## **Guest, Guest, Guest----Worker!**

By Mike Martin The Enderlin Lions May membership meeting was held at the golf course during beautiful spring weather of the last week of May. Club President Andrew Peterson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 27, 2025, and welcomed 35 guests and Lions. A written agenda was presented, and President Peterson welcomed the following guests, South African Jan Brits, Rudy Strydom and Jan Victor; Lisbon Lions Wally and Connie Radcliff, Carol Odegard, Derik Bell, Cindy Wilhemi and Lisbon Lion guest Tanner Bell; guests Jim Rockstad, L. Dean Sandvig and Amanda Patterson; Fargo Gateway Lions Crystal Dueker, Rob and Carla Lein. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance as led by President Peterson and Lion (Reverend) Grant Patterson gave a supper prayer. A Golf Course serving Line featured Mac & cheese, potato chips, coleslaw and a pork sandwich, green beans, beverages and a following dessert. After the program, Lion Kaden Campbell was singled out as he was on the cusp (6 hours away) from turning 21 years of age. A prepaid drink credit at the Golf Course bar was given to him with firm instructions to be patient. Guest Carla Lein continued with reminding the Enderlin Lions of the annual Peace Poster Contest, a Lions event the Enderlin Lions has participated in for years and years. The evening program was South African Jan Victor introduced his compadres and gave a background as to why 3 South Africans are in Ransom County, North Dakota. Mr. Victor had put preparation and organization into his thoughts and used Wikipedia for source notes. Today's South Africa is 60 million people and 4 million of that number (not 7 %) are of white/Afrikaner descent. South African politics unofficially bars Afrikaners from first tier employment ("too old, too qualified") so in response over 80,000 Afrikaners have taken advantage of our Federal "H-2A" and "H-2B" programs which allow temporary, and monitored, work permits. The Club's 3 South African guests are employed at Lisbon Quals' Dairy, and the operation south of Lisbon some 6 miles milks hundreds and hundreds of cows. These guest workers must pre-qualify, which includes interviews and background checks. And the sponsoring U.S. farmer pays the agent fee and transportation. The worker negotiates the wage in a written contract and can work in the States for months but then must return to their homeland for three months before returning for another round of contracted employment. Mr. Strydom said this is his 4th year in these programs and he has worked in Texas, Arkansas, Kansas and North Dakota. Mr. Brits was born in old Southwest

African-Namibia- and said he had also worked in New York City for a year and had no plans on returning (an experience dear to most of the crowd). South Africa has been in National news lately with their President meeting with ours. South African land reform is under discussion and much concern is given to the potential of violence. There is already brutality directed at white people and conventional wisdom says more is to come. Of course, South Africa embraced "apartheid" for decades and the separation of races is now being sorted out. The 3 guests fielded questions and Lion Patterson, as part of his question, remarked that the current escalating violence is not being told by the mainstream media. The guests were very gracious to tell their story to Americans and Mr. Victor said, "Thank you, Andrew (Peterson) for inviting us." A round of applause sent them to their seats, and it was a very illuminating program. Treasurer Tom Farnham handed out and read a written treasurer's report, verbally highlighting the report. Lion Patterson moved for approval, and Lion Stordalen seconded, and the group approved. The Club's board meeting minutes had been sent to all members and the April membership meeting minutes had been in the local paper. Lion Farnham pointed out several inaccuracies and with these in mind, Lion Stordalen moved for approval with Lion Bob Gruman seconding; minutes approved. For old business, the group was told our Lions International Youth Camp sponsorship is currently a waiting game; our van rental cost is funded so now we are getting the word out for a free ride. A thank-you card to the Maynard Torbenson family (for memorials) was passed around for signatures. President Peterson also told the group of a possible membership seminar in mid-July; the target is new Lions to teach the basics, but all Club members will be invited. It may be the same night as talent in "Arts in the Park" and supper may be at the Traxside food truck. Treasurer Farnham passed around a sign-up sheet for how to get the State Lions magazine-digital or print. The upcoming tent rentals were gone over by Lion Scott Lokken assisted by one of those infernal smart phones (again). He urged help for the closest rental-tomorrow night, leaving Mike Lemna's shop at 6:15 p.m. but also told of more to come. The parade season is on us with 6 by July 4. The Meals on Wheels sign-up went as: June 3 Tom Farnham, June 10 Jasmin Kosin, June 17 Bob Gruman and June 24 Andrew Peterson. The 50-50 drawing produced Lion Roxy Johnson with a \$60 pot, and Lion Tom Nord ended up with the consoling dime drawing.

# Father's Day Special Event

What North Dakota event has been held in LaMoure, N. Dak. for 40 years always on Father's Day? If you guessed the North Dakota Farm Toy Show, you win. Even if you guessed the "Toy Farmer Show" as it is called by locals, you are a winner too. And whoever you are, you can't lose if you participate in this year's show.

What can you expect to see and do if you come to the show?

•Vendors from many states will be selling farm toys and other farm related items. They arrive on Friday. Craft vendors will also be set up at the show.

•A "meet the vendors" free meal is always held on Friday after they are set up. You are invited. Please, come and make these guests in our community feel welcome. This year's main offering at the social will again be smoked shredded beef sandwiches, with the meat prepared by our own LaMoure Lockers. Expect cake this year because of the 40-year thing.

•An auction, live and online, is held every year with four special Toy Farmer items sold to support local youth related charities. We have a brand-new auctioneer this year. Team Aasness, an award-winning auction company, out of Minnesota will be doing the calling. •The lions hold their famous chicken barbecue Saturday

after the show and before the auction. This event has been around longer than the show. The special seasoning they use for the chicken is exceptional and a well-guarded secret.

•Food at the show is being prepared for the third year in a row by Gina Haugen. She has many of the all-time favorites like cheesecake and walking tacos with some special items from her cooking experience. We believe this is the best show lunch of any we have ever been to. •We are also planning a time during the weekend where you can see our new Toy Farmer Home at 110 Main St. S in LaMoure. Yes, after 48 years on the farm we are moving to town. Stay tuned.

### North Dakota Farm Toy **Show Schedule:**

Friday, June 13 •Vendor Welcome, 6:00 p.m., School Cafeteria

Saturday, June 14 •Show, 9:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. LaMoure School, both

•Chicken Bar-be-que begins at 4:30 p.m. until it's gone, Sunset Park.

•Auction begins at 6:00 p.m. at the LaMoure Legion Hall.

Sunday, June 15, Father's

•Show, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Sunday is a great time to bring Dad. We'll see you there!

## **NDSU Extension to Host Summer Pork Quality Assurance Trainings**



Pork Quality Assurance (PQA) is an education and certification program aimed at pig producers that addresses safety and management practices for livestock, workers and the environment. Transport Quality Assurance (TQA) is a certification program that trains individuals on how to handle, move and transport pigs, emphasizing the impact of these practices on animal well-being and pork quality.

North Dakota's state POA trainer and TOA advisor is Taw Scaff, North Dakota State University Extension swine spe-

Scaff is offering a series of PQA and TQA trainings in select locations across North Dakota this summer to allow participants the opportunity to renew their POA and TOA certification.

"PQA Version 6, the latest renewal certification, will kick off in June 2025," says Scaff. "Advisors will need recertification in Version 6 by August 31 to keep their PQA advisor status, regardless of Version 5 certification date."

To see a list of training locations and register, visit ndsu.ag/pqatrainings.

Once registered, information from the National Pork Board and the North Dakota trainer regarding recertification instructions and directions will be emailed to producers.

Be sure to check and update your information on the Pork Checkoff website to receive announcements from the National Pork Board and the North Dakota trainer, advises Scaff.

## Improvements for Hendrickson Field are Underway





Enderlin Park board has several plans to update and improve Hendrickson field. Step one has recently been completed, the removal of the old outfield fence and ivy with a new fence.

#### Oakes Area Water Tour: **Innovative Irrigation in** Oakes on July 15

The North Dakota Water Education Foundation invites the public to participate in its annual water tours this summer across North Dakota. These tours offer a firsthand look at North Dakota's critical water issues and initiatives.

On Tuesday, July 15, the public is invited to join the "Innovative Irrigation in Oakes" tour beginning and ending in Oakes. Irrigation plays an important role in the success of crops near Oakes in southeastern North Dakota. Onions and potatoes, along with other commodity crops, are irrigated using a variety of different methods, including drip irrigation, drain tile, and 360 RAIN. Several irrigators in the region are testing a novel satellite sensor and advanced modeling to measure moisture in the soil profile with the goal of saving water and conserving this valuable natural resource. Animal agriculture is also significant in this area, and hog manure works in tandem with irrigation to help the crops succeed. Learn how irrigation, conveyance ditches, hogs, and innovations in technology contribute to the economy in the southeast region of the state. For more information and to register, visit https://ndwater.org/events or contact the North Dakota Water Education Foundation at 701-

223-8332 or jellingson@ndwa-

ter.net.

The most important thing is to enoy your lifebe happy- it's all that matters. -Audrey Hepburn



All events on Main Ave unless otherwise noted

## **FRIDAY June 27, 2025**

Plains Grain & Agronomy Tours @ Agronomy Site 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm Welcome by Mayor Tayler Albrecht 3:00 pm Oldest/Youngest Citizens of Marion Community Sweethearts of the Prairie **Brothers of the Brush Contest** 3:30 pm Alumni Registration @ School

> Litchville-Marion School Alumni Reunion @ School Free Will Meal & School Tours 6:30 pm Kiddie Parade Registration @ Post Office

7:00 pm Kiddie Parade 8:00 pm - 12:00 am Street Dance - Out of Line Fireworks Display - WT Fireworks

### SATURDAY June 28, 2025

6:30 am - 9:00 am Community Breakfast by Marion Fire Dept. @ School Parade Registration @ Pasture west of Chuck Rodin's 8:00 am - 9:00 am 10:00 am

12:00 pm Car Show following Parade 10:00 am - 3:00 pm Craft / Vendor Show 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm Bounce Houses, Kids' Games, Shriners 1:00 pm Community 125th Choir

2:00 pm - 5:00 pm Downtown Horns featuring Marion's Mike Blake 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm Rock Climbing & Ax Throwing - Pit Stop Sports 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm Photo Booth - Olive, the Photo Booth Trailer 6:00 pm 125th Quilt & Gun Auction / Raffle

8:30 pm - 12:30 am Street Dance - Slamabama

## **SUNDAY June 29, 2025**

10:00 am All Faith Community Church Service Free Will Community Meal @ Community Hall 11:30 am - 1:00 pm 1:00 pm

Trap Shoot - Future Pheasants Inc. @ Spoerl Farm, east of Marion

Follow the Marion 125th Celebration Facebook page for schedule & event updates

FOOD VENDORS

Ice Cream Express - Fri./Sat.

Summer Cookin' - Fri./Sat.

Grand Junction Subs - Sat.

ALL WEEKEND

Trolley Bus Shuttle

Videography by Harmon Entertainment

Marion Community Hall:

Rest Area, Memorabilia,

Souvenirs & Raffle Tickets,

First Aid & AED

Fri. 2:00 - 7:00 pm

Sat. 11:00 am - 7:00 pm

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VEGETABLE SEEDS, SWEET POTATO PLANTS & CARDEN DÉCOR

The meeting was adjourned!