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Eido Connect's
Philosophy for 2026

Different

“Just Different”

Much unrest continually surfaced in the beautiful house that Tweety Bird lived in. Use to be everyone said good morning Tweety and Tweety would sing her good morning song. This was an everyday occurrence even since Tweety was found in the back yard - had fallen out of the nest when only a few days old.

Bruno the dog was about to snatch Tweety Bird when little Jeff saw Tweety and came to the rescue - picked her up - family bought a bird cage and it was instant love after that.

But now - something was happening, loud, blaring noise came from a box in the same room as Tweety Bird - no one seemed to notice her anymore - instead they would say - Lexus turn on radio - turn on TV - and sometimes Tweety would have to plug her ears for there would be so much - she wasn't sure what it was but it didn't sound good,

Some days were so bad that Mom and Dad would be arguing who was right - one could say - I believe - the other would say. Oh how I hate - even the children were different.

Not sure if she even knew how to sing anymore - for it had been so long since anyone said good morning, that all she wanted to do was get away from this place - - but due to the cage she knew it wasn't possible.

One day, by accident not sure - but just as mom was feeding her - Dad said something- triggered Mom and she left the cage door open - finally - free at last - Tweety snuck out the door - landed on the outside door frame - when door opened - out she flew.

Wow - what fresh air - what a beautiful sun rise - children playing - cats and dogs running. Tweety landed in an evergreen nearby - kinda cold - but sun beating down a branch made it seem like the days she first went into her farmers home.

She just sat - no Lexus turn on TV - no people arguing over who was right or who was wrong. Tweety breathed a sigh of relief.

Eventually after taking in the fresh air, sunshine, Tweety needed to fly around and experience this freedom, this beautiful moment. Was very surprised to find many trees - like groves and groves - kind of reminded her of one of the stories the family had read about at Christmas - something about the littlest Christmas tree -.

Tweety chose to land there - maybe spend the night - seemed a little scary at first when she remembered some of the bad things when Lexus turned on the TV - but the fresh, crisp air slowly dissolved all the negative. Tweety found a warm evergreen which almost seemed to hug Tweety as she closed her eyes and slept.



Next morning Tweety was very surprised as she looked over the meadow below.

A big beautiful fluffy black bear - one just as little Jeff use to play with. Tweety flew down landed on her head - he giggled, squirmed and laughed as Tweety sang and he danced.

Then she met Sly Fox - he was hard to understand - one moment she felt save with him, then he would stretch out his paw as if to grab her.

Tweety met many different animals - some she felt very close to - others she shied away from

Then she met Wise Old Owl - now kinda perplexed at what she had learned - so her question was - why do some people like rain and some don't - why do some like sunshine and some don't.

Lesson learned - Wise Old Owls answer. We are all different - we are all good - doesn't mean some better than others - just different.



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“Adjustment”

Darn - I have to adjust my schedule again - weather was to be in the high - but - do I wear a light jacket - heavy coat - some say it's to be warm and sunny - where did the fog come from??

Questions, questions that need answers and the hardest part is one give their advise - another gives different advise. Now you have to put them together and agree with us that we truly live in the best place of the world - -.

Again we are thankful for churches, businesses and people in **Eido Country** where we are allowed to make adjustments to any circumstances.



Pictured left to right: Chelsea Burns, RN Assistant Chief Nursing Officer, Alyson Kornele, Chief Executive Officers, Nathan Strid, Father, Amanda Strid, Mother and Sawyer Leo!

Welcome to the World!
2026
BABY

WEST RIVER
HEALTH SERVICES

Three sons, One Hospital: First baby of 2026 born at West River Health Services.

Article written by Beth Erickson, Marketing/Community Relations

West River Health Services was honored to welcome the first baby born in 2026, a special milestone made even more meaningful by the family's deep roots with our hospital. The newest arrival is Nathan and Aman-

da Strid's third son. Continuing a family tradition, as all three of their sons have been delivered, right here at West River Health Services.

When asked why the Strid's chose West River Health Services for their delivery and what keeps them coming back, Amanda shared how important comfort, familiar faces, and community are to their family.

"With my husband being

gone at times for work, it's nice to have a hospital close to home with family close by, staff that know your case, and being able to care for you without all the questions."

That sense of trust made this milestone even more meaningful. Being cared for by familiar faces and local team added comfort during such an important moment.

"I love the fact of being able

"Listen - Hope"

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to keep the same set of doctors during the whole time. I really enjoy the small-town feel where everyone cares for everyone."

During her stay, one moment stood out above the rest, the compassion and reassurance provided by the care team during a fast moving and emotional experience.

"Having babies can be scary at times. The nurses are great, the surgery team was great. It is scary with everything happening

so fast. It is nice to have nurses who care, come sit with you, visit about family, and give you any tips and tricks they have learned along the way. It is also great that even after their long days; the doctors come and check on you."

When asked what it meant to deliver close to home in her own community, she shared, "The small-town feel, everyone is family and not afraid to help each other."

West River Health Services is proud to be a part of moments like this, caring for generations of families, welcoming new lives, and continuing a tradition of community centered care.

Congratulations to this wonderful family on welcoming their son, Sawyer Leo, and celebrating the first baby of 2026 at West River Health Services!

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FEBRUARY | 25 | 5:00 P.M. MST

AT THE SCRANTON COMMUNITY CENTER
104 MAIN ST S, SCRANTON, ND

Join Us to Hear Keynote Speaker Kevin Kading With ND Game and Fish Dept:

Kevin Kading will discuss a new opportunity, Governor's LEGACY Soil Health and Habitat program. LEGACY is a new program administered between NDGF and the ND Assn. of Soil Conservation Districts. LEGACY provides options for producers to enroll marginal croplands or other fields into a 5-year agreement to seed grass. Producers will receive a rental rate based on the average county rate, cost share for the seed and establishment, and a crop insurance premium reduction for acres seeded to grass. Public access is not required and there are additional incentives for producers interested in providing access. [Come attend our seminar for more information!](#)

Other Topics Covered:

- Troy Ness, FCSM Director of Insurance, will provide insurance updates.
- Colten Larson with the Agricultural Risk Consulting Group intends to give a grain and cattle market update.
- Kate Motzko with USDA will cover NRCS programs.

Please call the Bowman Branch to RSVP at 701-523-5275 by February 15th.

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FEBRUARY | 23 | 11:00 A.M. MST

AT THE PHEASANT CAFE
206 BROWN AVE, MOTT, ND

Join Us to Hear Keynote Speakers Michael Hanson and Curt Christopherson with NAU.

Farm Credit Services of Mandan is committed to keep you informed on crop insurance changes. You can rely on FCSM to provide the financial strength and confidence needed in today's economy. Julie Miller and her team have worked with reputable insurance companies, including NAU Country Insurance, for many years. NAU is a leading crop insurance group passionate about serving farmers. Come hear two NAU representatives that work closely with FCSM. Michael Hanson will give important spring crop insurance updates and Curt Christopherson will be relaying One Big Beautiful Bill Act information that is critical for farmers and ranchers to hear. Julie Miller, FCSM Insurance Representative, will present current Farm Credit information and complimentary lunch will be served.

Please call the Mott Branch to RSVP at 701-824-3203 by February 15th.

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Sat. February 14

5:00 - 9:00 pm

Bring your sweetheart to the Castle on Valentine's Day for a delightful meal. Couples will dine on Cornish Game Hen, Homemade au gratin potatoes and a side of sauteed medley of broccoli and carrots. A sweet dish of ice cream for both, to complete your Valentine's meal.

\$50 per couple

Carnation flower for each couple

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Valentine's Day Dinner for Two

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St. Vincent's
St. Henry's
St. John the Baptist
Catholic Church
Schedule for
Sat. Feb. 7
Sun. Feb. 8

(M) 4:30 pm Sat.
(NL) 7:00 pm. Sat.
(M) 8:00 am. Sun.
(R) 10:00 am. Sun.

**Truth is the
property of
no individual
but is the
treasure of
all men.**

Mott American Legion Elect Officers



Mott's American Legion Post elected officers at its recent annual meeting. From the left, standing, they are: Commander Herb Quamme, Vice Commander Kelly Friedt, Chaplain Steve Meckle, Historian Kevin Carvell, Sergeant-at-Arms Curtis Friedt, and seated in front is Adjutant Roy Steiner. They were sworn in by District Vice Commander Michael Gant of Dickinson.

Annual Meeting Marmarth Volunteer Fire Protection District

Tuesday, February 17th

7:00pm

Marmarth Fire Hall



Everyone Welcome!



Playhouse Theatre



318 Brown Ave, Mott, ND

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

CHARLIE THE WONDERDOG

FEBRUARY 6-8

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Song Sung Blue

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Bowman County Classic Basketball Tournament Returns

March 14-15!

The Bowman County Classic is back for its fourth year on March 14-15, 2026! Games on Saturday March 14 will feature 3-4 grade division and 5th grade teams. On Sunday March 15, competition continues with the combined 7-8 grade division and 6th grade teams.

In addition to exciting basketball and action, teams and families will have opportunities to

enjoy fun activities around town between games, including visits to the local museum, movie theater, bowling alley, Edge Activity Complex, and more. Our goal is to create an outstanding tournament experience and an unforgettable time in Bowman County.

Registration is now open! Forms and more information can be found online at bowmannd.com/chamber/classic.

We look forward to welcoming teams, families, and fans for an exciting weekend of basketball and community fun in Bowman County!



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10:45 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

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**Silent Auction - contact
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**For more information -
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April Nogosek - 701-527-1285**

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Annual Bull Sale

TUESDAY,

FEBRUARY 24, 2026

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**LOT 1
M210**

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CE: 15.3 • BW: -3.5 • WW: 92.0
YW: 150.5 • MILK: 29.0



**LOT 2
M181**

5/8 SM • ASA #4404834
CE: 7.5 • BW: 2.5 • WW: 107.3
YW: 163.1 • MILK: 24.4



**LOT 7
M146**

1/2 SM • ASA #4404799
CE: 10.4 • BW: -1.3 • WW: 75.2
YW: 113.1 • MILK: 26.6



**LOT 8
M157**

1/2 SM • ASA #4404810
CE: 12.7 • BW: -0.6 • WW: 74.7
YW: 123.1 • MILK: 22.3



**LOT 9
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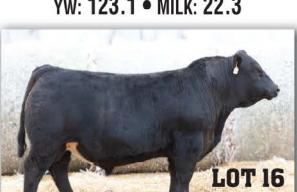
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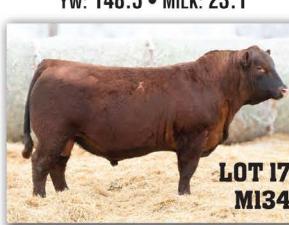
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YW: 139.5 • MILK: 25.2



**LOT 16
M155**

1/2 SM • ASA #4404808
CE: 10.2 • BW: 0.7 • WW: 77.0
YW: 119.4 • MILK: 21.5



**LOT 17
M134**

5/8 SM • ASA #4404787
CE: 10.2 • BW: 0.0 • WW: 98.9
YW: 148.5 • MILK: 21.9



**LOT 24
M186**

3/4 SM • ASA #4404839
CE: 7.7 • BW: 0.0 • WW: 75.0
YW: 114.4 • MILK: 26.9



**LOT 47
M223**

5/8 SM • ASA #4404876
CE: 9.4 • BW: 1.3 • WW: 89.6
YW: 145.5 • MILK: 25.6



**LOT 51
M161**

5/8 SM • ASA #4404814
CE: 14.1 • BW: -0.5 • WW: 71.4
YW: 111.5 • MILK: 19.0

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Road trip

By Kathy Craig Hartais

I'm heading out this week on a road trip with pal Carolan.

It's a yearly event although for the past few years we've gone to South Dakota.

This year we'll stay in California. Regardless, it's more about time together than it is about where we go.

Back in the day we usually went on an annual adventure.

We've visited San Diego as well as trips to Vegas for gaming, food and shows.

We once saw my favorite: 'Phantom of the Opera' in a theater created by the show's creator Andrew Lloyd Weber. Be still my heart! It was magical in deed.

Mainly I appreciate that she still makes an effort for time with me.

As I've gotten older I've learned to appreciate more the people and opportunities put in my path.

Being here in Colusa County again for a time has opened a flood of memories.

It was my home for my childhood, teen years and as a young adult.

The remaining years found me in more California cities, Washington, Oregon and North Dakota. It's full circle now being back in Colusa County as a snowbird visitor.

The lessons I have learned is to enjoy each chapter of my life.

Over the years I have lost people from every chapter.

Now back in this place I re-

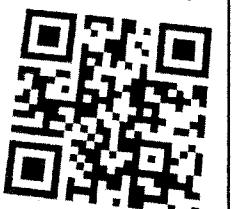
member those I have lost. The Grimes cemetery is the resting place for most of my family members.

Good memories of all, pain of the lost of all of them.

Time moves on. If you have opportunity to spend time with people you love, don't waste it.

Tomorrow is not promised. Today counts.

Life is good today.



me as well.

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by

Pat Merriman

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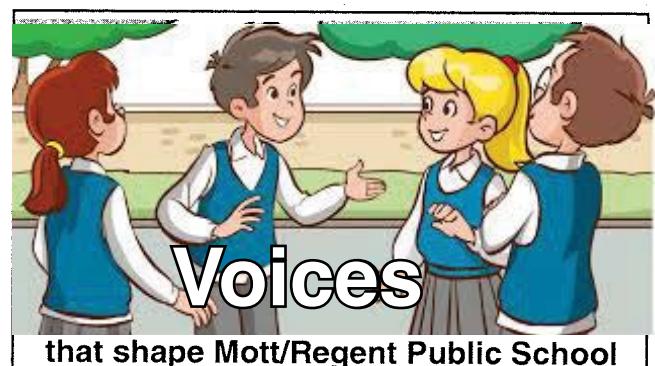
Sorry about last week folks but, I've been the Asst. States Attorney up in Dunn County too now for almost a year and, last week was a mess since that county is a 3-hr. roundtrip, I've got Hettinger County too, our civil law practice and, the karate gig at the armory. Anyway, I'm back now and I just had another experience that I've often heard about but, never experienced personally. Recall that I constantly bemoan that technology may be designed to alleviate one problem but, often, seems to cause several more. This week it was our garage door opener! I know...it sounds trivial but, as my wife and I age, forgetting to shut the garage door and, then, noticing it at bed time forcing a trip up and down 3 flights of stairs gets to be a pain in the...well, you get it.

Well, both devices refused to work with the app when I tried to add the iPhone. So, I called customer service and, the first guy was a complete butt monkey. Besides the fact that English was his weak, second language; his condescending attitude that a 40-year practicing lawyer was too stupid to understand basic technology and, it was MY fault the thing crashed; and, his indecipherable mumbling; really chapped my backside with the conversation ending when he hung up on ME. So, call #2 and the female customer service rep. this time tried to help but, OOPS, I had tried what the first clown recommended too many times and, the app was "locked".

So, now, I would have to wait at least 24 hours before I could try again. Huh? Well that will have to wait until I have a free hour to kill, so, wish me luck and, have a great week.

**The two most important words
in your community are
THANK YOU**

Always find opportunities to make someone smile, and to offer random acts of kindness.



that shape Mott/Regent Public School

How Useless is School?

By: Rylee Green

How many times have you or your friends said, "What's the point of this?" or "I'm never going to use this in real life"? Probably more times than you can count, right? Well, contrary to popular belief, school is one of the most important parts of your life. Starting way back in your daycare days, up until you graduate high school, you are learning life skills, social skills, manners, how to be a decent human, and so many more skills that you don't even realize are being learned.

Being a daycare teacher and simultaneously a high school senior, I get to see the effects of school from the very beginning in my daycare kids and see the result from evaluating myself and my classmates. Having worked with the same children for almost four years now, I have watched them learn the very basic skills they need to

go far in life and grow in themselves. Now, my class that I will be graduating with in barely over three months, I have seen the most change in. From seeing them grow in maturity to just being overall kind people, they have learned all the skills they will need to be successful, even if they don't see it themselves.

It's easy to only see school as rules, homework, and sitting in boring classes, but all of these are teaching you valuable things you will use in life. Adult responsibilities, time management and deadlines, building communication skills, learning structure, and understanding the world all come from these "meaningless" parts of school. Even though school can be boring or frustrating, it is important to remember that school is just shaping us for the future. It might be difficult to do now, but one day we will all realize that school gave us more than we ever could have imagined.

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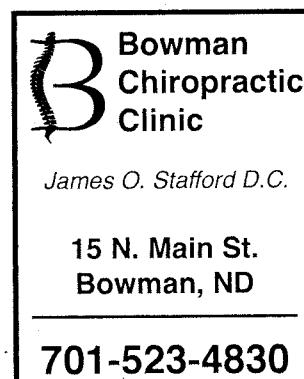


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REMINDER
ND Township Officers 2026 Workshops
District 4 Workshop

February 12, 2026 - Bowman - Bowman Lodge and Convention Center - 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

February 12, 2026 - Regent - Enchanted Castle 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Agenda Items

Changes in new 2026 Hand Book - Larry Syverson
NDTOA Executive Secretary and Lobbyists
Township Liabilities - Mark Verke, Safety Officer
Township Counsel Legal Matters and Questions
President Dale Schmitz - MC and NDTOA Activities

All Township Officers are invited and encouraged to attend.

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Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty. Anyone who keeps learning stays young.

Time to deliver message of gratitude and thanks to neighbors



Teagan Kordova

Bowman County Business Highlights

In an effort to showcase happenings in our business community, Bowman County Development Corporation is highlighting activity in Bowman County. Here are some Business Highlights from the last few months. Business owners and entrepreneurs are active. Business Highlights are a quick snapshot of what's happening in Bowman County's local business community.

Just for Kix Bowman

Just For Kix is proud to be dancing back in Bowman, ND, with classes currently held at the Bowman County School. The program provides local youth with a fun, supportive environment where dancers can grow through movement, teamwork, and confidence.

Founded in 1981 by Cindy Clough in Brainerd, Minnesota, Just For Kix has grown into a nationally recognized dance program with more than 200 programs nationwide. The program previously served the Bowman community in 2005-2006 and again in 2014-2015. The 2025-2026 season marks an exciting new chapter as director Teagan Kordova begins her first season in Bowman, with many more to come.

Just For Kix is a dance program designed to teach teamwork, proven dance technique, and confidence building. Classes are available for dancers from preschool through 12th grade. Currently, the Bowman program serves dancers from preschool through 7th grade and has also offered an adult class, welcoming dancers of all

ages and experience levels.

Looking ahead, the goal is to continue growing the program and expand class options to better serve the Bowman community.

Families interested in learning more or registering for classes can connect with Just For Kix Bowman on Facebook at Just For Kix - Bowman, ND, or follow along on Instagram at @bowmanjustforkix. Questions can also be directed to bowman_nd@justforkix.com or by calling 701-440-1268.

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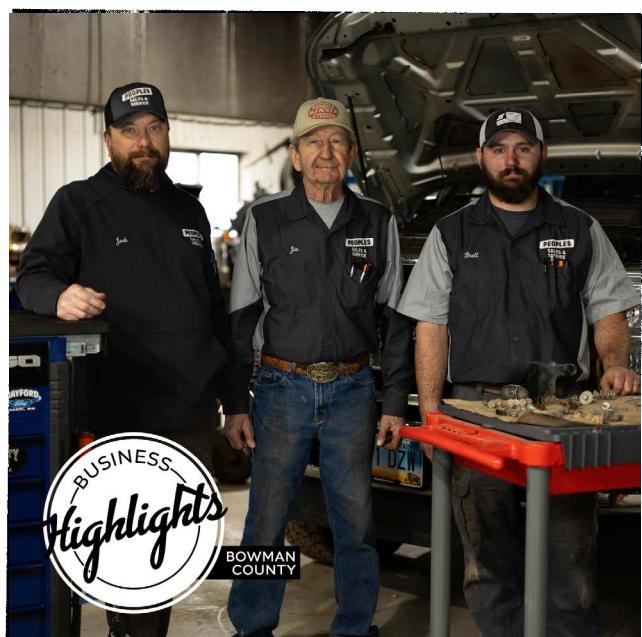
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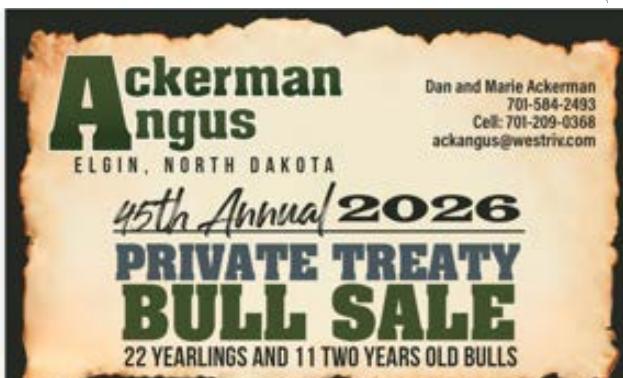
on October 1 and is proudly owned by Josh Buchmann and Brett Moderow. Built on a commitment to quality workmanship and honest service, the shop offers a wide range of automotive services including diagnostics and repair, engine and transmission work, electrical and exhaust services, oil changes, windshield replacements, and rock chip repair. From warning light scans and electrical troubleshooting to brakes, suspension, and heating and cooling systems, Peoples Sales and

Service covers vehicles from every angle.

Looking to the future, the owners' goal is simple: to provide great service and be a reliable resource for the Bowman community. Customers can connect with Peoples Sales and Service on Facebook or reach the team by phone at 701-206-0052, 701-640-8306, or 701-206-0578, or by email at peoplesalesandservice@gmail.com. Whether it's routine maintenance or major repairs, Peoples Sales and Service is dedicated to keeping local drivers safely on the road.



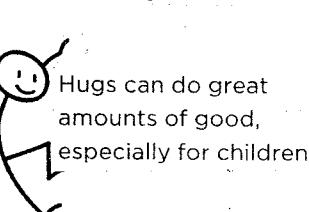
Josh Buchmann, Jim Buchmann and Brett Moderow



Bids Accepted for Leasing of Hay Land at Bowman Regional Airport

Bids for leasing of hay at the Bowman Regional Airport east of Bowman, North Dakota are being accepted by the Bowman Airport Authority. The area being leased is the hay land inside of the fenced boundary at the Bowman Regional Airport. Estimated acres 200.00 +/- payable. Hay shall be harvested and removed by July 31. Only one cutting is permitted. Bids should be in writing and submitted to Bob Morland at P.O. Box 331, Bowman, North Dakota 58623. All bids must be accompanied with a check in the amount of said bid. The Airport Authority will return checks to the unsuccessful bidders and will retain and deposit the check of the successful bidder. The Airport Authority reserves the right to reject any and all bids. For additional information contact Rodney Schaaf at 701-440-0098.

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Giving Hearts Day

Southwest ND Nonprofits Gearing Up For Giving Hearts Day 2026!

By Ted Uecker,
WRHS Foundation

Fifteen area nonprofit organizations in southwest North Dakota, known as the Southwest ND Giving Hearts Day Collaborative, are gearing up for their Annual "Giving Hearts Day" fundraising efforts. Giving Hearts Day is a 24-hour online fundraiser for over 600 nonprofits in North Dakota and Western Minnesota. This is the longest running giving day in the USA. All the excitement takes place the second Thursday of February - placing this year's Giving Hearts Day on Thursday, February 12th!

Giving Hearts Day began in 2008, when the Dakota Medical Foundation and Alex Stern Family Foundation saw a need to foster educational growth for

nonprofit organizations in our area. The Impact Foundation was then formed to help nonprofit organizations promote their campaigns online, network with other nonprofits and attend regular coaching sessions by trained fundraising professionals. Historically, Giving Hearts Day has raised over \$226 million over the last eighteen years! Last year was the best so far, with 40,127 donors helping nonprofits raise \$31.58 million!

Now fifteen local area nonprofits are members of the Impact Foundation and have banded together to share the good news about "Giving Hearts Day" and the good work that each contributes toward their mission. The fifteen area nonprofits in the Southwest North Dakota Giving Hearts Day Collaborative include: Assumption Abbey, Badlands Ministries, Benedictine Living Community -- Dickinson, Best Friends Mentoring, Buffalo Grande Foundation, Camp ReCreation, Chasing Horses Wild Horse Advocates,

CHI Health at Home Dickinson, Dakota Children's Advocacy Center, Enchanted Highway Foundation, Heartview Foundation, Home On The Range, Sunrise Foundation, West River Health Services Foundation and Women Empowering Women.

All of these nonprofit organizations in southwestern ND are trying to help their communities in their own unique ways. We hope you will consider a gift of \$10 or more to one or more of these nonprofits on Giving Hearts Day. Just go to givingheartsday.org and search for the organization(s) you'd like to support. If you'd like to "schedule a gift" ahead of Giving Hearts Day, you can go to the same website and select "Schedule a Gift" between January 1st and February 12th. The

Southwest ND Giving Hearts Day Collaborative can also be found on Facebook at SWND Giving Hearts Day. Of course, you can always give any time, to any nonprofit organization. We are all grateful.



Here's the QR code to go to our SWND Giving Hearts Day Collaborative Facebook page:

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The Jacobson Memorial Hospital Foundation (JMHF) will participate in Giving Hearts Day, an online fundraising event.

First International Bank and Trust has donated \$20,000 for the event. Other donors so far include Dakota Community Bank and the Elgin Lions Club, who have each donated \$2,500. With your generosity, the JMHF hopes to raise funds during Giving Hearts Day to purchase much-needed items to fill JMH-

CC's "Wishes for 2026," along with general fundraising to help JMHCC remain sustainable, with a total goal of \$114,700.

Those items include:

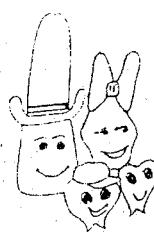
- Patient lift equipment: \$5,020. Patient care lifts provide a safe way to transfer patients from one location to another. JMHCC needs updated patient care lifts, which are used 24/7 and undergo wear and tear.
- EKG machine in Richardson Clinic: \$5,200. This equipment will improve patient care for Richardson area patients. JMHCC received a \$2,000 grant earlier to go toward the total cost of \$7,200 for this equipment.
- Phlebotomy cart: \$2,000. This mobile workstation on wheels is designed to carry all the necessary supplies and equipment for safely drawing blood from patients in various health care settings.

- Portable oxygen concentrator accessories: \$250.
- Ten wheelchairs: \$2,300. A generous individual donor has already purchased all the wheelchairs!

As a nonprofit entity, JMHCC must rely on donations and grants as part of its funding source to continue operations. Donors are encouraged to give a gift to cover the cost of an entire item or to donate toward the purchase of an item. Any funds received above the goal will be used for general operations.

To make a secure contribution to the JMHF Giving Hearts Day, simply go to the online site anytime at www.givingheartsday.org. Click on the "DONATE" button on the top right. Then search for "Jacobson Memorial Hospital Foundation."

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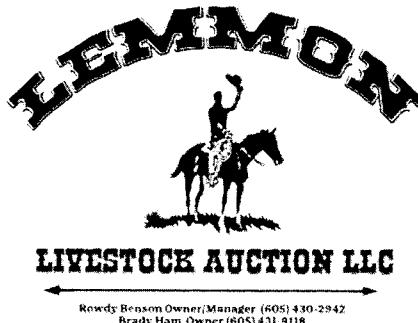
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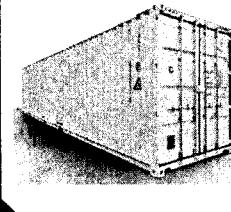
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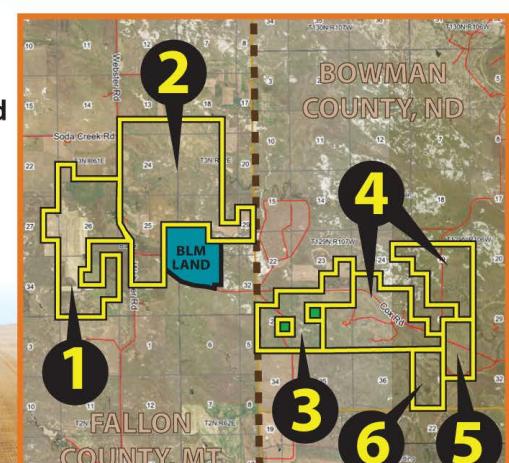
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Recently I attended the March for Life in Washington DC. I absolutely love this pilgrimage for 2 reasons. First, it is important to stand on the grounds of faith for something that others think is okay. Second, I love the community that forms on this pilgrimage, especially on the bus. This is where I have spent a lot of time reflecting over the past few weeks.

As we began this pilgrimage, we gathered in Bismarck for a departing mass before loading the busses. Another chaperone looked up the cost to fly instead of ride the bus, it was \$500. Doing some quick math, it is almost cheaper to fly than to ride a bus full of people. This idea became even more interesting as we got out of mass and our bus was nowhere to be found, since the drivers had run to the shop quick before leaving Bismarck. We finally got the bus back and loaded for a 30 hour, 1500 mile trip. It didn't take me long to remember why I like taking the bus over flying on this trip. There is a great sense of community that forms in the communal suffering.

While I do agree that the bus ride is some of the worst part of a March for Life trip, it is also part of the best part. I have found in the suffering of the bus on the way to Washington DC, a community forms on the bus that makes the experience of DC much more fruitful. While I noticed the friendship and community in Washington DC, I really noticed it on the way home. The bus ride is much noisier on the way home with students playing games, asking questions, and even just visiting. Personally, I also see the community in the conversations I get to be a part of. I stood in the back of the bus for 2 hours answering questions of faith from students and had a 2-hour conversation with another student that would not have happened without the bus. Like I said, amazing fruits though a community formed in suffering.

It is amazing the community that can form in suffering together. I think back to World War II and the community that formed in our nation for the cause of the war. Suffering brings us together! The problem enters in today because the world tells us that suffering is bad. How often does a person look for a quick fix when it comes to sufferings? From medicines to remedies to avoiding the suffering at all costs. This is especially important to consider when it comes to faith. A person can live a comfortable life of faith remaining in the same place for their entire life. God does not call us to live a comfortable faith, remaining where we are. He calls us to be uncomfortable, even to suffer, at times and continue to grow

in our relationship with Him. A person is never alone in that journey because we journey together as a Church and grow as a community in the same way.

While the bus ride to DC and back is long and physically painful at times, it is totally worth it, and I wouldn't have it any other way. I appreciate the care and concern of those who have felt pity upon hearing about this trip, but again worth it to see the fruits of God on the trip. The same concept applies to us and our faith. Let's continue to honor God by being willing to be uncomfortable with Him knowing the fruits will make themselves known.

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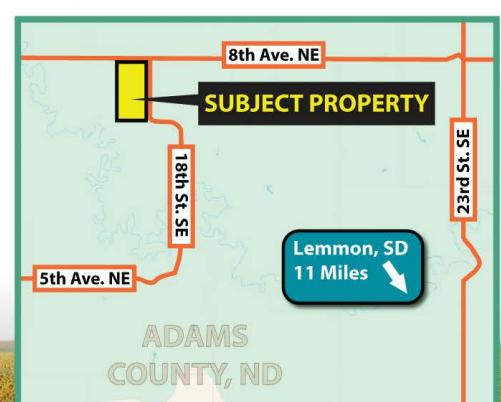
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Second Monday of Every Month • Scranton, ND
Scranton Lions monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center.

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
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First Tuesday of Every Month • Amidon, ND
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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
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 1 Hoyer electric bariatric floor lift: \$3,800
 1 Phlebotomy cart: \$2,000
 1 Portable oxygen concentrator accessories: \$250
 2 XL Hoyer slings: \$380 each or \$760
 4 Reliant lift slings: \$115 each or \$460
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1-24,31,2-7,14pd.

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The successful applicants will be subject to all regulations pertinent to county employees as to workers compensation and county policies affecting the operation of county equipment.

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Application (available at Auditor's office) or resume may be delivered to the office of the **Hettinger County Auditor in the County Courthouse in Mott, North Dakota, or may be mailed to:** Hettinger County Auditor, 336 Pacific Avenue, Mott, ND 58646 and should be marked road crew position.

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80 Acres Cropland	Hettinger County, ND	February 20 - 26, 2026
141 Acres Cropland	Burleigh County, ND	March 2 - 5, 2026
309.45 Acres Cropland	Adams County, ND	March 11, 2026
637.3 Acres Crop/Pasture	Grant County, ND	March 11, 2026
6,923.36 Acre Ranch	Fallon Co., MT & Bowman Co., ND	March 11, 2026
160 Acres Crop/Hunting	Oliver County, ND	March 16 - 19, 2026

UPCOMING EQUIPMENT AUCTIONS

Spring Upper Midwest Equipment	Online Only	Feb. 25 - March 4, 2026
Spring Upper Midwest Equipment	Live Online	March 5, 2026
Spring Western Dakota Equipment	Bowman, ND	March 26, 2026
Spring Southern Dakota Equipment	Worthing, SD	March 31, 2026
Wegner Estate Farm Equipment	Jud, ND	April 9, 2026
Spring Central Dakota Equipment	Steele, ND	April 14, 2026
Northeast ND Spring Equipment	Devils Lake, ND	May 19, 2026
Summer Upper Midwest Equipment	Live Online	June 3, 2026
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Keller-540 Blk Angus Strs, 3 Rounds of Shots, Poured, Mineral, 850-950 lbs.

Leibel-370 Certified Red Angus Steers & 130 Certified Red Angus Heifers. Heifers are Bangs Vaccinated & Tested Open and Breedable. 3 Rounds of Shots & Mineral, 650-850

Lemler Ranch-188 Red Simm/Angus Strs, SFS, NI, No Brands, Poured, 725-825 lbs. & 145 Red Simm/Angus Hfrs, SFS, NI, No Brands, Poured, 675-775 lbs.

Schweitzer-250 Blk Angus Strs, 3 Rounds of shots, Poured, 850-950 lbs.

Campbell-185 Red Angus, Home Raised, Strs, Complete Shots, Poured, 675-775 lbs. & 105 Fancy Red Angus, Bangs Vacc Replacement Quality Hfrs, Shots, Poured, Gentle, 650-725 lbs.

Willman-130 Blk Strs & Hfrs, SFS, NI, Home Raised, 550-700 lbs.

Aberle-125 Buckskin Char/Angus Strs & Hfrs, SFS, NI, 700-850 lbs.

Steinmetz-120 Blk & Red Strs & Hfrs, SFS, NI, NC, Weaned, 650 - 750 lbs.

Gaugler-120 Blk/Bwf Strs, SFS, NI, 425-575 lbs.

Roth-110 Blk/Bwf, Few Red Replacement Quality Hfrs, Home Raised, Shots, Poured, NI, 625-700 lbs.

Keller-90 Blk Angus Strs, SFS, NI, Mineral, 950 lbs.

Schmidt-90 Blk/Bwf Strs & Hfrs, SFS, NI, NC, 550-650 lbs.

Hageman-85 Blk Angus Strs & Hfrs, SFS, NI, 675-775 lbs.

Grosz-65 Blk Angus Bangs Vacc Hfrs, SFS, NI, 650-700 lbs

Hulm-1 Load Red/Char Strs, SFS, Poured, NI, Home Raised, 725-750 lbs.

Stuwe Farms-55 F1 Bwf Strs & Hfrs, SFS, NI, 525-625 lbs.

Kraft-55 Char & Red Hfrs, SFS, Weaned, Poured, 625-725 lbs.

Erdle-50 Front End Red Angus Bangs Vacc Replacement Heifers, Home Raised, NI, Shots, Poured & Dewormed, 700-750 lbs.

Lake-40 Blk & Red Strs, Few Hfrs, SFS, Weaned, NC, 500-550 lbs.

Douglas-30 Blk Ang & Char Hfrs, Home Raised, Shots, Poured, Mineral

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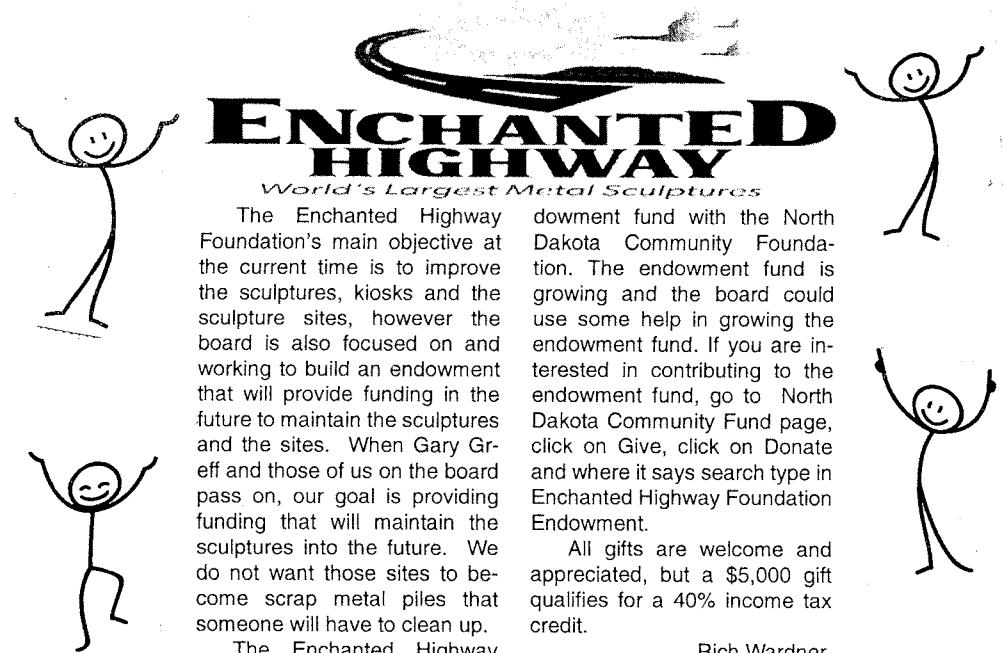
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WHAT'S HAPPENING February 8th- 14th 2026

Sunday 02/08/2026	SUPER BOWL SUNDAY
National Iowa Day	Local church services
National Kite Flying Day	10:00am Tabletop VolleyBall
National Boy Scouts Day	2:00pm Ping Pong Ball Cup Game in the Solarium
National Pork Rind Day	4:30 SUPER BOWL KICK OFF/WATCH PARTY IN THE SOLARIUM - Seattle Seahawks VS. New England Patriots
	Approx. 6:00pm Half Time Show
Monday 02/09/2026	10:00am Chair Exercises in the Solarium
National Pizza Day	10:00am Chair Exercises in the Solarium
National Bagel and Lox Day	2:00pm Left, Center, Right Dice Game
National Toothache Day	
National Rehydration Day	
Tuesday 02/10/2026	10:00am Chair Exercises in the Solarium
National Flannel Day	11:30a Keep Moving, ALL ARE WELCOME
National Cream cheese Brownie Day	12pm ELDERCARE MEAL ALL ARE WELCOME
National Umbrella Day	1:00PM Card Players in the Solarium
	2:00PM Make N' Bake Cherry Blossom Cookies
	3:00pm Gracie Visits
Wednesday 02/11/2026	9:00am Chair Exercises in the Solarium
National Latte Day	10:00am Keep Your Faith Going - Pastor John
National Guitar Day	2:00 - 3:00pm Bingo with MRPS 6 th Graders
National Inventors Day	
National Peppermint Patty Day	
National White Shirt Day	
National Make A Friend Day	
Thursday 02/12/2026	10:00am Mass with Father Kadmas in the Chapel
National Giving Hearts Day	10:30am Bake Peanut Butter Cutout Cookies
National Plum Pudding Day	11:30 Keep moving
	12:00pm ELDERCARE MEAL ALL ARE WELCOME
	1230 Bridge Players
	1p Spa Day nails
	2:00pm Decorate Peanut Butter Cutout Cookies
	3:00 Book Club with Father Kadmas
Friday 02/13/2026	9a Spa Day for Hair
National Galentines Day	10:30am Chair Exercises in the Solarium
National Tortellini Day	1130pm Keep Moving ALL ARE WELCOME
National Cheddar Day	12:00pm ELDERCARE MEAL ALL ARE WELCOME
National No One Eats Alone Day	2:00pm Make Valentines Chex Mix
Saturday 02/14/2026	10:00am Chair Exercises in the Solarium
VALENTINE'S DAY	10:30am Cast Your Vote for Valentines King/Queen
National Cream-Filled Choc. Day	2:00 - 4:00pm Valentines Open House
National Ferris Wheel Day	4:30pm Mass @ St Vincent's
National Organ Donor Day	

Do you have a special talent or know someone who does, we would love for you to share with us. We are always looking for outside talent. Let us know and we will find a spot for you on our schedule!!

Think of what you can do with what there is.

Congratulations on a job well done!

Dani Maychrzak of Scranton named to fall Deans' List at Nebraska

LINCOLN, NE (02/03/2026)-

- Dani Maychrzak of Scranton has been named to the Deans' List at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln for the fall semester of the 2025-26 academic year. Maychrzak, a freshman majoring in agricultural leadership, education and communication, was named to the Dean's List for the College of Agricultural

Sciences and Natural Resources.

Qualification for the Deans' List varies among the eight undergraduate colleges and the Explore Center. Listed below are the minimum requirements for each entity and the name of its respective dean or director. All qualifying grade-point averages are based on a four-point scale and a minimum number of graded semester hours. Students can be on the Deans' List for more than one college.

Bismarck State College announces the Fall 2025 President's Honor Roll

ND (02/03/2026)-- Bismarck State College announces the President's Honor Roll for the Fall 2025 semester.

"Making the BSC President's Honor Roll reflects more than just strong grades. It reflects focus, commitment and prioritization of competing demands," says BSC Interim President Dan Leingang. "These are the same traits that will define these students as professionals and future leaders in the workforce."

The following area students have maintained at least a 3.50 GPA on a 4.00 scale while enrolled in at least 12 semester hours of classes and qualify for the BSC President's Honor Roll.

*Designates a 4.00 GPA

Cassie Kindsfater, Hettinger, N.D.
Rylee Riedlinger, Mott, N.D.*
Conner Andress, Hettinger, N.D.
Reagen Coyle, Bowman, N.D.
Kierra Wiesinger, Bentley, N.D.*
Claire Stafford, Bowman, N.D.*
Clarissa Voegele, Glen Ullin, N.D.
Hadly Erickson, Almont, N.D.*
Olivia DeFoe, Hettinger, N.D.*
Hannah Sisco, New England, N.D.
Brooke Banyai, Elgin, N.D.*
Lucy Heyen, Bowman, N.D.
Kennedy Senn, Bowman, N.D.

Sam Andrews, Bowman, N.D.

Evan Smith, Beach, N.D.

Pauline Wollman, Elgin, N.D.

Shannon Gebhart, Meadow, S.D.

Wyatt Opp, Richardton, N.D.

Trevor Andrews, Bowman, N.D.*

Chesney Gjermundson, Richardton, N.D.

Blair Ham, Shadechill, S.D.*

Mariam Evinger, Glen Ullin, N.D.*

Samuel Weishaar, Lemmon, S.D.

Kacee Moore, Baker, Mont.

Joseph Larson, Lemmon, S.D.*

Elijah Larson, Spring Butte Township, N.D.*

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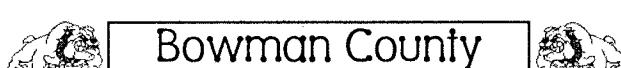
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Contact Anni Carlson - Superintendent:
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<http://bowman.k12.nd.us/>

Area School Calendar

Feb. 9th - Feb. 14th



9	10	11	12	13	14
1:45pm Sp @ Beulah 5pm BBB (ABC) vs R/T @ Home	Student Conferences	TBD GBB Opening Round District	WR G Ind. Regionals	TBD Sp @ Biz WR B Ind. Regionals @ Kildeer 2pm GBB Districts @ Home	

Scranton

9	10	11	12	13	14
4pm BBB (ABC) vs NE @ Hettinger			6pm GBB District Play-In	WR G Ind. Regionals 5:30pm BBB (AB) vs HC @ Scranton	TBD GBB Districts @ Bowman TBD WR B Ind. Regionals Kildeer

Harding County

9	10	11	12	13	14
5:30pm GBB (AB) @ Dupree 6pm BBB JH vs Bison @ Home				10am WR B/G @ Martin 5:30pm BBB (AB) @ Scranton	9am BBB JH Quad @ Home

Baker, MT

9	10	11	12	13	14
4:15pm BBB JH vs Dix @ Home	7pm Americanism Program		5:30pm BBB JH vs Lemmon @ Home	2pm Early Out 2pm/3:30pm BBB/GBB Senior Night vs Colstrip @ Home	10:30am/12pm GBB/BBB @ St. Labre WR B Divisionals @ Malta

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Maria Naomi Denise Salazar of Hettinger Named to University of Alabama Fall 2025 Deans List

Maria Naomi Denise Salazar was named to The University of Alabama Deans List for Fall Semester 2025.

A total of 15,388 students enrolled during Fall Semester 2025 at The University of Alabama were named to the dean's list with an academic record of 3.5 (or above) or the president's list with an academic record of 4.0 (all A's). These driven students are making waves across UA's more than 70 undergraduate programs and 12 colleges and schools.

The UA dean's and president's lists recognize full-time

undergraduate students. The lists do not apply to graduate students or undergraduate students who take less than a full course load.

For more information visit news.ua.edu.

The University of Alabama, part of The University of Alabama System, is the state's flagship university. UA shapes a better world through its teaching, research and service. With a global reputation for excellence, UA provides a forward-thinking environment and over 200 degree programs on a beautiful, student-centered campus. A leader in cutting-edge research, UA advances discovery, creative inquiry and knowledge through more than 30 research centers. As the state's largest higher education institution, UA drives economic growth in Alabama and beyond.

~ School News ~

Elgin/New Leipzig Public School

Sunday, February 8
Open Swimming 1 - 3 and Adult Water Aerobics 3:30 - 4:30

Monday, February 9
BBB A B C vs Flasher @ Elgin @ 4:00

Tuesday, February 10

Pre School 8:15 - 3:15

GBB A B vs Linton/HMB @ Elgin @ 4:30

Speech Meet @ Beulah TBA

No Open Swimming

Wednesday, February 11

School Board Meeting @ 6:00

Adult Water Aerobics 3:30 - 4:30 and 5:30 - 6:30

Pre School 8:15 - 3:15

Thursday, February 12

Pre School 8:15 - 3:15

Possible Playing Game GBB @ Mott/Regent TBA

BBB A B C @ South Heart @ 4:00

Open Swimming 6 - 8

Friday, February 13

BBB A B @ New England @ 5:00

Saturday, February 14

GBB District 7 Tournament @ Boaman County TBA

Speech Meet @ St. Mary's @ Bismarck TBA

Happy Valentines Day

New England Public School

Monday, February 9th
dismissal for ABC BBB traveling to Hettinger for 4:00 p.m. game vs. Hettinger/Scranton

Tuesday, February 10th

4:00 p.m. ABC BBB vs. South Heart in new gym

Wednesday, February 11th

Religion Release Begins at 2:00

6:00 p.m. School Board Meeting

Thursday, February 12th

6:00 p.m. A GBB District #7 Play-In Game at TBA

Friday, February 13th

Today is choir day

5:00 p.m. AB BBB vs. Grant Co/Mott-Regent in new gym

Saturday, February 14th

TBA A GBB District #7 Tournament at Bowman

Mott/Regent Public School

February 9-12

Tundra Week

Monday, February 9

Mental Health Presentation, Grades 6-12, 9:00 AM

HS BBB (ABC) vs Flasher, 4:00

Tuesday, February 10

HS GBB (AB) vs Linton/HMB @ Grant County, 4:30

Thursday, February 12

Hettinger County Math Counts Competition @ Mott-Regent

HS BBB (AB) @ South Heart, 4:00 *Rescheduled from 1/16*

Friday, February 13

No School - Professional Development

Finance Committee Meeting, 7:00 AM

HS BBB (AB) @ New England, 5:00

Snowball Dance, Grades 9-12; 8:00-12:00

Saturday, February 14

HS GBB District 7 Tournament @ Bowman County

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Nico Anthony Pilon Rites Held

Nico Anthony Pilon met his mother and father on January 16, 2026, at 3:17 p.m. and was lovingly welcomed into Heaven. He weighed 8 lbs. 1.6 oz. and measured 21½ inches long.

During his nine months of life in his mother's womb, he knew nothing but love. Nico was



lifted up in countless prayers, asking that his life would have purpose and point others to God. In his short but cherished time on Earth, those prayers were answered, showing that only God can bring beauty from tragedy.

Nico's parents and family were blessed with the opportunity to meet him face to face and hold him close. In their darkest hour, Nico brought profound joy and peace to his family. Though his time on Earth was brief, his impact is immeasurable, and he reminds us all that life is precious and a beautiful miracle.

Nico will always be loved and remembered by his parents, Allison & Bryce Pilon; his grandparents, Ken & Deb Pilon, and William & Jean Gion; his uncles and aunts, Mitchel & Ivie Pilon, Clark & Jill Gion, Grant & Robin

Gion, and Brock & Emily Gion; and his cousins, Elyse, Adley, Will, Maya, Bronson Gion, and Theodore Pilon.

"The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; may the name of the Lord be praised." —Job 1:21b

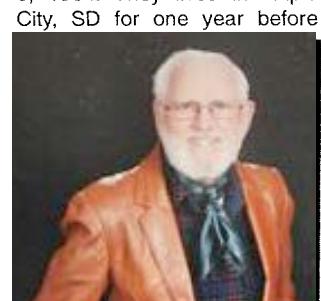
Pat Dinkins

Rites To Be Held

Pat Dinkins, 86, of Bison, SD passed away on Saturday, January 31, 2026.

Service of Remembrance for Pat will be Saturday, February 7, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. MT at the Bentley Building in Bison, SD. Pastor Tera Kossow and Vicar Jen Sefford will officiate and burial will follow at the Bison Cemetery. Visitation was held from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Friday, February 6, 2026 at the American Lutheran Church in Bison, SD and one hour prior to the service at the Bentley Building on Saturday.

Pat Olin Dinkins was born on November 11, 1939 at Lake Ilo National Wildlife Refuge near Dunn Center, ND, the son of Chesley and Polly (Pelton) Dinkins. Pat grew up on the Refuge, attending school in Dunn Center. After high school he worked at the Dunn Center Lumberyard for 1 year, then he went to work for the US Federal Game Fish & Parks. Pat was united in marriage to Gerri Gilbert on August 6, 1964. They lived in Rapid City, SD for one year before



moving to Bison, SD in September, 1965. They shared 61 wonderful years together, raising 3 children. Pat worked in predator control for the State of SD for 35 years. He loved his job and was dedicated to the area farmers and ranchers and could often be found enjoying a cup of coffee or a meal with them. Pat loved attending events for his kids and driving bus for sporting events. He loved the outdoors, spending time on the prairie, hunting with his kids and grandkids and a good game of cribbage. Pat enjoyed planting a garden, reading a good book and tending to his plants and flowers. Pat loved his family and was happiest when grandchildren would visit. He liked to say "Who has more fun than we do!" He will be dearly missed and we all feel blessed to have had him in our lives. Pat had a kind word for everyone and loved to visit with people.

Pat is survived by his wife Gerri, his children, Patrick (Michelle), Beth (Allen) Kollman, and Paul; grandchildren, Jordan Kollman, Amanda (Jake) Fischer, Matthew (Tori) Kollman, Kaden Kollman, Brianna Dinkins, Cassidy and Stella Dinkins, Novali, Keelin, Fallon, and Saoirse Dinkins, and great grandchildren, Layla and Callen Fischer. His sisters, Peggy, Iris (Butch), and Cathy; sister-in-law, Judy; numerous nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Brian, Danny (Gwen), Paul (Beryl); sisters, Minnie, Polly Ann (Bob); brother-in-law, Lyle.

Condolences to the Dinkins family can be sent through our website at www.evansonjensenfuneralhome.com

Vada Doerr

Rites Held

Vada Doerr, age 95 of Hettinger, ND passed away on January 31, 2026 at the Western Horizons Care Center, surrounded by her family.

Service of Remembrance was held Friday, February 6, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. MT at the United Methodist Church in Hettinger, ND. Pastor Paul Pluedeman officiated and burial followed at the Hettinger Cemetery. Visitation was held Thursday, Feb. 5, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., followed by a Family and Friends Service at 5:00 p.m., all at the Centennial Chapel of Evanson Jensen Funeral Homes in Hettinger, ND.

Vada Jean Stocking was born on November 26, 1930, in Hettinger, ND to Edwin "Clare" and Lena Stocking. She was the youngest of nine children. Vada attended school in Hettinger, ND. After graduation, she married her high school sweetheart Kenneth "Kenny" Doerr on October 9, 1950. This union was blessed with six children, Barb, Gary, Larry, Keith, Delmar, and Shelly. While Kenny was in the service, Vada lived with her parents. Upon his return from the military, they purchased a farm in the Lodgepole area where

they farmed and ranched until they moved to Hettinger in 1978.

Vada was active in the Lodgepole community and had fond memories of socializing with their many neighbors. She was very active in her church and had a strong Christian faith. Vada volunteered for many years at the Dakota Buttes Museum. After moving to town, she ran a daycare out of her home and later worked in the activity department at Western Horizons Care Center.



In October 2025, Vada and Kenny set the bar high by celebrating their 75th wedding anniversary. They felt fortunate to celebrate this milestone with so many family members and friends. Their love for each other never faltered, only growing stronger with each year. Many who knew them will remember seeing them holding hands.

Vada was preceded in death by her parents, all of her siblings, and son Gary in 2024. She is survived by her husband Kenny, daughters Barbara (Doug) Johnson, Shelly (Tom) Geerts, sons Larry (Suzanne) Doerr, Keith (Susan) Doerr, Delmar Doerr, daughter-in-law Marilyn Doerr, thirteen grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren.

Memorials received in Vada's name will be donated to the Hettinger Methodist Church.

Condolences to the Doerr family can be sent through our website at www.evansonjensenfuneralhome.com

Ronald "Ronnie" Shepherd Rites

Funeral services for Ronald "Ronnie" Shepherd, 95, of Baker, will be held at 10:00 am Saturday, February 7, 2026 at the American Lutheran Church in Baker with Don Buerkle officiating.

Prayer Service for Ronnie was held at 5:00 pm Friday, February 6, 2026 at Stevenson Funeral Home in Baker.

Visitation took place from 3:00-5:00 pm Friday, February 6, 2026 at Stevenson Funeral Home.

Ronald "Ronnie" Shepherd, beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and community leader, who departed this life on January 27, 2026. He was a man of unwavering dedication, who touched the hearts of all who knew him, leaving behind a legacy of kindness, service, and love.

Ronnie was born and raised in Ollie, where he received his early education before completing his schooling and graduating from Baker. On May 27, 1951, he married the love of his life, Ramona Phebus, after persistently proving his devotion by asking her three times. His commitment to serving others was evident when he enlisted in the



United States Army, honoring his country during the Korean Conflict from 1951 until his honorable discharge in 1954.

After returning to Baker, Ronnie and Ramona continued their pursuit of knowledge together at the School of Mines in South Dakota. His entrepreneurial spirit soon flourished as he and his brothers purchased mobile pellet machines, contributing to the local economy while also working for MDU as a compressor operator. Furthermore, he established a freight business that connected communities across Miles City and Ekalaka by transporting essential goods.

Ronnie's passion for farming led him to acquire land stretching from Ollie to Carter County, fulfilling a dream he held throughout his life. His dedication to his community was profound; he was encouraged to run for Mayor of Baker, a position he held with pride

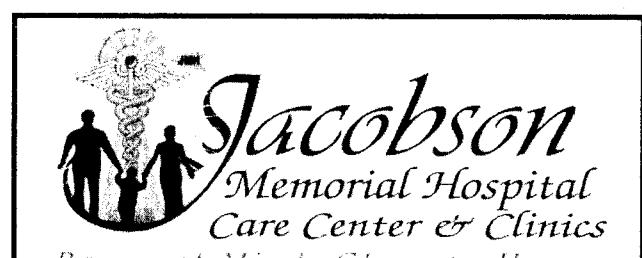
during two terms, followed by his election to the County Commission, where he served for twelve years. His commitment to service extended to various community boards, working tirelessly for the betterment of those around him.

As a lifelong member of the American Lutheran Church in Baker, Ronnie's faith was central to his life. He served as President of the Church Council for several years, solidifying his role as a leader in both spiritual and community matters. Ronnie cherished his family above all, finding great joy in gathering together, especially when sharing stories of his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. His and Ramona's legacy of inclusion and compassion had a lasting impact on many, notably on those like "Yogi" Eugene Bird.

Ronnie is survived by his children, Lana (Dan) Buerkle of Plevna, Lance (Jackie) Shepherd of Baker, and Chad (Christina) Shepherd of Ekalaka; grandchildren, Bradn (Natasha) Buerkle, Bryan (Karen) Buerkle, Britt (Nicole) Buerkle, Brook (Michael) Newell, Selma Shepherd, Lane (Caroline) Shepherd, Kendall Shepherd, Danica Shepherd, Allie Shepherd, and Landry Shepherd; 13 great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents and wife Ramona; siblings, Fern, Doris, Buck and Dale.

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Death Notice for Jonathan Fleck

Jonathan Thomas Fleck was born on 1 June 1981 at Fort Carson Army Base in Colorado Springs, Colorado, a child of service from the very beginning, born into motion, duty, and belonging.



As a young man, Jonathan answered a call larger than himself and entered the United States Air Force on 24 February 2004. His first assignment took him to Little Rock Air Force Base in Arkansas, and from there, across the ocean to Yokota Air Force Base in Japan. It was there that he met Saori Kaneko, the woman who would become his wife. Their life story together began there, rooted in love and shared horizons. In 2014, they welcomed their son, Eli, and Jonathan stepped fully into the role that would define him most deeply, fatherhood.

Soon after Eli's birth, the Fleck family transferred to Kirtland Air Force Base in New Mexico. As a young Non-Commissioned Officer, Jonathan excelled, earning promotion to Technical Sergeant through quiet determination and earned respect. During this chapter of life, he and Saori welcomed their daughter, Emma, in 2017, a joy that deepened his purpose and softened his strength.

Jonathan's exceptional performance as a Quality Assurance Inspector during a second tour at Yokota Air Force Base in Tokyo in 2020 led to his selection for promotion to Master Sergeant. In March 2024, the 71st Rescue Generation Squadron at Moody Air Force Base welcomed his talents as a Production Superintendent, and the Fleck family once more were in motion, this time to South Georgia.

Throughout his entire career, Jonathan served on the C-130 Hercules, which he proudly referred to as his plane. A dedicated maintainer and propulsion specialist, his reliable hands and sharp mind saved countless missions both stateside and abroad. His service was marked by excellence, humility, and devotion. His decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal; Air and Space Commendation Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster; Air and Space Achievement Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster; Meritorious Unit Award with one Oak Leaf Cluster; Air and Space Outstanding Unit Award with ten Oak Leaf Clusters; Air Force Good Conduct Medal with six Oak Leaf Clusters; Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; and the Humanitarian Service Medal with two Service Stars.

Jonathan moved often, as military families do. As a toddler, he lived in Anchorage, Alaska, on Fort Greely, before moving to Columbus and then Hilliard, Ohio. During his teenage years, he lived with his mother, Connie, amid the bright lights of Las Vegas, Nevada. After graduating high school, he joined his sister Sonia in Denver, Colorado. Yet through every change of address and every new horizon, one place remained constant... the family's origins in Bowman, North Dakota.

Jonathan was the son of Randy Fleck and Connie Kalina, and both the Fleck and Kalina families are woven deeply into the fabric of this small town of quiet strength and humble presence. Jonathan carried the names of his grandfathers on both sides, and through him, generations past continued to walk forward. As a boy, Jonathan spent summers alongside his sister Sonia on the Kalina farm, lying atop haystacks beneath a warm sun, picking strawberries with Grandma Eileen, riding four-wheelers with Uncle Jason, and chasing cattle with Grandpa Tommy. He also spent many afternoons at the Fleck family's Town & Country Cafe and Truck Stop, watching travelers pass through, serving menus to locals and tourists alike, and, most memorably, receiving Grandma Audrey's generous spoiling in the form of the best burgers, steaks, and ice cream around. On slow, golden afternoons, Grandpa Johnny and his father took him fishing. These were not ordinary moments; Jonathan was living precious moments of irreplaceable childhood where half the town felt like family.

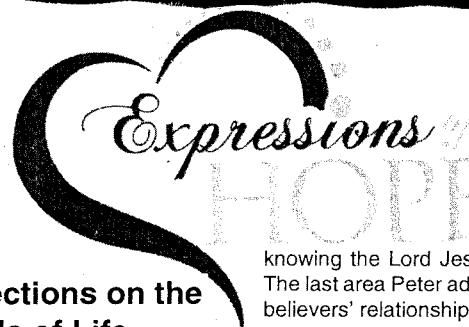
In his teens, Jonathan was known for his kindness, courtesy, and soft-spoken presence. Slow to anger, those who knew him likened him to an oak tree, steady, grounded, and quietly strong. His deadpan humor, paired with deep loyalty and sincerity, left friends, colleagues, and family laughing while feeling safe in his company. He admired Jimi Hendrix and Ozzy Osbourne, and later folk artists such as Mumford & Sons. He was a terrible singer, but he sang anyway. A lifelong fan of the Ohio State Buckeyes and the Oakland (not Las Vegas) Raiders, Jonathan celebrated their victories and, after defeats, true to his gentle nature, took a quiet walk. Loyal to family in all things, Jonathan maintained a strong and enduring bond with his sister Sonia throughout his life. Together they shared life's beauty and its battles, traveling together to more than eleven countries across Europe, Asia, and the United States, filling the years with journeys, conversations, and shared understanding.

But, above all else, Jonathan was a deeply hands-on and loving father. He poured his off-duty time into his children. Weekends were spent at amusement parks, beaches, baseball games, and birthday parties. Evenings brought enchilada or lasagna nights, with Dad as the chef. Eli and Emma

were his most precious gifts, and they are forever blessed by the love he gave so freely and fully.

Jonathan is survived by his wife, Saori; his children, Eli and Emma; his sister, Sonia Fleck brother-in-law-Benoit; his uncle and friend, Jason Kalina and life partner Deb Guidinger; his father, Army Sergeant First Class (Ret.) Randy Fleck, and Randy's wife Shelly, and their children Dakota, Julianna, and Sierra.

Jonathan's life reminds us that strength does not need to shout, that love shows itself in steady hands and open hearts, and that a life of service, when lived with kindness, leaves a quiet, unbreakable light behind.



Reflections on the Words of Life

by Pastor Paul Ferrie,
Grace Reformed Church of the Lord Jesus, New Leipzig

For several weeks we've been looking at the very practical section in 1 Peter dealing with relationships. We have seen how the Christian should live in relation to government, to the work place, and in marriage. Peter gives these instructions because the lives of believers should demonstrate to the world the life-changing effects of

infinite mercy, grace, and love. And His great love motivated Him to do something for sinners that was totally undeserved. He was motivated to save them and make them His own dear children. But there was only one way to do that which would satisfy God's perfect justice. He had to have His only begotten Son become a man so that He might be the Mediator between God and man.

We believe that Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God, who willingly took on human flesh in order to save all who would place their trust in Him. This He accomplished by taking the place of His people and receiving their punishment as their Substitute on the cross. As Peter later tells us, He bore our sins in His own body on the cross. He paid the price with His own blood which the justice of God required. And in our like-mindedness, Christians believe that all a person has to do to be saved is to realize his sinfulness, abandon all hope of saving him or herself, and come by faith to trust in Jesus alone for salvation. We believe that all who trust in Christ have eternal life. This means that they will live forever in heaven with God. We believe that Jesus Christ is coming back again and that we are to live in a state of readiness for that great day.

The first quality Peter mentions is that believers are to be like-minded. The most important things of all are the things which believers have in common. Their bond is based on truth. They have come to believe in the One who is the Truth. They no longer look to the wisdom of this world or the ideas of mere men for their convictions. The Word of God is their guide. Now this does not mean that they agree about everything. The unity of believers is not a uniformity in which all look the same and have the same preferences. Rather, the like-mindedness to which Peter is referring is about the essential truths of Scripture.

For example, Christians share the belief that God is the eternal and glorious Creator of all things, absolutely holy and righteous. We also believe that man, though originally created sinless, fell from that original state into his present condition of sin. We believe that all people are born into this world in a state of sin, which brings them under the condemnation of God and makes them deserving of His eternal wrath. But we also believe that God is a God of

We admit that there are many areas in which believers have disagreements and differences of opinion about what the Scriptures are teaching. But on these fundamental things, Christians are agreed. And one day, when we all get to heaven, even those matters will be clarified, and our like-mindedness will be perfected. In the mean time, one of the best ways believers can grow in like-mindedness is to keep studying Scripture and listening to the faithful preaching of God's Word. Friends, please consider these fundamental truths and ask yourselves if you believe them. Doing so is of eternal importance.

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Thoughts for the Week

by June Schmidt

It's quite amazing how helpless people are in the parts of our country that don't have the same weather we have when they get it. Witness the latest storms in the southern states. They get extreme cold warnings that the temperature is going to go below 50 degrees and the schools all close their doors. Yet here we are in our state, happy when it gets to 40 degrees and we can put on the lighter winter jacket and only when it gets to minus 10 do we pull out the heavy winter coat. Yes, I have a light and heavy winter coat and I wonder how many of us do as well except for those who use a windbreaker until the temps drop and then they just put on another sweatshirt!

However you dress, this year has been an 'open' winter with little snow and temperatures that didn't go much below zero for the first part of the season. This may change as Mother Nature never shares all the things that can happen. We could continue this way until the first breezes of spring, or we could be shoveling the white stuff until late spring with some of it hanging around way too

long. If you are old enough, you can remember the heavy snows that were in the 60's when we were kids and had to walk to school, not uphill both ways, but definitely didn't get a ride from our parents for those few blocks. In fact we didn't even dare to ask as we already knew what the answer was, so no use wasting breath. Also, girls were not allowed to wear pants unless they were under your dress and could be taken off when you got to school, or you just got really cold legs for the sake of fashion.

If you did go to school on those days in which the 'country kids' didn't have to come in, the teacher didn't really stick to the regular class schedule since there were a lot of kids missing, but the day was used as a study time or extra help time

were sick enough and could prove it. It was pretty rare to have a snow day so it had to be a pretty bad blizzard to be able to stay at home. Too many of those and you spent a few more days in school to make up the day for the year.

for the rest of us. If the teacher didn't have anything else planned, they may run a film which, if you remember the old films, would break at least once during the running and create a burn blob on the screen. Then whomever was running it would have to stop the projector, cut out the damaged part, tape or fuse it together and then try again. Of course there was a lot of encouragement to let it burn from those in the back row of the classroom which would get the teacher to threaten detention. Sometimes the films were good, but lots of them were just black and white boring ones that some kid always fell asleep on until the lights came back on at the end of the period.

Nowadays, when the weather turns cold, it's nice to stay inside, grab a book or a tablet and a cocoa or a coffee and snuggle in to watch the weather go by. Hopefully, the spring will come soon and we can get back outside and enjoy warmer weather and less ice and snow again. If not, well its North Dakota. Stick around and the weather will change. God Bless you All.

RECIPE OF THE DAY

EASY CURRIED SEAFOOD AND RICE

2 1/2 c. water
 1 c. uncooked rice
 1 tsp. salt
 1/4 c. (1/2 stick) butter
 1/2 c. chopped onion
 1/2 c. chopped green pepper
 1 to 2 T. curry powder
 1 sm. can (2/3 c.) evaporated milk
 2 - 7 oz. cans tuna, drained
 or 2 - 4 1/2 oz. cans shrimp, drained
 or 2 - 6 1/4 oz. cans salmon drained

Bring water to boiling in a medium-size saucepan; stir in rice and salt, lower heat, cover and simmer 25 minutes or until water is absorbed. Melt butter in a medium-size skillet. Sauté onion and green pepper, until tender, about 5 minutes. Add curry and cook 2 minutes longer. Stir in milk and tuna, salmon or shrimp; heat thoroughly. Place rice on a platter; top with curry mixture. Sprinkle with dried parsley flakes. If desired. Toss before serving.

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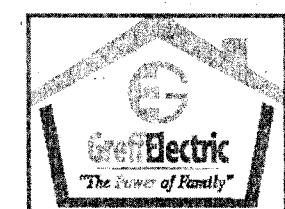
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