



JULY 2021 | Pictured above: Rachel Sorenson, Abigale Albrecht, & Ken Schiwal enjoying a sunny evening at the Bandshell Concert.

THE SIGHTS AND SOUNDS OF SUMMER

People are enjoying all that summer has to offer! From soaking in the beautiful evening concerts to patiently waiting for the fish to bite, we are living the summer life and making memories every day. Check it out:

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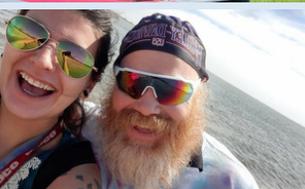


Upper left to right: Amy Belile showing off her green thumbs. Lando Crawford waiting for a bite while fishing. Wendy Obritsch taking a break from the heat at the New England pool. Randy Wyman checking out a car show.

Lower left to right: Carrie Beck at a local rodeo. Curtis Reiter relaxing with a cold one at the Big Sticks game. Desmond Taylor cleaning his garage. Wayne Schiwal growing tomatoes. Halie Maychrzak and Mary Haas enjoying the summer heat! Kevin Peplinski and Richard Susa taking in the Medora Musical.



From Left to right: Alexis Rustan & Mitch Hintz volunteering at the WRCC outdoor pool; Pat Renner at the Bandshell Concert; Below is Liz Henderson & Lando Crawford camping at Lake Sakakawea; Wendy Obritsch with alpacas at Happy Rock Farm; Greg Privratsky getting muddy on the 4 wheeler with his brother. Halie Maychrzak enjoying the horses.



PRICELESS MEMORIES

together at last

By: Carolynne Jones
Director of Satellite Services

At long last, Ronda Colbert and her sister Cheryl Pruitt got together after not seeing each other for over 30 years. Cheryl and her husband Bill came to Bowman from their home in Louisiana to spend a week with Ronda in her lovely two-bedroom apartment at Bowman Landing. Cheryl had searched online for Ronda for years after they got separated in the 1980's. It wasn't until 2016 when Ronda bought a winning raffle ticket and had her picture in the Bowman County Pioneer that Cheryl found her online. The two sisters have been in daily phone contact since then. June 8th – 14th will forever be treasured and life changing for Ronda and Cheryl.



From left to right: Bill & Cheryl Pruitt, Ronda Colbert

Celebrations in Hettinger!

This June we had much to celebrate. Dallas Alexenko had his 80th birthday on June 17th. He enjoyed cake and gifts with his housemates and staff.

Carrie Beck also celebrated her 53rd birthday!



GETTING CREATIVE

Martha Stano organized and hosted a painting event last month. All who attended had a great time creating 4th of July theme paintings. Martha loved seeing so many smiles and having her home full of laughter. She can't wait to break out the glitter again and plan the next event!



Above: Hope Myers & Esther Gengler.
Lower left to right: JoAnne Riederer; Colin Schmidt & Greg Wock; Chassidy Harnes with Colin & Greg; Leanna Massie & Colin.



MAKING A SPLASH!

On July 16th, the West River Community Center welcomed us to use the outdoor pool before opening hours. This helped many enjoy the facilities at a quieter time. We had a blast!



Upper left to right: Chelsea DeCastro & Desmond Taylor; Morgan Kubischta & Wayne Schiwal; Antonio Uribe & Kayla Weber; Colin Schmidt & Carlie Jahner on waterslide; Sarah Steiner, Susan Schaefer & Curtis Reiter.



Upper left to right: Tori Haney; Brittany Grafton, Randy Weiler & Grace Edeen; Jodi Pelton & Ashley Staggs; below them is Heather Hecker & Wendy Obritsch; Colin & John Vaughn splashing Caleb Petross; Lower Left: Samantha Walz & Urja Aryal; Colin Schmidt; Lower right: Chelsea DeCastro & Shirley Lund; Tyler Gress; Grace Edeen, Randy Weiler & Brittany Grafton using the chair lift



West River Community Center



We thank you!

We wish to thank Andrew Grafton, Facility Supervisor, and his entire team at the West River Community Center for all of their support. From the lifeguards to concession workers, everyone went out of their way to welcome us and accommodate our needs. We

appreciate their thoughtfulness in installing the chair lift, providing the water wheelchair and assisting us in planning all that was needed for a successful event. There were many moments of pure joy, relaxing in the cool water on this perfect summer day. We look forward to swimming again in the future!



PIZZA PARTY



Our Self Advocacy group (HOPE) is having a pizza party in August to recruit new members! All people we support are welcome to come and see what the group is all about.

August 10th from 6-7pm at Rocky Butte Park

Please bring \$4 if eating pizza, a lawn chair if you need one, and your own drink. Feel free to stay and enjoy the Bandshell Concert nearby that starts at 7pm!

Please sign up by calling the main office at 456-3000.

ABLE management team can also sign people up on the Outlook training calendar.

In the case of inclement weather, the event will be moved to the ABLE Main office in Dickinson.

TAKE A TRIP THROUGH THE

DECADES

Located in the T-Rex Plaza
10am-5pm Mon-Fri
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A NOTE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Hi Readers,

ABLE, Inc. has been getting the word out about a few important projects. In December 2019, ABLE, Inc. purchased the T-Rex Mall in Dickinson. This purchase is intended to bring our Thrift Centers into one location to enhance our shopper's experience. Shortly after our purchase, COVID hit.

Dealing with Covid has consumed most of our attention and resources. We didn't have the opportunity to inform our public of our intent and vision with the T-Rex Mall. This year we are actively getting the word out. Please visit our website for more information on the project: www.ableinc.net



Pictured Left: Mary Anderson & Teri Dupont checking out progress at the T-Rex. Right: Progress on southeast side of T-Rex near King Buffet & All About You.



A project that we didn't anticipate is The Landing in Bowman. This is a 26-unit apartment complex constructed in 2014 that ABLE, Inc. participated in financially and helped design. When Lutheran Social Services became insolvent, we stepped up to the plate and purchased this building at the end of May 2021. We did this because the project has proved to be invaluable to people supported by ABLE, Inc. who live there.

Knowing that Lutheran Social Services was financially unsuccessful, we are doing a community fundraising campaign to solidify the future of this building. For more information or to donate to the success of this project, go to www.ableinc.net/bowman-landing/



We wish to thank our public for all the support that we have been given. You help us provide great lives for people with intellectual and physical disabilities with our communities. -Mary Anderson, Executive Director

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IT'S TIME FOR A VISIT FROM CQL TO RENEW OUR ACCREDITATION!

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SEPTEMBER 28TH - OCTOBER 1ST



CQL | The Council on Quality and Leadership

ACTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE:

- A REVIEW OF OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE PAST 4 YEARS
- ASSESSMENTS OF OUR SUPPORTS AND COMPANY PRACTICES
- BRAINSTORMING SESSIONS WITH STAKEHOLDERS SUCH AS COMMUNITY PARTNERS, FAMILIES, EMPLOYEES & PEOPLE WE SUPPORT
- WORKING AS A TEAM TO SET FUTURE GOALS!

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