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• The original bylaws stated directors may not be current members of the New Leipzig Fire Department. The amended bylaws state New Leipzig Fire Department members may not hold the majority of the composition of the board.

• The amended bylaws also include details on how directors are elected, which became a point of discussion during election of directors at the Jan. 29 meeting.

With 11 board positions, the district elected four directors Jan. 29, which drew a lengthy discussion about semantics on who would be allowed to vote for

each director – residents of each township or the entire district’s electors. That night, a motion was made to only allow residents of the township to vote for their representation in that township, which passed in a 6-4 vote.

The amended bylaws state directors shall be elected on an at-large basis by the electors of the district.

“The use of at-large voting shall not be construed to eliminate township or area representation on the Board of Directors. Each township included within the District shall be represented on the board as required by law,” the bylaws state.

Each director

candidate must be a resident of the district and have an interest in real or personal property assessed for taxation within the township or area represented by that position.

The bylaws also give electors the right to remove a director by majority vote.

• The bylaws outline a staggered election schedule and how vacancies are filled. Bylaws are amended or repealed by a two-thirds vote of the board and become effective only upon approval by a majority vote of the electors at the annual meeting or a special meeting.

• Special meeting notice may now be given via social media. No mention was made in the original bylaws as to how notice was given.

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rent authenticity as possible. Franklin is also pleased to be keeping the current kitchen staff on as ownership changes hands.

However, Franklin is exploring new activities for Branded Bar and Grill, with cornhole being one of the possibilities. “Cornhole is huge, and people love it,” she says, noting that while nothing is set in stone, she’s considering hosting occasional cornhole tournaments, perhaps once or twice a year.

Dart games will continue as a crowd favorite, and events like the Big Buck contest and the coyote hunt will remain. Franklin is also eager to keep the atmosphere family-friendly and inclusive, especially when it comes to activities like cornhole. “There’s no reason to exclude kids,” she explains. “They can learn social interaction through us adults, and it’s great to get them involved.” Franklin is passionate about supporting local students

and their fundraisers. “I may not have biological children, but I love supporting causes like Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and school fundraisers. It’s important to help kids feel connected and part of the community.”

With Franklin’s dedication, warm personality, and passion for hospitality, it’s clear that Branded Bar and Grill is in good hands. The bar’s new chapter promises to be filled with delicious meals, good drinks, and a friendly atmosphere that will keep customers coming back for years to come.

PASAG:

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means something that’s done impromptu, like on the spot,” he explained.

A word that led to his elimination was “darkle,” which means to darken something. “I was kind of embarrassed I didn’t get it right,” he says. However, even the best speller’s stumble.

His success doesn’t come easily, in fact Pasag uses techniques to aid him with even the simplest of words. One strategy of his is breaking words down based on their root origins. “If you understand the root

of a word, it helps you understand how to spell it,” Pasag says.

For example, heliocentrism. “Helio” comes from the Latin word for “sun”. “When I heard the definition, I thought, ‘Oh, this is about the sun,’ and that helped me figure it out,” he explained.

In addition, understanding a word’s part of speech can also provide valuable clues. “For example, if a word is an adjective, it might end in -ous, while a noun might end with a different sound. That helps

narrow down possible endings,” he says.

Advice Pasag would give to younger spellers preparing for similar competitions is understand definitions, break down words, know the parts of speech (noun, verb, or adjective), and simply don’t overstress. “Take it word by word.”

In addition to these tips, Pasag noted how important it is to enjoy the process. “It’s easy to get caught up in the stress, but at the end of the day, you have to have fun with it,” he says.

This year, his third-place finish at the state spelling bee was a testament to his hard work and dedication. “I didn’t expect to make it that far,” he says. “I was just hoping to break into the top 25, but then I kept going and going.”

As an eighth-grader, this was Pasag’s final year competing in the state spelling bee, and he’s leaving the competition with a sense of accomplishment. “I’ve learned so much over the years, not just about spelling, but about how to prepare for something big,” he says.

The journey to third place in the state spelling bee was not just about memorizing words, it was about overcoming challenges, adapting to new strategies, and learning from past experiences. Pasag’s story is a reminder that with hard work, determination, and a positive attitude, success is within reach.

GRANT COUNTY ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
GRANT COUNTY
CARSON, NORTH DAKOTA
2026 GRAVELING
General Notice**

**GRANT COUNTY (Owner) is requesting Bids
for the construction of the following Project:
2026 GRAVELING
PROJECT NO. 2026-03**

Bids for the construction of the Project will be received at the Grant County Courthouse located at 106 2nd Avenue NE, Carson, ND, until Wednesday, April 22, 2026 at 11:00 am MDT. At that time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read.

The Project includes the following Work:
Graveling on 10.8 miles of 51st Street SW, from 77th Avenue SW to ND Hwy 49; 6.6 miles of 78th Street SW, from 70th Avenue SW to 64th Avenue SW; and 10.9 miles of 58th Avenue SW from 86th Street SW to 76th Street SW. The project will include the following approximate quantities: Reshaping Roadway – 30 Miles; Gravel Surfacing – 60,000 Tons; Pipe Conduit 84IN – 90 LF.

The project has a date for substantial completion of October 31, 2026.

Obtaining the Bidding Documents
Bidding Documents may be viewed and ordered online at www.questcdn.com utilizing Quest project #10127590. QuestCDN can be contacted at (952)233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership, downloading and working with the digital project information. The cost to download the bidding documents will be \$50.00.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is:
Sauber Engineering Inc.
2401 46th Avenue SE, Suite 110
Mandan, ND

Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the website listed in this advertisement.

Instructions to Bidders
Bid will be submitted on the basis of cash payment for the work and materials. The owner intends to award a single (1) Contract on the basis of the low bid submitted by a responsible and responsive bidder for the aggregate sum of all bid items for the project.

Each bid must be accompanied by a separate envelope containing the contractor’s license and bid security. The bid security must be a sum equal to five (5) percent of the full amount of the bid and must be in the form of a bidder’s bond. The bond must be executed by the bidder as principal and a surety, conditioned that if the principal’s bid is accepted and the contract awarded to the principal, the principal, within 10 days after the notice of award, shall execute a contract in accordance with the terms of the bid and the bid bond and any condition of Grant County.

The bidder must be licensed for the full amount of the bid as required by sections 43-07-07 and 43-07-12 of the North Dakota Century Code.

No bid will be read or considered that does not fully comply with requirements pertaining to bid security and contractor’s license.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish a performance and payment bond in the full amount of the contract.

Grant County reserves the right to reject any and all bids, waive any informality in any bid, rebid the project until a satisfactory bid is received and accept the bid most favorable to the County.

For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.

This Advertisement is issued by:
Owner: Grant County
By: Alton Zenker
Title: Chairman, Board of County Commissioners
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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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2:00 P.M. CT AT THE
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ANN LADUKE, SECRETARY

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