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reducing freight costs. Each rural store benefits by not having to order an entire case of a product. Waste could be reduced and a larger variety of quality products could fill the shelves, he says. “Sometimes, you have to order a whole case to get what you want. So, you get a whole case of something and you’re probably not going to sell it very fast, especially if it’s something new and you’re trying it out. If your customers don’t like it, then you’re stuck with the whole case,” he says. With the seven or eight stores interested in the idea, a case of one product could be split among all the stores. Produce could also be ordered in smaller quantities for each store and would be less likely to spoil on the shelves, Gion says. “They don’t need 48 heads of lettuce,” he says. “This way, you can split that. Most distributors, if you ask them to split cases like soup or whatever, they’ll do it for you, but they’ll charge you extra when they do so.” “You can get a little bit more variety that way, too,” he says. “You don’t need to buy 30 bottles of salad dressing. You can split it with the other stores if that’s what you want to do.” “The whole idea behind any type of business is to turn your inventory over as fast as you can,” Gion says. And each store still retains control of its product.

“You still remain locally owned and independent,” he says. The Rural Development Center is also offering the New England and Regent grocery stores the opportunity to visit with a consultant, who would provide feedback on improving operational and financial performance. “It would be someone to come in and and do basically a walkthrough with you, because sometimes you don’t know what you don’t know,” Gion says. The consultant could address everything from finances to product placement. “We just want to help these grocery stores to be able to not only survive, but thrive, too. We’re probably not going to save the world, but if we can somehow reduce the cost and provide some more opportunities to the communities and these smaller grocery stores, that’s what we’re trying to do. If you don’t have a grocery store, that’s just one less reason why someone would possibly want to live in your community. Or if they still in your community and drive to get their groceries, then what else are they getting while they’re out of town, too?” Gion says. The Rural Development Center is also working to develop another distribution co-op within a 100-mile radius of Minot. “These smaller grocery stores are the foundation of the community,” Gion says.

Mott Health Care Center activities

Upcoming activities at the Mott Health Care Center include:

- Sunday, Oct. 19**  
10 a.m. – Chair exercises in the solarium  
2 p.m. – Make cookies to treat pharmacy techs on Monday
- Monday, Oct. 20**  
*National Pharmacy Technician Day*  
10 a.m. – Chair exercises in the solarium  
10:30 a.m. – Take cookies to pharmacy  
2 p.m. – October birthday party with ladies from Zoar Church as hosts

- Tuesday, Oct. 21**  
*National Apple Day*  
9 a.m. – Shopping downtown Mott  
10 a.m. – Chair exercises in the solarium  
11:30 a.m. – Keep moving, with all welcome  
Noon – Elder Care meal, all are welcome  
1 p.m. – Card players in solarium  
1 p.m. – Octagon game  
2-3 p.m. – Mott-Regent Public School visit  
3 p.m. – Apple bar: What do you like on your apple?

- Wednesday, Oct. 22**  
9 a.m. – Keep moving, exercises in the solarium  
10 a.m. – Keep your faith going with Pastor John  
1:30 p.m. – Uno card game

- Thursday, Oct. 23**  
10 a.m. – Mass or chair exercises in the solarium  
11:30 a.m. – Keep moving, with all welcome  
Noon – Elder Care meal, with all welcome  
12:30 p.m. – Bridge players in the activity room  
1 p.m. – Spa day for nails  
2 p.m. – Roll a pumpkin dice game  
3 p.m. – Book Club with Father Kadrmas

- Friday, Oct. 24**  
9 a.m. – Spa day for hair  
10:30 a.m. – Bingo  
11:30 a.m. – Keep moving, with all welcome  
Noon – Elder Care meal, all are welcome  
3 p.m. – Wii games

- Saturday, Oct. 25**  
*National Make a Difference Day*  
10 a.m. – Discuss November hallway wall decor  
1:30 p.m. – Left, right, center dice game  
4:30 p.m. – Mass at St. Vincent’s

Those who wish to volunteer can call for details at 824-3222.

MOTT/REGENT SENIOR MEALS MENU

- Thursday, Oct. 16:** Baked fish with dill sauce, Italian pasta salad, squash, orange, wheat bread  
**Friday, Oct. 17:** Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, creamed peas, blushing pineapple, dinner roll  
**Tuesday, Oct. 21:** Parmesan chicken, rotini noodles with sauce, Italian mixed vegetables, sliced apple, garlic bread  
Suggested donation for those over 60 years old is \$5 per meal. For people under the age of 60, the suggested donation is \$10.50 per meal. Any additional donations are welcome.  
For daily meal reservations, call 701-456-1818 by noon the day before.  
All menus are subject to the availability of food items.  
All meals served with milk and coffee.

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“I think it’s going the right direction, but we still have to have sales. We still have to have people shop,” Wiseman said. In the director report, the board outlined other highlights:  
•A manager position will be posted with Job Service.  
•The store received a \$1,000 grant from Consolidated Telcom to purchase shelving for the freezer.  
•Procedures for the point-of-sale system are being standardized and prices audited to ensure they are correct.  
•A maintenance schedule and employee duties are being developed.

“While we continue to explore areas where we can save money and cut costs, the quickest fix to our current financial situation would be to increase sales volume,” the report stated. Anyone with suggestions was invited to contact a board member or place ideas in a suggestion box at the store. Dorothy Sheldon retired from the board, with Paula Pecenka elected to a three-year term through 2028. Sheldon thanked those who have supported the store and the other board members. “These four people have been really good with helping with everything,” she said. Jill Doe was elected to fill an unexpired term through 2026 and Shilo Donner for a term through 2027. Others on the board are Kelly Kouba and Derek Stewart.

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