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Kershaw at Stampede

Country music star will be in Sheyenne on August 15

by Nathan Price
Country music star Sammy Kershaw has been announced as this year's feature performer for the Sheyenne Stampede.

The Stampede hosted their kickoff event at the local Eagles Club in New Rockford on Saturday, Feb. 21, where they announced Kershaw as this year's headliner.

With three platinum and six gold albums, Kershaw

was a prominent country music voice in the '90s and is celebrated to this day by those who enjoy "classic country."

He carved out a place for himself in the country music record books with hits like "She Don't Know She's Beautiful," "Queen of My Double-wide Trailer," "I Can't Reach Her Anymore," and "National Working Woman's Holiday."

He also records new mu-

sic and tours around the country to this day.

And on Saturday, August 15 that tour will take him to Hendrickson Park in Sheyenne, N.D. on August 15.

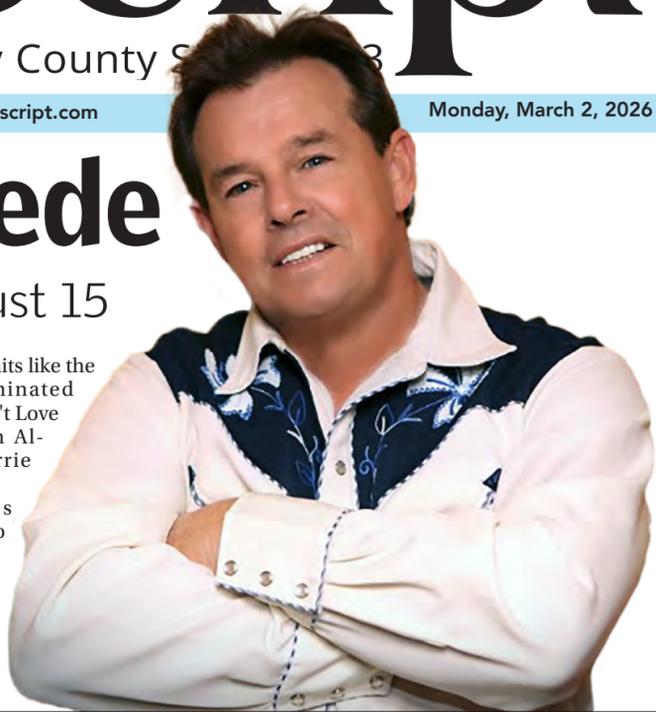
First, however, concertgoers will enjoy some great opening performances from Aaron Watson, John Morgan and Rogue Royal.

Morgan is a country music singer-songwriter from North Carolina best known

for co-writing hits like the Grammy-nominated song, "If I Didn't Love You" by Jason Aldean and Carrie Underwood.

Morgan is now signed to Aldean's music label and

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Memorial Coyote Hunt March 6-7

by Nathan Price
With February at a close, it is once again that time of year for the annual Brandon Kolstad Memorial Coyote Hunt.

This year's 7th annual coyote hunt will offer a great opportunity for locals to enjoy a great hunt and win some prize money.

The event will be a 24-hour hunt beginning the evening of Friday, March 6 and ending exactly one day later on Saturday, March 7.

Registration is from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. on March 6 at Wild Things Taxidermy in Sheyenne, with check-in time no later than 6 p.m. the

following day at the same location.

A meal will be served and cash prizes will be awarded that evening.

The hunt will be open to 2-person teams, with an entry fee of \$80 per team. There is also a "big dog" and "little dog" contest, with an entry fee of \$20 for each.

The team finishing in first place will receive a cash prize of \$1,000, while second place receives \$750 and third place \$500. There's also a 100% payback for Big Dog/Little Dog.

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New chapter in Sheyenne

Local library opens in Sheyenne Senior Citizen Center



Laurie Westby peruses the collection at the new Community Library in Sheyenne. Photo by Charlotte Franks-Erickson.

by Charlotte Franks-Erickson

Have you heard? There's a new "kid" in town and everyone's talking. It's an addition right on Main Street Sheyenne and it's going by the name of Community Library.

It's located in the north wing of Sheyenne's Senior Citizen Center and there are plenty on offer for patrons to check out.

Have a favorite author or looking for a children's selection, or perhaps an audio book or jigsaw puzzle? All of these and more can be found at the Community Library anytime the center is open on Tuesdays and Fridays from 1-4 p.m.

Stop in for coffee and a snack while you browse and enjoy a visit with the other folks who are there working puzzles, playing cards or just enjoying a coffee and chat.

An open house was held on Sunday, Feb. 22, with numerous visitors stopping by and learning more about the new library.

The idea first came to Jan Loe about 15 years ago when she and another lady in the community were talking about what they could do with all the books each had accumulated over the years.

They joked that they could open their own library, but that joke would end up being what kick-started the library that exists today.

Also at that time, the Senior Citizen

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ELECTION 2026

by Nathan Price
Believe it or not, elections are once again fast approaching for North Dakotans and residents of Eddy County - and the local ballot will be a large one.

The date of this year's elections are June 9 for the primary, and November 3 for the general.

At the county level there are six seats up for election, including the Eddy County Sheriff position, the position of State's Attorney and the Clerk of Court/Recorder's position.

Sheriff Paul Lies has already filed for reelection, and so too have State's Attorney Ashley Lies and

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Farm loan program expands

Program offers lower interest rates on existing debt

by Jacob Orledge
North Dakota Monitor

The North Dakota Industrial Commission is expanding a low-interest loan program designed to support farmers and ranchers - an initiative on pace to exhaust the \$300 million already set aside for it.

The 2026 Farm Financial Stability Loan Program allows agricultural producers who sustained operating losses in recent years to restructure

their debts at lower interest rates. Hundreds of farmers and ranchers across the state have applied for \$270 million.

"It has ramped up significantly," said Don Morgan, CEO of the state-owned Bank of North Dakota, which administers the program through local banks and credit unions.

Morgan said it has become the largest program in the bank's history, surpassing the previous record of \$190

million. The application window opened Dec. 9, 2025.

The Industrial Commission has given the bank authority to transfer up to \$80 million from another agricultural relief initiative established last fall, the 2026 Grain Inventory Loan Program, to bring the funding for low-interest operating loans to \$380 million.

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Eagles to host patriotic speech competition

The Fraternal Order of Eagles has provided the "God, Flag & Country Oratory Program" to youth across the country since 1967, but the program has not found its way to New Rockford until now.

At 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 5, local youth ages 10-15 are invited to participate in the patriotic speech competition at the New Rockford Eagles Club.

The program is de-

signed to build patriotism and instill a sense of pride within America's youth by challenging children to deliver a three minute speech about what God, their flag and/or their country means to them.

Anyone with children between the ages of 10-15 is encouraged to bring them to the Eagles Club

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Notice of Annual Meeting

Tuesday, March 17 @ New Rockford Eagles Club
5:30 pm Registration/Social; 6 pm meal

Meeting to follow meal
Kids welcome

Cash prizes throughout the night!
(Must be present to win)