

## Regional Roundup Divide Schools Get \$925K

The Divide County School District has been awarded a \$925,000 grant toward strengthening and sustaining literacy initiatives over the next five years, the superintendent announced.

The award is through a federally funded state program called the North Dakota Comprehensive Literacy Improvement through Measured Building Systems project, or ND CLIMBS.

Superintendent Anthony Vandal said the district plans to use the funds to enhance literacy instruction in the schools and to help offer targeted support to students who need it.

"This grant will provide essential resources to enhance early literacy instruction, support professional development for educators, and ensure that students receive high-quality, research-based literacy interventions," Vandal said.

--The Journal, Crosby

## 'Little Library' in Stanley

Stanley High School senior Logan Neset has taken a creative and impactful approach to his National Honor Society service project by constructing a "free little library."

This small, book-sharing box will be installed in a local public park this spring, offering free access to books for readers of all ages.

Neset designed and built the structure himself, demonstrating both craftsmanship and a commitment to literacy within the community.

"I wanted to do something that would make a lasting difference," Neset said. "Books should be accessible to everyone, and I hope this encourages people to read more."

This project mirrors the existing Little Free Library at another city park, further expanding access to books throughout the community.

--Mountrail County Promoter, Stanley

## Williston Chain is Booming

When Megan Wold looks at one of her Meg-A-Latte coffee shops, she sees something different than a typical Starbucks or other coffee chain: an environment that encourages her customers to stop and stay a while, instead of hustling and bustling to get their order and leave.

One day in November 2011, Wold told her husband she wanted to start her own business. She saw what she believed to be a need for a new coffee shop in the Williston community.

"At the time, there was only one sit-down (coffee shop), which was The Daily Addiction downtown, and then Coffee Post in the parking lot of Cash Wise, which is still there," Wold said.

Wold now owns seven Meg-A-Lattes, the newest of which opened in Bismarck on Feb. 14. An eighth is set to open in Grand Forks in March.

--Williston Herald

## Minot Bridge Needs Repairs

The condition of Minot's Third Street Northeast bridge has worsened, prompting the city council to approve a new plan for repairs.

The plan will mean northbound traffic needs to be detoured for three months, with full road closure during some of the deck work.

The council on March 3 rejected another repair alternative that was more costly but would have allowed the bridge to remain mostly open.

City Engineer Lance Meyer said the original plan to patch and repair was pushed aside due to the condition of one of the bridge's bearings. Water running off the bridge, which can carry road salt, is affecting the bearing and compromising the pad underneath it, Meyer said.

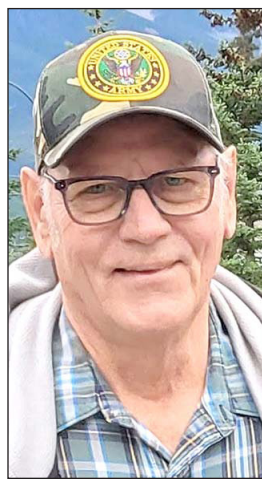
"Without bearings, your bridge would essentially lock up and crack and break," Meyer said.

--Minot Daily News

## Obituary Dale Nelson

Dec. 9, 1947 - March 1, 2025

Dale Nelson, 77, Watford City, ND, formerly of Lignite, passed away Saturday, March 1, 2025, at his home surrounded by his family.



Dale Arnold Nelson was born December 9, 1947, the son of Raymond and Esther (Johnson) in Minot. Dale was the third child of nine kids. He was raised on the family farm in Flaxton and graduated from Flaxton High School.

He enlisted in the United States Army on June 13, 1968. He was stationed in Korea during the Vietnam War. He was honorably discharged June 1, 1974. In 2024, Dale went on an honor flight in Washington DC. He was a proud member of Monson Finkenhagen Ameri-

can Legion Post 35 in Lignite.

Dale married Naomi Eaton on December 26, 1968, in Flaxton. As he built his family, Dale worked oilfield jobs in North Dakota and Montana, eventually settled down at the Eaton Family Homestead south of Lignite. Naomi passed away in October of 2008.

Dale married Debbie Leek on February 4, 2011, in Watford City. Upon retirement, they spent their time between Watford City and Mesa, AZ.

Dale enjoyed going to auction sales, bird hunting, riding his tractor, and spending time with his family. He was an avid collector of eagles, model cars, tractors, and many other things.

Dale had a unique sense of humor and loving personality, which had him loved by many foster children and others as a father, brother, friend and of course "Uncle Dale."

Dale's faith was strong and was an important part of his life. That faith was shown during the most difficult times in his life.

His loving family includes: wife, Debbie; daughters, Dawn Pederson of Sidney, MT; Brenda (Chris) Christianson of

Voltaire, Amie (Raymond) of Kraft, Manassas, VA, and Leslie (David) Rubbert of Garrison; son, Dan (Amy) Nelson of Lignite; grandchildren, DeNaye Kern, Ashlee Mindt, Charlie, Clay, and Brook Sheehan; Heather and David Christianson; Micah, Isaac, and Addie Nelson; and Ethan, Alyssa and Ciara Kraft; J'Leyne, Faye, Kari, and Emma Rubbert; seven great grandchildren; stepsons, Ryan (Staci) Nottestad, Aaron Nottestad, Jacob (Heidi) Nottestad and Caleb Nottestad; step grandchildren, Austyn, Paighton Maddison, Nikkole, Skyler, Gracie, Luke, Chance Nottestad, and Jake Pinkney; many brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; first wife, Naomi; two brothers and one sister.

Funeral: Friday, March 7 at Lake Assembly Church, 101 2nd Ave. E. Powers Lake.

Interment: Bethlehem (Danish) Cemetery, Bowbells.

The service was livestreamed for the public to view and can be accessed by going to the Thompson-Larson Funeral home website: [www.thompsonlarson.com](http://www.thompsonlarson.com)

## Capitol Briefs

### Ann Estvold NDNA Legislative Intern Skipping Class to Vote

Under HB1178, every school district would be required to adopt a policy to allow students who are eligible to vote to leave school to vote in a general, special or primary election. The policy could include a time window for voting and to limit a student's time away. HB1178 was approved by the House 86-1 in January and is now being considered by the Senate Education Committee.

### Nuclear Energy Study

HB1025 would require an interim legislative study that would study the feasibility, siting and deployment of advanced nuclear power plants in North Dakota. The study would include an evaluation of suitable locations, an assessment of the ability of the elec-

trical grid to transport nuclear plants' electric power, land use considerations, economic impacts, and the feasibility of constructing and operating small nuclear reactors. As now written, the study would have \$300,000 available for consulting fees. Members of the study committee would include two members representing the energy industry; individual members appointed by the Public Service Commission, the Industrial Commission, and the Department of Water Resources; three state House members; and three senators.

### Honoring Fallen Veterans and Peace Officers

SB 2277 would designate State Highway 200 from the Minnesota border to the Montana border as the North Dakota Fallen Peace Officers' Memorial Highway. Each mile of the highway would memorialize an individual peace

officer, law enforcement officer or canine officer. North Dakota has had 62 law officers die in the line of duty. SB 2277 received a Do Pass Recommendation in its committee hearing on March 6.

"This bill serves as a tribute to the peace officers, law enforcement officers and canine officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty to protect and serve our communities," said Sen. Keith Boehm, R-Mandan, who sponsored the bill.

HB1426 would designate a bridge on State Highway 6 as the Army Cpl. Raymond Porter Korea Bridge. Porter was killed on Oct. 10, 1951, while fighting enemy forces near Imokchong, Korea. Before he was mortally wounded, Porter placed himself in an exposed position and used a machine gun and automatic rifle to kill entrenched enemy soldiers and help members of his unit advance on a strategic hill.

## Movie Review Looney Tunes: The Day the Earth Blew Up

Porky Pig and Daffy Duck are Earth's only hope when facing the threat of alien invasion.

This animation, adventure, comedy, family and Sci-Fi film is rated PG for cartoon violence/action and rude/suggestive humor.

The film is 1 hour and 31 minutes.

Looney Tunes: The Day the Earth Blew Up is playing at the Kenmare Theatre on March 14-16 and March 21-23. Show times are Friday and Saturday at 7:00 and 9:15 p.m. and Sunday at 3:00 and 7:00 p.m.

## Birth

Bryan and Gabrielle Zepp are excited to announce the birth of their daughter, Jade Annlynn Zepp, born February 8, 2025. She weighed 6 lbs. 5 oz. and was 19-3/4 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Diana Dixon Zepp, Todd and Kimberly Nelson and the late Virnell (Chub) Zepp. Great grandparents are Jack and Diane March and the late Virgil and Nellie Zepp, Jack and Bernice Dixon, Bernie and Marilyn Nelson.

## Area Brief Crosby Showdown is March 22

The Burke County Sheriff's Office presents its third annual Crosby Showdown, a charity hockey game to benefit the girls' hockey program.

Puck drop between the Crosby Lady Comets and Law Enforcement is at 6:00 p.m., Saturday, March 22 at the Crosby Community Center, 1002 2nd St. SE. It is a free will donation event. The kitchen will not be open.

## Coming Events

### MEETINGS

**Powers Lake School Board:** Thursday, March 13, 4:30 p.m.

**Monthly Round Table on area history:** Powers Lake Senior Citizen Center, Thursday, March 13, 4:00 p.m. Everyone welcome.

### SERVICES

**Powers Lake Food Pantry:** open third Tuesday of the month, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., basement of Legion Hall, 201 1st Ave. W.

## SUDOKU

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