

A Step Back in Time

Troy Tescher

120 Years Ago
Sentinel Butte Review
Sept. - Nov. 1905

There are now 50 car-loads of cattle being held near town awaiting cars for shipment.

The morning passen-ger train number four killed nine of A.L. Mar-tin’s sheep last Saturday.

Ed Goldsberry has ordered a stock of leather and will soon start a first-class boot and shoe shop in connection with the Sentinel Butte Saddlery Company.

The Maltese Cross Ranch established in 1885 by Theodore Roosevelt was sold last Thursday to O.J. deLendrecie of Far-go. The ranch consists of 2,000 acres.

A.L. Martin was out deer hunting last Satur-day, he saw a few tracks!

J.Z. Gardner and son, Will have finished the school house at Trot-ters and returned home Friday.

The Sentinel Butte Saddlery Company has just received the larg-est shipment of leather ever received in western North Dakota.

100 Years Ago
Sentinel Butte Review
November 27, 1925

Prompt action on the part of the county board of health, headed by Dr. A.J. Jameson, succeeded in checking the spread of scarlet fever, prevalent in many parts of the county and which threatened to take on epidemic propor-tions. A few cases, mostly in mild form, occurred in the vicinity of Alpha. Golva had a few cases of scarlet fever, as well as diphtheria. The schools at that place were closed for a short period to per-mit fumigation. Numer-ous cases were reported in Beach, the homes of those afflicted having been quarantined and the grade school closed to prevent the spread of the disease. No cases of contagious diseases have been reported from Sentinel Butte or vicini-ty. A ban has been placed on the holding of public dances by the county board of health and the public is advised to use care in the holding of public gatherings. With that said, a large crowd

attended the goose and duck raffle at the Wester-heim store Friday night.

75 Years Ago
Golden Valley News
November 30, 1950

Coming entirely unexpectedly was the death of Father Wm. Fred Hake, pastor of St. John’s Catholic Church of Beach, passing away at St. Joseph’s Hospital in Dickinson after being admitted for rest and thought to be a mild heart condition. He served his parishioners here since about 1915.

Local draft officials have been expecting an increased number of enlistments and one of the first Golden Valley County men to volunteer is Charles Stedman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Stedman, but must wait until this Friday, Dec. 1 when he will reach the age of 17, before he can leave for induction.

50 Years Ago
Golden Valley News
December 4, 1975

Last Thursday, Nov. 25 the wrestlers traveled to Watford City to wrestle Tioga and Watford City in

a triangular. After a slow start, the Bucs notched a 36-32 win over the Pirates of Tioga, but could never muster the necessary edge while bowing to the pow-erful Watford City club, 40-18. They are coached by Dennis Quiring and assist-ed by Dan Shupe.

Six lettermen greeted Coach Ed Anderson at opening boys basketball drills. Present members of the varsity squad are seniors Darrell Hayden, Doug Anderson, Don Roberts, Kris Hanson, Leonard Stockwell and junior Mark Egan. Other squad members are Shawn Kukowski, Mark Hollinger, Jim Abernethy, Randy Northrop, Mike

Hardy, Peter Wirtzfeld, Dave Metcalf, Tom Wajahn and Maurice Hardy.

Liquidfire John Deere snowmobiles on hand for sale at Dakota Farm Equipment. Ski-doo snow-mobiles are available for purchase at West Plains Implement.

25 Years Ago
Golden Valley News
December 7, 2000

Darrel Schmeling of Golva has some good ad-vice to people for Christ-mas, “Buy a carbon monoxide detector right away.” For unknown rea-sons, their furnace appar-ently started back-draft-ing exhaust into the basement. Darrel’s wife, Karen woke up early

Thursday morning and said the cat was acting funny and her own heart was racing. After they got up four of their kids, three of them passed out, at which time they con-tacted Steve Rising, who then notified the Beach Ambulance Service. The Schmeling family was given oxygen and trans-ported to St. Joseph’s Hospital in Dickinson and were released after several hours of further oxygen treatments.

Quote of the Week
“God has given us two hands, one to receive with and the other to give with.”
- Billy Graham

Golden Valley Manor News

Mary Barthel

Nov. 17 - A hymn sing was held in the afternoon with Melissa and Liz. Melissa played the piano for Devotions while Liz led the prayer service. When they were done, Melissa played some Christmas carols getting into the new holiday season that were requested and then they enjoyed mini cupcakes with their coffee.

Nov. 18 - Mary held exercises with the resi-dents Tuesday morning. In the afternoon, we enjoyed the musical talents of Linda who sang for us in the activ-ity room. Linda does an excellent job keeping us entertained and want-ing more. The time flies when she sings for us. Coffee and cookies were served.

Nov. 19 - The com-munity van took our Wednesday morning shoppers downtown to get their groceries and

to run errands. The First Lutheran church hosted Bingo in the afternoon. Melissa and Gene were our hosts. Beth made delicious pumpkins bars with cream cheese frosting to share with all our bingo players.

Nov. 20 - Word and Communion was held in the chapel in the morning. Carol was our reader. Exercises followed in the activity room. In the afternoon, we had a presentation given to us about the history of Medora. The program was through a ND grant program and held lots of information about the formation of the town, the buildings, and happenings through the years. The residents enjoyed the speaker, and he shared Rushmore taffy with us all. Cookies and coffee were served when the program was done.

Nov. 21 - Happy

Birthday wishes were sent out to Mary on her birthday. Friday is hair day. This week’s hair ladies were Toni and Judy. Devotions were held in the chapel in the evening with Pastor Maxted.

Nov. 22 - Reading hour was held with Jo following the noon meal. This week Jo served banana muffins to her readers. Pinochle was played at 1:30 in the gathering room.

Nov. 23 - Catholic communion was given out in the chapel Sunday morning. The kitchen served up a delicious ham meal for noon. Tody, Marian, Delores, and Colleen were the pinochle players in the gathering room in the afternoon.

We want to wish ev-eryone a Happy Thanks-giving. We all have much to be thankful for. We are healthy, happy and loved! Have a great week!

Obituary



 **Louis Dobrowski**
Oct. 5, 1932 - Nov. 28, 2025

Louis Stanley Dobrowski, 93, passed away peacefully on Nov. 28, 2025, in Spear-fish, SD. A devoted husband, father, grand-father and great-grand-father, Louis lived a life rooted in faith, family and hard work.

Born on Oct. 5, 1932, in Carlyle, MT to Stan-ley and Pauline Do-browski, Louis grew up with a strong sense of responsibility and ser-vice. After graduating high school, he joined the United States Army and served eight years, two active duty and six in the reserves. He was honorably discharged with the rank of Corporal - a testament to his dedication and discipline.

On June 23, 1958, Louis married the love of his life, Diana. To-gether they built a life centered around their shared values and deep commitment to one

another. Shortly after marrying, they pur-chased a farm south of Wibaux, MT, where Lou-is cultivated crops and raised cattle. Farming was more than an occu-pation for him - it was a calling that he embraced wholeheartedly until his retirement in 1998.

After retiring from farming, Louis turned his attention to wood-working. With skilled hands and a creative spirit, he crafted beau-tiful clocks, cribbage boards, jewelry boxes and cedar chests - each piece reflecting his patience and artistry. He also had a passion for collecting antique clocks and took great joy in restoring them to their former glory.

Louis was known for his love of card games; he especially enjoyed spirited rounds of Liverpool Rummy and Pinochle with family and friends. These gath-erings were filled with laughter and camarade-rie - moments that will be cherished by all who shared them.

A devout Catholic throughout his life, Lou-is served as a Eucharis-tic Minister in his parish community. He found great purpose in bring-ing communion to those unable to attend church services themselves - a quiet but profound ex-pression of his compas-sion and faith.

Above all else, Louis treasured his role as a grandfather. Though he loved farming and being a father deeply, nothing brought him more joy than spending time with

his grandchildren. His kind heart and gentle presence left an indelible mark on each generation of his family.

Louis is survived by his beloved wife, Diana; brothers Ray (Marilyn †), Don (Kathy), Jim (Becky) and Ron (Pip); sister JoAnn (Pat †); sons Tom (Lisa), with children Josh, Anna, Alisha, Justin and Amanda; Dale (Patty), with children Maxwell and Cole; Sam (Kelli), with children Katie and Abby; daughter Nancy (Gary), with children Jacob and Ty-ler; as well as several great-grandchildren who brought light into his later years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Stanley and Pauline Dobrowski; sister Leonna; brother-in-law Pat; and sister-in-law Marilyn.

Louis’s legacy lives on through the many lives he touched - with every handcrafted clock that ticks on a mantle piece or every memory shared over a game of cards at the kitchen table. We love you and will miss you. May your memory bring comfort to those who knew you.

A Vigil/Rosary will be held on Friday, Dec. 5, 2025 at Silha Funer-al Home in Wibaux at 5 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, Dec. 6, 2025, at 2 p.m. at St Philips Catholic Church in Wibaux.

Golden Valley News
Dec. 4, 2025

Notice to Creditors

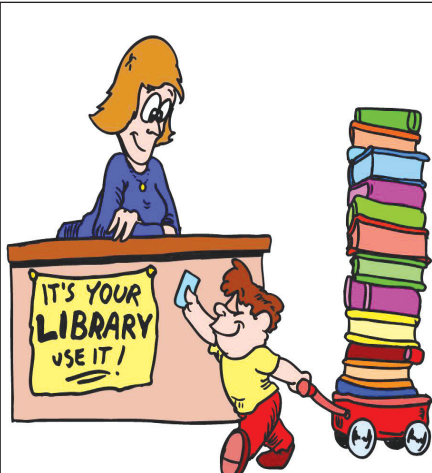
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**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF GOLDEN
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IN DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHWEST JUDICIAL
DISTRICT
In the Matter of the Estate
of Vernon G. Szudera,
Deceased.
Probate No.
17-2025-PR-00018**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIV-EN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Rep-resentative of the above es-tate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to the Per-sonal Representative of the Es-tate or filed with the Court.

Dated November 13, 2025.
/s/ Michael Zook
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The Christmas Stranger by Richard Paul Evans
Riches Beyond Measure by Mary Connealy
Billion Dollar Ransom by James Patterson

New Kids’ Books

June B Jones and a Little Monkey Business by Barbara Park
Dog Man: Big Jim Believes by Dav Pilkey
The Sword Thief by Peter Lerangis



We had a great Thanksgiving Story Hour!