



Tree damaged by the Emerald Ash Borer

Emerald Ash Borer Awareness Week is May 19-26

Bismarck, ND – Governor Kelly Armstrong has proclaimed May 19-26, 2025, as Emerald Ash Borer Awareness Week in North Dakota.

Native to Asia, the emerald ash borer (EAB) attacks true ash trees (*Fraxinus* spp.). The larvae feed under the bark, disrupting the movement of water and nutrients and killing the tree within several years. EAB has killed hundreds of millions of ash trees in the United States over the past decade.

“EAB was found in LaMoure County last year and is also found in 36 additional states and 5 Canadian provinces, including our neighbors, Minnesota, South

Dakota and Manitoba,” said Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring. “It is important that North Dakotans take action to prevent further spread of the beetle as they travel.”

North Dakota has more than 90 million ash trees. Based on tree inventories in more than 100 North Dakota communities, ash trees make up between 20 percent to 80 percent of trees along streets and in city parks. They are also found in rural plantings, riparian areas and native forests.

“EAB spreads slowly on its own, but it can be moved long distances in firewood and ash nursery stock,” State Forester

Tom Claeys said. “Please buy your firewood from local sources, and if you are coming from out of the state, please don’t bring firewood with you.”

The North Dakota Department of Agriculture (NDDA), North Dakota Forest Service (NDFS) and NDSU Extension have been working together on emerald ash borer outreach, education and training since 2008. The NDDA, NDFS and city foresters will be placing surveillance traps around the state in the next couple weeks. Nearly 300

EAB traps will be placed in cities, state parks, recreation areas, campgrounds, rest stops and other areas of high risk to survey for EAB.

The two-foot-long, three-sided, purple traps are baited with a lure attractive to emerald ash borers. The traps will be monitored through the summer during the adult flight period.

Goehring and Claeys asked that people encountering one of these traps to please leave it undisturbed.

Treatments are available to prevent EAB from establishing

in an ash tree that a homeowner desires to save. Treatments are not recommended until EAB has been found within 15 miles of the tree’s location.

It is prohibited to move firewood or other ash articles outside of a regulated area. LaMoure County is currently regulated for EAB.

More information about EAB, including treatments, is available on the NDDA website at www.ndda.nd.gov/eab. To report a suspect ash tree, go to <https://www.ndda.nd.gov/reab>.

BEK VOTE

BALLOTS ARE OUT!

Check your mailbox or inbox—whether you chose a paper or electronic ballot, it’s time to cast your vote. As a member of the cooperative, your participation ensures we stay strong, responsive, and focused on serving our communities.

Don’t wait! All ballots must be received by June 10, 2025, by midnight. Make your voice count—vote today!

Cruise & Retro Night Party
Saturday, May 31st
Steele, ND

5:30 pm - 8 pm
Cruise on Mitchell Ave
Kids Inflatable @ VETS Park
MAD Moves burgers at park
\$1 cones @ rink

9 pm - 1 am
21+ Karaoke and Dance @
MAD MOVES
Cornhole
Beer Garden/Signature Drinks
Grill is OPEN

DRESS UP FOR PRIZES!!
Questions? 701-390-2377

SENIOR CENTER SPECIAL EVENTS

Kidder County Council on Aging is a 501 c 3 nonprofit organization that accepts donations and memorials to offset the cost of expenses for our home delivered and congregate meal services. The Kidder County Council on Aging Board meets the third Thursday of each month at 2:00 p.m. at the Steele Senior Center.

The Kidder County Senior Services Nutrition Program offers a variety of meal options for older adults. Congregate meals, drive-thru/take out meals, home delivered meals and frozen meals are all options for you to choose from.

FLASH FROZEN MEALS – Kidder County Senior Services frozen meals are prepared at Steele and Tuttle sites and are available for evenings, weekends and winter weather closings. May be heated in the oven or microwave.

Under the Older Americans Act, every meal served must provide at least one third of the daily nutrition needs for older adults. They must include a

food item from every food group. Each meal includes 3 ounces of protein, 2 servings of vegetables, 1 serving of fruit, 2 servings of whole grains and 1 serving of dairy. Call 475-2708 for more information.

ND Aging and Disability Resource link: carechoice.nd.assistguide.net, provides a list of all available services and providers in ND and contact info for each.

Boxes of Cards - Sympathy, birthday and assorted cards are for sale at the Steele Center. This is a fund raiser for Trinity Lutheran Church.

BINGO WEDNESDAY – STEELE CENTER – 12:45 after the noon meal. Free to play, welcome to stay!

We are always looking for volunteers to deliver home delivered meals in town. This usually takes about 20 minutes. If you are interested in helping out please contact the center at 475-2708.

Please call by 8 a.m. to reserve or cancel a meal for that day.

Steele Center 475-2708 Served at Noon. Thursday, May 22 – Orange Glazed Pork Roast, Baked Sweet Potato, Creamy Cucumbers,

Poached Pears Friday, May 23 – Chili Cheese Stuffed Baked Potato, Sour Cream, Broccoli, Cookie Fruit Salad, WG Garlic Breadstick Monday, May 26 – Center Closed – Memorial Day Tuesday, May 27 – Chicken Cordon Bleu, Roasted Sweet Potato, Capri Vegetable Blend, Fruit Cocktail Wednesday May 28 – Hot Beef Sandwich, Mashed Potato, Peas & Carrots, Fruit Salad

Tuttle Center 867-2761 Served at Noon. Thursday, May 22 – Orange Glazed Pork Roast, Baked Sweet Potato, Creamy Cucumbers, Poached Pears Friday, May 23 – Chili Cheese Stuffed Baked Potato, Sour Cream, Broccoli, Cookie Fruit Salad, WG Garlic Breadstick Monday, May 26 – Center Closed – Memorial Day Tuesday, May 27 – Chicken Cordon Bleu, Roasted Sweet Potato, Capri Vegetable Blend, Fruit Cocktail Wednesday May 28 – Hot Beef Sandwich, Mashed Potato, Peas & Carrots, Fruit Salad