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community's commitment to its mission." Glombowski explained that Cooperstown Bible Camp is a year-round Christian camping ministry. They offer programming geared towards families, youth, and kids. He said that a few of their retreats include Women's Retreat, Man Camp, Autumnmatics fall youth retreat, Couples Retreat, and Family Camp. He also said that their Summer Camps are the highlight of summer, offering camp options to kids from 1st through 12th grades. More information is also available on their website. "It's not too common for a ministry to be able to celebrate 100 years," Glombowski said excitedly. "We are so thankful to be able to look back at God's faithfulness to this ministry and to those who support it. If anyone would like to partner financially with CBC, please visit our website www.cbcnd.com or contact the main office."

Sept. 12 - Check theft affects several locally. Some fraudulent check activity has been taking place in Griggs County, with several citizens and even some businesses falling victim to it. Sheriff Amberly Michaelis issued a public notice warning about check theft and "check washing" that is going on. She said they are currently investigating several cases within the county. From the U.S. Postal Inspection webpage: "Check washing scams involve changing the payee names, and often the dollar amounts on checks and fraudulently depositing them. Occasionally, these checks are stolen from mailboxes and washed in chemicals to remove the ink. Some scammers will even use copiers or scanners to print fake copies of a check. Brad McCullough, Market President/SVP at Bank Forward, said that they became aware of this affecting banking customers a few weeks ago. "They are changing the Pay to the Order to their names or fictitious names that they have accounts with that name," said McCullough. "Also, in some instances, they are changing the amount of the checks, too." As there is some uncertainty as to whether the checks are being stolen from local mailboxes or not, it is important to do what you can to prevent this from happening to you. McCullough said that it is important to monitor your mailbox and, if mailing out checks, drop them off at the local post office. He said that people should be diligent and aware of vehicles and people in their area that may look or seem out of place. Tiffany Hatcher, Regional Retail Banking Supervisor at Bravera, said that the first fraudulent check came through their bank on July 29. "We do believe the checks are being stolen from the mail," said Hatcher. "Whether it be

mailboxes or during transport, we're not sure. We don't think it is happening locally. We have had four checks come through, but our fraud department has detected and stopped all of them." Hatcher said they think the checks are being washed, which would be where chemicals are being used to bleach out the ink and then alter the check, but they are not positive. "The checks are being altered just enough to be accepted through remote deposit, where you take a picture to deposit the check digitally," she said. "We strongly encourage customers to utilize online payment methods if available rather than sending checks through the mail. A check has the routing and account number on it, so if it ends up in the wrong hands, they have all of your financial institution information." Sheriff Michaelis said that if you are from Griggs County and feel you have been a victim of check washing, please contact the Griggs County Sheriff's Department at 701-797-2202 and the United States Postal Inspector at 1-877-876-2455 to report this crime.

Oct. 17 - Work completed on Oscar Zero Huey helicopter. After years of dedication and work, Ronald Reagan Minuteman State Historic Site is now home to an HH-1H Iroquois, better known as the Huey helicopter. After arriving earlier this year, work is complete for the most part to keep it safe over the winter, while allowing visitors to get a glimpse at something that is a rare sight. Rob Branting, Historic Site Supervisor, explained why this is such a unique artifact to be able to have on display. "We have one of only two on public display in the United States – the other is in Utah," said Branting. "This particular helicopter is one of only thirty that were made. It is closely related to the UH-1 Huey, of which thousands were built. While it shared a search and rescue mission, these helicopters could support winches to pick people up from the ground; they were used in the missile field for general transport duties. Helicopters were used to bring missile crews out sometimes if roads were impassable, brought security police quickly to any situation, and flew top cover support for missile and nuclear weapon convoys." "We have a number of security measures in place to protect the helicopter," he said. "And it is under constant video surveillance, monitored 24/7, back at the Historical Society's Bismarck Security Center – so approaching it after we're closed or trying to get in is a bad idea. We are working on an interpretive panel for the helicopter to help better explain the mission and have a small informational sign in the meantime."



The HH-1H Iroquois, better known as the Huey helicopter, is now on display at the Ronald Reagan Minuteman Site near Cooperstown. (photo/submitted)

Branting is very adamant that he could not do this alone. He said that this display was only possible due to the great support of the Griggs County Historical Society and donors from across the country, not to mention the generosity of various organizations that helped them bring it here, like the State Historical Society of North Dakota Foundation. "My previous work in Cold War history included seeing a lot of lost memories of historic aircraft that were retired, eventually scrapped, and melted down for aluminum ingots in Arizona," he said. "A person today might even be drinking out of a can of pop that was once aircraft aluminum. Of course, we can't save all of the history – and it takes considerable time and effort to maintain static displays to U.S. Air Force specifications – but it is a satisfying thing to say 'Hey, I helped save a historic aircraft from the scrappers.' We have the means to take care of this static display indefinitely." The helicopter will rest over winter while plans are being made for spring. "We're looking at May 2026 right now for an official dedication in concert with America 250 next year," said Branting. "We are hoping to have veterans and other officials come out to share their stories, but we're ironing out the details."

Oct. 31 - Dialysis equipment in use at DRMC: Community support helps local facility become the first critical access hospital to offer the inpatient service in N.D. Dakota Regional Medical Center (DRMC) has been actively using its dialysis equipment, and they wanted to share the news of how that has been going for them. Hannah Zaun, RN-CNO, said that at this time, their program is for inpatients only, and it includes swing bed patients. She explained that the impact is not only for dialysis patients. By having a full-time nephrology team to consult with, they are able to keep more patients in Cooperstown who may have needed a nephrologist consultation. "Before, this would have involved patients being transferred to Grand Forks or Fargo," said Zaun. "Now with this ability, we can care for patients who would have needed these acute consults prior." Nikki Lindsey, CEO/Administrator of Dakota Regional Medical Center and Griggs County Care Center, explained why they currently can only offer inpatient services. "Outpatient dialysis is the terminology frequently utilized to explain the routine, three days per week treatment that most hemodialysis patients require every week to maintain proper kidney filtration," said Lindsey. "This type of dialysis has to be done in an outpatient clinic that is specifically set up and accredited for hemodialysis only." Lindsey said that one of the reasons they chose to provide this service was the opportunity to take more swing bed patients, which ultimately is the bread and butter of every rural critical access hospital. "We are lucky to finally be able to show our community how it can benefit us personally," said Zaun. "We cannot wait to continue to make an impact on our local community."

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