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# N.D. hit with rare heat and humidity

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BISMARCK — The heat wave that has enveloped middle America has brought near triple-digit temperatures and a rare bout of prolonged high humidity to North Dakota, causing muggy misery for those recovering from record flooding.

Bill Abeling, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Bismarck, said a dew point of 82 degrees was recorded Monday in parts of North Dakota. He said dew points of more than 70 degrees are rare in North Dakota though the state has reached that level since the weekend.

"The dew point is as high as I've seen it," said Abeling, who has been a meteorologist in North Dakota for 30 years. "It's stifling. Water from the dew is forming on windows in buildings and

vehicles because the humidity is so high."

The weather service said a cold front was pushing through North Dakota on Wednesday, creating windy conditions and bringing drier air to the central and western parts of the state. Muggy conditions continued to linger with dew points dropping into the 60s.

North Dakotans are typically better acclimated to brutal winter temperatures, he said.

"A dew point of 60 feels pretty humid in North Dakota and in the '70s is fairly unusual," Abeling said. "Having dew points in the upper 70s happens maybe once a decade or even less than that."

The sauna-like conditions have come amid recovery from record flooding of the Souris River in Minot and the Missouri River in Bismarck and Mandan. The swel-

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tering temperatures and have made life tougher for displaced residents living in a makeshift tent city on high ground in Minot, while the extraordinary humidity will likely accelerate mold growth in the waterlogged homes in which they hope to return, the state Health Department says.

"Mold likes humid, wet conditions," said Sandi Washek, a state Health Department environmental scientist. "There are houses soaking in continuous moisture. Mold needs food, which are the houses, and moisture, which is the flood. It's ideal conditions."

More mold doesn't increase the chances that a home won't be salvageable but it does make for additional cleanup, Washek said.

Flooding damaged 4,100 homes in Minot along with hundreds of businesses. Dozens of homes also have been damaged by floodwaters in the Bismarck area.

About 150 people who were chased from their Minot homes from the swollen Souris River have been camping out in tents and RVs on the grounds of the city-owned ice rink for nearly a month.

Maysa Arena manager Chuck Emery said one

rink remains open but the other has been converted to store household goods. Campers have been migrating indoors to get close to the ice rink.

"It's hot and humid and people are coming in to watch the ice more than they had been trying to cool off," he said.

"The RVs all have air conditioners but the tent folks have been moving their tents around trying to find shade," he said. The ice rink's air-conditioned basement has been converted into a kennel for campers' pets.

Displaced residents also have been hanging out at a nearby shopping mall trying to beat the heat, he said.

The Souris River swamped Minot's only public outdoor swimming pool. City officials had billed the Roosevelt Park Pool as one of the best places to cool off and have fun in

Minot.

"There's water in it but I don't think I'd want to swim in there," said Ron Merritt, executive director of the city's park district.

The pool underwent a \$1.6 million renovation three years ago.

"We're hoping the facility can be cleaned up and maybe there is a chance to open next summer but we don't know yet," Merritt said.

Retired park district director Mike Nilson said the pool was built in the 1920s but was destroyed by floodwaters in 1969 and rebuilt. He said the new structure was much better constructed than the old one and it should be able to withstand the floodwaters this year.

"The '69 flood ruined the old pool but the new one shouldn't be too bad, I hope," he said.

## Stenehjem funeral set for Monday

**By Teri Finneman**  
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BISMARCK — The funeral for Senate Majority Leader Bob Stenehjem will be Monday afternoon at Bismarck State College.

Visitation is set for 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday in the Senate chamber at the North Dakota Capitol. The funeral is at 1 p.m. Monday on the fourth floor of Bismarck State College's National Energy Center of Excellence. The public is invited to attend.

A reception will follow the funeral, and he will be buried in St. Mary's Cemetery in Bismarck.

Stenehjem, 59, was killed Monday near Soldotna, Alaska, when the vehicle he was driving went off the road and rolled. He was ejected from the vehicle and pronounced dead at the hos-

pital. His son, Rob, 34, and Keith Johnson, 34, of Hinckley, Minn., were also ejected and were hospitalized for their injuries.

His 11-year-old grandson, Daniel, was treated and released Monday. Stenehjem was on a family fishing trip when the accident occurred.

Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem said his brother's body is expected to return to Bismarck today. An autopsy was performed Wednesday, but the results are not yet in, he said.

"These things never go as quickly as we like to have them," he said.

Wayne Stenehjem said Rob will be able to fly to North Dakota to attend the funeral. Johnson was upgraded to serious condition on Wednesday at Providence Alaska Medical Cen-

ter in Anchorage, a hospital spokeswoman said.

Stenehjem said his nephew was asleep at the time of the accident and the other passengers may have been as well. It's unknown if his brother had heart problems, swerved to miss an animal or what caused the vehicle to leave the road, he said.

Stenehjem, who had an Industrial Commission meeting on Wednesday, said it was difficult to accept that his brother is gone. He said he thought of issues during the meeting that he wanted to discuss with his brother.

Details of the funeral have not been finalized, but he expected he and his brother, Allan, would be among the speakers. It was important to the family that Bob Stenehjem returns to the Senate

one last time for the visitation.

The funeral at BSC also is personal. Bob Stenehjem's church, Church of the Cross, is not expected to be large enough for the crowd. The family chose the fourth floor of BSC because Bob Stenehjem worked on getting funding for the building, Wayne Stenehjem said.

There is also a panoramic view of the Missouri River, "from which you can almost see Bob's fishing spot," Stenehjem said. "It's just beautiful."

Funeral director Mike Nathe, a fellow Bismarck legislator, is planning the funeral.

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## Public Notice

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.  
Disposal of Franchise, Works & System - White Earth Application  
Case No. PU-11-230  
NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING  
July 13, 2011  
On June 6, 2011, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU), a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., an electric public utility, filed an application under North Dakota Century Code Section 49-04-05, to transfer its distribution franchise, works and system used in the provision of electric distribution service within the community of White Earth, North Dakota to Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative. MDU requests approval for release of its authority and obligation to provide electric service to the community of White Earth. The issue to be considered in this matter is:  
1. Whether MDU's proposal should be approved.  
Those interested are invited to comment on the application in writing. Persons desiring a hearing must file a written request identifying their interest in the proceeding and the reasons for requesting a hearing. Comments and requests for hearings must be received by August 26, 2011. If deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine the matter without a formal hearing.  
For more information contact: the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400; or Relay North Dakota 1-800-366-6888 TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials please notify Darrell Nitschke, Executive Secretary, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION Kevin Cramer, Commissioner Tony Clark, Chairman Brian P. Kalk, Commissioner July 21, 2011

**NDDOT Maintenance Equipment Purchase Notice**  
The ND Department of Transportation has established an approved equipment list for the purpose of purchasing maintenance equipment for the 2011 - 2013 biennium. Equipment purchased by the NDDOT must comply with this approved equipment list. The NDDOT asks all registered equipment vendors who wish to do business with the department to ensure their products are approved items before submitting bids. If a vendor is not aware of the status of their product, please call Shane Freitag at (701)328-2565; July 14, 21, 2011

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## STUTSMAN COUNTY FAIR

### Textile, Cloverbud 4-H results from fair

The following are 4-H results from the Stutsman County Fair.

**CLOTHING AND TEXTILES (Sewing for Fun, Clothing Decisions, Other Clothing, Sewing challenge, Quilt for Fun, Sewing Expressions, Decorating Duds)**

**Overall awards:** Cierra Steele, champion; David Fletcher, reserve.

**Project winners:**

**Sewing for Fun:** Seth Kjellberg, champion; Angelica Williamson, reserve.

**Clothing Decisions:** Cierra Steele, champion.

**Other Clothing:** Morgan Well, champion.

**Quilting for Fun:** David Fletcher, champion.

tensen, red; Pamela Fehr, blue; Morgan Harr, blue; Cody Henne, red; Seth Kjellberg, blue; Kylee Rudolph, red; Samantha Dick, blue.

**Sewing Challenges:** Item for Sewing Challenges 13-18: Stephanie Williamson, blue.

**Clothing Decisions:** Item for Sewing Decisions 8-12: Alison Widmer, blue; Elizabeth Widmer, blue. **Item for Sewing Decisions 13-18:** Alexes Daniel, blue; DJ Daniel, blue; Cierra Steele, blue.

**Decorating Duds:** Item for Decorate Duds: Elizabeth Beach, red; Victoria Christensen, blue; Hailey DuBord, blue; Kaitlin Ger-

red; Angelica Williamson, red; Stephanie Williamson, blue.

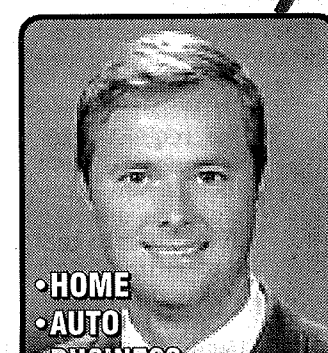
**Quilting for Fun: Quilt Item Quilted by Member:** Pete Fehr, blue. **Quilt/item Quilted by Member:** Hannah Wilson, blue. **Quilt/item Commercially Quilted:** David Fletcher, blue.

**Sewing Expressions: Item Sewing Expressions 8-12:** Angelica The following are 4-H results from the Stutsman County Fair.

**CLOVERBUD EXHIBITS:** (Participant ribbons only) Zachary Dally, Aydan Entzi, Chayse Entzi, Lexys Griffith, Abby Helm, Lance Kjellberg, Lucas

Brooke Reister, Logan Reister, Allison Roorda, Isabel Schimdt, Madison Scott, Nora Smith, Logan Staloch, Lynkin Steele.

**CLOVERBUD EXHIBIT (participant ribbons only):** Aleea Allen, Alyssa Allen, Travis Baker, Chayse Entzi, Elizabeth Grenz, Lexys Griffith, Dusty Harr, Abby Helm, Lance Kjellberg, Lucas Kramlich, Rebecca Krieger, Keith Levin, Lane Odenbach, Will Peckman, Abigail Reich, Brooke Reister, Logan Reister, Allison Roorda, Jaycee Rudolph, Madison Scott, Logan Staloch, Mikah Striefel and Treazur Williamson. Williamson, blue.



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