

## Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jordan Wright



We'll finish up the roster breakdown next week, but we have to talk about this big news coming out of the Twin Cities. NFL free agency started last week, and the Vikings have been dominating the news cycle thanks to a potentially franchise-altering pickup. There were also some moves the Vikings made that left me scratching my head.

We'll start with the good news. The Vikings signed former number one overall pick Kyler Murray, who was released by the Arizona Cardinals last week. This signing has a ton of interesting threads. Does Murray fit in Kevin O'Connell's offense? What does this mean for J.J. McCarthy? What happens next year? How much does the signing actually improve the Vikings' chances in 2026?

First, a little backstory on Kyler Murray. After throwing for 4,361 yards and 42 touchdowns, plus adding another 1,001 yards and 12 touchdowns on the ground, Murray won the 2018 Heisman award. The Arizona Cardinals took him first overall in 2019, and he proceeded to win Offensive Rookie of the Year. He was then selected to the Pro Bowl after the 2020 and 2021 seasons. Things were looking bright for Murray and the Arizona Cardinals. Then the injuries started piling up. After only missing three games in his first three seasons, Murray missed 27 games from 2022 to 2025.

Finally free of Arizona, Murray chose the Vikings. And who can blame him? Going from one of the worst-run teams in the league to a team consistently ranked as one of the best, getting to play under QB-whisperer Kevin O'Connell, getting to throw to Justin Jefferson and Jordan Addison, being protected by one of the best left tackles in the NFL... there are plenty of reasons why he chose Minnesota.

The big question is the fit. Obviously, O'Connell wouldn't have signed him if he didn't believe he could take advantage of Murray's dual-threat abilities. But it remains to be seen if the marriage can actually work. Under KOC, the Vikings have traditionally had pocket passers. Kirk Cousins and Sam Darnold are not known for their scrambling ability, but rather their ability to stand in the pocket and make throws to every level of the field. Murray, on the other hand, is a short QB (5'10") who excels when plays break down and he can improvise. There is no doubt Murray is a playmaker. Now we get to see if KOC can adjust his game plan to take advantage of his new QB's

unique skillset.

So what does this mean for J.J. McCarthy, who is entering his third season after being a top-10 pick in 2024? According to KOC, Murray was brought in to compete with McCarthy, not to be the clear starter. So what this means for JJM depends entirely on the man himself. If he takes this as a challenge and improves his game, the QB1 role is still available. If he fails to keep up with (or surpass) Murray, JJM will likely be looking for a new team in 2027.

For now, the Vikings are in the best position they could hope for, all things considered. They now have two QBs to compete for the starting role. Murray is only costing them \$1.3 million (Arizona is paying the rest of his salary), while JJM is still on a rookie contract. If Murray plays well, the Vikings can re-sign him and trade McCarthy. If McCarthy plays well, they will let Murray walk and likely receive a compensatory draft pick, similar to the comp pick they received from letting Darnold walk. And, worst-case scenario, neither QB takes the job, and the Vikings keep the search going next offseason.

Other news and notes  
Free agency additions:

The Vikings signed free agent CB James Pierre to a two-year deal.

Free agency losses:

WR Jalen Nailor signed with the Las Vegas Raiders.

Punter Ryan Wright signed with the New Orleans Saints.

Other offseason moves:

The Vikings re-signed linebacker Eric Wilson, safety Tavierre Thomas, and long snapper Andrew DePaola. They also tendered defensive lineman Jalen Redmond and linebacker Ivan Pace Jr.

The Vikings have re-worked the contracts of tight end T.J. Hockenson and running back Aaron Jones, keeping them both in Minnesota for the 2026 season.

The Vikings released defensive linemen Jonathan Allen and Javon Hargrave, while also releasing safety Harrison Smith (it's a procedural move to give Smith time to decide if he wants to come back for one final season).

## School Board *Continued from front page*

received by the board.

- the approval of the following policies:

- ABAC-Virtual Learning Because of Bad Weather;
- ABBI-Displays of Religious Objects;

- ACCB-Protection of Student Victims;
- GACD-Patriotic Exercises;
- BA-School Board Ethics;
- BAB-School Board Conflict of Interest.

The following reports were submitted:  
Superintendent's report included  
•The approval visit for the PreK program grant was done.

- The statement last month about the later tax collections and money received by the school is due to the states \$1600 tax credit program. The tax money will be sent to the schools in May or June and not earlier in the year as in the past.
- The job descriptions for the school district are ready.
- The negotiations committee has been meeting and close to a final strategy and ready for the end of the month meeting with the teachers.
- Tahj Thomas was named a NDHSAA Distinguished Student.
- Junior Tyler Kuntz was named to the Academic All-State Honorable Mention.

- Sports coop public meeting held.
- All the non-certified staff evaluations are complete.

In the Business Manager Report it includes:  
•Election day line-up is complete.

- Krueger attended the NDSCA/NDCA conference, the BSU Dual Credit and course offerings conference.
- The ASVAB retake is scheduled for March 6 and the ACT for juniors on March 10.

The superintendent and business managers evaluations were approved.

The board also discussed attendance and absences.

There was brief discussion on the proposed sports coop. No action taken.

The board approved the appointment of Cameron Morman onto the school board.

The next regular school board meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 8, 2026 at 7:00pm.

## Glen Ullin Public Transportation Schedule

The Glen Ullin Transportation bus, is public transportation, and any age person may ride.

The trips to Bismarck/Mandan are March 25.

In April the bus will be going to Bismarck/Mandan April 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29.

The bus will start picking up at 8:00 a.m., unless otherwise notified and a \$10.00 fee is charged for the trip. It is best if possible to make your appointments between 9 and 12. It does not always work but is appreciated.

Please call Myron at 701-880-8256 to schedule a ride and reserve your seat on the bus. Must call by 1 p.m. on the Tuesday to get on the Wednesday bus.

The bus is available for all ages to ride.

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**Marian Manor HealthCare Center**  
**Part-time Activity Aide Wanted**

Marian Manor Healthcare Center has a part time position open in the activity department working sixteen to twenty-four hours a week. This would include working every third weekend and two evening activities every three months. Also, possibly more hours when others on vacation.

Enthusiastic, outgoing applicants should complete an application as soon as possible. Starting wage after orientation is \$18.13/Hr. For more information contact Deb Wanner, Activity Director at 348-3107. An application can be picked up at 604 Ash Ave. East, Glen Ullin or at Marian Manor Healthcare Center - Glen Ullin, North Dakota  
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## February Happenings at Marian Manor HealthCare Center

Where is the time going? It is hard to believe that we are already done with 2 months. The beginning of February surely was nice. The temperatures were good and not nearly as much wind as in January. We started the month off with Olympics and Superbowl party.

We had worship services in the chapel this month with Rev. Zimmerman, Rev. Myers, and Rev. Heller. We also did a couple weeks of virtual services. If the resident would rather watch church services on their tv in their room we assist them with that also.

Father Gary Benz had weekly Mass for the residents. If the residents want to watch services on their tv in their room we assist them with that also. Laura Wehri, Lavon Weinberger, and Jan Cooper helped with the services. Thank you ladies for your help.

The monthly birthday party was hosted by the Women of Sacred Heart from Glen Ullin. The lunch was provided by the ladies of the Women of Sacred Heart from Glen Ullin. Thank you so much. The residents really enjoyed the delicious desserts. There was one resident celebrating a birthday this month: Violet Staiger. Happy birthday to you!!!

Monthly games were sponsored by the Women of Sacred Heart from Glen Ullin and the activity department. The Women of Sacred Heart from Glen Ullin provided the treats and helped at bingo. The residents really enjoyed the treats. Thank you ladies and the residents were glad to see you.

We had two new residents this month- Dennis Kunkel of New Salem and Richard Witkowski of Elgin. Welcome to the facility.

We had no new residents in Basic Care.

We had two residents discharged this month- Leona Schaaf and Agnes Schneider. We wish them well.

We had one resident enter eternal rest- Irene Hausauer. We wish to express our deepest sympathy to the family.

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU to the families that donated flower arrangements, candy, goodies, fruit and treats for the staff. It was greatly appreciated.

On February 11 we had a Candlelight Supper. Nancy Morman made them a special dessert a strawberry Danish that was superb. The residents had a good time and enjoyed the supper and dessert.

On February 13 we had a our Valentine's party. Nancy Morman made the residents razzleberry pie and the residents really liked that. Thank you Nancy.

On February 17 the residents had a great time playing Pictionary with the Hebron 6th grade class under the direction of Elizabeth Wanner. The kids did an awesome job drawing. The residents really enjoy you coming. They look forward to you coming monthly.

On February 23 we had Musical Memories with Colleen. Thank you Colleen for the wonderful entertainment. The residents had a great time.

We have two new employees- Enolla Seelye and Jordan Seelye both CNA's. Welcome to the facility.

Upcoming events:

March 17 St. Patrick's party at 2:30,

March 18 Resident Council meeting at 2:30,

March 20 Hymn Singing at 2:30,

March 23 evening Card Bingo at 6:30,

March 25 Birthday party at 2:30,

March 27 Price is Right at 2:30,

March 29 Palm Sunday. Everyone is welcome to attend all activities.

Hope everyone has a great month!!!!

## Public Notice

### NOTICE OF EQUALIZATION OF ASSESSMENTS FOR THE YEAR 2025 City of Glen Ullin, North Dakota

Notice is hereby given that proceedings for the equalization of assessments for the year 2025, will be held at 6:30pm on Monday, April 13, 2026 at the City Council Chambers.

Each taxpayer has the right to appear before the board of equalization and petition for correction of the taxpayer's assessment. All persons considering themselves aggrieved by said assessments are hereby notified to appear at said meetings and show cause for having such assessments corrected.

Vicki Horst, City Auditor

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Contact the sender if you don't receive mail that you're expecting.

If you're heading out of town, ask the post office to hold your mail until you return.

Consider buying security envelopes to conceal the contents of your mail.

Sign up for informed delivery at USPS.com. It sends you daily email notifications of incoming mail and packages.

Use the letter slots inside your Post Office to send mail.

## HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF

- Use Online & Mobile Payments Instead of Paper Checks
- Monitor Your Account Frequently
- Use Black Gel Ink When Writing Checks
- Use Secure Mail Practices
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- Report Suspicious Activity Immediately

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