

# Ramblin' NoDaks

## August 2022

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Hello, and Happy Late Summer!

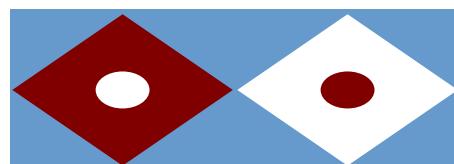
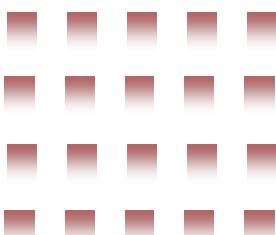
There wasn't a July newsletter as there wasn't an August rally. We have one rally left for the year. The plans look great so be sure to join us in Minot!

Please note..... There are several attachments. Please be sure to check them all.

If you have anything to put in the newsletter, I welcome it. Please send it to me. Pam

### Rallies for 2022 and 2023

September 22-25,2022—Minot (Grindy, Hunt, Pierce)  
March 15-18, 2023—International at Perry, GA  
May 4-7, 2023—Mandan (Ringland/Hoirup)  
June, 2023—  
June 9-18, 2023—Rolling Rally to and from WI (Eckenrode) (more info coming)  
June 13-16, 2023—Midwest Area at Chippewa Falls, WI  
July 13-16, 2023—  
August 18-20, 2023 - Spearfish, SD (Meier, Roberts-Titze)  
August 21-27, 2023 - Gillette, WY (International Convention)  
September 7-10, 2023—Hazen (Beckman) (tentative)





## **Our Ramblin' NoDaks Officers for 2021-2023:**

President—Dave Eckenrode—701-202-5411

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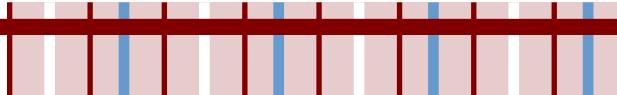
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Webmaster & Newsletter Editor—Pam Meier—701-440-1189

Chaplains—Kathy Heinrich, Kent Roehl

Security—Bill Sommers, Larry Grindy, Dean Little

Nominating Committee—John Ringland, Darlyne Roed, Karen Grimm, Pam Meier



## **Wheat Sweet Salad**

1 1/2 c wheat  
8 oz cr cheese  
15 oz crushed pineapple  
(drained)  
2 Tbs lemon juice  
1 pkg instant van pudding mix  
8 oz cool whip



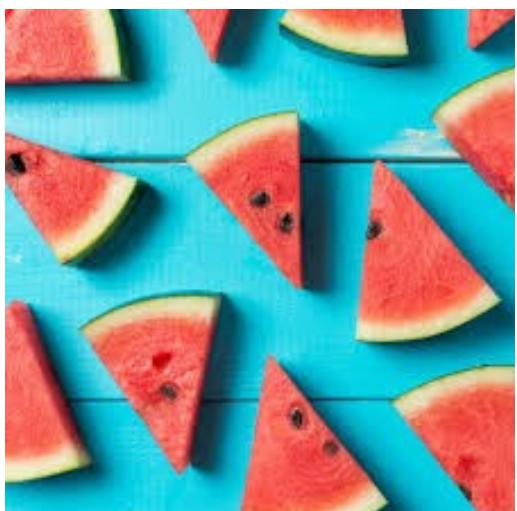
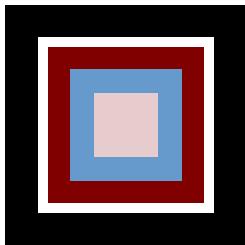
Place wheat in saucepan and cover with water. Add salt, Boil for 30—60 minutes. Keep check for doneness. Drain, rinse with cold water and chill.

In a large bowl, stir together the cream cheese, pineapple and lemon juice. Stir in the dry pudding mix until smooth. Stir in the wheat berries until evenly coated. Fold in whipped topping just before serving. Refrigerate any leftovers.



Don't forget to check out our website:

**[www.ramblinnodaks.com](http://www.ramblinnodaks.com)**



We all have a great time and love our rallies. Will you please consider hosting one? Let President Dave know if you would be willing. We still need to fill June and July of 2023. It's not too early to think about 2024!

## President's report for August 2022 newsletter

By David Eckenrode

It's hard to believe that the rally season is almost over for 2022. We have had 3 rallies to-date and one left on September 22-25 at the North Dakota State fairgrounds in Minot ND. The September rally is being held prior to Norsk Hostfest 2022. Once again members of the Ramblin' NoDaks have the opportunity to volunteer. You will receive a day's free admission for every 4 hours you volunteer to work. Contact Larry Grindy if you have question about volunteering. The fee for camping for the rally or if you only come to volunteer will be \$100 for up to 10 days. If you attend the rally and volunteer, your camping fee you pay for the rally will cover you through Hostfest.

With 2022 rally season coming to an end, its time to plan for 2023 rallies. The following are the rallies scheduled to-date for 2023:

March 15-18, 2023 - FMCA's 106th International Convention & RV Expo, Georgia National Fairgrounds and Agricenter, Perry, GA, hosted by FMCA

May 4-7, 2023 - Midway Lanes, Mandan ND, hosted by Ringland & Hoirup

June 09-18,2023 - Rolling Rally to Minneapolis, MN/Midwest Area Rally in Chippewa Falls, WI, hosted by Eckenrodes and FMCA. The Midwest Area Rally is June 13-16. A schedule for the rolling rally to Minneapolis, MN/Chippewa Falls, WI will be sent out later.

August 18-20, 2023 - Elk Horn Ridge Resort, Spearfish, SD, Hosted by Meiers and Roberts-Titze

August 21-26, 2023 - FMCA's 107th International Convention & RV Expo, CAM-PLEX Multi-Event Facilities, Gillette WY (Aug 23-26), hosted by FMCA

September 7-10, 2023 - Lewis & Clark RV Park, Hazen ND, hosted by Beckmans (this rally is tentative pending availability of the campground..)

The rallies for June and July still need hosts/locations. I have tentatively set the following dates for these 2 rallies.

June 1-4, 2023, or June 22-23, 2023, if someone in eastern North Dakota would like to host the June rally, we could do it June 6-9 prior to the rolling rally to Minneapolis, MN/ Chippewa Falls, WI

July13-16, 2023

If you would be interested in hosting either the June or July 2023 rallies or any rally in 2024, please contact me at (701) 202-5411. Hopefully everyone can make it to the September rally. Please drive safe.

**From Treasurer Duane:** Dues for 2023 are due by January 1st. Please mail your dues at your earliest convenience to: Duane Heinrich, 4333 47th Ave S, Fargo, ND 58104. Remember you can pay more than one year at a time.

**The following owe \$15.00 for annual dues.**

Baumann	McDonald	
Burdeniuk	McMillan 22&23	
Champagne	Morgan	
Coulson	Morrow 22&23	
Davis	Mychasiw 22&23	
Dukart	Paquin 22&23	
Emmett	Rutledge 22&23	
Grindy	M Sommers	
Gunter 22&23	Sperbeck	Ackerman
Heen	Stainbrook	Borud
Hellman	Weidner	Carvell
Hepworth 22&23	Wolfe 22&23	Fritz
Hodgson 22&23		Gjerstad
Hoff		Hopfauf
G Jaeger 22&23		Schmidt
King		Sigurdson
Kitzan		
Koppinger		
Little 22&23		
Lynne		

FMCA Bylaws Article III

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ARREARS: Any member whose dues remain unpaid for more than 6 months after becoming due shall be considered delinquent; after 12 months, membership is cancelled.

**Dropped  
Members:  
Wilz**

**The following owe \$10.00 for Honorary annual dues.**



Ackerman

Borud

Carvell

Fritz

Gjerstad

Hopfauf

Schmidt

Sigurdson



## Watford City Rally re-cap

The McKenzie County Fairgrounds was the home to 10 RV's while we had 2 drive ins that were staying at hotels. Our hosts Bill & Laurel Tveit and Ken & Darlyne went above and beyond to help us understand the progression of Watford City. They did their job well as we were blessed with some of the most amazing people for our tours and acquaintances.

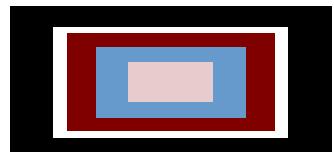
We all gathered together on Thursday, enjoyed happy hour and then some ventured down to the Long X Museum for "Dogs on the Deck" while others went to various other restaurants. We gathered back at camp for a couple games of Left, Right, Center.

Friday, after breakfast, we loaded the air-conditioned bus for what we know now, was an absolute wonderful tour. Our tour guide was Doug Bolken, the tourism director along with our bus driver Annika from Romania. We stopped at the Pioneer Museum and were shown and viewed many items from the oil field. We traveled onto OneOk, and we were met by Phil Riley, the mayor of Watford City and also employed by OneOk. He shared so many interesting facts about the oil industry and also what this "little city" turned "big city" in just a matter of months. Our bus then traveled onto Tobacco Garden Resort for a delicious meal. The owner Peggy Hellandsaas was a wealth of information. We truly enjoyed the scenery and time spent there. After returning to camp, we enjoyed free time, happy hour and a wonderful spread of cowboy potluck. Later that evening, our group all enjoyed Card Bingo. Whew! What a fulfilling day!

Saturday was breakfast and our business meeting. We then went to the Heritage Pioneer Village. We listened to Sandy Reiker (a newcomer to the area) and LeeRoy Lillibridge (a pioneer to the area). Oh, the stories they could tell. LeeRoy is a talented man and explained that he is building the building from the ground up and his workmanship is beyond believable. Many questions were asked and answered. After the session some toured the village, and everyone was on their own for dinner. There was free time in the afternoon and we met again for happy hour and our "Pitch In" supper followed by more Left, Right, Center.

Sunday, we were greeted by a beautiful day after the rain during the night. We had breakfast and then our worship service. Ken Roed and Pastor Barb Becker were our guest speakers. A wonderful job by both. We said our good-byes and soon the campground was empty.

It was a great rally and many thanks to the Tveits and Roeds.



## August Birthdays and Anniversaries

1—Shirley Sommers

4—Donna Harper

4—Don Roberts

4—Hunt—1984

8—Wade Weidner

10—Bryan Paquin

11—Grindy—1963

11—Heinrich—1973

13—Deb Heen

15—Ron Chesla

15—Marlys Carvell

15—Chesla/Malyon—1992

17—Brackin—1963

21—Dick Gunter

22—Laurel Tveit

24—Vivian Burdeniuk

31—Margaret Gjerstad

31—Dayle MacDonald



## September Birthdays and Anniversaries

3—Kauer—1983

4—Pierce—2010

5—Dennis Fox

9—Ruth Rutledge

10—Barb Kitzan

11—Joan Grindy

19—John Emmett

21—Sandy Eckenrode

22—Roed—1974

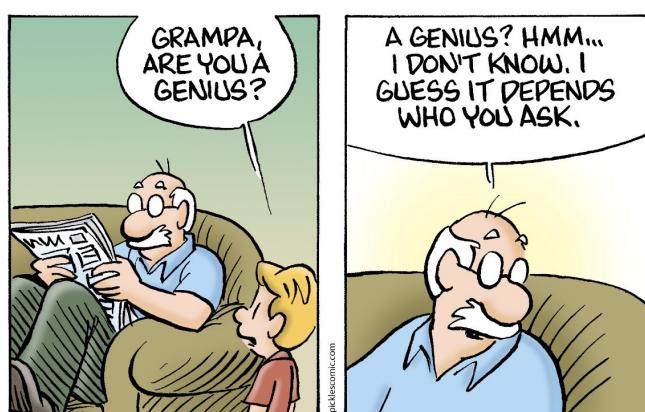
25—Mac McMillan

25—Paquin—1976

25—Eckenrode—1981

28—Koppinger—1979

30—Darlyne Roed



## A Little Humor

For a weekend break, three old college buddies go down to Tijuana, Mexico to enjoy a reunion.

Well, they hadn't seen each other for quite a few years so the stories were long, the laughs were loud and the booze really did flow that night.

They had such a good time, they all woke up the following morning and found themselves in jail.

None of them could remember anything. However, within a couple of hours, they're all sentenced to be executed the following day.

The following morning they're all escorted to death row, where Bill, the first of the group is strapped into the electric chair. Bill's asked if he'd like to say any words.

"*Sure,*" Bill responds. "*I'm from the Catholic University of America and I believe in the power of almighty God. I am innocent and God will intervene.*"

The executioner throws the switch but nothing happens.

Well, the prison staff can't believe this turn of events. They beg Bill's forgiveness and release him.

Next up for the chair is Gary. He's strapped in and once again he's offered the opportunity to say something.

"*Well, I'm from Harvard Law School,*" says Gary, "*and I believe that the power of natural justice will intervene because I'm innocent.*"

Once again, the executioner throws the switch but nothing happens.

Again the prison staff can't believe this turn of events. They beg Gary's forgiveness and release him.

Finally, Mike's strapped into the chair and once again he's offered the opportunity to say something.

"*Well,*" says Mike. "*I have a PhD in Electrical Engineering from Massachusetts Institute of Technology and I can tell you now, you won't be executing anyone if you don't plug this thing in.*"



## Scavenger Hunt in Medora





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Part of the  
OneOk  
facility at  
Watford  
City.



Wonderful tour of  
OneOk given by  
Mayor Phil Riley  
who is also an em-  
ployee of OneOk.



Great tour of the  
Heritage Pioneer Village  
presented by  
LeeRoy Lillibridge  
and  
Sandy Reiker

Touring the North Unit Roosevelt Park. Beautiful scenery.  
The buffalo are in no hurry.

