

## Bowbells

Hazel Herman came back to Bowbells on Thursday for the weekend. On Friday Roxy Corey organized a special coffee at the community center so Hazel could visit her coffee group. It was really nice and Hazel really enjoyed it.

John Peterson, Pauline Jacobson and Janette Peterson came to Kenmare to Shelley and Craig Ellsworths' on Sunday for Easter dinner. Also attending were Wayne and Diana Jacobson, Eric and Amy Anderson and kids, Tucker and Kendal, Tyler, Madi and Millar. It was a lovely Easter dinner.

Saturday, Ardelle McIntyre attended the eighth birthday party for her great grandson, Weslee Sandberg at his home. Preston, Casey, Emma and Hannah, Cindy Winzenburg, Duane and Kayla Sandberg, Preston's sister and her Christensen family, Tim and Kari Rasmusson and a few of Weslee's and Hannah's friends had a great day.

Saturday Hazel Herman spent the day at the Bowbells Easter event with 14 of her great grandkids.

Tuesday, John and Janette Peterson picked up Shelley Ellsworth and came to the Methodist church in Bowbells. They met Diana Jacobson there for Bruce Anderson's funeral. Janette was Bruce's secretary for many years at the insurance agency in Bowbells. She worked there until she was 72.

Sunday Easter dinner was at Casey and Preston Sand-

bergs' included Tim and Kari Rasmusson, Duane and Kayla Sandberg, the Christensen family and Ardelle McIntyre. They had a great meal and a very nice time.

Sunday, Hazel Herman and Mike went to the Brodals' for Easter dinner.

What a fun filled Easter weekend at Darris and Lyann Olsons'. Coming from Bismarck on Friday were Eric Rick and kids and Lauren Roth and kids. They were treated to shup noodles (a German-Hungarian family favorite dish) at Dan and Bernnie Linsters'. Saturday they attended the Easter Event at the school along with Geran and Whitney Rick and boys. Afterwards they all drove to the farm to see cats, calves and throw some snowballs. From there they went to Kristie and Jade Parkinsons' for supper and an egg hunt. Also there were Jayden Parkinson from Fargo; Jason Linster and Hunter of Minot; Wayne and Clara Olson, Dan and Bernnie Linster. Following church, pancakes were gobbled up before the crew headed back to Bismarck and Minot.

Friday evening Hazel Herman and Mike went to Tom and Vicki Hermans' to visit.

Jack and Gen Aufforth had Easter at their home with JR and kids and Ted Driessen.

Jayden Parkinson was a weekend guest of his parents, Jade and Kristie Parkinson for Easter break.

Penny Dorner spent the week visiting friends and family. She spent Easter with her family and left on the airplane for home Sunday evening.

## Senior Citizens Menus

### POWERS LAKE

Call 464-5630 by 8:00 a.m. the day of the meal

**Friday, April 10:** Taco salad.

**Monday, April 13:** Meatloaf dinner.

**Wednesday, April 15:** Chicken parmesan.

### LIGNITE/COLUMBUS

Call 385-4364 or 818-3116 if interested in getting meals

**Friday, April 10:** Spare ribs, baked beans, au gratin potatoes, melon.

**Monday, April 13:** Spaghetti, green beans, garlic toast, parmesan cheese, apple.

**Wednesday, April 15:** Beef & cabbage bake, blend vegetables, corn bread muffin, pineapple juice.

### BOWBELLS

Anyone over 60 who would like a meal delivered please call 377-2376

*meals subject to change*

**Friday, April 10:** Chicken alfredo over fettuccine noodles, lettuce salad, garlic toast, fruit.

**Monday, April 13:** Chicken Cordon Bleu, baked potato, carrots, angel food cake, dinner bun.

**Wednesday, April 15:** Salisbury steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, gravy, beets, apple, dinner bun.

## Movie Review

### Super Mario Galaxy

Mario ventures into space, exploring cosmic worlds and tackling galactic challenges far from the familiar Mushroom Kingdom.

This animation, adventure, comedy, family and fantasy film is rated PG for action, mild violence and rude humor. The film is 1 hour and 38 minutes.

Super Mario Galaxy is playing at the Kenmare Theatre on April 10-12. Show times are Friday and Saturday 7:00 and 9:15 p.m. and Sunday at 3:00 and 7:00 p.m.

## Game & Fish

### 2026 Waterfowl Hunting Season

North Dakota's waterfowl season opens for residents Sept. 26, while nonresidents may begin hunting waterfowl Oct. 5.

The resident-only portion of the season has been extended from seven days in previous years to nine days in 2026. This change, which was first presented to the public starting summer 2025, provides additional early season opportunities for resident hunters.

The zones and overall season structure for nonresident hunters will remain the same as the 2025 hunting season.

The North Dakota 2026-27 Hunting and Trapping Guide will be available this summer and will provide further details on the waterfowl hunting season.

### Spring Mule Deer Survey Begins

The state Game and Fish Department's annual spring aerial mule deer survey is scheduled for April 1-24 in western North Dakota and typically takes about two weeks to complete, weather permitting.

During the survey period, people could notice low-flying small airplanes over some parts of the badlands.

Game and Fish biologists have completed aerial surveys of the same 24 badlands study areas since the 1950s. The purpose of the survey is to determine a population index to assess mule deer abundance in the badlands.

### Record Count of Bighorn Sheep

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department's 2025 bighorn sheep survey, completed by recounting lambs in March, revealed a record 378 bighorn sheep in the badlands of western North Dakota, up 8% from 2024 and 10% above the five-year average. The 2025 survey was the fifth record count in

the past six years.

Brett Wiedmann, Department big game biologist, said 104 rams, 234 ewes and 40 lambs were counted. Not included are approximately 40 bighorn sheep in the North Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park and bighorns introduced to the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation in 2020.

The northern badlands population increased by 8% from 2024 and was the highest count on record. The southern badlands population remained near its lowest level since bighorns were reintroduced there in 1966.

"Adult rams were near record numbers, but the ewe count surpassed the previous record by an impressive 14%," Wiedmann said. "Lamb recruitment and winter survival of lambs were both unfortunately well below average."

Wiedmann said numerous lambs were observed with clinical signs of pneumonia during the summer survey, which was likely the primary contributor to the poor lamb recruitment observed in 2025.

According to Department veterinarian, Logan Weyand, it is not uncommon to experience episodes of low lamb survival when a population of bighorn sheep is exposed to certain pathogens.

"We know from annual disease testing that the state's population of bighorn sheep has not cleared bacteria introduced in 2014 that predisposes bighorn lambs to pneumonia, so highly variable rates of lamb recruitment in recent years are not surprising," he said.

Department biologists count and classify all bighorn sheep in late summer, and then recount lambs the following March, as they approach one year of age to determine recruitment.

Currently, about 500 bighorn sheep comprise the populations managed by the North Dakota Game and Fish Department, National Park Service and the Three Affiliated Tribes Fish and Wildlife Division.

A bighorn sheep hunting season is tentatively scheduled for

2026. The status of the season will be determined Sept. 1, following the 2026 summer population survey.

Game and Fish issued eight licenses in 2025, and the Three Affiliated Tribes Fish and Wildlife Division issued two licenses, one to a tribal member and the second to a non-tribal member selected from the Department's pool of applicants. All hunters were successful in harvesting rams.

### 2025 Deer Season Summarized

A total of 36,353 North Dakota deer hunters took approximately 20,877 deer during the 2025 deer gun hunting season, according to a post-season survey conducted by the state Game and Fish Department.

Game and Fish made available 42,300 deer gun licenses last year. Overall hunter success was 57%, with each hunter spending an average of 4.9 days in the field.

Hunter success for white-tailed deer was 53% for antlered and 45% for antlerless whitetails.

Mule deer license holder success was 82% for antlered and 82% for antlerless mule deer.

Hunters with any antlered or any antlerless licenses generally harvest white-tailed deer, as these licenses are predominantly in units with mostly whitetails. Though, mule deer made up a greater proportion of the harvest in the Slope and Missouri River hunting units. Any antlered hunters had a success rate of 65%, while any antlerless hunters had a success rate of 56%.

Game and Fish issued 11,598 gratis licenses in 2025, and 9,453 hunters harvested 4,452 deer for a success rate of 47%.

A total of 797 muzzleloader licenses were issued, and 665 hunters harvested 215 white-tailed deer (102 antlered, 113 antlerless). Hunter success was 32%.

A total of 27,341 archery licenses (24,553 resident, 2,494 nonresident white-tailed deer, 294 nonresident any deer) were issued in 2025. In total, 22,944 bowhunters harvested 6,610 deer (5,590 whitetails, 1,020 mule deer) for a success rate of 29%.

The department is in the process of determining recommendations for licenses in 2026. In addition to harvest rates and winter aerial surveys, Game and Fish staff monitor other population indices to determine license numbers, including depredation reports, hunter observations, input at advisory board meetings, and comments from the public, landowners and department field staff.

## VACCINATION CLINICS

**Friday, April 17**

**KENMARE FIRE HALL**

Cats: 12:30-2:00; Dogs: 2:00-4:00

**Saturday, April 18**

**NOONAN FIRE HALL**

Cats: 1:00-2:00; Dogs: 2:00-4:00

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**MEET & GREET**

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**ALEX BALAZS**

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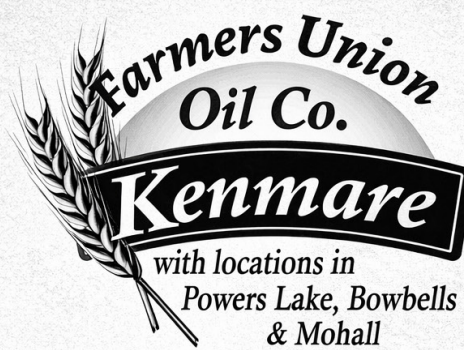
**BOWBELLS CITY HALL**

Cats: 9:00-10:00; Dogs: 10:00-11:30

**FLAXTON CITY HALL SHOP**

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