

# Down Memory Lane

## Taken From The Promoter Files

**TEN YEARS AGO**  
**Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2016**  
**Dude Be Nice Project In Stanley Schools-** Family Consumer Science classes and Agriculture classes got together to make over 40 tie blankets for the school wide dude stay warm project. Extracurricular clubs FCCLA, FFA, FBLA and DECA teamed up to promote a winter clothing drive during their Dude Be Nice assembly to K-12.

**Samaritan's Kitchen Opens For The 1st Time-** The Samaritan's Kitchen in Stanley opened for the first time on Tuesday, Jan. 5 at the Golden Age Club in Stanley. A cooperative effort between the churches in the City of Stanley, the Kitchen brings a service to the community to help those in need.

**Blue Jays Earn Post-Season Honors-** Five Stanley/Powers Lake Blue Jay football players earned postseason honors this year. Kellen Enget and Logan Aadnes were named All Region. Garrett Hoelscher, Tate Enget and Dallas Lamping were named All Region Honorable Mention. Logan Aadnes was named to the All State Second Team.

**FIFTEEN YEARS AGO**  
**Wednesday Jan. 12, 2011**  
**From Just My Opinion By Mary Kilen-** Most women have age crisis that come on significant dates. It might be the day you turn 30 or 40. Not me. I had mine as I marked my 25th birthday. It probably wouldn't have been so bad, but I was trying to explain it to my then four-year-old daughter. As my birthday dawned, Dale wished me a happy birthday and Amanda, with her sweet little face, looked up at me and asked how old I was. I told her I was 25. I started to detail how many 25 was for her benefit and watched as her expression changed from my sweet little girl to one that might best be described as horror and terror. And then that sweet child looked up at me and said, "Ohhhh, Mom!" The tone to her voice seemed to indicate that I might have one foot in the grave and the other on a banana peel. Since that time, I have bided my time and waited for my sweet little four-year-old to get to that age herself. So, here we go! Happy Birthday Amanda! You are officially a quarter of a century old!

**TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO**  
**Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2001**  
**Johnson Bags His Deer-** Sixteen-year old Alex Johnson doesn't think that the deer he harvested in the November hunting season is a big deal. To Johnson's family and friends, however, his accomplish-

ment is quite remarkable. Johnson is paralyzed except for limited use of his arms from being bucked off a horse while riding bareback at a high school rodeo on April 30, 2000.

**Weather-** Global warming theories received no backing from Stanley's temperature patterns during the year 2000. The yearly average temperature was the same as the long term, just under 39 degrees Fahrenheit.

**Engagement-** Sarah Anderson and Thomas Goettle, together with their parents, Erin and John Anderson of Stanley and Nancy and Lawrence Goettle of Donnybrook, announce their engagement and forthcoming marriage.

**THIRTY YEARS AGO**  
**Wednesday, Jan. 10, 1996**  
**Sets Record-** "The \$1.564 billion of total taxable sales and purchases for 1995's third quarter is the largest in state history," State Tax Commissioner Bob Hanson said.

**Heading Post Office-** Leigh Ann Perdue, Ray, Postmaster at Noonan will be serving as Officer In Charge at the Stanley Post Office during George Zeman's absence.

**Birthday-** There will be an open house on Friday, Jan. 12 from 2-4 p.m. for Myrtle Peterson's 84<sup>th</sup> birthday, at the home of Arden and Janis Thompson in Stanley.

**FORTY YEARS AGO**  
**Thursday, Jan. 15, 1986**  
**Council Meets-** Engineer's description and cost estimates for a proposed water main replacement project, truck ordinance, purchase of a water meter testing machine and disposal of hazardous waste were some of the items discussed at the Stanley City Council meeting held Tuesday, Jan. 7 at City Hall.

**Crowned-** Julie Albertson and Stacey Demanio, both seniors at Stanley High School, were selected 1986 FHA Snoball Queen and King.

**Seek Input-** A team of North Dakota State University administrators will be in Stanley at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 24 at the American Legion Club to seek input from area residents about NDSU, its programs, services and future as a university.

**FIFTY YEARS AGO**  
**Thursday, Jan. 14, 1976**  
**Miss Blue Jay-** Laurie Hanson, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Hanson of Stanley, was picked from among five finalists at the pageant last Saturday evening to reign as Miss Blue Jay for 1976.

**Vital Statistics-** Vital statistics for 1975, as compiled by the Mountrail County Clerk of Court's office,

show there were 98 births and 88 deaths in the county.

**Deadline-** Approximately 500 members and seven area towns have indicated an interest in the Mountrail Water Users Association, an organization which hopes to bring a supply of good water to rural areas and towns in Mountrail as well as Ward and McLean counties.

**SIXTY YEARS AGO**  
**Thursday, Jan. 13, 1966**  
**Weather-** It felt and looked like winter this past week as temperatures varied from a high of 28 above sometime last Saturday night just preceding the first big blizzard of the season on Sunday, to -30 degrees last Friday.

**Sponsor Tourney-** Lions Club President Gerald Norberg has appointed a committee consisting of Pete Enns and himself to work out plans for the club to again sponsor the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Class B District Basketball tournament in Stanley starting February 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Arrests-** The annual report released by Sheriff Ralph Hamre showing the activities of the Mountrail County Sheriff's Office during the year 1965 shows there were 261 persons arrested by his department, an increase of 27 over 1964.

**SEVENTY YEARS AGO**  
**Thursday, Jan. 12, 1956**  
**Leaving-** Mr. and Mrs. Howard Evans are moving this week to Glendive, MT where they plan to make their future home.

**Has Birthday-** Rasmus Westby observed his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday December 31<sup>st</sup>. A party in his honor was held at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George Vaage, north of Stanley, where he is spending the winter.

**On Tour-** Bud Swedlund of Lunds Valley, John Hermundstad of Plaza, Marvin Ness of Blaisdell and Chris Olson of Parshall left this week for Washington, D.C., where they will visit with ND Congressman and Senators and tour the capital with a F.U. group.

United Quality Grain Markets	
(Tuesday's Quotes)	
Spring Wheat .....	5.19
(Based on 14%)	
Spring Wheat .....	5.27
(Based on 15%)	
Winter Wheat .....	3.98
Milling Durum .....	5.75
Canola .....	18.46
Flax .....	12.00
Soybeans .....	9.24

## Celebrating Heroes

By Bill Patrie

I retired 10 years ago, I wrote down the names of 260 people who were important in my life's work. I was afraid that if I didn't write down those names, I would forget them and never properly thank them.

Readers will know some of these people I am mentioning here, and many you won't know. I thought it would be wonderful to gather all of those 260 people in the room together because they would really like each other.

I call them my heroes, not because they rescued me from peril, rather they inspired me to action to emulate their character. Here are some of them: Ellen Chaffee, Brynhild Haugland, Sarah Vogel, Dina Butcher, Ruth Meiers, JoAnn Rodenbiker, Alice Spotted Bear, Lori Capouch, Gretchen Deeg, Arelene Olson, Margaret Bau, Margaret Lund, Cynthia Kaldor, Sheridan McNeil, Kathleen Atkinson, Sara Pike, Judy Ziewacz, Audrey Malan, Cornelius Grant, Ed Hall, Delwin Brown, Byron Knutson, Tom Dahle, Quentin Burdick, Chuck Fleming, George Sinner, Bryan Palecek, Charles Mertens, George Gaugler, Tony Messmer, Leland Ullmer, Wally Beyer, Chuck Suchy, Don Senechal, Steve Noack, Frank Picard, Lloyd Omdahl, Wally Goulet, Joe Satrom, Tim Mathern, Lee Kaldor, Ryan Taylor.

That is a partial list and just writing their names inspires me again. There are many more names and faces and memories that are precious and inspiring to me.

As I reflect on these folks and their importance in my life I was reminded of Langston Hughes and his poem, "Let America be America Again." In this day of division and name calling, and very wealthy people running our country, hear his words: "Sure, call me any ugly name you choose. The steel of freedom does not stain. From those who live like leeches on the people's lives, we must take back our land again."

Perhaps not all wealthy people are leeches, but the folks on this list understood what was meant in 1928 by the FFA creed. Future Farmers "believe in less dependence on begging and more power in bargaining, in the life abundant and enough honest wealth to help make it so, for others as well as myself; in less need for charity and more of it when needed, in being happy myself and playing square with those whose happiness depends upon me."

The people I have named, and I am confident the people you consider heroes, understood two things. The steel of their character doesn't stain, and they played square with those whose happiness depended on them. They also understood honest wealth. Earning honest wealth became their life's work and its reward has been



also believed in the power of people to control their own destiny. Delwin Brown and Byron Knutson walked with Martin Luther King from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama in 1965. That march led to the Voting Rights Act. We now celebrate King's birthday as a federal and state holiday. I celebrate that holiday and my heroes who believed in being happy themselves and playing square with all who pursue life and happiness. MLK Holiday is for celebrating heroes.

Bill Patrie is a retired planner and economic developer having worked in regional and statewide positions. He is the author of "Creating Co-op Fever" printed by USDA as a service bulletin, and "100 Stories of Hope" a book about his interviews with 100 people in poverty.

## Niko Moon To Bring Feel-Good Energy To The 2026 North Dakota State Fair

The North Dakota State Fair is excited to announce the chart-topping singer-songwriter Niko Moon will perform on the Grandstand stage on Wednesday, July 22, 2026, as part of the Fair's 2026 entertainment lineup. Known for his upbeat sound, positive message, and crowd-connecting performances, Moon's show is included with the 2026 Grandstand Showpass.

Moon first gained national attention with his triple-platinum hit "Good Time," quickly establishing himself as one of country music's most feel-good voices. His latest album, American Palm, builds on that momentum with a laid-back, coastal-inspired sound that blends country and pop influences with colorful storytelling and summer-ready energy.

"Our fairgoers are going to enjoy this show," said Craig Rudland, general manager of the North Dakota State Fair. "Niko Moon puts on a performance that's easy to enjoy and fun to be part of."

A respected songwriter, Moon began his career co-writing for the Zac Brown Band and later penned hits for artists such as Morgan Wallen and Rascal Flatts. In addition to his music career, he founded the Happy Cowboy Foundation, which supports mental health and addiction recovery initiatives, reflecting the positivity that runs through both his music and his live shows.

Moon's performances are known for bringing people together through uplifting energy and connection. "Music has the power to unite people," Moon said. "My goal is to create a space where we can connect, celebrate, and leave feeling better than when we arrived."

**Grandstand Showpass Adds Championship-Level Horse Relay Racing**

The 2026 Grandstand Showpass continues to offer outstanding value

and now includes performances by Zach Top, Jessie Murph, and Niko Moon, with one final artist still to be announced.

Also included with the Showpass, the North Dakota State Fair, in partnership with MHA, will host two nights of the MHA Indian Horse Relay Championships. This event is expanding from a single night to a two-night championship format due to strong fan interest at the Fair. Now including Monday, July 20, MHA Indian Horse Relay Semi-Finals and Tuesday, July 21, Championship Night.

This expanded event represents the largest MHA Indian Horse Relay competition in North Dakota, delivering finals-level competition, elite teams, and high-energy racing in front of the Fair's largest live audience.

The addition of a full-time championship format reinforces the Fair's commitment to offering unique, destination-level entertainment experiences included with the Grandstand Showpass.

Stay tuned for the final Grandstand Showpass artist announcement and additional details as the 2026 North Dakota State Fair approaches.

The 2026 North Dakota State Fair will be held July 17-25, 2026. For more information, visit [ndstatefair.com](http://ndstatefair.com).

## Ross Roughriders Meet

The Ross Roughriders met on January 11th, 2026, at the South Complex. Plans for future meetings were made. The activity was making snow globes and snacks were provided by the Roise family. The next meeting will be February 8th at the South Complex.

# Coming Events

Wednesday, Jan. 14 - Mountrail County Water District board meeting at 1:30 p.m. at the South Complex in Stanley.

Wednesday, Jan. 14 - Mountrail County Ag Agency's first meats class of the year making Country Sausage from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at the Mountrail County Plaza Shop, 4161 64<sup>th</sup> Ave NW, Plaza.

Thursday, Jan. 15 - Stanley wrestling at home vs. Bishop Ryan starting at 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 16 - Stanley FFA Donkey Basketball starting with soup feed from 5 to 6:30 and donkey basketball at 7:00 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 16 - Alcoholics Anonymous meeting at 8 p.m. at the American Lutheran Church, 403 1st St. SW in Stanley. They meet each Friday and Monday at 8 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 17 - GriefShare at Our Savior's Free Lutheran Church from 10 a.m. to noon. The support group meets each Saturday through April 4.

Saturday, Jan. 17 - Stanley varsity boys basketball at home vs. Beulah with A and B squads set to play starting at 12:30 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 19 - Alcoholics Anonymous meeting at 8 p.m. at the American Lutheran Church, 403 1st St. SW in Stanley. They meet each Friday and Monday at 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 21 - Charles Hartman Post 134 monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Veterans Room at the Memorial Building in Stanley.

Thursday, Jan. 22 - Private general pesticide in-person training at the Mountrail County South Complex with registration at 8 a.m. and training from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 24 - District 2 Dem-NPL district convention at the Wildrose Fire Hall starting at 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 25 - Benefit breakfast for Alma LeRohl starting at 11:30 a.m. at Our Savior's Free Lutheran Church in Stanley.

Monday, Jan. 26 - Stanley Lions Club meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Golden Age Club in Stanley.

Tuesday, Jan. 27 - Mountrail County Garden Club meeting at 5:15 p.m. at the Mountrail County South Complex in Stanley.

Wednesday, Jan. 28 - Mountrail County Ag Agency jerky making meats class from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the Mountrail County South Complex in Stanley.

Monday, Feb. 2 - Rolling Plains Sportsmans Club monthly meeting at 8:00 p.m. at the clubhouse in Stanley.

Wednesday, Feb. 4 - Stanley Commercial Club meeting at noon at Microtel Inn and Suites in Stanley.

Monday, Feb. 9 - District 4 Republicans delegate endorsing and fundraising event at 5:45 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center in Plaza.

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