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## Heralding the season

#### Christmas in New England Dec. 5-7

BY LUANN DART

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he Christmas season will be heralded with the joyous voices of the New England Community Choir during "Christmas in New England VIII" Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 5, 6 and 7.

The two-hour show features the New

England Community Choir, under the direction of Conway Heupel, within the inspiring St. Mary's Catholic Church, New England.

The event will be held at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 5 and 6, and at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7. Doors open 45 minutes prior to the show. Tickets are \$12 for adults and

\$8 for students (K-12) and will be available at the door.

"You will sit there for two hours and maybe the cares of the world will go away and the spirit of Christmas will fill your heart. You'll leave with the spirit of Christmas and a wonderful way to go into December and your Christmas season," says Julie

Opdahl, one of the organizers of the event.

"Christmas in New England" is held every three years, and this is the eighth presentation since it began in 2002.

The performances will include a mix of whimsical music as well as honoring the reason for the season,

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## Get into Christmas spirit!

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The Mott-Regent Public School will hold two Christmas concerts on Thursday, Dec. 4, at the school, with the theme, "There is Christmas in My Heart."

The elementary school students in kindergarten through sixth grades will perform at 1:30 p.m., including the fifth and sixth grade bands.

Students in grades 7 through 12 will hold a concert at 7 p.m., including the band and choir students.

The New England Public School Christmas concert will be held at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10, in the new gym of the school. The concert will include all grades.

Fill patrol car with toys

The Hettinger County Sheriff's Office and the New England Ambulance are partnering with the New England Dollar General to sponsor a Christmas toy drive. Those participating are asked to donate new, unwrapped toys, which will then be distributed to Hettinger County children in need during the holiday season. Monetary donations are also accepted.

A patrol car and ambulance will be parked at the Dollar General in New England from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, for residents to fill with toys. Join the sheriff, deputies and ambulance crew for free hot chocolate, too.

If you are unable to attend the Dec. 6 event, a bin will be available at Dollar General to collect toy donations as well.

This is the second year the event has been held.

"Dollar General approached me last year and asked if the Hettinger County Sheriff's Office wanted to parter and host a toy drive, and we jumped on this idea. We brought in the New England ambulance, and luckily we did, because last year we had over 400 gifts donated. Dollar General's mission is to serve others and that is exactly what the Hettinger County Sheriff's Office strives to do. We cannot wait to see what this year brings," said Chief Deputy Kennedy Pippenger.



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#### OBITUARY | Roger Glenn Larson, 1947-2025

It is with great sadness we announce the death of Roger Glenn Larson, 78, a resident of Shelbyville, Tenn., who died peacefully on Sept. 23, 2025, after a hardfought two-month battle with T-Cell lymphoma/leukemia.

Roger was born Aug. 24,1947, to the late Glen and Clara Larson in Dickinson.

After graduating from Dickinson State University, he joined the U.S. Navy as an officer and aviator flying the A-4 Skyhawk and F-9 Cougar. A photograph of him flying the A-4, soaring past Mount Rushmore in celebration of our nation's bicentennial captured his grace and spirit in flight. After his military



service, he continued his love of flying as a commercial airline pilot with Braniff International Airlines (flying the DC-8 and 727) and Alaska Airlines (flying the 727, MD80 and 737). He was an active and valued member of ALPA until his retirement. Upon his retirement, he continued to work as

a 737 flight simulator instructor, shaping a new generation of pilots until retiring (again) in June 2024. His sense of adventure was endless, as he found pure happiness preforming aerobatics in his beloved Starduster.

Away from flying, he found freedom in the outdoors. He loved fishing, hunting and waterskiing across glass-calm lakes and snow skiing with his family.

Roger is survived by his wife of nearly 50 years, June, son Thomas, daughterin-law Heather, and their children Hunter and Sloane of Texas, daughter Kristin, son-in-law Greg, and their children Piper, Benjamin and Harper of California, along with his siblings, James (Bonnie) of Florida, Dorothy (Steve) of Indiana, Beverly (Steve) of North Dakota, Shirley (Brad), and Susan of New Mexico.

Roger's humor, heart and love of adventure will be dearly missed, but forever remembered by all who knew and loved him. A memorial service and internment will be held at Barrancas National Cemetery in Pensacola, Florida at a later date.

We would be honored if you chose to make a donation in Roger's memory to either of his favorite charities: St. Jude Children's Cancer Research or Tunnel To Towers Foundation.



#### Mott Health Care Center activities

Upcoming activities at the Mott Health Care Center:

Sunday, Nov. 30

10 a.m. – Chair exercises in the solarium 11:30 a.m. – Keep moving, with all welcome 2 p.m. – Scrabble word game in activity room 6 p.m. – Countdown to Christmas Hallmark

Channel Movie, "Christmas at the Catnip Cafe," solarium

Monday, Dec. 1

9 a.m. – Make homemade bread 10 a.m. – Chair exercises in the solarium 2 p.m. – Work on decorations for December wall 2:30 p.m. – Sample homemade bread

Tuesday, Dec. 2

9 a.m. – Shopping in Mott

10 a.m. – Chair exercises in the solarium 11:30 a.m. – Keep moving, with all welcome

Noon – Elder Care meal, all are welcome

1 p.m. – Card players in solarium

2 p.m. – Tabletop volleyball

2:30 p.m. – Gracie visits

5-6 p.m. – Music by the Mott Homemakers Club

Wednesday, Dec. 3

9 a.m. – Chair exercises in solarium 10 a.m. – Keep your faith going with Pastor John

2-3 p.m. – Bingo with the Mott-Regent Public School sixth-graders

Thursday, Dec. 4

10 a.m. – Mass

10:30 a.m. – Chair exercises in solarium

11:30 a.m. – Keep moving, with all welcome

Noon – Elder Care meal, all are welcome

 $1~\mathrm{p.m.}$  – Spa day for nails

2 p.m. – Work on December wall (if not finished)

2 p.m. – Left, center, right dice game (if wall is done)

2 p.m. – Book Club with Father Kadrmas

Friday, Dec. 5

9 a.m. – Spa day for hair

10:15 a.m. – First Friday rosary with Peggy

10:30 a.m. – Chair exercises in the solarium

11:30 a.m. – Keep moving, with all welcome

Noon – Elder Care meal, all are welcome

2 p.m. – Toss and catch ball game

Saturday, Dec. 6

10 a.m. – Chair exercises in the solarium

 $2\ p.m.$  – Let's chat conversations game

4:30 p.m. – Mass at St. Vincent's

6 p.m. – Countdown to Christmas Hallmark Channel Movie, "She's Making a List"

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## Thanksgiving Day contest geared for kids

A new statewide contest for fourth-, fifth- and sixth-grade students in all schools is a challenge for each one. How many words can you make out of the words, "THANKSGIVING DAY?" You can only use the letters in the words without adding any extras.

When you start the contest, make a list and number each word. Write clearly. This can be a class project or done at home on your own. There will be prizes for the top three entries with the most words in each grade.

On the back of each entry, write your first and last name, full address, school name and grade so we will know where to send the prizes.

Send entries to Marlene Kouba, 6160 105th Ave. SW, Regent, ND 58650 and have them postmarked by Dec. 15. This gives students a few weeks to work on the contest.

Sponsors of the contest are North Dakota Women Involved in Farm Economics (WIFE), which is a grassroots organization committed to improving profitability in production agriculture.

### HETTINGER COUNTY LAND FOR SALE

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Request a bid packet with additional information from Crane & Merriman, PC, P.O. Box 99, Mott, ND 58646, (701) 824-2591, amy@cranemerriman.com. Deadline to submit written bids is 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, December 3, 2025.

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#### MOTT/REGENT SENIOR MEALS MENU

Thursday and Friday, Nov. 27 and 28: Closed for Thanksgiving holiday

**Tuesday, Dec. 2:** Sloppy joes, baby potatoes, beets, peaches, hamburger bun

**Thursday, Dec. 4:** Rootbeer ribs, company potatoes, corn, apricots, wheat bread

**Friday, Dec. 5:** Tuna noodle casserole, French style green beans, garden blend vegetables, pears, dinner roll

**Tuesday, Dec. 9:** Barbecue chicken, baked potato, cauliflower, cantaloupe, dinner roll

**Thursday, Dec. 11:** Breaded cod, Parmesan noodles, coleslaw, mixed fruit, wheat bread

Suggested donation for those over 60 years old is \$5 per meal. For people under the age of 60, the suggested donation is \$10.50 per meal. Any additional donations are welcome.

For daily meal reservations, call 701-456-1818 by noon the day before.

All menus are subject to the availability of food items.

All meals served with milk and coffee.

#### REQUEST FOR BUILDERS

To construct a post or steel frame storage building
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North Dakota State University requests building contractors for construction services of a post or steel frame storage building in Dickinson, ND.

Interested firms may receive bid submittal instructions by contacting the **NDSU Dickinson REC Director** by the following methods:

Telephone: 701-265-2473 Email: chris.augustin@ndsu.edu

Questions regarding the building plans are to be directed to the DREC Director, Chris Augustin.

Submittal of **bid deadline is 1:00 p.m. MST December 19, 2025**, at the NDSU DREC, 1041 State Avenue, Dickinson, ND 58601.

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#### **EDITORIAL**

#### **Enjoying a SLOW holiday**

Last year at this time I was hustling trying to get everything

done early so I could sneak away for a few days and enjoy a wonderful New York City vacation with my daughter. We took the trip we had been talking



Jill M. Friesz

about and dreaming about for years. A trip to celebrate her 21st birthday and a one to check off a major bucket list item of mine - watching the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade in

Everything about the trip was amazing and just as perfect as we would have hoped. One minor hiccup was the rain during the parade, but it didn't slow things down or ruin the largerthan-life experience of seeing the crowds gathered up and down the streets, experiencing the sheer magnitude of those balloons and witnessing first-hand just how many people it takes to maneuver those massive balloons through the buildings. We may have had the world's most annoying family sitting in front of us, but to be honest, it provided a lot of entertainment and giggles.

It's truly a trip I will never forget and will always hold near and dear to my heart because it meant so much to both of us to take the trip together. Luckily, I took thousands of pictures of every step of the trip, so we'll never be able to forget it, even if we wanted to.... but I know I'll never want to forget the memories we made.

This year Thanks-

giving is looking a little different. This will be the first-ever Thanks-

giving that none of our kids will be home and we're not going to travel to see my family.

And to be perfectly honest... I'm okay with it. I am looking for-

ward to a day of having to do absolutely nothing. My life tends to be lived on the move, so my plan for Thanksgiving this vear is to sit in my pajamas on our very comfy couch wrapped up in a blanket with a steaming cup of hot chocolate and enjoy watching the Macy's Day Parade on TV.

My husband and I have been joking that maybe we'll muster up the energy to cook a frozen pizza to share... or maybe we'll just whip up a bologna sandwich, but the thought of having absolutely nothing to do for an entire day sounds like paradise.

All our kids and their significant others will be home with us for the weekend, so don't feel sorry for us for being sad and lonely. I always love to have a house full of activity and energy and am really looking forward to the weekend... but I am genuinely looking forward to a quiet Thanksgiving.

I have so many things to be thankful for this year. My family is healthy and growing, I love what I do for work, I have amazing friends, and I have so many amazing communities to call "home".

I hope this Thanksgiving is everything you want and more.

## HERE ONCE WAS A TURKEY NAMED TOM.







#### LITTLE PASTURE ON THE PRAIRIE

#### Fly invasion

Years ago, when the kids were tiny, we moved a shed into the tree belt behind the ranch house. We insulated it, added electricity and a baseboard heater, and it became my writing shack. At that time, I was also recording audio "postcards" for an NPR affiliate, which, in retrospect, was a wild thing to do in the same small house as two toddlers. I would record during nap times or after they went to bed, but it was not ideal. Once the writing shack became part of my life, things got much easier. Looking back, it's hard to believe I ever successfully wrote or recorded without it.

Now that the kids are older, finding time to work on writing or recording doesn't mean stealing hours from my own sleep, or when the man of the ranch can take over kid duty. They go their own way a lot more of the time. I still use the writing shack, though. It is a magical place, surrounded by whispering ash trees and different migrating birds depending on the season. I don't need it the way I once did, but I love it just as much.

In related news, because things tend to run in feast or famine mode here on the Northern Plains, every summer we end up with a defining insect infestation for the year. Some years it's ticks, some years it's grasshoppers. This year, with all the rain, I thought it was going to be mosquitoes, and there were plenty! But

the runaway insect crop turned out to be flies.

Flies in the kitchen, flies in the barns, flies in my writing shack-flies everywhere all summer long

Summer turned into fall. The flies in the barns grew sparse. The

flies in the kitchen grew sparser, too. But the flies in the writing shack got...worse. I'd given up writing anywhere other than the house because the flies were so bad in the shack, the constant buzzing far more distracting than any

toddler could ever be. September turned into October and then November, and I kept thinking the flies would die off (which the drifts of carcasses indicated they were...), but new droves of flies kept appearing. I would clean the shack periodically, each time thinking I'd gotten them all, and each time returning to find more. Surely after the first hard freeze they'll die off, I'd said. Surely after the next hard freeze. Surely after the next hard freeze...

Waiting turned out to be a huge mistake. I don't have words to adequately describe the scale of the infestation over the last few weeks. I would enter the shack to find thousands upon thousands of flies covering the windows, the doors, and circling the

ceiling light and rafters, the buzzing as oppressive as an invasion of lo-

> custs. It was like nothing I'd ever seen before, or hope to witness again. This would be bad under any circumstances, but I have a new album due next

month. I had to get the flies under control, or I was going to have an unwelcome choir for all the new songs, as microphones in that small of a space pick up the buzz of even a single fly, never mind a few million.

Last weekend, I decided enough was enough. I left the heat and lights on overnight to draw out all the flies

D. Cranberries

that were apparently nesting (and also procreating) in the walls. hung ribbons of fly tape everywhere, and then spent hours swatting and vacuuming up the flies that the tape didn't catch. After three full days of this, I winnowed the population down to a dozen or so.

I now know far too much about the wide variations of fly breeds we have here on the ranch, including which are the most annoying. (Spoiler alert: it's the chubby black ones with iridescent blue heads... they are considerably craftier than the average fly...) And I am thankful for fly swatters and fly strips and the end of fly infestations. I hope you get to celebrate this week with something you are equally thankful



Eliza Blue

#### THE WORLD around us

#### **Epstein Files**

President Trump signed the Epstein Files Γransparency Act into law, officially directing the Department of Justice (DOJ) to release all unclassified records and documents connected to the convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein.

#### Vietnam Flood

Relentless rains and floods have killed at least 41 people in central Vietnam since the weekend, while a search continues for nine still missing, state media reports. The deluge has submerged more than 52,000 homes and left half a million households and businesses without power, according to reports. Tens of thousands of residents

have been evacuated from the flood-affected regions.

#### CDC Update

The CDC's recent update to its website regarding autism and vaccines has sparked significant controversy and criticism. The update now states that the claim "vaccines do not cause autism" is not an evidence-based claim, despite numerous studies showing no such link. This change has been criticized by public health and autism experts, who argue that it contradicts decades of scientific research and could undermine vaccination efforts. \*This column aims to document the world around us, preserving significant moments in history for future generations.

#### Question of the Week What is the WORST Thanksgiving side dish?

70 Green Bean Casserole -37 60 Dressing - 4 Sweet Potatoes - 28 Cranberries - 71 Next week's question... Let's switch it up this week... what is the BEST Thanksgiving side dish? A. Green Bean Casserole B. Dressing C. Sweet potatoes

Submit answer to: jill@gspublishing.net or answer on our Facebook page. This is a weekly feature seeking public opinion. It is not a scientific poll.

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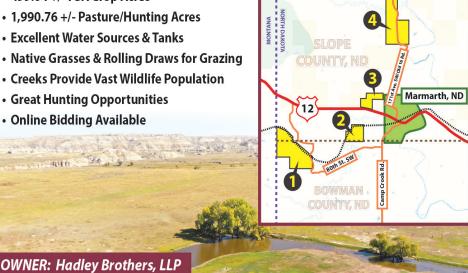
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#### CHRISTMAS I CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Opdahl says.

"There are quite a few good old familiar Christmas carols and songs that you know," she says. "In the Bible, it says to make a joyful noise unto the Lord, and the acoustics in St. Mary's are so, so wonderful. It's just a beautiful place to sing."

A featured duet will be Conway Heupel and Lance Rustand. Mackenzie Hicks, an assistant dean at Dickinson State University, will sing a soprano solo.

New England's Mark Koller and Opdahl will sing a duet, along with sisters Taylor and Rylee Sonsalla. Taylor Sonsalla and Kailee Gussey, who are both New England High School students, will also sing solos.

Also performing will be clarinetist Jeremy Wohletz, an assistant professor of

woodwinds at Valley City State University, and violinist Rebekah Janke.

The presentation will include some new instruments as well. Aunique African noel will feature African drums. Anton Krebs, the music teacher at New England High School, will perform an accordion solo.

Dan Parke will have a solo within the choir during the performance of "A Bundle of Straw."

"He has got a beautiful operatic tenor voice, and he's going to have a solo within one of our choir pieces," Opdahl says.

The New England Community Choir's voices will soar to the ceiling during at least 15 songs, including several familiar songs, such as "Silver Bells" and "O Come, All Ye Faithful." The firsttime accompanist is Molly Schwartz.

During the second half of the evening, a living nativity enters during a Pentatonix rendition of "Silent Night."

There are 38 members of the New **England Community** Choir, encompassing everyone from teenagers to grandparents. Buck Striebel, who is 87 years old, has been in performances numbers two through eight.

"He's the backbone of the whole thing," Opdahl says.

**Father Dennis** Schafer from St. Mary's Catholic Church also joins the choir.

'We have so much fun just putting it on, too," Opdahl says. "We have so much fun just rehearsing. It's a group of singers that love to sing, and it's a fun thing to do and the icing on the cake is just getting to perform it and people coming and watching."

"We work together and it's a very community-minded, bring-us-together, event," she says.

Following the performance, guests can gather for refreshments and Christmas cookies to visit with the cast and with each other.

For further information, contact Opdahl at 701-209-0655. Tickets will be sold at the door only and not in advance this year,

#### MASS TIME CORRECTED

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Mott will observe the 100th anniversary of the building's dedication, which originally occured Sunday, Dec. 1, 1925, with a celebratory Mass at 8 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 30, with special prayers recalling the dedication. Ethnic desserts will be served during fellowship following Mass.

An incorrect time was shared with the Hettinger County Herald in last week's feature story on the church's anniversary.



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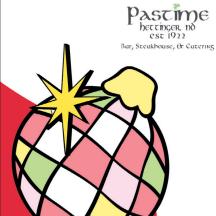
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#### Nine seniors fill GCMR roster

#### BY LUANN DART

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Last season's Grant County/Mott-Regent (GCMR) girls basketball team will forever be the first team from the GCMR sports co-op to step onto the Class B state tournament court. The Jaguars placed eighth in the 2024-25 Class B state tournament last season and finished at 17-11 overall.

The Jaguars have that state appearance on their minds as they start the season Tuesday, Dec. 2, against New Salem-Almont in an away game.

The girls basketball co-op was approved between the districts starting with the 2022-23 season for grades 7-12, and this team's nine seniors have now played their high school careers as a co-op

With 20 players in grades 9-12, Head Coach Sara Seidler has a full bench of experience, including seniors Allison Grist, Emily Manolovits, Summer Meyer, Ruby Nasset, Jada Ottmar, Alexia Schaible, Jaycia Thomas, Natalie Wiesinger and Mykenzie Winkler.

"The gang's back together. It feels good. We're just ready to go and we get to build off of what we did last year. We get to continue to just move forward," Seidler says.

After graduating Sam Greff as the lone senior from last season, the state appearance is top of mind.

"We know how much potential we have and how much we can do this season, but it's also a lot of pressure. People are expecting us to get back there and we want to get back there, so it's a lot of different emotions," Meyer says.

"We are a huge senior class and we've been through this all together already. We know what we have to get done, so I feel like that's kind of the mindset, believing in ourselves and knowing that we can do what we did last year," Schaible adds.

Familiarity and knowing each other's game will be a strength, Schaible says.

"I have a lot of hope we'll come out stronger than we did before. The bond we have with this entire senior class is insane and I think we can do a lot of damage this season," Meyer says. "We have so many strengths individually that we bring so much to the team. We are so deep in our



The Grant County/Mott-Regent (GCMR) girls basketball team takes the court this season as the 2025 Region 4 champions from last season, shown here following last year's regional tournament. I FILE PHOTO BY LAYN MUDDER

bench we can sub people in continuously and they're going to do amazing things, just like the first five."

Coaching nine seniors will have both challenges and benefits for Seidler, who starts her seventh year as head coach, assisted by Ashley Fischer.

One week into practice, she was hearing nine voices vying for leadership.

"That's kind of a blessing and a curse, because sometimes you need just that one voice to step up, get everyone's attention and take charge," she says with a laugh.

But she sees more blessings in coaching this group.

"We could really apply full-court pressure the whole game if we want to and hopefully not burn out, because we have so many girls that we can be subbing in that also have the experience, too," she says. "I feel that they're going to just push each other, because they all want to be out there. They all want to be playing."

"Iron sharpens iron. You got to sharpen each other and you got to go for it." she says.

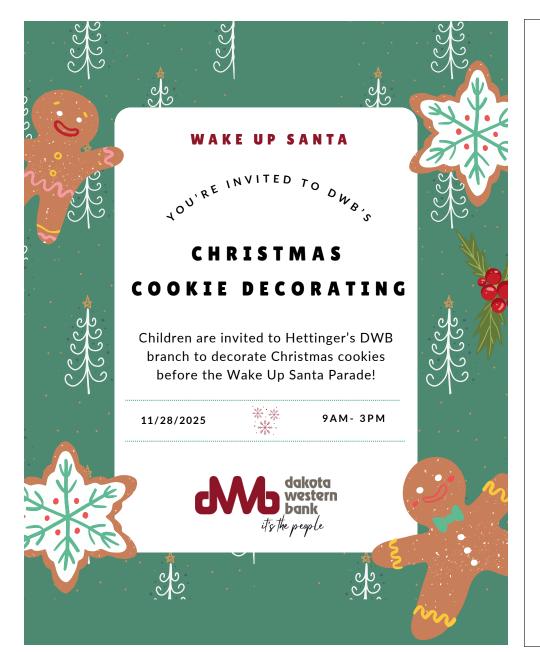
other and you got to go for it," she says. While Seidler's roster has some height this year, she doesn't intend to change the quick-paced style of play.

"We have a lot of height this year, which is something that I'm not really used to, because I've always had to coach smaller teams, but we have quite a bit of height and length this year," Seidler says. "The girls that do have the height are so versatile and they can get around. They're quick, so it's really not going to change anything. They just have that nice length that hopefully bothers teams defensively."

#### TIGERS PREVIEW NEXT WEEK

The New England Tigers girls basketball team starts its season Saturday, Dec. 6, by traveling to Trenton, with the first home game Tuesday, Dec. 9, against Harding County.

The Hettinger County Herald will share a preview of the team in next week's issue.





**FACE of New England Presents** 

## How to cook a turkey

**Mott-Regent Public School second grade** 



Brynn A. Buy the turkey then put seasonings on it. Then put the turkey in the oven for 1 hour at 350°. Then take it out from the oven and cut it. Then eat it.



Savannah B. You go to the store and buy a turkey and wash it and put seasonings on it. And then put it in the oven for 3 hours at 320° and do not forget mashed potatoes and grave and pumpkin pie.



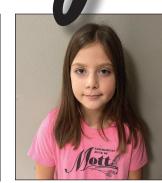
Harmony B. Frst I will buy a turkey and git back buying the turkey I will coock it in the uvin and wen I tack it out I will poot seesen on it. And then I will mack mash ptatoow two hours at



Caroline C. I went to go get a turkey from the store and I took home and wash it. Put seasoning on it and I put it in the oven. Bake it at 350° for 4 hours. Take it out and cut it up and eat it for supper with potatoes and



Elizabeth K. I will buy the turkey. Then I will set it in pan and put salt and peper. And then I will set it in the oven on 34 dgres for half a hour. And then I will take it out of the oven and put more salt and peper on it. And I will put it on the table.



Evelyn F. First you go to the store and get it. Then you put seasoning on it. Then you put it in the oven for an hour at 450°. When it's in the oven you can make the stuffing. Then you can cut a leof of bread. Then it's ready to eat.



Mason D. This is how I make my turkey. I will buy my turkey at Wallmart. I will put filling in it. I will put it in the oven at 400 degrez for 10 minats.



Clay K. I get the tukey frum my uncles farm. Enand I put the tukey in the uven. 414. I put sallt on the tukey and peper. Enand then I got then perfeck tukey.



Aksel K. I get my turkey frum my aunt then I will put it in the oven. Then I will turn it up to 1 hours. Then when it is dun we will eat it.



Finley G. I get my turkey out frum my freser and then I put salt and peper sometimes onion powder and I coke it for 20 minutes.



Joseph L. I will get a turkey from my cousin Abel and then shoot it. Then take it's feathers off. Then put it in the oven at 0° for 1 minute.



Reese M. I will take the turkey to the butcher shrop. And I will take the turkey home. And than I will cook it and I will pout it in the oven for 50° for 1 minute.



Jacob G. I will cook it and I will put on salt and peper. The degrees is 5 houers long. At the end we eat it. That was good.



Vada F. First we go to the stor to by the turkey. Poot the turkey in the oven for 2 hoars.



Oliver S. I get my turkey at the stor. I season it with peper and salt then I put it in the oven for 1 hour at 20°



Sofia S. Go shoot the turkey. Next take all of the feathers off. Now put it in the ovine. Now put it on at 66° for 20 minutes.



Emily S. I get turtkey at Walmart. Then cook it at 20° for 20 minutes. And then I take it out and then we can eat it.



Camden P. Buy 9 turkey at Walmart. Put sasan it put it on the grill at 300° for 4 minutes and cut it is crispy. We cut it up and we eat it.



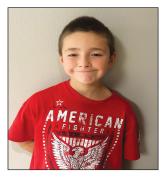
Mary S. I go to Walmart to buy a turkey then I go home and then season the turkey. Will be good after that. I will cook it and then I will put the turkey into the oven at 10° for 2 hours and then my whole family me and you we will eat the turkey to have a yummy tummy feast.



Jolee S. I will git a turkey form the grocery store and then I will cook it for 25.5 in the oven for 20.2 hours. And then I will git it out uf the oven and season it with cheesey seasoning. Cut it up and then I will put it on the table and cook the egg with salt and pepper and put cheesey seasoning.



Emma N. I buy turkey from the store. I stuff it and put it in a pan. I then season it with cajun seasoning. Put it in the oven at 100° start at 2:00 and bake until 5:00.



Dominic S. By turkey at the Wolmart. Put seasoning on it in the oven at 65 degrees for 20 minutes.



Jamison T. I buy the turkey form Walmart. I get home and put it in the stove and put it at 1948 degrees for 2 hours. I got the turkey out of the stove and put it on the table.



Raelynn C. We go to Walmart to get the turkey. We put it in the ovin. We put salt and peper on the turkey. We put it in the ovin for 2 hour.

Note: Spelling is as submitted, so the submissoins are in the students' own words.





Hayden W. I got the turkey from Walmart. In the pot.



Connor C. I will go to the store. Put on a pan then put it in the oven at 3:15 for the time it will be 3:54.

#### **New England** second grade

(Not all students submitted)



Landrie U. First we have to catch the tukey and then we have to cook it in the oven. Cook it at 350°F for 7 minutes.



Theodore B. Put it in the oven at 350° F. Cook it for four hours. Then take it out and put salt and



Aliviah D. I would put it in the oven. Cook it at 350° for five hours. Then I will take it out of the oven. Then I will eat it.

#### **New England School District proceedings**

**New England Public School Public Budget Hearing** Sept. 10, 2025

The New England Public School Public Budget Hearing was called to order by President Chris Reindel at 6:03 p.m. Board member present: Chris Reindel, Scott Bieber, Brooke Waltner, Shawn Wolf. Board members absent: Amanda Seymour. Also present: Superintendent Scott Jung, Dean of Students/AD Alexander Quintane, Business Manager Tamara Volk.

Public Tax Hearing: 2025-2026 New England Public School proposed tax levy Superintendent Jung presented

information to the board.
• No public attendance at the meeting

· Discussion was held and questions answered on the budget hearing presentation. Meeting adjourned at 6:20

Chris Reindel, president Tamara L. Volk, business

#### New England Public School District #9 Regular Meeting Ŏct. 8, 2025

The regular meeting of the New England Public School Board was called to order by President Chris Reindel at 6:34 am. on October 8, 2025. Board members present: Chris Reindel, Scott Bieber, Brooke Waltner and Shawn Wolf. Board members absent: None Amanda Seymour joined the meeting at 6:39 a.m. Also present: Superintendent Scott Jung, Principal Sydney Ratliff, Dean of Students/AD Alex Quintane and Business Manager Tamara Volk.

Chris moved to approve the agenda. Brooke seconded the motion. Chris aye, Shawn aye, Brooke aye, Scott aye. Motion carried 4-0

Shawn moved to approve the minutes of September 10, 2025. Brooke seconded the motion. Shawn aye, Brooke aye, Scott aye, Chris aye, Amanda aye. Motion carried

Shawn moved to approve board bills as presented. Brooke seconded the motion. Shawn aye, Brooke aye, Scott aye Chris aye, Amanda aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Activity Fund #9312 – 9438 – 9471 35,072.66, HL #7156 Cash 85.80, 7157 DPI 3,177.54, 7158 HUB 33.72, 7159 LaQuinta Inn 198.00, 7160 Nadrini Fire 780.00, 7161 New England Community Store 43.79, 7162 Pepsi 2,437.45, 7163 Sysco 1,939.32, 7164 VISA 425.98,GF #45483 Acme 256.31, 45844 American Concrete 3,219.36, 45845 Chris Bisgaard 39.90, 43846BSN 203.20, 45847 Cash 11.28, 45848 City Air 2,849.68, 45849 Consolidated 508.22, 45850 Core Facility 2,936.00, 45851 D & E 492.44, 45852 Dust-tex 330.48, 45853 Demco 52.87, 45854 Eckroth 19.99, 45855 Fitterer Oil 238.30, 45856 GS Publishing 455.11, 45857 HUB 2,042.21, 45858 HUB 3,596.67, 2,042.21, 49836 H0B 3,395.07, 45859 IState 19.08, 45860 Daryl Jung 50.00, 45861 JW Pepper 115.49, 45862 Adrien Kathere-in375.00, 45863 Justin Kathrein

40.00, 45864 Jill Krenz 125.00, 45865 Linde 135.84 45866 Marco 2,351.95, 45867 Menards 851.21, 45868 MDU 5,657.28, 45869 MPLC 230.83, 45870 NDCDE 4,620.00, 45871 NDCEL 1,000.00, 45872 New England Community Store 213.98, 45873 ND Safety Council 273.06, 45874 Northwest Tire 1,058.58, 45875 Pearce & Durick 356.25, 45876 Quality Quick Print 225.00, 45877 Alexander Quintane 244.78, 45878 Scholastic 707.66, 45879 Smart Com-

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Public Participation: None REPORTS: 1. Business Manager Report a. Revenue report, expenditure report and balance sheets were presented.

b. DPI October paymentc. Certificate of Levyi. Amanda moved to approve the 2025-2026 certificate of levy as presented. Brooke seconded the motion. Brooke aye, Scott aye, Chris aye, Amanda aye, Shawn aye. Motion carried

d. Distributed a list of acronyms to the board members. Will update as the year progresses

 Superintendent Report
 a. Enrollment Report – 241 total enrollments.

b. Personnel Report i. Paraprofessional opening has been filled. She will be

starting October 13. ii. Part-time kitchen assistant Katie Parks

iii. Resignation of Crystal Kuykendall from the part-time

kitchen position. iv. Open positions - 2 ele-mentary BBB coaches v. Open position - 1 JH BBB

c. Discussion on Superinten-

dent report information.
i. English room floor issues discussion. Core Solutions is working on the project

ii. Viking Glass did fix the windows in the commons and door 14. iii. American Concrete

finished up around a couple of doors that were shifting.

3. Principal Report
a. CTE Committee formed,
there are twelve (12) people
on the committee. October 22

at 6:30 p.m. will be the first meeting this fall.

b. NDA plus is the new test-ing being used. It is difficult to compare last year's testing to this year because it is different

c. MIS03's submitted.

d. Parent Teacher Conferences last two Wednesdays. Progress reports were handed out to parents.

e. Mandated reporter training is currently being completed.

f. Religion release bussing issues, working on a solution for this to flow better.

g. Health careers field trips are coming up. Students can attend one filed trip and then must have a C in all classes to attend additional field trips.
h. WERC will be here next

Wednesday to go over data with the teachers.

i. Halloween event on the Wednesday before Halloween. Parade during school will be held on Friday.

Observations are ongoing. k. Homecoming week was a success. Decorated hallways, all-star volleyball, pep rally on Friday with spirit Olympics.
4. Athletic/Activities Director/

Dean of Students Report

a. Attendance letters are being sent out through emails.

b. Eligibility notices are going c. Fall sports are wrapping

up. All going well. d. Volleyball tournament on

e Three athletes qualified as of now for state cross country. Beau Keith, Brianna Erickson, Hannah Dinius. Region meet is this Saturday. f. Coaching evaluations are

in the works.

g. NDIAAA workshop at-

h. There were 18 girls interested according to the softball survey. Information will be presented to the board after firm numbers are compiled. Discussion held on starting softball in the district. Information will be brought back to the November meeting.

i. Booster Club will be

handling Senior night moving

forward for sports.
j. Thank you to Mr. Daryl
Jung for organizing the Volleyball Tourney, Shawn Wolf and
Billy Koffler for taking care of
the field for football. Thank you to the teachers for a successful parent teacher conference. 5. Transportation No Report

6. Budget and Finance

No Report

7. Negotiations

No Report 8. Curriculum and Policy

a. Committee meeting date and time.

9. Building and Grounds

No Report 10. Co-op Committee

No Report 11. Technology Committee

No Report 12. WĖRC

No Report 13. RACTC No Report

14. SWCTC

No Report OLD BUSINESS:

NONE
NEW BUSINESS:
1. Superintendent Evaluation will be due to Chris by

November 5. Next board meeting will be held on November 12 at 6:00

Meeting adjourned at

7:21a.m. Chris Reindel, president

Tamara L. Volk, business

#### **Mott-Regent School District proceedings**

Official Minutes of a Regular Monthly Meeting of The School Board of the Mott/Regent Public School District No. 1 Regent Ambulance Garage October 15, 2025, 7:00 a.m.

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 a.m. by Julie Miller with the following board members present, Heather Kouba, Garret Swindler, Nathan Huether, Logan Haberstroh, Scott Miller and Sara Stenberg. Also in attendance were Zachary Slayton, Deb Bohn, Kari Mayer, MREA Representatives, Dee Greff, Holly Ebner, Allie Hintz and Melissa Friedt.

Heather Kouba moved, seconded by Logan Haberstroh to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried with all present voting aye.
Visitors were recognized.

Allie Hintz, Dee Greff and Holly Ebner presented on the English-Language Arts curriculum plan with North Dakota

Standards. Administrative reports were led off with the superintendent's report presented by Zachary Slayton. He reported on the first quarter of the school year. He touched on academic and student performance student life and achievements, facilities and maintenance, staffing and compensation, discipline and student support, and safety and crisis preparedness. Deb Bohn reported the elementary principal's report. She expressed concerns that the second grade class room may need a full time paraprofessional. She continues to prepare for the Cognia review that is scheduled for January. NDA+ testing will be completed on October 20, 2026. The secondary principal's report was available for review on TEAMS. Kari Mayer reported on all the events the students have taken part in so far and upcoming events. Jennifer Greff presented the AD report. Elementary girls basketball, junior high volleyball and football will all end by the end of the week. Elementary boys basketball is in full swing. Junior high girls basketball will start November 3. We are still looking for a boys golf coach and assistant track coach. Committee reports were presented. Building reported that they has an update on the Technology needs. They are continuing to work on the short and long term maintenance plan. Also looking at some updates to the third floor for flex space when needed. Policy reported they are working on district goals and objectives along with possible changes to the discipline matrix. They would like to see a demonstrations for the teachers on Apptegy Rooms. Curriculum is working on updating cybersecurity plans, NDA+ reports and results and possible English-Language Arts curriculum update. Finance discussed money

market accounts, still waiting for quotes on school updates, update on apartment repairs, substitute teacher pay rate and the grant award from Rural Small Schools in the amount of \$47,775 to be used to support a current program.
Garret Swindler moved, seconded by Scott Miller to approve the consent agenda as follows: September 17, 2025 Budget Hearing and September 17, 2025 meeting minutes. Financial reports

with the following balances: General Fund \$1,347,649.27, Building \$30,274.22, Armory \$49,318.81, Hot Lunch \$71,627.50 and Activities \$102,924.12. Bills: General Fund bills totaling \$89,052.92, Armory Bills totaling \$2,616.12, Bus Contractor payments in the amount of \$39,678.72 and October 3 Payroll in the amount of \$205,973.92 and October 20 Payroll in the amount of \$218,777.95. Motion carried with all present voting aye.

There was no old business New Business items: Heather Kouba moved, seconded by Logan Haberstroh to change the General, Activity, Hot Lunch and Building Funds to money market accounts. Motion carried with all present voting ave. Heather Kouba moved. seconded by Sara Stenberg

to approve Policy AAB as presented. Motion carried with all present voting aye. Garret Swindler moved, seconded by Heather Kouba to approve Policy AAC as presented. Motion carried with all present voting aye. Heather Kouba moved, seconded by Sara Stenberg to approve Board Regulation AAC-BR 2 as presented. Motion carried with all present voting aye Nathan Huether moved,

seconded by Logan Haberstroh to move into executive session for the purpose of superintendent negotiations. Roll call vote was taken: Scott Miller-Aye, Heather Kouba-Aye, Sara Stenberg-Aye, Nathan Huether-Aye, Logan Haberstroh-Aye, Garret Swindler-Aye and Julie Miller-Aye. Public was asked to leave Executive session began at 8:20 p.m.

Executive session ended at 8:55 p.m. Public was invited

Scott Miller moved, seconded by Garret Swindler to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m Official

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the School Board of the Mott/Regent Public School District No. 1 Mott-Regent Conference

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Room/Microsoft TEAMS November 12, 2025, 7:00 Meeting called to order at 7:00 a.m. by Julie Miller with

Garret Swindler, Heather Kouba, Logan Haberstroh, Scott Miller, Nathan Huether and Sara Stenberg. Also in atten-dance were Zachary Slayton, MREA Representatives and Melissa Friedt.

Superintendent Evaluation: Nathan Huether moved, seconded by Sara Stenberg to approve the satisfactory rating for Mr. Slayton's superintendent evaluation. Motion carried with all present voting aye.

Heather Kouba moved, seconded by Garret to move into executive session. Roll call vote was taken: Heather Kouba-Aye, Sara Stenberg-Aye, Nathan Huether-Aye, Garret Swindler-Aye, Scott Miller-Aye, Logan Haberstroh-Aye and Julie Miller-Aye. Members of the public were asked to leave.

Executive session began at 7:15 a.m. Executive session adjourned at 7:20 a.m. Public invited back in.

Heather Kouba moved, seconded by Scott Miller to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:24 a.m..

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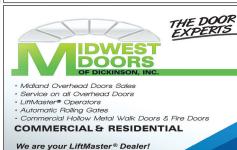


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