

Obituaries/Church

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plate or a painting made from the same materials brought its own lesson, she added.

“It was an interesting social experiment even to see, given the same materials and the same processes, how different each of the final products were,” Lemar said.

Having a return potluck in the spring is intentional, said Camille.

“That way they can see the same site across seasons and notice the changes in that way,” she said.

Outdoor space as teacher

For Anderson, who helped organize the workshops and hosts a podcast called Common Ground: A Prairie Podcast that was seeded by a grant from the NDNRT, said the transformation of the students was great to see.

“Almost all of them said they had no relationship to art or art making in the beginning, and to see them go in just a few weeks (to creating art), none of them would have identified as an artist,” Anderson said.

The prairie isn’t a space students often experience close up, he said.

“Teenagers in my experience here don’t usually spend time in prairie grasslands, or slow down and notice Big Bluestem or Indiangrass or Blanket Flowers,” Anderson said. “I think the prairie landscape kind of opened up to the students and they were really good participants.”

He sees that act of slowing down as essential.

“Temperate grasslands are the most threatened ecosystem in the world,” Anderson said. “The only way to really appreciate them is to

slow down and pay close attention. At interstate speeds or internet speeds, it’s not necessarily conducive to slowing down and paying close attention. In many ways the outdoor space became the teacher in the classroom.”

Programs like “Thinking Like a Prairie” are fueled by NDNRT’s Small Grant Program, launched in 2014 to emphasize natural resources education opportunities across the state.

Brenda Newton, who runs administration and the small-grants portfolio for the Trust, said the model is intentionally flexible.

Entities can apply for up to \$10,000 per year for a maximum of two years to develop programs to educate teachers, school kids or the general public about North Dakota’s natural resources.

“We just really wanted to get that education out there,” Newton said.

What set this project apart, Newton said, was how it moved prairie from abstraction to something more concrete.

“One of the parts was learning about plants to use as pigments for paint, and so you’re learning about the plant, why it’s important, how you’re going to use it, what it can do,” Newton said. “That’s the really cool part about this project is it really instills a deeper understanding of what’s out there.”

Heather Husband, NDNRT’s Meadowlark Initiative Coordinator, said the program helps support arts-and-conservation collaborations across the region.

“People aren’t going to care about

things they don’t value,” Husband said. “You get people to care and value by incorporating it into their everyday life, through something like making a plate.”

Husband also gave a personal example from growing up in Michigan of how tactile and connective education can have a lasting impact.

“In one of the summer programs, we dyed yarn different colors and did some weaving, and I still remember that, all of it,” she said. “I remember what the yarn felt like, I remember what a color I thought was going to be purple turned out a little more red.”

An ongoing classroom NDNRT’s backing has also supported Anderson’s Common Ground podcast, which he called an ongoing classroom where he and listeners learn from the guests he speaks with. The podcast has aired 12 episodes with maybe 5,000 people reached in that time, he said.

The show features conversations with ranchers, soil scientists, birders and conservationists from across

North Dakota and beyond.

“The podcast has allowed me to learn from a wide range of folks, from people who are working in conservation and who are land stewards themselves,” Anderson said.

Husband said the medium helps reach wider audiences.

“Podcasts are what farmers on their tractors are listening to, what we listen to when we’re driving, what kids listen to,” she said. “It’s just such a relatable outlet.”

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Card of Thanks

Thank you to Bruce, Robert & Erica of the Towner Ambulance for their fast response and great care they showed for me recently.

Also thanks to Lorna for stopping to check on me and staying with me until the ambulance arrived!

Our community is so blessed to have you all!

Billi Jo Eriksmoen

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Ezra (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Daniel 4, who had the vision of a tree growing higher and higher until it could be seen by everyone? *Silas, Josiah, Nebuchadnezzar, Solomon*
3. Which book could be summarized, “God, why don’t you stop bad things from happening”? *Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Malachi*
4. What hour mentioned in the Bible means the last possible moment something can be done? *1st, 3rd, 11th, 12th*
5. From Judges 6, where did Gideon encounter an angel? *Prison, Oak tree, Temple, Well*
6. What was Adam’s occupation in Eden? *Preacher, Shepherd, Carpenter, Gardener*

ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) Nebuchadnezzar, 3) Habakkuk, 4) 11th, 5) Oak tree, 6) Gardener

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THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands for us; yes, establish the work of our hands.

PSALM 90:17

Detail of “Cumaeen Sibyl in a Landscape” by Agostino Veneziano (1516)

LYRIC Theatre

Fri. Sept. 19
Sat. Sept. 20
Sun. Sept. 21

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TOY STORY
SEPTEMBER 12-14 & 19-21
Friday & Saturday 7:00pm
Sunday 2:00pm
Rated G – 1hr 21min

Upham News

Alan Vormestrand was a Monday caller at the Shirley Vormestrand home.

On Saturday, Mary Boehnke was among those that attended the volleyball tournament held in Bottineau of which Skylar Bohl participated.

John Brandt and Rhonda Wickman were Sunday callers at the Diana Brandt home, they did some things and were snack guests.

On Monday evening, 17 members of the Upham Legion Auxiliary gathered for their monthly meeting. It was called to order by President Carolee Kaylor. Reports were given, welcomed three new members. Congratulations to Shelly Bohl for 50 years of membership, and to Chantel Tranby for 25 years. The legion men also had their meeting and all joined together for a great lunch. Next meeting will be on October 13th.

Brian and Deana Tranby were Sunday evening callers at the Diana Brandt home.

Mary Boehnke was among those

that attended the basketball game held in Towner on Monday of which Reagan Bohl participated.

On Wednesday, John Brandt, Donna Nelson and Diana Brandt were Rugby callers and had supper at the Dakota Farms.

Mary Boehnke was a Thursday caller at the Galen and Lana Best home.

Alan Vormestrand returned home on Saturday from Colorado where he was a guest at the Alren and Nancy Vormestrand home. Arlen and Alan did some fishing.

On Tuesday, members of the Upham “55” Plus Club took a ride on their side by sides, they finished up at Granville and supper at the White Buffalo. Great day!

Happy Birthday to Troy Savalick, Scott Best, Alan Vormestrand, Jeremy Hashim and to La Doris Brandt on her 90th!

“If you can read, don’t try to clean your attic.

ANNUAL FALL SUPPER

St Cecilia’s Church - Velva, ND

Sunday, Sept 28, 2025

4:00PM- 7:00PM

Serving Swiss Steak, homemade mashed potatoes, corn, coleslaw & apple pie or pumpkin pie

13 YRS OLD- ADULTS \$15.00
6 YRS - 12 YRS \$5.00
2-5 YRS \$3.00

Served in the Church Basement OR to Go Meals-
Call 701 338-2663 (Deliver within City Limits Only)
from 4:00PM-7:00PM

FARMERS MARKET-
Baked Goods and Garden Produce

McHenry County Service Church Directory

ANAMOOSE
St. Francis Xavier's Catholic Church; Rev. Tom Graner, stfx@gondtc.com; 1st & 5th Sundays of the month 8 am 2nd Sunday of the month 10:30 am 3rd & 4th Sundays of the month 5 pm Saturday evening; 5th Sunday of the month 8 am
United Community Baptist Church
Danelle Olson, Pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
St. Martin Lutheran
Reverend Tim Stout
Service @ 9 am, with Sunday School & Bible study at 8:00am
Communion: 1st & 3rd Sun.

DEERING
Deering Lutheran Congregation
Pastor David Myers (240-4225)
Bethany (838-5196); Lay Pastor Daniel Bauder; Organist Diane Mogard
Sunday Worship: 11:15a.m;
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

DRAKE
United Methodist
Ph #: 465- 3757
Worship Service: 8:30 am

Trinity Lutheran
Worship service-9:30am every Sunday
St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Church
Rev. Tom Graner, 1st & 2nd Sundays of the month 5 pm Saturday evening 3rd Sunday of the month 8 am; 4th & 5th Sundays of the month 10:30 am

GRANVILLE
Hope Congregational United Church of Christ
Rev Cheryl McCullough
Sunday Worship: 10am; Women's Guild: 2nd Sunday of month
First Lutheran Church of Granville
Guest Speaker
Sun. Worship Service:9:00 am

KARLSRUHE
Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church
Rev. Jered Grossman
Sunday Mass: 8:30am

KIEF
Liberty Baptist Church
Pastor Steve Martin
Sunday Worship: 10:00 am; Sunday School 9:00 am

KONGSBERG
St. John's Lutheran
Reverend Tim Stout Sunday Service: 10am; Bible Study 11am

NORWICH
Norwich Lutheran Church
Interim Pastor Ben Carlsen
Sun.Worship Service: 11 am; Handicapped Accessible. WELCA: 1st Thursday of the month at 2pm
Church of The Nazarene
Sunday School: 10:00 am; Morning Worship: 11:00 am; Evening Worship 7:00 pm;

TOWNER
The Church of St. Cecilia
Rev. Michael Schommer
Mass: Sat.: 5:00 pm.
Sun. 10am Reconciliation: Sat. 4:30pm
Presbyterian Church
Sunday Church services at 9:30am
Presbyterian Women meet 2nd Wednesday at 1:30.
Zion Lutheran Church
Sunday school at 9:00 am
Worship 10:00 am
Faith Lutheran Church
Jonathon Bonine, Pastor
Sun. Worship Service: 8am; Council meets last Mon. of month

at 7:30pm; Bible Class every Sunday at 7:30am

UPHAM
New Hope Lutheran
9:30 am worship
Sunday School 10:00 am
Bethlehem St. John Missouri Synod Church Adult Bible Class 9:45, Sunday School 9:45, Church services 11:00am.

VELVA
Oak Valley Lutheran
Worship 5:30 pm, Saturday evening
10am Sunday morning.

Velva United Methodist
Geoff Hilton, Pastor
Sundays: Worship Service 10:30 a.m.; Junior Church during Sermon for children ages 6 and younger; Wednesdays: Midweek Ministries 6:30-7:30 p.m. PreK-1st grade and 2nd-4th grades at the church, grades 5th-6th and Confirmation classes at Velva City Hall.
St. Cecilia's Catholic Church
Rev. Jered Grossman
Saturday 5PM/ Sunday 10:30 AM

WILLOW CITY
1st Presbyterian Church
No Church Services
Presbyterian Women @ 10:00 am on 3rd Wednesday unless notified.
Immanuel Lutheran Church
Rev. Christopher Neuendorf
Worship Service at 9:30a.m.
First Lutheran Church
9:30 am church services.
Notre Dame Catholic Church
1st and 4th Suns., Sat. Evening at 5:00pm; 2nd Sun. at 11:00am; 3rd and 5th Sun. at 9:00am. Weekday Mass is Thursday at 9:00am.

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