

# Dakota Gardener: Get To Know This Stunning, Fragrant Flower

**By Tom Kalb, Horticulturist, NDSU Extension**  
Would you like to grow a special flower in your garden? Something that is eye-catching? Something that is unforgettable?

A team of gardeners and I have tested hundreds of annual flower varieties across North Dakota over the last 15 years. This included trials at the Dragonfly Garden in Bismarck.

Whenever I provided visitors a tour of the Dragonfly Garden, someone would inevitably walk over to a stunning group of plants that towered like statues above the rest.

They would ask, "What is that?" It was Only the Lonely nicotiana, a rare and remarkable flower.

A member of the tobacco family, Only the Lonely grows a full five feet tall and serves as a striking background to any flower garden. A cluster of pure white blooms adorns the top of each plant.

The foliage itself is fascinating as the 12-inch-long, broad leaves are rich green with contrasting light-green veins.

Woodland tobacco (Nicotiana sylvestris) was brought to New England from Argentina in 1899. It quickly became a favorite flower in Victorian and cottage gardens.

Nicotiana has a reputation for being one of the most fragrant annuals. The blooms of Only the Lonely have a lovely, jasmine-like scent at night. This makes it a wonderful plant to grow near a doorway, along a walkway or under a bedroom window.

Only the Lonely is much more fragrant than the dwarf nicotiana varieties sold at garden centers today. Anyone who says modern dwarf nicotianas are fragrant is sniffing with their imaginations more than their noses.

The biggest shortcoming of Only the Lonely nicotiana is that it may

lean if exposed to high winds. Situating your plants in a sheltered place or staking the plants will remedy this. Another possible concern is the plant is toxic to children and pets.

The only major pest to this plant is tobacco hornworm, a most fascinating pest. Hornworms are giant, green caterpillars with scary eyeball-looking markings and a distinct horn on their ends. I easily control these pests by picking them off the plants and stepping on them.

Only the Lonely seeds are available from numerous seed companies. Go online and search for your seeds on Google.

Start the seeds indoors just as you do with tomatoes. Set your transplants in a sunny spot after the danger of frost is over. The easy-to-grow plants are attractive to pollinators and resistant to rabbits and deer.

I invite you to add Only the Lonely to your garden next spring. You will be delighted.

Lastly, be prepared for everyone in your neighborhood to ask you, "What is that?"

For more information about gardening, contact your local NDSU Extension agent. Find the Extension office for your county at [www.ndsu.edu/agriculture/extension/county-extension-offices](http://www.ndsu.edu/agriculture/extension/county-extension-offices).



Probate No. 31-2024-PR-00112  
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF  
MOUNTRAIL COUNTY,  
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
In the Matter of the Estate of  
SHARRY D. HAGEN, Deceased.  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative 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 KARI HAGEN, personal representative of the estate, at 859 121st Ave. SW, Manning, North Dakota 58642 or filed with the Court.  
Dated this 17th day of September, 2024.  
  
/s/ Kari Hagen  
Kari Hagen  
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CIVIL NO. 31-2024-CV-00258  
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
COUNTY OF MOUNTRAIL  
IN DISTRICT COURT  
NORTH CENTRAL  
JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
Basin Electric Power Cooperative,  
Petitioner,  
v.  
Geraldine Day, Dennis Day, Janet Andersen, David Andersen, Marc Tellevik, Jennifer Brown, Carolyn Thomas, and Traci Kingsbury,  
Respondents.

**SUMMONS**  
THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENTS:  
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend against the Petition in this action, to confirm Basin Electric Power Cooperative's right to enter, survey, and examine the following described property in Mountrail County, North Dakota, to wit:  
Township 156 North, Range 94 West  
Section 17: S1/2SE1/4,  
S1/2S1/2S1/2SW1/4  
Section 20: NE1/4,  
NE1/4NW1/4, NW1/4, N1/2NE1/4NW1/4  
by serving upon the undersigned an answer or other proper response within 21 days after the service of this Summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Petition. A copy of the Petition has been filed in the office of the Clerk of District Court in and for said County.  
Dated this 18th day of September, 2024.

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# Advanced Placement Success Saves Students \$2.1 Million

State School Superintendent Kirsten Baesler said last week that North Dakota high school students' 2024 Advanced Placement exam results will save them \$2.1 million in college tuition costs. The savings are part of a continuing state program that has saved students \$11.5 million in college tuition expenses since 2015.

North Dakota students scored 3 or better on 69 percent of their Advanced Placement exams this year, which is the highest rate in the past five years, Baesler said. Advanced Placement courses are scored on a scale of 1 to 5, and scores of 3 or greater can earn students course credit or advanced placement at the college they attend.

North Dakota high schools offer a variety of elective Advanced Placement courses, from biology to history, chemistry, environmental science, mathematics, physics, computer science, English and literature.

The Department of Public Instruction subsidizes the cost of up to four Advanced Placement exams for each student in math, science, computer science, and English during the student's high school career. The fee for each exam is about \$100.

This year, the state paid AP exam fees for 2,073 tests in which students scored 3 or above. If each test is good for four hours of college credit, students will save \$2.1 million in tuition costs, Baesler said. North Dakota's University System charges an average of \$257 per credit hour.

The AP exam subsidy program dates to 2015, when the North Dakota Legislature approved Baesler's "Leveraging the Senior Year" initiative. Since then, AP exam results have saved North Dakota college students \$11.5 million, including the \$2.1 million saved in 2024.

The Leveraging the Senior Year program is aimed at broadening high school seniors' options for taking advanced coursework, and at helping seniors avoid remedial college courses by providing extra academic instruction. Advanced Placement classes help high school students prepare for college-level work and demonstrate their readiness for it.

# Lane Departure Remains A Leading Cause Of Fatal Crashes In ND

Lane departure-related crashes accounted for more than half of the motor vehicle fatalities in North Dakota in 2023. Vision Zero urges drivers to remain vigilant and stay within their lane to help reduce the number of crashes and fatalities on North Dakota's roads.

Single-vehicle lane departure crashes are especially common in rural areas and are a leading cause of severe injuries. These crashes occur when a vehicle crosses the edge or center line or leaves the roadway entirely, often resulting in a serious injury or death due to the typically high speeds involved.

North Dakota continues to install enhanced road safety features with proven measures such as wider edge line pavement markings, curve warning signs, cable median barriers and edge and center-line rumble strips, all of which are aimed at reducing lane departure incidents.

Drivers are reminded to take personal responsibility by wearing seat belts, using proper child safety seats, obeying all speed limits and driving sober and distraction-free. Together, these actions can help eliminate fatalities and serious injuries on North Dakota roadways.

Visit the North Dakota Crash Memorial Wall to view memorials built on the hope of preventing another death on North Dakota roads.



STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
COUNTY OF MOUNTRAIL  
IN DISTRICT COURT  
NORTH CENTRAL  
JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
In the Matter of the Adoption of  
R.L.B., a Minor Child  
Case No. 31-2024-DM-00036  
**SUMMONS**  
Michele Brown and Dale Brown,  
Petitioners,  
vs.  
Executive Director of North Dakota  
Department of Human Services; Steven  
Doak; and Raphael Cook,  
Respondents.

**THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENTS:**  
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Petition for Adoption and Termination of Parental Rights, a copy of which is on file in the Office of the Clerk of District Court, and to serve in this action upon the undersigned an Answer or other proper response within twenty-one (21) days after the service of this Summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to appear or answer, Judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Petition for Adoption and Termination of Parental Rights.  
Dated this 13th day of August, 2024.

PRINGLE & HERIGSTAD, P.C.  
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Oct. 2, 9, 16, 2024

CIVIL NO. 31-2024-CV-00084  
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
COUNTY OF MOUNTRAIL  
IN DISTRICT COURT  
NORTH CENTRAL  
JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
**NOTICE OF SALE**  
First Western Bank & Trust,  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
Jason Lee Tracy, Sarah Irene Tracy,  
Child Support Enforcement Unit,  
Defendant.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that by virtue of a Judgment and decree in foreclosure, rendered by the District Court of the North Central Judicial District, in and for the County of Mountrail, State of North Dakota, and entered and docketed in the office of the Clerk of the District Court, in and for said County, on the 16th day of August, 2024, in an action wherein First Western Bank & Trust was Plaintiff, and Jason Lee Tracy, Sarah Irene Tracy, Child Support Enforcement Unit were Defendants, in favor of the Plaintiff and against the Defendant Jason Lee Tracy for the sum of \$899,672.24, which Judgment and decree, among other things, directs the sale of the real estate hereinafter described, and by virtue of a writ issued to me by the Clerk of said Court, in and for Mountrail County, and under the seal of said Court, directing me to sell said real property, pursuant to said Judgment and decree, I, Corey Bristol, Sheriff of Mountrail County will sell the herein after described real estate to the highest bidder for cash, at public auction at the front door of the courthouse in the City of Stanley, Mountrail County, North Dakota, on the 16th day of October, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. of that day, to satisfy the said Judgment with interest and costs thereon, and the costs and expenses of such sale, or so much thereof as the proceeds of such sale applicable thereto will satisfy.

The premises to be sold pursuant to said Judgment and decree and to said writ and to this notice, are described in said Judgment, decree and writ as follows:  
Lot 22, Varloe's Subdivision in the NE1/4 of Section 30, Township 152 North, Range 91 West of the 5th P.M.  
Dated this 12 day of September, 2024.  
  
/s/ Corey Bristol  
Corey Bristol  
Sheriff of Mountrail County,  
North Dakota  
By: Duane Marmon, Chief Deputy  
Sept. 18, 25, Oct. 2, 2024

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