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Fund Total:	112,847.75
SPECIAL RESERVE	
ALLIED ENERGY INC ..	7,350.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS	
ALLIED CLIMATE PROFESSIONALS	1,828.35
TOTAL:	\$122,026.10

ND OUTDOORS

While it might be a little easier to settle in for a Sunday nap this time of year, our fish populations don't have the luxury of just "hibernating" during the cold
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Doug Leier
ND Game and Fish Department

HELP WANTED

MCLEAN COUNTY seeks qualified candidates for Equipment Operator positions. Full-time, 40 hours per week with excellent employer-paid benefits, holidays, and paid leave. Join our team operating light to heavy equipment on county projects. Enjoy stable employment, career advancement opportunities, and strong work-life balance. Apply today at www.mclean-countynd.gov/employment

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PUBLIC NOTICES

EDGELEY SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES.

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3. Superintendent Summative Evaluation. The evaluation was provided for the board members to complete, and President Fleck requested them to be returned by March 6, 2026.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 11, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the Edgeley School Conference Room.

Gross motioned to adjourn the meeting, Schlosser seconded the motion. Motion carried.
Approved: x / 3/11/26

Business Manager: Jane Brandenburg
President: Jeffrey Fleck

APPROVED BILLS:

GENERAL FUND	
ALLIED ENERGY INC ..	2,680.47
AMERICAN EXPRESS	6,165.13
ANDERSON BROTHERS INC ..	8,752.94
CENEX FLEETCARD	851.29
CITY OF EDGELEY	604.14
DAKOTA BOYS AND GIRLS RANCH	26,117.00
DAKOTA DUST-TEX	183.00
DAKOTA VALLEY SERVICE CORPORATION	1,722.82
DICKEY RURAL COMMUNICATIONS	3,622.55
DOLLAR GENERAL - REGIONS 410526	201.15
DOLLYWOOD FOUNDATION, THE	29.73
EDGELEY MARKET INC	216.67
GRAINGER.....	12.22

TOWNSHIP NOTICES

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION
Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of WRIGHT TOWNSHIP, Dickey County, North Dakota, that the Annual Township meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 17, 2026 at 5:30 PM at the Joey & Trista Gemar residence. Purpose of the Meeting: Review and approval of previous year Annual Financial Report, elect one supervisor for a 3-year term, elect one Clerk/Treasurer for a 1-year term, set the annual budget and levy for the ensuing year, review/approve gravel, blading and snow removal contracts and conduct any other business properly brought before the electors. Pursuant to NDCC 58-04 33-1t-x

PUBLIC NOTICE

RUSSELL TOWNSHIP
Russell township will hold its annual township meeting March 31, 2026 at 6 p.m. at the Dickey Community Hall located in Dickey, ND. The annual meeting will be immediately followed by a special zoning and planning meeting. Amendments and additions to the comprehensive plan and ordinances will have a second reading at this time. A copy of the amendments and additions to the comprehensive plan and ordinances will be available, to the public, for inspection at the LaMoure county auditor's office or by contacting the Russell township chairman. 32-2t-c

MIKKELSON TOWNSHIP
will hold their annual meeting on Tuesday March 24, 2026 from 7:00-8:00 PM at the Jud Hall. Mikkelson Township will be voting to approve a proposed budget of \$23,443.71 which exceeds the 3% property cap by 6.05% and represents a dollar value of \$1,300.08. Tim Geinert, Clerk/Treas 32-2t-c

THE WILLOWBANK TOWNSHIP annual meeting will be held March 24, 2026, at 6:30 PM at Willowbank Colony. 32-2t-x

The changing patterns of fish and wildlife

Whether you go by the calendar or conditions on the ground, winter in North Dakota is always a season of transition. Officially, the books say it starts Dec. 21 and wraps up March 21. For me, winter started with a true cold and snow snap just before Thanksgiving. For some, it didn't truly feel like winter until those late February storms rolled in. That late-season blanket of white has a way of quickly erasing memories of those unseasonably warm December days that felt more like October or April. Personally, I'd acclimated quite well to the milder weather, but the return of the winter reflex – warming up the pickup and double-checking for sandbags, shovels and survival gear – is just part of living in the 701.

While it might be a little easier to settle in for a Sunday nap this time of year, our fish populations don't have the luxury of just "hibernating" during the

cold. They simply change their routine, and seasoned ice anglers have learned to adapt right along with them. During these months, anglers typically target our coolwater species like yellow perch, walleye, and northern pike. These fish stay active even under two feet of ice and snow. On the flip side, warmwater species – largemouth and smallmouth bass, white bass and catfish – slow way down. As Randy Hiltner, former Game and Fish Department district fisheries supervisor in Devils Lake, put it: "Their internal furnaces aren't running on high right now. Their metabolism drops, and they just don't need to feed as much. In Devils Lake, white bass likely aren't wasting energy chasing minnows when they can just sit back and pick from the scud buffet the lake is known for."

Biologists can see this period of lethargy by looking at fish scales, which read a lot like the growth rings on a tree. In winter, those rings

are packed tight, showing how little the fish grew during the lean months.

Fish are adapted to their own optimums. In the heat of summer, trout get stressed while bass thrive. In winter, it's the opposite. We don't know everything about what happens under that ice, but we do know these warmwater species are doing as little as possible to keep their stress levels low.

Still, every winter we hear about an angler pulling up a white bass or a largemouth. Most likely, the bait just happened to land right in front of them, and they bit out of natural reaction rather than hunger. It also helps to remember that while most ice anglers fish near the bottom, these warmwater species might be suspended somewhere else in the water column.

As the calendar turns toward March and April, I'll be moving into my spring pattern, and you can bet the fish and fowl will be doing the same. Stay safe and enjoy North Dakota's great outdoors.

GRAND RAPIDS TOWNSHIP annual meeting will be held Tuesday, March 17th, 1:30-2:30 pm at Zion Lutheran Church. One supervisor and clerk/treasurer election will be held. Luanne Slykerman, Clerk 32-2t-c

NORDEN TOWNSHIP annual township meeting, Tuesday, March 24, 2026, 4 pm at the Ron Bjur residence - 7437 68th Ave SE, Kulm, ND. On the agenda: To elect one supervisor for the term of three years, and the following officers for the term of two years: One Township Clerk, one Assessor, one Treasurer, and two Constables. Ron Bjur, Township Clerk 32-2t-c

GRANDVIEW TOWNSHIP annual meeting will be on March 26 at 7 pm at Susan Muske residence. 33-2t-c

SWEDE TOWNSHIP Annual Meeting: Thursday, March 19th at 7pm 6872 67th Ave, SE Kulm, ND 58456 33-1t-c

NORTHWEST TOWNSHIP NOTICE: The Annual Meeting will be held March 26th, 2026, at 7:30 pm at the home of Rowen and Cherie Roloff. Cherie Roloff, Clerk 33-2t-c

POMONA VIEW TOWNSHIP annual meeting, Sunday, March 29, 3 PM at Steve Herman residence. 33-2t-c

SUDOKU ANSWERS

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