

Bridge projects approved at Morton County Commission

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Morton County's bridges, like any others, play an important role in helping residents get where they need to be, even during heavy rains and difficult travels. As such, it's important to keep them in the best condition possible- and now, plans are underway to ensure two upcoming bridge projects live up to the community's needs.

During a County Commission meeting on Thursday, April 28, City Engineer John Saiki took the stand to discuss two separate matters related to county bridges. In the first matter, he asked for approval of a contractor's low bid to construct Kinnischtzke Bridge. According to Saiki, this potential crossing (located along Frontage Road north of Glen Ullin) has been a project in the works for over two and a half years, meant mostly to help farmers travel between fields. It is also part of the county's five-year replacement program, and one of its last two-to-three ton bridges.

After finally receiving a permit from the North Dakota Department of Transportation, construction bids opened on April 14, 2026. In total, five bids were received, and all were considered balanced.

The lowest bid was from Midwest Contracting, LLC, who offered a total of \$939,370.25. This number falls below the engineer's estimate, and accepting the bid was recommended by the Morton County Road Commission before the meeting. After confirming that the bridge will include a bypass, commission members accepted the low bid.

The second matter pertained to multiple different easements on the Sweet Briar Bridge. Saiki states that the bridge, located near Sweer Briar School on County Road East, has an unusual design that required Morton County to acquire temporary construction easements, including one permanent drainage easement to meet Department of Transportation standards. All of these easements resulted in a total permanent right-of-way cost of \$3,900, which Saiki noted could be paid out of Morton County's right-of-way acquisition budget. This, too, was quickly approved by commission members.

The next Morton County Commission meeting is currently scheduled for May 14, 2026. More information on the commission can be found on Morton County's website, and archived meeting footage is available through Dakota Media Access.

Ministerial Moments

Fr. Stephen Folorunso

Catholic Church of St. Pius V.

As we all rejoiced in the Resurrection of Jesus, we must not forget what led us here, namely, SIN, that of our own and the world that surrounds us. Remember what St. Paul said in his letter to the Ephesians in chapter 6 verse 12... "our struggle is not with flesh and blood but with the principalities, with the power, with the world rulers of this present darkness, with the evil spirits in the heavens". With these words, St. Paul both reminds us where our sins come from, and begins to offer us advice on how to deal with temptation. But he does not just tell us the problem. He also offers advice on how to deal with temptation. Using the analogy of a soldier preparing for battle, he tells us to "put on the armor of God" so that we can "resist on the evil day" (6:13). Then he goes on to describe how to put on this "armor" :

1. Hold fast to the Truth of who God is: his love, his mercy, his power, his wisdom.
2. Put on Righteousness as a breastplate. Re-

member that you have made righteous ; you belong to the Lord and not to sin!

3. Wear shoes that keep you ready to promote the Goodnews of peace. Be willing at all times to seek peace and not to inflame division or sin.

4. Take up the shield of Faith. Affirm your trust in Jesus, over and over again, if necessary, as protection against sin.

5. Put on the helmet of Salvation. Surround yourself with confidence in the victory over sin that Jesus has won for you—and in his power to save you right now.

6. Hold aloft the sword of the Spirit, the word of God. Recall and proclaim the promises of Scripture so that you defeat the devil's lies.

7. In all that you do, "hold your ground," confident in Jesus' power to set you free (6:13)!

As we gradually wind down on our Easter celebrations, and rejoice in the gift of the Holy Spirit that Jesus sends us from the father. Let us be vigilant in our daily life, do good and always avoid what is evil. May God bless us and bless the work of our hands. Amen

MORTON COUNTY

Golden Age Menu

THURSDAY MAY 7

Honey Mustard Chicken, Egg Noodles, Carrots, Grapes

FRIDAY MAY 8

Salisbury Steak, Baked Potato, Broccoli, Apricots

MONDAY MAY 11

Beef Stroganoff, Egg Noodles, Peas, Tropical Fruit

TUESDAY MAY 12

Country Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Mixed Vegetables, Cinnamon Apples

WEDNESDAY MAY 13

Chicken Patty on Bun, Tator Tots, Baked Beans, Mixed Fruit

Call 701.663.6528 to have meals delivered to you if you are 60 or older

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO NEW SALEM RESIDENTS

The City of New Salem will be flushing fire hydrants May 4th-May 15th. City workers plan to flush the north side of town the week of May 4th-8th and continue with the south side of town May 11th-15th.

Flushing hydrants can cause some water discoloration. Be assured that the water is disinfected and safe. If you notice discoloration, please run the cold water on your household faucets until the water runs clear. Avoid washing clothes until the water is clear. You will also notice reduced pressure when the hydrants are being flushed; this too is normal and should last just a short time.

Thank you for your cooperation.
The City of New Salem

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Event Calendar

May Western Plains Public Health Clinics

7 Footcare at Hebron Senior Center 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Call 701-622-3591

11 Immunizations at Western Plains Public Health in Mandan, call 667-3370 for appointment

13 Footcare and Blood Pressure at Mandan Senior Center 8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Call 667-3370 for appointment

18 Immunizations at Western Plains Public Health in Mandan, call 667-3370 for appointment

19 Footcare and Blood Pressure for Seniors 60 and older at Elm Crest Manor, New Salem 9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Call 667-3370 for appointment

20 Footcare and Blood Pressure at Mandan Senior Center 8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Call 667-3370 for appointment

20 Footcare and Blood Pressure at Library Square, Mandan 1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m. Call 667-3370 for appointment

27 Footcare and Blood Pressure at Mandan Senior Center 8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Call 667-3370 for appointment

Almont Legion Post 261 Memorial Day

Almont's American Legion Post 261 will be hosting a Memorial Day event on Memorial Day (Monday, May 25) beginning at 10:00 a.m. Ceremonies will be held at the Almont Legion Hall and Almont/Sims Cemeteries. More information will be provided in the coming weeks.

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New Salem-Almont Sports Banquet

The New Salem-Almont Sports Banquet will be held Monday, May 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the New Salem City Auditorium. All student athletes who have completed the varsity, junior varsity or junior high sports season are invited along with their family and friends. There will be a meal, presentations, recognitions and door prizes. Doors open at 5:45, students athletes and coaches get in for free, all other tickets can be purchased at the door and are \$15 per person.

Post 91 Flag Placement

The local community is invited to help Post 91 put flags out at cemeteries on Saturday May 9. We will start at 9 am at the east entrance of the Peace Church Cemetery.

Post 91 Members are invited to stay after for a short meeting and Memorial Day practice immediately following the flag placements.

Central Morton Sportsman's Club Events

The Central Morton Sportsman's Club will be hosting their annual youth fishing tournament at Sweetbriar Lake on Friday, May 15 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. All youth ages 15 and under are invited to participate for free in the tournament. Prizes will be awarded.

Almont Garden Club

The Almont Garden Club will be having a meeting on Saturday, May 16 at the Almont fitness center. Guest speaker Gaylon Sailer from High Plains Concept - Greenhouse and Nursery (Beulah) will be in attendance.

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Kayla Olson, PA-C

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