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StormTRACKER Forecast

Highs reaching into the 70s. Mostly cloudy with a light breeze from the east south east direction.

Almanac Through 12 AM Wednesday

Temperature	High	Low
Tuesday	70°	46°
Normal	73°	50°
Record	100° in 1968	33° in 1950

Precipitation

Tuesday

Month To Date

Departure From Avg Month To Date

Year To Date

Departure From Avg Year To Date

In Inches

0

.01"

-0.32"

5.66"

-0.54"

Sunrise: 5:41 a.m.

Sunset: 9:25 p.m.

North Dakota

	Today	Tomorrow		
Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo	
Bismarck	71	48	75	55
Fargo	74	52	76	55
Medora	70	43	78	56
Minot	73	50	76	56
Williston	73	46	80	58

Minnesota

	Today	Tomorrow		
Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo	
Alexandria	76	55	70	53
Duluth	73	54	65	49
International Falls	72	45	74	50
Minneapolis	79	59	68	53
Rochester	77	59	69	54

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

70 / 46

Mostly Cloudy

Wind: SE 8 mph

75 / 52

Mostly Sunny

Wind: SW 8 mph

73 / 49

PM Thunderstorms

Wind: SW 17 mph

58 / 48

Partly Cloudy/ Wind

Wind: NW 24 mph

68 / 47

Partly Cloudy

Wind: NW 16 mph

77 / 54

Sunny

Wind: W 10 mph

82 / 57

Mostly Sunny

Wind: SE 13 mph

*Average wind speed for each day

UV Index Today

5

0-2 Low, 3-5 Moderate, 6-7 High, 8-10 Very High, 11+ Extreme.

Medina, ND, man sentenced for sexually assaulting juveniles

JAMESTOWN — A Medina, North Dakota, man was sentenced to 16 years in prison recently in Southeast District Court in Jamestown on felony charges related to sexually assaulting juveniles.

Judge James Shockman sentenced Jeremy Craig Reister, 41, to 16 years in the North Dakota Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation with credit for 231 days served and 34 days credit

Reister

for good time. Shockman placed Reister on 40 years supervised probation and ordered him to register as a sex offender. Shockman also ordered Reister to pay a \$900 criminal administration fee, \$100 defense/facility administration fee and a \$25 victim-witness fee.

On Feb. 5, Reister pleaded guilty to gross sexual imposition, a Class AA felony, two counts of incest, sexual assault and tampering with physical evidence, Class C felonies, and surreptitious intrusion, a Class B misdemeanor.

Reister was accused of engaging in a sexual act with a minor younger than 15 years old from June 4, 2021, to June 3, 2022; engaging in a sexual act with another

person related to him, believing another individual may have information related to an offense and deceiving that person or employing force, threat, or bribery with intent to hinder, delay or prevent communication of such information to a law enforcement officer; placing a recording device in a bathroom to record an individual using the bathroom and having sexual contact

with a minor older than 15 years old while he was at least 22 years old from Nov. 14, 2021, to Nov. 12.

A Class AA felony is punishable by life in prison without parole. A Class A felony is punishable by 20 years in prison and \$20,000 fine. A Class C felony is punishable by five years in prison and a \$10,000 fine. A Class B misdemeanor is punishable by 30 days in prison and \$1,500 fine.

In a separate case, Reister is also facing several felony charges.

Reister has also been charged with gross sexual imposition, a Class AA felony, three counts of gross sexual imposition, Class A felonies, and three counts of incest, Class C felonies.

Reister pleaded not guilty to the charges on March 19 in Southeast District Court.

A felony jury trial is scheduled for June 24.

MEASLES CONTINUED from A1

local public health units,” she said, adding that the department encourages North Dakotans to be vaccinated.

“Vaccination is recommended for anyone born in 1957 or later who is 12 months of age or older. Please speak with a trusted health care provider about getting vaccinated,” she said.

Sen. John Hoeven expressed concerns about North Dakota’s measles outbreak and encouraged residents to follow the guidance of the state’s health department to help prevent the spread.

Asked for a statement about North Dakota’s nation-leading measles

rate, a spokesman for Gov. Kelly Armstrong said the governor has been “consistent in strongly encouraging anyone concerned about measles to visit with their trusted health care provider.”

Rep. Julie Fedorchak called the rise in cases “concerning” and said her office is monitoring measles cases in North Dakota.

“Measles is a serious illness, and I encourage North Dakotans to consult with their doctors and follow medical guidance to keep themselves and their families healthy,” she said. “State and local health officials are best positioned to respond quickly and are doing a fantastic job — including setting up

vaccination clinics that are being broadly used. Vaccines are a proven protection against this disease, but with all vaccinations I trust parents and individuals to make the decisions that are best for them.”

In April, Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. said the measles vaccine hadn’t been “safety tested” and that the protection it provides wanes quickly, prompting alarm within the public health community, which has long attested to the safety of the vaccine and its lifelong protection.

McDonough cautioned against Kennedy’s confirmation after President Donald Trump signaled he would nominate

Kennedy for the cabinet post last November, calling Kennedy’s ideas “outlandish and outrageous” and warning that the consequences for public health in North Dakota would be dire.

Asked whether Kennedy’s well-known skepticism about vaccines and ongoing public doubts might be having any impact on the spread of measles in North Dakota, Sen. Kevin Cramer called any assertion correlating the two “absurd” and “unserious.”

“Secretary Kennedy advocates for what pretty much every normal adult in America and North Dakota believes: consult with your health care provider and understand your vaccine options to

make informed choices based on your personal circumstances,” Cramer said in a statement.

On Tuesday, McDonough said Kennedy’s actions as secretary were playing out as he predicted, pointing to funding cuts for critical research at Kennedy’s direction.

“Kennedy’s decision to terminate or curtail over 40 research projects to counter vaccine hesitancy will assure that low vaccination rates continue into the future, and vaccine-preventable disease outbreaks will continue,” McDonough said. “I doubt very much that North Dakotans want the federal government to hinder efforts to improve immunizations.”

CORRECTION

Riazanov did not desert unit in Ukraine

In the North Dakota News Cooperative story “Ukrainians in North Dakota face slow walk out the door as status expires” published in Wednesday’s Jamestown Sun, it was incorrectly reported that Yaroslav Riazanov had deserted his unit. Riazanov served in the Ukrainian armed forces from 2017-2019 and was honorably discharged. Shortly before the Russian invasion, a former superior officer warned him and other soldiers that Russia could invade but he was not currently with the unit at that time.

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