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And he's been applying those skills ever since.

While the original turning lathe now rests in the corner unused, the current lathe was purchased new in 1984 and has turned for 23,000 hours.

"And I put in 99% of them," Rueben says. And he has emptied 136 chip pans, each weighing about 400 pounds.

"So, I messed up a lot of iron," he says with a smile.

Even a heart attack 10 years ago didn't slow him, as he was back at work 11 days later.

"I still believe everybody has a destiny. All glory goes to God. That's why I'm here," he says.

He has cut back on his hours, starting work at 7:30 a.m. and ending at 5:30 p.m., unless there's a job to finish.

"For the first 20 years I worked here, we'd start at 7 in the morning, take an hour off for dinner, come back and work until 6, hour off for supper, come back at 7 and work until about 10," he says. "Clarence and I did that for 20 years. At that time, it was just Clarence and I."

The business is now owned by Clarence's son, Mark, and has seen changes through the generations.

"The technology of farming has changed tremendously. The size of the equipment is unreal," Rueben says. "Years ago, you had a four-bottom plow and now it's 100 feet. Where's the end?"

photo | Luann Dart

A SIGN HANGING ON THE OUTSIDE OF STELTER REPAIR thanked Rueben for an amazing 60 years of service on his work anniversary, April 1, 2026.

Even so, threads, grooves and angles still have to be exact, as Rueben machines, mills and welds parts into perfection.

"It's very picky work," he says. "There's a lot of math involved."

Rueben points to a hydraulic block he was able to rethread to work like new again, saving the farmer thousands of dollars to replace the part.

"It's just amazing. People are very appreciative of what I've done for them over the years," he says. "I've had some farmers tell me, 'You let me know when you quit, because I'm going to quit farming.'"

Since those early years, Rueben and his wife, Ruth, have grown the family tree, with four children, 12 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

"It turned out pretty good," he simply says.

Outside the doors of Stelter Repair, Rueben has also served as the mayor of New Leipzig for 25 years and on the fire department for 54 years. He also still serves on the Tri-Cities Joint Job Development Authority.

Rueben also served for six years in the North Dakota National Guard. As a platoon sergeant, he was deployed to the Zip to Zap riot of May 9–11, 1969, when a spring break diversion turned into a full-fledged riot, leading to the deployment of the N.D. Army National Guard.

But through it all, Rueben continued his craft in the corner of Stelter Repair.

"Everybody has a destiny. I figure this is it," he says.

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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
Date: March 18, 2026

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