

# FOUNDATION:

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have a huge passion for the communities that they are in. That is why I do all I can to help our community and businesses grow and thrive," he says.

Gail Schatz and her late husband, Duane, owned the Grant County News from 1965 to 2004 and raised two children. She and Duane were involved in fundraising to build JMHCC in 1977 and Duane was a charter member of the Foundation.

"The main reason that I was excited when I was asked to be on the board is because I know the importance of the hospital. It's been always a priority in both of our lives to keep it going and

to always be informed enough to answer people's questions," she says. "I want to be able to let people know that we need to support it. It's the most important thing that a person can do is be supportive of an entity that we really need."

Andrea Muggli lives and works on the family farm near Carson with her husband, Tim. They have three children.

"I accepted the offer to be on the Foundation board because I have a passion for helping others and for building a strong community. We are fortunate to have health care facilities in our communities, and I look forward to working

through the Foundation to support them and our dedicated staff for the betterment of our rural care."

Chris Gathright has been the human resources coordinator at JMHCC for 2.5 years. She has worked at JMHCC for 16 years, previously serving as activities assistant and activities director. She and her husband, George, have four children.

"With the hospital being the biggest employer, we need to be the biggest supporter and the Foundation, that's our leg to stand on. We need to be loud and proud. We're changing the culture that's in the hospital, so that needs to be extended. We need everybody to see that and join in and see how great we can be when we're together, when we stand as one," she says.

Megan Maier lives outside of Elgin with her husband, Alan, and son, Lane. They are also excited to be expecting another child in August. She has been teaching at Elgin-New Leipzig

Public School for 10 years, where she teaches junior high and high school science classes.

"I've had the privilege of living in the Elgin area for 11 years, and from the very beginning, this community has made me feel welcome," she says.

"I was recently asked to serve on the Foundation board, and I said yes because our hospital truly matters to this community. Having access to care close to home – especially in emergencies – is incredibly important, and the hospital also provides jobs for many local families. Those jobs have brought new families into our community and into our school, which is something that matters deeply to me as a teacher. Given the financial challenges the hospital is currently facing, I feel it's important to step up and help keep it here. If we were to lose it, the impact would go far beyond health care. It would affect our entire community, our school

and our local economy. I'm committed to doing what I can to help ensure our hospital stays open and continues serving our community for years to come," she says.

Becca Koeplin has lived in Elgin since 2019 and has operated Sheep Creek Play since then. She and her husband, Doug, have two children, Owen and Liz. Doug is a physical education teacher and assistant football coach, and they farm and ranch as well.

"When I was approached about it, I said I would be happy to give my talents on what I enjoy doing. Alongside of day care, I love event planning and doing fun things and know it's for a good cause, especially with our son, Owen. We really spent a lot of time in the hospital with him, so making sure the doors stay open is huge for our family," she says.

Jim Schmidt, who lives near Huff in Morton County, served in the N.D. House of Representatives from 2011 to 2022 and eight of those years on the Appropriations Committee. He is now the District 31 endorsed candidate for the Republican party for a House seat. He has also previously served on the Foundation board.

"It is the only hospital in that region and we have to keep it going and I think I can add to that process and some of the facilitation," he says.

Dennis Rivinius, who worked in the lab at JMHCC from 2003 to 2021, is an Elgin native with four children. He is now retired and still lives on his farm. He serves on the JMHCC board as well as the Foundation board.

"We have to get on the bandwagon if we want to keep our doors open," he says. "The support and Giving Hearts Day and just the other day I got a thank you card thanking me for all my years working at the hospital and being on the board just out of the blue. All that kind of made my day," he says.

The Rev. Mike HarriSon is the pastor for Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Elgin. He is originally from northeastern Illinois.

"I understand the necessity of having adequate health care options nearby. It can be the difference between life and death. I feel that we need to help our hospital to survive and to flourish for the benefit of the people in this area," he says.

### Prayer to the Blessed Virgin

Oh, most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful vine, splendour of Heaven. Blessed Mother of the Son of God; Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh, Star of the Sea, help me and show me. Oh, Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succour me in my necessity (Make request). There are none that can withstand your power.

Oh, Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. (3 times)

Holy Mary, I place this prayer in your hands. (3 times)

Say this prayer for three consecutive days and then you must publish and it will be granted to you in full. Thanks

## 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](mailto:gayle.beyer@k12.nd.us).

E/NL is an equal opportunity employer.



**FISH Fry & BINGO**  
 Friday, March 6  
 4:30 - 6:30 MT or until gone.  
 Hammer Down Bar - Carson  
 \$15 - 10 & up • \$8 - Kids 5-9 • FREE - 4 & under

Menu - Fried cod, roasted potatoes, mac-n-cheese, coleslaw, garlic toast, bars and ice cream.  
 Come and play BINGO for cash prizes.  
 Thank you for supporting the St. Theresa's Church Fish Fry!

### Carson Chiropractic Clinic

Thursdays 9 am - 1 pm CDT  
 Dr. Kelly Gartner | 701-622-3676

### Flasher Chiropractic Clinic

Tuesdays 9 am - 1 pm CDT  
 Dr. Sheri Ten Broek | 701-597-3931

1-800-458-8388

## K.C. FISH FRY

February 27  
 March 13  
 March 27



5:30 - 7:30 p.m. CT  
 Branded Bar & Grill  
 Flasher

Hand-breaded fish filets, baked potato, tossed salad & garlic toast.

## FOR SALE BY BID

Sealed bids will be accepted for the following items:  
 1. 1990 Chevrolet 4x4, extended cab pickup, 138,400 miles.  
 2. 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.

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## GAME TIME LENT SPECIALS



### Lent Menu

- Fish and Chips
- Cod Sandwich with fries
- Bang shrimp tacos and fries
- Crab Rangoons

Stop for fresh delicious food 11am - 7:45pm every day!



Stop in to top off your tank, wash your vehicle, enjoy our Sunday beer specials and grab a bite to eat. Call today to schedule propane delivery.

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 5am - 11pm daily  
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## HELP WANTED

### 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](mailto:recreation@laketschida.com) This position will remain open until filled.

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