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The City of Kenmare City Council will meet in regular session on Wednesday, January 14th, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 5 3rd Street NE to hold public hearings on the items contained in this published notice.

Each item is available for review and on file at the Kenmare City Hall building between 8:30am and 4:00pm Monday through Friday preceding the public hearing. Interested members of the public are encouraged to contact the Planning Office by phone at 701-641-1326 or by e-mail at planningzoningkenmare@gmail.com for additional information on each item and associated protest and appeals procedures available.

Case #2026-01. Street Vacation through Plat

Public hearing request by Bryan Quigley representing Lake County Historical Society, owner for a alley vacation. The property is currently zoned Agricultural District. The requested vacation would vacate a platted alley on the subject property. The legal description for the property is Being Alley Between Blocks 1 & 14 Plus Vacated 9th Street NE, Tolley's First Addition And Lots 1-6, Block 3, Replat of Block 3, 4 And 5 Coady's First Addition Kenmare, North Dakota.

The subject property is unaddressed

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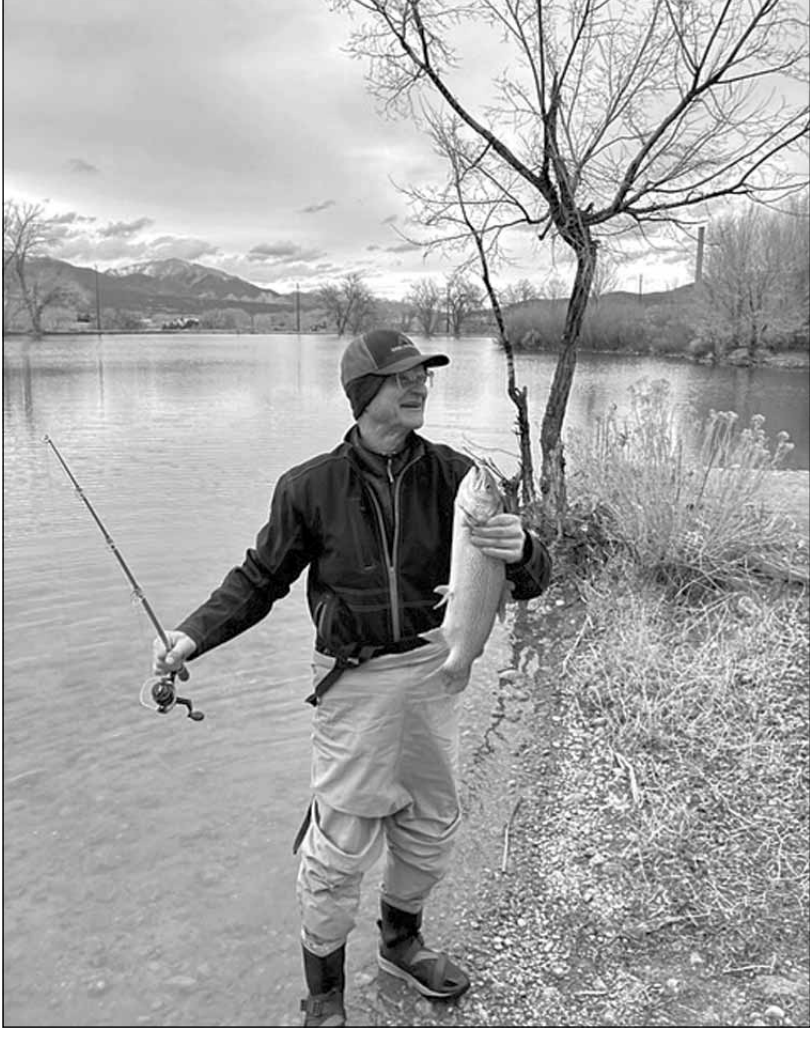
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DAKOTA RUSH HOUR

Barb Kraft

Greetings,
Sometimes it takes leaving home to realize just how well home prepares you for the rest of the world.
Tom and I recently loaded up the family in an SUV and headed south from North Dakota to Colorado to visit Tom's brother, Bill, who now lives in Poncha Springs. It didn't take long to realize that everything Tom has learned and lived growing up in North Dakota fit right in out there.
This past week, Tom put his North Dakota outdoorsman skills to good use, catching rainbow trout in Colorado waters, hiking and snow skiing the local mountains, and even exploring a few dirt bike and motorcycle trails. We also attended Christmas Mass at the church in Salida, which was a meaningful way to experience the season while away from home.
At nearly 70 years old, Tom had no trouble keeping up with folks much younger than him—or those who've been mountain people their whole lives. Watching him out there, it became clear that years spent fishing North Dakota lakes and rivers, skiing the Bottineau hills, and living through all four seasons back home have a way of preparing a person for just about anything.
Colorado was beautiful, the mountains were impressive, and the time with family was special. But as always, there's nothing quite like coming home. Berthold, North Dakota—and the surrounding area with its lakes, land, and community—offers more than we sometimes realize. It builds resilience, appreciation for the outdoors, and a way of life that stays with you wherever you go.
In the end, Tom fit right in as a "mountain man" for a short while—but North Dakota will always be home.
Sincerely, Barb



DAKOTA DATEBOOK

North Dakota gold rushes have never panned out

By Dr. Steve Hoffbeck
"Gold." The mere mention of the word sets pulses pounding and hearts longing for the glistening yellow metal. When a landowner finds flecks of gold on his land, he hopes for bigger flakes, or golden nuggets, or even the mother lode.
Such a landowner was H.W. Griswold, a Chicago businessman, who bought 340 acres of Ransom County land, nine miles west of the fledgling town of Lisbon in the spring of 1883. Griswold bought acreage along the beautiful Sheyenne River – presumably as cattle pasturage. Sometime that summer, however, Mr. Griswold found gold in a mound of dirt thrown up by a gopher. He took the dirt to an assayer and was told "it was rich in gold."
Griswold searched further and found more gold in an "eighty-foot ledge" of quartz and other rocks, and had it analyzed by experts. The analysis on 130 specimens of sand and rock calculated out to \$414 to \$1,360 of gold to the pan, with some silver in there, too.
News of the gold leaked out through an electrifying article in the local Lisbon newspaper in late October, 1883. Within days, a Lisbon Gold Rush was on, as articles appeared in Grand Forks, Bismarck, and all the way to Chicago and New York.
Griswold gathered a cadre of Chicago investors to buy rock-crushing mining machinery, and their company started ore-digging immediately. Other frenzied gold-seekers bought up the land along the Sheyenne River, for twenty miles from Lisbon to Fort Ransom. Lisbon was wild with excitement – with gold fever.
But, on January 8th in 1884, the Grand Forks Herald reported that Griswold and his associates had "abandoned all further mining enterprises until spring," leaving "one by one" as a frigid Dakota winter touched their fingers and toes.
When April arrived, Griswold came back, bringing an ore-crushing machine to smash an accumulated 2,000 tons of raw ore. During the summer, the gold rush fizzled – Griswold's ore didn't pan out. By August, a report said that the "few people who worked the Lisbon gold mines have quit."
Once the Lisbon gold rush was over, shouts of "gold!" were hushed and replaced by the murmuring waters of the Sheyenne River flowing over the shining gravel near the former "Griswold Mine."

Map of North Dakota showing the locations of three "gold mines" that operated in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The Griswold Mine operated for two years then closed because it cost more to process the trace amounts of gold than the metal was worth. The gold was probably the result of glacial action into the area from the Black Hills of South Dakota. The hatched area, mainly in McHenry County, is the sand and silt of glacial Lake Souris; small amounts of gold occur throughout this area. The Sleigh Mine tapped gold that had been deposited by water flowing southeastward out of glacial Lake Souris.

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