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in the plumbing in your home.

Because lead levels may vary over time, lead exposure is possible even when your tap sampling results do not detect lead at one point in time. You can help protect yourself and your family by identifying and removing lead materials within your home plumbing and taking steps to reduce your family's risk. Using a filter, certified by an American National Standards Institute accredited certifier to reduce lead, is effective in reducing lead exposures. Follow the instructions provided with the filter to ensure the filter is used properly.

Use only cold water for drinking, cooking, and making baby formula. Boiling water does not remove lead from water. Before using tap water for drinking, cooking, or making baby formula, flush your pipes for several minutes. You can do this by running your tap, taking a shower, doing laundry or a load of dishes. If you have a lead service line or galvanized requiring replacement service line, you may need to flush your pipes for a longer period. If you are concerned about lead in your water and wish to have your water tested, contact City of Drayton at 701-454-3590. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available at <https://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>

USEPA has recently published the Lead and Copper Rule Revision. The purpose of this revision is to strengthen public health protections by removing lead service lines within public water systems. One requirement of this rule revision was to inventory all drinking water service lines within our public water system and notify consumers which type of line serves each property. You may have recently received a letter from our system with this information.

The inventory is a listing of all service lines and the material composition of each line. The types of lines being documented are Lead lines, Galvanized Requiring Replacement (GRR) and lines made of Unknown Material. Classification of a service line as being comprised of Unknown Service Line material indicates that our system cannot currently confirm the material of both the public and private portions of the line with written records. Non-lead lines were also documented; however, we were not required to notify consumers with documented nonlead lines. The classification of the type of service line serving a residence was based on historical data regarding the property and in some cases verification of the type of material on the privately owned side of the line by visual inspection or replacement records of the owner.

The current Service Line Inventory for our system has been completed and is available for viewing at our office. Please contact City of Drayton at 701-454-3590 should you have any questions.

Additional work to update the service line inventory, including inspection of the line, may need to be performed to further document and confirm the type of material making up both the public and private portions of the line serving your home or business. We will need the help of home/building owners in order to access the service line on the private side of the service line to positively identify the material of the line that carries water within your home/building. Our system may perform this work with our own system employees or we may contract with engineering firms or third party, contractors to complete this work to improve our service line inventory.



Pollinator Week is June 22-28

Gov. Kelly Armstrong has proclaimed June 22-28, 2026, as Pollinator Week in North Dakota. North Dakota is home to many pollinators, including more than 800,000 honey bee colonies.

"Pollinator species such as bees, birds and insects are essential partners of farmers and ranchers in producing much of our food supply. In fact, about 35% of the world's food crops depend on pollination," Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring said. "Pollinators contribute nearly \$20 billion to the value of U.S. crop production."

"Through best management

practices outlined in the North Dakota Pollinator Plan, farmers, beekeepers, pesticide users and scientists work together to protect and maintain honey bee and other pollinator habitats in the state and protect agricultural activities," Goehring continued. "The plan enhances communication and mitigates risk to honey bees, while minimizing the impact on production agriculture."

North Dakota is the No. 1 honey-producing state in the nation and has been since 2004. In 2024, North Dakota bees produced 36.2 million pounds of honey valued at over \$67.4 million.

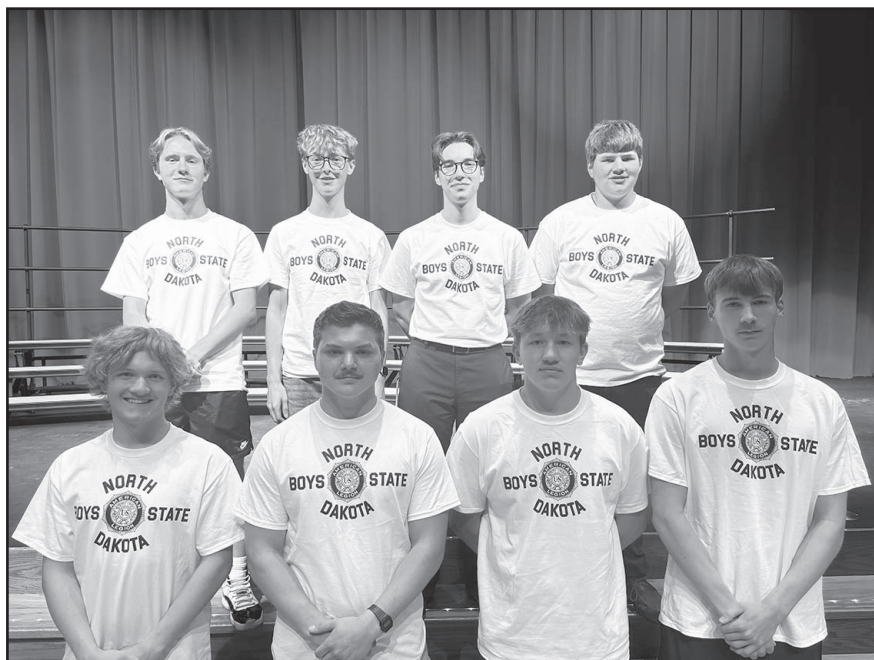
82 participate in American Legion Boys State on NDSCS Campus

Cayle Corey of Grand Forks has been elected Governor of North Dakota Boys State, a gathering of 82 participants this week on the North Dakota State College of Science campus in Wahpeton. Sponsored by the American Legion and running from June 14-19, 2026, North Dakota Boys State brings together outstanding young men between their junior and senior years in high school. Selected from schools across North Dakota, these delegates come to the NDSCS campus for a week of activities focusing on leadership and government.

At North Dakota Boys State, delegates engage in hands-on learning activities, including city and county government functions, disaster simulation exercises, and the production of daily broadcast media created and edited by delegates. This "learning by doing" process is complemented by speeches and debates from visiting dignitaries, providing delegates with a comprehensive understanding of governmental operations.

In addition to electing a governor, delegates also elected the following state officeholders: Lieutenant Governor Brody Kramer, Bismarck; Secretary of State Kaj Naujokas, Fargo; Agriculture Commissioner Jeran Hughes, Lisbon; Attorney General Eli Ash, Dickinson; State Treasurer Brody Boe, Forest River; State Auditor Jacob Lukaszewski, Bismarck; and Superintendent of Public Instruction Elijah Drummond, Valley City.

NDSCS has been the host of Boys State for the last 34 years. Esteemed visitors to the program included North Dakota Governor Kelly Armstrong; The Hon. Lisa Fair McEvers, Chief Justice of the North Dakota Supreme Court; U.S. Representative Julie Fedorchak; Joel Heitkamp, talk radio host; Joe Wiegand, political consultant and Theodore Roosevelt impersonator; and Breanna Koval, Director of Wilkin County Emergency Management.



Front row, from left: Superintendent of Public Instruction Elijah Drummond, Valley City; Gov. Cayle Corey, Grand Forks; Lt. Gov. Brody Kramer, Bismarck; and Attorney General Eli Ash, Dickinson. Back row, from left: Secretary of State Kaj Naujokas, Fargo; State Treasurer Brody Boe, Forest River; State Auditor Jacob Lukaszewski, Bismarck; and Agriculture Commissioner Jeran Hughes, Lisbon.

The view from WOJO RODEO held in Hamilton June 12 and 13



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