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## MOLLETTE EDITORIAL

job will be good. You go to work every day in return for an honest day's pay. You trust it will become better and even pay more as you work hard and do your best.

When you buy a car there is risk. You are spending a lot of money in hopes that the car will function and meet your traveling needs. Hopefully you will be satisfied but there are occasions when you will not be happy with the performance of the car. We buy in faith that it will meet up to our expectations and what has been promised.

You have no guarantees when you buy stock that you are going to make money. You must look at the past performance of the stock. You must look at how much money is already invested into the stock. Sometimes people buy stock because they believe in the company. Costco, Tesla, General Motors or whatever may garner your support because of your interest in their

products. Yet, with any stock you never know for sure how it will go.

In Matthew chapter 25 Jesus told the story about talents or bags of gold. Two servants took the risk of investing their master's money and doubled the money. The third servant dug a hole and hid the money entrusted to him in the ground. When the master later returned and asked for an accounting the third servant had to admit he had done nothing. His master called him lazy, wicked, and worthless. The master took the man's talent from him and gave it to one of the other servants who had done something with his talents.

If you don't use it, you will lose it. Keep stepping out in faith. Make good decisions. Think about it, pray, analyze, and contemplate but then move forward. Doing nothing results in nothing. You have not if you try not.

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## HOWE EDITORIAL

North Dakota offers several options to make participating in our elections convenient for the voter. Eligible North Dakotans can choose to utilize absentee, early voting, or Election Day to cast their ballot. Early voting begins June 1st in Sioux, Stutsman, and Ward Counties. Cass and Grand Forks Counties will offer early voting beginning June 2nd. Burleigh County starts early voting on June 3rd. Morton and Stark Counties will launch early voting on June 4th.

If you are voting absentee, be sure to get your ballot in

the mail as soon as possible or drop it off at your county office before the polls close on June 9th. Ballots will not be accepted if they arrive after Election Day.

The June Primary isn't a warmup for November. The election results in June will have an impact on your everyday activities and quality of life.

The next election is always the most important election. Don't sit this one out.

To find a sample ballot, polling locations, early voting locations and hours go to vote.nd.gov.

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compassion and clinical excellence our nurses demonstrate every day. By honoring our nurses, we not only celebrate individual acts of kindness and skill, but also reinforce the vital role nurses play in healing and comforting our communities, inspiring all of us to con-

tinually strive for the highest standards of patient care."

For more information on the CHI Lisbon Health DAISY award, or to nominate a nurse, visit [www.lisbonhospital.com/](http://www.lisbonhospital.com/) or pick up a form at the hospital or clinic.

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## FAITH ASSEMBLY OF GOD

and vocal opponent of the New Apostolic Movements and all related theological trends.

"My hope is that Justin's visit will not only provide sound biblical teaching, but also help

further equip Faith Assembly of God as we seek to grow deeper in Scripture and be a faithful light to our community."

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## MALE SUICIDE



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Jill Sokness (top left), a Family & Community Wellness extension agent in Cass County, and Katie Henry, a Family & Community Wellness extension agent in Cavalier County, hold a QPR training session with law enforcement representatives in 2024.

Black Box Project, spearheaded by the national group Stop Soldier Suicide, have involved families who are the victims of suicide attempts to prevent it from happening to others.

The project allows researchers working with the families to scour the digital history of a suicide victim from phones and computers to try to find out why the person got to a crisis point in the first place.

First started with veterans, the group is looking at extending this to other high-risk groups.

Keith Hotle, CEO of Stop Veteran Suicide, who also worked as a senior public health administrator at the Wyoming Department of Health for 10 years, said the program is helping build interventions before a person gets to a crisis point.

"When we go back and look at what that digital private life was like the three months before they died, we see these spikes in risk factors, it's very much like an EKG, it spikes up and down," Hotle said.

This includes increases in sleep disturbances, people living a very different digital life compared to what they're presenting in real life, and a gradual withdrawal from their

normal connectivity to friends and family in the weeks and months before their death, he said.

Teaching people how to have conversations with those who are struggling is one of the most helpful aspects, Hotle said.

"Ultimately, the best gatekeepers are those who live within the home," Hotle said.

For the wider community, thinking about the unique aspects each area has is something to create connectivity and build support around, he said.

"That's not just an escape valve, but it builds that infrastructure of connectivity," Hotle said.

Locally, the North Dakota HHS is currently rolling out more suicide prevention support and training for rural healthcare providers, with a \$400,000 grant from the Rural Health Transformation Program that it hopes can make more inroads.

While the award has not yet been granted, the organization selected will work with rural and tribal healthcare providers to coordinate training, technical assistance and standardize screening.

This will include more

routine screenings by clinical healthcare providers, strengthening referral protocols and standardizing follow-up procedures following attempted suicides.

Additionally, NDSU Extension will have a free suicide prevention webinar on May 28 for those interested in learning more. Registration is available at [ndsu.ag/QPR-May-2026](http://ndsu.ag/QPR-May-2026) or by contacting Drusini at [adriana.drusini@ndsu.edu](mailto:adriana.drusini@ndsu.edu) or Sean Brotherson at [sean.brotherson@ndsu.edu](mailto:sean.brotherson@ndsu.edu)

Editor's note: If you or someone you know is struggling with thoughts of self-harm or suicide, call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 988 or contact the Crisis Text Line by texting TALK to 741741.

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