



5th GRADE: BR: James Hanson, Amelie Desrocher, Blakely Wiemann, Wyatt Lessman. FR: Aili Coleman, Vivian Peterson, Jersey White, Tana Wald



6th GRADE: BR: Camden Peterson, Alex Lacina, Honor Johnson, Addy Lee, Sienna Riddle. FR: Kinley Schaffer, Tucker Lessman, Reed Bockwoldt, Brecken Enger, Annie Pulfrey, Dayana Gutierrez-Caceres.



JUNIOR HIGH: BR: Kaydence Kale, Claire DelaBarre; MR: Vyolett Patraw, Livia Van Eeden; FR: Aspen Brandt, Kinley Wiemann; Not pictured: Toni Wald

STUDENT MUSICIAN'S PARTICIPATE IN YOUNG MUSICIAN'S FESTIVAL

LaMoure school musician's in grades 5-8 participated in the Young Musician's Festival, Saturday, February 28th. Enderlin school has hosted this festival for a number of years now and this year may have been the biggest yet with 340 entries! Schools that participated this year were; Carrington, Edgeley, Enderlin, Gackle-Streeter, Griggs County, Kindred, Kulm, LaMoure, Maple Valley, Mapleton, Oak Grove, Richland, and Wahpeton. Qualified judges are hired to listen, critique, and encourage young musicians to continue learning and performing. Mrs. Lebahn and her young musician's want to thank parents, grandparents, and friends who came to support and listen to their performances.

YOUNG MUSICIAN'S FESTIVAL ENTRIES AND RESULTS NAMES ENTRY SONG RATING

Aria Brown - Clarinet Solo - There's Music in The Air	.....Excellent
Vivian Peterson - Flute Solo - O Come, All Ye Faithful	.....Superior
Wyatt Lessman - Alto Sax Solo - My Old Kentucky Home	.....Superior
Amie Desrocher - Trombone Solo - My Old Kentucky Home	.....Superior
Tana Wald - Trumpet Solo - Erie Canal	.....Excellent
James Hanson - Snare Drum Solo - Solo #1	.....Superior
Amirrah McQuin - Flute Solo - God Rest Ye Merry Gentleman	.....Superior
Wyatt Lessman - Vocal Solo - I've Got Peace Like A River	.....Superior
Tana Wald - Vocal Solo - My Favorite Things	.....Excellent
Aili Coleman & Amirrah McQuin - Vocal Duet - This Little Light of Mine	.....Superior
Vivian Peterson, Amie Desrocher, Blakely Wiemann - Vocal Group Sing	.....Superior
5th Grade Girls Vocal Group - When You're Smiling	.....Superior
Amie Desrocher & Aria Brown - Trombone & Clarinet Duet	.....Superior
Crusader's Hymn	.....Superior
Blakely Wiemann & Tana Wald - Trumpet Duet	.....Excellent
Crusader's Hymn	.....Excellent
Vivian Peterson & Amirrah McQuin - Flute Duet	.....Superior
Duet of the Crusaders	.....Superior
Addy Lee, Vivian Peterson, Aili Coleman, Amirrah McQuin, & Blakely Wiemann - Vocal Group - Swing Low, Sweet Chariot	.....Excellent
Tucker Lee - Vocal Solo - Aura Lee	.....Excellent
Alex Lacina - Vocal Solo - Red River Valley	.....Excellent
Addy Lee - Vocal Solo - Butterfly	.....Excellent
Honor Johnson - Vocal Solo - Give Me A Kite	.....Excellent
Sienna Riddle - Vocal Solo - John Henry	.....Excellent
Reed Bockwoldt & Alex Lacina - Vocal Duet - Erie Canal	.....Excellent
6th Grade Girls Vocal Group - Soon It's Gonna Rain	.....Superior
Addy Lee - Flute Solo - La Petite Danse	.....Superior
Kinley Schaffer & Honor Johnson - Clarinet Duet - English Dance	.....Excellent
Camden Peterson & Tucker Lessman - Trumpet Duet - America Duet	.....Excellent
Camden Peterson, Reed Bockwoldt, Brecken Enger, & Alex Lacina Brass/Drum Set Combo Rock.com	.....Excellent
Toni Wald & Kinley Wiemann - Flute Duet - Beethoven's Metronome	.....Superior
Kaydence Kale, Vyolett, Patraw, Aspen Brandt, Claire DelaBarre, Livia Van Eeden, Toni Wald, & Kinley Wiemann Vocal Group Kusimama (Stand Tall)	.....Excellent
Claire DelaBarre - Trumpet Solo - Lyra	.....Excellent

SUB SANDWICH SALES ARE BACK!!

Just in time for Springs work!
Don't Miss Your Chance To STOCK UP - Scan the QR code or contact a member of the youth group today!

\$3.50 EACH

\$21 HALF DOZEN

\$42 DOZEN

An Italian sub filled with salami, ham, american, and swiss cheeses.

Orders due April 2, assembly April 10th

*Serving suggestion

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MARION 125TH PLANNING COMMITTEE PRESENTS:

MARION 125TH Documentary

Come join us in reliving the best days of last summer.
You bring the blanket - we'll have the popcorn & water!

MARCH 27, 2026 @ 7:00 PM

MARION COMMUNITY HALL

LaMoure School Menu

Wednesday, March 18:
B- Frudels
L- Chicken Stacker Bowl
Thursday, March 19 &
Friday, March 20:
NO SCHOOL -

SPRING BREAK
Monday, March 23:
B-Breakfast Sandwich
L- Spaghetti
Meatballs
Bread Stick
Tuesday, March 24:
B- Frudels
L- Pizza
Wednesday, March 25:
B- French Toast
Bacon
L- Sub Sandwiches
Chips
Thursday, March 26:
B- Scones
L- Meatloaf
Buttered Noodles
Friday, March 27:
B-Biscuits & Gravy
L- Grilled Cheese
Tomato Soup

Statewide research effort examines health of newspaper business, community journalism

Members of the Future of Local News Initiative steering committee represented a diverse group of statewide media representatives, newspaper publishers, communicators and student journalists. Steering committee and working committee members, from left, are Keiara Lesmeister, Cecile Wehrman, Chris Gessele, Ann Alquist, Steve Andrist, Avis Red Bear, Ellen Huber, Amy Dalrymple, Rob Keller, Sophia Fafard, Cally Peterson, Kayden Schmitke and Joy Schoch.

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ing elected officials accountable for the choices they make," says Jill Friesz, owner of GS Publishing which publishes seven weekly newspapers serving southwestern North Dakota.

"It was really gratifying in the news desert study to see all the things people miss about having a newspaper," Wehrman says. "If you lose a newspaper, you've lost the place where people know they can go for government information, public notices, city minutes, school board minutes, and you lose your history, because nobody is recording for posterity the good things that happen in your town."

SUCCESSION PLANNING

One key finding revealed an urgent need for succession planning. As newspaper owners and publishers eye retirement, cultivating the next generation of publishers is critical for the sustainability of community journalism.

"Newspapers don't look on paper like a good investment, so what bank is going to loan for a business that barely cash flows? And yet, so many newspapers do just pay for themselves. (The small weeklies) are not profit centers," Wehrman acknowledges.

Fortunately, several non-owner journalists surveyed expressed interest in owning newspapers, identifying low-interest financing, grants and downpayment assistance as needed supports.

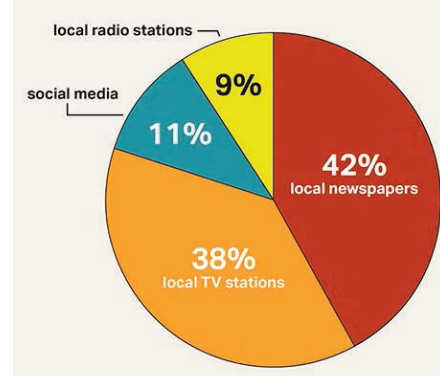
"It's heartening to hear we have journalists who are interested in moving into ownership. Helping them attain that goal is a concrete effort we can prioritize," Wehrman says.

EVENTUE MODEL

Despite rising postal costs and declining advertising revenue, more than 80% of independent newspapers reported operating at breakeven or better in 2024.

Still, finding new advertising sources and exploring a new revenue model that attracts new subscribers

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and more accurately reflects the cost of doing business will be key action items going forward, Wehrman says.

"Most people look at their newspaper almost as a utility, as though it will always be there, that it's impervious and impenetrable, and it's not. It's a small private business in 99% of cases, and like any business, if people don't support it, there's no one that's going to do it for free," Wehrman says.

CARRYING THE RESEARCH FORWARD

"I was banging my head against the wall for years as a small weekly newspaper publisher trying to crack these nuts on my own for my own newspaper," Wehrman says. "And I guess the longer I did it, and the more involved I became in NDNA, the more I realized these problems are the same for every newspaper. And so, wanting to help others find those solutions is, you know, work I enjoy."

Armed with the research, Wehrman will lead NDNA in search of funding to continue the work. She hopes to test four strategies identified through the Future of Local News Initiative in the areas of succession planning, a print and digital newspaper sampling program to grow circulation, implementing a proven revenue model that has worked for some N.D. newspapers, and delivering tailored advertising programs and promotions.

"Those are just four things out of 50 that we would like to pursue," Wehrman says. "What we're pursuing first are things that can make an

80%

of North Dakotans believe not having a local newspaper would have a negative impact on the community.

immediate difference in strengthening the newspapers we have."

"Nothing will ever change and we can't expect to grow if we aren't open to talking about new ideas and solutions," Friesz says. "Being able to share some of the concerns the newspaper industry is experiencing is valuable, and it was great to brainstorm with people from different industries about what they want to see from North Dakota newspapers and listen to their ideas."

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In North Dakota news desert counties, which lack a resident newspaper:

