

Day.
 •The Grant County Court-house will be closed Monday, Feb. 16, for Presidents' Day.

•The Grant County Commissioners will meet Tuesday, Feb. 17, at 9:00 a.m.

•The Grant County Coyotes boys' basketball team will host Underwood on Thursday, Feb. 19.

•The Flasher Bulldogs boys' basketball team will host Center/Stanton on Thursday, Feb. 19.

Grant County to develop health improvement plan

Grant County is a great place to raise children, with friendly people and quality healthcare. However, the county is exhibiting declining community engagement and cohesiveness and needs to encourage healthier lifestyles.

Those are the findings of a Grant County community health assessment, conducted in 2014.

Grant County's health needs were assessed by a team including Jacobson Memorial Hospital Care Center in Elgin, the Custer District Health Unit and the Center for Rural Health at the University of North Dakota. Many community members participated through interviews, community group meetings and surveys to conduct the community health assessment in Grant County.

The assessment produced the following highlights:

Respondents identified the community's top assets as:

- Friendly and helpful people
- Health care
- A safe place to live
- A good place to raise kids
- The cleanliness of the area

Following careful consideration of all results and findings of this assessment, community members determined that the significant health needs or issues in the community are:

- Attracting and retaining young families
- Ability to retain doctors and nurses in the community
- Declining community engagement and cohesiveness
- Encouraging healthy lifestyles

Data compiled by County Health Rankings show that with respect to

health outcomes, Grant County performs very well, landing in the top ten percent of counties nationally. While residents report good overall health, however, the county fairs poorly on individual factors that influence health.

Factors in which Grant County was performing especially poorly included:

- Adult obesity – six points above the state rate, and the third highest rate of any ranked North Dakota county

- Physical inactivity rate – 30 percent higher than the state rate

- Excessive drinking – more than one in three residents affected, more than 60 percent above the state rate, and the highest rate of any ranked North Dakota county. Grant County residents surveyed also expressed concerns with alcohol and substance abuse among youth.

- Access to exercise opportunities – the percentage of individuals who live reasonably close to a physical activity site is half the North Dakota average

- Uninsured residents – nearly twice the state rate, and the highest rate of any ranked North Dakota county

- Preventive screening – considerably less than the state rate

- Children in poverty – nearly twice the state rate

- Inadequate social support – 13 points above the state rate

"The assessment helped us find out what the community sees as issues in the county and the health improvement plan will be a way for us to address these issues and hopefully work toward creating a healthier community for everyone," says Custer

(continued on page 6)



Valentine's Day is Saturday, Feb. 14



Grant County Dollars for Scholars Bucks for Baskets

True Value has pledged a \$50 donation, Double R Meats has pledged a \$25 donation, WRT has pledged a \$25 donation, and Del's Carpentry has pledged a \$25 donation for the Grant County Coyotes boys' basketball game vs. Underwood on Thursday, February 19.

Contact Us At:

701-584-2900
 gcn@westriv.com

Area Deaths

Jeannette Quinn, 68
 George Gross, 83
 Ethel Davenport, 81

Classifieds.....10
 A Look Back5
 Sports.....7



KFYR Kafé comes to Elgin

Todd Mitchell, radio personality from KFYR radio, hosted the popular KFYR Kafé from Our Place Cafe in Elgin on Friday, Feb. 6. Several local business people were featured on the air talking about the many fine qualities of life in Elgin. Pictured is Branch Manager of the First International Bank & Trust, Aaron Levorsen with Mitchell.

years of classroom experience. She began teaching in 1980 at Trenton, ND. After one year at Trenton, she accepted the music position in New Leipzig and taught K-12 music until 1990 when she began teaching at the Elgin school. The past four years, she has also been teaching at the Roosevelt School in Carson.

MDU Resources Foundation recently donated \$20,000 towards an emergency standby generator for Dakota Hill Housing in Elgin.

June

Happy 75th birthday to Marlene Hintz of Joplin, MO, on June 9.

The Elgin Days Celebration kicked off on June 6 with Hamburgers in the Park. There were many events and activities to enjoy throughout the weekend, including the 53rd Annual Elgin Rodeo. The 2014 Parade Marshals were Mayor Duane and Gail Schatz.

The Summer Reading Program, "Fizz, Boom, Read," sponsored by the Elgin Public Library will run throughout the summer.

Eldon S. Jensen of Lemmon, SD, was honored at the 2014 South Dakota Funeral Directors Association State Convention in Deadwood recently, for his 50 years of continuous service to the funeral profession. The Jensen family operates funeral homes in Lemmon and Faith, SD, and Hettinger, Mott and Elgin, ND.

The tenth annual National Junior High Finals Rodeo (NJHFR) will be held in Des Moines, Iowa, June 22-28. Among local contestants this year are Cedar Kraft, eighth grade student at Grant County Junior High School, who placed second at the ND State competition, and Chaysen Boldt, a seventh grade student at Flasher Public School who placed first at the ND State Competition. They will be competing in the small-bore rifle shooting competition.

(continued next week)

Thursday, Feb. 12



Partly cloudy

35
27

Friday, Feb. 13



Partly cloudy

33
0

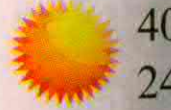
Saturday, Feb. 14



Cloudy

19
15

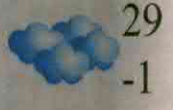
Sunday, Feb. 15



Sunny

40
24

Monday, Feb. 16



Cloudy

29
-1

Tuesday, Feb. 17



Partly cloudy

12
3

Wednesday, Feb. 18



Sunny

24
13

Reported Weather

Date	Hi	Low	Precip.
Feb. 2	18	0	.00
Feb. 3	14	-9	.00
Feb. 4	16	-13	.00
Feb. 5	36	7	.00
Feb. 6	34	12	.00
Feb. 7	57	16	.00
Feb. 8	32	25	.00

Grant County Commission Proceedings

Commissioners to order on 10:00 a.m. by	Distribution	223.81
Keith Payne, Ter.	SBM Inc.	140.72
Muriel Ulrich, Deekes, Pete	Sirchie Finger Print Laboratories	66.24
Roy Riehl, Greg Bruce,	Software Innovations	550.00
to speak on various were made. Heartland sed gravel	Staples Credit Plan	422.90
svick had inutes, they fice.	Stelter Repair	36.87
er and se- to approve December ial meeting All present-	SW Grain	699.93
nd seconded to pay bills present-aye,	TDS Metrocom	156.37
\$ 22.63	Trucks of Bismarck	358.70
111.15	Uniform Center	59.99
805.77	Visa	1,656.86
607.46	Washington National Insurance	58.80
44.72	WRT	889.35
11.63	Department of Transportation	98,263.58
320.49	Old Business:	
125.94	Moved by Roth and seconded by Zenker, to approve paying Muriel Ulrich \$25.00 per hour for 20 hours per week up to a maximum of \$12,000.00 for tax director; will re-evaluate in June 2015. All present-aye, motion carried.	
138.90	Zenker moved and Roth seconded, to appoint Muriel Ulrich tax director. All present-aye, motion carried.	
118.13	New Business:	
204.91	Zenker moved and Roth seconded, to approve County Utility Permit from West River Telecommunications Co-op. All present-aye, motion carried.	
4,706.24	Meet with Dave Reineke: Moved by Roth and seconded by Zenker, to have county employees replace air lines in both county shops with black pipe. All present-aye, motion carried.	
241.68	Moved by Zenker and seconded by Roth, to approve the Support Contract with Software Innovations for one year for \$8,400.00. All present-aye, motion carried.	
1,085.00	Moved by Roth and seconded by Zenker, to approve Lynn Mutschelknaus, Jennifer Wells, and Julie Fischer to sign checks for the General Account at FIBT and motor vehicle at GCSB on behalf of Grant County. All present-aye, motion carried.	
9,350.78	Adjourned meeting at 12:43 p.m.	
408.97	FYI: Regular meeting scheduled for January 19 will be moved to January 20 because of holiday.	
566.74	Regular meeting scheduled for February 16 will be moved to February 17 because of holiday.	
1,543.99	/s/Keith Payne, Chairman /s/Lynn Mutschelknaus County Auditor Published Feb. 11, 2015	
726.00		
347.51		
308.87		
96.32		
336.62		
3,009.00		
366.33		
150.00		
120.00		
14.20		
8,312.40		

Public Notice

SUMMONS

IN THE JUVENILE COURT COUNTY OF GRANT, SOUTH CENTRAL JUDICIAL DISTRICT, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA.

In the Interest of X.G., a child
DOB, 9/14/98

John Foss,)
Grant County Sheriff,)
Petitioner,) File No.
v.) 19-2015-
X.G., Child;) JV-
00007
Yamile Garcia, Mother;)
Juan Garcia, Father;)
Respondents.)

THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA TO THE ABOVE-NAMED PARTIES:

You are hereby summoned to appear personally at the Juvenile Court in the Grant County Courthouse, Carson, North Dakota, on the 16th day of March, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. MT, for the purpose of hearing the Petition filed with this Court. The Petition claims the child is alleged to be delinquent, as more fully appears from the Petition. A copy of the Petition can be obtained at the Clerk of Court's office.

RIGHT TO HEARING BEFORE A JUDGE

You are entitled to have the Petition heard before a Judge of the Juvenile Court, instead of by a Referee, by filing a written request for a Judge with the Clerk of Court within three (3) days after receiving this Summons.

RIGHT TO COUNSEL

If you desire the assistance of an attorney, and are unable without undue financial hardship to employ one, the Court, upon your request, will appoint an attorney for you.

Dated this 5th day of February, 2015.

/s/Wayne Goter
Judicial Referee/
District Judge
Published Feb. 11, 18, 25, 2015

Grant County Commission Proceedings

Special Meeting January 30, 2015

Special meeting of the board of county commissioners was held on Friday, January 30, 2015 at 2:30 p.m. The purpose of the meeting was to interview applicants for the job of Deputy Tax Director.

Commissioners in attendance were Keith Payne, Don Roth, and Alton Zenker.

Also present were Muriel Ulrich, Jennifer Crowley and Kaylissa Leithold.

Moved by Zenker and seconded by Roth to hire Jennifer Crowley with a 90-day probation period with starting at \$2,327.00 for three months with benefits and then starting May 1, 2015, \$2,489.00. All present-aye, motion carried.

/s/Keith Payne, Chairman /s/Lynn Mutschelknaus County Auditor
Published Feb. 11, 2015

Health Plan

•continued from front page

Health's Regional Coordinator Erin Ourada.

"Jacobson Memorial Hospital Care Center has already taken this information into consideration.

Over the summer, we established three fitness routes in Elgin, and we continually share information with residents about the benefits of preventive screenings and living a healthy lifestyle," says JMHCC CEO Theo Stoller. "Our next steps will be to develop a plan to identify ways to address these significant community needs."

Those steps will include:

- Community participation and collaboration to address the highlighted needs

- Development of a community health improvement plan that requires community participation

Custer Health will be seeking community participation for the community health improvement plan. If you would like to help shape the health of your community, please contact Custer Health's Regional Coordinator Erin Ourada at 701-667-3370 or erin.ourada@custer-health.com.

The full report can be accessed at www.custer-health.com or www.jacobsonhospital.org, under the "About Us" section.

Kindness challenges

Grant County High School National Honor Society plans a week of challenges in recognition of Random Act of Kindness Week 2015. The challenge began Monday, Feb. 9 and continues through Sunday, Feb. 15.

Monday, the high school students were encouraged to say hi and smile to three different persons in school, or open a door for someone, or let someone in line before them. As Oscar Wilde commented, "The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention."

Tuesday's challenge was to bring a can of soup for the local food pantry or donate \$1.00 towards the pantry. "If you can't feed a hundred people, then just feed one," Mother Teresa. Today's challenge is to text someone at 3:05 p.m. with an inspiring text or snapchat someone using a hand heart shape. "It's

nice to be important, but it's more important to be nice," author unknown.

Thursday's challenge is to accept a gift graciously by saying "Thanks." The NHS members will be distributing a surprise gift to each high school student, staff, and faculty member.

Friday's challenge is to surprise your second period class with sharing a random act of kindness with them. "Life ends when you stop dreaming, hope ends when you stop believing, love ends when you stop caring, friendship ends when you stop sharing," author unknown.

Saturday, tell someone you love them or give someone a hug, and Sunday, give a compliment to a stranger.

GCHS NHS challenges everyone who reads this article to do a random act of kindness for someone you know, someone you don't know, or even yourself. "It's cool to be kind!"

JMHCC Giving Hearts Day

Give from your heart on Thursday, Feb. 12, when Jacobson Memorial Hospital Foundation is participating in Giving Hearts Day, a 24-hour online fundraising event.

To make a secure online contribution to the Jacobson Memorial Hospital Foundation on February 12, simply go to impactgiveback.org.

Coordinated by the Dakota Medical Foundation and the Impact Foundation, the event is raising funds to support the vital, life-saving mission of Ja-

cobson Memorial Hospital Care Center (JMHCC).

You may also donate by sending a check dated February 12: JMHF, P.O. Box 367, Elgin, ND 58533.

The Elgin Lions Club has generously pledged to match Giving Hearts Day donations up to \$4,000.

"Giving Hearts Day is a great way to support the hospital," says JMHCC CEO Theo Stoller. "We encourage everyone to consider using this online format to donate during Giving Hearts Day."

You rarely succeed unless they have in what they are doing.

Valentine's Day is Saturday, Feb. 14!

Remember your sweetheart this Valentine's Day with flower bouquets, balloon bouquets, and candy bouquets.

True Value Hardware & flowers

North Main St. Elgin, ND • 584-2802

REMINDER...

Deadline for submitting information to the paper is Monday at 5:00 p.m.

NOTICE

The Grant County Motor Vehicle Branch office will be closed Friday, February 13.

REA HYBRIDS

WE KNOW THE NORTH

The bins are full and we have 300 acres of REA corn left to combine!?!

For more information, or to order, contact

AARON FRIESZ, 584-2978
FLORIAN ZINS, 597-3661

Rea Hybrids & Design™ is a trademark of American Seeds, LLC. ©2015 Monsanto Company.

Business Directory

rs Union RANCE

We can help you with all your auction needs!

FAMILY VISION

Nodak Mutual Insurance Company

Tietz Hardware

Whirlpool

Elgin Scho

Noven Elgin/Net Sch

(Subject to E/NL Board ent: Clarer Fischer, Jeff Lamont Gau Maier. Also p dent Martin Terry Bentz, and Business Kirsch.

Laub ca order at 5:30 Allegiance w Fisher m prove the ag Ulmer second Maier m prove the m from Octobe seconded. M Ulmer m

prove the hc financial rep bills; Fischer carried. ABM 484.66; Cen 3,101.00; Ci Companion necting Poi Farm, 4.10 Eggers Elec 49.00; Elgin E/NL, 150. Harper, 316 Jude's, 3.5 Kirsch, 168 Lamination NDSOS, 400 School, 2.9 140.91; Radi kota, 453.9; 3,242.72; I 11,061.29; School Sp Share, 391. Stein's, 593 Team Lab, man, 16.83.

Element was present Junior hi report was p High sch

Elgin Scho

Dec Elgin/Net Sch

(Subject to E/NL Board ent: Clarence Kerry Ulmer, Gaugler, Kim er. Also pr dent Martin Terry Bentz, and Business Kirsch.

Laub ca order at 7:15 Allegiance w Fischer n prove the ag Ulmer second Gaugler approve the sented from I Maier second Fischer n tablish a CD for the Richa Memorial Se seconded. M Ulmer m

prove the ho financial rep bills; Wruck carried. Acr 990.68; Al's, 1 tion, 406.18; Connecting F tis Rud Oil, 634.03; Dal DOT, 3.00; Eg gers Electric Value, 306.9 126.00; Har 35.41; Hsu, 1 Kev's, 55.00 Midwest Inve Mill's, 464.1 New Dominic Orgaard, 5 156.74; Rob Roehl Tr Roth, 224. 64.13; Scho Products, 1 Grain, 381.2 Stein's, 148. 6,267.00; Te Zan, 108.34