

## SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



### New Salem/ Almont Holsteins

**Name:** Kolter Miller

**Family:** Amy, Jaread, Kasyn Miller; Diane, Greg, Lacey, Mattie Maier; Jimmy, Monique, Matt, Jorrie

**Do you have any nicknames?** Kolte

**What is your favorite class?** Gym

**Who is your favorite teacher?** Floberg

**Favorite social media app?** Insta

**What is your favorite tv show?** That 70s Show

**Who is your favorite musician?** Layne Staley

**Favorite food?** Mac n' cheese

**Least favorite school food?** Farmers casserole

**How do you stay informed on current events?** I don't

**Least favorite chore to help with at home?** none

**Favorite midnight snack?** cereal

**What is your favorite holiday? Why?** Christmas, its cozy

**What are your plans after high school?** Go be an apprentice at the Millrights

**What do you do in your spare time?** Play guitar

**What are your pet peeves?** When there's a little rock rolling around in your shoe

**Who is your role model and why?** Dad, cause he's my dad

**If you could choose a super power, what would it be and why?** Teleport, I'd like to move fast

**If you could meet one person from history, who would it be?** Malcolm X, seems chill

**What would you do if you won the lottery?** Retire my fam, buy a bunch of guitars

**What is your dream job?** Out of water ceramic technician.

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My husband, Tim, and I are the parents of five adult children who attended Mandan public schools. I still own our family's farm, purchased in 1944. That farm shaped my work ethic, my respect for natural resources and my understanding of what rural communities need to thrive. My parents didn't have electricity or running water in their early years on that land, but electric cooperatives and rural water projects changed that. I saw firsthand what government can accomplish when it works for the people it serves, and that belief has stayed with me ever since.

My community involvement includes Friends of the Library advocate and volunteer, longtime Sunday school teacher and a former PTO member. My priorities would be:

- Strong public education in K-12 through affordable post-secondary training
- Support for farm families and rural economies
- Government oversight and transparency, with an ethical and accountable government responsive to citizens, not special interests
- Accessible, affordable healthcare, with rural clinics, hospitals and prescription access

Q. Why do you feel the call to serve in the state Legislature?

A. I believe in public service and giving back to the state that has given my family and me so much. North Dakota's Legislature has been ruled by a supermajority party for 20 years, voting against the will of the people, distracting the state with culture war issues and getting caught serving themselves, while working families, retirees, farmers and young North Dakotans have too often been left behind. I believe people need to be the priority. I will be a practical, independent voice for the people of District 31.

Q. If elected, what are your top two goals?

A. 1) I will be a voice for public education. Education is the backbone of our state and country and every individual should have access to quality public education and uncensored information. The voucher program that passed or tax dollars going to private schools will only funnel money away from public schools that are already underfunded. 2)

Q. What's your favorite place (besides home) in District 31?

A. One of my favorite places in District 31 is the drive along the Missouri River on Highway 1806. I have traveled that particular road many times going to and from our family farm. I am always thankful for the gift of the open prairie,

I will also focus on government oversight and transparency. We need a variety of people at the table holding each other accountable with North Dakota's resources and environment and how tax dollars are being misspent.

Q. What is the biggest challenge District 31 in particular faces and how would you tackle that challenge?

A. Affordability and reductions in federal funds will be one of the biggest issues facing all North Dakotans. Less funding for healthcare will endanger our rural hospitals and health insurance affordability, in addition to the cuts that will impact farm programs, and education. A tighter budget means prioritizing North Dakotans instead of giving breaks to out-of-state interests who only want to exploit the state's resources at the expense of citizens and taxpayers. I will be a voice for the people of North Dakota.

Q. From teacher shortages to budget shortfalls, rural school districts face a myriad of challenges. How will you best help move our rural school districts forward?

A. Rural communities have struggled to maintain schools for many years. I will work to make funding education a priority for the state. Our greatest resource isn't oil, coal, water or even our land. Our greatest resource is our children and our people, and I will work tirelessly to see they don't get overlooked or left behind. I spent years learning and communicating difficult scientific solutions to medical problems. That skillset will transfer to the legislative process representing the people of Grant, Hettinger, Sioux and Morton counties. I will work to ensure rural students have access through technology to the types of programs bigger schools offer to equip them for the future. I will look for opportunities to incentivize and train local students to fill the teaching roles in their hometowns.

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the big skies and the river that runs through and connects it all. We live in a beautiful place, a gift many in the world don't get to experience. I want to work for the people of North Dakota to help preserve our land, and ensure fairness and equity among our people.

## Mandan Public Schools

### Monday, May 18

Breakfast- cook's choice  
Lunch- cook's choice  
Varsity Boys Golf Tournament at Dickinson  
WDA Play in Game vs Jamestown  
Jazz II concert

### Tuesday, May 19

Breakfast- cook's choice  
Lunch- cook's choice  
Varsity Boys Golf Tournament at Ray  
JV Girls Soccer vs Dickinson  
Jazz I concert

### Wednesday, May 20

Breakfast- cook's choice  
Lunch- cook's choice

### Thursday, May 21

Last Day of School  
Breakfast- cook's choice  
Lunch- cook's choice  
Softball Regionals at Williston  
Girls Tennis regionals at Minot  
State Track and Field at Bismarck Community Bowl  
Regional Baseball Tournament in Bismarck, Braves play at 11:00 a.m.  
Girls Soccer at Bismarck Century, JV at 6:00 p.m. Varsity at 8:00 p.m.

### Friday, May 22

Softball Regionals at Williston  
Girls Tennis regionals at Minot  
State Track and Field at Bismarck Community Bowl  
Regional Baseball Tournament in Bismarck

### Saturday, May 23

Softball Regionals at Williston  
Girls Tennis regionals at Minot  
State Track and Field at Bismarck Community Bowl  
Regional Baseball Tournament in Bismarck

### Sunday, May 24

Graduation at Starion Sports Complex 2:00 p.m.

**Tell them you saw it in the Morton County News Journal!**



*Thank You Shelby*

**Thanks for all of your hard work at the Met and congratulations on your graduation! It has been a pleasure having you work for us, and we wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors.**

- All of us at the Metropolitan

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### LOCAL BOARD APPOINTMENTS

**Morton County Park Board:** The Park Board members are responsible for managing the Morton County Parks and meets with the board on a monthly basis. Appointment is for a 3-year term expiring 06/30/2029, board members may serve for more than one term.

**Morton County School Reorganization Board:** The School Reorganization Board is responsible for hearing any requests, and providing a recommendation, from county patrons and/or school districts, requesting a change in the boundaries of a school district in which their property lies. After approval and recommendation by the County Reorganization Board, the County petition is sent to State officials for final action. Appointment is for a term of 3 years expiring 06/30/2029, board members may serve for more than one term.

**Three River Human Service Zone:** formerly known as Morton County Social Services. Interested candidates must reside in Morton County.

The 65th Legislative Assembly passed a bill known as Senate Bill 2124 which allows regions to work collaboratively with each other and the ND Department of Human Services in meeting the needs of North Dakota citizens through programs and services. The programs being delivered include federal, state, and local programs to citizens, including food stamps, health care assistance, housing and home energy assistance, foster care, child/daycare licensing, abuse and neglect intervention with the goal of helping people reach their maximum level of self-sufficiency. In an effort to meet regional needs, Morton, Grant, and Sioux County joined forces to create Three Rivers Human Service Zone.

This board is seeking qualified individuals to apply for the opening. The primary requirement is Morton County residency, over the age of 18, and have the ability to meet with the board on a monthly basis. Appointment is for a 3-year term expiring 06/30/2029, board members may serve for more than one term.

**Morton County Planning & Zoning Board:** The Planning & Zoning Board members are responsible for making recommendations to the County Commission regarding development and land uses in the county. The appointment includes: Review of master plans, preliminary and final plats, Zone change request, Zoning Violations, Other items as instructed by the County Commission

The appointment is for a 4-year term expiring 06/30/2030. Meetings are usually held the fourth Wednesday of every month at 5:30pm at the Morton County Courthouse.

Please complete the application for consideration, which can be found on our website at [www.co.morton.nd.us/employment](http://www.co.morton.nd.us/employment). Deadline for applications is June 18, 2026.

If you have questions or comments, please reach out to Dawn Rhone, County Auditor or Wendy Bent, Human Resources Director.

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