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Griggs County welcomes McClue as new Extension agent



Lisa Saxberg | Reporter

Griggs County has a new Extension agent, and she has started just in time for the county fair festivities. Haley McClue, NDSU Extension Agriculture and Natural Resources (ANR) Agent, has been working since March on a part-time basis on Fridays while she continued with her studies, and began her role full-time in May. McClue said that her job is to act as a bridge between NDSU and the community, sharing research-based education with producers, community members, and youth. In this role, she will also lead and support the county 4-H program.

McClue grew up on a farm/ranch in Western Iowa. She said that she has always had a passion for agriculture and rural communities. Growing up, she was active in 4-H, starting as a Cloverbud, and she was also in FFA. She said that she enjoyed helping her mom in her garden and helping her dad with calving season.

She is the middle child of three daughters. Her parents are still farming, and her siblings are both close to home.

"I blame 'middle child syndrome' as the reason I'm the independent one who moved far away," she said. "Despite the distance, I am still very close with my family, and I am a family-oriented person. Some of my hobbies

NDSU Extension Agriculture and Natural Resources (ANR) Agent for Griggs County, Haley McClue. (photo/submitted)

are cooking, baking, and reading; this last year I started to dabble in cross stitch and needlepoint too."

When deciding on what college and what she wanted to major in, McClue said that agriculture was her obvious choice.

"Living only an hour away from Iowa State University, I was familiar with their campus and knew I wanted to attend a smaller university, which led me to look at NDSU," she said. "Immediately, I adored their campus and felt very much at home."

McClue said that she landed on agricultural communication for her major since she is a very outgoing person, and crop and weed science as her minor, which she said gave her the chance to learn about the variety of crops grown in North Dakota, since she was only familiar with corn and soybeans.

"I didn't realize how diverse North Dakota agriculture was until I moved here," she said. "I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to learn about the different crops up here that I would not have had the chance to learn about back home. After spending the last four years in



LaMoure's new aquatic facility opened June 12, 2026, and serves as the model for the design being considered by the Cooperstown Park Board. (photo/submitted)

Cooperstown Park Board launches fundraising campaign for pool project

The Cooperstown Park Board is launching a community fundraising campaign during Cooper Days to support the development of a new aquatic complex at the Cooperstown baseball park.

"This project is about much more than a pool," said Bryce Trostad, president of the Cooperstown Park Board. "It's about creating a place where memories

can be made for decades to come. After nearly 50 years of service to the community, the previous pool required significant and increasingly costly repairs while usage and revenue had declined. We are excited to invest in a modern facility that will be efficient, sustainable, and built to serve the community for the next generation."

The proposed facility is based on a proven de-

sign model already implemented by park boards in LaMoure and Gwinner, and currently being constructed in Walhalla. By following a design that has been successfully constructed and operated in similar North Dakota communities, the Cooperstown Park Board aims to provide a safe, efficient, and sustainable aquatic facility that meets local needs while helping

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ONLINE COMMUNITY POLL

Which candy would you choose?

- 26% Snickers
- 15% Butterfinger
- 44% Reese's Peanut Butter Cup
- 15% Milky Way

*Polling conducted through the Griggs County Courier page on Facebook.

Griggs County Commission Meeting, June 22, 2026

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The regularly scheduled meeting of the Griggs County Commission was called to order with Vice Chairman Scott Tranby presiding in Chair Stephanie Edland's absence. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a roll call established a quorum with Scott Tranby, Rodd Zorn, Loren Alfson, and Josh Averill all present. The commission approved the agenda

after amending it to include an office update from the road department.

In the time held for public comment, Alfson thanked Auditor Samantha Larson for her 12 years of service. The sentiment was shared by the other commissioners as well. Next, Alfson raised a question as to whether the appointed Interim Auditor, Madison Eli, could simultaneously serve as Treasurer. State's At-



orney Jayme Tenneson confirmed that both positions could be held

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