

ALL-STATE:

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scheduled to air Friday, March 6, between the two semifinal games in the afternoon. The Class A presentation will follow that evening between the semifinal matchups. Class AA honorees will be recognized Friday, March 13, between the boys’ semifinal games.

Though the format may look different from years past, the recognition remains significant. Being named to the Academic All-State Team places students among an elite group of scholars whose hard work and perseverance have paid off. It also serves as a reminder that academic achievement is something worth celebrating just as enthusiastically as athletic success.

Locally, Grant County High School in Elgin is proud to recognize Aidan Zacher, who earned Honorable Men-

tion distinction in Class B competition. Flasher High School’s Paige Zenker was also named Honorable Mention, highlighting her dedication to scholarship and leadership.

For these students — and for all 245 nominees statewide — the honor reflects years of commitment to excellence. From late nights studying and balancing busy activity schedules to volunteering in their communities and serving in leadership roles, these seniors have set a high standard for those who will follow in their footsteps.

As graduation approaches and the Class of 2026 prepares to take its next steps, the Academic All-State distinction stands as a fitting tribute to their hard work, determination and bright futures ahead.

St. Jude Novena

To St. Jude, Holy St. Jude, Apostle and Martyr, great in virtue and rich in Miracles, near kinsman and Jesus Christ, faithful intercessor of all who invoke your special patronage in time of need.

To you I have recourse from the depths of my heart and humbly beg to who God had given such great power to come to my assistance.

Help me in my present and urgent petition. In return I promise to make known your name and cause you to be involved. St. Jude, Pray for us and all who invoke your aid.

Amen

Say three (3) Our Fathers, three (3) Hail Mary’s and Glory Be.

Publication must be promised. My request has been granted.

Say this Novena on nine (9) consecutive days.

Giving Hearts Day tops \$100,000

The Jacobson Memorial Hospital Foundation raised more than \$100,000 during Giving Hearts Day. That is the largest amount raised by the Foundation during Giving Hearts Day since it began participating in 2015.

Last year, the Foundation raised about \$78,000.

The online event raised funds to support Jacobson Memorial Hospital Care Center (JM-HCC) in Elgin to fulfill a “wishlist” of needed items as well as to raise operational funds.

The total includes a \$20,000 match from First International Bank & Trust in Elgin.

Several donors indicated their wish to purchase certain items on the “wishlist.” Beth Rau purchased the EKG machine for the Richardton Clinic, Julie Schock purchased the phlebotomy cart and Gail Schatz purchased all 10 of the wheelchairs. Moore Engineering donated \$2,000 to assist in purchasing the lifts needed by the hospital. Watch for a further thank you to all donors.

The remaining funds will be used for operational expenses by JMHCC.

“This Giving Hearts Day was heartwarming, as so many showed their support for JMHCC, and

we thank everyone for their generous support,” said Administrator Kristin Heid. “We have donors who return year after year during Giving Hearts Day who we appreciate so much, but we also had many new donors step forward to support this facility. These donations show how committed people are to the hospital and the services it provides to the community.”

With a total goal of \$114,700 to purchase all the items on the needs list and to move JMHCC toward financial sustainability, the Foundation raised a total of just over \$102,000.

The Foundation will

continue to accept donations directly through the secure site at www.jacobsonhospital.org.

Those who wish to donate are also welcome to send a check at any time to JMHCC, P.O. Box 367, Elgin, ND 58533. Or donate through the secure site at www.jacobsonhospital.org.

As a nonprofit entity, JMHCC must rely on donations and grants as part of its funding source to continue operations.

If you have questions about donating, please contact Kristin Heid at JMHCC at 584-2792.

WORK-BASE:

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they would have them in there three or four hours,” Ackerman says.

Students have shadowed at Gooseneck Implement, with occupational therapists and others.

Through the North Dakota Department of Career and Technical Education, students use RUReady.ND.gov, which guides them through career exploration and planning. There,

they can also access information on local jobs through a business Compass profile.

Ackerman hopes to introduce this option to businesses as well, where they can post local job opportunities for all students to access.

“The whole goal is to keep our workforce, fill all the missing spots,” she says.

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ATTENTION BARLEY GROWERS

The North Dakota Barley Council election for Sioux County will take place on Thursday, February 26, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. (CT) at the Senior Center, 43 Main Street N, in Selfridge, ND.

ELECTION

Each person, landlord, tenant, husband and/or wife who planted Barley in 2025 or intends to plant Barley in 2026 and who has not claimed any barley tax refund within the past year (except for duplicate payments), are eligible electors and can be candidates.

For more information, contact the North Dakota Barley Council at (701) 929-0123.

2/12, 2/19

Elgin/New Leipzig Public School PARAPROFESSIONAL

The Elgin/New Leipzig School is seeking applicants for a Paraprofessional. Salary is dependent on experience and education. This position is open until filled. If interested, please contact Gayle Beyer, Business Manager at 701-584-2374, or at gayle.beyer@k12.nd.us.

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Seasonal Maintenance Position AND Multiple Aquatic Nuisance Species Inspector/Educator Positions

The **Seasonal Maintenance Position** will start in April and may run late into November as weather and projects permit. There is also potential for this position to turn into a full-time Seasonal position and could extend through the winter months based on need. Work includes (but may not be limited to) area maintenance, mowing, project prep, and general duties as needed to assist Maintenance Supervisor. A valid North Dakota driver’s license is required. Special consideration given to those that have experience with machinery, carpentry, plumbing or cement. Pay depending on experience, TCJJDA is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

The **Aquatic Nuisance Species Inspector/Educator Positions** could start as early as April and run into November, weather permitting. This position is mostly a Thursday through Monday position, with some ability for those days to change. Multiple shifts may be available. Each position has the ability to work up to fulltime hours weather permitting. There is room for flexibility in weekly hours. Training for these positions will be provided. These are grant-funded positions. People in these positions should be comfortable with working with the public regularly, friendly and inviting.

Anyone interested in joining our Lake Tschida Team please send your letter of interest & resume to: recreation@laketschida.com This position will remain open until filled.

2/5, 2/19, 3/5, 3/19

FOR SALE BY BID

Sealed bids will be accepted for the following items:

- 1990 Chevrolet 4x4, extended cab pickup, 138,400 miles.
- Transfer Auger - 5 years old, excellent condition.

Submit sealed bids by
March 6, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. to:
Elgin/New Leipzig Public School,
Business Manager
PO Box 70, Elgin, ND 58533

The board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

2/19, 2/26

GAME TIME

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