

Nine seniors fill GCMR roster

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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 finish 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,



THE GRANT COUNY/MOTT-REAGENT (GCMR) girls basketball team take the court this season as the 2025 Region 4 champions from last season.

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

strengths individually that we bring so much to the team. We are so deep in our 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

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.

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.”

Contest for students

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 THANKS-GIVING 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 that 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 December 15, 2025. 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.

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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.

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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.

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Advertisement for BIDS at Lake Tschida

Tri-Cities Joint Job Development Authority is now accepting bids for the following work to be completed at Lake Tschida:

- Remodeling three four-bedroom double wide trailers located at Lake Tschida.**
The work would include, but may not be limited to:
- Flooring installation - estimated 1440 sq./ft.
 - Deck construction - estimated 10’x10’
 - Skirting installation - 25’ x 60’
 - Installation of doors

Any person interested in bidding on all or parts of this project must send an e-mail to recreation@laketschida.com with your interest in submitting a bid and a request for further information. You will then be contacted by the Lake Tschida Office and further information will be provided. We encourage an onsite visit to fully understand the project needs. Bids will be accepted up until 4:00 p.m. MDT on December 10, 2025.

HETTINGER COUNTY LAND FOR SALE

Kent and Roxy Featherstone are selling one quarter of agricultural and hunting land located just north of Burt, ND.

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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@crane-merriman.com. Deadline to submit written bids is 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, December 3, 2025.

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GRANT COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Grant County’s Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) will be holding a meeting

**Wednesday, December 10, 2025
12:30 p.m. MT.
Grant County Courtroom
106 2nd Ave. NE in Carson, ND.**

- Topics to be discussed include:
- Grant County’s Local Emergency Operations Plan
 - Hazardous Materials Response Plan and Tier II Reports
 - Training and Exercise plans for Grant County first responders
 - SIRN Update
 - Electing a LEPC Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary (1 year term)
 - T-Mobile for First Responders Demo at 1:00 p.m.

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CITY OF FLASHER

STRAY CATS

The City of Flasher is currently experiencing an increase in stray cats, and we are seeking the support of local farmers and ranchers to help address this growing concern. Many of these cats are in need of a safe, stable environment where they can be cared for while also serving a practical purpose.

Our objective is to place these animals in responsible homes where they can thrive as working barn or field cats. This initiative not only improves their quality of life but also contributes positively to the community by reducing stray populations and supporting local agriculture.

If you are interested in participating in this community-based effort or would like more information on the adoption process, please contact us at 701-597-3127 or cityofflasher@westriv.com. Your willingness to help gives these cats a second chance and strengthens the overall well-being of our community.