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Get Ready for the 2010 Census!

The census is a count of everyone living in the United States. This count is mandated by the U.S. Constitution and occurs every ten years. It is important to participate in the census because census data is used to distribute Congressional seats to states, make decisions about what community services to provide, and distribute \$400 billion in federal fund to local, state and tribal governments each year.

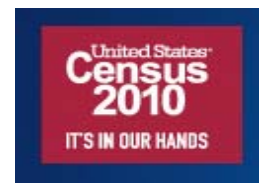
The census data you provide is simple and straightforward. Census interview forms take less than 10 minutes to fill out and all of the personal information you share during the census is protected by

federal privacy law. So get ready to stand up and be counted!

March 2010—Census forms are mailed or delivered to households.

April 2010—National Census Day—use this day as a point of reference for sending your completed forms back in the mail.

April - July 2010—Census takers visit households that did not return a form by mail.♣



BCHA Calendar 2010

- Resident Advisory Council meeting—2nd Thursday of each month
- BCHA Board of Directors meeting— 3rd Monday of each month
- Crescent Manor/West— Council meeting— 3rd Wednesday of each month ♣

Winner of Target Gift Card

The winner of the \$10.00 gift card for Target is Leona Bertsch.

Congratulations Leona!

Clip the coupon on the last page and drop it off at the BCHA office or send it in the mail.

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Crescent Manor/West

Annual Valentine's King and Queen Party

The winners of the drawing for King and Queen were Ralph Bailey and Dorothy Moser. Congratulations! *All residents are encouraged to place their name in the box for the drawing.* Country and Gospel Music was provided by Dick Hipple. As usual Gail our Activity Director did a wonderful job of coordinating the event. Thanks Gail. ♣



King Ralph and Queen Dorothy and some of the guests enjoying the food and entertainment. During the Valentine's Party.



Rose Goetz was serenaded for Valentine's Day by some of the Northern Lights Chorus Men's a cappella Music. Of course the other residents enjoyed it also.



Barbara Bosch has a new Spring hairdo.

Crescent Beauty Salon

Crescent Beauty Salon has 10th Anniversary this Spring.

Check the Crescent Beauty Salon bulletin board for specials.

Call Sheena at 355-7430. ♣

Nurse Schedule, Joan Klein, RN

Monday:
10:45 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Thursday:
11:45 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Phone 355-7617



Scheduled Activities and Special Events are Posted on the Bulletin Board

Speaking off the Record



By Cheryl T., Paralegal at BCHA

I have been served with a 10-Day Notice to Pay or Quit (Vacate) for non-payment of my rent and a Notice of Termination of Lease and Notice of Intent to Evict for non-payment of my Repayment Agreement. I did not request an Informal Hearing and the time to do so has expired what, if anything, can I do?

At this point, the options you have are to voluntarily vacate your assisted unit or be court evicted.

In Public Housing when the issue is non-payment of rent (10-Day Notice to Pay or Quit (Vacate)) you must request an Informal Hearing within 10 calendar days from the date you were served and the amount of rent in dispute must be paid in full to Burleigh County Housing Authority before an Informal Hearing can be scheduled. Burleigh County Housing Authority then forwards the rent monies to its attorney who deposits the monies in its trust account (escrow account) until after the Informal Hearing. If you fail to request an Informal Hearing, or request an Informal Hearing and fail to pay in full all of the rent monies in dispute you waive your right to an Informal Hearing and Burleigh County Housing Authority must proceed with the eviction action.

For the Notice of Termination of Lease and Notice of Intent to Evict for non-payment on your Repayment Agreement you have 10 calendar days from the date you were served to request an Informal Hearing. If you fail to request an Informal Hearing you waive your right to an Informal Hearing and Burleigh County Housing Authority must proceed with the eviction process.

Voluntarily vacating your assisted unit without being evicted through the court is to your advantage when it comes to determining your period of ineligibility. A court eviction adds 3 years of ineligibility to any period of ineligibility you may have for violations. Also, you are assessed court costs when you are court evicted.

If you have additional questions, you should contact Burleigh County Housing Authority.♣



Recipe Corner



By Marlene W



Featured this month is Stacy (left) she is an Administrative Assistant at BCHA. This is great when you have friends over.

Buffalo Chicken Dip

Heat until heated through:

- **2 (10 oz) cans chuck chicken, drained and**
- **¾ cup hot sauce (any brand)**

Stir in and cook until well blended:

- **2 (8 oz) softened packages cream cheese and**
- **1 cup Ranch dressing**

Mix in:

- **¾ cup shredded Cheddar cheese**

Transfer mixture to a slow cooker, Sprinkle addition ¾ cup Cheddar Cheese, cover and cook on low setting until hot and bubbly.

Serve with favorite chips or crackers.

Share your recipes -
Call Marlene at 255-2540. ♣

Just a reminder!

**Burleigh County
Housing Office Hours:**

8:00 a.m.– 4:30 p.m.

REGISTER TO WIN

Clip this coupon on the **dotted line** and bring it in to Burleigh County Housing to register to win a \$10.00 gift card for Target.

If I am the winner I authorize BCHA to use my name in the Newsletter. ___ Yes ___ No.

If you check No you are still eligible to win just your first name will be used.

**Drawing held on: May. 10, 2010.
One entry per household.**

Please Print.

Name

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City

State

zip

Phone number

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School News



The state has changed some requirements for high school graduation. North Dakota and Bismarck Public Schools require 22 credits to graduate in 2010 and 2011. So starting in grade 9, students must take:

- * 4 units of English, including literature, composition and speech;
- * 3 units of math, Algebra 1 and above;
- * 3 units of science, including 1 unit of physical science and 1 unit of biology, plus 1 unit or 2 half units of another science;
- * 3 units of social studies, including 1 of US history, 1 of problems of democracy OR half unit each of US government and economics, and 1 unit or 2 half units of any other social studies (civics, civilization, geography and history, multicultural studies, ND studies, psychology, sociology, world history);
- * 1 unit of physical education OR half unit each of P.E. & health, but BPS requires 2 units of P.E.
- * 3 units of either a foreign language, Native American language, fine art, or career and technical class; and
- * 5 additional electives/units (for a total of 22). If you have questions, contact a middle or senior high counselor! ♣

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For classes at the Adult Learning Center call Judy or Sharon at 701-323-4530

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