Taking time from busy Father’s Day weekend plans, sports camps and work, a variety of BFMP school and community-based matches from Dickinson and Glen Ullin participated in a 4th annual Activity Day at Badlands Ministries in Medora in mid-June.

The event, which included ice-breaker activities, a hike up the camp butte, the creation of a mentoring “quilt,” a game of kickball and eating s’mores around a campfire, united mentors and mentees in continued relationship building. For one pair, the day marked another high-water mark (continued)

Incoming DHS senior Alex Praus is returning to his alma mater Lincoln Elementary for his second consecutive year of mentoring. He is paired with a fourth-grader.

“The Activity Day really helped us to strengthen our relationship with fun activities,” said Praus. “We had an excellent time together.”
on a four-year mentoring relationship. Joey Drummond, stepfather to Amira Rabouzy, said his step-daughter has kept every letter mentor Amy Wegner has written to her. “Having Amy as Amira’s mentor has meant so much to her,” said Drummond. “She has been a very consistent, empathetic role model to her.”

Kelsey Duppong said her daughter Cassidy looks up to mentor Alexis Bachlor, a 2019 graduate of Glen Ullin High School. Bachlor is also a singer/songwriter who performed during BFMP’s Family Fun Day at Dickinson State University.

“Being the oldest of four and the only girl, Cassidy loves spending girl time with Alexis,” said Duppong. “The two have many similar interests and love to spend time together.” Mentoring pairs also constructed a mentoring “quilt” showcasing phrases and pictures — some of which illustrated their mentoring relationship. The piece marks a first collaborative art piece of its kind in BFMP’s 25-year history.

“Sometimes it’s hard to articulate the impact of mentoring relationships,” said event organizer Mark Billings. “It was moving to see how this quilt helped define those through art.”
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