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PRAIRIE DOC PERSPECTIVES

BY DEBRA JOHNSTON, M.D.

Looking out for you

Recently, while visiting from out of state, my father had a “health hiccup.” As we navigated getting this problem investigated and addressed, he was very concerned that we keep his primary care doctor informed. As my dad has said repeatedly, “I give him more grief than any of my other doctors, but I also listen to him more than any of my other doctors. He’s the only one looking out for all of me!”

Like many Americans, particularly older Americans, my dad has a whole host of specialists he sees on a regular basis. One of my friends recently teased, what do primary care providers do, anyway? It seems that there is a specialist for pretty much any problem you can imagine!

If I see a cardiologist, an electrophysiologist, a urologist, an endocrinologist, a gastroenterologist, a rheumatologist, a nephrologist and maybe even an oncologist, why do I need one more doctor, who doesn’t seem to be

handling anything?

Established readers of this column know that I, like Dr Holm before me, am a proponent of the annual wellness visit. It’s a chance to step back and look at the big picture, to review screenings, immunizations, and health promotion recommendations. Many factors can influence these recommendations, beyond age and gender. Did you know that older men who have smoked should be screened for aortic aneurysms, and that diabetes in pregnancy increases diabetes risk going forward?

The origin of a symptom is not always straightforward. For example, abdominal pain can originate not just from the digestive system, but from many other systems, and from causes that might surprise you, such as blood or metabolic diseases and poisonings. Some people, women especially, get their gallbladders removed, only to discover that the problem was, in fact, their

heart. A primary care doctor can help sort things out in a more efficient way.

A primary care doctor looks at the big picture. In fact, all of us answering questions tonight are primary care doctors. We commonly say we are specialties of breadth, not depth. My father says the specialist studies one 1000 page book on their topic, while the generalist studies the 10 page summary for 100 different topics. We may ask for assistance from our specialist colleagues for more unusual, treatment resistant, or advanced diseases, but every day we help patients manage their health problems. We coordinate care between specialists, and watch for signs that the treatment for one problem is worsening another. In fact, I would argue that the more specialists you have, the more important it becomes to have someone “looking out for all of you.”

Everyone deserves a primary care provider!

DAKOTA RECREATION REPORT



BY PATRICIA STOCKDILL

Outdoor notes:

- Reminder that most roads and trails closed to hunting if posted on both sides.
- Check all PLOTS signage before driving into fields with vehicles when waterfowl hunting to ensure landowner allows vehicles.
- Hunters reminded to put identification on tree stands and blinds when set up on N.D. Game & Fish Dept. WMAs.
- Nov. 20: Deer gun season closes.
- Nov. 20: Zone 1 Early Season mountain lion season closes.
- Nov. 25: Deer muzzleloader season opens.

Fishing:

- Devils Lake elevation, Nov. 8: 1,449.21 feet above mean sea level (MSL).
- Stump Lake elevation: 1,449.25 MSL.
- Lake Sakakawea elevation: 1,832.79 MSL; 15,500 cubic feet per second average (CFS) Garrison Dam daily releases.
- N.D. Game & Fish Dept. Dist. game wardens: No new reports.
- Devils Lake, Ed’s Bait Shop, Devils Lake: No new reports.
- Devils Lake, Lakeview

Lodge, Minnewaukan: Weather continues limiting weather.

•Devils Lake, West Bay Resort, Minnewaukan: Weather shut down fishing.

•Devils Lake, Woodland Resort, Devils Lake: Weather front shut down activity.

•Foster County area lakes, Dry Dock, Carrington: No activity throughout area lakes.

•Jamestown Reservoir, Pioneer Bait & Tackle, Jamestown: No activity as anglers wait for transition to ice-over. James River remains low.

•Jamestown Reservoir, Sooper Stop, Jamestown: Area lakes quiet.

•Lake Ashtabula, The Hungry Pelican at the Crossing, Luverne: No new reports with little activity.

•Lake Ashtabula, Bayshore, Valley City: Shallow back bays are starting to skim over with ice but opening with wind.

•Lake Sakakawea, Cenex Bait & Tackle, Garrison: Weather permitting, anglers continue heading to Deepwater Bay and the New Town area on Lake Sakakawea for walleye. Try jigging Raps in 35 to 45 feet.

•Lakes Audubon & Sakakawea, Hwy. 83 Lawn & Leisure, Garrison: Light activity on the east end of Lake Sakakawea, although a few anglers continue finding walleye success around Douglas Bay, weather permitting. Try jigging Raps or vertical jigging with minnows, which is producing the most activity. Work 15 to

40 feet. Lake Audubon annual winter drawdown is complete. A few anglers also on Audubon working shallow in 3 to 8 feet for walleye. Try jigs and minnows in back bays or east embankment culverts. Decent smallmouth bass success continues working a variety of presentations in the early morning

•Lake Sakakawea/Lake Audubon/Missouri River, Scott’s Bait and Tackle, Pick City: Missouri River tailrace remains light for angler numbers during the day with better success at night. East end of Lake Sakakawea remains quiet with most walleye activity at Van Hook Arm and New Town, weather permitting. Try jigging Raps.

•Lonetree WMA area lakes, Harvey: No activity on area lakes.

Hunting:

- Deer: Lots of activity.
- Waterfowl: Good numbers of geese in northeast N.D. and the Devils Lake area but wetlands and even larger lakes iced over. Small and mid-sized wetlands iced over across most of northwest N.D. moving birds to the big water bays of Lake Sakakawea. Good numbers of snow geese across east-central N.D. but wetlands and lakes also mostly iced over and birds could move out quickly.

Numbers to know:

- N.D. Game and Fish Department, Devils Lake office: (701) 662-3617.
- Report All Poachers: (701) 328-9921.

CALENDAR

Saturday, November 19

COMMUNITY CUPBOARD of Underwood - Food & Turkey Distribution from 10 a.m. to Noon. Food Pantry:McLean County Residents in need are welcome to receive food. No referrals or pre-registration required. 208 Lincoln Avenue, Underwood.

THE THRIFT STORE, GARC, Garrison, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

HOSPITAL AUXILIARY HOLIDAY FAIR, Turtle Lake Legion Hall, 10 - 4 p.m., clothes, crafts, food and much more

80TH BIRTHDAY PARTY for Marlene Iglehart, Garrison Senior Center, 2-5 p.m.

SCANDINAVIAN SUPPER, starting at 5:30 p.m. at Camp of the Cross Ministries Fellowship Center, Reservations are required

Monday, November 21

YOGA, First Congregational Church, Garrison, 8 a.m.

BONE BUILDERS, Garrison Senior Center, 10 a.m.

RETIRED TEACHERS MEET at The Missouri River Basin Retired Teachers Association will meet at 10:00 a.m. CT/9 a.m. MT , Nov. 21 at the home of Charlotte Rohde, 331 2nd Ave SW in Halliday. Following a business meeting, Christmas bingo and lunch will be served.

Wednesday, November 23

YOGA, First Congregational Church, Garrison, 8 a.m.

THE THRIFT STORE, GARC, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Thursday, November 24

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Friday, November 25

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Saturday, November 26

THE LORD’S PANTRY, from 10 to Noon, Trinity Lutheran Church, 515 Kundert St., Turtle Lake ND at 10 a.m. to noon. No referrals or pre-registration required. All in need are welcome to receive food at no cost.

DICKENS VILLAGE FESTIVAL, Garrison

Thursday, December 8

THE LORD’S PANTRY, from 2 to 4 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, 515 Kundert St., Turtle Lake ND at 10 a.m. to noon. No referrals or pre-registration required. All in need are welcome to receive food at no cost.

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Coleharbor approves final playground design

BY: ETHYN WILLIAMS-CALVERT
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COLEHARBOR -- Designs for Coleharbor's new city park were approved at the City Council's monthly meeting Monday evening.

The council weighed two different options, one featuring a set of greens and browns aiming to look natural, and another set featuring the blues and oranges of the Central McLean Cougars.

Ultimately the council chose the color scheme inspired by the Cougars with Mayor Heath Pochant stating he felt the bright familiar colors would catch the children of Coleharbor's eyes.

The approved playground equipment carries a total cost of \$86,712.

At the meeting members of

the board received progress updates on the city's water project, the city's park project, and took care of a few pressing items of winter maintenance.

Following the approval of the previous meetings' minutes the board motioned for the approval of the transfer of the Dakota West CD into the city's general fund. Following the transfer the city is looking at roughly \$9,800 in the general fund.

The board next heard from Tom Klabunde from Moore Engineering regarding an update on the city's ongoing water project. Klabunde informed the board that the city's new water tank has been laid in the ground and that "everything is done on the outside, we're just working on the inside now."

Klabunde estimated it would take about a month to finish

the project's remaining work with a mid-January target date for the water system being online and operational.

After Klabunde's presentation the board approved Contractor Pay Application #1 for Swanberg Construction for the amount of \$466,662, which is the remaining balance of the water project.

Before the meeting was adjourned, members of the board approved a motion to accept the lowest bid they can find for a new furnace in the City Hall. Pochant described the oft-restored furnace was no longer in a fixable condition and simply needed replacing as soon as possible, describing it as, "95,000 years old."

Coleharbor's City Council will next meet on Dec. 12 at 7 p.m. in the City Hall.

Keep food safety in mind this holiday season

PRAIRIE FARE

BY JULIE GARDEN-ROBINSON,
FOOD AND NUTRITION SPECIALIST,
NDSU EXTENSION

My first attempt at cooking our Thanksgiving meal bordered on disaster. I was newly married, and I had not flown solo on cooking a holiday meal.

Unfortunately, I didn't have a large enough pan for the turkey. The turkey was wedged into my roasting pan clutching its breast with its wings.

The turkey appeared golden brown when I hoisted the pan out of the oven. I was feeling successful. When I put the bird on a cutting board, its wings flopped open and revealed a pinkish-white underbelly.

Then I was clutching my heart, and I wanted to fly away. The turkey was done in some parts and still raw in others.

All my hungry guests gathered in the kitchen and looked at me. I suggested going out for dinner.

Instead, I kept the turkey in the shallow pan with sides. We clothed the bird in aluminum foil except for the undone parts. It looked like an early astronaut.

Eventually the turkey was fully cooked, although a bit dry. No one became ill from my cooking. That was a good thing because I was teaching food safety at the time. I also bought a larger pan.

Whether you are cooking a large holiday meal or a meal for one or two, the same food safety principles are involved.

First, think about who will eat the food you make. If you are cooking for older adults or young children, you are preparing food for people who face greater risks of foodborne illness.

Guests with a medical condition, including diabetes, or those receiving cancer treatment or taking certain medications that dampen the immune system, also are more vulnerable to foodborne illness. The most common

causes of foodborne illness in the U.S. are norovirus, salmonella, Clostridium perfringens, campylobacter and Staphylococcus aureus, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Yes, these words are a mouthful. Knowing how to handle food safely can prevent these germs from making us sick. The symptoms can be serious or even deadly.

That undercooked turkey I took out of the oven easily could have been a source of salmonella or campylobacter. The symptoms of salmonellosis (the illness associated with a salmonella infection) include diarrhea (sometimes containing blood), stomach cramps, fever, vomiting, chills and several others.

The symptoms of salmonellosis may show up anywhere from eight to 72 hours after you eat the food. For healthy people, the symptoms may clear up on their own within a couple of days but could lead to lifelong medical issues for others, including reactive arthritis from salmonellosis.

Most foodborne illnesses may be prevented with a few easy steps: clean, separate, cook and chill. Visit www.ndsu.edu/agriculture/extension/publications/fight-bac-fight-foodborne-bacteria for a printable "Fight BAC" brochure.

In the meantime, let's focus on temperatures recommended by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Be sure to have an accurate food thermometer available in your kitchen every time you cook.

For safety, cook all poultry to an internal temperature of 165 F or higher. Measure the temperature in the thickest parts (breast, thigh). Some commercial manufacturers recommend cooking turkey to 180 F for best eating quality.

Cook roast beef to an internal temperature of 145 F (medium rare) and allowed to stand for three minutes to allow the

temperature to equilibrate.

Reheat leftovers to 165 F. Leftover gravy should be heated to a rolling boil.

Here's a recipe to enjoy during a chilly early-winter day.

Chili with Beans

1 tablespoon cooking oil (canola, sunflower, etc.)
1 onion, chopped
1 green bell pepper, chopped
2 cloves garlic, chopped
½ pound ground turkey or ground beef (or 1 cup roasted turkey, chopped)
2 tablespoons tomato paste
1 teaspoon ground cumin
2 teaspoons chili powder
1 (28-ounce) can diced tomatoes, undrained
2 (15-ounce) cans kidney beans, rinsed
½ cup water
1 ¼ teaspoons salt (or less to taste)
¼ teaspoon pepper (or to taste)
Optional toppings (sour cream, cilantro)

Heat oil in a large saucepan over medium-high heat. Add onion, bell pepper and garlic. Cook, stirring occasionally, just until vegetables are tender. Add turkey or beef and cook, breaking up with a spoon, until no longer pink. (If using roasted turkey, add at the end.) Stir in tomato paste, cumin and chili pepper. Cook and stir for one minute. Add tomatoes (with liquid), beans, water, 1 ¼ teaspoons salt and ¼ teaspoon pepper. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer, stirring occasionally, until slightly thickened, 12 to 15 minutes. Serve with sour cream and cilantro.

Makes eight servings. Each serving has 170 calories, 3 grams (g) fat, 13 g protein, 23 g carbohydrate, 7 g fiber and 300 milligrams sodium.

(Julie Garden-Robinson, Ph.D., R.D., L.R.D., is a North Dakota State University Extension food and nutrition specialist and professor in the Department of Health, Nutrition and Exercise Sciences. Follow her on Twitter @jgardenrobinson)

— DAKOTA GARDENER —

Harvest is in

BY ZOE ZELEZNIK,
Forester,
NDSU Extension

I ask the same questions to my farmer friends every fall – how were the crops this year? Were yields good? Was it an easy harvest?

These questions are good conversation starters though they may sound trite. But they're asked sincerely. I hope my friends have a good harvest and that the land produces a bounty for them.

Farmers – and gardeners – sow seeds in the spring and harvest in the fall. The production of the forest and its harvest are different. This ecosystem is dominated by long-lived perennials that produce fiber but the broader ecosystem yields food in a number of different ways.

Trees can be harvested whole and turned into firewood or even timber that goes to a sawmill. We don't see much timber in North Dakota, but a surprising number of people heat their homes with firewood.

The food production of forests is highly varied. This was a great year for hazelnuts in our region. Some areas were thick with American hazelnut while in other areas, the beaked hazel was bountiful. I picked a bucketful of American hazelnuts this fall in about 40 minutes. It was great.

That hazelnut bounty was easily shared this year. As I picked a red squirrel scolded me, as I was clearly in an area that he considered to be his own.

Two-and-a-half miles down the road, a mama black bear and her three cubs also were harvesting hazelnuts. I conceded that territory to them.

Do you forage? It looked like a good year for chokecherries

and plums. How was juneberry production this year? We picked a lot of raspberries and blackberries when I was a kid.

The bounty of the forest includes wildlife. I was happy to help my neighbor the other day after he harvested a deer not far from home. It came out of a brushy swamp and went into the forest past my friend. However, he took two shots to take the deer.

The first shot hit a tree.

I decided not to tease my buddy about his attempt to "harvest" a tree that way. Admittedly, I've done the same thing on occasion.

In my own yard, the birds have been harvesting insects beneath the bark of the maple tree. They're trying to get as much fat and protein as they can before winter sets in for good. While I'm happy for the birds I'm a little worried about all the bark they're knocking off the tree. Bark provides trees with insulation and protection from environmental extremes.

During the summer, the insects harvested portions of leaves to produce their offspring. Now the birds are harvesting the insects. It's a web of interactions in which we play a part. The oak trees produced acorns that fed the deer that is now in my neighbor's freezer. Connections.

I became even more intimately involved in that network this year – I tried raising honeybees for the first time. My goal was simple – just keep the bees alive!

Fortunately, the bees thrived and we collected about 25 pounds of the lightest-colored honey that I've ever seen. It has a slightly minty flavor that comes from nectar of basswood trees (American linden).

Whatever seeds you sowed, I hope you had a great harvest this year.



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UN Pheasants DAKOTA DATEBOOK

BY TESSA SANDSTORM

It had only been a little over a year since the end of World War II, and the world's superpowers were already taking up arms. They were to invade North Dakota. Why not, after all? It was pheasant season.

On this day in 1946, the citizens of Minot and Hazen were still reveling over the recent arrival of thank you letters from international hunters. Representatives from China, Russia, Great Britain, France, and the United States arrived in Minot on October 17 to partake in one of North Dakota's favorite pastime: pheasant hunting. They spent that evening in Minot, and the next morning, the party embarked on their hunting expedition.

The parties divided into different cars, and headed south toward Hazen, hunting along the way. The Russian delegates, Lieutenant General Sharapov and Lieutenant Colonel Roudol, and US Brigadier General Cabell displayed their marksmanship by reaching Hazen first with their limit. They waited there as the other parties worked their way through the fields to Hazen. Their bags for the day were later served to them that night when the Hazen Community Club served a variety of local delicacies, including roast pheasant, roast beef, fried fish, baked beans, raw hamburger, and potato

salads. The parties then retired for the night to rest for another day of hunting.

The next day, the groups reported considerable luck during their hunt, although British Admiral Symonds-Taylor was upset about some of the poor shots. He said, "What a bloody rotten bunch of shots these fellows are!" The Pioneer reported that it was Symonds-Taylor, however, that was having the worst luck. Regardless, what some might have lacked in marksmanship, they made up for in enthusiasm. General Ho Ying Chin, second in command in China, said, "We've had a wonderful time here. I hope that we shall be able to come back here to hunt again." This was quite a compliment considering their prey originally comes from China, and North Dakota remained a top destination for pheasant hunting. The Russian delegates showed reluctance to return to Minot after the hunt that day, and urged the guide to take them through new hunting areas. The Russians turned to diplomacy to get in one last hunt: "Just one more field," they said, "and then we'll go."

Late that afternoon, the parties left again for Minot. The next day they returned to New York. Their stay in the state had been brief, but their experience remained with them for a long time afterward. U.S. delegates Rear Admiral J. J. Ballentine and Brigadier General Cabell wrote letters of thanks to the

citizens of Hazen and Minot, commenting them on their food, sincerity, and hospitality. Moreover, the letters pointed to Hazen as a model American town.

The letters stated, "We experienced the most generous and friendly hospitality and the sheerest pleasure imaginable.... You cannot know how much the members of the hunting party appreciated your genuine hospitality....It particularly delights the officers of the United States delegation that the time could be spent as the guests of a small town like Hazen, for there are found the roots of our national life, domestic and foreign. You have portrayed Americans in the traditional light of sincerity and friendliness which we all admire and emulate and you may be sure that anyone who knows people like those in Hazen will be inspired with confidence in American sincerity and good intentions. Thus, you have not only shown us all a very good time; you have contributed directly to the good will, and thus the efficiency, of the United Nations."

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Majority of votes in general election done by mail

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McLEAN COUNTY – Absentee ballots made up the majority of votes cast by McLean County residents in last week's general election.

Of the 4,274 votes cast in McLean County, the majority – 2,450, or about 57 percent – were done via absentee votes, said McLean County Auditor Beth Knutson.

“It seems every election, we get a little bit more,” Knutson said of the growing number of absentee votes.

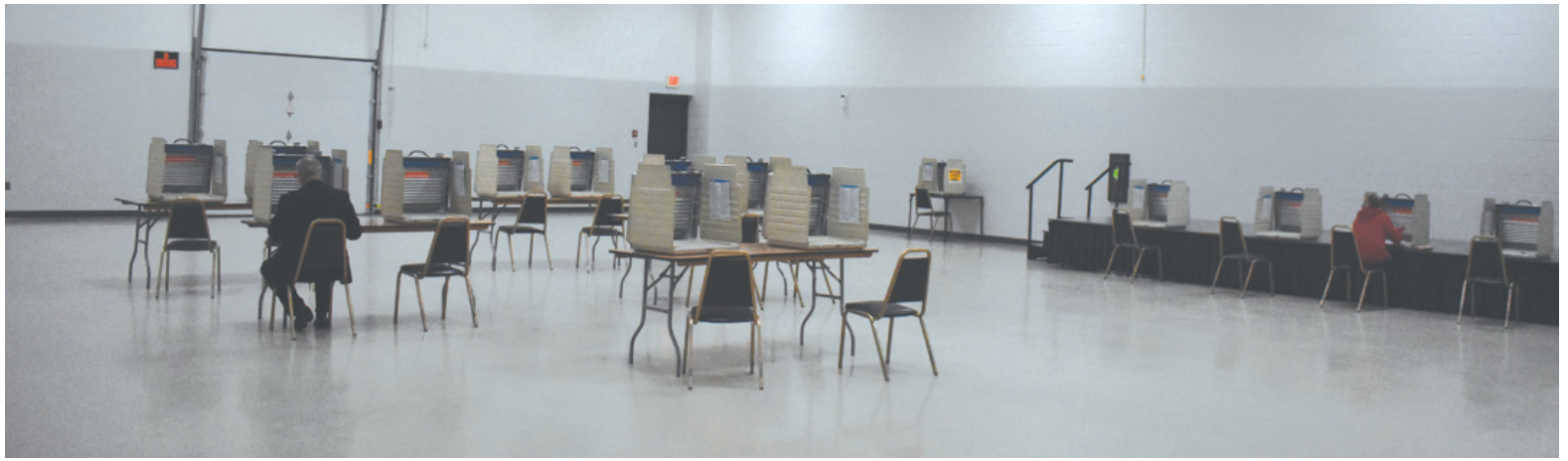
While turnout during the primary election in June was lower, about 71 percent of the votes cast were from absentee ballots.

With weather concerns, like the storm that hit North Dakota late last week, voting via absentee ballots can help quell concerns about not being able to vote.

“They’ll know this will count,” Knutson said. “People are getting used to it, the convenience of doing it at home and hand-delivering it here.”

Once absentee ballots are received at the county office, voters can track their ballot online.

“You can see that it’s here and ready to be counted,” Knutson said. “People take advantage of that as well.”



The polling station at the Garrison City Auditorium on the afternoon of Election Day was quiet. The majority of voters in McLean County, about 57 percent, opted to vote through absentee ballot. (Ethyn Williams-Calvert)

While the convenience of absentee ballots made it easier to vote, there are others who chose to do it in person.

Polling stations opened bright and early in McLean County on Election Day, 42 minutes before the sun was expected to rise.

For the third time, Donna Blanchard of Garrison worked as a poll worker. Once poll workers arrive at the station, they can't leave, she noted. With the stations closing at 7 p.m., it would be a long day for her, as well as the other workers at the station set up at the Garrison City Auditorium, one of the four in the county.

That morning, a steady stream of voters came to

exercise their democratic right.

“It’s nice to see everyone coming out,” Blanchard said shortly before 9 a.m.

Polling stations in McLean County had been open for almost two hours by that point and around 60 votes had been cast at the Garrison station. That was about one-third of the total votes cast there in the primary election on June 14.

In all, 675 votes were cast at the Garrison polling station on Election Day, Knutson said, adding that Washburn had 654 ballots cast. The polling stations in Turtle Lake and White Shield had the lower turnouts, with 280 and 226 ballots made, respectively. As

According to McLean County Auditor Beth Knutson, 4,274 votes were tabulated in McLean County on Election Night. Of those votes:

1,835 votes made at polling stations
2,439 absentee ballots (of the 2,657 absentee ballots sent out)

13 votes to be canvassed, of which seven will not count as they were postmarked after Election Day, Knutson said.

residents don't need to vote at the polling station closest to where they live (with the exception of White Shield), the number of votes made at the stations is not indicative of the voting patterns of the residents in those towns.

With the absentee and now in-person ballots being tabulated, the next step is

canvassing, which will take place in the county on Monday. For the state, the canvassing board meets next Friday, after which votes will become official.

“If there’s any recounts, we’d have to know by the 29th,” Knutson said, adding that to her knowledge, there are no pending calls for recounts.

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