

Obituary



Wesley Reinhold Feickert

Wesley Reinhold Feickert, 89, of rural Martin, North Dakota, passed away on December 3, 2025, surrounded by his family.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 9, 2025 at St. Cecilia Catholic Church, Harvey, ND. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Monday, December 8 at Hertz Funeral Home, Harvey, ND. Burial will be in the St. Cecilia Catholic Cemetery of Harvey.

Wesley was born on March 15th, 1936, to Reinhold and Edna (Liebelt) Feickert on the family farm south of Martin.

On November 10, 1958, Wesley married Leona (Ganje) Feickert, and together they built a life in Martin for seven years and in Harvey for four years before settling on his parents' farm south of Martin in 1970. They farmed, raised their family, and celebrated 64 years of marriage until Leona's passing in 2022.

For Wesley, the farming lifestyle was a calling that he embraced fully. He loved everything about it— the seasons, the soil, the challenges, and the rewards. He took great pride in the generations who farmed before him and the ones who would follow, often sharing stories about the many years spent working side by side across time.

Known for his unique sense of humor, Wesley had a remarkable ability to bring a laugh to almost anyone at any time. His quick wit, easy smile, and genuine kindness made him a friend to many. You'd often find him driving his pickup around the countryside while taking time to stop and talk to neighbors and friends. Wesley was a man of many hidden talents including free-hand drawing, dancing, singing, and playing the harmonica. He loved to read and was always eager to learn something new.

Wesley is survived by his children, Devery Feickert of Grand Forks, ND, Kim (Steve) Wetherbee of Pollock, SD, and Kelly (Mary) Feickert of Martin, ND; six grandchildren, Janna (Jarrod) Wolf, Brittany Feickert, Zachary Feickert, Cortney (Steven) Ficken, Amber (James) Ritterman, and Westen (Alissa) Feickert of Martin; eight great-grandchildren along with many extended family members and friends.

He is further survived by his sisters: Ethel Wallen of Coon Rapids, MN; Carol Warkenthien of Gold Canyon, AZ; and Diane Brose of Deming, NM.

Wesley was preceded in death by his loving wife, Leona; parents, Reinhold and Edna Feickert; his brother, James Feickert; and brothers-in-law, Wade Wallen, Glen Brose, Archie Degenstein, and Del Warkenthien.

He will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and all who were touched by his stories, his humor, and his steady, comforting presence. His legacy lives on in the land he worked, the laughter he shared, and the generations who continue to follow in his footsteps.



Joel Toso, Senior Water Resources Engineer, answered questions and displayed information on the state's regulations on culverts.

Where have all the culverts gone

BY ALLAN TINKER

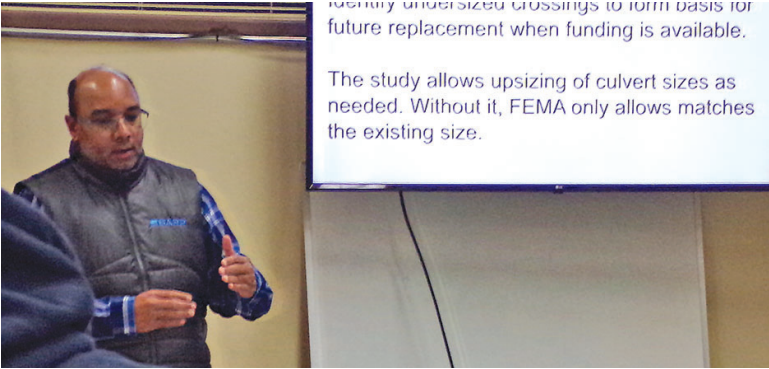
The background for the meeting on Tuesday, December 2, at the courthouse was addressed in the public notice as presented here.

Sheridan County Water Resource Board (Water Board), under the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Grant through ND Department of Emergency Management (FY 2020; EMD-2020-BR-120-0010), retained Barr Engineering Co. (Barr) in January 2023 to develop hydrologic analysis (Study) of numerous culvert crossings across Sheridan County. The BRIC Grant Study was completed in December 2023, identified culverts in poor condition as well as undersized. In February 2025, the Water Board authorized Barr to design culvert crossings for an initial set of culverts deemed to be of priority, to improve conveyance, safety, and alleviate localized flooding. Barr completed sizing of 56 culverts under current scope of work. The remaining culverts were left for future analysis using the information learned from the initial set.

The Water Board is meeting with the Sheridan County Commission to present the work completed to date and discuss a path forward for next steps to be executed in 2026. The meeting will take place on December 2, 2025, at 10am in the Community Room at the Sheridan County Courthouse in McClusky, ND. The Water Board would also like to encourage all Sheridan County residents as well as Township Supervisors to participate in this meeting to provide input and feedback on the project and inform us of any culvert crossings within Sheridan County which require improvements. The Water Board intends to take all reasonable feedback under consideration to advance the project.

A lack of history on culverts placed over the many years and/or their maintenance were among the discussion points during the meeting with BARR Engineering, the firm hired by Sheridan County to do the study that could expand or correct where culverts need to be placed and the size that will meet state requirements and guidelines.

Mandar Nangare, Senior Water Resources Engineer, and Joel Toso, Senior Water Resources Engineer were the two representatives from BARR En-



Mandar Nangare, Senior Water Resources Engineer, opened the discussion on culverts at the December 2 meeting in Sheridan County.

gineering leading the meeting on Tuesday.

One instance noted was a culvert placed seemingly where one was needed and none found, only to later find one buried three feet below the replacement.

Other instances were finding culverts where no one knew one had ever been needed or placed. Many landowners might have used the property and not been aware of their placement or history of use.

Changes in water flow, due to heavy rains or changes in the terrain, perhaps by drainage by land users, can impact what size or placement depth culverts need to be currently, a change that might not have been recognized until there is a problem.

The water stream stats where there are no potholes in the area, will be different and impact the height and size needed for heavy rains, with the potholes storing much of the water before becoming an impact on the land around them.

BARR was there to address recommendations and to what conditions exist, suggest the size that meeting state standards and what the priority

areas are. The usual guidelines that had been used were the areas having water problems in heavy rains, culverts unable to handle the water volume, or roads washed out or underwater.

There is a need to identify undersized crossings for future replacements so when funding is available the water district will be able to get that they need and not be limited to replacing an inadequate culvert with the same size, due to the particular agency's rules of only allowing matching the current size used.

Whether the road is used only lightly, whether heavy trucks and equipment use it, or a farm road with some heavy use. The size of the crossing, whether broad or short, and its history and maintenance, along with photos and other data are needed and much is available in state records is all part of getting the culverts where they work best.

With the information provided by BARR and the general discussion, there appeared to be a common understanding as to the work and time needed to solve some of the issues facing the county and its culvert status.

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government officials may not undertake acts that are prohibited by the Constitution.

The virtues of the rule of law apply with equal force to the presidency. A lawless presidency would be accountable, not to known rules and laws, but only to the president's ego, which would unleash a parade of horrors. Such a president might unilaterally take Americans to war, risking the blood and treasure of the nation for meritless causes, grant self-

serving pardons, arbitrarily order troops to the streets, violate with impunity the Bill of Rights, and order the arrest of citizens without concern for due process of law. By slipping the chains of the Constitution, such a president could destroy the principle of government by consent of the people. A constitutional presidency is far more appealing.

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