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## Steele Vets Club Expansion Complete, Restaurant Open

The All American Cafe is now open on Main. The Steele Vets Club ran a contest for the name and Sandy Dewald's pick was chosen. The expansion is complete and also open. The current hours are 9am to 9pm. (10pm Fridays) The hours will change and they will be open earlier once they get the help... they are hiring all shifts and positions at this time. The menu

will initially remain the same and they will continue to have lunch specials Monday through Friday. They will still have the eat in and take out options, but now, you will enter the East door on Mitchell. The bar hours at the Steele Vets Club bar have also changed. They will not open for business or gaming until 2pm. Once open you can get food brought to you in the bar.

Manager Tom Fettig says, 'We have opened the addition and are working out the kinks. We'd like to thank everyone for their patients during this time. Currently, we are hiring more staff and we are adding to our menu and will have more breakfast items soon. We've also starting booking the banquet rooms as we've doubled our space back there'.

The Steele AmVets Board knew staffing would need to be addressed and they continue to work to get fully staffed. They are very flexible for the right candidate...they will staff for as little as 2 hours shifts and as few as three shifts per week. Fettig mentioned it's a great way to save up for that special item OR for Christmas. To apply, Tom can be found at the Club every day, you can call and leave him a message if he's not there or drop off a resume or application.

This project and planning had been kicked around for over a decade, but real planning started around 2022 and the board has worked very hard to make this happen. Past Commander Brian Bartlett was also part of the planning and building. Current board members are Ron Teske, Myron Strom, Ron Krous, Murray Strom, and the Commander is Lonnie Binder. The Board and Fettig invite you to stop in and look around. In several open meetings, the public heard many times from the board that the reason for this expansion was because the town needed more room for events and more options. Now that it is built, they are sure

the community will find great ways to use it.

How can it be used...well, the options are endless, but there can now be two separate meetings at once that can handle a couple hundred people each...it could handle a large wedding party, it can also handle small birthday parties with ease. Bookings and inquiries can be made by calling 475-9470, but try to avoid calling during noon hour as they are quite swamped at that time.

When considering a banquet, know there are 30 rooms at the Steele Inn and Suites and at Nineteen26 Lodging and Campground (the beautifully and well remodeled OK Motel), has 12 large camping sites along with 7 'boutique' style rooms which accommodate a varying number of guests each that works great for families and groups. They also have some airbnb style housing. In addition, there are several airbnbs in the immediate area, so lodging isn't much of an issue.

This is a very exciting time for the community and its growth, as we are all thinking spring, pop in, take a look, and check out their Facebook page, posters hung at various businesses, and ads in the Ozone-Press for what's happening next at the Steele Vets Club and the All American Cafe.



The new addition can be accessed from Mitchell Ave. (interior photo on page 11)

## Thunder finish in 4th place at State Class B Tournament

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Ray racked up 50 points in the first half on the way to a 77-69 victory over Medina/Pingree-Buchanan in the third place game of the State Class B Boys

Basketball Tournament, March 21, at the Minot State University Dome.

It was the highest finish in the State Class B Tournament for MPB, and the Thunder, who finished the season with a 22-6 record, set the team mark for wins in a season in the 13-year history of the co-op between Medina and Pingree-Buchanan. Ray, the Class B Region 3 champion, and third seed in the tournament, finished the season with an impressive, 26-2 mark.

MPB got into some foul trouble early on, and Ray took advantage, sinking seven straight free throws to open up an 11-0 lead less than two and a half minutes into the game. Gage Hofmann finally

got MPB on the board with a field goal with 5:20 left, and that started a 9-2 run by the Thunder, who cut the lead to 13-9 after a putback field goal by Drew Hofmann with just under three minutes remaining in the frame. However, Ray ripped off seven straight points over the next minute and a half, and Blake Bergstrom's three-pointer pushed the lead back up to 20-9, and the Jays took a 22-11 advantage into the second quarter.

The Thunder got their offense untracked in the second quarter, but they could not slow down the Jays, who put up 28 more points in the frame. MPB opened the quarter with an 8-2 run, and Terek Kinzell's three-pointer from deep

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Seniors Terek Kinzell, Gage Hofmann and Chase Ova accept the 4th place trophy on behalf of their team. (Photo courtesy of Jodelle Gefroh)

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