

83 years of the Annual Easter Egg Hunt in Medora continues to be a hit

THE HISTORY OF THE FAMOUS EGG HUNT

By Kristi Kramlich

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Eighty-three years ago, 1941 Harry Roberts, the first site supervisor of the Chateau De Mores organized the first egg hunt with hard-boiled colored eggs being used and this tradition continued until 2012. In the years after that as plastic eggs were donated to the Chateau and Friends of the Chateau, hard-boiled eggs became, and thing of the past and plastic eggs were filled with trinkets instead.

The location of the hunt has changed over the years from the Chateau obviously being the first location to the Interpretive Center and finally to Chimney Park as the popularity of this event increased. Unbeknown to Harry he would start a wonderful family tradition that would continue long after Harry passed away. Harry left the Chateau when he was 74 which meant 25 years of Easter Egg Hunts.



Sixteen volunteers helped with 6,000 eggs to make a memorable day for approximately 200 kids.

Billings County Math students compete in Valley City

By Julie Reis

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Seventh and eighth grade math students from Prairie and DeMores elementary schools recently took part in a state-wide math competition on April 9th hosted by the Valley City State University Department of Mathematics. This was the second annual VCSU math competition, which is open to students grades seven through twelve. This year, 454 students from 37 schools attended, 255 of those students being 7th, 8th, and 9th graders. The BCSD students were accompanied by Ms. Kaylee Obrigewitch, Prairie School math teacher, and BCSD Assistant Superintendent/Principal, Ms. Danielle O'Brien.



Back Row L to R: Lily Johnson, Jacob Evoniuk, Jacob Honeyman, Eve Bowen
Front Row L to Right: Ilyya Shkandriy, Jhoselyne Walkowiak, Claire Shypkoski, Payton Iverson

BANK: Bill supports only food bank

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acres of land in Fargo to build their new facility, which is planned for about 70,500 square feet. It would have an allergen-free repacking room and volunteer and community space. It would also increase space for storage, including room for refrigerated and frozen goods. It should be sufficient to support the organization for another 40 to 50 years, said Sobolik.

The organization has about one-third of the money it needs for the new facility, said Sobolik. So far, its state funding has been limited to \$1 million in 2024 to buy local foods. Most of Great Plains' financial support comes from government grants and local donations.

The Great Plains Food Bank was opened as the Greater Fargo-Moorhead Area Food

Bank in 1983 and has expanded to serve 196 food pantries, soup kitchens and shelters throughout North Dakota. The organization has warehouses in Fargo and Bismarck.

The food bank also provides programs to support school-age children, summer meals, "senior food boxes" for older customers, and mobile food pantries.

National Honor Society

Last week names of the members were cut off, we are re-running to recognize all students.



Back Row L to R: 2025 Inductees Mason Kessel, Samantha Romanyshyn, Maci Wanner, Rawley Kessel, Carter Corneil, Kate Obrigewitch, Hadley Talkington, and Kitty Nelson
Front Row L to R: Current members Dokia Chruszch, Morgan Vesey, Luke Obrigewitch, Aubrey Roberts, Rubi Johnson, and Christine Palahniuk

North Dakotans reminded to call before you dig

GOVERNOR ARMSTRONG PROCLAIMS SAFE DIGGING MONTH IN NORTH DAKOTA

Governor Kelly Armstrong has proclaimed April as Safe Digging Month in North Dakota. In recognition, the North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC) is reminding everyone of the potential dangers and consequences of digging without first clicking or calling 8-1-1, North Dakota's Call-Before-You-Dig number.

"Spring is here, and that means outdoor projects are on the rise! Before you pick up that shovel or start digging, the North Dakota Public Service Commission has a crucial reminder: call 811 first," said Commissioner Sheri Haugen-Hoffart, who holds the damage prevention portfolio. "It's not just a good idea – it's a safeguard against striking underground utility lines like gas, power, communications, water and sewer systems. Hitting one of these can lead to serious hazards and racks up billions in damages every year. With one quick call to 811, you can ensure a safe, hassle-free project and protect your community from avoidable risks. Don't dig into danger – make the call!"

North Dakota law requires anyone con-

ducting an excavation to notify 8-1-1 at least two business days in advance of digging. This is a free service to homeowners and farmers working on their own property/land. Personnel will be sent to mark the locations of the underground facilities, typically within a couple of days. The markings are valid for 21 days after they are placed as identified on your excavation notice ticket. This process is coordinated through North Dakota One Call. The Public Service Commission's role is to enforce the requirements of the state's damage prevention laws and take action when violations are reported to the Commission. The PSC can levy a fine up to \$25,000 per violation depending on severity.

Each year North Dakota's underground utility infrastructure is jeopardized by unintentional damage from those who fail to call 8-1-1 to have underground facilities located prior to digging. Since 2009, the PSC has received and processed 364 complaints related to violations of the Call-Before-You-Dig law. In total, approximately \$466,150 in fines have been assessed

against companies or individuals who have violated the law. The consequences of striking an underground utility can be severe including explosions resulting in injury or death, service interruptions or damage to the environment.

The significant residential and business growth occurring throughout North Dakota and the increased demand for pipeline infrastructure to support the energy industry have dramatically increased demand for the One-Call Program.

Safe Digging Month is endorsed each April by the North Dakota Public Service Commission, the Common Ground Alliance and the North Dakota One-Call Board. For more information about 8-1-1 and begin your excavation notice, visit the North Dakota One-Call Board's website at www.ndonecall.com. For safety tips, best practices and other information, visit the Common Ground Alliance website at www.commongroundalliance.com. (A copy of the Governor's Proclamation is included on the next page.)

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