

Regional Roundup

Crosby Main Sees Vacancies

The April closure of a Crosby auto parts store has taken away another downtown business. Auto Value is the fourth property on the west side of Main Street to become vacant in the past five years, after Crosby Self Serve and the two empty lots that were formerly the Homestead Trading Post and Variety Marketplace. Despite the recent increase in vacancies, nearby business owners said they don't expect the Auto Value closure to affect their foot traffic. "They will still come if they need clothes," Crafts 4-U owner Pam Urvand said. However, the owner of 17 N. Main Bistro, Morgan Ames, expects a small loss from customers who would come in after their parts run. "I think it's important that we try to keep everything going as much as we can," Ames said.

--The Journal, Crosby

'Shop Condos' for Williston

Blue Water Development is constructing a 61-unit shop condo project in Williston, reacting to economic trends and expressed interest in more affordable places to do business in the area. Jerry Schauer, the owner of Blue Water Development, hopes the completed project will act as a hub for future economic activity in the region. The shop condos are an alternative to shopping malls that has gained traction in the U.S. "It seems like there's a massive need for this particular type of shop space," Schauer said. Construction on the project began in April, with the first 22-unit condo expected to be complete and available for businesses by October. From there, a second 22-unit shop condo is planned to be built and opened in 2027, with the final condo containing 17 units to open in 2028.

--Williston Herald

New Businesses for Watford

More business is coming to Watford City, and it means more jobs, shopping variety, competition and services for McKenzie County. Official word has been given from city officials that two new businesses are coming to Watford City and an existing one is slated to expand. Runnings will be expanding into a standalone and full-service store on Main Street South, on property to the south of Heggen Equipment. The store will match the square footage of Runnings locations in Glendive, MT, and elsewhere. In addition, a new O'Reilly Auto Parts store will be located on the lot east of the Circle K gas station on Ninth Avenue Southeast. Les Schwab Tire Center has also announced it will bring a location to Watford City, to the west of Stonehome Brewing and Wild Cow Creamery.

--McKenzie County Farmer, Watford City

Oliver Will Allow Data Centers

The 180-day moratorium on any and all data center development projects in Oliver County lasted only a month, as the county commission removed the restrictions in a meeting April 30. Commissioner Lee Husfloen began the meeting stating why he would like the moratorium lifted and then motioned to approve its removal. "Data centers are extremely important to the future of Oliver County, and 80 to 90% of our county's residents are in agreement," he said. The commission had initially set a moratorium after learning that Applied Digital, was interested in developing a facility in the county. Though the county has no ordinance in place specifically addressing data centers, it has an industrial zoning ordinance it can use to review applications, Commissioner Bradley Dahl said.

--Center Republican

Obituaries
Owen Carlson

Oct. 26, 1955 - April 22, 2026

Owen Ritchie Carlson, a man of quiet strength, immense kindness, and a legendary ability to fix anything, passed away on April 22, 2026. Known for his gentle nature and steady hand, Owen lived a life defined by hard work, a love for the outdoors, and an unwavering devotion to his family.



Born on October 26, 1955, in Williston, ND, to Rolland and Marlys Carlson, Owen was raised in Columbus, with a deep-rooted love for horses and the open plains. He was a devoted big brother to Sherrie and Kurt, and the bond they formed as children only grew stronger over the years; they remained close throughout his entire life. Following his natural mechanical gift, he pursued an education as a mechanic—a skill set that would define his "jack-of-all-trades" reputation for the rest of his life. After working across various locations, Owen eventually made his home in Gillette, WY. He dedicated 35 years of service to Campbell County Road and Bridge, where his colleagues knew him as the person to turn to for advice, comfort, or a solution to a broken machine. In October 1982, Owen married Roxane, beginning a beautiful 33-year journey together until her passing. As a father to Cory and Crystal, Owen was a constant presence. Whether he was coaching sports teams, taking Cory hunting, or pack-

upping the family for camping trips in the mountains, he led with patience and love. While he was a proud dad, Owen found his greatest joy in becoming a "Papa." He was the biggest supporter of his three grandsons—Kyler, Taylor, and Kelby. He was the one who taught them to ride dirt bikes, took them fishing and hunting, and passed down his love for the woods. To his grandsons, he wasn't just a grandfather; he was a teacher, a fixer, and a hero. In 2018, Owen was fortunate to find love again and married his wife, Carol. Together, they made their home in Lyman, where they built a beautiful retired life. They created a haven where they enjoyed creating a safe space. Owen gained some bonus kids and grandkids. They spent their days surrounded by family, camping, fishing, playing games, and working through endless

puzzles. Owen was also a formidable cribbage player—one "hell of a player" who rarely met a match he couldn't beat. Owen was the man you called when you were stuck. Whether you needed something fixed, a heart mended, or just a quiet place to land, he was there. His absence leaves a void that can only be filled by the memories of his kindness and the many things he built to last. He is preceded in death by his parents and late wife, Roxane. He is survived by his wife, Carol; son, Cory (Jennifer); daughter Crystal (Nathan); sister, Sherrie (Tom); brother, Kurt (Lori); bonus kids, Carl (Alicia), Cara (Randy), Chris (Megan), Sam (Jess); grandchildren, Kyler, Taylor, Kelby; bonus grandkids, Lindsay J., Levi, Kaden, Lindsay C., Colby, Kit, Dakota and numerous nieces and nephews. (Crandall Funeral Home, Evanston, WY)

Thomas Barry

March 10, 1958 - April 14, 2026

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Thomas Edward Barry.



Tom was a man of integrity who always stood up for what was right. He was a loving husband to Tamara (Tami) Barry and father to his two children, Olivia (David) Mueller and

Andrew Barry. He led life by example and was well loved by his many family members and friends. Tom worked for Delta Airlines for 38 years. He loved his job. In 1999, Delta ceased flying into western Canada and closed their operation. Tom became a stay-at-home Dad until Tami could obtain a transfer to the United States with her employment at the Department of Homeland Security. In 2000, Tami received a transfer to Cincinnati, OH, and Tom moved his family to Kentucky where the Cincinnati International Airport is located. There, Tom simply picked up where he had left off, resuming his employment with Delta. Tom became a Natural-

ized U.S. citizen in 2004. He was a highly honorable and exemplary citizen. Tom loved gardening and each spring would plant numerous flowers and vegetables in the yard. He very much enjoyed maintaining the gardens and yard. Tami would often joke that he only took her along to the seed store to just to push the cart, not to select anything. Neighbors and passersby would often comment how his lawn resembled a golf course. Tom is predeceased by his loving parents, Edward and Roberta (Bobbi) Barry; father-in-law, Harlind Ostrom and mother-in-law, Hazel Ostrom. He is survived by his wife, Tami; and his two children, Olivia (David) Mueller and An-

drew Barry. He is also survived by his four siblings, Mary Jo (Marty) Winters, Linda Barry (Rick Nykorak), Tim Barry (Diane), Todd Barry (Lorrie), and brother and sister-in-law, Todd (Marini) Ostrom, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. A Celebration of Life will be held in Canada at a later date. There are no words to describe how Tom will be missed. In lieu of the flowers, the family welcomes memorial donations to the Boone County Animal Hospital in memory of Tom at https://www.boone-countyky.org/departments/animal_control/donate.php. (Serenity Funeral Care, Covington, KY)

Newspaper Readers Will See an Abundance of Insurance Statements

A law change will require a greater number of insurance abstract statements to be published in North Dakota newspapers this year. During the 69th Legislative Assembly, the North Dakota Legislature enacted House Bill 1398, which modified the publishing requirements for insurance companies doing business in North Dakota. The change nearly doubles the number of companies required to publish these financial statements, and requires all companies to publish in all eight judicial districts. These publications have occurred in North Dakota newspapers for decades, but readers will notice significantly more than usual. Last year, all of the abstracts were distributed only to newspapers with the largest circulation in each judicial district. Prior to 2025, all newspapers shared equally in making these publications. Traditionally, the notices were published in May, but so far, only about half have complied by supplying their information.

"This will require publication of these notices in batches, possibly stretching into July," said Cecile Wehrman, executive director of the North Dakota Newspaper Association. Under N.D.C.C. § 26.1-03-10 as amended by House Bill 1398, an insurance company shall submit an abstract of the annual statement on the form prescribed by the commissioner. This abstract must be published at least three times in a newspaper of general circulation and evenly distributed for publication across all newspapers operating in each of the state's eight judicial districts. Proof of publication must be filed with the commissioner within four months after the filing of the annual statement. "These changes came about as a means of restoring publication to all newspapers in the state, rather than concentrating publication only in the largest newspapers, as had been directed by the insurance commissioner," said Wehrman. Payment for publication of these notices comes from the insurance companies. No tax

dollars are involved. The purpose of the statements is to provide consumers information about the financial stability of companies people pay premiums to for property/casualty, life and health insurance.

Coming Events

EVENTS
Gloria (Klevenberg) Grossman's 90th Birthday Bash: Saturday, May 16, 1:00-4:00 p.m., Tioga Senior Citizens (17 N. Benson St.).

MEETINGS
Bowbells Senior Citizens: Thursday, May 14, 2:30 p.m. Coffee starts at 2:00, Bowbells Community Center.

SERVICES
Powers Lake Food Pantry: open third Tuesday of the month, 1:00-3:00 p.m., basement of Legion Hall, 201 1st Ave. W.

Bowbells Public Library open Tuesdays, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

NEWS TIP?
377-2626

A Note from the BURKE COUNTY AUDITOR on the Upcoming Election

CORRECTING ADDRESSES

If you have moved since your ID was issued, you will need to update it before Election Day. The North Dakota Department of Transportation allows you to **update your address** and make **appointments** online for new IDs.

Use the QR codes below or **call 855-633-6835** for assistance.



Update Your Address



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Fun By The Numbers
Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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