

First responder fun



Chris Flynn / The Forum

Fargo police officers participate in a game called “Fan of the Song or Not” during the Fargo Police Community Picnic on Wednesday, June 18, 2025, at Broadway Square in downtown Fargo. If dancers liked the song, they went to the side where an officer held a big check mark. If the dancers didn’t like the song, they went to the side where an officer held an X.

Man arrested after multi-county chase in eastern North Dakota

STAFF REPORTS

GRAND FORKS — A Fort Ransom man was arrested after a multi-county chase in eastern North Dakota. The incident occurred shortly before 11 a.m. on Wednesday, June 18, when a reckless driver was reported driving a 2010 Nissan Cube on

Interstate 29 in northern Cass County. According to a report from the North Dakota Highway Patrol, the vehicle was reported to be swerving, brake-checking and not allowing others to pass. A Highway Patrol trooper responded and found the vehicle near mile marker 111 on

I-29. The vehicle failed to stop, according to the Highway Patrol report. It exited at mile marker 118 and then merged back to northbound I-29. At mile marker 130, officers were able to spike the vehicle and stop the driver. Arrested was Kevin

Anderson, 53, of Fort Ransom. He is charged with a number of driving-related offenses, including three Class C felonies. Agencies involved were the Highway Patrol, the Traill County Sheriff’s Office and the Grand Forks County Sheriff’s Office.

Man involved in standoff in Jamestown arrested, child safe

BY JAMESTOWN SUN STAFF

JAMESTOWN — An hours-long standoff on Wednesday, June 18, at Western Park Village in Jamestown ended after the James Valley Special Operations Team successfully entered the residence, removed a 2-year-old child and arrested a 30-year-old man, according to Maj. Justin Blinsky, assistant chief of police for the city of Jamestown.

Jacob Lee Schmitt, of Jamestown, was arrested on suspicion of terrorizing. Schmitt is in the Stutsman County Correctional Center, where he awaits formal charges.

The incident is under investigation, and additional charges are possible, Blinsky said.

The Jamestown Police Department was dispatched to a residence in Western Park Village at about 2 a.m. Wednesday, on a report that a female resident wasn’t feeling safe in her home, Blinsky said. He said the woman indicated a man, identified as Schmitt, was inside the residence using drugs and yelling at her.

After further investigation, the woman reported



John M. Steiner / The Jamestown Sun

Law enforcement was set up Wednesday, June 18, 2025, in the area of Western Park Village in Jamestown.

that Schmitt had threatened to “kill her,” Blinsky said. The woman also told police that Schmitt refused to leave the residence with multiple firearms that the man had access to, he said.

Jamestown police officers tried to make contact with Schmitt, but he refused to speak with law enforcement and retreated further inside the residence, barricading himself in a back room, Blinsky said.

Blinsky said four occupants were evacuated from the home, but Schmitt took a 2-year-old child with him to the back room.

The James Valley Special Operations Team was activated at 2:50 a.m. Wednesday to help

minimize safety risks, he said. The Jamestown Police Department asked residents of Western Park Village to shelter in place, which was lifted after Schmitt was arrested.

Blinsky said police were able to communicate with Schmitt while he was inside the residence, but he refused to comply with police requests to come outside or to assist the child in leaving the residence.

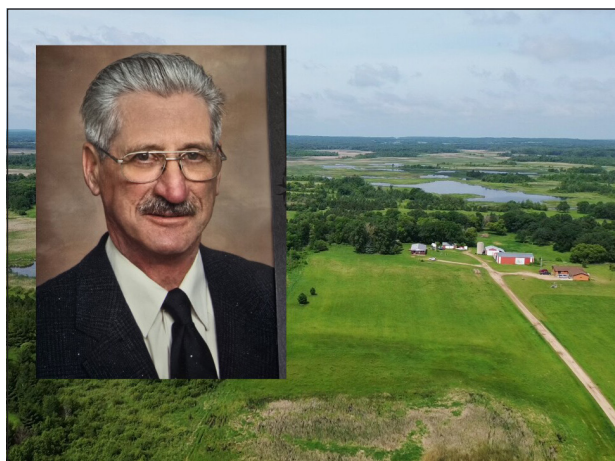
At about 12:45 p.m., the James Valley Special Operations Team entered the home, removed the child and took Schmitt into custody. The Stutsman County Sheriff’s Office, North Dakota Highway Patrol, Jamestown Area Ambulance,

Stutsman County Emergency Management and the Jamestown Street Department also assisted at the scene.

“We are relieved to hear that the police have confirmed that the child involved is safe, and the individual of concern is now in police custody,” said Kathy Grosz, vice president of property management for New Horizon Property Management, which manages Western Park Village. Schmitt was previously denied residency in Western Park Village, Grosz told The Jamestown Sun in an email.

“New Horizon remains firmly committed to enforcing our screening procedures to support the safety and security of all residents within our communities,” she said, referring to the properties New Horizon manages.

“We are thankful this incident ended without physical harm and extend our deep appreciation to law enforcement and emergency personnel for their swift and professional response. We will continue to work closely with authorities as needed and remain focused on the well-being of our communities.”



Abby Makay / WDAY News

Bob Shaw, 79, went missing from his rural Henning, Minn., farm on June 22, 2024. Hundreds turned out to search, including a dozen fire departments and deputies. Experts in grid searches assisted airplanes and drones, but no sign of the Vietnam veteran was ever found. He was suffering from dementia at the time.

A year gone

Family still hoping for closure a year after Bob Shaw went missing

BY KEVIN WALLEVAND WDAY

HENNING, Minn. — The Otter Tail County Sheriff’s Department has once again searched for Bob Shaw, the 79-year old man with dementia who’s been missing from his rural Henning farm for nearly a year.

On the family’s farm and land near Henning, it’s been a year of birthdays, favorite holidays and changes in seasons, all without Bob.

Shaw’s family is preparing to mark a painful June 22: the year anniversary of his disappearance.

It sparked a massive search with high tech equipment, looking for the much loved grandfather of seven. Deputies used a special UTV called a SHERP that can travel on land and on water. But, still, no sign of anything.

“I would like closure, I would like to just bring him home, you know how many years that you don’t, you just wonder,” Judy Shaw, Bob’s wife said.

Judy is still amazed at the hundreds of people who joined a dozen fire departments, county deputies, state agencies and others to search for Bob in late June of last year.

“We had every kind of airplane going over, one from Canada that was huge and drones going over and they couldn’t find anything. The next day we had 400 people looking, just unbelievable,” Judy said.

High tech equipment,

detailed grids, search experts, canines. People fanned out across farm fields, woods, wetlands and roads. For days they looked.

“Nothing, no clothing or anything,” Judy said.

It was common for Bob to go on short walks. But his dementia had been worsening and the day he disappeared he was out on a walk on his land — and he hasn’t been seen since.

“I never thought at this point in my life that I would be going through something like this. It is mind boggling and the fact you can’t do anything about it, no closure,” Judy said.

The Vietnam veteran was a popular neighbor, a truck driver who hauled fuel. He knew everyone and they came to search.

“That is why so many showed up. They would say that he hauled fuel for them. Another said that Bob hauled fuel for her grandpa so she thought she should come help,” Judy said. She added so many others brought food for the volunteers.

Father’s Day for Bob’s sons and grandkids came and went quietly. One year later, the family can’t close the chapter.

“It (one year anniversary) is going to be the same thing. We are at a place where we are ... ‘Now what, where do we go from here?’ ... and are we ever going to see him come back,” Judy said.

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WDAY-TV speaks with Judy Shaw, her son, Matt and granddaughter, Mia, at the family’s farm near Henning on Tuesday, June 17.

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