



Dakota Prairie participants: Back row--Annie Walter, Kaleah Monsebroten, Vernon Gordon, Hunter Schock, Samuel Dahl, Graham Corby. Front row--Fiona Klein, Hadley Strand, Mrs. Johnson, Owen Kueber, Nathan Beglau, Benjamin Walter and Royce Dalzell.



Individual winners, first through fifth place: Christopher Ross, Benjamin Walte, Graham Corby, Nathan Beglau, Owen Kueber.



Lakota participants: Back row--Bella Beck, Bennett Neumann, Chase Matejcek, Christopher Ross. Front row--Lauren Vasichek, Chelsea Osowski, Leah Pedersen, Graysen Daws.

### County Mathcounts competition held in Lakota --

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and Towner. Scores from the Nelson County competition are forwarded to a regional coordinator who will determine the top two scoring regional teams and the top eight scoring individuals not on these school teams. The selected students will qualify

to participate in the state competition.

Trophies were awarded to individual and team winners, and all participants received Mathcounts award certificates. County Superintendent of Schools Angela Herda, who is the Math-

counts chapter coordinator for Nelson County, presented the trophies and certificates. The ND Society of Professional Engineers and the ND Association of County Superintendents sponsor Mathcounts.

### Content may be removed to satisfy federal rule --

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documents offline, where they can be accessed through a records request, and meeting minutes and agendas are in another module and don't "ever really get messed with," he said.

While small towns don't have to worry about updating some of their older content, they may be hesitant to upload things to their websites in the future, according to Gardner.

"Websites will keep their base: hours of operation, 'here is where you can pay your water bill,' and some of those basics," he told the Monitor. "(That's) maybe what these websites turn into."

Media attorney Jack McDonald said the situation demonstrates the downside of governments pushing to publish public notices on their websites instead of in newspapers.

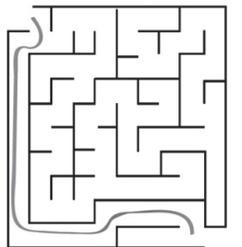
"The answer is always, 'Well, we can put it on our website. That's a lot cheaper and easier.' And the answer (to that) is, 'Yeah, but how long is that going to be on the website?'" McDonald said.

The website NDPublicNotices.com, run by the ND Newspaper Association, provides a backstop thanks to its "huge

repository" of public notices and meeting minutes from the past 15 years, said Executive Director Cecile Wehrman.

"Those minutes will not disappear from the public record," she said.

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### York Cemetery seeks funds

The York Cemetery is seeking donations or memorials to cover upkeep expenses. Jackie Knutson is the treasurer and can be reached at 701-466-2041, or donations may be mailed to York Cemetery, c/o Jackie Knutson, PO Box 145, Leeds, ND 58346.

### Spring light goose conservation order

North Dakota's spring light goose conservation order opened February 21 and continues through May 10.

Residents must have a 2025-26 (valid through March 31) or 2026-27 (required April 1) combination license; or a small game, and general game and habitat license. Resident youth under age 16 only need the general game and habitat license. The 2026-27 license is available for purchase beginning March 15. In addition, all hunters need an electronic waterfowl restoration stamp.

Nonresidents need a 2026 spring light goose conservation

order license. Nonresidents who hunt in spring remain eligible to buy a fall season license. The spring license does not count against the 14-day fall waterfowl hunting season regulation.

Nonresident youth under 16 can purchase a license at the resident fee. A federal duck stamp is not required for either residents or nonresidents. Yet, like resident hunters, nonresidents also need an electronic waterfowl restoration stamp.

Resident and nonresident licenses are available online at the ND Game and Fish Department website, gf.nd.gov.

Hunters must register annu-

ally with the Harvest Information Program prior to hunting in each state. The HIP number obtained for North Dakota's spring conservation order is also valid for North Dakota's fall hunting season. The number can be obtained online on the Game and Fish website.

The spring conservation order is only open to light geese -- snows, blues and Ross's. Species identification is important because white-fronted and Canada geese travel with light geese. The conservation order is closed to whitefronts, Canada geese, swans and all other migratory birds.



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