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with all in favor

Colleen Germann, Slope County Treasurer, met with the commissioners to present the April investments. Discussion was held with Anne Carlson on the County Superintendent position that is open.

Nathan Miller, Road Foreman, met with the commissioners to present the pay applications on the Stuber Road. Mike Teske presented a motion to approve the pay applications. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sonsalla and passed with all in favor. Discussion was held on rehabbing the two-mile haul road that was used during the Burke project in Bullion View Township. Commissioner Sonsalla presented a motion to fix the haul road. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Teske and passed with all in favor.

Lyle Narum, Tom Braun, and Myron Olson, representatives of Mineral Springs Township, met with the commissioners to inquire about adjusting their project and including another mile to the east with Slope County providing the funds. Before the county agrees to this, they will need to have a more accurate estimate.

Discussion was held on the new Primary Residence Credits for trust for 2024 taxes. Commissioner Teske presented a motion to approve an abatement for the trust parcel that is now qualified for the 2024 PRC. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sonsalla and passed with all in favor.

Shannon Ellig, Roosevelt Regional Council, met with the commissioners to present information on what the council does and their request for 2026 funding.

Commissioner Sonsalla presented a motion which was seconded by Commissioner Teske and passed with all in favor to approve the following youch-Boss Office Products 766.47; Bowman Auto Parts Co 794.70; Bowman Electric 4,192.00; Bowman Sales & Service, Inc 2,112.33: Brosz Engineering Inc 39,490.00; Butler Machinery Company 1,434.29; City of Bowman 98.00; Clubhouse Hotel & Suites - Fargo 198.00; Consolidated Telcom 420.34; Dakotas Best Gourmet Coffee LLC 150.00; Edward H Schwartz Construction Inc 790,368.69; Eido Connect 225.60; Fox Hills Fencing 34,719.00; George's Tire LTD 1.850.00: HR Collaborative 50.00; Information Technology Department 1,371.20; John Deere Financial 44.72; Kevin Miller Construction 2,400.00; NDSU Extension Service 7,006.45; Newbys Ace Hardware 23.76: Noll Construction LLC 700.00; Office of the Adjutant General 3,624.02; ProPoint Cooperative 165.59; Pump Systems 84.54; Randys Welding Inc 516.02; RDO Equipment Co 2,361.24; S & T Custom Plumbing 166.38; Slope Electric Coop. Inc. 1,131.45; Smart Computers and Consulting 425.00; Southwest Grain 13,340.79; Southwest Water Authority 380.63; Staples Advantage 130.08; Steve Beylund Construction Inc 9,907.50; TAB Electronics, Inc 195.00; The Badlands Patriot LLC 327.66; West Plains Inc 35,000.00; Wilson Construction Inc 260,769.31; Woodley Construction Supply Inc 57.44; Payroll 255,640.22 Discussion was held on the building improvements being planned at the fairgrounds. Commissioner Teske presented a motion to donate \$500 to the fair for 2025. The motion was

Donald Nordby, White Lake Township, met with the commissioners to request financial help with a shoulder pulling and graveling project in the township. Commissioner Sonsalla presented a motion to provide free gravel and a \$30,000 zero interest loan for the hauling to help with the White Lake Township project. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Teske and passed with all in favor.

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The meeting was recessed for lunch at 12 noon and was reconvened at 1:10 P.M. with all commissioner pres-

The afternoon was spent interviewing candidates for the Slope County Superintendent of Schools job. After

much discussion, the job will be offered to Kirby Baier.

Shannon Minerich, Marmarth School Board, met with the commissioners to give an update on Marmarth School. Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Scott Ouradnik, Chairman Lorrie Buzalsky, Auditor

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> > Regular Meeting City of Marmarth May 7, 2025

Meeting was called to order with Dennis Rice, Laurie Reichenburg, James Chase, Bryce Lecoe, Erick Hartse, and Jenn Lecoe present.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and a motion to approve the minutes was made by James 2nd Laurie all in favor. Financial reports and bills were reviewed and approved motion was made by Bryce 2nd Erick all in favor.

Bryce made motion to apply for the PAR grant for the lagoon James 2nd all in favor

Erick made motion for Engineering agreement with Moore Engineering in the amount of \$37,750.00 Bryce 2nd all in favor

James made motion directing Moore Engineering to solicit quotes for sewer main televising Laurie 2nd all in favor

Mendoza sent a quote for the community center fountain, sprinkler system, and some landscaping Laurie made motion to have Mendoza fix the fountain and install sprinkler system James 2nd all in favor

SDI sent a package for the PAR for the Depot Laurie made motion to hire SDI James 2nd all in favor

LMSC is asking for the city to supply the potties from B&B and the garbage for the 4th of July and little kids rodeo Laurie made motion James 2nd all in

City will buy flowers for the flower pots on main street

The pastime need a liquor license for a wedding at the community center on June 7 James made motion Bryce 2nd all in favor

Meeting adjourned next meeting June 4 2025 at 7:30 Commission President Date

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF BOWMAN COUNTY,
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF KENNETH A. WOODLEY,
aka KENNETH WOODLEY,
aka KEN WOODLEY,

ka, KENNY WOODLEY, Deceased NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That the undersigned have been appointed personal representatives of the above estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to Verna Woodley, the personal representative of the estate, at 607 2nd St NW, Bowman, ND 58623, or filed with the

Dated this 6th day of June, 2025. WILD & WEISS LAW OFFICE, P.C. PO BOX 260

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move for their work, members of the military reassigned to a new base, and returning veterans were those who would be allowed to purchase tires for their cars. But tires were not an issue for many people, since they were unable to get cars! Only essential drivers who were approved to buy cars in 1942 would be eligible to purchase new cars in 1945. Those included law enforcement officers, mailmen, doctors, veterinarians, and ministers.

Americans dreaded the thought of invading Japan. They knew casualties would be horrific. They were also sure it would be necessary, since they did not know about the bombs that would end the war. But it was becoming apparent that their hardships would not end as soon as Japan surrendered. The shortages would continue after the war's end.

Senator Gerald P. Nye

By Dr. Steve Hoffbeck

June 18 – North Dakota has become a leading energy state in recent years because of Bakken petroleum, however, lignite coal has long been a vital resource for the state. Lignite is mainly used for making electricity, but it can also be used for heating and cooking.

At Beulah, lignite has been converted into natural gas at the Great Plains Synfuel Plant since 1984. And there is another use of lignite that has not been unlocked. On this date in 1943 the Bismarck Tribune told of North Dakota Senator Gerald P. Nye's hopes for lignite coal. Senator Nye said lignite could be turned into gasoline if the U-S would commit itself to developing a synthetic-fuel industry.

Nye pointed out that Nazi Germany was getting about half of its gasoline from lignite coal, and North Dakota had enough lignite – 600 billion tons – to "supply gasoline for this country for hundreds of years."

Germany was the model; for Germany had virtually no petroleum deposits. Therefore, German scientists developed ways to convert soft coal into oil way back in the 1920s. One process consisted of pulverizing lignite, combining it with hydrogen, and then turning it into liquid under intense heat and pressure.

When Germany went to war in 1939, it had fourteen synthetic fuel plants in operation, with six more being built, all at a huge expense, in order to power Adolf Hitler's war-machine.

In 1942, North Dakota Congressman Usher Burdick said lignite coal was Hitler's most valuable asset for waging war. Burdick asserted that North Dakota alone had a more vast lignite reserve than Germany, capable of supplying the U.S. with far more synthetic fuel than Germany.

By 1944, President Franklin Roosevelt signed a law creating a national synthetic-fuel plan, and the government built an experimental laboratory in Grand Forks under the auspices of the North Dakota Research Foundation. There, in 1945, coal gasification tests began. Experiments continued through the decades, but as oil companies discovered new oil fields, the U.S. never committed to an allout synthetic gasoline plan.

What will the future demand? Well, if needed, the remaining 25-billion-tons of recoverable Dakota lignite, along with shale oil, could provide gasoline for perhaps 1,000 years.

Charles Glidden

By Sarah Walker

June 19 – In 1904, Charles J. Glidden, a retired, wealthy telephone businessman and automobile enthusiast, took part in an automobile run from New York to St. Louis, sponsored by the American Automobile Association. Wishing such tours to become an annual event, Glidden donated a \$2,000 silver trophy. In doing so, he became a part of automobile history.

Although the long-distance reliability runs continued to be conducted by the American Automobile Association, they became known thereafter as the Glidden Tours. The annual series ran from 1905-1913 on routes that changed and stretched through the years. There were time limits between checkpoints and a point scoring system to determine a winner. Although speed wasn't the primary objective, penalties were assigned for lateness. The tours were grueling. Cars often broke down or were damaged by accidents. With that trophy waiting at the finish line, manufacturers as well as auto enthusiasts vied for the honored position of winner.

In 1913, the Glidden Tour ran through the upper Midwest. The trail started in the Twin Cities and it ended at Glacier Park in Montana. The route included several North Dakota stops – Fargo, Grand Forks, Devils Lake, Rugby, Minot, Stanley, and Williston. Altogether, it was a nine-day run over 1,245 miles.

At a time when good roads were rare, preparation was very important. A pathfinder car was sent ahead to determine where the cars should go. On this date, the official car was trekking across North Dakota. The "Mitchell Moose" was a four-cylinder, forty-horsepower stock car. The pathfinder had left Minneapolis on the 15th and averaged about 20 miles per hour. Upon arrival in Williston, the party, represented by well-known long distance driver Frank Zirbes, official pathfinder C. A. Stedman, and also W. S. Forman, reported on their journey, saying they were pleased with the overall condition of the roads. However, about 100 miles east of Williston, they did get stuck in some quicksand—resulting in a half -day delay that required four horses to pull the car free. But then again, that was the job of pathfinder.

The 1913 race was the last of the official Glidden tours. The automobile had indeed proven its worth and reliability.

Rutland's whopping patty

By Lucid Thomas

June 20 – In 1982, the people of Rutland, North Dakota, were enjoying the weather, feeling the summer breeze, and gearing up to celebrate the 100th year after their ancestors settled the town. To observe this significant anniversary in style, they decided they would try to grill the world's largest hamburger.

They chose this whopper of an event to highlight the huge anniversary, but they might have been influenced by a little competition. Only months before, their neighbors four hours north in Towner had set the world record by grilling a gigantic 3,000-pound burger patty, surpassing the previous record by 141 pounds. This was the threshold Rutland would have to reach if they wanted a place in the record books, so they set about the task.

They hauled beef in refrigerated trucks to a grain elevator to weigh the load, then transported it to a pasture just outside of town. Here, they used a homemade giant skillet and burners to grill the nearly two-ton burger. A crowd of thousands gathered to watch as Mitch Mahrer operated a crane attached to chains to flip the patty and grill it evenly on both sides, a detail unique to the Rutland record. When it was declared fully cooked, the giant mass of beef was 16 feet in diameter, 2 1/2 inches deep, and weighed a total of 3,591 pounds, beating Towner by over 500 pounds. However, it did not last long. The crowd was let loose on the burger and the world's largest hamburger patty was gone in no time.

Since 1982, other towns have surpassed Rutland in grilling the largest hamburger patty, though it seems this record never strays far from the Midwest. The most recent record happened on September 5th, 1999, in Saco, MT. There, Loran Green and Friends of Hi Line Promotions decided they were going to top this record with 6,040 pounds of pure Montana beef, beating out the most recent record holders in Seymour, Wisconsin, and almost doubling the size of Rutland's patty. Seymour said they would beat whatever record Saco set, but the 2.74-ton burger still holds the crown as the largest hamburger patty to this day. More recently the town of Carlton, Minnesota decided to grill the largest hamburger, complete with a giant bun and over 200 pounds of condiments but the grand total only came out to a measly 2,014 pounds.

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