

# MARILYN HAGERTY: In the market for colorful folks

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Janet Olsonowski was there last week selling jewelry made out sugar beets. She long ago found out while driving truck that sugar beets dropped from the previous year's crop turn harder than rocks.

So during the winter in Apache Junction in your state of Arizona, she makes jewelry out of them. She also makes potato jewelry, and it is unique. She and her husband, Larry, live in their motor home in the Humboldt-Hallock, Minn., area during the summer. Then they make their way down south to your country. And she has a sister named Vickie Wieman in Tucson.

There's lots of baked goods at the Farmer's Market. Sometimes on my way over there I stop in at Dakota Harvest Bakery. And there I am always amazed at the unique selection of baked goods. I think we are fortunate to have an artisan bakery downtown.

The summer of 2014 is moving along, Shirley. Peonies so reluctant to bloom in June are gone, and day lilies are taking their turn in the sun. When I drive down Washington Street, I admire the plantings in front of Paradiso and places such as the Italian Moon and Wendy's. I wish you could see University Park, Shirley. When I go down University Avenue in July, I only wish students who remember only the icy cold of winter could see the UND campus in July.

Mayor Mike Brown is bouncing around Grand Forks at a rapid clip — showing up here and there. He was on hand to help judge the kid parade on the Fourth of July. He has a new smartphone, Shirley, and was busily taking pictures.

A lot of volunteers pitched in for the Fourth celebration. Members of Sertoma Club were working double time on the Fourth. Their president is Joan Schultheis. That club meets Tuesdays at noon at Eagles Crest.

Well, remember your sun bonnet when you go out in the heat of the day in Tucson.

Love from your sister, Marilyn, enjoying summer on the west bank of the Red River of the North.

P.S. I know you can't travel well enough to get up here on Aug. 14. But I am going to have a Shirley luncheon in your honor anyway. Last year we had 50 or 60 Shirleys. This year the luncheon will be at Whitey's in East Grand Forks. Plenty of room for all the Shirleys in creation, as well as Marilyn's. And there will be tables for friends of Shirleys. I'll keep you posted.

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