

## Step into the past

Memories  
from  
Decades  
gone by



**50 Years Ago (July 8, 1976)** • America Celebrates 200th anniversary—part of the celebration was the Whitestone Bicentennial celebration, which featured a reenactment of the original battle, a sunrise worship service, rodeo, parade, guest speakers, and more; shown as a Native chief is banker Harley Jundt and shown as Abe Lincoln is Vic Steinwand • EHS graduating classes of '55, '56, and '57 to hold reunion—Carol (Caldwell) Rekow in charge of registration • The death of C. G. Kee created an unexpected vacancy on the school board, so June Holte, who resigned from the board in May, was asked to return • Ery Raymond of the DC Senior Citizens board announces the grant application for the purchase of a bus to assist in transporting elderly and handicapped DC residents was approved by the State HW Dept. • "Crops look nice and green" says County Agent Eugene Elhard • Mrs. Anne Weber Hoff retires from her role as juvenile supervisor of DC • Newly hired school principal John Longtin to start Aug. 1

**40 Years Ago (July 10, 1986)** • Robert Peterson and sister Carrol step down as managers of the Golden Rule Rest Home—Peterson suggested that a non-profit organization take over the facility rather than continue the Golden Rule industry • When the city's water tower was drained in connection with the water main replacement project, the city water's fluoride levels increased and may have caused nausea around the community • Shown is Mrs. Kenneth (Margaret) Smith holding son Gregory in the new labor delivery room at the Memorial Hospital with Dr. Clarence Carlson • Farmers Home Admin. DC nominees are Marshal Visto, Allan Glynn, and Darwin Nill • Star Track & Field & XC athlete Rhonda Wallace of Forbes to run in Salzburg, Austria and Amerstdam after finishing top 50 at National XC meet

**30 Years Ago (July 4, 1996)** • "Bomb threat closes down two blocks of Main St.," forcing the sheriff to evacuate everyone—BNC National Bank received a call from someone demanding money, and if they didn't get it, they would detonate a bomb that was supposedly in the bank; the ambulance and fire crew were called to stop a fire in case of the explosion; Jim Bohannon, Diane Henningsen, Derek Cruff, and Brian Hager searched the building and found nothing; the FBI was contacted to investigate the threat

**20 Years Ago (July 6, 2006)** • "Puff & Toot Railroad," a kid's train, comes to Ellendale • Ellendale's 125th Celebration signs (for 2007) are already up • The Nazarene Church Youth "flamingo'd" lawns with small yard flamingos

**10 Years Ago (July 7, 2016)** • Isabella Wedell plays in Class B All-Star Volleyball Game in Fargo • The Class of '76 holds reunion

## Interactive Library highlights TR's life, conservation efforts

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and his conservation efforts including the establishing of what would become the first national wildlife refuge, Pelican Island in Florida.

For Simon Roosevelt, the details about his great-great grandfather's conservation efforts displayed throughout the library brought home how important of a figure he has been in protecting and preserving America's lands.

"I don't want to say any one thing was the most important to him, but the land, the outdoors, the wildlife, if there were things he cared so deeply about from the time he was small until his very last days, those were it," Roosevelt said.

Roosevelt said he hopes the library becomes something beyond just a place to visit once, but a continuing draw for people, particularly as the programming is built out.

"I hope it will become a gathering space for people to come share ideas, to advance ideas forward, and for solutions to come out of those meetings to advance the interests of the whole country," Roosevelt said.

"I guess I overwhelmingly feel proud that the values and the things that were most important to him are finding expression here in the way that they are," he said.

Rex Shulz, president of Ducks Unlimited, said he was very impressed with the library and how it fit into the setting of the North Dakota badlands as well as the context of Theodore Roosevelt's life.

"That Roosevelt had conservation

prior to anyone else recognizing that, he was so impactful being that first generation of conservation, and being a conservationist myself and in my volunteerism, that really resonates with me," Schulz said.

The TRPL has gone from concept stage over a decade ago, to several years of concepts, then finally construction and exhibit development during the past three or so years, with leadership appearing to hit all the right notes on how the experience is for visitors.

Briney said there was a lot of time spent on figuring these issues out - whether it would be a library with a lot of books and research, or something like a museum full of relics and artefacts - and veered down a road not often taken with presidential libraries.

"I think people are going to be blown away by the fact that it is neither of those things," Briney said.

Supporters of the library, Char and Ducey Marthaller, who've been involved since 2016 and volunteered with helping plant the grasses on the roof, said Medora will possibly experience some change - more crowds at times, maybe a bit more congestion at others - but that the addition of the library to the community is an exciting development.

"We think that over time it's going to even out and mesh with all the other things going on in Medora," Ducey Marthaller said. "It's not going to be a crowded place every day."

While some local residents privately express concern about potential impacts, including costs, more



Displays like this at the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library showcase Roosevelt's appreciation for nature as a young boy and how that initiated a lifelong commitment to what became the conservation movement. (Photo, Michael Standaert NDNC)

crowds and higher prices at stores and restaurants, others are going with the flow and businesses expect it will help them in the long run.

"Yes, it's going to change, there's going to be more people here, but hopefully it doesn't change what the town is a lot," Char Marthaller said. "It's such a great place to come with your family and with your kids, and you don't want that to change."

Trolley driver Mark Billings, who had a day off and was able to see President Donald Trump come through on July 1, said the library and the visit by the president were a coup for the area.

"I think it's been very well received by the locals," Billings said. "There's been so much planning for this. It's been seamless so far, and I haven't sensed any frustrations or any hiccup they haven't thought of. For a small town, it's been a great achievement."

## AREA EVENTS

- July 9-12 (Thursday--Sunday): 2026 Dickey County Fair & Rodeo
- July 17 (Friday): Choice Bank Annual Picnic, on West Main Street, 11:00-1:00
- July 26 (Sunday): MoonCats Concert in the Park at 6:00pm
- August 26 (Wednesday): First day of school
- August 27 (Thursday): TBC's annual Herman G. Johnson Lecture at 7:00pm

## Recipe of the Week: Peek-a-Boo Cookies

This was a family favorite my Mom made for us when I was growing up on the farm! Childhood memories I can pass on to my children and Grandchildren!

-Peggy

### Ingredients

- 2 ½ cups flour
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 tsp. soda
- 1 cup shortening
- 1 tsp. salt
- ½ cup water
- 2 ½ cups oatmeal
- ½ cup jelly or jam

### Directions

Sift together flour, soda and salt. Add sugar, shortening and water. Beat until smooth. Fold in oatmeal. Sprinkle your surface with powdered sugar. Roll dough very thin. Cut with donut cutter with no hole and place on greased cookie sheet. Add a tsp of the jam or jelly in the center and cut another circle with the donut hole in it and place on top and seal edges. Bake at 350 and enjoy this sweet treat!

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

### ELLENDALE TOWNSHIP

Ellendale Township will be holding a meeting for general business on Monday, July 20, 2026. The meeting will be held at the Cenex Meeting Room.

(July 9 & 16, 2026)

### SPRING VALLEY TOWNSHIP NOTICE

On June 30, 2026 at a special meeting of Spring Valley Township after hearing public testimony and discussion, the Board of Supervisors found it timely and necessary to update the zoning ordinance for the township. In order to bring the zoning ordinance into compliance with current statute and to allow adequate time to research the issue necessary to protect the township and its residents, the township board voted to establish a moratorium for a period of two (2) years on crew camps (temporary workforce housing). This moratorium can be shortened, extended, or removed by a vote of the Spring Valley Township Board of Supervisors.

Matt Herman, Clerk  
(July 9, 2026)

### ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO N.D.A.C. CHAPTER 75-02-13 FAMILY PAID CAREGIVER PROGRAM

TAKE NOTICE that the North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services will hold a public hearing to address proposed amendments to N.D. Admin. Code chapter 75-02-13 relating to definitions, application and eligibility, and administration at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, August 12, 2026, in Bismarck, N.D. in Room 210, located on the second floor of the Judicial Wing of the State Capitol. The proposed changes are effective June 29, 2026, as interim final rules under North Dakota Century Code § 28-32-03(2)(c) to avoid a delay in implementing an appropriations measure (section 2 of 2025 Senate Bill No. 2305); the rules are required for the Department of Health and Human Services to comply with the opinion and order of the Supreme Court for the State of North Dakota in Ferderer v. North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services, 2026 ND 81, 34 N.W.3d 168 (N.D. 2026).

Copies of the proposed rules are available for review at human service zone offices and at the state-operated behavioral health clinics. Copies of the proposed rules and the regulatory analysis relating to these rules may be requested by telephoning (701) 328-2311. Written or oral data, views, or arguments may be entered at the hearing or sent to: Rules Administrator, North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services, State Capitol - Judicial Wing, 600 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept. 325, Bismarck, ND 58505-0250. Written data, views, or arguments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, August 24, 2026.

ATTENTION PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES: If you plan to attend the hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the Department of Health and Human Services at the above telephone number or address at least two weeks prior to the hearing.

Dated this 29th day of June, 2026.



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