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Letter to the Editor

A citizen's response to Rep. Brandenburg, Rep. Grueneich and Sen. Erbele.

You represent ALL the people of District 28 not just the majority, in a democratic republic ALL the people have a voice in their government.

You say wind turbines provide stable revenue for the counties. I found out at a LaMoure County commission meeting, the Kulm wind turbines only generated \$10,000 for the county in 2024. Spread that amount across 32 townships, not much revenue is it? Maybe a load of gravel or two.

You say the Badger wind project will provide \$850,000 to the counties per year. Go check on the cost of rebuilding a road. You will find the sum you stated doesn't go very far. And now you've destroyed my property values, increased my insurance cost and raised my taxes to pay for the wrecked roads.

Tell me again this is a great idea. Oh yes, a great idea for you Mr. Brandenburg, Mr. Grueneich, and Mr. Erbele. Thought you are Republicans, you all railed against the Democrats and their (Green New Deal), but in reality you are all for the (Green New Deal). You are nothing but hypocrites.

You are all for tax credits for the corporations, so now I have to pay more taxes.

You talk about all the great jobs this junk will bring. Look around, open your eyes. Everywhere I go I see help wanted signs. You three are so out of touch with the real world. You talk about your property rights and how you have the right to do whatever you want on your land. Well, what about your neighbors? Don't they have rights too? Is it just you that have rights?

Mr. Brandenburg, you say the 20% should not be able to dictate what the 80% can do. Well, that is exactly what YOU did when you shoved HB 1258 down our throats.

You do not represent the people. You represent the corporations and yourself.

Your constituent who will never vote for you again.

Tim Leppert
Mr. Leppert lives in LaMoure County

Got something on your mind?
Do you have something you'd like to say?
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Recipe of the Week

- Beef and Guinness Stew
- John Mitzewich allrecipes.com
- 4 slices bacon, cut into small pieces
- 1 1/2 pounds boneless beef chuck, cut into 2-inch pieces
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt, divided, or more to taste
- Freshly ground black pepper to taste
- 2 onions, coarsely chopped
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 (14.9 ounce) can dark beer (such as Guinness)
- 1/4 cup tomato paste
- 3 carrots, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 2 ribs celery, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 4 sprigs fresh thyme
- 1 teaspoon white sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper, or to taste
- 2 1/2 cups chicken stock, or as needed to cover
- 4 cups mashed potatoes (optional)

Gather all ingredients. Cook and stir bacon in a heavy skillet over medium-high heat until bacon is browned and crisp, 3 to 4 minutes. Turn off the heat and transfer bacon into a large stew pot, reserving bacon fat in the skillet. Season beef chuck cubes generously with 1 teaspoon salt and black pepper to taste. Turn heat to high under the skillet and sear beef pieces in the hot fat on both sides until browned, about 5 minutes. Place beef in the stew pot with bacon, leaving fat in the skillet.

Turn heat down to medium; cook and stir onions in the retained fat in the skillet until lightly browned, 5 to 8 minutes; season with a large pinch of salt. Cook garlic with onions until soft, about 1 minute. Pour beer into the skillet and stir with a wooden spoon, scraping up and dissolving any browned bits of food into the liquid. Pour cooking liquid from the skillet into the stew pot. Stir in tomato paste, carrots, celery, thyme sprigs, sugar, 1/2 teaspoon black pepper, and enough chicken broth to cover. Bring stew to a gentle simmer, stirring to combine; reduce heat to low and cover pot.

Simmer stew until beef is fork-tender, about 2 hours. Stir stew occasionally and skim fat or foam if desired. Remove cover and raise heat to medium-high. Bring stew to a low boil and cook until stew has slightly thickened, 15 to 20 minutes. Remove and discard thyme sprigs and adjust salt and pepper to taste. Arrange mashed potatoes in a ring in a serving bowl; ladle stew into the center of the potatoes.

Wishek City Council Minutes

The Wishek City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on March 4th, 2026 at 5:00 pm. Mayor Dohn called the meeting to order and Councilpersons, Salwei, Welder, Lipp, Opsahl, Roth & Eiseman answering roll call. Also present was Andy Tunheim, Janet Wolff, Eric Platz, Mary Ann Weber, Brandon Bies, Sara Gross, Johan Marneweck, Les Otto, Travis Dillman, Jacob Fandrich & Josh Kiefer.

Approval of consent agenda-motion by Opsahl 2nd by Welder, to approve "minutes from the 2-2-26 meeting" *bills* *Raffle-FFA Alumni, Big Screen Permit 3-15, 4-4 & 5-9, roll call vote 6-0.

- Bills:
- 957, TREE ROWS 4 U, 02/11/26..... \$1,100.00
- 958, WISHEK ELECTRIC, 02/11/26..... \$470.43
- 959, JDA, 02/25/26..... \$11,623.09
- 960, WISHEK PARK BOARD, 02/25/26..... \$23,246.18
- 961, CORE & MAIN, 02/26/26..... \$14,518.27
- 1170e, IRS, 02/09/26..... \$1,237.72
- 1171e, US POSTMASTER, 02/11/26..... \$11.95
- 1172e, NDPERS, 02/11/26. \$12,883.20
- 1173e, ELAN FINANCIAL SERVIC, 02/11/26..... \$542.45
- 1174e, ELAN FINANCIAL SERVIC, 02/11/26..... \$1,144.05
- 1175e, IRS, 02/13/26..... \$2,175.44
- 1176e, IRS, 02/24/26..... \$1,214.65
- 1177e, VERIZON, 02/26/26..... \$159.10
- 1178e, CNH CAPITAL, 02/26/26..... \$20.61
- 1179e, NDPERS, 02/28/26..... \$385.00
- 1180e, NDPERS, 02/28/26..... \$4,576.78
- 27109-1, Payroll, 02/09/26..... \$4,664.67
- 27112-1, Payroll, 02/11/26..... \$7,226.66
- 27115, BANK OF NORTH DAKOT, 02/11/26..... \$675.00
- 27116, BEK, 02/11/26..... \$363.54
- 27117, CENTRAL DAKOTA FRON, 02/11/26..... \$7,652.54
- 27118, Central Dakota Systems, 02/11/26..... \$2,607.60
- 27119, COMPUTER EXPRESS, 02/11/26..... \$300.00
- 27120, ITD, 02/11/26..... \$122.55
- 27121, MARTELLS CARQUEST,

- 02/11/26..... \$398.74
- 27122, MDU, 02/11/26..... \$25.44
- 27123, ND DEPT OF HEALTH #1, 02/11/26..... \$27.00
- 27124, RDO, 02/11/26..... \$183.01
- 27125, RITEWAY BUSINESS F, 02/11/26..... \$249.61
- 27127, STANS SUPERMARKET, 02/11/26..... \$22.77
- 27128, TRUE VALUE MARTELLS, 02/11/26..... \$149.93
- 27129, Vestis, 02/11/26..... \$650.44
- 27130, WORKFORCE SAFETY IN, 02/11/26..... \$3,058.64
- 27131-3, Payroll, 02/23/26..... \$4,615.61
- 27135, WISHEK PARK BOARD, 02/25/26..... \$893.98
- 27136, DELTA DENTAL OF MN, 02/26/26..... \$962.53
- 27137, HAWKINS, 02/26/26..... \$1,017.85
- 27138, LOGAN HAHNE, 02/26/26..... \$146.09
- 27139, MCINTOSH COUNTY AU, 02/26/26..... \$1,519.40
- 27140, BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIEL, 02/26/26..... \$191.30
- 27141, E & H Communications, 02/26/26..... \$169.05
- 27142, ECOLAB, 02/26/26..... \$208.78
- 27143, ND DEPT OF ENVIRON, 02/26/26..... \$40.78
- 27144, CAMIKA MICHAELSOHN, 02/26/26..... \$75.00
- 27149, CENTRAL IRON & REPAI, 02/26/26..... \$127.83
- 27150, COMPUTER EXPRESS, 02/26/26..... \$300.00
- 27151, CURTS, 02/26/26..... \$737.50
- 27152, JOSH KIEFER, 02/26/26..... \$320.75
- 27153, LOGAN HAHNE, 02/26/26..... \$67.00
- 27154, MDU, 02/26/26..... \$3,922.05
- 27155, CAMIKA MICHAELSOHN, 02/26/26..... \$200.00
- 27156, PERRY TURNER, 02/26/26..... \$200.00
- 27157-5, Payroll, 02/26/26..... \$6,231.39

for bids, motion by Roth to approve 2nd by Welder, roll call vote 6-0. Water grant was discussed. Unfinished Business: Park Board Reps re-discussed the sales tax allocation. Motion by Roth 2nd by Opsahl to rescind the motion on the new allocation, roll call vote Opsahl-y, Roth-y, Eiseman-n, Salwei-n, Welder-n, Lipp-n 2-4 motion fails. Lipp left the meeting at 6:14pm Rural Catalyst grants were not approved. Warning Siren was discussed, New quote is \$53,716, motion by Opsahl 2nd by Welder to approve, roll call vote 6-0. Quote from Wishek Electric for \$1930 to move the water meter power from old fire hall to City's location, motion by Opsahl 2nd by Roth, 5-0. Grant for armory/update LED lights, will talk with the school for the armory and will apply for street lights on Centennial St & 5th St. Clarification on utilities on empty lots was discussed and will get more info for next meeting. Ord.-2nd reading to amend & reenact section of flood ordinance, motion by Eiseman 2nd by Welder to approve roll call vote 5-0. NEW BUSINESS-motion by Salwei 2nd by Welder to hire Rath & Mehrer to perform audit, roll vote 5-0. Kaylee-insurance quotes were discussed. Renaissance Zone app from Rob Pfeifle, was approved on a motion by Eiseman 2nd by Roth, roll call vote Opsahl-n, Roth-y, Salwei-y, Eiseman-y & Welder-y, 4-1. Mayor-City government week was discussed. Opsahl-Armory roof and election locations was discussed. Welder-CC roof was discussed. Eiseman-sign was discussed Library open position was discussed. On a motion by Salwei meeting was adjourned at 7:06pm Attest: Mary Vickers, Auditor Brenda Dohn, Mayor (March 11, 2026)



21st Annual TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2026

5:00 pm CST • Mobridge Livestock, Mobridge SD
Selling 40 Yearling Bulls & 45 Two-Year-Old Bulls

VBR 1506 OF 9181 ICONIC

Lot 1
AAA 21472700

CED	BW	WW	YW	Milk	MB	RE	SB	SC
5	2.9	95	158	30	.90	.61	146	259

VBR 5D58 OF 3C35 SQUARE DEAL

Lot 3
AAA 21466639

CED	BW	WW	YW	Milk	MB	RE	SB	SC
6	2.0	101	173	28	.90	.78	188	323

VBR G533 OF 0G54 GUNNER

Lot 6
AAA 21465494

CED	BW	WW	YW	Milk	MB	RE	SB	SC
1	4.7	107	177	20	1.30	1.13	225	362

VBR C420 OF 1215 GUARANTEE

Lot 40
AAA 21119973

CED	BW	WW	YW	Milk	MB	RE	SB	SC
11	-.2	75	160	26	1.02	.90	185	290

VBR H413 OF 5U27 IRON HORSE

Lot 42
AAA 21119963

CED	BW	WW	YW	Milk	MB	RE	SB	SC
8	1.2	75	136	34	.53	.64	138	250

VBR D452 0144 DEADWOOD B201

Lot 44
AAA 21120005

CED	BW	WW	YW	Milk	MB	RE	SB	SC
14	.1	73	133	24	1.62	.68	213	337



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