



Evan Trottier with his record tiger trout

Angler Lands Record Tiger Trout

Minot angler Evan Trottier caught a state record tiger trout through the ice Jan. 4 at Hooker Lake in Rolette County. Trottier's 6-pound, 2-ounce trout was verified by North Dakota Game and Fish Department personnel. This fish also measured in at 24.75 inches

The Game and Fish Department started stocking tiger trout in 2023 as a novel sport fish in select lakes. Tiger trout are a hybrid between a brown trout and brook trout, known for their namesake striped coloration and fast growth rates in the right environments. Only a handful of lakes in North Dakota contain the right combination of habitat, water quality and forage for tiger trout to thrive.

In spring, the Game and Fish Department plans to stock tiger trout in Hooker Lake and Strawberry Lake in the Turtle Mountains, Moon Lake near Valley City, and the Garrison Dam Tailrace.

Tiger trout stocked in North Dakota waters are obtained through a working partnership with the Wyoming Game and Fish Department.



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**Request for Proposal
for Auto Insurance**

The Turtle Mountain Housing Authority (TMHA), a tribally designated housing entity, is requesting proposals for **AUTO INSURANCE. The coverage is for a three-year period - April 16, 2026 to April 16, 2029.**

Successful firm must comply with local, federal and TERO rules and regulations.


Indian Preference will apply.

Proposals **closing** will be at **4:00p.m. February 26, 2026.**

For more information contact JR Davis at (701) 477-5673.

Email: adavis@tmhousing.net

TMHA reserves the right to waive any informality and/or reject any and all bids. Indian Preference will Apply.



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BID ADVERTISEMENT
Belcourt Retirement Home Unit 422 (A-20)

Open Date: January 30, 2026

Bid Closing Date: February 13, 2026 at 2:00p.m. CST

The Turtle Mountain Housing Authority is seeking qualified individuals/contractors to conduct construction rehabilitation work on a unit at the Belcourt Retirement Home that was damaged by a vehicle striking the wall.

Unit Rehabilitation will consist of repairing/rehabbing exterior wall of UNIT #422 (A-20) per TMHA specifications. It is recommended that prospective bidders schedule a walk-through. To request and schedule an inspection of the unit, contractors should contact Dave NaDeau, TMHA Maintenance Director.

To request a bid package, or for more information, please contact:

Alex JR. Davis at (701) 477-5673 ext. 258;
or email: adavis@tmhousing.net

Dave NaDeau at (701) 472-1344;
or email: dnadeau@tmhousing.net

Danelle Baker at (701) 477-5673,
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Legacy Trail in Rolla turns into multi-use path, connecting to St. John



By Kyona Rivera

ROLLA, N.D. (KMOT) - If you're an outdoor enthusiast, there's one trail you may want to check out in the northwest part of our state.

This trail is more than just a path. It honors the town's history while opening the door to outdoor recreation, serving as a gateway to the Turtle Mountains.

The eight-mile path connects the towns of Rolla and St. John. It used to be a railroad bed, but sat unused for years.

"Residents really appreciate that they have a place to exercise," said Rebekah Bryant, economic development director for the City of Rolla.

Bryant said the community rallied together to clear it up and make it a trail for walkers, bikers and runners.

"The old tracks were removed and then converted into this walking or hiking trail," said Bryant.

Joshua Steffan with the state Parks and Rec said there's an app called OuterSpatial where

you can find this trail among others like it across the state.

"That app includes not only state park trails, but all the trails statewide," said Steffan.

These days don't offer long daylight.

"We go to work in the dark, we come home in the dark, usually," said Steffan.

But this trail offers a reason to step outside when you can.

"I think if we can get out and enjoy the outdoors and remain a little more active than we usually be, I think that's really important," said Steffan.

Beyond exercise, this trail tells a deeper story, one rooted in the town's legacy.

"In the City of Rolla, we really want to continue to allow our residents to want to live here. And our visitors to want to visit and stay here," said Bryant.

The trail is open all year long, located off Highway 30.

The state Parks and Recreation said they are working on including this trail and other city and county ones to the annual Hiking Challenge in the future.

Ojibwa Indian School 2nd Quarter Perfect Attendance

- POD A**
- **KINDERGARTEN** — Cade Brien, Emily Houle
 - **1st GRADE** — Alucard St. Claire, Jordan Stewart, Rayanna Vettleson
 - **2nd GRADE** — Safaya Baker, Tatum LaFontaine, Luca Medrud, Lane Poitra, Deklyn Scott
- POD B**
- **3rd GRADE** — Hayden Davis, Eva Gourneau, Davis Kinney, Jack Laducer, Xaylee Marcellais, Hannah Martin
 - **4th GRADE** — Aisley Frederick, Courtney LaFontaine, Kalliyah LaVallie-Brien, Kyrie Marcellais, **Summer McCloud**
 - **5th GRADE** — Kaylee Azure, Savana Laducer, Fallon LaFountain

- POD C**
- **6th GRADE** — Justin Bear Runner, Braxtyn Belgarde, Jaydis Belgarde, Daniel Davis, Dreavyn Scott
 - **7th GRADE** — Kansas BearRunner, Ariyanna Demery, Kenley Eden, Richard Greatwalker Jr., Durran Houle, Luke Houle, Isabella Laducer, Myliegh McCloud
 - **8th GRADE** — Zoie Champagne, Kentin Eden, Mason Parisien, Hailee Poitra, Raeonna Spears

As an incentive, all were treated to a pizza party with the principal.

Seasonal highway load restrictions anticipated soon

BISMARCK, N.D. – Seasonal load restrictions may be implemented on North Dakota state highways as soon as next week due the mild winter and warm weather in the forecast.

The North Dakota Department of Transportation utilizes load restrictions to reduce damage to roadways caused by heavy loads, in the spring, when highway pavements are most vulnerable.

The NDDOT uses computer modeling which is verified by subsurface temperature probes to determine when to place spring load restrictions on the highways. This technology helps NDDOT make more informed decisions and can reduce the length of time load restrictions are in place.

Depending on weather conditions, these restrictions typically go into effect starting in the southwest region of the state and remain in effect until roadbeds have stabilized enough to carry normal traffic.

If motorists have overweight loads to move, consider doing it before seasonal load restrictions are placed.

For updated seasonal load restrictions call 511 or visit the ND Roads map at travel.dot.nd.gov. Email and text alerts are also available through GovDelivery. For more information visit www.dot.nd.gov/load-restrictions.



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**100-297 High School Grant
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, February 10th, 2026 @ 11:30a.m.
Board Room, 1207 William Hardesty Street
Belcourt, ND 58316**


TENTATIVE AGENDA

1. **CALL to ORDER**
2. **ADOPTION of AGENDA**
3. **ADOPTION of CONSENT AGENDA**
 - 3.A - Superintendent/AD Director - Dr. Shane Martin
 - 3.B - Approval of Minutes - 0/13/26
 - 3.C - Business Manager Report - Duane Poitra
 - 3.D - TMHS Principal Report - Brad LaRocque
 - 3.E. - Approval of Pathfinder School of Innovation Jefferson County E-School Slots - Brad LaRocque
 - 3.F. - Approval of Belcourt School District #7 Cybersecurity Integration Plan - Brad LaRocque
 - 3.G. - Approval of Accounts Payable - Earl Demery
4. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - 4.A - NONE
5. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - 5.A - NONE
6. **ADJOURNMENT**



BELCOURT SCHOOL DISTRICT #7
1207 William Hardesty Street, Belcourt, ND 58316

AGENDA
Board of Education
Belcourt School District #7
Tuesday, Feb. 10th, 2026 @ 12 NOON
Board Room



1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **OPENING PRAYER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT**
4. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**
5. **ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA**
 - A. Superintendent/Athletic Director Report — Dr. Shane Martin
 - B. Assistant Superintendent/HR Director Board Report — Dr. Shane Martin
 - C. Ojibwa Indian School Principal Report — Angelique Bennett
 - D. Approval of Tuition Agreements – Duane Poitra
 - E. 2026 School Board Election Calendar — Duane Poitra
 - F. Approval of Minutes — 1-13-26
 - G. Approval of Minutes — 12-03-25
 - H. Business Manager Report — Duane Poitra
 - I. Approval Disposal of Records (List Attached) — Earl Demery
 - J. BDYWC Board Report (w/video included) — Terry DeCoteau
 - K. TMCES Principal Report — Shanna Davis-McCloud
 - L. TMCMS Principal Report — Gaillard Peltier
 - M. TMCHS Principal Report — Brad LaRocque
 - N. Approval of Pathfinder School of Innovation Jefferson County E-School Slots - Brad LaRocque
 - O. Approval of Belcourt School District #7 Cybersecurity Integration Plan - Brad LaRocque
6. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. NONE
7. **BE LEGENDARY**
 - A. Interim 2 Data - Claudette Gourneau/Laurie Elliott
 - B. Questioning Strategies - Laurie Elliott
8. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. Approval of Accounts Payable — Earl Demery
 - B. Possible Date/Place for Board Retreat — Dr. Shane Martin
9. **ADJOURNMENT**