

## Bowbells

Hazel Herman and Mike went to her great granddaughters, Tillie Herman's seventh birthday party Saturday, then Mike returned to Bowbells.

Janelle and Jerome Hoheisel visited Janette Peterson one day earlier this week.

Ardelle McIntyre visited Dee Haley on the phone on Saturday. She was doing well.

The Crimson Cruiser Red Hats met at Caddy's Shack on Tuesday. Those attending were Ardelle McIntyre, Shirley Christensen, Diane Skalicky, Ilene Hoff, Judy Eslinger and Wanda Rodin.

Shelley Ellsworth visited Janette Peterson and Pauline Jacobson on Sunday. They sure enjoyed being out in the nice weather.

Shirley Driessen arrived Thursday to Jack and Gen Aufforths'. On her way through Minot, she had lunch with Betsy Bakken. Friday night Shirley bought pizza. JR and kids, and Ted Driessen joined them. Saturday evening JR made supper for everyone at Jack and Gen Aufforths'.

Friday, Shelby Herman, with the help of her aunt, Donna Bauer took both of her grandmas, Hazel and Vi, to the circus.

Wesley, Elliot and Jacob Rick were Friday overnight guests of Nana and Papa Olson (Lyann and Darris). Saturday was a busy day at the farm feeding the cats and bottle calves, searching for treasures (animal bones), and playing bingo with Grandma Clara.

Monday, Hazel Herman spent time with the quilters at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, and then she rode back to Bismarck with Kenny, Bonnie and Shelby.

Saturday afternoon Jack and Gen Aufforth and Shirley Driessen met Connie and Norman Westerness at Hygge Hills for lunch. Anne Brodal joined them.

The community extends sympathy to Mark and Kiara Crosby. Mark's dad, Doug passed away last week. His funeral was

held Monday in Williston.

Dan and Bernnie Linster went to Bismarck Saturday to attend the confirmation of granddaughter, Ayabella Linster, where they visited the Linster family. They had a chance to visit Eric and Julie Rick at their house, and also met son, Daren for dinner. In the evening, they attended the Bobcat hockey game with Lauren and Eric, taking in the ring ceremony for last year's championship season, where grandson, Garrett (the coach) received his ring. Sunday they met Bernnie's sister, Karen and Chuck Placek for brunch after church. From there they visited a long time friend, Diane Christianson. They stopped at Lauren and Garrett's, getting an opportunity to visit Garrett's dad, Bruce before heading home.

Spending time together on Saturday at the rodeo in Minot were Colleen Durward, Joy and Chad Staton, Jackie and Todd Miller, Riley and Jordan Staton, Nell Peterson, Taylor Melby, Brittney Colbenson and kids.

## Card of Thanks

Our family would like to thank everyone for all the cards, flowers, and other kind expressions of sympathy, during this difficult time of our loss. We are so very grateful for your kindness, love, and support, which will always be remembered.

A special thank you to the staff at Minot Lodge Senior Living for their wonderful love and care they provided to Bruce the past few years.

We will always be grateful. And a special thank you to the staff at HIA Hospice for the wonderful hospice care they provided Bruce the last few days of his life.

Your peaceful, compassionate care was so appreciated! Thank you.

Thank you to Pastor Mark Turner for your comforting words, and to Deb Melby for the beautiful piano music. And a special thanks to the Methodist ladies for the wonderful lunch provided after the service.

With gratitude to everyone, The family of Bruce Anderson

## Senior Citizens Menus

### POWERS LAKE

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

**Friday, April 17:** Stir fry.

**Monday, April 20:** Barbecue chicken drummies.

**Wednesday, April 22:** Turkey dinner.

**LIGNITE/COLUMBUS**

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

**Friday, April 17:** Chicken & dumplings, herbed green beans, house salad, blueberries/yogurt.

**Monday, April 20:** Sloppy Joe on a bun, baked beans, coleslaw, orange juice.

**Wednesday, April 22:** Chicken drummies, mashed potatoes, seasoned green peas, fruit.

**BOWBELLS**

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

*meals subject to change*

**Friday, April 17:** Lemon pepper cod filets, diced potatoes, peas, cookie, dinner bun.

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## City of Powers Lake Council Proceedings

### Regular Meeting Unapproved Proceedings

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### Tax Equalization Meeting April 6, 2026

The Tax Equalization meeting of the City of Columbus was called to order by Mayor Chris Kihle on Monday, April 6, 2026, at 7:00 pm at the Columbus City Hall. A quorum was present. Present were Mayor Kihle; Council members, Amber Nygard, Katie Nygard, Scott Sandy; Sandy Raines, auditor; Dennis Damm, Brooke Watterud, Scott Kihle, and Michael Herman, Assistant Burke County Tax Director.

Herman presented the Book of 2026 assessment values for the City of Columbus.

Public Comment: Residents expressed concern with the increased value of properties in which no value-added updates were completed. A report listing value changes greater than \$3000 was reviewed. 13 of 24 properties on this list reflected increases to mobile homes in the community which normally would decrease rather than increase. Parcel #07124000 has not had a structure since 2024. The overall residential land value has increased from \$730,600 in 2025 to \$735,800 for 2026. The residential building value increased from \$4,921,200 in 2025 to \$5,179,400 in 2026. It was further noted that one church property #7271000 was added to commercial land and assessed values while another church in the community #7193000 is still listed as tax exempt.

Mr. Herman noted that some values in Columbus had decreased. Also, he stated that the reason for the increase was partly due to the County updating a manual from 2008 to the 2020 edition. Any residents with questions are encouraged to call the Assessor with specific questions.

A motion was made by Westerness and seconded by A. Nygard to not approve the book of assessed values as presented for 2026, requesting the County Assessor to reevaluate Columbus properties, specifically those 24 listed in the excess of \$3000 gain report. Mayor called for the vote. Ayes: Sandy, Westerness, K Nygard, and A Nygard. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Auditor inquired about the invoice for assessing fee.

There being no further discussion, the Tax Equalization meeting was adjourned at 7:24 pm.

*{I hereby certify that this is a correct record of the proceedings of the city of Columbus Board of Equalization, City of Columbus, Burke County, ND. In testimony whereof, I here unto set my hand this 6th Day of April 2026}*

Sandy Raines, Auditor  
Council Proceedings  
April 6, 2026  
Unofficial Minutes

The April meeting of the City of Columbus was called to order following the Tax Equalization meeting at 7:25 pm on Monday, April 6, 2026, by Mayor Chris Kihle at the Columbus City Hall, with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Mayor Kihle, Amber Nygard, Katie Nygard, Darla Westerness, and Scott Sandy; Auditor, Sandy Raines.