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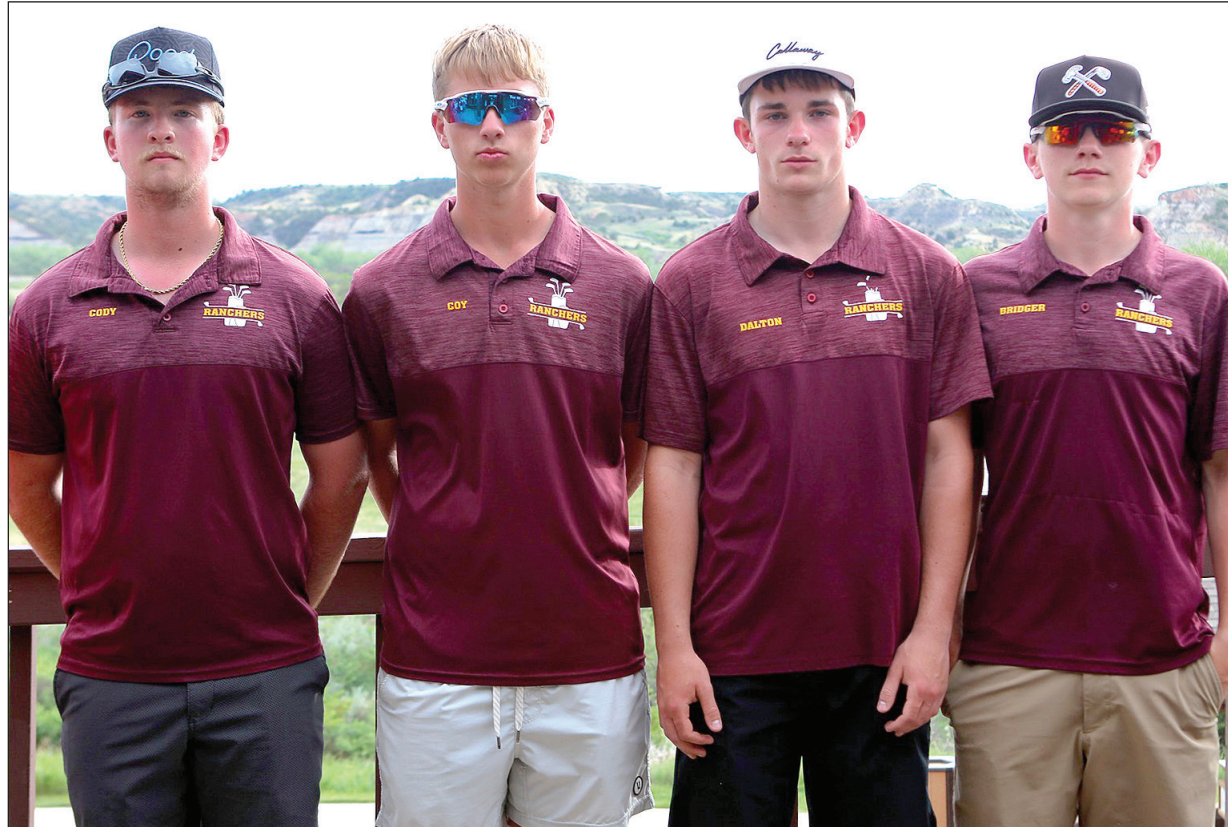
Ranchers Qualify Golfers to State

The Powers Lake Rancher golf team traveled to Medora to participate in the Class B Boys Region 5 & 6 Golf Meet at Bully Pulpit, Tuesday, May 26.

The Ranchers competed against 26 schools (142 golfers), finishing sixth in the team event.

Coy Carlson (ninth grader) shot an 85, placing 19th; Dalton Puckett (ninth grader) 86, placing 27th; Bridger Hengel (seventh grader) and Cody Rystedt (sophomore) each scored 87, tying for 33rd place; Luke Rystedt (eighth grader) 90, placing 45th; and Cade Nordloef (sophomore) 91, for 48th place.

Carlson, Puckett, C. Rystedt and Hengel qualified individually for the state golf meet, June 2-3 held at the Crossroads Golf Club in Carrington. The Ranchers bring experience as Puckett, C. Rystedt and Carlson competed in last year's state meet.



STATE GOLF QUALIFIERS: Cody Rystedt, Coy Carlson, Dalton Puckett and Bridger Hengel.

Deputy Nelson Joins Sheriff Department

by LISA THOMAS

Havanah Nelson is new to Burke County Sheriff's Office but not to law enforcement. Nelson joins the Burke County team of deputies with five years of experience in two different detention centers.

The 2020 Bowbells graduate spent three years at the Williams County Correctional Center and two years at the detention center in Stanley.

The change of environment has been uplifting for Nelson in that she gets to be out working with the public now.

"I'm enjoying getting to interact with people in the community and going into schools," Nelson said.

Working in the corrections facilities didn't allow Nelson to be integrated with people in the area while working. Her new position as a sheriff's deputy has been a great experience.

"So far, I love it. It's been great!" she shared.

Deputy Nelson went through field training, been out on her own patrolling the county and answering calls for service.

She started the end of April and says she really enjoys her co-workers and boss, Sheriff Nick Throntveit.

"They are all really easy to get along with," she explained.

As for Sheriff Throntveit she said, "I couldn't ask for a bet-



Deputy Havanah Nelson

ter boss."

Deputy Nelson is passionate about her career in law enforcement and dedicates her time and effort to serving the county that she's become very familiar with. Many residents of the Bowbells area may remember her from her years at Bowbells School.

Her dad, Daniel Nelson, still lives on a farm by Bowbells and she considers this area home.

The highlight for her has been "the diversity of the job and getting to interact with different people every day," she said.

Deputy Nelson lives in Bowbells and enjoys spending time with family and friends. When she isn't dedicating her time to her career, she loves walking her dog and the peaceful pace of life in her old home town.

Powers Lake Ties Help with The Lord's Cupboard Gardening Project

by KATHY HOLTE

The Lord's Cupboard gardening project has been in production for the last eight years and has been very successful.

Duane Brekke, who owns a farm north of Velva and just south of Simcoe in McHenry County, had donated raised garden beds on his farm to The Lord's Cupboard Food Pantry in Minot so people could have fresh garden produce.

Brekke credits Gerald Roise for this success as well as Master Gardeners, Mark Schumaker and Leslie Coughlin. Mark is responsible for the plant selection and rotation of vegetable plants and has been involved since 2020.

"We use old farming habits," said Brekke. "We never plant the same vegetables in the gardens in the same place. Something is skipped every three years, and Mark is well-versed in horticulture."

Brekke believes last year's production was the best harvest so far. In the first year, 5,000 pounds of vegetables were raised, and in the last three years yielded just over 14,000 pounds a year, so that's about seven tons.

The gardens, hopefully, will be fortunate weather wise this year, but their irrigation is now a drip irrigation system. When the garden was set up originally the watering system was an overhead line which shot water down like a sprinkler system and they found that when the plants got large the water wasn't getting to the soil.

Roise developed a great watering system in 2023 when this group went with WI-FI/wireless controlled technology he could run from his cell phone.

"I can control watering the garden from anywhere in the world," Roise said. "And that has really been a lifesaver because this is a drip system, making very efficient use of water preparation system."

He explained that watering for about two to three hours on each plant bed you want to be careful not to waste water.

"The water supply is fantastic from well water at the Brekke homestead (Sam's Place)," Roise continues. "In the tomato plant section there will be a spicket at each plant and the area in between does not get water, so the weeds don't grow."

After two to three hours Roise doesn't have to remember to shut off the water because it shuts itself off. Then he will start another. A rain gauge is set up, and rainfall can be recorded so watering adjustments can be made accordingly.

The Lord's Cupboard is successful due to dedicated volunteers every year who take time to weed, plant, monitor progress and harvest throughout the growing season.

Three of those dedicated volunteers are originally from Burke County. Gerald Roise was born and raised on the family farm south of Powers Lake and after graduating from NDSU in Fargo, he continued farming and raising Hereford cattle. He became Lay Minister at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Powers Lake and later the Pastor at Bethany Lutheran at Bethany Lutheran Church in Minot. LuAnn Roise taught Home Economics in Powers Lake from 1973-1981 and again from 1986-1991 for a combined 15 years.



LuAnn Roise and Jolene Anderson help with the planting.



Gerald Roise developed a watering system he can run from his cell phone.

Jolene Anderson worked as a civilian in the Resources Flight in the Civil Engineering Squadron at Minot AFB from 1987 to 2011. She has been a dedicated volunteer for the past 15 years

for Christ Lutheran Church's Soup Kitchen, The Lord's Cupboard Food Pantry, The Pantry Garden, and Scandinavian Heritage Park.

NextEra Updates Commissioners on BESS Construction

Clint Scherb, NextEra Energy and Abraham Hagstrom, construction manager of the Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), gave an update to the Burke County Commissioners at their May 19th meeting.

Mobilization began April 27 at Outlot 292 and Outlot 259, SE1/4 Section 17, Township 161 North, Range 93 West. The BESS pad and roads have been installed. The retention pond is about 90% complete. Parking lot and laydown yard should be completed today (May 19).

The first delivery of components (batteries and converters) is expected to arrive June 16 with deliveries continuing through July.

The Public Service Commission has been monitoring the top soil and stripping. Emergent (environmental worker) has been inspecting the construction site.

planning & zoning

Stephanie Black, planning & zoning administrator, reported on the public hearing held for Basin Electric Power Cooperative for a transmission project in Battleview and Thorson Townships. The commissioners approved the

conditional use permit.

A new public hearing will need to be set for Central Specialties' conditional use permit as the legal description was not correct in the permit application and the legal notice was only published once instead of the required two.

The commissioners approved a building permit for an addition to an existing house in Colville Township and a building permit for a grain bin and widening of an approach in Lakeview Township. Note: Grain bins now require a permit. There is no fee for application.

roads

Spencer Goodman, road superintendent reported Mayo Construction has started the milling/paving project; load restriction were administered May 17 due to heavy rains; dust control is nearing completion; gravel has been removed from the Lucy pit; the lease tractors from Gooseneck have arrived; Butler was here to fix the courthouse generator.

The commissioners adopted a new road application and fees policy.

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