

COLUMNIST

We look forward to a bright year in 2025

A new year is upon us! As 2024 comes to a close, we reflect with grateful hearts on all that has happened and turn the page to what promises to be a bright 2025. We have been blessed with many opportunities to make an impact as we educate the leaders of tomorrow. Our students are learning from faculty who are instilling the knowledge needed to be successful, as well as the values that will serve them well as they pursue their lives as leaders in their careers and communities. In the Fall Semester of 2024, 68 percent of all Mayville State students were from North Dakota. A poll of recent teacher education graduates shows that 82 percent hold teaching licenses in North Dakota. Almost 800 Mayville State graduates teach in North Dakota. At least one of our graduates is teaching in nearly every county in the state. Thanks to the generosity of our alumni and friends, the Mayville State University Foundation is experiencing many firsts. As of Oct. 31, MSU Foundation assets were at an all-time high of \$18,807,880. This is up from \$17,920,336 at the end of the fiscal year on June 30, 2024, and \$13,418,897 at the end of the fiscal year in 2023. Financial support to our athletic teams is outstanding. Through their work over the past four academic years, the Comet Athletic Club has given out more than \$666,000 in athletic scholarships. We are grateful to the Comet Athletic Club board members for their tireless support for Comet Athletics. Over the last several years, the North Dakota Challenge Grant has been multiplying the impact of the generosity of our alumni and friends who very thoughtfully provide scholarship resources for our students. For the current biennium which will end June 30, 2025, the legislature has made \$1.1 million available in matching funds for Mayville State University, up from the \$700,000 allotted in the last biennium. We are fortunate to have already exhausted all available challenge grant funds available for the biennium, thanks to the generosity of our alumni and friends whose private scholarship gifts were

matched at a rate of 50 cents on the dollar. We are hopeful that the legislators will choose to continue this program that has meant so much to Mayville State and its students. The future is bright at Mayville State University. We thank our employees, students, friends, and neighbors for the part they played in making 2024 a fantastic year. We look forward to continuing these important partnerships that will help to bring our beloved university to greater levels of success in 2025 and beyond. As we turn the calendar page, we know that many high school seniors will be taking a serious look at where they will make their college homes next fall. If you know of someone who would benefit from a Mayville State education, please encourage them to explore Mayville State. Last year at this time, a collaborative group of faculty and staff worked together to develop a new Honor Scholarship Program. The program allows prospective students to know the scholarship amount for which they are eligible up front. All new students are eligible for scholarships based on grade point average. Students may apply for competitive scholarships on top of these scholarships. You can learn more about scholarship opportunities and all that we have to offer at www.mayvillestate.edu/makeitmayville or arrange for a campus visit by calling 701-788-4842. We are eager to welcome new Comets to the family!



Brian Van Horn
MSU president

CENTRAL VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 13, 2024

Vice President Gunderson called the Central Valley School Board regular meeting to order at 7:00 AM on November 13, 2024, with Directors Knutson, Saure, Ensign, and Hong present. Directors Knudsvig and Billings were absent. Also present were Superintendent Brandt, Principal Sundby, CV teacher rep Katie Boorman, Dave Nelson, Lenita Larson, James Maertens, and Cole Short - Hillsboro Banner.

The agenda was confirmed. Motion by Knutson, seconded by Ensign and carried (all voting yes) to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2024, regular board meeting. Motion by Ensign, seconded by Saure and carried (all voting yes) to approve the financial reports. Motion by Ensign, seconded by Knutson and carried (all voting yes) to approve payment of checks #29959-29988, #16860-16876, #807, automatic payments, and commercial card purchases: General Fund bills totaling \$48,021.54; Food Service bills totaling \$14,649.62; Building Fund bills totaling \$4,772.83; and Activity Fund bills totaling \$17,902.20. GENERAL FUND - ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS, \$2,843.18; AMAZON, \$75.22; BISMARCK HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTER, \$50.00; BRIAN V JONGEWARD, \$180.00; CENGAGE LEARNING INC, \$6,638.76; CENTRAL CASS SCHOOL DISTRICT, \$100.00; CENTURY LINK, \$294.03; DOCKTER, LINDA, \$206.36; EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL WATER DISTRICT, \$1,866.37; EASY TIME CLOCK INC, \$65.00; ENVIROTECH HEATING & AIR, \$2,843.21; ESGI SOFTWARE, \$259.00; FARMERS UNION OIL, \$5,180.25; FCI FIRST COLLECTIONS INC, \$180.00; FIRST STATE BANK, \$171.90; FOLMER, DAVID, \$2,750.00; GAS STATION, \$156.93; GERRELLS SPORTS CENTER, \$24.00; GLOBAL SAFETY NETWORK, \$274.38; GST MULTIDISTRICT, \$14,679.76; HILLSBORO BANNER, \$132.80; INTERSTATE POWERSYSTEMS, \$31.30; JOHNSON CONTROLS FIRE PROTECTION LP, \$511.90; LARSON, LENITA, \$40.00; MENARDS, \$603.52; MSUM BOX OFFICE, \$290.00; NDACS STATE SPELLING BEE, \$85.00; NDSBA, \$495.00; NODAK ELECTRIC COOPERA-

TIVE, \$4,516.66; NORTHWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT, \$110.00; RADISSON HOTEL, BISMARCK, \$305.50; SCRIPPS NATIONAL SPELLING BEE, \$185.00; SUPERINTENDENTS REVOLVING FUND, \$26.80; UNITED STATES POST OFFICE, \$43.30; UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, \$126.00; UNUM LIFE INSURANCE CO, \$216.19; VERIZON WIRELESS, \$52.67; WASTE MANAGEMENT OF NORTH DAKOTA, \$599.06; WEX HEALTH, INC., \$50.00; WILLIAM H SADLER, INC., \$262.49. Total \$48,021.54. BUILDING FUND - STERLING CARPET ONE, \$4,772.83. Business Manager Report given by Larson. Welcome new board member, Curtis Hong. Principal Report given by Sundby. Upcoming dates of activities were shared. Sundby asked for the board's opinion on starting a CV Parent Teacher Organization as some parents have expressed interest. No opposition was voiced from the board. Athletic Director Report given by Nelson and Brandt. HCV does not have a girls' wrestling coach for 24-25; however, Trevor Kittleson will help when he can. Kirk Zink has resigned as head track coach. Under unfinished business, Brandt discussed current board committee members. Members will stay as is for now. Under new business, Larson informed the board that 3 CD's with First State Bank are maturing on 11/26/2024; Two General Fund CD's (1 for \$500,000 and 1 for \$250,000) and One Building Fund CD for \$175,000. Motion by Ensign, seconded by Knutson and carried (Gunderson abstained, the rest voting yes) to renew the three CD's at First State Bank at the 9 month Special CD rate. Motion by Saure, seconded by Ensign and carried (all voting yes) to enter into a tuition agreement with Climax-Shelley Public School for the 2024-25 school year in which CV will pay Climax-Shelley \$38,752.00 for seven CV district students educated in Climax. The board adjourned at 7:30 AM. The next board meeting will be Wednesday, December 11, 2024, at 7:00 AM.

Lenita Larson, Business Manager
David Knudsvig, President

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INVITATION TO BID PROJECT: Mayville State University, Mayville, North Dakota. Bid Package: 06-2 Old Main Renovation REBID Select Categories. BIDS CLOSE: Tuesday, 07 January 2025 at 2:00 PM CST with a virtual bid opening. DATE ISSUED: Friday, 20 December 2024 BY: PCL/Community, a Joint Venture. OUTLINE OF PROJECT: Old Main at Mayville State University is an existing building of approximately 57,197 square feet. This project will renovate all four levels of the building plus the mezzanine level. Project will also consist of repairs to the existing foundation. Renovations will include new non-load bearing walls, new structural steel framing, a new theater and stage, flooring, ceilings, MEP, fire suppression system, a new 5-story elevator, vertical wheelchair lift and stage lift with enclosure. At the exterior facade, all windows & doors will be replaced, masonry restoration, and a new roof. There will be two mechanical/stairwell additions to the building. Each mechanical addition will consist of 3 levels and each

stairwell addition will each be 4 levels high and contain approximately 4,000 sf each. Sitework includes new water and sanitary sewer lines. A new north entrance, landscaping/hardscape, asphalt parking lot, curb/gutter, and sidewalks. All in accordance with the drawings and specifications for MaSU Old Main Renovation. TYPE OF BIDS: Separate bids will be received for the following Bid Categories ONLY: 06-04 Selective Structural Demolition, 06-12 Steel & Misc. Metal Supply, 06-19 Joint Sealants & Expansion Joints, 06-22 Coiling Doors, 06-30 Seamless Flooring, as described above and detailed in Section 00 24 13 of the PCL/Community Project Manual - Scopes of Work/Bid Categories. CONSTRUCTION MANAGER: PCL/Community, a Joint Venture. The contracts will be with PCL/Community, a Joint Venture. THE OWNER: Mayville State University, 330 3rd St. NE, Mayville ND 58257. BID LOCATION: Community Contractors 4297 16th Ave. N, Grand Forks, ND Phone: (701)-772-2111 Fax: (701)-772-7049 Attn: Derrick Deering. Bids

received after the designated time will not be accepted. It is the bidder's responsibility to verify that mailed, faxed, emailed, or delivered bids are in the hands of PCL/Community, a Joint Venture, prior to the time of the bid opening. OBTAINING DOCUMENTS: Drawings and Specifications may be obtained by contacting Derrick Deering at ddeering@pcl.com or (320) 309-2650, please include contact information in email request. NORTH DAKOTA LAW: All bidders must be licensed for the full amount of their bids, as provided by North Dakota Century Code Section 43 07-05 and 43-07-12; and no bid will be read or considered which does not fully comply with the above provisions as to bond and licenses, and any deficient bid submitted will be resealed and returned to the bidder immediately. THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGER & OWNER reserve the right to reject & hold any or all bids for 90 days after the date fixed for opening thereof. Posted: PUBLIC NOTICE (December 20, 27, & January 3, 2025

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CITY OF BUXTON REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 11, 2024 - 7 P.M. BUXTON FIRE HALL

Present: Travis Soderberg, Holly Aamold, Keaton Flanagan, Dillon Nord, Cole Short and James Maertens

Recording: Jackie Siewert, Auditor

Meeting called to order by Mayor Travis Soderberg. Meeting minutes from the November 13, 2024 meeting were read. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Keaton Flanagan; seconded by Holly Aamold; motion passed unanimously.

The following bills were presented for payment: Waste Management, \$4445.75; Xcel Energy, \$1056.80; Visa Card, \$112.50; 13076, East Central Regional Water Dist, \$233.91; 13077, Florian & Sons, \$23500.00; 13078, Thomas Moe, \$150.00; 13079, US Post Office, \$72.00; 13080, Xcel Energy, \$25.60; 13081, Midco, \$49.52; 13082, Jacqueline Siewert, \$1385.25.

Ben Hershey motioned to approve the bills; Holly Aamold seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Jackie Siewert, city auditor, presented the council with the year-to-date budget review. Jackie advised the council that she inserted new line items for property clean-up income and expense to offset the cost of the demolition and any other future clean-up costs.

Mayor Soderberg advised the council that a final invoice from Florian & Sons has been received for the demolition of the old hardware store located at 317 Broadway. Jackie Siewert stated that she will be mailing an invoice to the property owner for the cost of the demolition certified mail.

Mayor Soderberg asked Jackie Siewert, city auditor, to update the council on the recent activity in regard to the outstanding quarterly bill for the property at 109 Ives Street.

Jackie stated that she called the realtor that sold the property to Mr. Nord and advised him of the outstanding bill from 2023 that was left unpaid. The realtor mailed a check for \$578.50. Jackie presented the council and Mr. Nord with a breakdown of the remaining charges. Mr. Nord thanked Jackie for taking the extra step and calling the realtor. Mr. Nord was happy with the outcome and paid the remaining outstanding balance.

Mayor Soderberg advised the council that he had received three quotes for updating the city's webpage. Municipal Impact quoted a \$399 upfront start-up fee with an annual subscription of \$665 and \$804 for the following year. The cities of Grandin, Emerado and Buffalo use this company. Municipal One required no start-up fee but was annual fee of \$1099.00. RJ Broadcasting was an \$800 start-up fee and then \$60/month. Mayor Soderberg had an online demonstration of Municipal Impact and Municipal One webpage design and layouts. He was more impressed with Municipal Impact's webpage. He liked that the city can make their own updates and changes and the ease of making the changes. He also stated that the new site would allow residents to sign up for alerts and receive texts for updates on things such as garbage/recycle delays or snow removal. The website would be ADD compliant and there isn't a term contract. Ben Hershey made a motion to accept the quote from Municipal Impact to update the city's webpage for \$399 start-up and \$665 for the 1st year and \$804 for the following; Keaton Flanagan seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Soderberg advised the council that he put up the last two American Flags. Keaton Flanagan made a motion to purchase four new American Flags; Holly Aamold seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Soderberg and Jackie

Siewert both agreed that there was a good turnout for the holiday tree lighting. Mayor Soderberg extended a thank you to all that attended and thank you to the Town & Country Center for the treats.

Mayor Soderberg advised the council that there have not been any recent dog issues.

Mayor Soderberg advised the council that Indigo Signs got the order for the materials to update the lighting on the Central Valley Championship sign but installation has not yet been completed. Installation is anticipated within the next week.

Mayor Soderberg advised the council that the inlets have all been marked.

Jackie Siewert, City Auditor, advised the council that she has reached out to First State Bank for possible payment options for residents to use for paying their city bill. She is waiting to hear back.

Ben Hershey advised the council that the fire department is currently filling the ice rink at the park.

Mayor Soderberg advised the council that he spoke with Jim Murphy, Trail County EDC, and the Trail County Showcase will possibly be scheduled the first week of February. We will discuss more at the January meeting.

Mayor Soderberg advised the council that the property owner adja-

cent to tract of land of the old tree pile is interested in purchasing that section of land. Holly Aamold brought up that there is a need for storage within Buxton and this would be a good location for it. Mayor Soderberg stated that was also in the discussion with the interested party.

Holly Aamold stated that the new city employee is available to relieve the Mayor of some of the additional tasks that he has been doing.

Jackie Siewert advised the council that she has started the 12 Days of Mystery Christmas Pictures again on Facebook.

Mayor Soderberg wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mayor Soderberg advised the council that next meeting would be January 8th. After discussion of the meeting falling early in the month it was decided to move the January 2025 meeting from January 8th to January 15th.

Mayor Soderberg confirmed that the next city council meeting will be held on January 15, 2025 at the Buxton Fire Hall at 7pm.

Holly Aamold made a motion to adjourn; Keaton Flanagan seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Jackie Siewert, Auditor
Travis Soderberg, Mayor

Obituaries

Carol Knodle



Carol Ann Knodle, age 77, Fargo, N.D., died peacefully with her family under hospice care at Sanford on Broadway, in Fargo on Dec. 13, 2024, after a 13-month battle with pancreatic cancer.

Carol was born on Jan. 6, 1947, the daughter of Louie and Anna Regier. She grew up in Moorhead, Minn., with her younger sister Helen Peters. Carol graduated from Moorhead High in 1965, and Moorhead State University in 1969. In 1970, she married Merrill Knodle in Bethesda Lutheran Church, Moorhead Minn. Their son Michael was born 1970, and in 1972, they moved to Hillsboro. In 1987, the family moved to Fargo, where they have lived for the last 41 years.

Carol and Merrill have shared two passions. First their son, then daughter-in-law Jackie, and then their four grandchildren, never missing a school or sporting event or personal milestone. A young Swedish girl spent a year with them in 1985 as a foreign exchange student, becoming a part of the families' lives. Their second passion has been involvement in their faith community at the Flame of Faith United Methodist Church, West Fargo. Carol was the Secretary/Treasurer for a number of years, and an active member in numerous church activities. She combined her service with her love of travel by participating in, and later leading, multiple mission trips to Bolivia and the Dominican Republic.

Carol's other service commitment was to the local chapter of the Altrusa Club, both as a Board member and Treasurer for many years. An important creative outlet was her love of crafting. She was part of a strong circle of friends who shared her interests. She combined family,

friends, hobbies, travels, and faith with her career, first as a math teacher in Pelican Rapids, and then as bookkeeper AgWay Grandin, Farmers Union Oil, Hillsboro, and Paradiso Restaurant, Fargo. She was a clerk at the Fargo Municipal Court, and finally a bookkeeper for Cash Aaland Law. Carol always seemed to have the energy to give her best and power through any obstacles that came along. She was often described as a "force of nature" by all who knew and loved her.

Carol is survived by her husband Merrill; son Michael and daughter-in-law Jackie; grandchildren Jacob, Grant, Annika, and Quinn; sister Helen; and Swedish daughter Anneli.

Memorials are preferred to Hospice of the Red River Valley.

A visitation was held Friday, Dec. 20, 2024, from 5 to 7 p.m., followed by a prayer service at 7 p.m. in West Funeral Home, West Fargo.

A memorial service was held Sunday, Dec. 22, 2024, at 3 p.m., in Flame of Faith United Methodist Church, West Fargo.

A delayed interment: will be held at Caledonia Cemetery, Caledonia, N.D.

Arrangements by West Funeral Home & Life Tribute Center - westfuneralhome.com.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION BIDS

Project: Traill county courthouse - east steps restoration
114 West Caledonia, Hillsboro, ND 58045
Architect's Project Number: 2024-11
Owner: Traill County, North Dakota
114 West Caledonia, Hillsboro, ND 5804
By: Hepper Olson Architects, Ltd.
429 Broadway St, PO Box 147, Buxton, ND 58218
Phone: 701-841-1000
bobbi@hepperolson.com
Prebid Meeting: Tuesday, January 7, 2025 @ 11:00 am at Traill County Courthouse.
Bids Close: Tuesday, January 14, 2025 @ 11:00 am
Bids received after the designated time will not be accepted. Bids will be opened and publicly read aloud. It is the bidder's responsibility to see that mailed or delivered bids are in the hands of the Owner prior to bid opening.
Bid Place: Traill County Courthouse
Commissioner's Room
114 Caledonia Avenue, Hillsboro, ND 58045
Outline of Project: Removal of existing stone step system and replace with new best match stone step system and railing.
Project Completion: May 30, 2025.
Type of Bids: Stipulated Sum for - General Construction, no mechanical or electrical work.
Obtaining Documents: Drawings and Specifications may be obtained electronically from Hepper Olson Architect or viewed on the following building exchanges: Bismarck/Mandan Builders Exchange; Construction Plans Exchange; Dickinson Builders Exchange; Fargo-Moorhead Builders Exchange; Minot Builders Exchange; Grand Forks Builders Exchange; Construct Connect; Dodge Data & Analytics;. Contractors are encouraged to register as a plan holder by providing names, address, phone number, and email contact information to bobbi@hepperolson.com
Qualified Bidders may obtain Drawings and Specifications from the Architect electronically at no charge. Hard copies are available for \$75 which is non-refundable.

North Dakota Law:
That each bid must be accompanied by a separate envelope containing the contractor's license and bid security. The bid security must be in a sum equal to five percent of the full amount of the bid and must be in the form of a bidder's bond. A bidder's bond must be executed by the bidder as principal and by a surety, conditioned that if the principal's bid is accepted and the contract awarded to the principal, the principal, within ten days after notice of the award, shall execute a contract in accordance with the terms of the bid and the bid bond and any condition of the governing body. A countersignature of a bid bond is not required under this section. If a successful bidder does not execute a contract within the ten days allowed, the bidder's bond must be forfeited to the governing body and the project awarded to the next lowest responsible bidder.
That a bidder, except a bidder on a municipal, rural, and industrial water supply project using funds provided under Public Law No. 99-294 [100 Stat. 426; 43 U.S.C. 390a], must be licensed for the full amount of the bid as required by section 43-07-12. For projects using funds provided under Public Law No. 99-294 [100 Stat. 426; 43 U.S.C. 390a], the advertisement must state that, unless a bidder obtains a contractor's license for the full amount of its bid within twenty days after it is determined the bidder is the lowest responsible bidder, the bid must be rejected and the contract awarded to the next lowest responsible bidder.
That no bid may be read or considered if the bid does not fully comply with the requirements of this section and that any deficient bid submitted must be resealed and returned to the bidder immediately.
That the governing body reserves the right to reject any and all bids and rebid the project until a satisfactory bid is received.

The Owner: The Owner reserves the right to hold all bids for a period of ten days after the date fixed for the opening of bids, and to reject any and all Bids and waive any formalities or irregularities.
By order of: Traill County, Board of Commissioners
Les Amb, President

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