

### Participants in the State Competition for Trap Shooting



MLS Trap Shoot State participants . . . left to right, Hank Handeland, Kenmare; Jack Knutson, Sherwood; Carson Peterson, Kenmare; Logan Peterson, Kenmare; Ava Hanson, Tolley; Sheridan Lakefield, Mohall and Liam Hanson, Tolley. Ava Hanson also earned 2nd place in the Female Varsity Class 3A Conference.



### DAKOTA RUSH HOUR Barb Kraft

Dear Everyone,  
A Legacy That Still Rides On  
From his early youth through his prime, Dennis Hanna made memories that will not be forgotten. Whether he was in the rodeo arena or helping serve at a church dinner, Dennis was the kind of man who left an impression wherever he went. He was a cowboy in the truest sense, but even more than that, he was a good man - one who lived with friendship, service, and community at the center of his life.

Today, Dennis's memory continues to live in a meaningful way through the Dennis Hanna Scholarship, awarded to recent senior graduates. This year's recipients - Holden Meyer, Blu Miller, CeeJay Bohmbach, and Sutton Hennessy - were recognized at the Blaisdell Rodeo on Saturday, June 21. It was a fitting tribute during the 70th year of the Blaisdell Rodeo, an event that reflects so much of what Dennis valued: tradition, hard work, family, and community. Making the moment even more

special was the presence of Dennis's father-in-law, Darrel Meyer, who was there to witness Dennis's legacy continue through both the scholarships and the rodeo itself.

Presenting the scholarships were Gayle Hanna, Dennis's wife, and his son, pickup man Ryan Hanna, along with Ryan's wife, Susan. Their presence served as a reminder that while Dennis may be gone, the values he lived by are still being carried forward by those who loved him most.

The NDRA Rodeo, along with ranch bronc riding held that Saturday, provided a perfect place for people to gather, just as they have for generations. The celebration continued the following day with a youth rodeo organized by the Hornberger family and the Blaisdell Rodeo Club.

The Blaisdell Rodeo Club remains a strong and active part of preserving old-school rodeo traditions. Its 70 years of rich history are visible not only in the events themselves, but also in the landscape. Anyone driving along



Dennis Hanna

Highway 2 can see the old wooden bucking chutes on the hill - a lasting symbol of North Dakota rodeo history and of the many people, past and present, who have gathered there.

In many ways, Dennis Hanna's life reflected the same spirit the Blaisdell Rodeo represents: friendship, deep roots, and a commitment to community that stretches from one generation to the next. He left behind more than memories. He left an example of how to live.

Sincerely, Barb

## Coming Events

**Tues., July 7**  
**Crimson Cruisers Red Hatters** will meet at the Blind Rooster in Lansford at 11 am.

**Food Pantry**  
Kenmare Food Pantry will distribute food on the second Mondays 4:00 - 5:30 pm (summer hours) at 117 2nd St NW, at the WEST side entrance. Call 385-4528 for information.

**Strong Women**  
**Strong Women, Strong Bones** exercising at Kenmare Senior Center on Tuesdays at 10:15 am.

**First District Health**  
**FDHU Public Health Nurse** will be in the Kenmare office from 8 am to 4:30 pm Monday to Thursday. Call 701-385-4328 to make an appointment.

**Kenmare Landfill Hours**  
Landfill Summer Hours: Tuesdays & Thursdays: 4:30 pm to 6 pm. Saturdays: 10 am to Noon. Call tyljrispa@nd.gov for landfill access. Accepts lumber, concrete, sheet-rock, couches, shingles, carpet, mattresses, cement/rock, vehicles,

white goods (appliances), grass clippings, leaves, trees, metal. Rolloff dumpster for household garbage.

**Library Hours**  
Hours at the **Kenmare Branch of the Ward County Public Library**: Mon.-Wed.-Thurs. From 9:30 am-5:00 pm. (Lunch: 12:30-1:00). Story Hour every Wednesday at 10:00 am. Hope to see little people in the building, ready to listen and get busy with a project or activity for the hour.

**Kenmare Senior Citizen Center**  
Kenmare Senior Citizen Center is open Monday - Friday, 9 am to 5 pm. Lunch at noon. Games each day 1-5 pm with homemade refreshments. Potluck at noon on first Saturday of the month.

**Carpio Senior Center**  
Carpio Senior Citizen Center is open Monday and Wednesday at 9:30 am. Homemade meal at noon. Monthly meeting first Saturday of the month at 10 am, followed by potluck.

**Pioneer Village Hours**  
**The Pioneer Village is Open**

Wed., Thur., Fri., 4 to 7 pm. Saturday and Sunday 2 to 5 pm. Open anytime with a phone call or by appointment. To donate items to the museum, please call Bryan Quigley at 701-240-4505.

**AA Meetings**  
**AA closed meetings** at 8 pm Thursday at Janell Art Studio, 102 N Central Ave. Kenmare. For more information call 701-509-5406.

### Quilt show and sale at Kenmare Methodist Church Heritage Center

There will be a quilt show and sale on Saturday, July 11 from 2-5 pm at the Kenmare Methodist Church Heritage Center. Come and meet Colleen Jensen Calson from Grand Forks. She is a judge for quilt shows. Everyone is welcome.

### Over 1200 deer tag remain in six units

North Dakota's deer gun lottery has been held. More than 72,000 individuals applied for a deer gun lottery license, in addition to over 12,000 gratis applicants. The 2026 deer gun proclamation allowed for 39,100 deer gun season licenses.

More than 1,200 licenses remain. Only resident applicants who were unsuccessful in the lottery can apply online for remaining licenses beginning July 1, with a deadline of July 15.

Licenses will be mailed to successful applicants in early August.

Remaining Deer Gun Licenses Available:  
Unit 3A1: Any antlerless, 234  
3A2: Any antlerless, 129  
3F1: Any antlerless, 101  
3F1: Antlerless white-tail, 151  
3F2: Any antlerless, 478  
3F2: Antlerless white-tail, 151

### Grouse survey better than expected

Each spring, North Dakota Game and Fish Department staff count the number of male sharp-tailed grouse, greater prairie chickens and greater sage grouse dancing on leks, while also tallying the number of male ruffed grouse drumming in suitable aspen habitats. A lek is a communal assembly area where males of certain species (most notably prairie grouse like greater sage-grouse and sharp-tailed grouse) gather in the spring to perform competitive courtship displays to attract females.

These surveys serve as relative indices of spring breeding populations.

"The sharp-tailed grouse counts were mixed across the state this spring, which resulted in an unchanged statewide count compared to 2025," said Jesse Kolar, department upland game management supervisor.

This result was better than expected following poor reproduction and decreases in adult sharptail densities in last summer's roadside surveys and the 24% decrease in hunter harvest last fall.

"Thus, we expected to see very poor numbers for lek counts this spring, but we suspect that our mild winter led to minimal mortality and helped minimize losses after the cool and wet summer of 2025," Kolar said.

By district, observers saw 4.9 males per square mile in the southwest, down 8% from 2025; 5 males per square mile in the prairie potholes, up 2%; and 2.9 males per square mile in the drift prairie, up 10% from last year. The only remaining survey block in the Red River Valley is Grand Forks County, which is not a primary region for sharptails but was up 9% from last year.

Ruffed grouse survey results indicated an uptick in drums heard in the Turtle Mountains (+40%) and a decrease in the Pembina Hills (-15%) compared to 2025.

"In contiguous forest habitats, ruffed grouse numbers usually rise and fall in cycles, but because habitat in North Dakota is isolated and fragmented, we have not seen these peaks, but the population has been increasing slightly since 2019," Kolar said.

Small greater prairie chicken populations remain in Grand Forks County and the Sheyenne National Grasslands but overall, North Dakota no longer holds enough suitable, intact tallgrass prairie to support a huntable population.

Only one male and one female sage grouse were observed in 2026. Both sage grouse and greater prairie chicken hunting seasons will remain closed.

Overall, the long-term outlook for our native prairie grouse remains a concern due to grassland conversion, fragmentation and woody encroachment on prairies.

## Public Notice

### Monthly Meeting Board of Education June 22, 2026

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, Kenmare Public School No. 28, was held on Monday at 5:00 p.m. in the auditorium at Kenmare High School.

Directors Cook, J.Zeltinger, Gill, Patterson, Jensen, Pugh and C. Zeltinger were present.

Members of the public were also present.

Director Cook called the meeting to order.

Moved by Director Jensen and seconded by Director C.Zeltinger to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Patterson and seconded by Director Jensen to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:  
Public Comment:  
Old Business:

Moved by Director C.Zeltinger and seconded by Director Patterson to approve the following second-read policies:

BEC  
DBBA  
DBBB  
DEAA  
AACA  
Motion passes unanimously

New Business:  
Moved by Director J.Zeltinger and seconded by Director Jensen to approve the resignation of Mr. Johnson. Motion passes unanimously.

Moved by Director Jensen and seconded by Director C.Zeltinger to approve transferring \$133,400 from Miscellaneous fund to General Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Gill and seconded by Director Patterson to approve the election results from the 2026 school board election. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Gill and seconded by Director C.Zeltinger to approve the legal representation from NDSBA Legal Mrs. Norby-Jahner. Motion carried unanimously.

No motion was made to approve NDDPI Data Sharing Agreement, motion failed.

Moved by Director Patterson and seconded by Director Gill to approve the consolidated application for the 2026-2027 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.  
Moved by Director Pugh and seconded by Director Patterson to approve KPS safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of service plan. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Gill and seconded by Director Patterson

to approve the following intents to hire:

Garrett Strokland - FFA Advisor  
Joshua Kerbaugh - AD, Event Supervisor  
Walter Lawson - Music Advisor

William Cook - Summer Conditioning  
Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director C. Zeltinger and seconded by Director Gill to approve the following teaching contracts for the 2026-2027 school year:

Joshua Kerbaugh - Elem PE  
Walter Lawson - Music  
Garrett Strokland - Ag/Shop  
Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Director Gill and seconded by Director J.Zeltinger to approve the cyber security plan. Motion carried unanimously.

Staff Reports:  
Next meeting will be July 15th at 8:00 am  
Meeting adjourned at 5:36 pm

Bills  
AFLAC .....1752.24  
Blue Cross/Blue Shield .....7253.74  
Horace Mann Annuity .....740.00  
Kenmare School .....398.62  
ND Public Employees Retirement System .....6828.21  
NDEA .....653.00  
NDPERS .....325.00  
AFLAC .....417.78  
Health Equity - Flex Med .321.88  
Department of Human Services .....

.....50.00  
Montana Dakota Utilities .....46.27  
JP Morgan .....5270.46  
3D Lawn Service .....800.00  
Acellus Educational Services LLC .....711.00  
All American Trophies .....742.00  
Blue Beacon LLC .....188.00  
Bowbells Public School .....5268.76  
BSN Sports .....3800.00  
Circle Sanitation, INC. ....647.25  
City of Kenmare .....447.00  
Comfort Inn-Mandan .....550.00  
COMP TIA .....1209.00  
CREA .....43,310.00  
DILIGENT .....6360.00  
Duwayne Gilseth .....70.00  
ECOLAB .....721.78  
EDUTECH .....40.00  
Farmers Union Hardware 809.87  
Farmers Union Lumber .....898.97  
Farmers Union Oil .....4936.41  
Farmers Union Oil-Berthold .....1235.18  
Frog Publications .....411.68  
G&P Commercial Sales .....1225.78  
Gartner's Jack & Jill .....91.50  
Glass Doctor of Minot .....75.00  
Holiday Inn .....417.00  
Horace Mann Annuity .....9.00  
Innovative Office Solutions LLC .  
.....531.18  
Jessica Gesvalli .....210.00  
John Deere Financial .....966.97  
Kacy Keysor .....103.90  
Kenmare News .....1305.85  
KHS Hot Lunch .....8608.24  
Linde Gas & Equipment, INC. ....

.....112.44  
Lindsey Bazille .....28.00  
Lingo Speech Therapy .....4560.00  
McGraw Hill .....4401.75  
Montana Dakota Utilities .....13173.22  
Melin, Mary Ann .....108.25  
Minot Area Workforce Academy .....7624.53  
MLS School District .....3537.67  
ND Educators Service Cooperative .....400.00  
ND School Boards Association .....3907.95  
New Vision Security, LLC .....67.50  
North Country Mercantile 273.91  
Paxton Perlichek .....148.78  
Pearce Durick, PLLC .....1567.50  
Pitney Bowes .....324.43  
Rachel Zeltinger .....210.00  
Ratwick, Roszak & Maloney, PA .  
.....228.00  
Reservation Telephone .....487.00  
School Specialty .....781.44  
SJ Septic Tank Service .....110.00  
Sleep Inn - Bismarck .....1540.00  
Stukent, INC. ....2895.00  
Sue Charnetski .....202.50  
Westhope Public School .4808.56  
Blue Cross/Blue Shield .33785.55  
Blue Cross/Blue Shield .37872.73  
Blue Cross/Blue Shield .40513.00  
Total:.....274,428.23  
Building Fund  
AMKO Bond Services .118910.00  
Kevins Plumbing .....406.04

### Take'n Bake Pizzas

Burgers

Home-Raised BEEF

Homemade PIZZAS

KENMARE 701-385-4896  
Open Daily 8 am-8 pm

### UPPER SOURIS WATER DISTRICT MEMBERS

The 2025 Annual Water Quality Report is now available on our website:

<https://uppersouriswater.com/documents/1214/CCR2025.pdf>

Copies available at 43601 506th St NW, Kenmare 701.385.4093 / [ruralwater@uppersouriswater.com](mailto:ruralwater@uppersouriswater.com)

Be informed about water outages

**SIGN UP FOR TEXT AND EMAIL ALERTS**

[www.uppersouriswater.com](http://www.uppersouriswater.com)

**KENMARE THEATRE**  
Phone 701-385-4433  
Friday & Saturday: 7 pm & 9:15 pm  
Sunday: 7 pm AND Monday: 7 pm

**July 3-6**  
**CLOSED**  
Enjoy the 250th Birthday of the United States of America!

## SUMMER BASKETBALL CAMP

6:00 PM - 7:30 pm  
Tues, Wed, Thurs

**JULY 14-16**

Kenmare-Bowbells Students going into Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade with Alex Hennix

Fundraiser for Close-Up Trip **CLOSE UP**

hennixa@gmail.com  
701-341-0845

## KENMARE AMBULANCE SERVICE

### ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING

Wednesday, July 1 - 7:00 pm

Kenmare Ambulance Bay

25.26b

### Area Weather Forecast

Day	Date	Conditions	Low/High	Precip.
Wed.,	July 1	cloudy	59/72	0%
Thurs.,	July 2	mostly cloudy	56/76	40%
Fri.,	July 3	Mostly	52/70	0%
Sat.,	July 4	cloudy	63/76	50%
Sun.,	July 5	sunny	58/81	0%
Mon.,	July 6	sunny	62/85	0%
Tues.,	July 7	sunny	60/79	0%
Wed.,	July 8	partly cloudy	62/79	0%

**June 29 - Market Close**

No. 1 Durum	.....\$5.70
Low-end Durum	.....\$5.25
Spring Wheat	.....\$5.31
Winter Wheat	.....\$4.91
Corn	.....\$3.63
Feed Barley	.....\$2.50
Soybeans	.....\$9.97
Oats	.....No Bid

Peas.....\$4.75  
Canola .....\$21.12  
Flax .....\$11.75

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