



# Corporation for Public Broadcasting votes itself out of existence

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TURTLE MOUNTAIN TRIBAL COURT - JUVENILE DIVISION  
TURTLE MOUNTAIN RESERVATION  
BELCOURT, NORTH DAKOTA

In the matter of the minor child(ren):  
S.B., DOB: 05/17/2009

TM Child Welfare	)	SUMMONS
Petitioner	)	CASE# JV
VS	)	CW-22-15049
Lahoma Demery, guardian	)	
Jesse DeCoteau, father	)	
Respondent(s)	)	

TO: Lahoma Demery & Jesse DeCoteau;

YOU ARE HEREBY summoned and required to appear before the Turtle Mountain Tribal Court in the above-entitled matter on the 2nd day of February, 2026, at 11:30a.m, to defend against the Request for a Review Hearing in the Turtle Mountain Tribal Court in Belcourt, North Dakota and herewith that has been served upon filed the Turtle Mountain Child Welfare in Belcourt, North Dakota

Dated this 31st day of December, 2025

/s/Jenna Belgarde  
Juvenile Clerk of Court  
Turtle Mountain Tribal Court  
PO Box 900  
Belcourt, ND 5831  
701-477-6121 Ext. 211

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TURTLE MOUNTAIN TRIBAL COURT - JUVENILE DIVISION  
TURTLE MOUNTAIN RESERVATION  
BELCOURT, NORTH DAKOTA

In the matter of the minor child(ren):  
M.P., DOB: 05/11/2011

TM Child Welfare	)	SUMMONS
Petitioner	)	CASE# JV
VS	)	CW-23-15043
Krystal Vivier, mother	)	
Matthew Poitra, father	)	
Respondent(s)	)	

TO: Matthew Poitra:

YOU ARE HEREBY summoned and required to appear before the Turtle Mountain Tribal Court in the above-entitled matter on the 2nd day of February, 2026, at 1:00p.m, to defend against the Request for a Review Hearing in the Turtle Mountain Tribal Court in Belcourt, North Dakota and herewith that has been served upon filed the Turtle Mountain Child Welfare in Belcourt, North Dakota

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David Bauder  
Associated Press

Leaders of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, a private agency that has steered federal funding to PBS, NPR and hundreds of public television and radio stations across the country, voted Monday to dissolve the organization that was created in 1967.

CPB had been winding down since Congress acted last summer to defund its operations at the encouragement of President Donald Trump. Its board of directors chose Monday to shutter CPB completely instead of keeping it in existence as a shell.

“CPB’s final act would be to protect the integrity of the public media system and the democratic values by dissolving, rather than allowing the organization to remain defunded and vulnerable to additional attacks,” said Patricia Harrison, the organization’s president and CEO.

Many Republicans have long accused public broadcasting, particularly its news programming, of being biased toward liberals but it wasn’t until the second Trump administration — with full GOP control of Congress — that those criticisms were turned into action.

Ruby Calvert, head of CPB’s board of directors, said the federal defunding of public media has been devastating.

“Even at this moment, I am convinced that public media will survive, and that a new Congress will address public media’s role in our country because it is critical to our children’s education, our history, culture and democracy to do so,” Calvert said.

CPB said it was financially supporting the American Archive of Public Broadcasting in its effort to preserve historic content, and is working with the University of Maryland to maintain its own records.

## Turtle Mountain Community High School December Students of the Month



Freshman - **KATELYNN AZURE** — Sophomore - **GRACIE HARVIELL**  
Junior - **ROSIN KEPLIN** — Senior - **WILLIAM BRELAND**

**STUDENT OF THE MONTH: BASED ON THE SEVEN TEACHINGS  
DECEMBER: MANIDOO GUIZISOONS - LITTLE SPIRIT MOON  
TEACHING: ZHAWENJICEWIN (LOVE)**

**STORY: BINAAKWE GISIS MEANS GRANDMOTHER EARTH COMBING HER HAIR  
(LEAVES FALLING). GETTING READY TO SLEEP AND REST FOR WINTER.**

**TEACHING: A BLESSING, MERCY, AND KINDNESS.**

**\* LOVE OF SELF \*ASSIST OTHERS GREET OTHERS**

**\* CELEBRATE OTHERS \* APPRECIATE THOSE AROUND YOU**

**\* LIVE IN PEACE WITH OTHERS \* SIMPLE ACTS OF KINDNESS**

**ANIMAL: MIGIZI (EAGLE)**

## Dakota Attitude

**Richard & Doris  
(Hinrichs) Idso**

Interview: Mar. 23, 2018  
County: Cass  
City: Amenia

**Stuck in the  
Fourth Grade**



Doris taught for 37 years, 33 of them in the fourth grade. “Well, you see the joy of learning in these faces, and when you have a young student come up to you towards the end of the year and say, ‘Mrs. Idso, I can’t believe it! This year went so fast.’ And this is a little fourth-grader, and I’m thinking, ‘Well, school couldn’t have been too bad then.’ One thing—I had one student come up to me and say, ‘Mrs. Idso, you’ve never yelled at us.’ I said, ‘Would it do any good?’ And she kinda looked and said, ‘Probably not.’

“If they were noisy when they came in, the lights went off, and they knew that was my signal to be quiet, so I didn’t say anything. They knew that was my signal. I talked to them about what the rules were, and this was what was going to take place. They appreciate direction. Also there was a time when I would sit down, very quietly, and I would watch the clock, and they knew that the next recess time might be short a few seconds or minutes, ’cause we had to make up that time. Oh, I miss the kids. It’s the enthusiasm and all the things they have to tell you and, I guess, it’s the sharing.” Her advice to parents with preschoolers is to “read to them, read with them.”

Richard and Doris moved to Amenia, she says, “Let’s see, ’62, in the fall, September. We plan to stay there until we can’t make the stairs anymore.” Of their community, she says, “They’re just an extended family. You know, when you live in a small town like Amenia, you have a feeling of living in the rural area, but you have a neighbor next door that’s gonna be there to help you if you need it. And it’ll be the whole town—it isn’t just gonna be one or two, it’s gonna be a whole town that’s there to support you. One thing I’ve noticed about the people—their young people are involved in Cub Scouts, 4-H, and all these good organizations that give their child good background and it helps them in school, too.”

**Thomas Wheeler**

Interview: June 13, 2012  
County: Williams  
City: Ray

**Don’t tell  
anyone I drove  
a tractor**



Tom grew up on the farm his great-grandfather homesteaded in 1902. One of seven children, Tom graduated from UND-Williston in the agriculture program. He went back to the family farm. Tom had no desire to do anything else but farm. “I started to drive a tractor when I was 10 years old. It was a U Minneapolis [Moline].”

His grandpa and dad farmed with horses until 1942. That year they purchased a new A John Deere tractor. “My dad got stuck with a truck loaded with spuds that he was taking to town to load on the railroad cars. There was a little creek by our place; he got stuck in the springtime. Well, he went and got his brand-new A John Deere tractor. Dad said to Grandpa, ‘You need to drive this tractor, and I will be in the truck and you pull me out.’ Granddad replied, ‘I will drive the tractor, but you don’t tell

anyone I drove a tractor.’ He didn’t want anyone to know that he drove a tractor [as he always drove horses].”

Tom spoke of advice from his dad: “You always go to church. Sometimes you might get out of church, go home, put the work clothes on, and go to work in harvest and sometimes in the spring. The rest of the year we didn’t work on Sundays. That was the way it was. The other thing was the work—you get the work done. That was basically it. If things needed to get done, you tackled the worst one first and saved the easiest one for later.

“I didn’t hear [Dad] say this, but he told it to a neighbor of ours. They were sitting at the grain elevator, and they were talking about the old times. My dad told him the best time of his life was when all the kids were home. He said, ‘We had nothing. Basically we ate good, we had some fun, but we had nothing. That was the best time of my life when all seven kids were home.’”

**Francis & Marilyn  
(McLaughlin) Praska**

Interview: Aug. 1, 2016  
County: Walsh  
City: Lankin

**Nose On The  
Blackboard**



Born in 1943, Francis Praska attended country school, “Our Christmas programs were really something special. It was a one-room school, but we spent about two days hanging wires or ropes, and then putting sheets across it to make a stage and a dressing room. I think when I first started we had 27 kids. So when the parents all come to the Christmas program it was pretty full. One of the parents always snuck out and dressed up as Santa Claus.”

In 1965, Francis married Marilyn McLaughlin. She also attended country school. “There was only two girls, and there was about seven boys. I can remember we wore skirts to school. We wore pants underneath, like jeans. We took them off when we got to school, and before you went home you had to put the jeans back on. Recesses, we played with the boys. The boys—bigger eighth-graders—picked on the teacher, and they played jokes on her. We had a lot of fun. There was good discipline,” Marilyn remembers. “I speak Czech. I said something in Czech, and the teacher took it wrong. She was holding a piece of nylon rope, and I got it across the bottom. Because she thought I said something bad,” Marilyn laughs. “And when I got home I got it worse from the folks. They stood behind the teacher. I mean, that’s the discipline we had.”

In 1966, Marilyn and Francis moved from Park River to Lankin. “The job opening came here at the oil company in Lankin,” Francis says, “and we moved here.” He worked for Farmers Union for 40 years. Marilyn adds, “And he’s been mayor 42 years. And he was fire chief for 30 years,” Marilyn has been city auditor for about 33 years.

With so many years invested in Lankin, Marilyn and Francis have no plans for leaving. “We talked about that a lot of times,” he says. “But it’s home. Our friends are here.”

Francis’s advice to his children is the same as his father’s: “You got something I have, the Praska name. Take care of it.” Marilyn adds, “Respect your parents, and don’t forget about us. Come over [to visit].”

(Editor’s Note: The following profiles of North Dakota residents were collected by author James Puppe between 2004-2018, covering 617 subjects and 113,000 miles. He has given permission for his book to be serialized in North Dakota Newspapers at no charge. To find out how you can read the entire collection of Dakota Attitude profiles go to [dako-taattitude.com](http://dako-taattitude.com).)

**100-297 High School Grant  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026 @ 11:30a.m.  
Board Room, 1207 William Hardesty Street  
Belcourt, ND 58316**

### TENTATIVE AGENDA

**1. CALL to ORDER**

**2. Opening Prayer/Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. ADOPTION of AGENDA**

**4. ADOPTION of CONSENT AGENDA**

4.A - Business Manager Report — Duane Poitra

4.B - Approval of Minutes - 12/15/2025

4.C - Approval of Accounts Payable - Earl Demery

4.D - TMHS Board Report - Brad LaRocque

**5. OLD BUSINESS:**

5.A - NONE

**6. NEW BUSINESS:**

6.A - NONE

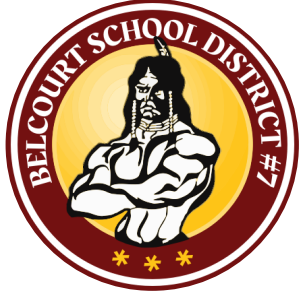
**7. ADJOURNMENT**



## BELCOURT SCHOOL DISTRICT #7

**1207 William Hardesty Street, Belcourt, ND 58316**

**AGENDA  
Board of Education  
Regular Board Meeting  
Tuesday, January 13th, 2026  
@ 12 NOON — Board Room**



**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. OPENING PRAYER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**4. OPEN for PUBLIC COMMENT**

**5. APPROVE OF CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Ojibwa Indian School Report — Angelique Bennett

B. Approva of Discretionary Grant Budget — Duane Poitra/Earl Demery

C. TMCS Assistant Superintendent/HR Director Report — Levi Gourneau

D. TMCS Superintendent/Athletic Director Report — Dr. Shane Martin

E. Approval of Additional Increase for the Title Budgets 2024-25 — Duane Poitra/Earl Demery

F. Business Manager Reports- Duane Poitra

G. Approval of Minutes — 12/15/2025

H. TMCS Principal Report — Shanna McCloud

I. TMCHS Principal Report — Brad LaRocque

J. HS Student Council Report — Ashlin LaRocque/Leslie DeCoteau

K. TMMS Data Ranking Report — Gaillord Peltier

L. Approval to Add a Category “Be Legendary” on the Regular Board Meeting Agenda(s) — Claudette Gourneau/Laurie Elliot

**6. OLD BUSINESS**

NONE

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Approval of Accounts Payable - Earl Demery

B. Monitoring Report Interim Assessments (Reading/Math) — Claudette Gourneau/Laurie Elliot

C. Approval of Board Self-Evaluation — Claudette Gourneau/Laurie Elliot

**8. ADJOURNMENT**