

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** (open) Every Tues @ 7pm. 1st Lutheran Church basement 326 Bluff St, Enderlin, ND 58027

**"COMFORT MESSAGE:** Visit the First Lutheran Church Facebook page (FirstLutheranEnderlin) to hear a positive message. A new message is posted weekly." We have decided to discontinue the phone line.

**ENDERLIN AREA FOOD PANTRY** - Open the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Hours 9am-6pm. Located in First Lutheran Church, Enderlin. Serving the Enderlin, Alice, Sheldon, and Nome area.

**RANSOM COUNTY FOOD PANTRY:** Call the Food Pantry at 701-308-0905 by Wednesdays at 5 p.m. to receive a food basket to be picked up on Thursdays between 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. at the Ransom County Food Pantry.

**ENDERLIN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION:** will hold their monthly meetings on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. during the school year and 9:00 a.m. during the summer months at the Enderlin Insurance Agency.

**MONTHLY MEETING FOR THE VFW AUXILIARY:** The monthly meeting of the VFW Auxiliary will be held on the third Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. at the Enderlin VFW clubrooms.

**ENDERLIN SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER BONE BUILDERS: TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS** at 10:00 am "Helping to Fight Osteoporosis" \*Improve Balance, Increase Energy, Bone Density, Mobility and Lower Blood Pressure FREE, Open to the Public of all ages. **Whist every Tuesday at 12:30 PM & Dominos last Thursday of every month at 12:30 PM.**

**VETERAN'S SERVICES** available every 3rd Tuesday of the month from 1pm - 3pm at the Enderlin VFW Club.

**ENDERLIN MUSEUM HOURS:** Museum will open for the summer on May 22 from 1-4:00. It will be open every Thursday and Friday from 1-4

**ENDERLIN LIBRARY HOURS:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 12 noon until 6 p.m.; Early open: All Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Now open the first Saturday of the month from 12:00 noon until 6 p.m.

### IN MEMORY OR HONOR OF A LOVED ONE?

*Enderlin Area Booster Club, 858 Center Street, Enderlin, ND 58027*

*Enderlin Youth Baseball, 5991 133 1/2 Ave SE, Enderlin, ND 58027*

*Veterans Monument, VFW, 225 3rd Avenue, Enderlin, ND 58027*

*Enderlin Alumni Association, PO Box 81, Enderlin, ND 58027*

*Enderlin Fine Arts Association, PO Box 32, Enderlin, ND 58027*

*Enderlin Municipal Library, 303 Railway, Enderlin, ND 58027*

*Enderlin/Sheldon Rural Fire District (Rescue Squad), PO Box 43, Enderlin, ND 58027*

*Enderlin Sunflower Festival, 5010 133rd Ave SE, Enderlin, ND 58027*

*SMP Health - Maryhill Auxiliary, 110 Hillcrest Drive, Enderlin, ND 58027*

*Enderlin Park Board, 411 Railway, Enderlin, ND 58027*

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*HEART (Helping Enderlin Area Residents Thrive) Program, 221 3rd Ave., Enderlin, ND 58027*

*Sheldon Public School District #2 Scholarship Fund*

*Donations to: Enderlin Dollars for Scholars, Attn: Cindy Hansen, PO Box 102, Enderlin, ND 58027*

*Enderlin Community Cemetery, PO Box 84, Enderlin, ND 58027*

*Enderlin Historical Society and Museum, Attn:*

*Secretary/Treasurer, Po Box 101 Enderlin, ND 58027*

*Maple River Senior Center, 221 3rd Avenue, Enderlin, ND 58027*

*Enderlin-Sheldon Wildlife Club, PO Box 121, Enderlin, ND 58027*

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## ENDERLIN LIONS

At 6 p.m. sharp Tuesday, December 23 Enderlin Lion President Karlton Stordalen called a Lions membership meeting to order at the Traxside Café. 18 Lions and 2 guests were welcomed and the guests were introduced as Tyler Pfaff and Taylor Prante. President Stordalen also announced we would be having a program later tonight despite the written agenda saying we wouldn't. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance, the group focusing on an American flag retrieved by Lion Jim Ekeren. Lion Grant Patterson was called on to do a meal prayer. The Traxside staff consisting of Lion Deb Claus, Trax owner and head cook, Lion Jasmin Kasin and Trax server Tessa Baumler brought supper to the tables. Bar-b-Que pork, mashed potatoes, macaroni salad and garlic bread were followed by trays of Christmas cookies. It was a meal in tune with the holiday season.

The substitute program was Lion Andrew Peterson, also a professional Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, and he shared his knowledge and concerns regarding avian bird flu. Conventional wisdom says it is a looming threat and has the potential for the virus to mutate and crossover to people. There have already been local poultry flocks impacted by this quick killer and Lion Peterson has experience, as directed by the State Animal House office, in monitoring the flock clean-up after their decimation. Part of the process in limiting the spread of the disease is to pile the dead birds and compost for several days with the heat produced killing the virus. Lion Peterson said the virus has crossed over the dairy cattle and there is one known human fatality in our country. He is pessimistic, however, and said it is only a matter of time before the virus evolves into a more compatible adaptation for a human host. "It's coming to people," he said. "Is it something to worry about? No, it isn't." Questions and answers followed and everyone in the room was a veteran of the 2020-2022 COVID 19 pandemic and could remember what a life altering experience those several years were. Besides losing friends and relatives to a killer, the many month lock downs totally changed expectations and the way we do business. Lion Peterson gave a very timely, and sobering, update on a health topic we will be hearing about more and more in the years to come.

Treasurer Tom Farnham followed with a written treasurer's report. Financial activity for all of the Club's accounts were itemized in written format and Treasurer Farnham answered questions and went over highlights. Lion Gary Daub moved for approval, Lion Bob Gruman seconded and the treasurer's report was approved by voice vote. There had been no November membership meeting (no minutes) and the December board meeting minutes were completed after the meeting notices went out. Consequently, there was no secretary's report.

For old business, Lion Dean Torbenson was happy to announce he has received 33 sold calendar lottery books and the Club is well into the profit zone. Lion Torbenson is comfortable the 500 tickets will be sold out and the drawing will start about the promised January 1. Another follow-up was Lion Roxy Johnson telling our involvement with the December 17 Holiday Train was a success. The Lions served 8 gallons of chili, decorated and served hundreds of Christmas cookies and an estimated 100 people enjoyed our two sponsored performances. "Living Water Dance Theatre," shepherded by Lion Elise Transrud and Kendra Bartholomay's piano disciples were the talent pre-arranged by Lion Johnson. Thank you notes to these talents were passed around to be signed by Club members. A following old business item was Lion Torbenson announcing the 2025 Community Christmas Lighting displays were looked over by Lion Torbenson and wife Dawn. Their selected winners were Scott and Patty Miller and Bonnie Loomer. Lion Torbenson thought there were more displays this year. A \$100 donation in the winners' names will be made to the HEART program during Giving Hearts day.

For new business, the Club will be paying for and delivering around 20 meals to Enderlin residents. Lion and head cook Deb Claus will do the preparation and the following Lions volunteered to provide vehicles and deliver them Christmas morning: Lions Susan Dopp, Andrew Peterson, Jasmin Kasin, Mike Martin and Owen Transrud. The monthly Meals on Wheels sign-up went as such: December 30 Andrew Peterson January 6 Jasmin Kasin January 13 Tom Farnham January 20 Grant Patterson and January 27 Owen Transrud.

Following Meals on Wheels sign up Lion Torbenson said he would be putting together Giving HEARTs Day donation list. The Club has, for several years, participated on this mid-February event and donates to local non-profits in order to get the Dakota Medical matching funds. The last new business item was Lion Gary Daub sharing the idea of our Club helping commemorate Enderlin's 2026 135th anniversary of City charter. The Lions governing board will take up this idea at a later board meeting.

Concluding activities were Lion Kasin drawing guest Taylor Prante as the 50-50 winner of a \$41.50 take home pot. Lion Susan Dopp won the dime drawing and in a Holiday mood donated the largesse to the Club's Convention fund. President Stordalen declared the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

## Thank You

Thank you Enderlin CDC and City of Enderlin for the Holiday bucks that I won.

-Lori Kaber

## Lake Region Extension Roundup set for Jan. 7-8

The 2026 Lake Region Extension Roundup will be held Jan. 7-8 at the Memorial Building in Devils Lake, North Dakota.

The annual event, hosted by North Dakota State University Extension county offices surrounding Devils Lake, covers a wide range of agricultural production topics.

"A tradition of many years, the Lake Region Extension Roundup provides area farmers and ranchers with the most up-to-date information to prepare for the upcoming season," says Lindsay Overmyer, NDSU Extension agent in Ramsey County. "It is where the Lake Region comes together to network with Extension, industry and their neighbors."

Both days start with a complimentary breakfast at 8 a.m. General and concurrent sessions begin at 9 a.m. The keynote presentations for the general sessions will take place in the gym of the World War II Memorial Building. Concurrent sessions will be held in the Memorial Building's basement, the Armory Room and the Historical and Meeting Rooms in the adjoining Ramsey County Courthouse.

At 11 a.m. on Wednesday, one of the most anticipated keynote sessions, "Advocating for Agriculture Online," will be presented by Greg and Nathan Peterson of the Peterson Farm Brothers. Known nationwide for their agriculture-based parody videos, the brothers will share how they use humor, creativity and social media to tell the story of agriculture.

Keynote topics on Wednesday, Jan. 7, are the following: Advocating for agriculture online

The latest on NDAWN and a look at the 2026 growing season weather

Wednesday's open/roundtable discussions topics are the following: Weed points to ponder; Soil health; Specialty crop considerations; Leveraging current tech and equipment for maximum return; Rancher panel

Wednesday's concurrent session topics are the following:

Small grain variety update; Soil fertility outlook; Farmland and equipment market trends; Cow ratios; Maximizing the effectiveness of fungicides

The "Farmer Truth: You're More Important Than the Back 40" panel on Thursday will blend personal farm experiences and mental health expertise to emphasize the importance of farmer well-being.

Other keynote topics on Thursday, Jan. 8, are the following:

Crop consultant panel; 2026 crop market outlook update

Thursday's concurrent session topics are the following:

Update: Farm program, crop insurance, income tax; Soybean vigor; Bioenergy update; H-2A discussion; Care and keeping of succulents

More than 35 breakout sessions will be offered across the two days, covering a broad selection of topics, including weed control, specialty crop production, land and machinery values, grain storage, soil health, technology adoption and more. Additionally, more than 45 booth exhibitors will offer resources and services throughout the Memorial Building.

Attending the Lake Region Extension Roundup is free of charge, and no registration is required.

An event agenda can be found at the Lake Region Extension Roundup event page at [ndsu.ag/lakeregion26](https://ndsu.ag/lakeregion26).

For more information, contact an NDSU Extension county office or Lindsay Overmyer at 701-662-7027 or [lindsay.overmyer@ndsu.edu](mailto:lindsay.overmyer@ndsu.edu).

## Road to Recovery Benefit for Laine Schwehr Jan. 3

A benefit event has been planned to support Valley City native Laine Schwehr as he continues his recovery following a serious racing accident in September.

Schwehr, a 28-year-old Dirt Late Model driver, suffered a broken neck and spinal cord injury during qualifying at the Stock Car Stampede in Jamestown. After weeks of intensive treatment and rehabilitation, he has made remarkable progress and is now back home continuing therapy.

The Road to Recovery Benefit will be held Saturday, January 3, 2026, at the Valley City Eagles Club.

• Bake sale: begins at 4:30 p.m.

• Supper & silent auction: 5-7 p.m.

The community is invited to attend, show support, and help the family with ongoing medical and recovery expenses.

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