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NADINE JULSON LLC 8,500.00
ND ATTORNEY GENERAL 40.00
ND CENTER FOR DISTANCE ED 1,832.00
ND COUNCIL OF ED. LEADERS 250.00
ND SPELLING BEE 99.00
NOGOWSKI, TARA 453.52
OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY 3,948.11
PEARCE DURICK PLLC 275.00
POPP BINDING & LAMINATING 71.76
RENAISSANCE LEARNING 1,772.70
SARGENT COUNTY TELLER, THE 1,021.77
SCHOOL SPECIALTY INC 324.84
SCRIPPS NATIONAL SPELLING BEE 206.50
SRCTC 17,789.56
STOCK GROWERS BANK 22.64
SWEDE'S PLUMBING & HEATING INC 653.77
TEACHERS PAY TEACHERS 160.00
TEAL'S MARKET 811.29
TIME MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS 44.10
VILLAGE FAMILY SERVICE CENTER 1,333.00
WAGEWORKS, INC. 1,393.00
WALOCH-JOHNSON INSURANCE INC 1,586.00
WORKFORCE SAFETY & INSURANCE 250.00
NOVEMBER PAYROLL 337,453.06

Committee Reports: A Co-op Committee meeting will be held at North Sargent on November 19th at 5:30.

Principal Reports:
Elem. Principal Sorlie reported on P/T conferences, TSI meetings, the elementary concert and Christmas Cheer activities. He reported as AD on One-Act as Region I Champions and competing at State One-Act on November 24-25th. He was awarded a scholarship through NDIAAA to attend the national conference in mid-December. The scholarship will cover the registration, flight and hotel cost.

Secondary Principal Wittich reported One-Act and the awards our student actors received. Junior class trips to Teachers Tomorrow in Valley City and a career fair in Lisbon and our Veteran's Day Program. Our FFA students will compete at a regional contest in Wahpeton on November 20th. He also presented a CDE grading scale.

Unfinished/Old Business: None.
New Business:

Motion to approve the 2024-2025 Financial Audit as presented by Daniel Julson of Nadine Julson, LLC. Johnson/Anderson. Voting aye: Johnson, Anderson, Beck. Voting nay: none. All in favor, motion carried.

Discussion on budget amendments was tabled until next month when county valuations are possibly received.

Motion to approve Hunter Bussman as C-Squad Girls' Basketball Coach for the 2025-2026 school year. Anderson/Johnson. Voting aye: Johnson, Anderson, Beck. Voting nay: none. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion to approve Nicole Miller as Yearbook Advisor for the 2025-2026 school year. Johnson/Anderson. Voting aye: Johnson, Anderson, Beck. Voting nay: none. All in favor, motion carried.

Discussion Items:
Sargent Central would like to survey our students on interest in Pee-Wee Wrestling.

A letter was presented to the board regarding the 2025-2026 speech coaching.

Motion to hire Jan Hovind as 2/3 Head Speech Coach, Kaleb Brockman as 1/3 Head Speech Coach and Jericho Brockman as JH Speech Coach for the 2025-2026 school year. Anderson/Johnson. Voting aye: Johnson, Anderson, Beck. Voting nay: none. All in favor, motion carried.

Baseball will be discussed at the November 19th Co-op Committee meeting.

NDIRF optional coverage was clarified by the Business Manager.

Items added to the agenda:
Motion to hire Heather Swanson as 2025-2026 Junior High Boys' Basketball Coach. Johnson/Anderson. Voting aye: Johnson, Anderson, Beck. Voting nay: none. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion to adjourn meeting. Johnson/Anderson. All in favor, motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 6:00p.m.

Donna Anderson, Business Manager
Kris Beck, President
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Riding for Dreams holds first “Diamonds & Denim” event

Silver Prairie Saloon in McLeod was awash in denim at Riding for Dreams' first “Diamonds and Denim” event Dec. 5. Even a few “diamonds” sparkled at the fundraiser, while denim adorned the tables, photo booth, Christmas trees and attendees.

Jenny Kleingartner was the creative force behind the denim decorations. She recruited a helpful crew, including Lonnie and Josie Rotenberger, to make table toppers that utilized the parts of jeans normally tossed away. Recycling at its best! Two full sized Christmas trees were also decorated by Jenny with more denim creations, Christmas decorations and playing cards. Rodeo queens Skylar and Jennifer Anderson were on hand to help throughout the evening.

Generous donors filled several tables with silent auction items that went home with happy bidders. In addition to the steak supper, attendees were treated to free Bingo games.

During the program, Riding for Dreams volunteers, who are the backbone of the organization, were recognized and thanked. Special recognition was extended to LaVon Stopplesworth, 2024 volunteer of the year, along with two 2025 volunteers of the year: David Olson, who keeps the Riding for Dreams site mowed perfectly, and Violet Hehn who donates many hours working with horses and students. Also recognized were retiring board members, Kay Foss and Diane Wallin. They have been with the program since its early days.

Parent Melinda Gebhard gave a touching testimonial on how Riding for Dreams has benefited her daughter Inga. They were introduced to the program when Melinda's mom, Bobbi Munkeby, gave riding lessons to Inga as a birthday present. Inga and family drive from Grand Forks to take part in lessons. Inga has Rett Syndrome which affects her ability to speak and use her hands.

Here is some of what Melinda had to say about the benefits Inga gained from her lessons with Riding for Dreams: “When Inga was riding Yeller, she loved it so much and had so much motivation. It was so exciting to see the stamina and skills she was building from week to week. Her body got stronger and she was able to move in ways that we haven't seen in years. Seeing her joy in experiencing riding and being around a horse is the best feeling. It's so rewarding, but it's not something that can be done alone so we are incredibly grateful for the facility and equipment that make it possible. It takes an entire team so generously showing up to help get her on a horse safely and to ride and also all the thing behind the scenes that we don't see.” Melinda concluded with

these words of gratitude: “So thank you to everyone that works to make this amazing program available. We were so impressed with our first experience with the program and the quality of everything they did. It has been one of the most rewarding adventures Inga has experienced, and we are so grateful for the community of people that help make it possible.”

Riding for Dreams executive director Krystal Carlascio had her own words of gratitude: “Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way to the success of our 'Diamonds and Denim' event. First of all, thanks to Lonnie for suggesting the theme for this fundraiser (for many years!) and to the awesome group of people who helped Jenny make denim creations. Thanks to Rachel Waddell, our caring instructor who contributed denim 'pockets' for silverware holders (more recycling!). We appreciate the dedicated team that knocked on doors to ask for silent auction items, especially Kay Foss and Bobbi Munkeby. Thank you to our generous donors who provided 97 auction items. Thank you to our table sponsors: BankNorth, Groberg Electric and Stock Growers Bank. Thanks to Lori



Riding for Dreams staff and board members from left: Krystal Carlascio, executive director; board members R. Jay Bischof, Diane Wallin, Kay Foss and Lonnie Rotenberger (not able to be present, Dana Erickson) SUBMITTED PHOTO



Inga and her Riding for Dreams Team.

and Neil Olerud and Silver Prairie Saloon for the use of their banquet hall. As always, thank you to our amazing volunteers. You are the heart of our program! Hopefully our 'Diamonds and Denim' event will become an annual event!”

NDFU holds annual convention

The election of a new state president capped off North Dakota Farmers Union's 99th annual state convention Dec. 12-13 in Bismarck. Matt Perdue, a farmer from Ray, was elected to lead the state's largest general farm organization. He is just the tenth person to hold that leadership position and the youngest at 33 years of age.

Perdue previously worked at NDFU and National Farmers Union, where he advocated for family farmers and ranchers. Former NDFU President Mark Watne did not seek reelection to the post.

Over the two-day event, more than 600 members enjoyed speakers, breakout sessions, a tailgate party, youth activities and more. In policy debate, Farmers Union delegates adopted their 2026 Program of Policy & Action and four special orders of business. Those orders focused on completing a comprehensive farm bill, strengthening rural health systems, restoring predictable and rules-based trade

policy, and extending Affordable Care Act premium tax credits.

Speakers included National Farmers Union President Rob Larew, Gov. Kelly Armstrong, Rep. Julie Fedorchak, Sen. John Hoeven, geopolitical analyst Jacob Shapiro, constitutional expert Jon Bouker, and Miss North Dakota 2025 Kennedy DeLap.

The Agraria Mutual Group (dba Farmers Union Insurance Company) also held its 82nd annual meeting in conjunction with the NDFU state convention.

In other elections, **Ben Vig of Sharon** was elected District 7 director for Barnes, Cass, Griggs, Ransom, Richland, Sargent, Steele and Traill counties.

Members also elected 56 delegates to represent North Dakota at the 124th National Farmers Union Convention, slated for March 7-9 in New Orleans:

Among them included **FORMAN** – Wyatt Sundquist.