

# Storm track and field opens season strong in Bowman

The Grant County/Flasher Storm track and field team kicked off its season March 24 in Bowman, turning in a number of solid early performances and personal bests as athletes shook off the rust of a long winter.

Leading the way for the Storm boys was junior Elijah Ottmar, who delivered a standout day in the throwing events. Ottmar placed second in both the shot put and discus, recording a throw of 44 feet, 10 inches in the shot put and 135 feet, 5 inches in the discus. His discus mark surpassed the state qualifying standard, earning him an early trip to the state meet with a qualifying throw of 135'5".

On the track, the Storm saw competitive efforts across the sprint and middle-distance events. In the 200-meter dash, junior Jaxton Olson led the way with a 10th-place finish in 26.30 seconds. Teammates Kyler Rosin (14th, 27.06), Preston Sauer (15th, 27.22), Malachi Meyer (18th, 27.31), Quincey Ottmar (23rd, 28.12), Gavin Ottmar (27th, 29.08), and Micah Meyer (28th, 29.88) rounded out a deep showing for the Storm.

Rosin, Sauer and Gavin Ottmar also competed in the 100 meters, finishing 17th (13.41), 20th (13.46) and 25th (13.74), respectively, each recording personal or season best times.

In the 400 meters, Malachi Meyer turned in one of the top finishes of the day for the Storm, placing fourth in 1:01.04. Quincey Ottmar followed in sixth (1:06.89) and Micah Meyer placed eighth (1:07.83), both earning personal bests.

Distance runner

Mikkel Ostenson posted a time of 6:10.24 in the 1600 meters to finish 12th.

In the field events, Olson added to his strong meet with a second-place finish in the long jump, clearing 18 feet, 3 inches. Grant Bartz placed seventh (16'4"), Preston Sauer eighth (16'2") and Gavin Ottmar 10th (15'4").

Bartz also contributed in the throws, placing seventh in the shot put (35'9") and fifth in the discus (117'5"), both personal best efforts. Sage Sabin added a second-place finish in the javelin with a throw of 128 feet, 1 inch, along with 14th in the shot put and 11th in the discus. Cooper Rafteseth rounded out the boys throwing results with personal bests in both the shot put and discus.

On the girls side, freshman Brynn Janisse turned in an impressive debut, placing fourth in the 100 meters (13.87) and sixth in the 200 meters (30.02). She also earned a runner-up finish in the long jump with a leap of 15 feet, 10 inches.

Senior Adison Vetter delivered a strong performance in the hurdles, placing second in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 17.84. She also

placed eighth in the javelin (63'0").

In the throwing events, Mykenzie Winkler led the Storm with a third-place finish in the shot put (31'7") and fourth in the discus (88'1"). Cassy Hartman added a fifth-place finish in the shot put (28'5"), sixth in the discus (80'3"), and fourth in the javelin (74'2"), highlighting a strong all-around day.

Additional contributors in the shot put included Brenna Eckroth (8th, 27'11"), Addisen Oien (16th, 24'5"), Sarah Cook (16th, 24'5"), Lydia Sprenger (18th, 24'3"), Kalina Werner (21st, 23'2") and Haleigh Bartz (26th, 19'11"). In the discus, Cook placed eighth (79'8"), Eckroth 11th (75'7"), Bartz 16th (67'2"), Oien 21st (60'10"), Werner 22nd (57'10") and Lydia Sprenger 23rd (54'1").

Hartman led the Storm in the javelin with her fourth-place finish, followed by Vetter (8th), Payton Omlid (9th, 55'7") and Bartz (11th, 37'0").

On the track, Kaylee Maier, Moriah Sprenger, Mirakle Devitt and Shelby Seibel all competed in both the 100 and 200 meters, each turning in personal best performances. Seibel also placed 11th

in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 22.30, while Sprenger added a ninth-place finish in the long jump (13'3.5") and Devitt placed 12th (12'0").

With one meet in the books and several athletes already posting personal bests — and a state qualifier secured — the Storm showed promising signs to open the season as they look ahead to continued improvement in the weeks to come.



**Congratulations**  
**ELIJAH OTTMAR**  
on qualifying for the State Track Meet in Discus!



The Grant County Courthouse, will be closed Friday, April 3 for Good Friday. Wishing the residents of Grant County a safe and blessed Easter!

## SPECIAL MEETING NEW LEIPZIG RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

The New Leipzig Rural Fire Protection District will hold a special meeting on **Thursday, April 9, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. MT** at the New Leipzig Fire Hall for the purpose of the second reading of the amended bylaw changes.

Andrew Roth, Secretary

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## WEST RIVER TRANSIT QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING

**April 16, 2026**

**9:30 a.m. CST - Public Board Meeting**  
**10:00 a.m. CST - Public Board Meeting**  
West River Transit  
3750 East Rosser Avenue, Bismarck, ND.

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## Notice of BIDS

### LEIPZIG TOWNSHIP PROPANE TANK:

**Bids are due to the clerk by April 11, 2026.**

For more information, call Merlin Leithold at 527-6544.

#### Mail bids to:

Leipzig Township  
Merlin Leithold, Clerk  
6125 Hwy 49  
Elgin, ND 58533

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### The North Dakota Game & Fish Department announces the following summary of regulations and changes for the 2026-2028 fishing proclamation.

#### HOOK AND LINE, BOW (ARCHERY), SPEAR AND UNDERWATER SPEARFISHING

Hook and line, bow, spear and underwater spearfishing is legal from Apr. 1 - Mar. 31 of each fishing year. See proclamation for species legal to take.

#### DARKHOUSE SPEAR AND BOW (ARCHERY) FISHING

Darkhouse spear and bow fishing is legal from ice up through Mar. 15 of each fishing year.

See proclamation for species legal to take.

#### PADDLEFISH SNAGGING

Paddlefish snagging is legal May 1 through May 21 of each fishing year, in certain areas of the Missouri and Yellowstone rivers. Snaggers must possess a valid tag.

Snagging paddlefish shall be legal only from 7 am to 7 pm (Central Time) each day. Snaggers must immediately release all paddlefish on Snag and Release Days and immediately tag their one paddlefish on Harvest Days.

#### SUMMARY OF CHANGES FOR 2026-2028

- Allows for the use of white sucker as legal live baitfish on the Missouri River System, Lake Audubon, Devils Lake and Stump Lake.
- Allows for the harvest of chinook salmon with the reinitiation of a snagging season. Also, allows for the harvest of salmon with archery and spearing equipment during the new snagging season.
- The requirement to register before participating in darkhouse spearfishing is eliminated.
- The white bass daily and possession limits are increased to 30 and 60, respectively.
- Paddlefish tags are available for purchase online and at the Bismarck, Dickinson and Williston offices from 8 am-5 pm, Monday through Friday. Online purchases should accommodate for appropriate delivery time.

Species	Daily Limit	Possession Limit
Walleye, Sauger, Saugeye, or Combination <sup>a</sup>	5	10
Northern Pike	5	10
Yellow Perch	20	40
White Bass	30	60
Bluegill	10	20
Crappie	10	20
Trout	3	6
Salmon	5	10
Burbot (Ling)	10	20
Channel Catfish	5	5
	East of ND Highway 1	20
	West of ND Highway 1	40
Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass or Combination		
Muskellunge (pure or hybrid)	1	1
Paddlefish (legal snagging only)		See proclamation
Nongame Fish (Other than legal live baitfish)	no limit	no limit
Legal Live Baitfish <sup>c</sup>	150	150
Leeches	300	300
Smelt	5 gallons	5 gallons
Frogs	50	50
Salamanders	50	50
Crayfish	50	50
Snapping Turtle <sup>d</sup>		One annually

<sup>a</sup>-Zander are included as part of the walleye, sauger, saugeye combination in Spiritwood and Alkali lakes (Stutsman Co.).

<sup>b</sup>-In the Red and Bois de Sioux rivers, the limit is 5 catfish regardless of the number of state or provincial licenses purchased by the angler.

<sup>c</sup>-Aggregate of all legal species (see Section 4 of proclamation).

<sup>d</sup>-Only one snapping turtle may be harvested with hook and line equipment between July 1 through November 15 of each fishing year.

**FREE FISHING DAYS** Residents of North Dakota may fish without a resident fishing license on Jun. 6-7, 2026, Dec. 26-27, 2026, Jun. 5-6, 2027 and Dec. 26-27, 2027.

A complete 2026-2028 Fishing Proclamation listing all regulations is available from the North Dakota Game and Fish Department, 100 North Bismarck Expressway, Bismarck, ND 58501-5095. (701) 328-6300.

## Holy Week Church Schedules

### MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 2

ALC/UCC - 7:00 pm CT

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church - 7:00 pm MT

Immanuel Lutheran Church - New Leipzig - 7:00 pm MT

St. Lawrence, St. Theresa, & St. Gertrude - 7:30 pm CT (at St. Lawrence)

### GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3

St. Lawrence - 3:00 pm CT

St. Theresa - 4:00 pm MT

Bethesda - 4:00 pm MT

St. John's - 6:30 pm MT

St. Gertrude - 7:00 pm CT

Immanuel Lutheran Church - New Leipzig - 7:00 pm MT

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church - 7:00 pm MT

### EASTER VIGIL, APRIL 4

St. Lawrence - 7:30 pm CT

### EASTER SUNDAY

Immanuel Lutheran Church - New Leipzig - 7:00 am & 9:00 am MT

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church - 7:30 am & 9:30 am MT

Ebenezer UCC - 7:30 am

St. Gertrude - 8:30 am CT

ALC/UCC - 9:00 am CT

St. Theresa - 9:30 am MT

Bethesda - 9:30 am MT

Hope Congregational Church - 10:30 am MT

New Leipzig Baptist Church - 10:30 am MT

St. John's - 11:00 am MT

#### EXCEPTIONS TO STATEWIDE FISHING LIMITS

Red and Bois De Sioux Rivers up to the first vehicular bridge or crossing on any of their tributaries

**NORTHERN PIKE** - Daily 3, Possession 3  
**WALLEYE, SAUGER, SAUGEYE, OR COMBINATION** - Daily 3, Possession 3

McDowell Dam

**ALL SPECIES** - Catch & release only while ice fishing.

OWLS Dam

**ALL SPECIES** - Catch & release only.

State Fair Pond

**ALL SPECIES** - Catch & release only from April 1-July 31.