



When old Joe Gilliam began digging that hold in his front yard, out there close to the street, neighbors watched and wondered. When he got his grandson to help him carry the shade tree sapling from his pickup to the hole, people nodded.

Mystery solved. Old Joe's planting a tree.

After removing the root mass from the five-gallon pot, the grandson disappeared and Old Joe was left to care for the baby tree. He carefully spread the tiny feeder roots out and tucked them in with soil. Then he packed more dirt around the tree's base and soaked it well with the hose.

No one else saw anything odd in Joe planting that tree, either, but Joe's been retired now going on 20 years. He's old and getting more frail each year. By the time that sapling gets large enough to give homes to squirrels and birds and shade to neighbors and a resting place for dogs, Joe will have been long gone.

Planting a tree is an affirmation of faith in the future. It is a gift to those yet unborn. It is a legacy of goodness, an old man's prayer.

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Renville County Agent News



By Bethany Gates, County Agent

Risk forecast for wheat midge remains low heading into 2026

"This is the first time since the inception of the survey in 1995 that zero wheat midge cocoons were found in the fall soil survey for the overwintering cocoons of wheat midge," says Janet Knodel, North Dakota State University Extension entomologist.

2025 was the sixth year in a row with a low number of wheat midge cocoons present in soil samples, potentially reducing farmers' inputs for wheat midge management.

In fall 2025, NDSU Extension agents collected 1,970 soil samples (10 cores per field) from 197 fields in 21 northern North Dakota counties, including Renville County. Any larval cocoons would be extracted at the NDSU Extension entomology laboratory.

Historically, wheat midge has caused significant yield and quality losses in spring and durum wheat in the northern tier of North Dakota counties from the mid-1990s through 2010.

"The fact that zero wheat midge was detected in the 2025 soil survey indicates low overwintering populations and reduced risk of economic infestation for the upcoming growing season," says Knodel.

The number of cocoons has been low, below 500 midge larvae per square meter, for the past 10 years. Low midge pressure is tied in part to dry weather and drought conditions, which hinder the successful emergence and overwintering of larvae, according to Knodel.

Also, Fusarium head blight was more common in wheat fields in 2025, prompting farmers to spray fungicides, often tank-mixing them with an insecticide to kill wheat midge and other wheat insect pests, such as true armyworm, cereal aphids and grasshoppers. Knodel says that mixing in unnecessary insecticides isn't good, except when insect populations are economically significant.

"With the low populations of wheat midge for the tenth year in a row," says Knodel, "scouting for wheat midge is diminished and will be most important in continuous wheat fields."

"However, if localized wheat grow-

ing areas receive timely rains prior to heading, wheat midge emergence is favored," advises Knodel. "On the other hand, if we remain dry, wheat midge mortality increases, and cocoons can remain dormant for several years until soil moisture returns."

The parasitoid wasp that kills wheat midge depends on its host for survival. As expected, those wasp populations were also low due to the decline in wheat midge. For the past six years, parasitism rates have been low, ranging from 0% in 2021-2025, with 15% in 2023.

NDSU Extension Integrated Pest Management crop scouts and insect trappers also monitored for wheat midge using sex pheromone trapping during the field season. Traps with a powerful pheromone are used as an early warning system to trigger field scouting when wheat is in the susceptible stage, heading into early flowering. If more than 10 midges per trap are observed three days after heading, field scouting is initiated to determine whether a field is at an economic threshold for wheat midge.

Twenty-three pheromone traps were monitored in 19 counties in 2025. The highest wheat midge counts were concentrated in the northwest (Burke, Ward and Williams counties), the north central (Pierce County) and the northeast (Pembina County). The wheat midge parasitoid wasp also increased, with detections on sticky trap bottoms in 13 counties in 2025, up from seven counties in 2024.

According to Knodel, future efforts will focus on pheromone trapping for wheat midge and its parasitoid wasp, as trapping is more sensitive to low wheat midge densities in fields and alerts farmers to first and peak emergence and potential economic infestations. Pheromone trapping also documents the distribution of the wheat midge and its parasitoids, and it guides scouting efforts and pest management decisions for wheat midge infestations.

The North Dakota Wheat Commission supports the wheat midge larval soil survey and pheromone trapping.

School Menu

MLS MENUS	GLENBURN MENUS
Breakfast March 19 to March 25 Thursday: No School Friday: No School Monday: No School Tuesday: Omelet, cereal, yogurt Wednesday: Pizza, cereal, yogurt All breakfasts served with fruit juice, and milk	Breakfast March 19 to March 25 Thursday: No School Friday: No School Monday: Cereal, yogurt Tuesday: Bagels, cream cheese, yogurt Wednesday: Pancakes, sausage links All breakfasts served with fruit and milk
Lunch March 19 to March 25 Thursday: No School Friday: No School Monday: No School Tuesday: Taco Mac, salad bar Wednesday: General Tso Chicken, rice, salad bar All lunches served with fruit, vegetable and milk	Lunch March 19 to March 25 Thursday: No School Friday: No School Monday: Chicken nuggets, mac & cheese, broccoli Tuesday: Pulled pork baked potato bar, bread, green beans Wednesday: Sloppy joe, tater tots, carrots All lunches served with salad bar, fruit and milk



MLS PUBLIC SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS	GLENBURN PUBLIC SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS
Thursday, March 19th No School - Spring Break Friday, March 20th No School - Spring Break Monday, March 23rd No School - Storm Day 8:00 a.m. ND FFA State Winter CDE's Contest @ Minot Wednesday, March 25th First District Health Vaccination Day	Thursday March 19th - Saturday, March 21st Boys Basketball State Games in Minot Dome Thursday, March 19th No School - Spring Break Friday, March 20th No School - Spring Break Tuesday, March 24th ACT Testing

Weekly Events at the Mohall Public Library

Monday, March 23rd: 12:00 p.m./3:00 p.m. Board Game & Movie Day We will be watching Secret Life of Pets at noon and The Wild Robot at 3:00 p.m. We will have board games out to be played in between movies

Wednesday, March 25th: 3:45 p.m. Storytime
 The Mohall Public Library is open in the Mohall Plaza on Mondays through Fridays from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

St. Jude Novena

To St. Jude, Holy St. Jude, Apostle and Martyr, great in virtue and rich in Miracles, near kinsman and Jesus Christ, faithful intercessor of all who invoke your special patronage in time of need.

To you I have recourse from the depths of my heart and humbly beg to who God had given such great power to come to my assistance.

Help me in my present and urgent petition. In return I promise to make known your name and cause you to be involved. St. Jude, Pray for us and all who invoke your aid.

Amen

Say three (3) Our Fathers, three (3) Hail Mary's and Glory Be. Publication must be promised. My request has been granted.

Say this Novena on nine (9) consecutive days.

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2025 Wheat Midge Larval Survey

North Dakota

Midge larvae / m²

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NORTH DAKOTA WHEAT COMMISSION NDSU EXTENSION

2026 SUMMER BUS TOURS

NEW The Ark Encounter	April 27 - May 3
Yellowstone	May 31 - June 5
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Obituaries

Genevieve Gates



June 17, 1928 – March 11, 2026

Genevieve Olive "Jenny" Gates, 97, Minot, formerly of Mohall, was unexpectedly hospitalized and died on Wednesday, March 11, 2026, at a Minot hospital.

She was born June 17, 1928, near Norma, ND to Norwegian parents Keith and Gunda (Johnson) Knutson. She was the seventh of nine children born on the original homestead in Rockford Township, Renville County.

Jenny attended country school across the road from her home through eighth grade. Starting a family tradition of attending bible camp, she traveled to Lake Metigoshe in the back of a grain truck with the Evanger youth in her teenage years. Attending Metigoshe Bible camp has continued through each generation, now including her great-grandchildren. She attended high school her freshman year at Sherwood, and went on to graduate from Mohall High School in 1946. She attended Minot Teacher's College and earned a teaching certificate, which allowed her to teach one memorable term with Dagny Knutson at Grassland School.

Jenny married Donald "Irish" Gates, a WW II vet, on November 23, 1947. Together, they made their first home in Oak Harbor, WA, where Irish worked as a garage mechanic. In the Spring of 1948, they returned to North Dakota to help on the Gates Farm. They later established their own farm in Brandon Township, Renville County, where their son, Jim, and grandsons, Andy and Peter, continue to farm.

While raising five kids, she never sat down. She was always working on home improvement projects and became proficient at wallpapering, painting, refinishing furniture and sewing. In her free time, she enjoyed bowling, playing Bridge and spending weekends at Lake Metigoshe.

Jenny worked as a clerk at Abe's Market; and as a CNA, at Renville-Bottineau Memorial Hospital and the Good Samaritan Society Nursing Home. They moved from the farm into Mohall in 1986, and sadly Irish died August 11, 1989.

Jenny moved to Minot and became a regular at the YMCA, building muscle and friendships. She was also a mem-

ber of the Sons of Norway where she played pinochle. Always up for adventure, she traveled to the Holy Land, her father's homeland in Norway, California to visit Florence, and to Hawaii. Winters were spent in Arizona with her daughters, when walking, sitting in the sun, 3:00 margaritas, and board games were her favorite activities. She moved to Edgewood Assisted Living in 2022 and continued to be very social; completing the daily crosswords, playing cards and setting puzzles with her many friends.

Jenny was a member of Zion Lutheran Church, Mohall; and Bread of Life Lutheran Church, Minot. Jenny lived a full and active life filled with faith, family and friends.

Family: Daughter-In-Law, Bonnie Gates, Fargo; Daughters, Ann (Terry) Zeltinger, Minot, Lynette Durheim, Forbes; Sons, James (Susan) Gates, Mohall, Jerry (Tami) Gates, Bismarck. And the following who received birthday cards from Jenny each year- Grandchildren: Phil (Apryl) Gates, Stephanie (Jeff) Malek, Erin (Kelsey) Holt, Ben (Robyn) Zeltinger, Tyson (Chelsey) Zeltinger, Jason (Sarah) Gates, Andy (Meggan) Gates, Stacey (Patrick) Schoemer, Peter (Bethany) Gates, Kristin (Brent) Woodward, Brandon (Kalie) Gates, and Colton Gates. Great-grandchildren: Betty and Vivian Gates, Penelope and Daphne Malek, Harper, Henrik and Emerson Holt, Molly and Lucy Zeltinger, Liam, Cade and Effie Zeltinger, Maria, Emily, Greta and Haley Gates, Makenna, Lakynn, and Holynd Gates, Taylor and Ryan Schoemer, Violet and Beau Gates. Siblings: brother, Clifford (Phyllis) Knutson, Fergus Falls, MN; sister, Florence Nesland, Allentown, PA; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Jenny was preceded in death by: Her parents, Keith and Gunda Knutson; husband, Donald "Irish" Gates; son, Donald C. Gates; sons-in-law, James Wheelihan and Bruce Durheim; and siblings, Casper Knutson, Mildred Mugaas, Beatrice Brekhus, Knute Knutson, Silas Knutson and Victor Knutson.

Funeral: 10:30 a.m., Saturday, March 21, 2026, at Zion Lutheran Church, Mohall.

Burial: Mohall Community Cemetery, Mohall.

Sharing of Memories service (Open to the public): 7:00 p.m., Friday, March 20, 2026, at the church.

Visitation: 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Friday, at the church. Friends may also sign the online guestbook at brosefuneralhome.com.

Memorials: Memorials preferred to Zion Lutheran Church, Mohall, Metigoshe Ministries, or the Minot Family YMCA.

(Brose Funeral Home, Mohall)

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Saturday, March 21st AT 2:00 P.M.

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2026 Equalization Schedule			
April 7, 2026	Kane Township Tacoma Township Newburg Township City of Newburg City of Bottineau	Newburg Community Center Newburg Community Center Newburg Community Center Newburg Community Center City Armory	4:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:15 p.m.
April 8, 2026	Amity Township Pickering Township Oak Valley Township Lordsburg Township Whitton Township Cordelia Township	Courthouse Commissioner's Room Courthouse Commissioner's Room Courthouse Commissioner's Room Courthouse Commissioner's Room Courthouse Commissioner's Room Courthouse Commissioner's Room	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m.
April 9, 2026	Bentlinck Township Richburg Township Scotia Township City of Landa Sergius Township Wayne Township City of Westhope	Kent Huber Residence Gateway Community Room-Westhope Gateway Community Room-Westhope Gateway Community Room-Westhope Sergius Community Room-Westhope Gateway Community Room-Westhope Gateway Community Room-Westhope	12:30 p.m. 1:30 p.m. 3:00 p.m. 3:30 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
April 10, 2026	Wheaton Township Hoffman Township Renville Township Antler township Sherman Township Cut Bank Township City of Antler	Antler Community Hall Antler Community Hall Antler Community Hall Antler Community Hall Antler Community Hall Antler Community Hall Antler Community Hall	2:00 p.m. 2:30 p.m. 3:00 p.m. 3:30 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m.
April 13, 2026	Lansford Township Chaffield Township Blaine Township Elms Township Mount Rose Township City of Lansford	Lansford Community Center Lansford Community Center Lansford Community Center Lansford Community Center Lansford Community Center Lansford Community Center	1:00 p.m. 1:30 p.m. 3:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.
April 14, 2026	Oak Creek Township Elysian Township Stone Creek Township Starbuck Township City of Gardena City of Kramer	Kramer Senior Center Kramer Senior Center Kramer Senior Center Kramer Senior Center Kramer Senior Center Kramer Senior Center	1:00 p.m. 1:30 p.m. 2:00 p.m. 2:30 p.m. 3:00 p.m. 3:30 p.m.