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Eido Connect's
Philosophy for 2026

Different

"Bloom where you are planted"

Watch for these circulars in
your area for this week!

H & L Super Valu - Buffalo
Kennedy's Foods - Hettinger
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New England
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Joe an energetic young school boy, about to graduate was questioned - going to help farm? Going to College? - how about -

Joe had no answers except many years ago while watching the Jetsons as a very young child, he dreamed of flying through the air - electron cars that would take him anywhere and everywhere - and now with graduation - well he still hung on to that dream.

But now, decisions must be made - how can I ever fulfill that dream? Money - letting someone/parents about his crazy dream seemed like a pipe dream.

Reality set in as he watched news broadcast of people going to space - moon-dreams - he realized were all fantasies from childhood - after all he was from a small community - it would take years to study, money way beyond his means.

Made decision to go into some kind of work pertaining to farming. The family farm was big - had grown - been passed down from one generation to the next. He was proud of what his father had accomplished and over the time between school and helping on the farm he had come up with a few new things he would like to try - so decision made - finances checked out - loan accomplished and off to a new adventure - studying anything pertaining to farming.

Hugging goodbyes - Mom and Dad knew Joe had made the right choice, and they also were proud that Joe would keep the family farm intact - their family legacy would continue.

College was a breeze - after all Joe being such an excellent student - definitely knowing what he wanted- all effort was put into learning everything he could. Because of his overall attitude he was elected and chosen to be on every committee he had time to serve on - graduation finally 4 years gone by speedily - home at last - now second adventure - and it was



overwhelming. Prices high, rainfall plentiful - crops - cattle brought global price abundance of good life - married - had children - beautiful wife - built new home - he realized he had made the right choice!

Then - drought, no hay, prices of grain dropped - chicken disease set in - groceries up - diesel fuel up - up - up - up - went anything he needed and down - down - down went his income.

Exhausted - trying to figure out what do, Joe fell into his big overstuffed recliner turned on TV and much to his surprise the astronauts were taking off - - looked so happy - excited - Joe felt a lump in his throat as he realized maybe he could have been one of them - getting paid doing something he always wanted - no money problems - no worries about rain - hail - drought - just a good life of adventure - going to outer space - seeing the world from a whole new perspective - if only - if only - I would have.

Soon he was floating in that space ship =- problems happened - years later still circulating the earth - old - no way to get home.

"Dad - dad - what should we do tomorrow," - Joe woke from a disastrous dream and now thankfully he tells his children.

Bloom where you are planted!



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"Faith - Hope - Love"

Perfect time to focus on these three - We all have faith in something - Hope it turns out and our hearts are full of love as we see, listen, laugh, grieve with our friends and neighbors.

Once again the Eido is filled with Faith, Hope and Love stories and advertisements - Read and reflect on all three.

ENCHANTED HIGHWAY

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ENCHANTED MOTHER'S DAY WEEKEND

Regent, North Dakota
ENCHANTED CASTLE'S MOTHER'S DAY BUFFET

Saturday May 9th - 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Buffet at the Enchanted Castle

Sunday May 10th - 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
Buffet at the Enchanted Castle

MENU

Dinner Roll Salad Agraton or Baked Potato
Vegetables Ham Turkey

Cost \$25.95

Reservations for the Buffet are helpful for preparations
Call 701-563-4858

GIFT SHOP'S MOTHER'S DAY TREAT

Ice Cream and Cookies

Saturday May 9th - 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Ice Cream and Cookies

Sunday May 10th 11:00 am - 4:00 pm
Ice cream and Cookies

All Mothers receive free ice cream

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St. Vincent's
St. Henry's
St. John the Baptist
Catholic Church
Schedule for
Sat. April 25
Sun. April 26

(M) 7:30 pm Sat.
(NL) 7:00 pm. Sat.
(R) 8:00 am. Sun.
(M) 10:00 am. Sun.



CNA class offered locally

Those who wish to explore a CNA (certified nursing assistant) career can be trained locally, with upcoming CNA classes at Jacobson Memorial Hospital Care Center.

Upon applying and being accepted for the position at JM-HCC, potential CNAs then complete an 80-hour class, all while getting paid.

With certification requiring 80 hours of training, JMHCC will host a CNA class May 18-21 and May 26-29, with class instruction from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Clinicals will be May 29-June 1, with each student completing two eight-hour shifts. Testing will be the week of June 1.

Request an application from Chris Gathright in the Human Resources Department at cgathr@jmhcc.org or 584-7247. Submit the application to register for the class by May 11 to start the program.

This is also an opportunity for high school students to explore a potential career in a medical field.

THE POUT-POUT FISH

Playhouse Theatre

318 Brown Ave, Mott, ND

APRIL 24-26

SHOWTIMES:
Friday 7:30 pm
Saturday 7:30 pm
Sunday 2:00 pm

ADMISSION

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CHILDREN AGES 4-11 • \$6

UPCOMING MOVIES

Project Hail Mary • Medora: Empress of the Badlands • You, Me, & Tuscany • The Devil Wears Prada • Bread Winner • Toy Story 5

Living on a rundown shipwreck, Mr. Fish one day discovers a hyperactive young sea dragon Pip - who had mistaken his home for a junkyard - pilfering his belongings. The heated argument that ensues leaves both their houses in ruin. But there is hope! Embarking on a seemingly impossible quest in search of the mythical 'Shimmer' to grant them a wish, there's only one problem: someone else is on the hunt...

PG - Family/Comedy - 1 hr 31 mn

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Carson Community Cemetery Spring Cleaning & Maintenance

We are asking for help in cleaning the cemetery from May 1st through May 9th. If you can, please clean around your family's graves and throughout the cemetery, especially along the fence lines. Please bring your own garbage bags, rakes, brooms, etc. If you want, you can leave your tied garbage bags inside the fence by either of the gates and it will be picked up.

The cemetery board is also asking for donations to pay for the continued care and maintenance of the cemetery. Please make checks payable to: **Carson Community Cemetery** and mail them to:

Ralph & Lola Ruscheinsky
PO Box 303
Carson, ND 58529

Reminder: If you are placing flowers and other items out for memorial Day, please remove any large items or items that may blow away by no later than 2 weeks after Memorial Day, so our grounds keepers don't have to pick up before mowing. If you wish to have things remain after two weeks, please keep that area trimmed and clean for our mowing crew.

Thank You!
Sincerely,
Carson Community Cemetery Board

4-25-5-2

Grocery Store Winners
by *Marlene Kouba*

During National Agriculture Month, Hettinger County Farm Bureau sponsored some contests in local grocery stores. The idea was to spend \$35.00 and possibly win \$50.00.

During March 8-14 customers had to purchase at least \$35.00 of groceries at one time and they could sign the receipt before placing it in a box. At the end of the week one receipt was drawn in each town to win \$50.00.

The winners are Suzette Frey from the Oien Grocery in Mott, Linda Kouba from the Regent Coop Store, and Fr. Dennis Schafer from the New England Community Store.

Congratulations to all of the winners!

Bowman County Rural Ambulance District

ANNUAL MEETING

**May 5th
10:00 am**

* Election of 2 board members

Bowman County Courthouse Commissioners' Room

62nd Annual Café Concert

THE MUSIC LIVES ON!

Mott-Regent High School 2026

**Café Concert
Tickets
go on sale
Monday, April 27.**

**Please stop in
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between the hours
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purchase your
tickets.**

**Table Seats - \$15
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**Come out and
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2026 ANNUAL BOWMAN CITY CLEAN UP WEEK

The Annual City Clean Up Week will be held
May 18th thru May 22nd
Rain Dates: May 26th thru May 29th

Only:
Wood, Metal, Wooden Furniture, & Appliances
will be picked up **FREE OF CHARGE** this week.

Upholstered Furniture & Mattresses
WILL be picked up **FREE OF CHARGE** this week only.

Tires will be picked up for a **FEE** determined by size

Place items in the alley prior to May 18th.
City crew will begin on the East side and work West. No backtracking.
Phone calls are **NOT** required for spring list.

2026 CLEAN UP WEEK LANDFILL USE
May 18th - May 22nd
Monday-Friday: 8am - 4pm Saturday: 8am - 12pm(noon)

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS FREE OF CHARGE
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Join us as we celebrate her retirement & honor her dedication to education & to the many students, families & friends whose lives she has touched.

no gifts please. cards are welcome - and your presence is the best gift!

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for Kenny Friedt

Kenny is a beloved member of our community and is back to fighting the good fight against cancer.

Show your support at a benefit planned in his honor
SUNDAY MAY 3
11:00 - 1:30 - Elgin Community Center

Enjoy a meal of ham, scalloped potatoes, and sloppy joes and participate in the Silent Auction.

If you wish to donate an item for the silent auction, contact Travis at (503) 956-4563.

An account has been set up at First International Bank and Trust in Elgin. Checks may be made payable to Kenny Friedt



Voices
that shape Mott/Regent Public School

Our school offers students many opportunities to grow both inside and outside the classroom. From challenging classes to clubs, sports, and activities, there's something for everyone to explore and get involved in. Students are encouraged to step outside their comfort zones and try new things, whether it's joining a team, participating in events, or taking on leadership roles. Teachers and staff support us every step of the way, helping us build confidence and discover our strengths. All of these experiences prepare us not just for graduation, but for whatever comes next. They also help us create lasting memories and friendships that make our school experience meaningful. In the end, it's these opportunities that shape us into more confident and capable individuals.

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City of Mott Job Opening City Worker

The City of Mott has a job opening for a part-time City Worker. The job will be up to 30 hours weekly and could go full-time in the future. Must have or be able to obtain a Class B CDL, with Air Brake endorsement, and be willing to take training to become certified in State required water and wastewater classifications. Salary will be dependent on experience/qualifications.

You can send resume to:

**City of Mott
Job Opening
PO Box 116
Mott, ND 58646**

You may also pick up a job description at City Hall, call Pam Steinke, City Auditor at (701) 824-2163 or request via email: citymott@ndsupernet.com. Resume submission/Application deadline is May 8, 2026 at Noon.

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FOR RENT

Timber Creek Town House

A 55 and older community located in Mott ND next to WRHS Clinic and Mott Health Care Center. 1,060 square foot one story town house, with no steps. Includes two bedrooms, one and a half baths (5' walk in shower with corner bench), living room, dining room and kitchen. Kitchen has oak cabinets and a center island. Appliances include stove, refrigerator, microwave, dishwasher, garbage disposal and washer/dryer combo. Each unit has natural gas heat and central air. Attached insulated garage is 308 square feet and includes garage door opener. There are no steps to and from garage. Patio is an 8'x10' area with a privacy wall. Shared courtyard between the 8 units with automatic sprinklers as well as the front yards for a nice lawn.

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We are searching for the perfect fit to manage the Bowman Haley Dam Marina, a family oriented café, w/a smoke free bar, equipped kitchen & shower facility. This would include operating a cafe a minimum of 5 months, May 1st - Sept. 30th, w/longer terms available. It would be your own business leased from Bowman Co. Water Resource Dist. Board. You must provide & maintain liability insurance, all appropriate licenses & pay sales tax. Full camping hook-up available for manager.

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The Enchanted Highway Foundation non-profit, which is separate from Gary Greff's The Enchanted Highway Inc. The non-profit will have its four year anniversary in August of this year. The two non-profits work together for the benefit of both organizations. The Enchanted Highway Foundation major functions are 1) raise funds to repair and upgrade the eight sculpture sites, 2) promote the Enchanted Highway and 3) raise funds for an Endowment to preserve and fund the maintenance of the sculptures in the future. As the Foundation goes into the summer of 2026, we are looking at having the most productive season of the four years that the board members of the foundation have been involved.

Strategic Goal #1: Strengthen the financial position of the Enchanted Highway through proactive and thoughtful initiatives. The board has improved revenue opportunities through Giving Hearts Day, grants, general donations and efficient operation of the Gift Shop. The increased funds generated has allowed the board to fund the repair of the kiosks at the sculpture sites which are scheduled for May of 2026. An endowment fund with the North Dakota Community Foundation has been established and it is small, but growing. The foundation has also been able to make some improvements at the Gift Shop. Every cent that is raised goes into maintenance of the sculptures or into the endowment fund. There are no admin-

istrators to pay or fund with the Enchanted Highway Foundation.

The Enchanted Highway Foundation Board will be looking to recruit partnerships with private sector companies to sponsor the different sculpture sites. The goal is to make each site family friendly by adding play ground and picnic facilities. However, our immediate concerns are the repair of the kiosks, new signs and putting aggregate on the parking areas.

I do want to acknowledge my fellow board members and the work they put in to make the foundation successful. Connie Wax from Regent, Mark Stelter from New Leipzig, Scott Meske from Bismarck, Laura Perrie from Dickinson, Melissa Neubarth from Dickinson and Ted Uecker from Hettinger. This is a working board and they more than do their job to accomplish the tasks at hand. I am proud and honored to be working with this group. We would not be able to have neatly mowed sites with out Chuck Schmidt who does an outstanding job of maintaining the sites. Thank you to Wendy Schmidt and Brook Parmenter who work at the Gift Shop scoop ice cream with a smile and make the tourists feel welcome.

I cannot forget Gary Greff the man who is responsible for the sculptures, who repairs, welds, paints, stops in at the Gift Shop to visit with guests and scoops ice cream.

Rich Wardner,
 Board Chair

News from the Senate

Senator Don Schaible
dgschaible@ndlegis.gov
 Last week, I had the privilege of touring and visiting some of schools in our legislative district with the Governor appointed Superintendent of Public Instruction Levi Bachmeier. Levi was appointed by Governor Armstrong after Kirsten Basler was appointed as Assistant Secretary of Elementary and Secondary Education under Education Secretary Linda McMahon. I have worked closely with Levi from many years when he was first worked for Governor Burgum on his education team. Later Levi was hired as the Business Manager of the West Fargo Public School where we served on several committees for education. He is a wealth of knowledge and understands ed policy and the k-12 funding formula. We is an excellent choice

for the Superintendent of Public Instruction for ND.

Superintendent Bachmeier made it his mission to visit all 167 public schools in North Dakota to get a feel for the education concerns and issues that are in our schools across the state.

We spent time in Mott/Regent Public School, Elgin/New Leipzig Public School and Rosevelt Public School, Carson (k-8). We met with students, teachers, administrators, school board members, parents and staff. All groups were given time to visit with Superintendent and to ask questions. And some of them were very pointed questions. To Superintendent Bachmeier credit, he said he did not come to get softballs and appreciated the concerns of the schools. A very consistent theme was teacher retention and recruitment and the concern for funding for public schools.

Finding teacher to fill teaching in our small rural schools is very difficult and hard to match the incentives and amenities of our large schools. School funding with the 3% cap that is now in place for local property tax has very limited local ability to raise any additional revenue. Both issues will be front and center of the next legislative session. Test scores for student and how these test scores are evaluated that seem to change quite often make consistent and real comparison difficult. Test scores have always been a great concern for parents and educators especially when not all state or schools evaluate the same way.

The National Education Assessment Progress test, known as the Nation's Report Card, is the same test administered to every student across all 50 states. No state controls it or can adjust its difficulty. It is the purest apples to apples comparison available today. This test is administered to 4th and 8th grade to every student. ND currently ranks 2nd in reading in both 4th and 8th grade and 13th in 4th grade reading and 24th in 8th grade reading. Looks like we need further work with reading and that may be an issue for a future article.

One of the most refreshing developments of each school was how proud the student and staff of these schools. Many great teachers and administrators show their devotion to the profession of teaching and promote the learning of our youth. I greatly appreciate the dedication and vision of Superintendent Bachmeier has for k-12 education and I hope I get to continue working with him in the future. Teacher appreciation week is May 4-9 and would hope all of you thank a teacher for their dedication willingness to educate our most valuable resource, our children.

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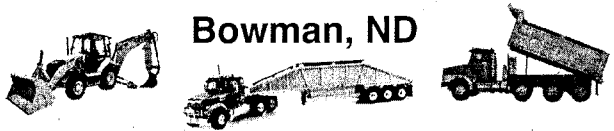


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Reflections on the Words of Life

by Pastor Paul Ferrie,
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We have recently seen how the apostle Peter does not hide the fact that believers should expect to suffer for the cause of Christ in this life. Last time we saw part of his instructions on how they should deal with that suffering. In 1 Peter 3:14 he tells Christians not to be afraid, and in the first part of verse 15 he explains how: "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts." In other words, Christians are to trust God to uphold them. They must seek shelter in Him. He has promised never to leave or forsake any who have placed their trust in Jesus Christ alone for their salvation. Now Peter goes on in the rest of verse 15 to tell Christians that they are to be ready to witness: "And always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you with meekness and fear."

It is a very amazing thing to see a Christian who has joy in the midst of suffering. In Acts 16 we read that because Paul and Silas were proclaiming the way of salvation by faith in Christ alone in Philippi, they were apprehended, beaten, thrown into prison, and their feet were put into stocks. It is natural to think that they might be discouraged; instead this is what we read in verse 25: "But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them." Before the next morning, the Philippian jailer and all his household had placed their trust in Christ and been baptized. A thriving church was established in the pagan city of Philippi. Paul and Silas, by God's enabling grace, looked beyond their pain and suffering to eternal realities. They rejoiced even in the most dire circumstances. Unbelievers noticed and were brought savingly to Christ.

Peter says that Christians are to live such godly and different lives that people are stirred to ask why. And once they ask, Christians should be ready to tell them. And as Peter says at the end of verse 15, this should be done with meekness and fear. Believers in Christ, we should never witness to others with a sense of superiority, but as sinners whom God has saved by His grace and who want others to be made partakers of this same blessing. We should always come across as humble sinners who know ourselves to be undeserving of the free gift of salvation. As one preacher put it, a Christian should view him or herself as one beggar telling another beggar where to find

bread. We are also to demonstrate an attitude of fear, or great reverence for the God who so loved the world that He gave His beloved Son to pay the penalty for all the sins of all His people. A flippant attitude is completely out of place for the believer. Peter says we should be ready to tell of the hope that is in us. And what is that hope? Our hope is the fact that because Jesus went to the cross as our Substitute, took the punishment for sin that we deserved, and rose again from the dead—so we, as those who have been forgiven and made right with God through faith in Christ alone, will also rise from death to eternal


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life. Friends, if you have not partaken of this hope, I plead with you to do so. Please be sure that you are relying on Christ alone as your only hope for forgiveness and life eternal.

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My daughter Samantha just emailed, "I know you changed so many people's lives for the better and they would want to celebrate the end of an era" and, I feel like I did when my Dad and my Uncle died—numb. As a neuro-atypical (Autism wasn't even a term when I was a kid), I was a 6-year-old, hyperactive who couldn't keep up with a brain that raced at 500 mph and whose senses were hyper-tuned to everything around me. So, my Dad took me to my first judo lesson and told me that "you're a strange little guy and people are going to bully you, so, you need to learn how to stand up for yourself." And, I hated every minute of it. But, Pat, Sr., made it clear, "Nope. You're going until you get your black belt!" Different times...different rules! And, parents made them while us kids obeyed them! Fast forward to college (some 12 years later) and, I still had not obtained that black belt. But, I had learned what honor, obedience, courtesy, integrity, self-control, and indomitable spirit meant. I had learned to control the twitches and my emotion and, stand my ground and fight when I could not walk away.

In the Fall of 1986, I wound up in St. Joseph, Missouri, my first year as a prosecutor and began my career with my wife Selena and our new baby Samantha. Korean Hap Ki Do was there and, I entered that program. By February, 1990, Master Yu had promoted me to 2nd dan and, I was off to Springfield, Missouri, to take over my first drug unit. He said, "You need to start a dojo?" and, I thought he was crazy! I had not yet learned that I would learn more by teaching than I ever did by practicing. By 1995, I was 3rd dan training soldiers and police from all over the world. On March 27, 1999, Dr. E.A. Moore had reached out to me from the

World Hall of Fame because he had read my book, "Martial Arts & the Law". By October, 2007, he had put me on his Board and 6th dan was around my waist. I had begun to take the children of those foregoing warriors into the Springfield dojo. Time was flying by, my two children (Samantha and Luke) were there 3 nights & 1 day per week, they achieved their instructor's ranks (4th dan) but, by 2012, I was noticing a major shift in the attitude of the new recruits—they simply weren't coming thru the door in droves anymore.

We started a dojo in Killdeer in the Fall of 2013 and, that continued when Mayor Mossbrucker helped establish the program down here in Mott in October, 2018. Over 100 students have come in to the theater or armory until just this past week. And, I attained Master's (Soke) rank. Then, those young ND children grew up, started their adult lives and, the newbies quit coming through the door again. Unlike my family, the new recruits were usually from a broken home and, the helicopter, single-parent would always end the introduction with, "We'll let Johnny (or Janie) decide and, let you know." And, that, folks, was that. My law firm and I were footing the bill and, kids would decide. All I hear from clients is how "bored" and "depressed" children are today and, the lack of things for them to do. These kids can define "harassment or bullying" but, not honor or integrity. And, in my dojo, the screen or iPhone was verboten. In my humble opinion, the real problem—kids can't put them down and actually "do" anything requiring discipline anymore. So, as 53 years comes to an end, I can only say, "thank you" to my students for teaching me so much and, I hope my daughter is right. Have a great week.

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BCDC Announces Small Business Marketplace and Incubator Project

Bowman, ND — Bowman County Development Corporation (BCDC) is excited to share plans for a new Small Business Marketplace and Incubator in Bowman.

This project will create a space where local people can start and grow different types of small businesses. It will include flexible space and shared resources to help entrepreneurs test ideas, develop products, and build their businesses.

The project is funded through a \$307,500 USDA Rural Business Development Grant (RBDG). These federal funds will be used to purchase and improve the former Farmers Union Insurance building, supporting small business activity in the community. Planned improvements include updates to make the building fully accessible and ADA compliant, along with other upgrades to support business use.

"This project was originally submitted for funding last year," said Teran Doerr, Executive Director of BCDC. "At that time, funds were not available. We were recently notified that additional USDA funding became available, and our project was selected."

The BCDC Board approved moving forward with this project as part of its ongoing work to support business development and bring additional resources into Bowman County. The goal is to create opportunities for new and existing businesses and strengthen the local economy.

The building will also become the future home of the Bowman area visitor center. Items currently used for the visitor center will be moved into the new space once it is ready. No USDA grant funds will be used for visitor center supplies or tourism materials.

The visitor center will also help connect travelers to local businesses and services. With increased regional traffic, including activity related to the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library in Medora, this space will provide a central location to help direct visitors into Bowman County and support local economic activity.

BCDC also wants to be clear that charitable gaming funds are not being used for this project. The project is funded through USDA grant dollars and other appropriate project funds. Planning for the marketplace and incubator is just getting started. More details will be shared as the project moves forward.

"This is about creating opportunities for people in our community," Doerr said. "We want to support local ideas and help businesses get started and grow here in Bowman."

For more information, please contact Bowman County Development Corporation.

About Bowman County Development Corporation: Bowman County Development Corporation is a non-profit organization dedicated to empowering individuals, businesses, and community organizations to succeed. By providing critical resources and fostering strategic initiatives, BCDC is driving sustainable growth and creating opportunities that extend beyond Bowman County.



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across both communities, showcasing their creativity, innovation, and hard work. From unique products to thoughtful business ideas, students demonstrated impressive skills and a strong entrepreneurial spirit.

The events were met with an overwhelming show of community support. Parents, families, local businesses, and residents turned out in large numbers to encourage students and support their ventures, creating an energetic and uplifting atmosphere.

The Bowman County Development Corporation (BCDC) hosts and organizes the Ware Fair events in partnership with Bowman County Schools and the North Dakota Small Business Development Centers (ND SBDC), with special thanks to Bowman County Schools, ND SBDC, dedicated parents and families, and all volunteers and supporters who helped make the events possible.

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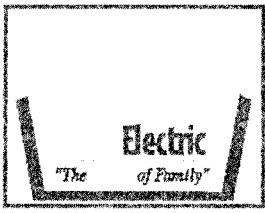
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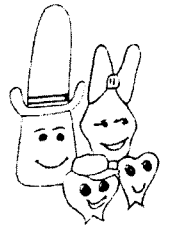
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Teams traveled from across North Dakota, South Dakota, and Montana, bringing along players, families, and fans who supported local businesses by dining, shopping, and enjoying community amenities between games. Events like the Bowman County Classic play an important role in supporting the Bowman Area Chamber of Commerce's mission to strengthen and grow local commerce.

Games were held at Bowman County High School and the Rouzie Recreation Center, with three games running simultaneously to keep the action going all day long.

Congratulations to this year's division champions:

- Beach/Wibaux (3rd/4th Grade Boys)
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Meet And Greet

By Marlene Kouba

A Meet and Greet legislative session was held in the Regent Senior Center on Sunday afternoon, April 12, 2026. Eleven Republican and Democrat legislators and those who wished to become a legislator were invited to attend and share their views and goals. Five legislators were present along with two who were endorsed.

Hettinger County is divided into two political districts—Districts 31 and District 39. Marlene Kouba opened the session by showing a map of Hettinger County and how it is divided. She also showed a map of the districts and the large territory they cover. District

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There are four running for the two House seats and only the two with the two highest number of votes in the June election will move forward to the General election in November. The other two will be eliminated. The four who are running are Rep. Karen Rohr

of Mandan, Rep. Dawson Holle, Jim Schmidt of Huff and Kevin Remington of Regent.

Representing District 31 at this session were Sen. Greg Kessel of Belfield and Rep. Keith Kempenich of Bowman.

For District 31 there were Sen. Don Schaible of Mott and Rep. Dawson Holle of Mandan. The first to speak were the two representing District 39 then the two from District 31

followed by the challengers. Each one was asked to speak about his background and what his positions were on various topics, such as education, agriculture, energy, tax issues, environment, data centers and more. One brought up the facts of low voter turnout during past elections.

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100% of donations and monies received by fund raising go to this cause. Since 2016, 400 blankets have been donated and over \$123,000 in cash

cards have been donated. Rural areas covered are south of Interstate 94 to Mott, SD and west to Ekalaka, MT.

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Regent Lions 42nd Annual SW Basketball Jamboree

Submitted by Bill Gion & Amber Grist, Co-Tournament Managers

On Friday, March 27th and Saturday, March 28th, 2026, the Regent Lions hosted their 42nd Annual SW Basketball Jamboree at the Mott Armory in Mott, ND.

This Jamboree Tournament provides a safe and fun environment for area student athletes to come together and showcase their talents, in a sportsmanlike manner, with the opportunity to play on a team with some of the players they usually play against. It creates new friendships, which can often be lifelong, and harbors respect for all opponents. The emphasis is team above individual and to have fun playing basketball - with no injuries!

In addition to the direct benefits of the Jamboree for the student-athletes participating, the proceeds from this fund-raising tournament are used by the Regent Lions to support other youth activities in our communities throughout the years such as: After Prom, Future Business Leaders of America, ND Leadership Seminar, Speech, FFA, Summer youth programs and Santa Claus Days. The Regent Lions also support medical fund raisers for kids and other individuals, and other community needs as they arise.

Eighty-two (82) student athletes, grades 7-12, from thirteen (13) area schools/communities participated in this fund-raising Jamboree tournament. The student athletes included forty-five (45) boys and thirty-seven (37) girls from the local schools/communities of: Beach, Belfield, Bowman, Carson, Grant County, Flasher, Hettinger, Scranton, Medora, Mott-Regent, New England, South Heart and Lemmon, SD.

These student athletes were placed on a team in their respective Boy's or Girl's Division, striving to create a mix of schools, individual talent and ages, while maintaining a competitive balance. This year's tournament had six (6) Boy's teams and six (6) Girl's teams with a total of 18 games played in the Jamboree.

Also, the Jamboree was truly fortunate to have the generosity of 30 local businesses/individuals as Sponsors this year. The 2026 Jamboree Sponsors included:

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On Friday evening, the Girls and Boys teams tipped off the First Round of the Jamboree with a slate of six games, with all teams participating. Two of these six games were OT wins, where to decide the victor, each competing team chose a player from their roster to shoot free throws in the Free Throw Shoot-Off to win. Another game was decided by 6 points, with the other two having a margin of victory of over 10 points. Overall, a competitive first round with lots of fun & smiles!

On Saturday morning, the 12 teams played the Second Round of the Jamboree. In this round of six games, there were no OT games, two of the games were decided by < 4 points, and in the other games (4), the margin of victory exceeded 10 points.

After the Second Round on Saturday morning, the afternoon activities began with a thank you to the many tournament volunteers, recognition of our Veterans and first responders, then culminating with Karagan Damjanovich singing a beautiful, inspiring and patriotic rendition of the National Anthem.

Clark Gion graciously and cheerfully announced the remaining Jamboree activities including the Free Throw & 3-Point contests, Senior Recognition, and the Consolation & Championship Games.

In the popular and fast paced, "Miss and You're Done" Free Throw Contest, almost all of the registered athletes participated in a Girls & Boys division.

• The Girl's Champion was Hadley Talkington (Belfield), with Charlee Miller (Mott-Regent) taking runner-up. Trophies were awarded to each player.

• The Boy's Champion was Malachi Meyer (GC), with Jackson Fischer (Bowman) taking runner-up. Trophies were awarded to each player.

• Next, the 3-point competitions were held, with numerous contestants from each of the Boys and Girls respective divisions. Each contestant competed in their respective divisional (20 second) first round; and then, based on their performance, finalists were selected for the (30 second) finals round.

o In the Girl's Contest, Hadley Talkington (Belfield) won the Gold Medal, Hannah Greff (MR) won the Silver Medal, and Jovi Henson (Belfield) got the Bronze.

o In the Boy's Contest, Malachi Meyer(GC) won the Gold Medal, Ty Meyer (Flasher) won the Silver medal, and Daniel Fischer (SH) got the Bronze.

o It is duly noted that Hadley Talkington (Belfield) and Malachi Meyer (GC) each won the Gold Medals in both of their respective Free Throw & 3 pt. Contests - Congratulations for sure!

Before the Third Round, which included the Consolation and Championship Games, a total of ten (10) Seniors consisting of nine (9) Girls (all from M/R) & a single Boy, were recognized in the Senior Recognition. They were thanked for their years of participation at the Jamboree and asked about their plans after high school. The Senior Recognition winners of the gift card drawings were Stella Tharaldson (Mott-Regent) & Jackson Fischer (Bowman).

In the Consolation Round on Saturday afternoon, Amazing Aqua - led by their captain, Jaycia Thomas (MR) - won the Girls' 3rd place with a score of 47-44. Gritty Green - led by their Captain, Malachi Meyer (GC) - won the Boys' 3rd place by a score of 54-50. These team members received respective medals. All consolation players not receiving medals were awarded dog tags for recognition. Thanks to all the players for their honest efforts and good sportsmanship!

Next, in the Girl's Championship Game, Peppy Peach played Tricky Taffy, and Peppy Peach, led by their captain Jada Ottmar (MR), won by a score of 47-21 - (Peppy Peach was undefeated in the Jamboree). Tricky Taffy was led by their captain Ruby Nasset (MR). The Girl's Championship team members of Peppy Peach, which received Gold medals included: Jada Ottmar (MR), Hadley Talkington (Belfield), Violet Greff (MR), Kya Wyman (Beach) Rebecca Ranum (Hettinger) and Emery Aldinger (MR). Silver medals were awarded to the players of Tricky Taffy.



Boys Champs



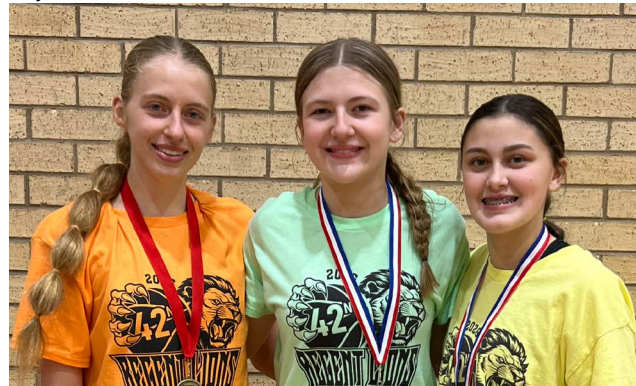
Girls Champs



Senior Girls



Boys 3 Point



Girls 3 Point

In the final game of the Jamboree, the Boy's Championship Game, Onward Orange, led by their captains, Carter Cornell (Belfield) and Zach Messmer (MR), battled Tricky Teal and won by a score of 43-31. (Onward Orange was undefeated in the Jamboree). Tricky Teal was led by their captains, Atticus Yalowizer (Lemmon) and Gavin Hoff (Flasher). The Boy's Championship team members of Onward Orange, which received Gold Medals included: Carter Cornell (Belfield), Zach Messmer (MR), Grant Bartz (Flasher) Cooper Rafteseth (GC), Nathan Buckmier (Hettinger), Brayden Hatzenbuhler (Flasher), Tucker Fetch (MR) and Abe Mollman (Lemmon).

Once again coordinated by Karagan Damjanovich, the Jamboree concessions were outstanding, as the Mott-Regent Wildfire Volleyball Program pulled out all the stops,

and served the amazing concessions enhanced with homemade soups, pastas, breakfast burritos and other tasty dishes! The Regent Lions is grateful and proud to support their efforts...truly a win-win!

For the first time and complimenting the Wildfire concessions, Daily Fix, a specialty beverage company, which is locally owned by Justin & Sheri Mosbrucker of Mott, served a variety of delicious drinks, including cold brew & dirty sodas. This was a real treat for the Jamboree, and we hope to see them again next year - another win-win!

The Regent Lions thanks all the generous Jamboree volunteers and officials who made this Jamboree seamlessly flow. The Regent Lions is incredibly grateful to these fine volunteers & officials for their unselfish support of the Jamboree and making it successful:



Boys Free Throw



Girls Free Throw

• Karagan Damjanovich - National Anthem, Concessions Coordinator

• Clark Gion - Jamboree Announcer - PA & Games

• Amber Grist, Sara Stenberg (pre-registration & rosters)

• Kaycee Smith, Amber Grist (clock)

• Kylie Jahner, Amber Grist (score keepers - book)

• Amber Grist, Sara Stenberg & Jess Manolovitz (player registration & jersey assignment)

• Jean Gion (jersey & trophy orders, sponsor boards, posters, handouts, etc.)

• Kelsey Dobitz, James Werner, Cody Perkins & Levi Wegh (referees)

• Hunter Smith via Shonna Perkins (Armory Custodians - great job!)

• Kenny Messer & Jean Gion (Admissions Gate)

• Amber Grist - Jamboree Photographer

Last, but certainly not least, the Regent Lions thanks all the student athletes for taking time off their busy schedules and participating, as well as the fans (family & friends) for coming to support them! All had fun, with well-played sportsmanlike games and new, life-long friendships.

If you wish to contact the Regent Lions for more information about the Jamboree or to become a sponsor, please email us @ ndregentlions@gmail.com or call Bill Gion @ 701.690.7633.

The Regent Lions SW Basketball Jamboree will see you again next year as the SW Basketball Jamboree Journey continues and plans to celebrate 43 YEARS!

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God has a better plan

By Kathy Craig Harteis

The best laid plans are not always the best plans. Sometimes it takes a mishap to remind us what we really need to do.

Daughter Velvet and I have planned our trip to Italy for about two years. Always the planners and organizers, we had fine tuned every detail, and every scheduled event.

The day we were leaving Velvet had a mishap and ended up with an injured ankle and a walking boot.

We thought my weak ankle from my previous ice incident would slow us down but so far I'm doing well.

While the jam-packed itinerary was the plan we are now going at a slower pace and adjusting to what is more important. God had a plan for us much better than our own.

We are taking our time and enjoying every minute more than we might have.

The things we are seeing and the people we have met are memorable, blessed and what we needed.

From the airline attendants to our tour guide here we have received acts of kindness. We have been blessed.

Maybe if we hadn't come back early to our rented apartment last night we would have missed the sweet music outside when the street performer began to play.

It's all good. Today we will visit Vatican City. I have no doubt the blessings will flow.

We are no longer on our plan. Instead we are walking (although a bit slower) with God and being open to His lead.

Life is good today.

Menu
Mott Elder Care Menu
for the Week of April 28 - 30

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Tuesday, April 28 - Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes w/Mushroom Gravy, Broccoli, Applesauce, Dinner Roll, Milk

Thursday, April 30 - Pasta w/Meat Sauce, House salad w/Dressing, Carrots, Peaches, Garlic Bread, Milk

Trinity Lutheran Church
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Worship Service - 10:45 AM

When you have trouble with choices you work a little harder at them!



Expressions of Hope

Debbie Molbert, SAM
Reeder Lutheran Parish
BUT WE HAD HOPED

But we had hoped. Those words were spoken by Cleopas as he and his unnamed companion walked away from Jerusalem and the empty tomb that Easter day. They walked, heads down, heartbroken, sad. "But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel." As far as they knew, Jesus was dead. Dying the most unimaginable death. Crucified on a cross. Laid in a tomb, and now the tomb was empty, his body was missing. But we had hoped.

Debie Thomas writes, every one of us, regardless of identity or circumstance, knows this road. We've walked it. We've lost our way on it. We've left it behind and then returned to it. The road is the road to Emmaus, and we recognize it by the words we speak when our feet hit its rough and winding way one more time.

The Emmaus narrative reveals the heart and character of Jesus. Reminds me that Jesus is not always who I think he is.

Where does he show up? On the evening of his greatest victory, the risen Christ takes a walk. A quiet walk on an out of the way road. He notices two of his followers walking ahead of him, he approaches them so gently and understated, they don't even recognize him.

As soon as Jesus walks alongside of the companions on the road, he invites them to tell their story. Even though astonished by the question, Cleopas and his co-traveler tell Jesus everything. Debie Thomas says they share with Him the story of their faith—its rise and its fall. They tell Jesus how high their expectations had been for their now crucified leader. They describe their devastation of his death. Their confusion, their loss, their uncertainty. They tell him the whole story.

And Jesus listens. And then when they're done, he tells the story back to them, and as he does so, the story changes. In retelling, it becomes what it really was—something far bigger, deeper older, wiser and richer than the travelers on the Emmaus road understood.

When Jesus tells the story, the death of the Messiah finds its place in a sweeping cosmic arc of redemption, hope and divine love that spans centuries. When Jesus tells the story, the hearts of the listeners burn.

Like Cleopas and his companion, I need Jesus to meet me on the road and weave memory, Scripture, content, the transformative power of small things. A bit of bread, a sip of wine. A communion table. A shared meal.

"But we had hoped." Yes, we had. So many things are different right now than we had hoped they'd be. And yet, the stranger who is the Savior will meet us on the lonely road to Emmaus. The guest who becomes our host still nourishes us with Presence, Word, and Bread.

So, keep walking. Keep telling the story. Keep honoring the stranger. Keep attending to your burning heart. Christ is risen. He is no less risen on the road to Emmaus than he is anywhere else. Look for him. Listen for him. And when he lingers at your door, honoring your freedom, but yearning to feed you, say what he longs to hear: Stay with me.

Carol Ann (Brown) Ziebarth Rites Held

Carol Ann (Brown) Ziebarth, 87, of Scranton, ND, passed into the arms of her Lord and Savior



on April 16, 2026, at the Southwest Healthcare Long-Term Care Center in Bowman, ND.

Funeral services for Carol were held on Wednesday, April 22, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at Peace Lutheran Church in Scranton, Paul Hendrickson officiated. A family and friends service was held on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at 7:00 p.m., also at Peace Lutheran Church.

Carol Ann was born to Herbert and Louise Brown on August 11, 1938, the fourth of nine children. When asked about her childhood, she often spoke with humor and fondness—of long stockings, hand-me-downs, and spiral curls that "got in my way." Her favorite memories included riding horse, 4-H, skating parties, church picnics at Cave Hills, and hiking to the Ziebarth farm. These early years shaped her love of family, community, and the simple blessings God provides.

Carol graduated from Scranton High School as Salutatorian and trained as a CNA in Hettinger, ND. She often talked about how fulfilling that work was to her. Caring for others came naturally to Carol, and she lived out her faith through a lifetime of service. She was an active church member where she taught Sunday School, sang in the choir, and served with a willing heart.

On October 6, 1957, Carol married Sylvester "Silver" Arthur Ziebarth. Childhood friendship grew into a marriage that lasted 63 years, grounded in faith, trust, and hard work. Life on the Ziebarth family farm made their home a gathering place for family and friends. Pinochle parties filled the house, Sunday chicken dinners were a tradition, caramel rolls her specialty. Many nieces and nephews spent summers there, creating memories that lasted a lifetime. Silver invited; Carol cooked; and the round kitchen table always had room for one more.

Carol worked in the fields, helped care for the cattle and devoted herself to raising her family. Wherever life took them,

Carol had a gift for making any place feel like home.

In 1994, Carol and Silver moved to Laurel, Montana, where they operated a small construction company. During their 20 years in Montana, their Christian faith deepened as they ministered to inmates at the Deer Lodge State Prison and the Montana Women's Prison. They introduced many to the Lord and mentored them as they returned to life outside prison. They also served as team leaders and directors for Via de Cristo, inviting many friends into a deeper walk with Christ.

Carol treasured the many lasting friendships she made through her life. She delighted in her growing family—five children, fifteen grandchildren, and twenty-three great-grandchildren—and looked forward to each new arrival. She attended countless activities, and each grandchild felt her love, pride, and encouragement.

In 2019, Carol and Silver moved back to Scranton. After Silver's passing in 2022 and as her health declined, Carol moved to Western Horizons Assisted Living in Hettinger in 2024, and later to Southwest Healthcare Long-Term Care Center in Bowman in 2025. She became very attached to the staff who cared for her, and the family is deeply grateful for their kindness and compassion.

Carol will always be admired for her gentle ways, gracious spirit, and steadfast faith. She leaves behind a legacy of love, service, and quiet strength. Though she will be deeply missed, we rejoice knowing she is now reunited with Silver and resting in the eternal peace of her Savior.

Carol is preceded in death by her husband, her parents, siblings Duane, Verlin, Gary and her great grandson Logan

Fried. She is survived by siblings Marlene Mrnak, Sharon Bliss, Shirley Clemmons, Jeanette Nelson and Marvin Brown; children Nola (Roy) Horvey, Paula (Steve) Kildahl, Mona (Laverne) Teske, Lance (Tracy) Ziebarth, Amy (Jesse) Smyle.

Grandchildren - Kimberly Honeyman (Bart), Sharli Ziebarth Swinehart (Tim), Kalya Horvey, Tera Fried (Mike), Kelly McKittrick (James), Lea Doerr (Lucas), Kyla Fisher (Jordan), Macy Burke (Alex), Josie Smyle (Chandler Braaten), Ellie Kildahl (Javon DeGrand), AnnaGrace

Ziebarth, Ian Ziebarth (Gabby), Abby Osendorf (Matt), Emma Ziebarth, Brooke Kildahl.

Great-Grandchildren - Rae-gen Honeyman, Haven Kiner, Greyson Kiner, Jordyn Honeyman, Natalie Fisher, Camdyn Fried, Macen Honeyman, Klay Fried, Peyton Doerr, Owen Swinehart, Liam McKittrick, Avana McKittrick, Blakelyne Burke, Sydney Doerr, Gemma Fisher, Jensynn Burke, Rocco Fisher, Jaxen Doerr, Treyton Burke, Huxxon Burke, Lucy Fisher, Ivy Osendorf and baby Osendorf due soon!

AREA COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

- Second Wednesdays of Most Months • Bowman**
Southwest Healthcare Auxiliary will meet on the second Wednesday of April, May, June, Aug., Sept., Oct. & Nov. at 1:30pm at the Sunrise Village. Anyone is welcome to join.
- First Monday of Every Month • Bowman, ND**
Bowman Lions monthly meeting and dinner at 6:30 p.m. at Bowman Lodge and Convention Center
- Second Monday of Every Month • Scranton, ND**
Scranton Lions monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center.
- Second Monday of Every Month • Scranton, ND**
City Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall
- Second Tuesday of Every Month • Bowman, ND**
Southwest Cancer Survivors support group for anyone touched by cancer. 4:30pm • Bowman Regional Public Library • All are welcome to attend our meeting.
- First Thursday of Every Month • Bowman, ND**
NOTICE TO ALL VETERANS: Post 48 Local American Legion invites and encourages you to join our meetings. Back of the Crystal Bar at 7pm. For more info call Tom Bakken, Adjutant, 701-440-8364.
- First Tuesday of Every Month • Amidon, ND**
City Council Meeting at 8:30 a.m.
- Every Wednesday • Scranton, ND**
Scranton TOPS meet at 9:00 a.m. in the Community Center.
- Third Wednesday of Every Month • Bowman, ND**
The Bowman/Slope Community Cupboard is open from 3pm-5pm. No referrals necessary.
- Last Monday of Every Month • Check "Be the Light" on Facebook for the monthly location**
Be the Light Suicide Support Group • 6:30pm. Everyone Welcome.

If you have a nonprofit, community event you would like published, free of charge, on the Area Monthly Community Events Calendar, Send them to: Eido Connect, PO Box 97, Bowman, ND 58623 by 4:00 p.m. Wednesday.

North Dakota Facts and Figures



Rich Wardner

In previous articles it has been stated that the State of North Dakota provides funding of \$5.94 billion out of \$14.54 billion for local services. The \$5.94 billion is 41% of the state's non-federal funds. We have already covered the contribution of the Common Schools Trust, Foundation Aid Stabilization Fund, Resources Trust Fund and the states tax relief over the past twenty years. In last week's article we featured the impact on the individual property tax relief from the State of North Dakota. In this week's article we will list several other areas of assistance from the state that are calculated in the \$5.94 billion.

- 1) **State Aid Distribution** to counties and cities - \$276.0 million. The state shares 40% of one cent of the five cent state sales tax with the counties and cities.
- 2) **Fire Departments** (Insurance Department Tax) - \$29.3 million.
- 3) **Emergency Medical and Ambulance Services** - \$12.8 million.
- 4) **Health Districts** and Tobacco Education - \$9.5 million.
- 5) **Public Transportation** - \$13.7 million.
- 6) **City Infrastructure** (Prairie Dog) - \$80.0 million.
- 7) **County and Township Infrastructure** (Prairie Dog) - \$80.0 million.
- 8) **Motor Vehicle Registration and Fuel Tax** - \$232.0 million.
- 9) **Flexible Transportation Fund Grants** - \$181.75 million.
- 10) **Telecommunications Tax Allocation** - \$16.8 million.
- 11) **Grants to Airports** - \$120.0 million.
- 12) **Public Employees Retirement System Political Subs Liability** - \$45.0 million.

The legislature closed the Defined Benefit Retirement

Plan, which had an unfunded liability (debt) and half of the debt belonged to the political subs. The State of North Dakota is paying off the unfunded liability for the cities, counties and school districts, other wise the property owners would have been responsible for the debt. (There will be an article on this subject) 13) **The State funds the following programs for k-12 schools, transportation - \$60.1 million, special education - \$22.0 million, Career and Tech grants - \$52.0 million, pre-kindergarten grants - \$16.0 million, school information technology - \$14.3 million and free meal program - 7.4 million.**

Yes, lots of numbers and the total amount listed is \$1,268.7 million or \$1.27 billion. These funds are distributed by population numbers. Oil tax dollars allow the state to assist the local political subs. There are more areas that could be listed, but the readers should get the point that the state sends aid in several areas to provide services and tax relief for the people of North Dakota. **All of these programs that assist local governments are part of state budget and spending.**

Governor Armstrong is asking state agencies to make proposed cuts in the budgets for the next legislative session because of the low price of oil. Yes, the price of oil is high now, but it is not expected to last. I am guessing that some of the \$5.94 billion funding to local governments will also see some cuts. I can hear some of you, yelling out "LEGACY FUND"! I will write about the Legacy Fund in the future.

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MOTT HEALTH CARE CENTER-BASIC CARE WHAT'S HAPPENING April 26th - May 2nd 2026

- Sunday 04/26/2026**
 - o 10:00am Chair Exercises in the Solarium
 - o 2:00pm Work on May Wall Decorations
- National Help A Horse Day**
- National Pretzel Day**
- National Kids & Pets Day**
- Monday 04/27/2026**
 - o 10:00am Move N Groove Monday
 - o 1:30pm K-9 "Officer Lyon" with Kennedy Visit
- National Pet Parents Day**
- National Babe Ruth Day**
- National Tell A Story Day**
- Tuesday 04/28/2026**
 - o 10:00am Chair Exercises in the Solarium
 - o 10:00 am Chair Exercises or Walk Outside (weather permitting)
 - o 12pm ELDERCARE MEAL EVERYONE WELCOME
 - o 1:00pm Card Players in the Solarium
 - o 2:00pm Shake and Take Card Game
 - o 3:00pm Gracie Visits
- National Super Hero Day**
- National Bravehearts Day**
- National Blueberry Pie Day**
- Wednesday 04/29/2026**
 - o 9:00am Workout Wednesday in the Solarium
 - o 10:00am Keep Your Faith Going - Pastor John
 - o 2:00pm BINGO with the MRPS 6th Graders
- National Shrimp Scampi Day**
- National Zipper Day**
- National Peace Rose Day**
- Thursday 04/30/2026**
 - o 10:00am Mass with Father Kadramas
 - o 10:30am Work on May Wall (if Not Done)
 - o 10:30am Chair Exercises in the Solarium (if May Wall Done)
 - o 12pm ELDERCARE MEAL EVERYONE WELCOME
 - o 12:30pm Bridge Players in the Solarium
 - o 1:00pm Spa Day Nails/Paraffin Wax Treatment
 - o 2:00pm Out for a Country Drive
 - o 3:00pm Book Club with Father Kadramas
- National Buggs Bunny Day**
- National Raisin Day**
- Friday 05/01/2026**
 - o 9:00am Spa Day for Hair
 - o 10:30am Fitness Friday in the Solarium
 - o 12pm ELDERCARE MEAL EVERYONE WELCOME
 - o 2:00pm Farkle Dice Game
- National May Day**
- National Loyalty Day**
- National Law Day**
- National Day of Prayer**
- Saturday 05/02/2026**
 - o 10:00am Sit N Be Fit Saturday in the Solarium
 - o 2:00pm Skip-Bo Card Game
 - o 4:30pm Mass @ St. Vincents
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Bonita Ann Pinney Rites To Be Held

Ann Pinney, a cherished resident of Rock Springs, Wyo-



ming, passed away peacefully on Saturday, March 21, 2026, at the age of 77.

She was born April 17, 1948, in Hettinger, North Dakota, and spent her formative years in the same town, before embarking on a life filled with love, family, and community service.

Bonita was a dedicated professional, serving as a manager at Payless Shoe Store in Rock Springs, Wyoming and later North Glen, Colorado, for over two decades before her retirement in 2005. She was also proud of her service with the National Guard.

Besides her professional accomplishments, Bonita was an active member of the American Legion Archie Hay Post #48. She found joy in crocheting, riding her motorcycle, fishing, and sightseeing, and she was always eager to volunteer her time, serving as an officer at the American Legion.

Survivors include her two sons, Nick James Zimmerman and wife Julie of Gillette, Wyoming; Richie Zimmerman and wife Jennifer of Rock Springs, Wyoming; two brothers, Harry "Skip" Tatro of Forsyth, Montana; Rick Tatro of Colorado; six grandchildren, Sarah Raisen and husband Jessie; Trayton Haapala; Chris McInturf; Rodney Smith; Monika Smith; Brendan Smith; several great-grandchildren; several

nieces; nephews and former, husband James Zimmerman of Bismarck, North Dakota.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Harry and Martha Tatro; her husband, Richard Pinney; one son, James "Little Jim" Harry Zimmerman; two sisters, Joan Engraf and Jackie Blade; one sister-in-law, Chuck Tatro; one nephew, Brad Engraf.

The family respectfully requests that donations be made in Bonita's memory to Hospice of Sweetwater County, 333 Broadway Street, Suite 220, Rock Springs, Wyoming.

Cremation will take place; A celebration of Life service will be held Saturday, May 9, 2026 at 1:00 pm at the Hettinger Lutheran Church in Hettinger, North Dakota.

Her family and friends are encouraged to leave condolences and share memories of Bonita at www.vasefuneralhomes.com.

Bonita Ann Pinney will be remembered as a pillar of strength, compassion, and dedication, whose love and legacy will continue to inspire those she leaves behind. She will be dearly missed.

Jacquelyn Lee (Tatro) Blade Rites To Be Held

Jacquelyn Lee (Tatro) Blade, known to many as Jackie, died March 18, 2026. She was 76.

Jackie lived a life full of love, laughter and adventure, and she held a deep devotion to her children and extended family. She found joy in the simple things—long car rides with no particular destination, traveling through the western parts of the country and making memories along the way.

Some of her happiest times were spent in Rock Springs where she lived with Bonnie and Rick Pinney. During that time, she worked at the American Legion, where she formed lasting



friendships and shared countless laughs. Those who knew her from that chapter of her life remember the warmth and humor she brought into every room.

She had a special connection with animals, especially her beloved dogs. Jackie also enjoyed crocheting and golfing—an activity she took to naturally. Later in life, she embraced new routines and outings in The Villages, Fla., often exploring by golf cart and always ready for her next small adventure.

Music remained a constant throughout her life. Friends and family recall her singing and dancing, especially to her favorite oldies, and her smile and quick sense of humor that made others feel welcome, seen and loved.

Survived by: children Jeff Blade, Lisa (Blade) Ness and Kristie Blade; grandchildren Logan Kuehl and Cassandra Blade; great-granddaughter Peyton Blade; and many nieces and nephews.

Preceded in death by: her parents, Harry and Mardy Tatro; life companion Buddie Hunt; granddaughter Kylee Marie Blade; sisters Joan Engraf and Bonnie Pinney; brother-in-law Rick Pinney; sister-in-law Chuck Tatro; and nephews Brad Engraf and Jimmie Zimmerman.

A Celebration of Life service will be held May 9, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. at Hettinger Lutheran Church in Hettinger, North Dakota.

The family thanks everyone for their prayers, love and support during this time. Your kindness and shared memories bring comfort and peace.

Duane Harris Rites Held

Duane Harris, 71, of rural Perkins County, SD passed away at St. Alexius Medical



Center in Bismarck, ND on April 13, 2026.

Branding of Duane's casket took place at 4:00 p.m. MT on Sunday, April 19, 2026, followed by visitation until 6:00 p.m. A Gathering of Family and Friends and a Time of Sharing was held at 6:00 p.m., all at Evanson Jensen Funeral Home in Lemmon, SD.

Celebration of Duane's life was held Monday, April 20, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. MT at Calvary Lu-

theran Church in Lemmon, SD. Charlotte Kvale and Ben Wiechmann officiated and following a time of fellowship and lunch at the Church, burial followed at the Harris Family Ranch Cemetery, south of White Butte, SD.

Duane Alan Harris, 71, of Lemmon, South Dakota, lived the kind of life most folks only talk about—a life built on grit, faith, hard work, and a deep love for family, land, and community.

Duane was born October 22, 1954, in Lemmon to Robert and Shirley Harris. As their first-born, he stepped into the role of big brother early, later joined by Rodney, Darin, Devin, and Denise. From the start, Duane was shaped by the wide-open country he called home—a place that would define him for the rest of his life.

He graduated from Lemmon High School in 1972, but a classroom was never going to hold him for long. Duane followed his calling to work with horses, attending horseshoeing school in Sperry, Oklahoma. When he returned, he went to work for his grandparents, Walter and Judith Longwood, and for Tim and Joanne Seim. Those years weren't just jobs—they were the beginning of a lifelong way of living, one rooted in ranch work, horsemanship, and doing things the cowboy way.

In 1975, Duane's story took a turn when he met Dawn Kasperek of Moses Lake, Washington. Introduced by Ed Wiesinger, the two quickly found something special. A year later, on July 30, 1976, Duane and Dawn set out on a road trip with Tim and Joanne Seim through the buttes toward Ekalaka, Montana. Somewhere along the way, in true Duane fashion, the plan became simple: get married. They picked petunias from a stranger's yard, found a pastor, and were married in a small log Baptist church. It was the start of 49 years together—built not on grand plans, but on shared adventure, laughter, and unwavering commitment.

Their honeymoon was just as unforgettable—spent in bunkhouses, visiting friends, going to rodeos, and even getting stuck in the mud at Isabel. That was Duane's way: life wasn't meant to be polished, it was meant to be lived.

Later that year, on a cold December night, Duane and Dawn were ice skating on the North Grand River when Dawn fell. By 4 a.m. the next morning, they were on their way to Hettinger, where their son, Willie D. Harris, was born. Their daughter, Bridget LeeAnn Harris, followed on December 8, 1980. Duane was proud of his kids, but even more so in later years, proud of the life they all built together.

Duane spent years traveling to rodeos, shoeing horses for Johnny Holloway and for neighbors across the region. For a time, he lived in Thermopolis, Wyoming, breaking horses for the Arapaho Ranch. He didn't just work hard—he chased excitement too. In 1978, he entered suicide horse races throughout the Midwest. He liked to tell the story of riding a 17-hand horse named Pooge, saying afterward that if he'd been a woman, he would have "wet his pants." That mix of courage and humor followed him all his life.

In 1987, Duane and Dawn bought the Kaubisch place. That land became more than a

home—it became his life's work and his legacy. There, they built their ranch and raised horned Herefords. Duane didn't believe in tagging cattle; he knew every one of them by sight, by markings, by memory. He fed with a team of horses and rode horseback everywhere for years, holding onto the old ways as long as he could. Eventually, he brought in modern equipment—and even built a road—but at his core, Duane never stopped being a true cowboy.

He was a man people counted on. Whether it was brandings, helping a neighbor, digging a dam, hauling gravel, or just showing up when someone needed him, Duane was there. In 1993, he went to work for the Burlington Northern Railroad, putting in seven years to secure a future before returning full-time to ranching in 2001. Even then, he never slowed down—taking on dirt work, running heavy equipment, and helping anyone who asked.

But what truly set Duane apart was his heart. He looked after people. He made sure neighbors—especially those living alone—were cared for. He opened his home to his father in law, Simon Kasperek, Henry Isdal and Feathers Seim, believing deeply that people should be able to stay where they belonged. He didn't turn away from responsibility—he leaned into it. Duane also carried a quiet kind of honor. With his team of horses, he helped lay friends to rest, providing one final ride to those who had ridden alongside him in life. It was a gesture that spoke louder than words ever could.

He was a quiet man, but when he spoke, it usually came with a dry sense of humor that caught people off guard and left them laughing. He was the kind of man you called when something needed fixing, building, or figuring out. As he would say himself—a jack of all trades, master of none—but to those who knew him, he mastered what mattered.

Duane was preceded in death by his infant brother Rodney; his grandparents Walter and Judith Longwood; his parents Robert and Shirley Harris; his in-laws Simon and Viola Kasperek; his sisters in law, Audrey (Ed) Ginter, LaVonne (Glenn) Jackson, brothers in law Rodney (Judy) Kasperek, David (CeCe) Kasperek, Russell Kasperek; his nephew Blaux Harris; his aunt Marlene Morton and uncle Will Morton; his uncle Daryl Martin; and his cousins Cody DeTrolio and Rainn Stadheim.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Dawn; his son Willie (Bobby Jo); his daughter Bridget (Albert); and his grandchildren Luke and Trinity Harris, and Albert III, Korbin, Bodee, Teagan, and Terek Keller—each of whom carries a piece of his legacy forward.

Duane didn't need a spotlight to leave his mark. It's in the land he worked, the cattle he raised, the people he helped, and the family he loved. His was a life well-lived, plain and simple—and one that won't be forgotten.

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~ School News ~

Elgin/New Leipzig Public School

Sunday, April 26
 Open Swimming 1 - 3 and Adult Water Aerobics 3:30 - 4:30

Monday, April 27
 JH Track @ Hazen @ 1:00
 Best of the Class @ Bismarck @ Gateway to Science TBA

Tuesday, April 28
 Pre School 8:15 - 3:15
 Elementary VB vs Center/Stanton @ Solen @ 4:00
 HS Track @ Dickinson
 No Open Swimming

Wednesday, April 29
 Pre School 8:15 - 3:15
 Elig Due @ 8:20
 Adult Water Aerobics 3:30 - 4:30 & 5:30 - 6:30

Thursday, April 30
 Pre School 8:15 - 3:15
 Open Swimming 6 - 8

Friday, May 1
 Golf @ Mott @ 7:30
 JH Track @ Watford City Invite @ 7:30

Saturday, May 2
 HS Track @ Shiloh Christian @ 9:00
 State Music @ BSC

New England Public School

Sunday, April 26th
 5-7 p.m. Father/Daughter – Mother/Son Dance

Monday, April 27th
 dismissal for JH Track traveling to Hazen for 1:00 p.m. meet
 3:30 p.m. GSB vs. Harvey/Wells Co at home

Tuesday, April 28th
 Jammie Day
 dismissal for HS Track traveling to Dickinson for 12:00 p.m. meet
 dismissal for 456 VB traveling to Killdeer for 4:00 p.m. jamboree

Wednesday, April 29th
 Kindness day
 Last Religion Release for 25-26 Begins at 2:00
 6:00 p.m. Grades 5-12 Spring Concert in old gym

Thursday, April 30th
 Lollipop day
 4:00 p.m. 456 VB vs. Bowman Co in new gym

Friday, May 1st
 No School – PD Day
 3:30 p.m. GSB at Velva for 3:30 game vs. Velva/Drake-Anamoose

Saturday, May 2nd
 10:00 a.m. HS Track traveling to Shiloh
 State B Music at BSC

Mott/Regent Public School

Monday, April 27
 JV Golf @ Killdeer, 9:00
 JH Track @ Badlands Conference JH Meet @ Hazen, 1:00
 Elem VB @ Dickinson Trinity, 4:00

Tuesday, April 28
 HS Track @ Trinity Invite Varsity Meet @ BAC, 12:00
 Elem VB @ Lemmon, 5:00

Wednesday, April 29
 Changing Program for 5th & 6th Grades, 9:00
 Last day of Release Time
 7-12 Staff Meeting, 3:25

Thursday, April 30
 Wildfire Day!
 Kindergarten Open House, 9:00
 Monthly Assembly, 2:50

Friday, May 1
 Regular School Day
 Elementary Talent Showcase, 1:30

Saturday, May 2
 ND State Music Festival @ Bismarck State College
 HS Track @ Shiloh Christian, 10:00

New England Graduation

New England High School will hold its 110th annual commencement ceremony for the twenty-four seniors in the Class of 2026 at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, May 24, in the new gymnasium.

The valedictorian of the Class of 2026 is Jordan Jung, son of Scott and Kristen Jung.

The salutatorian of the Class of 2026 is Grace Bieber, daughter of Scott and Tara Bieber.

The ND Honor students are Bradley Krebs, son of Ben and Sara Krebs; Lucas Twogood, son of Darren and Clarice Twogood; and Carly Wolf, daughter of Shawn and Shelly Wolf.

Other members of the graduating class are Tucker Bock, son of Wade and Jill Bock; Brandon Bowman, son of Lori Hosmer and Robert Hopkins; L'Kia Covert, daughter of Jacob and Meg Covert; Kallie Dinius, daughter of Shane and Julie Dinius; Abigail Elliott, daughter of Alicia Elliott; Kendra Erickson, daughter of Chris and Nikki Erickson; Mark Fitterer, son of Chris and Rhonda Fitterer; Kail-ee Gussey, daughter of Steven and Jessica Gussey; James Hedstrom, son of Dale and Cristy Hedstrom; Elijah Hoerath, son of Travis and Linsey Hoerath; Gage Madler, son of Greg Madler and Kristi Voth; Aidan Merchant, son of Jeff and Erin Merchant; Emma Olsonawski, daughter of Tony and Jodi Olsonawski; Sophia Patterson, daughter of David and Rebecca Patterson; Aiden Rafferty, son of Daren and Julie Rafferty; Sienna Red Star, daughter of Shannon Stoken and Cameron Bullard; Mark Schmidt, son of Scott and Christa Schmidt; Joel Schulz, son of Jess and Dixie Schulz; and McKoy Stecher, son of Shane and Kristen Stecher.

The Graduation Marshals (the junior class honor students) are Meadow Olsonawski and Tennille Tooley. Two specially selected juniors will serve as additional Class Marshals for this year's ceremony are Ali Herberholz and Harlow Seymour.

The class colors are Orange and White, and the class flower is the Orange Rose. The class motto is "We are the champions of our own story" by Google.

The faculty and staff at New England Public School congratulate the Class of 2026 and wish them the best in their future endeavors!

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Area School Calendar April 27th - May 2nd

Bowman County						
27 9am Golf JV @ Killdeer Noon Track JH Badlands Conf @ Hazen	28 9am Golf @ Hettinger Noon Track @ BAC 7pm 7-12 Spring Concert	29	30	1 9am Golf JH @ Mott	2 9am Track @ Shiloh	Track - Howard Wood @ Sioux Falls
Scranton						
27 9am Golf JH/JV @ Killdeer 1pm Track JH Badlands Conf @ Hazen	28 9am Golf @ Hettinger 11am Track @ Dickinson 4pm BB vs Shiloh @ Hettinger	29	30 3:30pm BB vs Washburn @ Hettinger	1 9am Golf JH @ Mott	2	
Harding County						
27	28	29	30	1 9:30am Golf LMC Tourn.	2	
Baker, MT						
27 10am Tennis @ Glendive	28 9am Golf @ Shepherd Noon Tennis @ Williston 11am Track @ Dickinson	29	30 2pm Track JH @ Home	1 10am Golf @ Home 2pm Early out	2	10am Track @ Glendive 10am Tennis @ Billings State Music Festival

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So when you go outside in the coming days, take a deep breath and spend a bit more time out in the sun getting your Vitamin D. We are just like all those plants and animals out there, looking for a bit of fresh air, so maybe take that walk a little longer than normal. We might not be new to the world, but every day is a new day, so take advantage of the weather when you can, since it is always changing. Knowing Mother Nature in our part of the country, she can be tickle with her offerings, so take the jacket with you, but maybe leave the sweatshirt behind. God Bless you All

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 1 c. chopped pecans

Fold together and place in 9 x 13 inch pan or bundt pan. Freeze at least 3 hours. Let stand out 1/2 hour before serving. Keeps well in freezer so can be made ahead of time.

Thoughts for the Week

by June Schmidt

Well Mother Nature had a bit of a temper tantrum last week and dropped some snow on us, slowing down the farmers from getting into the fields for a few days, but looking forward to the next week, she is then turning around and giving us a hot flash in return. So all you people that were held up for a couple of days, here is your chance to do some of that work. As for those of us that don't have to go out into the fields, it's a chance to warm up a bit and maybe we can wear some lighter clothes or at least a lighter coat.

Spring is a great time to get some things done that you have been waiting to do. It means some of us will get a chance to wash a few windows right before it starts raining, maybe giving us a bit of a clearer view for a while. Perhaps you have been putting off some spring cleaning inside

the house and now that you look up, you are seeing a few webs waiting down from the ceiling. Possibly you have some drawers or closets that you need to clean out to make room for some new items you have been eying on the web. Maybe you are one of those that goes all out to wash the walls every year. Everyone has something that they think should be done and spring is the time when some of these things come up.

Then there is yard work that is starting to be done. Some of the old grass needs to be raked out and those last leaves that remain from the winds that blew into your yard have found a permanent spot and may need a bit of encouragement to leave the lawn. Perhaps you have noticed a tree or two that isn't sprouting any leaves yet, so you need to keep an eye out to see if winter got it's cold hands on it enough to force you to trim it up or if it will pull through and pop out the

green shoots that you are waiting for.

And if you are an avid gardener, maybe you have ordered your seeds and possibly looking to get them started in your house before replanting them into your garden. All those hours of looking at seed catalogs and figuring out which plants will need to be purchased and what will grow in your area are soon to bear fruit in more ways than one. Just the anticipation of biting into that fresh tomato or cucumber makes everyone's mouth water, and the first little shoots that show up make the possibility that much closer. How many of us have great memories with our Grandmother or Mother in the garden picking out the first strawberries of the season and

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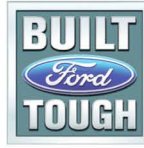
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