



### Scooter tragedy serves as summer safety reminder

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As children head outdoors for summer fun, a recent tragedy in western North Dakota serves as an important reminder about scooter safety.

whenever riding scooters, bicycles, skateboards or similar devices. Parents are encouraged to remind children to ride in safe areas away from traffic, watch for obstacles, avoid excessive speeds and remain alert to their surroundings.

According to the North Dakota Highway Patrol, a female juvenile in Dickinson died following a scooter crash on May 23. Authorities reported the child was traveling on 30th Avenue when she veered to the right, overturned and struck a light pole. The incident remains under investigation.

With school out and more children spending time outdoors, safety officials recommend that helmets fit properly and be worn every time a child rides. Children should also avoid distractions, follow traffic rules and be supervised when appropriate.

The accident highlights the importance of wearing helmets and other protective gear

### 'VBS' CON'T FROM PAGE 1

Emily Kemp, Kristi Scharmer, Lindsey Fering, Stephanie Bishop, Jill Ginder, Pam Christenson, Aleah Shablow, Jocelyn Vold, Reegan Aasand, Gavin Cole, Tess Sehr, Stella Redmann, Loki Sylskar, Landon Mapel, Jasper Halvorson, Piper Fering, Bez Culver, Ruthie Rarick, Shea Aasand, Marissa Grundstrom, Molly Grundstrom, Erich Hoyles, Ciera Dalzell, Zoie Knapp, Brynlee Christenson, Lisa Christenson, and Owen Englund.

Halvorson. Following this time of fellowship, music, and skits, the crews rotated through the Rainforest stations. Bekah Schumacher and assistant Kilaynah Smith led "Rooted Bible Adventures." Maggie Vold and assistant Domenic Stellon led the "Wild Games" outside. "Sticky Scripture" was led by Angi Aasand and Bryanna Halvorson. "Imagination Station" (a science station) was led by Kallie Christenson with assistants Rahni and Raven Smith. "Treetop Treats" was led by Jamie Rarick and assistants Matt Rarick, Jonah Rarick, and Barb Visness. Together, all the

Thirteen crews gathered together at the "Sing and Play Tune Lagoon," led by Angi Aasand and Bryanna

Crews gathered together to end each evening at the Canopy Closing, led by Angi Aasand and Bryanna Halvorson. Toward the end of each closing, Secret Spy Sandy Dunes arrived, like she has done in the past years, to acknowledge kids she caught being friendly, listening, sharing, interacting, having fun, and praising God! Her true identity was recognized as Glenda Erickson! Thank you to all of our dedicated leaders at these stations! They worked hard to promise a week of wonder to help kids discover who God is and how to stay rooted in His love!



The Culver brothers, Gez and Benaiah, attempting to get through the hoop and pass it without spilling the cup of water. Submitted photo

On the final evening, a mini program was presented. The children sang the Rainforest Falls theme song, "God Is!" and raised their voices louder to "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms!" The actions were so fun!

The crews in four groups presented the Bible Buddy, Bible story, the Bible verse, and the Bible point for each day. At the end of each Bible point, the children shouted, "WOW, GOD!" and raised their hands up high to Him!

Day 1:  
Tango the Colorful Quetzal  
God creates the world.  
(Genesis 1)  
"Praise the Lord, everything he has created, everything in all his kingdom." (Psalm 103:22)  
Bible Point: God is our creator!  
"WOW, GOD!"

Day 2:  
Seymour the Glass Frog  
David celebrates all God knows. (Psalm 139)  
"O Lord you have examined my heart and know everything about me." (Psalm 139:1)  
Bible Point: God knows everything!  
"WOW, GOD!"

Day 3:  
Dottie the Ocelot  
David hides from Saul.  
(1 Samuel 23-24)  
"Then I pray to you, O Lord. I say, 'You are my place of refuge.'" (Psalm 142:5)  
Bible Point: God is our safe place!  
"WOW, GOD!"

Day 4:  
Tia the Anteater  
Jesus dies and comes to life to show God's love.  
(Luke 22:39-24:12)  
"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever." (Psalm 136:1)  
Bible Point: God is love!  
"WOW, GOD!"

An offering was gathered to help support Drayton Community VBS! Thanks to all of the Drayton Area Churches for your monetary donations along with other individuals who have done so! This helps with curriculum supplies, food, and families receive the Book of Psalms. Each child receives a t-shirt and five memorable Bible Buddies with the Bible verses imprinted on the bottom. Leaders and assistants receive t-shirts, as well. Thanks to all who provided food items. Thank you to Drayton Lutheran Church for opening your doors and playground for VBS! Thanks to Brad and Karen Schuster for leading the cleanup!

Thank you, Parents, for sending your children to the best event this summer! Thanks to the kids for displaying with great enthusiasm how much they enjoyed exploring the nature of God at Rainforest Falls Vacation Bible School!

"WOW, GOD!"




Londyn Soper practicing blowing bubbles representing the layers of God's rainforests. Submitted photo



**Wednesday, June 10th**  
**11AM-1PM**  
**American Legion**  
**108 8th Street East - Park River**

**Lunch, Bake Sale, & gift items for sale!**

**Free Will Lunch includes: BBQ or egg salad sandwich, salads, chips, & dessert**



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**NOTICE OF DRAYTON SCHOOL DISTRICT #19 ELECTION**  
Drayton, North Dakota  
June 9th, 2026

Notice is hereby given that the annual school district election of the Drayton Public School District #19 will be held on June 9, 2026 at the polling location listed below.

The polls will be open from 11:00AM until 7:00PM on that day.

**The following officials will be elected:**  
1- City School Board Member for 3-year term

**The following question will be on the ballot:**  
Shall the general fund levy of Drayton Public School District No. 19 of Pembina and Walsh Counties, North Dakota, be increased by an additional 30 mills, from the current limitation of 90 mills previously approved by voters (statutory limitation of 70 mills plus 20 mills), to 120 mills, with the additional 30 mills for ten taxable years as permitted by Section 57-15-14 of the North Dakota Century Code

**The polling locations are as follows:**  
Drayton Public School, 108 South 5th Street, Drayton, North Dakota

If auxiliary aids are required to vote, contact Angela Aasand at 701-454-3324 at least 5 days prior to the election.

**VOTE YES**

**We need your yes vote to increase mills so our school can stay open and be fully staffed**



Drayton VBS Station Leaders Jamie Rarick, Maggie Vold, Kallie Christenson, Bryanna Halvorson, Angi Aasand, Director Cindy Johnson and Bekah Schumacher. Submitted photo



Erich Hoyles and Oscar Quezada working on his Wow Window learning about how God can regrow His creations in the rainforests at the Imagination Station. Submitted photo



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