

More From The Parade Of Lights



Stanley Fire Department had one unit in the parade.



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The Prairie Ford float wished everyone a Merry Christmas and successful New Year.



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Stanley Ambulance Service had two units in the parade.



West End Boutique wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Bakken Briefs

Narcotics theft in Crosby

An undisclosed amount of narcotics and money was stolen from Crosby Drug in a weekend break-in, Divide County Sheriff Zach Schroeder said Nov. 20.

"It's an open investigation," Schroeder said. "There's a lot more that we have to do. We have to process a lot of evidence."

The sheriff's office was alerted to the break-in that morning after Crosby Drug employees arrived and noticed the missing narcotics and money and called 911. The store did not open at all that day due to the investigation.

Schroeder said the break-in occurred sometime between 5 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. Monday; the store is closed on Sundays.

Evidence shows the suspect or suspects entered through the roof of the store.

Stanley EDC wants director

The president of the Stanley Economic Development Committee has asked the Stanley City Council to consider creating a position for an employee who could take on more development duties than the committee can.

Steve Springan said at a council meeting Nov. 14 that the EDC had approached Mountrail County about sharing an employee, but the county said it is comfortable with using Souris Basin Economic Development for its needs.

Springan said the EDC fund has sufficient money to fund a position. He said he would like the council to consider the proposal.

The existing EDC committee is in charge of screening applications for funds. Springan said an EDC coordinator would be able to take on more duties to pursue economic development.

No bidders for school land

Having received no bids for its old elementary school property, the Kenmare Public School District will advertise the property for sale again in the coming weeks.

"We did not receive any bids," said Jason Zeltinger, school board president, at a board meeting Nov. 15. "I was a little surprised, since there are four entities interested."

Demolition of the old school began Nov. 2.

Superintendent Alex Hennix said the school's attorney advised that the best practice would be to advertise the property for sale again for three consecutive weeks.

The four entities that have expressed interest are the City of Kenmare, the Kenmare Fire Department, the Kenmare Ambulance Service and the Kenmare Park District.

Mohall nursing home closes

November 17 was a very sad day for many, many people here in Mohall and the surrounding area as the last two residents at the Good Samaritan Society nursing home moved out.

The parking lot is empty, the lights in all the rooms and halls have been shut off and the staff have had to find other jobs as Sanford Health, which merged with Good Samaritan Society in 2019, announced in September that it would close the nursing home facility in Mohall.

This facility has served residents from the surrounding area for almost 50 years. It was a dream of the late Walter Gokavi to build the facility and house a nursing home in the area.

It became a nightmare for the families of residents living there as they all had to find new homes for their loved ones.

Clinic to grow via telehealth

A Williston clinic hopes to address the shortage of behavioral health service providers in this part of the state, using a grant from Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Dakota.

Through the Building Healthier Rural Community Grant, Milestone Health Partners will offer a training program to postdoctoral students, who in turn provide behavioral health care for members of the community through telehealth.

The practice of meeting with a doctor through a live video chat is "a great way for people to be able to access care for behavioral health services in our local area," said Alyssa Suess, a licensed psychologist and behavior analyst at Milestone.

"We have a huge deficit with behavioral health service providers in western North Dakota," Suess said.

CTE center nearly complete

The Bakken Area Skills Center's new home is on track to be completed in December as originally planned, according to the superintendent of the McKenzie County Public School District.

The regional career and technical education program began earlier this year, serving 10 school districts. It is currently providing online and virtual classes.

"The BASC facility will be completed by the end of December, with classes proposed out of the center itself starting in mid-January 2024," Superintendent Steve Holen said.

To start, the curriculum is focusing on building trades, information technology, drones and health careers. Holen said it will soon expand into other subjects, as well as post-secondary partnerships and specific job training programs.

--McKenzie County Farmer, Watford City

Bowling

HOT SHOT		
	Won	Lost
Prairie Ford	19	9
NCEC	17	11
NW Beef	15	13
Blackwell Electric	14	14
Bowling Stones	11	17
Gooseneck Imp	8	20
High Scratch Team Game: Blackwell Electric 670; High Scratch Ind.: Wyatt Goettle 191; High Team Handicap Game: NW Beef 918; High Handicap Ind.: Matt Evans 667; High Ind. Series: Matt Evans 508		

CITY LEAGUE		
	Won	Lost
Joyce's	21	7
Red Angus	15	9
Mike's Plumbing	14.5	13.5
Larson's Tire	10.5	17.5
Gray's	8	12
Prairie Home Furnishings	6	14
High Team Game: Joyce's 852; High Team Series: Joyce's 2521; High Ind. Game: Keegan Schunke 197; High Ind. Series: Keegan Schunke 529; Ind. High Handicap Game: Keegan Schunke 241		

MONDAY NIGHT BOMBERS		
	Won	Lost
5-Spot	18	10
NAPA Bowl How	16	12
Stanley Ambros	16	12
Thelen	13	15
Liberty	11	17
Tipsy Moonshiners	10	18
High Scratch Team Series: 5-Spot 1553; High Team Handicap Series: Napa Bowl How 2405; High Scratch Ind.: Bryton Parkinson 174; High Scratch Ind. Series: Cora Wol-sky 447; High Handicap Ind.: Bry-ton Parkinson 669		

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