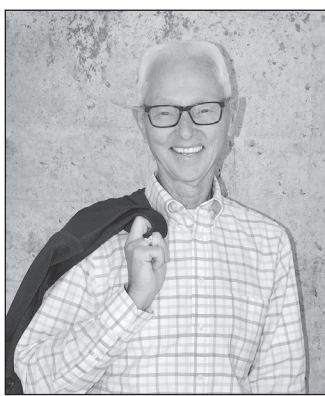


NEWS & NOTES

Weekly Message from Mayor Carlsrud

Greetings All,

Clean Up Week is scheduled for the week of May 11th. Materials will be collected on your normal garbage day. Please ensure your items are separated and placed at the curb no earlier than one week before your scheduled pickup. To view a list of allowable items, click here: [2026-clean-up-week-final](#). For questions, please contact the Transfer Station at 701-845-0314. Thank you for following these procedures to help us ensure an efficient pickup



Mayor Dave Carlsrud

for everyone.

The City of Valley City is hiring part-time mower operators for the summer season. Flexible scheduling available. To apply, please

call 701-845-1700.

Municipal electric utilities, also known as public power utilities, are not-for-profit entities owned by the customers they serve and operated by state or local governments. Across the nation, about 2,000 public power utilities serve 15% of electricity customers and account for 10% of total generating capacity. Many of these utilities are members of joint-action agencies, such as Missouri River Energy Services (MRES), through which they col-

laborate to provide a mutual power supply and essential energy-related services. ~ *Electricity 101*

Thank you and congratulations to everyone who tested for Emergency Medical Response last Sunday. Your service is critical to all those you serve. Blessings.

Please place all garbage containers at street level for collection. The automated truck arm is unable to adjust to containers on elevated surfaces or curbs. Thank you for your

cooperation.

How about expanding Earth Day to all year? We could clean up our properties and pick up refuse wherever we go, while recycling everything possible. Cardboard is especially important to recycle; it is heavy, and we are charged by weight to dump it in the landfill. Please try.

The Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library is defined by several “first-of-a-kind” engineering feats. It is designed to meet the Living Building Challenge,

the world’s most rigorous sustainability standard. This challenge focuses on “Four Zeros”: zero energy, zero water, zero emissions, and zero waste.

Thank you to all who provided material and to Sue for proofing this column.

“Life is Short, Forgive Quickly, Kiss Slowly and Love Truly.”

~ *Unknown*
Blessings, Prayers, Respect and Gratitude,
Dave Carlsrud

Dacotah Bank Valley City Donates \$1,380 to Sheyenne Valley Friends of Animals

Dacotah Bank - (Valley City, ND) Dacotah Bank in Valley City recently donated \$1,380 to Sheyenne Valley Friends of Animals as part of its employee-driven “Jeans Day” giving initiative.

Through the program, employees contribute funds each Friday in exchange for the opportunity to wear jeans to work. The funds collected are then directed to local organizations, sup-

porting causes that make a meaningful impact in the community.

“This program is a simple but powerful way for our employees to give back,” said Dacotah Bank Market President, Tyler Marthaler. “It reflects our ongoing commitment to the communities we serve and the organizations that make them stronger.”

The recent donation to Sheyenne Valley Friends of

Animals will help support the organization’s efforts in caring for and finding homes for animals in the Valley City area.

Dacotah Bank extends its gratitude to its employees for their continued generosity and dedication to making a difference locally.

Based in Aberdeen, S.D., Dacotah Bank has assets that exceed \$4 billion,

making it one of the largest independent banks in the upper Midwest. With dozens of hometown locations throughout North Dakota, South Dakota and Minnesota, Dacotah Bank employs over 600 people and serves over 70,000 customers with banking, insurance, mortgage, and trust and wealth management services. More information about Dacotah Bank is available at [dacotah-](#)



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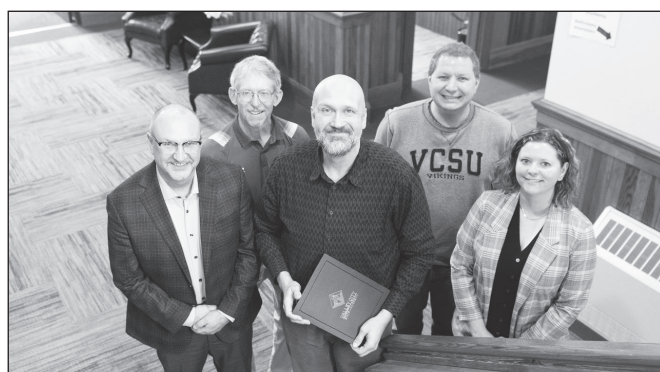
VCSU’s Dutton and Kiecker Receive Faculty Excellence Awards

VALLEY CITY, N.D. (VCSU) – Valley City State University faculty have named Anthony Dutton, Ph.D. and Lindsey Kiecker, M.S. as the recipients of the 2025-26 VCSU Faculty Excellence Awards.

Interim President Allen Burgad and Vice President for Academic Affairs Larry Brooks presented the awards earlier this month. Dutton and Kiecker were recognized for their exceptional

dedication and commitment to students and the University by outstanding teaching, scholarly activities and university service. The awards are nominated and voted on by fellow faculty members.

Dutton was honored with the Senior Faculty Excellence Award. He is a tenured professor in the social science department and also serves as chair for the music department. He has been a fac-



VCSU faculty Anthony Dutton, center, is pictured with VCSU administrators and employees from the social science department.

ulty member since 2009 and holds a doctorate in philosophy.



VCSU faculty Lindsey Kiecker, center, is pictured with VCSU administrators and employees from the science department.

her work as an assistant professor in the science department. She has been

a faculty member since 2023 and has a Master of Science in chemistry.

Dakota Attitude

Gordon and Adele (Rice) Spidahl

Interview: October 3, 2017
County: Ramsey
City: Doyon



Visiting My Relatives

Adele was born in May 1941 and grew up in Doyon. “When I was young,” she says, “I used to ride along on [my dad’s] mail route. He had a little red jeep then. Some o’ my cousins would go along an’ have a grand ol’ day. My aunt had the post office an’ they get little baby chickens in an’ he’d have to deliver them if the people didn’t come an’ pick ‘em up. So that was kind of a noisy ride and kinda stinky.”

“When younger, our main thing was riding bike up an’ down the middle o’ the street. I think our parents never knew where we were half the time. But everybody in town kinda knew where we were an’ kept track of us. We knew that the whole town was watching us, so we never got into much trouble, really.

“My friend, Dianne, lived across the street. We’d get on our bikes. Well, this was more in the summer. We’d ride out to the cemetery. I’d introduce her to all my relatives out there. I had grandparents, great-grandparents, great-great-grandparents [there]. I think she had a few relatives out there, an’ there was a big cement bench that we’d sit on out there. Sometimes we’d take our lunch.

“I knew stories from my parents about all these people, and I probably was made to attend a lot of funerals for the aunts and uncles that were out there. It was outdoors with the sun shining, lot of nice trees, lilacs. It was beautiful out there on the hill.

“I graduated from high school in 1959—the last class.” Adele married Gordon Spidahl shortly after graduating.

Looking back, Adele has positive memories of Doyon. “You are able to see people as they are and not for what they have. Not their job title, not their monetary wealth. We were all kinda in the same boat, you might say, in Doyon, so that didn’t impress us.

“I think a lot o’ people think of small towns and farms as Hicksville, you know, but I always thought it was fortunate to grow up on the prairies of North Dakota. Doyon will always hold my favorite memories.”

Myrna (Berg) Lundby

Interview: June 12, 2012
County: Williams
City: Grenora



Next Time Your Suitcase Will Be Out in the Street

Myrna Berg Lundby says, “I was born and grew up about 13 miles northeast of Grenora.” She had two sisters and one brother. Myrna and her siblings attended Sioux Trail School, about three miles from the farmstead. “Growing up on the farm, Saturday nights we would bring our cream in. We [kids] would go to the show, go to the drugstore and have malted milk or sundaes, then buy some comic books.” A favorite movie? “I loved Shirley Temple, anything she was in.

“In high school I boarded in town with another girl. She became my

very best friend. I just remember us bringing whole chickens from home [to cook].” After school, “we would visit or go over and sit in the park, get together because there were a lot of young ones who came from the country and had rooms in town. It wasn’t just us.”

The couple who owned the house where Myrna and her girlfriend boarded, “were awesome. There were times we would probably get in later that what the gentleman up there liked, so one night he locked us out. The garage door was open, so we snuck in. And he warned us. ‘Your suitcases will be out in the street the next time.’ We stayed there for four years.”

Myrna dated Dick Lundby all the way through high school, and they married upon graduation. They have three children, six grandkids, and two great-grandkids. Dick worked at the Farmers Union, and then they operated the local hardware business for 44 years, retiring in 2006.

Myrna tells a story about her husband: “Dick and his cousin were out plowing. It was a real hot day, so his cousin took his jeans off, so he was just in his shorts. He laid them on the tractor and at the end of the day, he was going to put his jeans on and he discovered they were missing. He had plowed them under, so he had to go back to the farm in just his shorts.”

Dick adds, “I suppose I was a sophomore-junior in high school. I had a John Deere, and he had an International.”

Robert “Bob” Miller

Interview: August 25, 2015
County: Barnes
City: Eckelson



Living Decent

Born in 1935 on the north side of Eckelson Lake, Bob Miller has strong memories of his parents. His father, a farmer, was “very industrious, intelligent. [He] didn’t waste a nickel on nothing. He wasn’t a cheapskate but very conservative. Mother was very timid and quiet. Very insecure. And it had a big effect on me. I had terrific insecurity for a long time.” This insecurity may have influenced Bob to postpone marriage until he was 40 years old. He married Hulda Middlestead in 1976. She passed away in 2008.

Bob’s earliest memory is of coming to town in a horse and buggy. A more important memory is of his membership in the Boy Scouts of America, which he thinks “was a fabulous experience. We learned friendship and working together as young people. We learned the value of living decent.”

Bob graduated from Eckelson High school in 1953, then began farming. “I went farming first with Dad for a year or two, and then Dad went on construction. Then my brother, Mo, and I went farming together.

“We’ve got a tremendous run of trains here though now. The coal trains and the oil trains are coming through here every hour on the hour just about. They run about 20 trains a day. The Public Service Commission forces them to blow their horn four times every time they cross a crossing, you know, so they blow their damn horn really good here. Even as deaf as I am I can hear them, but they don’t bother me for sleeping. I don’t like it if I’m visiting uptown and then the train comes through blowing the whistle. Makes it impossible to visit, and then the train itself is noisy enough that makes it more difficult, too.”

Even with the train noise, Bob enjoys being retired and living in Eckelson. “Well, it’s the people that I’ve known all my life. I think it’s beautiful neighborliness and also considerably privacy. You don’t have a hassle of neighbors. And great friendships.”

(Editor’s Note: The following profiles of North Dakota residents were collected by author James Puppe between 2004-2018, covering 617 subjects and 113,000 miles. He has given permission for his book to be serialized in North Dakota Newspapers at no charge. To find out how you can read the entire collection of Dakota Attitude profiles go to [dakotaattitude.com](#).)