# GCMR is nine seniors deep

#### By Luann Dart

The Grant County/Mott-Regent (GCMR) boys basketball team is fully loaded with seniors this year, as nine of the team's 18 players in grades 9-12 are playing their final season. Seniors include Brandon Brunelle, Alex Doe, Jesse Reich, Adam Kautzman, Cole Manolovits, Brayden Smith, Andrew Eikamp, Hunter Oien and Raimu Oyama.

"Having nine seniors to lead your team, that's every coach's dream," said Head Coach Nate Zachmann.

The team will start its season Friday, Dec. 9, against Wilton-Wing in Elgin.

Sophomore Rhett Miller and junior Matthew Huether may be sidelined for a time due to football season injuries.

Reich, Kautzman, junior Weston

Zacher, Manolovits, who was sidelined most of last season due to an injury, and Huether are all returning as starters from last season.

"Our depth is going to be one of our strong suits, because we're going to have a really deep bench," Zachmann said.

The Grant County/Mott-Regent boys basketball team debuted with a newly formed co-op team last season.

"The biggest strength is we have one year under our belt with this new co-op. Last year, first day of practice, we hardly even knew each other," Zachmann said. "We're light years ahead of where we were last year at this time. With that, our culture and chemistry is better. The guys understand the system and the philosophy that we're trying to teach and they've bought in." Conditioning will be the main focus during early practices, he said, along with rebounding and being sound defensively.

"The season is a marathon, not a sprint," he said. "You want to make sure you're playing your best basketball into March."

"I'm super excited about it. I think we have a really good group, a really coachable group," Zachmann said. "All the newness has wore off from last year."

"We're going to have a fun year. That's the plan," he said.

Assistant coaches will be Colton Damjanovich, Ron Reich and Alex Aldinger.

Last season, GCMR walked away from their final game with an 11-12 overall record after a loss to Bowman County, 55-71, during the Region 7 boys basketball tournament.

## Tigers ready to roar into season

#### By Luann Dart

The New England Tigers boys basketball team returns three starters, with senior Matthew Bock and juniors Tallen Binstock and Jaren Rafferty, as the team prepares for the season's first game during the Roughrider Tournament starting Tuesday, Dec. 13.

With 17 players in grades 9-12, the team includes seniors Bock, Justin Kathrein and Jess Schulz.

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"With this team, we can go quite a long ways, but we're going to need some leaders to step up first," he said. "We need some guys that are able to step up on and off the court. What's going to make or break our season is if we can find two or three leaders on this team who are going to step up," he said.

"We have to work on coming together as a team, playing as one. We have to have great team chemistry. That's going to be a big part of our season is how all our guys gel," the coach said.

With only one player breaking the 6-foot height chart, rebounding will be a factor for the team, Hanson said.

"We have to rebound the ball well and play pressure defense, and we have to be aggressive, because we're under-sized," he said.

Hanson is entering is fifth year as head coach,

with Clarence Binstock returning as assistant coach. The Tigers ended their season last March with a 7-16 overall record.

Last season, New England's "gotta believe" moment came during the Region 7 tournament play-in game March 1, when the Tigers faced Glen Ullin-Hebron, a team that defeated the Tigers by 36 points in the regular season. Seeded No. 9 in Region 7, the Tigers took a win, 44-41, over No. 8 Glen Ullin-Hebron, in an inspired game. That game took the Tigers into a Region 7 tournament berth, where they were defeated by Beulah



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/s/ Raymond Kilzer 8828 Hwy 21 Mott, ND 58646 Personal Representative Extension Agent for the abovenamed county. The County Extension Agent must receive the completed nomination form by Dec. 23, 2022, or your mailedin form must be postmarked no later than Dec. 23, 2022. If you

DISTRICT

Probate No. 21-2022-PR-00022 In the Matter of the Estate of Vicki Kilzer, deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned have appointed Personal been Representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to Raymond Kilzer, Representative. Personal whose address is listed below or filed with the above-entitled Court at Mott, ND 58646.

David M. Crane Crane & Merriman, PC PO Box 99 Mott, ND 58646 Attorney for Personal Representative

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