart a sincere desire to do the will of God, calling to mind the concrete manifestations of His will in our lives. As we pray "deliver us from evil," we can call to mind specific trials we are experiencing where we need God's grace.

Finally, as we pray, we should be attentive to whatever stirs in our heart. As we pray the Our Father, a certain line may grab us and catch our attention. Perhaps as we ask the Father to "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us," we notice something stirs within us. We can then pause to reflect with God on this line, perhaps asking Him to reveal anyone whom we need to forgive.

May our prayer life, in all its movements, unite us ever more to the love of God that we may communicate that love to the world!

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Mott Library News

The Library has new hours which are published elsewhere in the Eido. We also have the following new books: Five by Ilo-na Bannister, this is an unusual "who dunnit". Land by Maggie O'Farrell, a historical novel set before and after the great hunger. The Calmity Club by Kathryn Stockett, a humorous novel about women who take over their destiny. Whistler by Ann Patchett, a profound family drama. Yesteryear by Caro Claire Burke, a trad wife goes back in time. Theo of Golden a story of giving and receiving, of seeing and being seen. The Paper Palace by Miranda Cowley Heller, a story that takes you deep into family and a long standing love. The Correspondent by Virginia Evans, both serious and uplifting, equal parrots sorrow and joy.

If you have any recommendations, please let the librarian know. We look forward to seeing you and hearing from you.

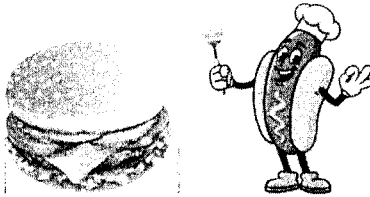


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Cloud Seeding Operations Summary for June 29 - July 5, 2026

BISMARCK, N.D. - Strong to severe thunderstorms with beneficial rainfall occurred over southwestern North Dakota last week. Temperatures in the 80s and 90s combined with increased low-level moisture to create an unstable atmosphere.

In the District 1 operations area, which includes Bowman and part of Slope Counties, aircraft flew eighteen operational flights last week including twelve seeding flights for dual purposes, one reconnaissance flight, and five flights for repositioning.

The extended weather models are predicting that an upper-level ridge might be building into our region this coming week-end. This would likely bring hot and dry conditions to southwestern North Dakota.

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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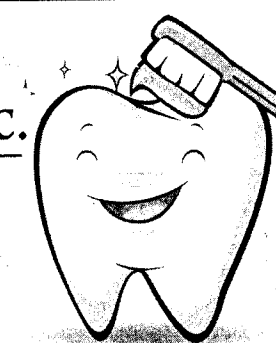
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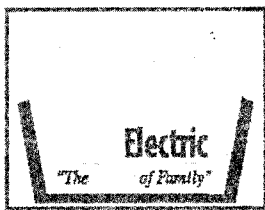
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First Monday of Every Month • Bowman, ND

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

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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

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Last Monday of Every Month • Check "Be the Light" on Facebook for the monthly location

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If you have a nonprofit, community event you would like published, free of charge, on the Area Monthly Community Events Calendar,

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North Dakota Facts and Figures



by Rich Wardner

MOTOR FUELS TAXES

Both gasoline and special fuels (diesel) are taxed in **North Dakota at a rate of 23 cents per gallon.** The motor fuel tax is a special fund revenue because it is earmarked for transportation funding. A one cent increase in the gas tax and special fuels is estimated to generate and additional \$7 million per year or \$14 million for the biennium. North Dakota has not increased the motor fuels tax since the 2003 legislative session. **The Federal Gas Tax is 18.4 cents per gallon for gasoline and 24.4 cents for diesel fuel.** The following shows the comparison of North Dakota's fuel tax with surrounding states motor fuels tax.

Wyoming 24 cents per gallon, Minnesota 28.6 cents per gallon, Nebraska 29.9 cents per gallon, South Dakota 30 cents per gallon, Iowa 30 cents per gallon and Montana 33.75 cents per gallon. States like Iowa and South Dakota tax at 14 and 16 cents per gallon for Ethanol blended.

The following are states with **high state motor fuels tax.** California 70.92 cents per gallon, Washington 59.04 cents per gallon and Illinois at 66.4 cents per gallon.

North Dakota's motor fuels tax of 23 cents per gallon generates \$322.2 million for the biennium and is deposited in the **State Highway Trust Fund** along with 25% of the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax \$87.7 million, and \$195.9 million of Registration Fees for a total of \$605.8 million. The next question how is the State Highway Trust Fund (\$605.4 million) distributed.

State of North Dakota - 60% of \$605.4 million \$363.5 million

North Dakota Counties - 22.3% of \$605.4 million \$135.0 million

North Dakota Cities - 12.7% of \$605.4 million - \$77.0 million
North Dakota Townships - 3.4% of \$605.4 million - \$20.6 million

Public Transportation - 1.6% of \$605.4 million - \$9.7 million

Fact #1: The State Highway Trust Fund of \$605.4 million provides only 22.2% of the total biennial funding of \$2,726.1 million (\$2.72 billion) for transportation funding.

There are other sources of funding for construction and repair of highways, roads and streets that I will cover when I get to the Department of Transportation's Budget.

Fact #2: Political subdivisions receive 40% (\$242.3 million) of the State Highway Trust Fund. This funding allows cities, counties and townships to keep their main roads maintained and aids in keeping lower property taxes.

Fact #3: Motor Vehicle Excise Tax is the 5% sales tax on motor vehicles.

Fact #4: Electric vehicles are assessed a fee in place of the motor fuels tax when they register their electric vehicle. They don't use any fuel unless they are a hybrid.

Fact #5: North Dakota is #46 or fourth from the bottom of the 50 states in levying Motor fuels tax.

Fact #6: How can North Dakota can maintain its' highway system at 23 cents per gallon and not raise the motor fuels tax? Reason, because of the oil and gas revenue that the state collects from the Bakken Oil Patch.

North Dakota has one of the lowest income tax rates and motor fuels tax rates in the United States. We will have another tax to look at next week.

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Two Tired Garage

Officially opening at their new location of 105 N. Main Street in May 2026, Two Tired Garage provides repair and service work on a variety of powersports equipment, including motorcycles, ATVs, side-by-sides, and boats. Prior to this move, Two Tired Garage had been serving

customers since February 2024, building a reputation for dependable service and a passion for helping people keep their favorite recreational vehicles running smoothly.

Owner, Bondon Scott, shared that his love for working on fun vehicles started when he was a kid. That interest eventually led him to college, where he learned more about the trade, followed by five years of hands-on experience in the industry before deciding to open his own business. His knowledge, dedication, and enthusiasm for powersports have helped shape Two Tired Garage into a place where customers can feel confident bringing their equipment for quality care.

Two Tired Garage hopes to continue growing in its new location while providing reliable, friendly service to customers throughout Bowman County and the surrounding area. Whether you need routine maintenance, repairs, or simply have questions about your motorcycle, ATV, side-by-side, or boat, they are ready to help get you back on the road, trail, or water.

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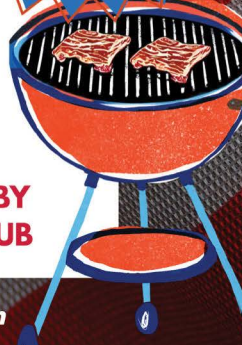
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The celebration included a Kiddie Parade and Main Parade, a community meal, live music by the Bowman Community Band and Tracy Buer, and the Memory Fireworks show.

Organized with support from Bowman County Development Corporation, Bowman American Legion Post 48, and many local partners, the event brought together families, residents, businesses, organizations, and visitors to celebrate this historic milestone.

"We are incredibly thankful for the amazing turnout and support from our community," organizers said. "Seeing so many people gather together to celebrate our country, support one another, and enjoy the evening made this event truly special."

The celebration would not have been possible without the many volunteers, parade participants, sponsors, local businesses, organizations, and community members who gave their time and support. Special appreciation is extended to JACAM Catalyst for preparing the meal, Dollars for Scholars for serving the meal, the Bowman, Rhame, and Scranton American Legion Clubs, Tracy Buer and the Bowman Community Band for the live entertainment, and everyone who helped behind the scenes.

Organizers are grateful to all who helped create a memorable evening for residents and visitors alike.

To see more photos from the event, visit the Growing Bowman County Facebook page.



2026 West River Health Services Foundation FUN RUN & WALK Awards

Here are the awards for our 2026 WRHS Foundation's Fun Run & Walk event held on Saturday, July 4, 7:30am, Mirror Lake Park & The Granary, Hettinger, ND:

Youth 1K Color Run: Overall Fastest Girl: Maggie Weinert (3:35)
Overall Fastest Boy: Griffin Fischer (3:32)
1-5 Year Olds: Aurora Lee (8:08), Jack Koch (7:42)
6-8 Year Olds: Emma Buckmier (5:01), Kyle Sander (4:33)
9-11 Year Olds: Maggie Weinert (3:35), Levi Knuth (4:36)
12-14 Year Olds: Kylee Wolff (4:39), Griffin Fischer (3:32)
Overall Youngest Youth Runner: Wynn Smith-Cabrera (11 months)

Overall Most Colorful Runner: Genevieve Burkhalter
Adult 3k Run: Overall Fastest Female: Brynn Odenbach (12:12) Overall Fastest Male: Daniel Burkhalter (8:57)
15-18 Year Olds: Brynn Odenbach (12:12), Justin Burkhalter (9:06)
19-29 Year Olds: Nora Larson (12:16), Daniel Burkhalter (8:57)
30-39 Year Olds: Whitney Lamont (12:29), Nick Knutson (12:41)
40-49 Year Olds: Lauren Smith (13:33), Cody Jorgenson (11:43)
50-59 year Olds: None
60+ year Olds: Connie Hermann (22:46), Kevin Ryan (15:35)

Most Senior Overall 3K Runner: Connie Hermann, 75 years young
Most Senior Overall Walker: Linda Stippich, 85 years young
Youngest 3K Walker: Mathias Richards, 4 years old
Most Family Participation: The Manning's (we stopped counting at 35!)



Baby Mellmer is ready for the 2026 WRRHS Fun Run & Walk



Youth 14 and under who participated in the WRHS Fun Run & Walk's first ever 1K Color Run!

More Pictures and story on Page 19

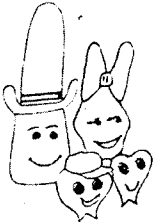


Mitch and Lani Schultz, Planners of the Cardiac Rehabilitation "Red" Walking Team at the 2026 Fun Run & Walk. Lani brought 37 team members, patients and spouses to the event.



Cardiac Rehabilitation team plus their spouses. 37 of them showed up for the 3K WRHS Fun Walk

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Reflections on the Words of Life
by Pastor Paul Ferrie,
Grace Reformed Church of the Lord Jesus, New Leipzig

In our recent studies, we have seen how the flood of Noah's day corresponds with what is symbolized in Christian baptism. Though flood waters were the means of judgment on the world, they were the means of delivering Noah and his family from that judgment as they were safe in the ark. In Christian baptism, the believer in Jesus Christ is giving a picture of being delivered from God's judgment by being cleansed from sin. And it is this fact of the forgiveness of sins by the sacrifice of Jesus Christ that gives the believer a good conscience toward God. We come today to another important lesson of the verse we have been studying together, 1 Peter 3:21: "There is also an antitype which now saves us—baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God),

through the resurrection of Jesus Christ." It is not baptism itself that can give a person a good conscience before God. It is only in having the reality of what baptism portrays which can result in having a good conscience toward God. Through the ages many have wrongly sought for salvation in outward rituals, and baptism has been abused in this way probably more than any other ritual. But Peter says that baptism is only significant when the believer is expressing the reality of what that baptism pictures.

The last phrase of our verse tells how a believer can KNOW that he or she has a good conscience toward God. It is because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. You see, the resurrection of Jesus Christ is the proof that His work on the cross was perfect and acceptable to God. If there had been no resurrection, there would be no Christianity. We read the apostle Paul's words in 1 Corinthians 15:14, "And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also

empty." Earlier in Peter's epistle he stated in 1 Peter 1:3, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." Here Peter is telling us that the resurrection is the basis of the believer's hope. You see, if Jesus had remained in the grave, it could only mean that His work on the cross was in some way deficient. It would raise questions as to whether our sins were truly forgiven. As Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 15:17, "And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins!" Furthermore, if Jesus did not rise from the dead, then there would be no reason for any believers to think that we will be raised to join Him in heaven. This point, too, was made by Paul 1 Corinthians 15:18. He says that if Christ has not risen, "then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished."

The resurrection is God's stamp of approval on all that Jesus accomplished on the cross. So because of the resurrection, we are assured that if we have placed our trust in Christ to make us right with God, our sins are forgiven. We can have a good conscience toward God. Because of the resurrection, we are assured that will be in heaven with the Lord forever, as He promised those who believe in Him.

Christ's resurrection marked the beginning of His exaltation. The time of suffering and humiliation is eternally over for the Lord Jesus. All that is left for Him is eternal glory. Friends, I hope each of you have become partakers of the forgiveness of sins and the resurrection life through faith in Christ.

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National Etch A Sketch Day
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Natl. Different Colored Eyes Day
National Paper Bag Day
Monday 07/13/2026
National Fools' Paradise Day
National Paul Day
National Rock Day
National Barbara Shop
Music Appreciation Day
Tuesday 07/14/2026
National Cow Appreciation Day
National Tape Measure Day
National Be Nice to Bugs Day
Wednesday 07/15/2026
National Hot Dog Day
Natl. Give Something Away Day
Natl. Celebration of the Horse Day
National Gummi Worms Day
Thursday 07/16/2026
National Cherry Day
National Atomic Veterans Day
National Welding Invitation Day
National Fresh Spinach Day
National Rural Transit Day
Friday 07/17/2026
National Peach Ice Cream Day
National Yellow Pig Day
National Lottery Day
National Tattoo Day
Saturday 07/18/2026
National World Listening Day
National Sour Candy Day
National Perfect Family Day

Local Church Services
10:00am Chair Exercises in the Solarium
2:00pm Paper Bag BINGO
10:00am Move N Grove Monday Chair Exercises
2:00pm Slater/Mueller Families Music
"Rhythm Through The Generations"
9:00am Shopping in Downtown Mott
10:30am Chair Exercises in the Solarium
12pm ELDERCARE MEAL ALL ARE WELCOME
1:00pm Card Players in the Activity Room
2:00pm Dennis Paulson and Friends Music
3:00pm Gracie Visits
9:00am Chair Exercises in the Solarium
10:00am Keep Your Faith Going with Pastor John
2:00pm BINGO
10:00pm Mass with Father Kadrmas in the Chapel
10:30am Chair Exercise in the Solarium
12pm ELDERCARE MEAL ALL ARE WELCOME
12:30pm Bridge Players
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2:00pm Make Spinach Dip and then Enjoy!!!
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9:00am Spa Day for Hair
10:30am Chair Exercises in the Solarium
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2:00pm Outing to Regent for Ice Cream
2:00pm Favorite Game (for those that DON'T go to Regent)
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* "Armadillo shells are bullet-proof."
* "Scotland has 421 words for snow."
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* Japan is the world's largest consumer of sea food.
* Jacob Schick patented the electric razor in 1923.
* Beer has more calories than wine or whiskey.
* The Soil Conservation Service started in 1935.
* The first grain elevator was built in Buffalo, NY in 1842.
* A cherry tree produces about 7000 cherries a year.
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* Columbus brought the Leghorn chicken to America.
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Cathy Kessler Rites Held

Cathy Kessler, 78, passed away peacefully in the arms of her loving husband, Ray Kessler on July 2, 2026, in the quietness of the home she and Ray built.



Funeral Services for Cathy were held on Tuesday, July 7, 2026, at 10:00 am at the St. Charles Catholic Church in Bowman. Deacon Lenny Fischer officiated with a burial that followed on Wednesday, July 8, 2026, at 1:30pm in the Black Hills National Cemetery, Sturgis, SD. There was a Family and Friends service on Monday July 6, 2026, at the Krebsbach and Kulseth Funeral Home Chapel beginning at 7:00 pm. Visitation for Cathy was on Monday, July 6, 2026 starting at noon.

Cathy was born in Brockton, Massachusetts on November 7, 1947, to Stanley and Marjorie (Fischer) Orcutt, the oldest of seven children. Her family moved west to Bowman ND when Cathy was a young child and there Cathy was raised and graduated from Bowman High School. At a young age, Cathy experienced the heartbreaking loss of her mother. With remarkable strength and selflessness, Cathy stepped in to help care for her younger siblings for nearly a year, demonstrating the resilience and sense of responsibility that would define her throughout her life.

Known by many as a friendly face and trusted friend, Cathy began bartending as a young woman and quickly became a beloved part of the Bowman Community. Her passion for people and gift for making everyone feel welcome led her to work at and eventually own and operated her own bar. Her bartending experience spanned a career of nearly 40 years. Through countless conversations, celebrations, and friendships, Cathy created more than a business—she created a gathering place where everyone felt at home.

She had one son, Shawn Orcutt. Cathy married Steve Arnold and later divorced. On March 15, 1991, Cathy married the love of her life, Ray Kessler. Together, they built a life centered on love, loyalty, and the simple joys of home. Cathy was a devoted wife, whose greatest

happiness came from caring for those she loved.

Outside of work, Cathy found joy in tending her garden and sharing the fruits of her labor with family and friends. She was especially proud of her homemade salsa, which became a favorite among those lucky enough to enjoy it. Whether visiting around a campfire working in her garden, or welcoming someone through her door, Cathy had a way of making people feel valued and cared for.

Cathy will be remembered for her generous heart, infectious laugh, unwavering work ethic, and devotion to family. She touched the lives of countless people over the years, and her absence will be deeply felt throughout the Bowman community.

Though she is no longer with us, the memories she created, the friendships she cherished, and the love she shared will live on the hearts of all who knew her.

She leaves behind her devoted husband Ray Kessler of Bowman, a daughter, her son Shawn Orcutt of Bowman, step-daughter, Amber McCutchen of Phoenix, AZ, her sisters Marybeth (Kelly) Schumacher of Scranton, Teresa (Joe) Portom of Mandan, Cheryl Tolsen of Bowman and a brother, Donald "Donnie" (Marla) of Glen Ullin. In laws, Kathy Orcutt, Jim (Cindi) Kessler, Margaret (Howard) Nelson, Bud Obrigewitch, Connie Kessler, Ray Huschka and numerous nieces and nephews. Along with her family, she leaves many dear friends, and a community forever grateful to have known her.

Cathy was preceded in death by her parents; sister Barb Smith, brother Gary Orcutt, sisters in law; Nora Huschka, Cecilia Obrigewitch, brothers-in-law; Charles Kessler, Richard

Be sure to read the obituaries - they are stories that inspire - although passed on they leave a legacy of inspiration. May we follow their examples.

Smith.

In lieu of flowers, those wishing to honor her memory are encouraged to spend time with loved ones, enjoy the outdoors, plant something beautiful, or share a jar of homemade salsa in her honor.

Ray extends his heartfelt thanks to the medical and human resources staff who over the past two years, have offered your care and compassion which means more than words can express.

Timothy Lee Pendergrass Rites to be Held

Timothy Lee Pendergrass, 67, passed away on Friday, July 3, 2026 in Bowman, North Dakota.



Memorial services for Tim will be held on Wednesday, July 15, 2026 at Rhame First Lutheran Church at 10:00am. Bethany Kempenich and Terry Bagley will officiate the services with fellowship following the service.

Tim was born on December 4, 1958 in Sapulpa, Oklahoma, to Wilburn and Macel Pendergrass, the sixth of their seven children. Tim, the ever hard-working gentleman, grew up tending to the horses, cows, and pigs on their farm in Beggs. Tim loved riding horses, fishing, and playing in the shade tree out front. Tim also had a stubborn side and was often reminded by his mother "don't let that screen door slam shut."

In the summer of 1979 in Oklahoma at a gathering of friends and family, Tim met the

love of his life, Vivian Dingfelder, and they were wed on September 1st, 1979. At this time, Tim also became a father to Joseph (Joey) Lee Dingfelder, which was one of the greatest honors of his life. Tim, Vivian, and Joey lived in Oklahoma until moving to Ekalaka Montana in 1981.

On December 15, 1991, Tim's second son, Terrance Pendergrass was born in Baker, Montana. Shortly after, the family moved to Bowman, North Dakota in 2000 where Tim and Vivian have remained for the past 26 years. Joey unfortunately passed away on April 7, 2013. Tim was incredibly proud of both of his children and raising them was a cornerstone of his life. He remained incredibly close to his daughter in law, Billie Dingfelder, and granddaughter, Haley Dingfelder, spending as much time with them as he could.

Dad worked a number of jobs, all centered around his love of driving, and was loved by people everywhere he went. Tim took great pride and care in all of his work but especially enjoyed his mail route where he delivered with care, attention, and consistency. Tim was friends to all and gave just as good as he got. Tim will be greatly missed by his family, friends, and customers.

Tim is preceded by his parents, Wilburn and Macel, and his siblings, Franklin Eugene Pendergrass and Jackie Ray Pendergrass.

Tim is survived by his loving wife, Vivian Pendergrass, son, Terrance Pendergrass, daughter in law, Billie Dingfelder, granddaughter, Haley Dingfelder, and siblings, Sandra Kay Ramsey, Curtis Jo Pendergrass, Patricia Gail Carner, and Gary Don Pendergrass.

The family encourages that, instead of flowers, remembrances to Tim be through helping a friend or stranger in need, enjoying a scenic drive, or paying it forward.



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William Joseph Schmidt Rites

William Joseph Schmidt, 64, earned his angel wings when the good Lord called him



home in Heaven on June 28th, 2026. He was born the 4th child of 8 children on October 13, 1961 in Elgin, ND to Jacob and Marian (Koch) Schmidt of Mott, ND.

He was a very kind man, always ready to reach out to someone in need. He loved fishing and seeing the world, learning and exploring new things.

William (Bill) had a very diverse and interesting life. He went to Mott Lincoln High School but when he made the decision that school wasn't for him, he returned to school to finish his G.E.D. so he could join the Active Army in 1981, to see what the world had to offer. He completed his active duty in 1984 with an honorable discharge. As a result of his duty, he received a Good Conduct Medal and a National Defense Service Medal.

After a while, he missed wearing the uniform, so in 1985, he enlisted in the Mott unit of the 141st Engineer Combat

Battalion, North Dakota Army National Guard as a weekend soldier, where he stayed until his retirement as an E5 in 2003, with 21 years of service and an honorable discharge.

For his living wage, he was a Machinist (operator) for Stefes, LLC in Dickinson, ND from 1988, until his retirement in 2022, after 34 years.

Bill worked various jobs and the Mott C-store for a bit, but he was missing something, so he ventured out into a new line of work and purchased the local Oasis Bar in Mott in 2023, where he remained until his passing. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him. If a person needed a helping hand, Bill was always there to help.

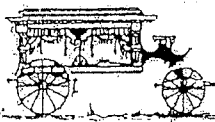
William is survived by 4 sisters and 3 brothers: Beverly Eng and Marilyn (Rod) Rohrer, both of Bismarck, Evelyn (Lee) Fiedler of Vinita, OK, Susan (Scott) Newhall of Barryton, MI, Robert (Bob) Schmidt of Scottsdale, AZ, Frank Schmidt from Mott, James M. Schmidt from Barrigada, Guam. In addition, he is survived by numerous cousins, nephews, and nieces.

Visitation was held at St. Vincent's Catholic Church of Mott on Sunday, July 5 at 6 p.m., with a Rosary and Vigil beginning at 7pm. Mass of Christian Burial was held on July 6 at St. Vincent's at 10:30 a.m. Burial was held at the North Dakota Veteran's Cemetery on July 6 at 3pm CT.

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Eugene "Gene" Zimmerman Rites

Eugene "Gene" Emanuel Zimmerman, 82, passed away at his home on July 4, 2026.



He was born on May 27, 1944, in Carson, North Dakota, to Emanuel and Lorraine Zimmerman.

Gene spent his childhood on the family farm south of New Leipzig until 1951, when the family moved to a farm north of Elgin. The land remained a lifelong passion, and in 1969 he took over the family farming operation, dedicating much of his life to agriculture. He also served as the County Executive Director for the Farm Service Agency until his retirement in 2011.

Gene graduated from Elgin High School in 1962 before attending North Dakota State University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture in 1966. He proudly served his country in the United States Army from 1966 to 1968. He completed basic training at Fort Lewis, Washington, and Medical Corpsman training at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, before serving a one-year tour in Vietnam from 1967 to 1968. He was honorably discharged with the rank of Specialist Fifth Class (E-5). Following his military service, Gene worked for the North Dakota Extension Service in Bismarck before returning home to farm.

Gene was first married to Mary Christensen on May 30th, 1969 and together they had three sons: Brad, Jason, and Phil. He later married Tana Johnson on July 15th, 2000,

and together they welcomed their son, Rayman. Through his marriage to Tana, Gene also gained a stepson, Weston, and stepdaughter, Ashley, whom he loved as family.

Gene found his greatest joy in the simple things life had to offer, and nothing meant more to him than his family. He treasured every opportunity to be together, whether it was sharing a meal, celebrating the holidays, or gathering for any occasion. He especially enjoyed family ski trips, hunting with family and friends, and proudly supporting his children and grandchildren in their school, athletic, and extracurricular activities. He loved spending time outdoors—from helping his dad care for the horses to driving the section roads to check on the farmland, appreciating the land he called home, and simply enjoying being outside.

He was rarely idle and could almost always be found

tinkering with machinery, fixing something that was broken, or building something with his hands. Gene had a gift for solving problems and took pride in hard work. He was always willing to lend a helping hand, never expecting anything in return. Though he spent most of his life insisting dogs belonged outside, Toby eventually won his heart. Before long, Gene never wanted to leave the house without him, and the two became faithful companions. Just as much as he enjoyed staying busy, he treasured visiting with family and friends, sharing stories, laughter, and the kind of conversations that made everyone feel welcome. Above all, Gene was a genuinely kind, humble man whose steady presence, generous heart, and quiet sense of humor made him a joy to be around. He will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by all who knew him.

Gene is survived by his loving wife, Tana; his sons, Brad (Dana), Jason (April), Philip (Bret), and Rayman; his stepchildren, Ashley (Cal) Berry and Weston Wells; his grandchildren, Hannah, Jonah, Grace, Ashton, Brayden and Cole; his great-grandchildren, Callum, Archie, Wesley, Ezra and Sage; his siblings, Bob (Karen) Zimmerman, Lloyd Zimmerman, Mona (Leroy) Weikum, and Connie (Lee) Meyer; his little buddy Toby; and many nieces, nephews, extended family members, and dear friends;

and many extended family members and dear friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Emanuel and Lorraine Zimmerman; his brother, Ray Zimmerman; and his sister-in-law, Kathy Zimmerman.

Visitation was from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. MT on Thursday, July 9, 2026 at the Evanson Jensen Funeral Home in Elgin and one hour prior to the Funeral on Friday, July 10, 2026 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Carson, ND at 10:00 a.m. MT. Rev. Bethany Haberstroh and Rev. Kevin McLouth officiated. Following a time of fellowship and lunch at the Church, burial with Full Military Honors took place at Ebenezer UCC Cemetery, north of Elgin, ND.

In lieu of flowers, the family prefers plants or a tree to be planted in Gene's memory. Condolences to Eugene's family can be sent through our website at www.evansonjensenfuneralhome.com

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But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate -- we can not consecrate -- we can not hallow -- this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us -- that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion -- that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain -- that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom -- and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

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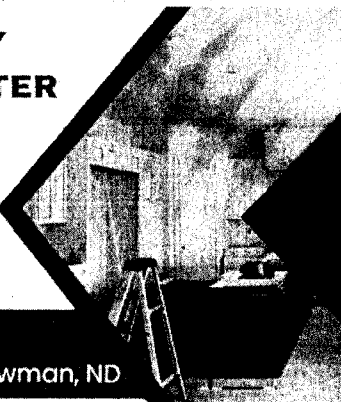


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Thoughts for the Week

by June Schmidt

Yesterday was the celebration of the 250th Anniversary of our Country's existence on the 4th of July. In honor of that celebration, there was a huge party that was held on the Congressional Mall on the Capitol grounds in Washington DC. Several musicians attended and the band was a compilation of musicians from the armed forces and some really excellent singers from the Air Force, Navy and Marines. They all did a really wonderful job even though the musical part of the celebration and the fireworks were delayed due to weather.

The sad part is that there were several other musicians who were asked if they wanted to perform at the celebration and after they accepted, they changed their minds and withdrew due to the fact that they didn't want to be associated with the 'wrong' political party. Really? This was a celebration of our Country's origin in the people's capitol on the people's grounds and as far as I know, when they arrived, there were no checks as to which party you were affiliated with. We have got to stop picking sides in this country. We are all Americans and citizens of the United States and instead of celebrating that, we are picking on each other and making everybody crazy. And it is continued by the media as instead of showing the good parts and praising the fact that the party was held even though it was delayed for a few hours, they just kept picking and poking. The more things that they pick on the

more people become dissatisfied and the cycle continues. What in heck is the problem?

I know that not everyone is thrilled with the government. And is this the first time? Nope! Not hardly. We have had people in office since the beginning of the country that not everyone was happy with. In fact, the country started with dissent and I guarantee you that there were some people that liked the British in power, mainly because they had privileges from them. Every president that there has been in office has faced dissent from some of the people, which is the whole idea of our country in the first place. We are allowed to dissent and complain about the government since unlike the Socialistic and Communistic countries that some people think are ideal, nobody is going to come to our houses in the middle of the night and take us away. You don't think that happens? Ask people in the know how many people in those countries survive when they dissent against their rulers...oh yeah, you can't, as they are in prison or dead and probably their whole families as well. That's why they don't arise against their government because they want to be alive.

So we here in our country that was started with dissent, allow people to disagree and debate and even protest, unfortunately with little or no consequence even when they destroy property belonging to others. We still take care of them, providing them with housing, food and medical services even if they don't like us and make a point of saying that the coun-

try is racist and unfair to them. Anyone needing help can find it and no one starves which is why so many people want to come here. If you want to make something of yourself, you have every opportunity to do so. You can get an education, you can get money to start a business and you can earn whatever you want. You just have to want to do it and put in the effort and

the poorest of the poor can succeed. So why is there so many people protesting the situation? Because there are those that thrive on controversy and the more of that that there is the better they like it.

We are people of a country that has all the laws protecting our privileges and all that is asked of us is to follow the simple rules. 'We hold these truths to be self evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness'. Maybe it's time to stop fermenting dissent and start behaving like the Americans we say we are. Maybe those that come to our country need to realize that they have left their problems behind and comply with the rules here. Maybe that's simplistic, but that's how it started and unless we complicate it, it works and has for the past 250 years. Happy Independence Day.

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- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 can (10 3/4 ounces) Campbell's Condensed Cream of Celery Soup or 98% Fat Free Cream of Celery soup
- 1/2 cup water
- 1/4 cup ketchup
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 2 cups frozen diced potatoes (hash browns)
- 3 slices process American Cheese (about 3 ounces)

In medium skillet over medium-high heat, cook beef until browned, stirring to separate meat. Pour off fat.

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Over 300 Runners, Walkers & Volunteers Descend Upon Hettinger’s Fun Run & Walk!

By Ted Uecker

What’s become one of the largest 3K Run races in Western Dakota, now approaching the 300 mark (293 runners and walkers this go round!), the West River Health Services Foundation held their 38th Annual Fun Run & Walk event on Saturday morning, July 4th. And maybe more importantly than becoming the largest 3K event, all of the net proceeds from this annual event are given back to area rural communities for healthy projects and activities. Over the last four years, the WRHS Foundation has gifted back \$40,950 from this event. The goal for this year is to give back at least \$11,500. It appears this goal will be smashed!

The weather was absolutely perfect for the races – cool, yet warm, a light breeze and blue sky, with the sun shining bright. 293 runners and walkers met at the east end of The Granary near Mirror Lake Park in Hettinger. Most 253 of them were already pre-registered, but from 6:30-7:30am, race day registrations were held for those remaining 40 to sign up at the last hour. At about 7:30am, we started things off with a moving and sincere prayer from Barb West, followed by our National Anthem, sung by local ten year-old Raelee Ehlers. Then it was on to the first race of the morning.

The Youth 1K Color Run began on Mirror Lake Road just north of the Granary with 53

registered youth. This was the first year we ever tried a Color Run, where six HHS FBLA’ers and their friends squeezed and threw colored corn starch onto the youngsters aged 14 and under (if they wanted to be colored) at three separate color stations along the course. If runners desired not to be colored, they went around the two chairs at the three separate color stations. The youth then made a left turn towards scenic Mirror Lake, followed by another left turn down the paved walking path along the north side of the lake. Once they reached Mirror Lake Park, the runners headed north to the landmark rock arch of Mirror Lake Park as their finish line. 14 year-old Griffin Fischer from Glyndon, MN crossed the finish line at 3:32 and was the fastest overall. Local sprinter Maggie Weinert (all of 11 years old) crossed the finish line right behind Griffin at 3:35. She was the fastest overall girl runner. I doubt if much color was able to catch up to those two amazing runners! Aurora Lee and Jack Koch paced the 1-5 year olds at 8:08 and 7:42 respectively. Emma Buckmier and Kyle Sander sped the course at 4:33 and 5:01 to lead the 6-8 year olds. Levi Knuth led the 9-11 boys and Kylee Wolff bested the 12-14 year old girls. Our youngest runner was Wynn Smith-Cabrera at 11 months – he took the ride in his Mom Lauren Smith’s wheeled carriage! Smart young boy! Our most col-

orful youth runner was Genevieve Burkhalter. It should be noted that Oliver Anderson was not far off the winner in the 1-5 boys division with a time of 7:57. Genevieve Burkhalter and Julia Ranum were neck and neck for 2nd/3rd in the Girls 9-11 age division at 4:18 and 4:19. Plus, Klay Fried was only 7 seconds back in 2nd for the Boys 9-11 age group. And Rylin Ehlers nosed out Khloe Campbell by a second for 2nd place in the Girls 12-14 division. Competitive youth around here!

After photos of the 40+ youth running the 1K and awarding them each their Free Hettinger Theater movie pass and their Free lemonade smasher from Rusty’s, we were off to the 3K Run.

This race around glassy Mirror Lake (atleast on this day!) began and ended at the Granary. Longtime middle distance sensation Daniel Burkhalter, Bison, SD, turned in another awesome performance, circling the lake in only 8:57! He was the overall fastest 3K runner. Peyton Tuhy, Hettinger and Minot State’s top runner was 2nd in the 19-29 Male Division and 3rd fastest overall (9:57). Edgar Meza, a marathoner from Lemmon, placed 3rd in the 19-29 Male Division with the 5th fastest overall time (10:26). Brynn Odenbach, a talented 17 year-old from Lemmon High handled the lake run in 12:12 and was the

overall fastest female and winner of the 15-18 Female Division. It should also be noted that some of the area’s top 11-14 year olds decided to opt out of the 1K Youth Run and run the 3K instead, including Bison’s next teen running sensation Justin Burkhalter (all of 14 years old), as he won the 3K Male 15-18 Division, while putting in the second fastest overall time behind his older brother (9:06). 15 year-old all-around athlete Kason Wolff from Mandan, placed 2nd in the 15-18 Male division with a super time of 10:11 (4th fastest overall). In addition, Bowman’s 14 year old harrier Aiden Wanner cruised around the lake in 11:18 (5th fastest overall, at only 14 years of age!). Others, like Bison’s 12 year-old up and comer Samuel Burkhalter hoofed it around the course in 13:04 and Hettinger’s 13 year-old Camdyn Fried also put in a respectable time of 13:41. Greta Odenbach, a 14 year-old running machine from Lemmon, was 2nd among the Females 15-18 with her time of 12:45. Nora Larson won the Female 19-29 division with a time of 12:16, followed by Hettinger’s Gracia Jorgenson. Whitney Lamont crossed the finish line first for the Female 30-39’s at only 12:29! Wow! This was the 2nd fastest female time overall. Taylor Howe was among the leading females in their 30’s at 13:34. Nick Knutson from the Mile High City in Denver, CO, won the 30-39 Male Division for the 3rd straight year (12:41) Lauren Smith, the Mom who pushed her 11 month old in the Youth 1K Color Run for a war-

mup, circled the lake in 13:33 to win the 40-49 Female Division! No surprise there. Hettinger’s own Cody Jorgenson, who recently ran the Fargo Marathon, won the 40-49 Male Division with a super time of 11:43. Kelly Howe and Daniel Abe claimed 2nd and 3rd among the 40 something men. We had no 50-59 male or female runners – evidently they enjoyed the terrific Jaycee’s dance the night before. The 60+ categories were won by long time Fun Runners Connie Hermann and Kevin Ryan. Connie was our most experienced runner at 75 years young.

Then we started our 179 walkers soon after the runners left. But first we had to take a picture of the Cardiac Rehabilitation Team, led by Lani Schultz and her Team, plus her patients over the years and their spouses. 37 of them on this day! And all in bright red Fun Run & Walk t-shirts! The walkers were then off with a bang. Linda Stippich was once again our most experienced walker at 85 years young, but followed closely by Judy Cabrera at 84. Mathias Richards was our youngest walker. And the most Family Participation Award went to the Manning’s – as they registered lots! We stopped counting at 35! The next closest was ten!

Thank you to all of our 62 Partners who gifted over \$8,000 in cash and over \$5,000 in prizes, to help spur on our raffle ticket and bucket draw ticket sales. We are grateful.

Thank you to our Fun Run & Walk Committee (Jill Sailer, Joanna Anderson, Andrea Kendall, Molly Wolf, Doris Hoke and Jacqueline Lacy) for helping us with planning, ticket sales, promotions, and race day duties. We are grateful. Thanks also to our West River Ambulance for being on the course route with water. Plus, ready to take care of any accidents.

Thank you to the Volunteers who made a HUGE difference on race day – Kurt Sargent, Patty Ness, Sarah Brosek, Jeremy Fordahl and Naomi Salazar. Without you, we’d still be there! Thank you to our HHS FBLA students (Samantha Salazar, Callie Timm and Katie Buckmier) and their friends (Jaeda Jensen, Shay Dschaak and Anna LeFebre). You made our first-ever color run a success. We think the kids loved it! And most likely will want to do it again next year!

And last, thank you to the runners and walkers who participated and thanks to the purchasers of over 1,200, \$5 raffle tickets and over 1,000, \$2 bucket draw tickets. TOGETHER we will give back over \$11,500 for healthy projects and activities in our area communities. We’ll be sure to report back to our area communities in August with our total net proceeds (most likely well over \$11,500). Then you’ll be able to apply for \$500-\$2,500 for your community project! Onward to our 39th Annual Fun Run & Walk on July 4, 2027!



Lemmon was well represented at the 2026 WRHS Fun Run & Walk. Odenbach and Larson won femal divisions.



Haberstroh family at the 2026 WRHS Fun Run and Walk



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Kayla Ormiston and her two youngest enjoyed the 2026 WRHS Fun Run and Walk



Ila Schneider after the WRHS 1K Color Run



Sometimes we have a few scrapes at the annual WRHS Fun Run and Walk even. Good thing our West River Ambulance Serive is always there.



Kason Wolff and Aunt Nancy preparing for the 3K Run around Mirror Lake on July 4 for the 2026 WrHS Fun Run and Walk



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