



Affidavit of Publication

Katie Foiles, being duly sworn, states as follows:

1. I am the designated agent, under the provisions and for the purposes of, Section 31-04-06, NDCC, for the newspapers listed on the attached exhibit.

A. Exhibit Attached (Overview):

NDNA Order Number: **26053NNO**

NDNA Invoice Number: **25461**

Description: **Notice of Filing and Notice of Consolidated Public Hearings, Minnesota Power, Case Nos. PU-25-304 and PU-25-305**

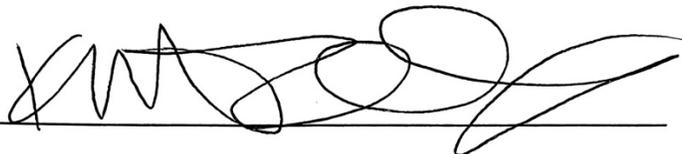
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2. All of the listed newspapers are legal newspapers in the State of North Dakota and, under the provisions of Section 46-05-01, NDCC, are qualified to publish any public notice or any matter required by law or ordinance to be printed or published in a newspaper in North Dakota.

Dated: March 19, 2026

Signed: 

Print Name/Title: Katie Foiles, Advertising Placement Coordinator

Notary Public: 

My commission expires: May 4, 2027



LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF EQUALIZATION OF ASSESSMENTS FOR THE YEAR 2026

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MERCER COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA

Notice is hereby given that proceedings for the equalization of assessments for the year 2026 will be taken by the various local boards as follows and provided by law:

In the Cities, as posted or published by the City Auditors.

In the County, at the Mercer County Courthouse at 10:30 am on Wednesday, June 3, 2026.

Each taxpayer has the right to appear before the appropriate board of review or equalization and petition for correction of the

taxpayer's assessment. All persons considering themselves aggrieved by said assessments has the right to appear before the appropriate board of review or equalization and petition for correction of the taxpayer's assessment. You are hereby notified to appear at said meetings and show cause for having such assessments corrected.

Please note that this year all parcels will receive a notice of assessment. City notice of assessments will be mailed out late March and County notice of assessments will be mailed out Mid-May.

Carmen Reed
Mercer County Auditor
(March 13 & 18, 2026)

CITY OF ZAP FINANCIAL STATEMENT

	Receipts	Expenses	Balance December 2025
General Fund	228,255.25	257,196.51	23,350.69
Highway Fund	32,325.12	52,549.03	20,777.47
Water Fund	71,311.05	76,257.44	67,651.20
Sewer Funds	46,301.85	103,596.47	614.42
Garbage	43,099.74	40,274.44	6,447.13
	\$421,293.01	\$ 529,873.89	\$118,840.91

I, Rhonda Pfenning, Auditor for the City of Zap, Mercer County, North Dakota do hereby certify that the above statement is true, complete and correct as shown by the Auditor's books and that the same is true and correct of my knowledge and belief.

(March 12, 2026)

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Jessica

Beulah Beacon, Hazen Star, Center Republican

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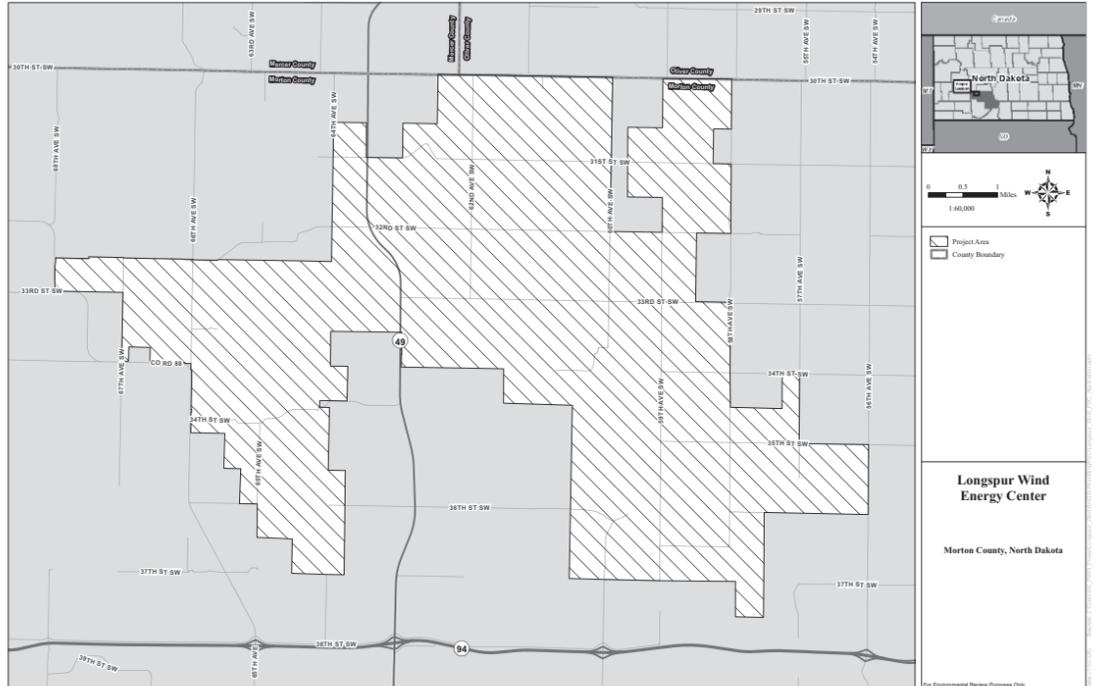
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Issued: March 5, 2026

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- Wednesday, March 11:**
 - Artist in Residence
 - School Board meeting 7pm
- Friday, March 12:**
 - Bookmobile is here
 - Community relations team meeting 7:45am
 - Region 4 boys basketball tournament at Killdeer
- Saturday, March 14:**
 - Varsity boys basketball state qualifier game
 - Carrington FFA Contest
 - Dance practice 10am

Monday, March 16:

- Parent teacher conference
- Regional Science Fair 9am

Wednesday, March 18:

- Donuts with Dad 7:45am

Thursday, March 19:

- Varsity State Class B boys basketball tournament at Minot
- NO School Spring break

Friday, March 20:

- Varsity State Class B boys basketball tournament at Minot
- NO School Spring break

Saturday, March 21:

- Varsity State Class B boys basketball tournament at Minot
- Dance practice 10am

Monday, March 23:

- State FFA contest at Minot

Wednesday, March 25:

- High school staff meeting 7:45am

Thursday, March 26:

- Elementary staff meeting 7:45am
- Bookmobile is here
- State Science Fair

BEARCATS



Father Gary Benz
Sacred Heart Catholic Church,
Glen Ullin, ND

Revisiting Forgotten Virtues, The Virtue of Patience

Patience is a critical virtue in the lives of Christians. So many Christians have been turned away from the Church because a priest, a pastor, or a layperson have been rudely dismissive of them; have blown up at them; or have not empathized with them. . . all forms of impatience. My dad, as a young boy, remembered when a young GI returned from World War II and showed up for a Sunday Mass . . . shabbily dressed, in the estimation of the pastor. The priest blew up at him and said, "If that's how you want to dress for Mass then you are better off not coming at all!" Well, the young man left and never came back to the church for the rest of his life. A lack of patience can have devastating effects.

Such behavior can never be justified, but yet we attempt to do so: "I was just having a bad day"; "My day was busy and I was under a lot of stress"; "I just lost my cool"; or "They had it coming". We may make excuses, but a lack of patience is never called for. Yes, as Christians it is so hard to fight that urge to lash out, to blow up, or to give up on people. That is why we must pray to God for the virtue of patience and then respond accordingly in our lives.

I remember a prayer placard in a parishioner's home. It read, "God, the day is going well. I have not yelled at anyone; I have had no ill

feelings toward anyone; I have not been unkind to anyone; and I have spoken no harsh words. But Lord... now I have to get out of bed and start my day. Amen." People will try every ounce of patience we have, whether it is a spouse, a child, a co-worker, or a fellow parishioner. They can annoy us and get under our skin but what good does it do to fume at them, raise our voice at them, and throw up our hands? Rather, those who are patient with the failings and faults of others win their love and make a difference. In the process, we live with no regret or remorse for having hurt others with our unkind words.

We must always remember that we live in an imperfect world, wounded by original sin. Heaven only exists... well, in heaven. There is no perfect spouse, parent, child, pastor, or parishioner. Yes, we do strive for perfection, but we live with the imperfections of earth. I remember reading about a woman complaining to her pastor about the faults of a number of fellow parishioners. The pastor calmly responded, "If our parish was perfect, you wouldn't be a parishioner." It was a gentle reminder to her that we are all fallen sinners. Despite our shortcomings, God can still do His beautiful work in our lives. As the adage reminds us, "Sometimes God writes straight lines with crooked lines." If God is patient with us, then are called to be patient with others.

If we desire to remain patient, we must communicate when people have hurt us, disappointed us, or let us down. What is not expressed is often stuffed down and erupts at a time when we least expect. That said, we must also learn to let things wash over us. What is worth my time and energy defending and what is worth letting go; it is something we discern in prayer. During this season of Lent, we should meditate upon this as we contemplate the Cross of Jesus. Our Savior offers us the perfect example of patience as He was dying upon His Holy Cross. The very people He created as God put Him to death, yet we are told that He did not open His mouth and was led like a lamb to the slaughter. The patience of Jesus on the Cross was immense and challenges us to extend this same sublime gift to our brothers and sisters in Christ

I Can Only Imagine 2 Showing at Mayer Theatre

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Opportunities are usually disguised as hard work, so most people don't recognize them. Ann Landers

Yearbooks Wanted

The Glen Ullin Times is looking for Glen Ullin High School Year Books from all years in school.

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Glen Ullin Senior Citizen Menu 348-3838

Thursday, March 12:

Sloppy Joe on a bun, tater tots, baked beans, grapes

Friday, March 13:

Lemon pepper fish, rice pilaf, coleslaw, apricots

Monday, March 16:

Roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, tropical fruit

Tuesday, March 17:

Chicken noodle casserole, mixed vegetables, cinnamon diced apples

Wednesday, March 18:

Salisbury steak, baked potato, key Biscayne vegetable, mixed fruit

Menus items subject to change daily based on availability. All meals include 8 oz. of 1% milk, 2 slices of bread, unless otherwise indicated. One slice of bread served with option of second slice upon request. Coffee and water is served at meal sites

Prayer to the Blessed Virgin

Oh, most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful vine, splendour of Heaven. Blessed Mother of the Son of God; Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh, Star of the Sea, help me and show me. Oh, Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succour me in my necessity (Make request). There are none that can withstand your power.

Oh, Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. (3 times)
Holy Mary, I place this prayer in your hands. (3 times)

Say this prayer for three consecutive days and then you must publish and it will be granted to you in full. Thanks

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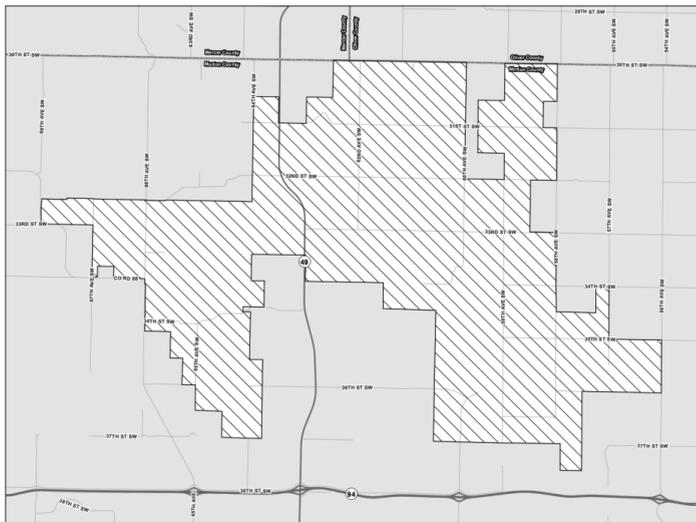
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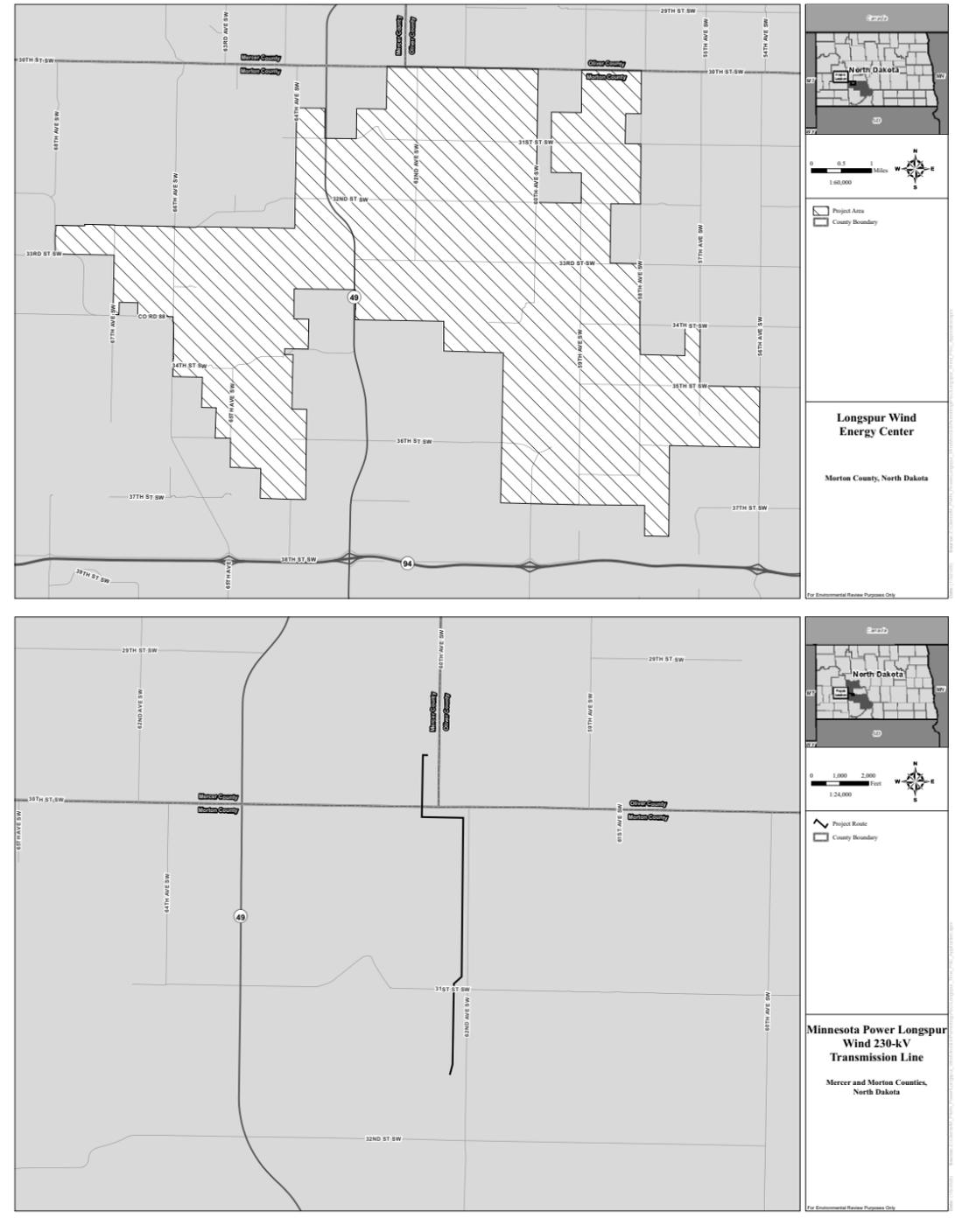
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Bison rally past Rugby in regular-season finale

Hazen ends game on 14-0 run

BY MARK WEBER
SPORTS EDITOR

In the final tune-up before the Class A Region 4 Tournament, the Hazen Boys Basketball team celebrated Parents/Senior Night with a come-from-behind, 70-63 victory over Rugby, in the regular-season finale for both teams, March 3, at Bison Arena in Hazen.

Hazen halted a three-game losing skid and improved to 14-7 on the season, while Rugby, which plays in Region 3 of the Class A Division, fell to 13-8.

A back-and-forth first quarter ended with Rugby holding an 18-16 advantage, and the teams traded runs in the second quarter after Brekson Kaylor's three-pointer early in the period gave Hazen a 19-18 edge. Rugby used an 11-3 run over a three-minute stretch to open up its biggest lead (29-22) of the game midway through the quarter, but the Panthers would not score again until the closing seconds of the half.

Meanwhile, Hazen got a three-pointer from Magnus Obenauer, a field goal from Jaran Reinhardt, and another triple from Obenauer to move back in front, 30-29, and later, Jett Jungers canned a three-pointer from the right wing to complete an 11-0 run that gave the Bison a 33-29 advantage with just over a minute left. Rugby finally ended the run when Brody Berndt knocked down a straight-on three-pointer in the waning seconds of the half to bring the Panthers to within 33-32 at the intermission.

Hazen shot 60% (12 of 20) from the field in the first half, with half (6) of the conversions coming from beyond the three-point arc, but the Bison committed nine turnovers in the half, including eight in the second quarter. Rugby hit on 12 of 26 (46%) field goals with three 3-pointers and sank five of seven free throws over the first two quarters. Keaton Batke tallied 15 points for Hazen to lead all scorers in the first half, and Berndt paced Rugby's first-half attack with 10 points.

A four-point play by Austin Duchscher and a field goal by Lucas Wentz in the opening minute of the third quarter capped a 9-0 run that gave Rugby a 38-33 lead, but Hazen answered with an 8-2 run, and Batke's three-pointer off a steal by Reinhardt put the Bison ahead, 41-40, with 3:15 remaining in the quarter. However, Hudson Hager answered right back with a three-pointer for Rugby, and the Panthers would cling to the lead for the remainder of the period, taking a 51-48 advantage into the fourth quarter.

Most of Hazen's offense

in the fourth quarter would come from the free throw line. The Bison hit only four field goals in the period, but after attempting just four free throws through the first three quarters, the Bison connected on 12 of 17 shots from the stripe in the final seven and a half minutes. A pair of free throws by Duchscher gave Rugby a 53-48 lead just 10 seconds into the frame, but Reinhardt and Jungers each hit a set of free throws for Hazen, and then Reinhardt converted a three-point play to move the Bison in front, 55-53, with just under six minutes left.

Wentz answered with a three-pointer for Rugby, and after Carter Johnsrud tied it up (56-56) with a free throw, Wentz hit two free throws on the other end, and then Berndt dropped in a three-pointer, and Hager followed a pair of Hazen missed free throws with a fast-break lay-up to match Rugby's biggest lead (63-56) with 3:55 remaining. However, the Panthers would not find the scoring column again, while Hazen got two free throws from Batke and a field goal from Obenauer over the next minute to cut the lead to 63-60.

With just over two minutes to go, Obenauer canned a three-pointer from the left corner to deadlock the game at 63 all, and after a Rugby misfire, Batke drained a triple from left side of the key to put the Bison on top (66-63) for good with a minute and a half remaining. After the teams exchanged turnovers on their next respective possession, Rugby missed a pair of free throws, and then Reinhardt hit the back end of two free throw attempts to give Hazen a two-possession (67-63) lead with 44 seconds remaining.

Another misfire by the Panthers led to a free throw by Batke, and then Batke came up with a steal on the other end and was immediately fouled, and he converted on both shots at the stripe to give the Bison a three-possession (70-63) lead with just 20 seconds remaining. The Bison hit two three-pointers, a field goal and six free throws to make up a 14-0 run over the final 3:20 of the game.

Hazen shot 49% (22 of 45) from the field in the game, including a sizzling, 48% (11 of 23) on shots from beyond the arc, while Rugby connected on 23 of 51 (45%) field goals, including seven of 20 (35%) three-pointers. Hazen held a slim, 27-26 edge in rebounding and committed 13 turnovers, while Rugby turned the ball over a dozen times in the game. The difference came at the free throw line, where both teams shot 71%. However, Hazen hit on 15 of 21 free

See **RUGBY** on page 17

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Senior girls invited to apply for scholarship

by Marlene Kouba
Young women who are seniors in high school can now apply for a \$1000 scholarship to any college of their choice.

There is no application form but you need to submit your name and address, where you plan to attend further education, write your idea of the future of agriculture and what you may

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National Women Involved in Farm Economics (WIFE) is sponsoring this scholarship to help young women further

their educational goals. Each state will choose a winner and submit it to the national scholarship chairman who will make the final selections.

If interested, contact Marlene Kouba for further details. You can reach her at 701-563-4560 or mmkouba@ndsurnet.com.

Bob Spangelo winner of \$50.00 in the Crossroads raffle

Robert Spangelo, Mandan, won \$50 last week in the Crossroads Golf Course raffle.

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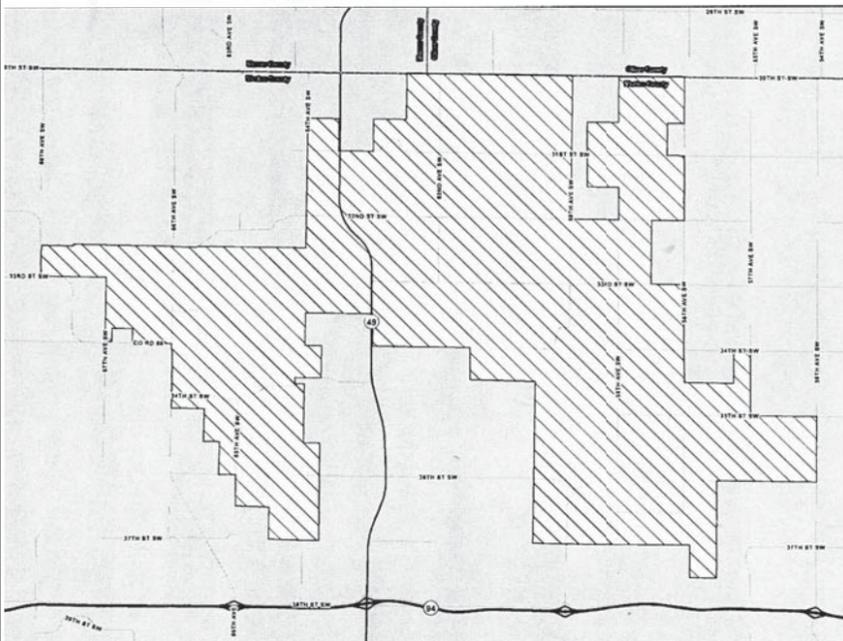
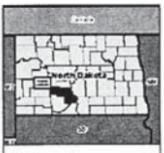
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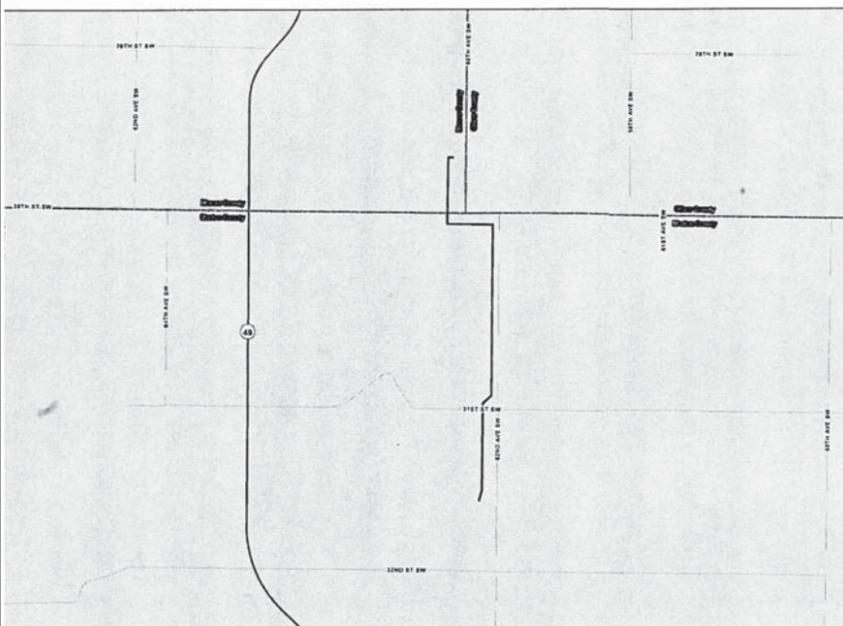
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LOOKING BACK

Ten - Twenty-five - Fifty - Seventy Years Ago

Ten Years Ago

Wednesday, March 9, 2016

The Hebron Park Board in an attempt to raise funds to help defray expense of repairing the local swimming pool and the Hebron Fire Department, in an effort to raise funds to purchase new equipment, joined forces and are sponsoring a "Gathering of the Green" Saturday, March 19.

Students at the Hebron Elementary School raised \$2,297.75 for the American Heart Association. The top two students in each grade turned physical education instructor, Sara Hauser, into an ice cream sundae. Students included Jaiden Krizan, Abigail Parsons, Calaghan Hauser, Sophia Hauser, Maura Unmuth, Landon Schaff, Devon Simpson, Claire Hauser, Addison Wehri, Christine Martinson, Ava Staiger, Isabella Parsons, JayCee Parsons, Holli Mees and Brittani Erickson.

The thermometer climbed to 71 degrees Sunday, March 6 in Hebron. The low temperature for the past week was 8 degrees on February 29.

Reading month was celebrated during the month of February at the Hebron School. There were many different reading activities. One was a "Reading While Camping Out". The elementary took their books to the gymnasium, the lights were turned off and the boys and girls used flashlights to read their book while "camping out"

Twenty-five Years Ago

Wednesday, March 14, 2001

The top honors in the "Soups 'on '01" went to "The Souper Girls", sponsored by Bismarck Dakota Community Bank. Team members included Kelli Davis, Laurie Keith and Kari Schneider. Their soup was Chicken Tortilla Soup and they won \$186.00 and a trophy for their efforts. The People's Choice Award went to "The Cheese Puffs" - Mark Fehr, Dickinson; Rick Fehr, Hebron and Adrian Fehr, Bismarck. The three brothers served Cheese Soup. Grayson Spangelo was an excited young man when he found that his guess of \$28.00 won him the jar full of money. There was actually 28.86 in the jar. George Ding, representing the Hebron Business Club, presented the gift to Grayson.

Electronic Tax Filing is available at the Western Cooperative Credit Union. Cost is \$30 for basic forms, \$35 with schedules. No appointments are necessary.

February 8 was Kick Butts Day at Hebron High School. This anti-tobacco campaign was Misty Staiger and Tanya Underdahl's FCCLA STAR event project.

The junior and senior classes at the Hebron High School visited the North Dakota State Capitol February 7. Senator Steve Tomac showed the students how the legislator's computer system operates.

Fifty Years Ago

Wednesday, March 10, 1976

The strike over wages and length of contract continues at the Hebron Brick Company in Hebron. Members of the United Brick and Clay Workers Local 901 have been on strike for ten days and at this time, according to management and union, there seems to be no immediate end in sight.

The Hebron Park Board continues their search for food for their upcoming Borscht and Pie Supper. Items may be dropped off at the Vince Barth, Jack Hauser, Jim Klein and Larry Elmer homes.

Each Tuesday of the year, beginning May 3, drivers license photos will be taken at the Hebron City Hall. Hebron is one of 62 sites selected by the Highway Department Drivers Licensing Division.

Rebecca R. Opp, daughter of Wilbert and Eleanor Opp of Hebron and Stanley H. Saylor, son of Harold and Irene Saylor of Hebron were united in marriage February 14, 1976 during a 5 p.m. double ring ceremony at the United Church of Christ, Hebron.

Seventy Years Ago

Wednesday, March 14, 1956

Open Letter Number 3 to Editor, H.J. Spiller – Dear Bill: this week as we are about to go to press we find that once again we are short of space and so we decided to use this space to advise your public that when this edition reaches the mail boxes, you should be back on the job. Welcome home Bill and Louise!

Verda Leutz of Hebron, student at the University of North Dakota, participated in a benefit hockey game between two student organizations at the university. The game was played between the women of Delta Delta Delta Sorority and the men of Sigma Nu Fraternity. Verda Leutz played goalie for the girls. After an evening of enjoyment the scorekeeper called it a draw.

SSC Henry Roth and family moved to Kaiserslautern in Germany. Mr. Roth has completely recovered from his illness and is working full time.

Dennis "Butch" Dale Erickson

September 1, 1951 – February 6, 2026



Dennis Dale "Butch" Erickson, 74, of Alexandria, Virginia, passed away on February 6, 2026, surrounded by his family. Born in Glendive, Montana, on September 1, 1951, to Dale and Kay Erickson, Butch was raised in Mandan and graduated from Mandan High School in 1969, where he excelled as a member of the Mandan Legion Post 40 baseball team and the

Mandan Braves basketball team. He went on to North Dakota State University where he continued playing baseball and basketball, was a member and pledge trainer of Alpha Tau Omega, earned his bachelor's degree, and was commissioned as an officer in the United States Army through ROTC.

Butch served 27 years as an Army aviator and military intelligence officer. He served twice as a general's aide-de-camp, was twice assigned at the Pentagon, and took command on several occasions, including 1st MI Battalion (AE) in Wiesbaden, Germany. Butch was later promoted to the rank of Colonel, was admitted to the United States Army War College, and was awarded numerous medals, including the Legion of Merit. After his retirement from active duty, he spent a half dozen years as a peacekeeping trainer. He was a natural-born leader who carried out his duties as an officer in the US Army with unwavering dedication. Whatever he undertook, Butch pursued with purpose and excellence.

In recent years, Butch set out to visit every Major League Baseball stadium, embracing the journey with characteristic determination and joy. Though he did not complete the full circuit, his family will finish the tour in his honor. Baseball was one of his great passions, and annual spring training trips to Arizona and Florida were among his favorite traditions.

Butch possessed a commanding presence, a generous spirit, and an irrepressible sense of humor. He had a gift for lifting a room, for steadying others, and for leaving people better than he found them. He lived a life of loyalty, resolve, and a fierce devotion to his family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Dale and Katherine Erickson, and his brothers, Ronald and Larry.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothea; his children, Scott, Andra, Kristin (Samit), and Christopher; his grandsons, Beckett and James; his sister, Vicky; and his brother, Rodney.

A memorial service will be held at First Lutheran Church in Mandan, North Dakota, on March 26 at 2p.m. Butch will later be honored by inurnment at the Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Butch's name to Tunnel to Towers Foundation, his favorite charity among many that he supported.

Apps open for ND elk, moose, bighorn licenses

BISMARCK TRIBUNE STAFF

Elk, moose and bighorn sheep hunting license applications are available in North Dakota through March 25.

Elk licenses are up this year, while moose licenses are stable. The status of the bighorn season will be determined later. Hunters can apply for all three licenses online at the state Game and Fish Department website, at gf.nd.gov.

There are 1,062 elk licenses available for the fall hunt, up 102 from last year. Moose licenses are unchanged at 296.

A bighorn sheep hunting season is tentatively scheduled for later this year, but it will depend on the sheep population. The status of the season will be determined Sept. 1 after summer population surveys are completed.

Bighorn sheep applicants must apply for a license at the same time as moose and elk, but not for a specific unit. Once total licenses are determined for each unit in late summer, the bighorn lottery will be held and successful applicants will be contacted to select a hunting unit.

The bighorn sheep application fee is not refundable under state law, so if a bighorn season is not held, applicants will not receive a refund.

Elk, moose and bighorn sheep lottery licenses are once-in-a-lifetime licenses. Hunters who have previously received a license are not eligible to apply for that species again.

Last year, hunter success was 100% for bighorn sheep, 87% for moose and 62% for elk, according to Game and Fish statistics. There were eight bighorns, 245 moose and 576 elk harvested. The bighorn licenses included eight issued by Game and Fish, and two issued by the Three Affiliated Tribes – one to a tribal member and one to a Game and Fish applicant.

North Dakota's 2026 regular moose hunting season opens Oct. 9. The bow season opens Sept. 4.

The elk bow season also opens Sept. 4. The opening days for the regular elk season depend on the unit. All openers are in either September, October or November. Details are at gf.nd.gov/hunting/elk.



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Wish You Were Here

towns- which was one of the main reasons the annual Wish You Were Here bike rally began five years ago. During this short journey, Maples and other motorcyclists travel from North Dakota across all of North America, stopping in rural areas as much as possible.

“Before we even started the ride,” said Maples, “my friends and I would have people coming up to us at gas stations and asking about our usual trips. The lightbulb came on, and that’s when we decided to stick to avoiding the major highways as much as possible. As we pull into towns, we attract attention in these smaller communities. It allows us to engage with people who might not otherwise have the chance, tell our stories, and listen to theirs. A lot of people don’t know about the resources available to them, and we always carry wallet cards with resources they can use.”

Outside of their yearly trip, the group also holds events designed to raise awareness throughout the year. On Saturday, February 28th, they hosted a tournament at Send-It 24-7 Cornhole, where attendees could compete in both organized play and a silent auction while learning from local outreach programs. Rather than focus strictly on benefiting their annual ride, this event was made to support the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP), an organization

that promotes suicide prevention across the United States.

“The AFSP’s North Dakota branch has worked with us quite a bit,” said Maples. “With the tournament, we’re hoping to make a large donation to them to return the favor. It’s North Dakotans helping North Dakotans, so the money stays in-state.”

More important than the donation itself is the idea that ‘tossing the stigma’ (and likewise, the entire organization) puts forward: that people struggling with suicidal ideation are afraid to share their concerns for many reasons. For many years, Maples states, churches used to refer to suicide as the ultimate sin- and while the world has moved on since then, the general unease around suicide makes it difficult to discuss it for fear of being judged.

“People say there are always warning signs,” said Maples, “but there wasn’t one with my son. He was keeping it all inside, and that’s what a lot of people who struggle do. Veterans, for example, might hide their worries to avoid seeming weak, but that doesn’t help anything. The point we hope to make is that anyone who suffers from suicidal ideation shouldn’t be afraid to speak out, because that’s usually the first step to recovery.”

With this in mind, those who have thoughts of their own are not the only ones who can take the lesson to heart. Many of the friends

and families of victims often find it difficult to open up about the past, mostly due to the idea that suicide is not a ‘natural’ death. This makes it difficult for families to properly remember their loved ones. By encouraging families to speak out, Wish You Were Here aims to make sure the victims are remembered, and even does so by taking their stories on the road.

“On our website, we encourage people to share photos of people who have died by suicide,” said Maples. “We post them up, and every year, we print out playing cards with everyone’s pictures and names on them. They come with us on the ride, so nobody is left behind. When it’s done, if the family wants, I send them the card. It shows that we don’t forget, and they shouldn’t either.”

While their message is simple, it is also a crucial one, and can often mean the world to someone who feels forced to keep their feelings inside. Even the knowledge that they are not fighting their battle alone can be a rare light in the darkness- something that can be the first step to overcoming their feelings. At the very least, knowing that there are people out there who understand their struggles can be an important part of the healing process.

“It’s okay to say it’s not okay,” said Maples. “I haven’t met anyone on these rides whose life hasn’t been touched by suicide, either directly

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or indirectly. Everybody has a story... they’ve known somebody, or had those thoughts themselves. It’s just a matter of letting people know. Nobody should ever have to fight that battle alone.”

The 2026 Wish You Were Ride is expected to take place in June, when Maples and his group will journey to Coeur d’Alene, Idaho. More information on suicide prevention in North Dakota can be found by contacting the Department of Health and Human Services, as well as the AFSP’s ND chapter.

Braves Swim and Dive

The Braves Swim and Dive team headed to West Fargo this past weekend to take part in the state tournament. The Braves took 11th place in the tournament with a team score of 95. Senior Vincent Keller was named to the All-State Team.

State Tournament

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200 Yard Medley Relay: sixth place- Kye Knodel, Jared Lindsey, Vincent Keller, Bennett Graff- 1:42.58
200 Yard Freestyle: 15th place- Jared Lindsey- 1:51.55
50 Yard Freestyle: fourth place- Vincent Keller- 21.71
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100 Yard Freestyle: third place- Vincent Keller- 47.48
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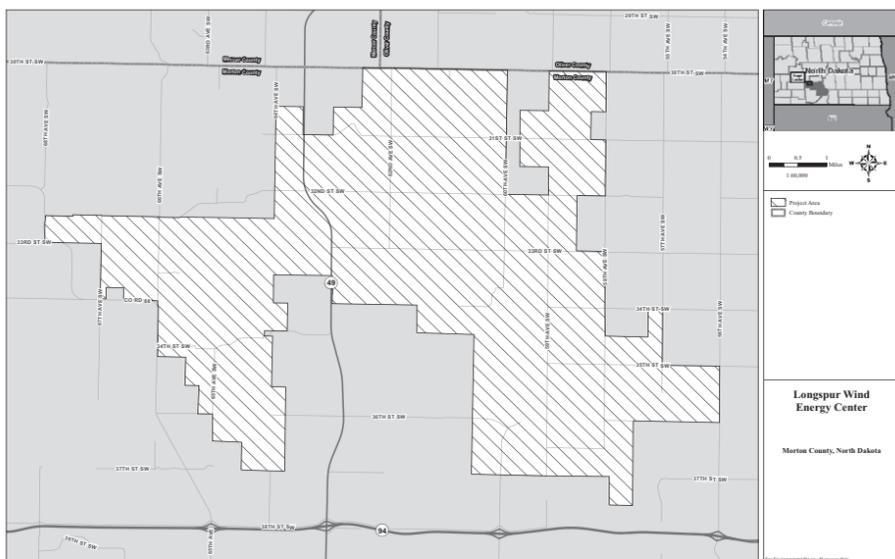
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Dated: February 24, 2026 SIGNED: Ben Kleppe, Secretary