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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
BOWMAN COUNTY,
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF C. BERK BOWMAN,
aka BERK BOWMAN,
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 Tara Bowman Seitz, the personal representative of the estate, at 4229 Wedgewood Drive, Billings, MT 59106, or filed with the Court.
Dated this day of , 2024.
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State canvassing board certifies general election results

Courtesy of North Dakota Secretary of State

BISMARCK, ND—The State Canvassing Board certified the 2024 General Election results today, making them official for state, judicial, and legislative contests. Election results reviewed during the State Canvassing Board meeting were submitted by the 53 county canvassing boards, which are responsible for reviewing results for all contests on the ballot from each precinct within their county. The county canvassing boards are required to certify their county contests 13 days after election day.

Automatic recounts will take place for two Supervisor of Soil Conservation District races. They are for an unexpired two-year term in the South McLean Soil Conservation District and a term in the Towner County Soil Conservation District.

The demand recount threshold has been met for two seats in the state House of Representatives. In Legislative District 9, David Brien may request a demand recount for an unexpired two-year term, and in Legislative District 18, Mary Adams may request a demand recount. Recounts must be requested within four days of the State Canvassing Board meeting.

The State Canvassing Board will reconvene on December 2 at 10:00 a.m. to consider the results of the automatic recounts and potential requested demand recounts.

State Canvassing Board members include Secretary of State Michael Howe, State Treasurer Thomas

Beadle, Clerk of the North Dakota Supreme Court Petra Mandigo Hulm, and the state committee chairs of political parties on the ballot, represented by Sandra Sanford – Republican Party, and Tracy Potter (representing Adam Goldwyn) - Democratic-NPL Party.

In the 2024 General Election, 371,975 eligible voters cast ballots for a statewide voter turnout of 62.61%.

- 95,908 absentee/vote by mail ballots were sent and 91,553 were returned, resulting in a 95.46% return percentage.
- 98,989 people took part in early voting.

For more information about North Dakota elections, visit vote.nd.gov, email soselect@nd.gov, or call 701-328-4146.

From the Featherduster

By Paula Richter

Thanksgiving. What a long and colorful history this wonderful celebration affords us.

It began hundreds of years ago. In 1621 at Plymouth, the Wampanoag Native Americans got together with the Pilgrims and had a three day feast. These were not easy times for any of them. But they were thankful.

Survival was tenuous for those folks. Both those settlers and the Natives had terrible troubles with disease and attacks from other Natives thinning their ranks. We have no idea what that looks like.

Yes there have been many rugged times. After President Lincoln established Thanksgiving to unite the people, there were dark times. His assassination. Families torn apart by wars after that. But he had seen that horrible Civil War and wanted us to heal.

The year that John F. Kennedy was assassinated was a dark Thanksgiving for all of us.

Soldiering on is a much more complicated issue these days. But nothing as basic as those early folks faced.

We really do have so much to be thankful for. How can we be any less so than all of those who have gone on before us? Let us rejoice and be glad! And thank God, everyone. He has richly blessed us.

ND, SD at bottom of list

State hospital safety rankings come up short

Staff Report

When it comes to a recent hospital safety ranking, North Dakota may be literally on life support.

The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Guide recently ranked health care throughout the United States. The non-organization recently released a report that evaluated approximately 3,000 hospitals on how well they keep patients from harm.

North Dakota was at the bottom of the rankings. But, the state was not alone. The Peace Garden State was tied with Iowa, South Dakota and Vermont at the bottom – all at number 48. The 50 states and the District of Columbia were in the rankings.

After a spring survey had been completed, Iowa had ranked ahead of the Dakotas and Vermont, but the state dropped in the fall.

According to the Leapfrog Group, the states are ranked based on the percentage of “A” hospitals in that state.

According to the fall survey, Utah and Virginia remained first and second, both in the spring and the summer. Both also increased their percentages of “A” hospitals. Utah went from 57.7 percent in the spring to 60.7 percent in the fall. Virginia climbed from 56.3 percent in the spring to 57.7 percent in the fall.

One of the biggest improvements was Connecticut, jumping from twelfth on the list in the spring (39.3 percent) up to third (50.0 percent).

Several other states made big improvements in the fall standings.

California climbed from number 19 on the list in the spring (32.6%) to sixth place (44.9%).

Idaho climbed from number 21 in the spring (28.6%) to eighth (42.9%).

Several states went in the opposite direction, with Alaska falling from 42.9% in the spring to 28.6% in the fall which dropped them from sixth in the nation down to 26th place.

Grading

The hospitals are graded in several categories, including patient’s rights, preventing patient harm, medication safety, Healthcare-associated infections, the quality of specialty care in critical care, pediatric care and maternity care. In surgery, they are graded on complex adult surgery, effective outpatient surgery for adults and for pediatric cases, as well as the care for elective outpatient surgery patients.

By State

According to the rankings, there were just seven in North Dakota that received a ranking. Trinity Health in Minot had a “B” grade – the only one in the state. The other six all had a “C” grade – Altru Health System in Grand Forks, CHI St. Alexius Health in Bismarck, Essentia Health in Fargo, Sanford Broadway Medical Center in Fargo, Sanford Medical Center in Bismarck and Sanford Medical Center in Fargo.

South Dakota had one “B” hospital in Monument Health Rapid City Hospital and six with a “C” this fall. They are Avera McKennan Hospital and University Health Center in Sioux Falls, Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton,

Avera St. Luke’s Hospital in Aberdeen, the Brookings Health System in Brookings, Prairie Lakes Healthcare System in Watertown and the Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls.

There was one hospital in the state with a “D” grade – Avera St. Mary’s Hospital in Pierre.

Montana

Meanwhile, Montana, which ranked number 16 in the fall survey, had three hospitals with an “A” grade – Bozeman Health Deaconess Regional Medical Center in Bozeman, the Intermountain Health St. Vincent Regional Hospital in Billings and the RCHP Billings-Missoula LLC DBA Community Medical Center in Missoula.

The Billings Clinic in Billings was the only one in the state to get a “B” grade, while four had “C” grades. The four hospitals were Benefis Hospital in Great Falls. Intermountain Health St. James Hospital in Butte, Providence St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula and St. Peter’s Health Regional Medical Center in Helena.

The state also had one hospital earning a “D” grade – the Logan Health Medical Center in Kalispell.

The Treasure State had the same percentage from spring to fall in the survey, but moved up one spot from number 17.

Top ten states

According to the fall rankings, Utah was first, followed by Virginia, Connecticut, North Carolina, New Jersey, California, Rhode Island, Idaho and Pennsylvania. Both Colorado and South Carolina tied at tenth.

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mance of the West.” In those days, seeing military heroes and important politicians was not a special event as it was with the visit of Marshal Foch, but an everyday occurrence. There was no better place to see them than at the Sheridan.

The Sheridan Hotel was built by E.A. Bly in 1877. At that time, Bismarck was at the end of the railroad, and the train stopped right at the front door of the hotel. Almost daily, officers, soldiers, frontiersmen, and pioneers could be seen boarding and leaving the train, and the Sheridan remained at the center of it. Among the famous generals who stayed at the hotel were Generals Hancock, Sturgis, Sherman, and of course Sheridan, for whom the hotel was named.

But much like Marshal Foch’s visit, what helped make the Sheridan House unique in those early days was not the presence of soldiers, but the presence of the many Native American visitors. The Tribune wrote, “The story of the recently burned Sheridan

House and of its connection with the ‘Winning of the west’ could not be complete without the names of its many Indian guests. Sometimes the big chiefs were present as honored attendants at some function, in much the same manner that many Indians were present at the reception of Marshal Foch.”

Native Americans were brought to the hotel more often as prisoners, but many prominent chiefs also visited as guests, including Sitting Bull, Gall, Rain in the Face, Red Cloud, Running Antelope, and Sitting Bull’s daughter, Shooting Star. Chief Joseph of the Nez Perce was brought to the hotel by General Miles after the chief was caught following his famous—and almost successful retreat from the US Army. From there, Joseph went to the east to ride in the dedication parade for Grant’s tomb.

During his stay, however, Joseph added a story to the many others that made the Sheridan a legacy of the West. According to the Tribune, Chief Joseph was seated at one end of a table at a banquet while

General Miles was at the other. A white woman present at the banquet was so impressed with the chief that she wrapped her arms around him, kissed him, and placed her ring on his finger. “Joseph, not to be undone by any act of gallantry,” said the Tribune, “searched among his followers until he found a ring. It happened to be a brass one, badly disfigured, which he placed upon the finger of the young lady, also returning her salutation.”

The Sheridan had burned down a month before Foch’s visit, but it lived on in the memories of Bismarck’s early pioneers. To them, it was the “palace of the frontier,” and home of “the bronzed trooper, wily scout, and silent and impressive Indian.” It was a true marker of the Old West.

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