

Grand River Roundup

By Bette Olson

The temperatures fluctuated from the 40s to 81 degrees on Wednesday and we had just a slight sprinkle of rain and snow on Thursday.

We started off last Sunday at the Gideon meeting at the Coal Springs Church south of Meadow and ended at the Beckman Memorial Church in Prairie City that evening to hear Preston Liebelt and his wife Wesley tell us about their ministry in Puerto Rico.

A major grass fire started north of Lemmon in Adams County, North Dakota on Wednesday, April 9. With that terrible wind, over ten fire departments from North and South Dakota responded to the fire that wasn't contained until Sunday, April 13th. Called the Cedar River Fire, there were no injuries, but the fire was 8-9 miles long and 2 miles wide in places, destroyed eight structures and burned almost 9,000 acres. The cause of the fire is under investigation. Thank God for these fire departments and all the people that come out to help fight the fires.

It was 52 degrees when we made our weekly trip to Hettinger on Monday and we stopped in Reeder on the way home to have coffee and some good visits with the Prairie Pioneers.

The temperature was 73 degrees on Tuesday, which was Income Tax Day. The lambing is going well and the cows are still calving. Reub went up to the arena to help everyone brand the first batch of calves that morning while I washed several loads of laundry and hung them on the clothesline to dry in that beautiful weather. Amanda went to Buffalo because Copper had volleyball practice after school that afternoon and I got to meet Kelli Doll at their mailbox to pick up Knox and bring him home to help in the lambing shed. Reub had ordered some metal laying nests for the

chicken coop and they came that day so Reub put them together so he can replace the old nests in the chicken coop.

I went to Buffalo Wednesday morning to listen to Rep. Travis Ismay and Sen. Sam Marty at Blossoms and Brew as they shared about all that went on at this year's legislative session. Amanda took Knox to Buffalo that morning so they could go on the trip the kindergarten and first grade class were taking to Devils Tower in Wyoming. Grandma Louise Jensen came down to take care of River and the twins while Amanda was gone and it was so hot when I got home I had to take off my sweatshirt and put on a cool tee shirt. Casey, Missy, Taz and Reub were branding a big batch of calves that morning and there were so many calves to brand that they didn't get done until after 2:00 that afternoon. Amanda brought the older kids home from school that afternoon.

We have lost two wonderful women: Wilma (Brengele) Negaard, 106, passed away on Wednesday, April 9, at Monument Hospital in Rapid City. Wilma was born on March 8, 1919, in Buffalo, to William O. and Maude (Patterson) Brengele. A celebration of life service will be held on Friday, April 25, at 1 p.m. at Kirk Funeral Home in Rapid City, with a reception to follow at her residence, Echo Glen Apartments, at 4243 Wisconsin Ave. Wilma's father W.O. Brengele ran horses south of Buffalo and he was a good friend of my grandfather Clem White, who raised horses in the Slim Buttes. My father Bryce White was also a friend of W.O. and every time we were in Buffalo he would visit W.O. at his leather store.

Our dear friend Brad Abels-eth lost his sweet mother Irene on Wednesday. Irene Abels-eth was born to Ole and Phoebe (Nelson) Eggebo on October 27, 1921, in Hettinger, and passed away on April 16th, at age 103

at the Sturgis Long Term Care Center. Her funeral was Tuesday, April 22 at Kirk Funeral Home in Rapid City with burial at Pine Lawn Memorial Park in Rapid City. My mother grew up with Irene and the Eggebo family that lived south of Glendo where Mom lived and the Wilkinson's and the Eggebo's were just like family. Ole and Phoebe Eggebo are both buried in the cemetery at Glendo on our east ranch.

These families have our sincere sympathy.

After that high temperature of 81 degrees on Wednesday, on Thursday I had to wear my jacket outside with a high of only 46 degrees! These guys were busy in the lambing shed and they got more calves that day too. It was Maundy Thursday and we went down to the church that evening for the potluck supper and communion service. After the supper and before communion, Pastor Henry showed us a really interesting video about the Passover meal that the Jews celebrated every year on Pass-over.

It was only 47 degrees when Matt and Lanie and their four kids came down from North Dakota Friday evening to spend Easter weekend with everyone on the ranch. It warmed up to 66 degrees on Saturday when their kids spent the day playing with Taz and Amanda's five kids and it was really entertaining for us old people to watch all nine of the kids having fun out in the yard. Taz and Amanda went up to have Easter dinner with the Jensen's at Ralph that evening.

We all went to the Easter Sunday service and pancake breakfast early Sunday morning and then had dinner at Taz and Amanda's after the guys finished doing chores when we got home. The Easter Bunny hid a bunch of eggs around our yard and the kids had fun finding them when we got home from church.

How does the Easter Bunny stay fit?

Egg-ercise!

BCDC releases RFP for new restaurant opportunity in Bowman

Courtesy of Bowman County Development Corporation

The Press release previously published in the paper had the incorrect email address.

Bowman, ND — Bowman County Development Corporation (BCDC) has officially released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the purchase or operation of the newly renovated restaurant property located at 706 Highway 12 West in Bowman, North Dakota. Formerly home to JABBR'S restaurant, the site has been fully renovated by BCDC to support a full-service sit-down dining operation and must include breakfast and lunch service.

This unique opportunity invites entrepreneurs, restaurateurs, and developers to establish a new restaurant in a high-visibility, high-traffic corridor at the intersection of U.S. Highway 12 and U.S. Highway 85. This strategic location offers unmatched visibility and accessibility, making Bowman a natural stop for regional travelers and long-distance tourists. The city already benefits from strong pass-through traffic, which is expected to increase significantly in the coming years.

The RFP offers flexible options for ownership or operation, including purchase, lease, lease-to-own, or contract for deed arrangements. All proposals must include a comprehensive business plan and demonstrate alignment with Bowman County's economic development goals, particularly those focused on tourism, workforce retention, and community vitality.

The 3,792-square-foot building features a commercial-grade kitchen, ADA-compliant restroom, and seating capacity for up to 100 guests. Recent upgrades include new equipment, lighting, flooring, and HVAC systems, offering a turnkey opportunity for the right operator.

Proposals are due no later than May 23, 2025, at 5:00 PM MST. Property tours are available by appointment, Monday through Friday.

Interested parties may contact Sarah Nagel to receive the full RFP. Alternatively, the RFP is also available on our website at bowmannnd.com. Submissions should be directed to:

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Pastor's Corner

While yet sinners

Courtesy of Pastor Ed Kvaale

As we reflect this Holy Week on Jesus's death and resurrection, I would like us to consider passages of Scripture from Romans. Jesus died while we were yet sinners and that we had done nothing deserving help Jesus came to rescue us from our shame, sin and death. Jesus loved us so much that he came to serve us, rescue us, and save us from ourselves. We were dead, slaves to our sin without hope. That was our situation when Jesus willingly became human not because He had to, but because He loved us so much that He was willing to die for us to take the punishment due for us and atone for our sin. Jesus came that we might live again not just for eternity but to be free from sin and its life controlling power over our life. However, the way to this life-giving power of Jesus is not mental assent alone. Scripture teaches must confess our need. We need to admit that we are sinful and need a Savior. We are called to believe that Jesus is who He says He is fully human and fully God and that his death and resurrection is the only means of our salvation through faith alone and grace alone. Lastly, we need to confess our sins and shortcomings and submit to the Lordship of Jesus. Only if Jesus is the ruler of our lives will we be able to grow into the men and women of faith Jesus is calling us to be. I want all of us to get to heaven, but I also pray that we remember that resurrection Sunday is something that affects our life profoundly at this moment. Without Jesus, those of us who follow and serve Him would be living tremendously different lives. For those who have not yet believed if you are reading this would ask that you read the Gospel of John, Romans, and pray to encounter Jesus. His death and resurrection we remember this Resurrection Sunday is as much for you as any of us and you are welcome to join God's people at any time. Jesus did not die just for the "right people". Jesus spent time with sinners; He died for sinners; and He died for you and I so we can be transformed and become like Him more and more in this life and be with Him forever in heaven. My prayer is the same resurrection power that raised Jesus from the dead will live in your life today if it does not already.

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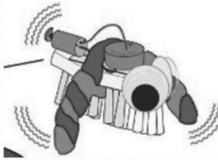
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