

# Tiger girls grab first win

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The New England girls basketball team celebrated their first win of the season last week, with a 52-44 victory over Center-Stanton.

During a full week of basketball, the Tigers faced Bowman County Feb. 2 in a 39-57 loss, then found a win against Center-Stanton the next night, before heading home to face Hettinger/Scranton in a 47-54 loss on Feb. 5.

Just one point ahead against Center-Stanton in the first quarter, the Tigers pressed the pedal in the second quarter, with six players scoring, putting Center-Stanton in the rearview.

The win followed two solid performances by senior Kallie Dinius against Bowman County with 17 points and Hettinger/Scranton with 16 points.

The Tigers played their final regular season game Tuesday, Feb. 10, and now enter the District 7 tournament Feb. 14, 16 and 17, which

will be played at Bowman County High School, with the regional tournament slated for Feb. 23, 24 and 26 at St. Mary's Central High School in Bismarck.

New England vs. Bowman County				
39-57				
New England	5	20	33	39
Bowman County	8	23	39	57
Scoring: Kallie Dinius 17, Leighton Olsonawski 6, Teagen Penn 5, Shya Epperly 4, Hannah Dinius 3, Ella Binstock 2, Ayrison Magelky 2. Three-point field goals: Penn 1.				

New England vs. Center-Stanton				
52-44				
New England	7	24	38	52
Center-Stanton	6	11	26	44
Scoring: Kallie Dinius 9, Leighton Olsonawski 9, Hannah Dinius 9, Meadow Olsonawski 9, Teagen Penn 8, Ayrison Magelky 5, Ella Binstock 3. Three-point field goals: H. Dinius 1, M. Olsonawski 1, L. Olsonawski 1, Binstock 1.				

New England vs. Hettinger/Scranton				
47-54				
New England	9	31	38	47
Hettinger/Scranton	9	25	36	54
Scoring: Leighton Olsonawski 17, Kallie Dinius 16, Meadow Olsonawski 8, Ayrison Magelky 4, Shya Epperly 2. Three-point field goals: L. Olsonawski 3.				

# PUBLIC Notice

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

INSURANCE & SECURITIES DEPARTMENT

IN THE MATTER OF THE MERGER OF SOUTHWEST MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY WITH AND INTO FAMILY HOME MUTUAL INSURANCE

PETITION

1. The undersigned, as counsel for Family Home Mutual Insurance Company, pursuant to N.D.C.C. Chaps. 26.1-07 and 26.1-13, hereby petitions the North Dakota Insurance Commissioner for approval of the merger of Southwest Mutual Insurance Company with and into Family Home Mutual Insurance Company according to the terms and conditions of the Agreement and Plan of Merger duly adopted by the boards and the policyholders of both county mutual companies. The Agreement and Plan of Merger is on file with the North Dakota Insurance and Securities Department. The surviving company shall be Family Home Mutual Insurance Company.

2. If approved, the merger shall have an effective date

upon acceptance of filing of Articles of Merger with the North Dakota Secretary of State.

3. Petitioner hereby requests the North Dakota Insurance Commissioner to set a time and place for a public hearing on this Petition and publish the order of notice and the petition in five newspapers, one of which must be a daily newspaper published at the state capital, at least two weeks before the hearing upon the Petition.

# PUBLIC Notice

ATTENTION HETTINGER COUNTY SOYBEAN PRODUCERS: CAST YOUR BALLOT NORTH DAKOTA SOYBEAN COUNCIL ELECTION

The ND Soybean Council's election for your County Representative will take place by mail ballot in March 2026. In March, newly elected county representatives will select a board member of the ND Soybean Council.

On or about February 17, 2026, the ND Soybean Council will mail each soybean grower of record in the county an election ballot. For your vote to count, ballots must be filed with the County Extension Agent of the above-named county. The ballot can be hand delivered or mailed to the agent. For your vote to count, the County Extension Agent must receive the ballot by March 5, 2026, or your mailed-in ballot must be postmarked no later than March 5, 2026. If you do not receive a ballot in the mail, contact your Adams County Extension Agent at 701-567-2735 or the ND Soybean Council at 701-566-9300 to obtain one.

A producer is defined as: "any person that plants or causes to be planted a soybean crop in which the person has an ownership interest, with intent that upon maturity, the crop will be harvested; will have met the requirements of the above stated during the next available growing season or has met these requirements during the immediately preceding growing season." Published 2/12/26

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# PUBLIC Notice

NOTICE OF SOUTHWEST MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY'S PROPOSED MERGER WITH FAMILY HOME MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the North Dakota Insurance and Securities Department will hold a public hearing to address Southwest Mutual Insurance Company's proposed merger with Family Home Mutual Insurance Company at 9:30 am central time, on February 24th, 2026 in the Sakakawea room of the State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota.

If you plan to attend the public hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the North Dakota Insurance and Securities Department at the 701-328-2440 at least seven days prior to the public hearing.

DATED this 4th day of February, 2026.  
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ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO N.D. ADMINISTRATIVE CODE CHAPTER 75-09.1-11 SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT VOUCHER SYSTEM  
TAKE NOTICE that the North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services will hold a public hearing to address proposed amendments to N.D. Admin. Code chapter 75-09.1-11 relating to definitions, requests for reimbursement of medical expenses, voucher applications, and training at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 18, 2026, in Bismarck, N.D. in Room 210, located on the second floor of the Judicial Wing of the State Capitol.

Copies of the proposed rules are available for review at human service zones offices and at state-operated behavioral health clinics. Copies of the proposed rules and the regulatory analysis relating to these rules may be requested by telephoning (701) 328-2311. Written or oral data, views, or arguments may be entered at the hearing or sent to: Rules Administrator, North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services, State Capitol - Judicial Wing, 600 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept. 325, Bismarck, ND 58505-0250. Written data, views, or arguments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 30, 2026.

ATTENTION PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES: If you plan to attend the hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the Department of Health and Human Services at the above telephone number or address at least two weeks prior to the hearing.  
Dated this 27th day of January, 2026.

# Tiger trio leads team to win

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After a 32-55 loss on the road to Glen Ullin/Hebron Feb. 3, the New England boys basketball team found redemption on the home court with a 73-48 win over Lemmon Feb. 6. The week put the Tigers at 4-12 overall.

Relying on senior starters Gage Madler, Jordan Jung and Mark Fitterer to keep the scoreboard lit, the Tigers found standout performances with a 25-point effort from

Madler, a 22-point stat sheet from Jung that included four treys and an 11-point addition from Mark Fitterer in the victory against Lemmon.

With his team just one basket ahead at the end of the first quarter, Jung took control in the second quarter, launching three baskets from beyond the arc and netting 13 points in the quarter. Then it was Madler's turn after halftime, as the center's inside game brought the Tigers 12 points in the third quarter.

The Tiger bench hit the court after Ty Wolf and Koedyn Awender fouled out and the Tiger lead expanded, with Aidan Merchant and Coedy Nichols each netting their

New England vs. Glen Ullin/Hebron				
32-55				
NE	10	12	22	32
GU/H	18	32	47	55
Scoring: Gage Madler 13, Jordan Jung 10, Mark Fitterer 8, Koedyn Awender 1. Three-point field goals: Jung 2.				

first varsity points.

The Tigers will rumble with the Grant County/Mott-Regent Jaguars on Friday, Feb. 13, on the Tiger court.

New England vs. Lemmon				
73-48				
NE	11	32	56	73
Lemmon	9	28	39	48
Scoring: Gage Madler 25, Jordan Jung 22, Mark Fitterer 11, Koedyn Awender 7, Ty Wolf 2, Joel Schulz 2, Aidan Merchant 2, Coedy Nichols 2. Three-point field goals: Jung 4, Awender 1, Fitterer 1.				

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- Must own a home in ND and reside in it as your primary residence
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- Must apply and be approved annually to receive the credit

Application Deadline: April 1, 2026

Apply Online: [www.tax.nd.gov/prc](http://www.tax.nd.gov/prc)

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Job Title: Seasonal Mott Operations

Roles and Responsibilities

- Support agronomy operations, including fertilizer, seed and chemical handling.
- Operate equipment such as conveyors, augers, forklifts, skid steers, etc.
- Perform general facility maintenance and housekeeping to maintain a safe and efficient work environment.
- Accurately complete required paperwork, scale tickets, etc.
- Work closely with agronomy sales, operations and precision teams to ensure timely service.
- Safely transport and deliver agronomy and precision products.
- Additional duties may be assigned by management.

Qualifications and Education Requirements

- Ability to lift 75 lbs.
- High school diploma.
- Must be able to follow directions and effectively communicate with others.
- Willingness to work extended hours during harvest season.
- Must pass pre-employment drug test.

Wages and Applications

- Wages on dependent upon experience.
- Employment applications are available at <http://plainsgrain.com/about-us/career-opportunities/>

Email application to [jschimming@plainsgrains.com](mailto:jschimming@plainsgrains.com)

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