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## **Touchmark invites public to hear North Dakota author speak about book set in North Dakota**

BISMARCK, N.D. — North Dakota author Gayle Larson Schuck, who recently released her novel, “By the Banks of Cottonwood Creek,” will be at Touchmark on West Century on Aug. 13, at 2 p.m. to talk about her book. The public is invited to attend. Touchmark is located at 1000 West Century Avenue.

The novel takes place in 2001 in the fictional community of Cottonwood Creek, located midway between Bismarck and Minot, North Dakota. The main character is a young pastor, Kelly Jorgenson, who found faith following his twin brother’s tragic death as a teenager. He envisions a peaceful life on the prairie far from southern California where he grew up. Instead, he soon finds himself caught up in the daily lives of the two rural flocks for which he is responsible.

“Writing about the landscape in North Dakota and the warmth and humor of the people is close to my heart,” says Schuck, who grew up in eastern North Dakota and lives in Bismarck. “People will recognize the fields of sunflowers, the Peace Gardens and the vast sky. Country churches, like the ones Kelly pastors, still dot the land, their steeples pointing skyward like prairie lighthouses.”

The book, which was first published as an e-book in 2013, is available in Bismarck at The Gifted Bean, Rainbow Shop, Prairie Creek gift shop, Stabo Scandinavian Imports, Barnes & Noble and Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library.

Schuck retired last year after a 28-year career in public information and development, and is working on her second book, a historical fiction set in North Dakota in 1904-1907.

### **About Touchmark**

A full-service retirement community, Touchmark on West Century offers a range of homes and lifestyle options for people 55-plus years. An on-site health and fitness club is open to anyone over 40 and features a variety of fitness options. For more information, visit [Touchmark.com](http://Touchmark.com).

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