



The Curling Chip

July / August 2025

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Whoa! Hello Flickertail Universe! Beaming in from Eden Prairie, MN – apologies for the wonky connection. There's been a lot going on here AND there – we'll get back to your regularly scheduled Curling Chip post haste! I don't have InDesign anymore (boo!), so I'm making due with other programs. I'll try to get it to look similar however – but there will be limitations.

Have an idea for an article? Did you take woodcarving photos on a trip? Please send them to Becky at thewoodwyrn@gmail.com

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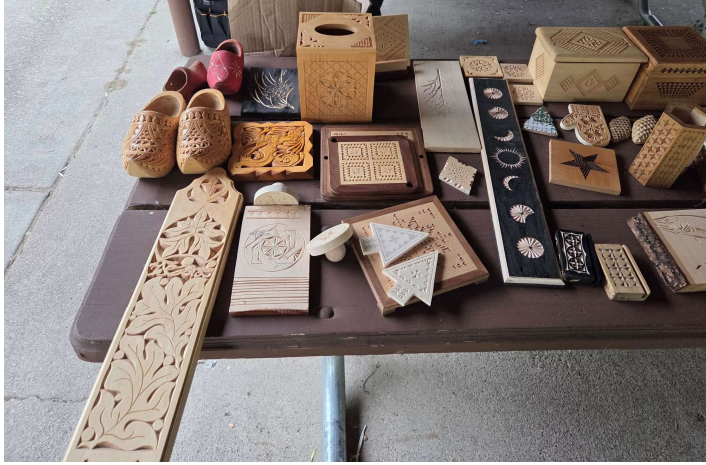
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Sertoma Park Picnic

July 15, 2025



A number of people showed up for the second picnic of the season. There were many carvings brought in for Bob to take to the Bismarck Public Library for their Chip Carving display.



Bluegrass Goes Pink

July 26, 2025

On July 26, Clara, Alvin, Bob F., and myself attended that annual Bluegrass event at Cross Ranch State Park. We were able to talk with several guests while displaying and demonstrating our carvings. Although it was an unusually hot day which reduced the number of attendees, we had a good time meeting some new people and connecting with old friends. The concert following the meal was great, as it always is. We are proud to have a part in this fundraiser for the Bismarck Cancer Center along with all the Washburn area churches that provide the meal.

-Cliff Orgaard



Above: Cliff O. (top) and Alvin B. (bottom) demonstrating at Cross Ranch State Park. The Flickertail table is generally set up on the walkway, just outside the visitor center.



Above: Bob F. (top) and Clara Y. (bottom) demonstrating at Cross Ranch State Park. This event is a perfect one to show off the Memory / Cancer hearts the club works on.

Capital A'Fair August 2-3, 2025

The capital a fair had beautiful weather with a prime location on the sidewalk in front of the state library. We were well visible and had plenty of people stop by. We have a new table cloth that was unveiled at the Capital a fair with the Flickertail logo.

-Eric Gaasland



Above: New setup on the Library pathway for Capital A'Fair! This allows us to be right next to the curb, easy access for walkers / scooters / strollers / and wheelchairs alike. Raffle tickets are still only \$1 each – with plenty of cool carving prizes for winners.

Ice Cream Social August 10, 2025

The weather was a little smokey, but the venue was a great spot to spend the afternoon enjoying the celebration sponsored by the Sons of Norway Sverdrup Lodge. They had chocolate and vanilla ice cream with toppings including Lingonberry jam. They also had lefsa with butter and sugar as well as hot dogs. For those who were adventurous you could have the hot dog in the Norwegian style with the lefsa serving as the bun. I heard rumors that some people added the Lingonberry Jam to the lefsa and the hot dog.

The event was in celebration of the 200th anniversary of the first Norwegian immigrants coming to the United States on the ship Restauration. The ship left Stavanger Norway on July 4th 1825 with 52 individuals on board. It arrived in New York City on October 9th 1825.

There was plenty of people around with displays of all sorts of Norwegian heritage including antiques as well as being able to tour the Historic Governors Mansion.

They had Norwegian Music being played. Some of the artists were playing music that would traditionally be played on the Hardanger Fiddle. Hardanger fiddles have 8 or 9 strings. Unfortunately, no music was played on the fiddles because the humidity had made them out of tune. The celebration ended with some old-fashioned polka music..

-Eric Gaasland



Buckstop Junction Hootenanny

August 16, 2025

The Flickertails were there all day next to the Bismarck Lumber Building from 10:30 to 4PM. There is also an awesome display of carvings inside the lumber building. Plenty of music, food trucks

-via Facebook



Above: Display tables just off the walkway outside of the Lumber building.

Rustic Edge Company

I stumbled across a fun website, filled with fun woodworking t-shirt designs. Some are great, others ok, and others kind of fall flat. But as far as woodworking shirts go, there are a lot of choices! I would give the shirt-quality a 7/10 – there were a few

pulled strings after the wash. The print-quality is a solid 9/10; I haven't had any cracking or peeling yet. The only downside I found, is the shirt that reads "Sawdust is my Glitter" has little sparkle "sawdust" motes... that I actually thought were sawdust at one point. My daughter laughed as I tried to brush off my shirt, then remembered it was printed on!



Above: Four of the shirts I picked up – they were just too fun to ignore.

Sertoma Park Picnic

August 19

A good turnout at the August Sertoma picnic gathering. Quite a lot of projects being worked on!

