

4-H success across the board

Stark-Billings County 4-H shines at recent events

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While the Future Farmers of America schedule is chock-full of events at the high school level, the Stark-Billings 4-H Club also is busy with a variety of competitions showcasing the skills of younger students. During the Morton County 4-H Archery Match recently, a number of students helped propel the team to third-place finishes at the event in beginner barebow and freestyle, a second-place showing in junior barebow and a fourth-place spot in junior freestyle.

In junior freestyle, Jacob Evoniuk placed sixth overall, and Ian Brodhead tied for 20th

with Ty Polensky, while in junior barebow Polensky finished in 10th and teammate William Fadness was right behind him in 11th, with Carter Klym taking 18th and Adric Jirges rounding out the top-20.

The beginner barebow competition saw Caleb Evoniuk come away with 11th-place honors and teammate Ella Brodhead on his heels at 12th and Ty Johnson taking 18th for his efforts. The beginner freestyle event earned Louis Filkowski a spot in the top-10 at ninth and Caleb Evoniuk was in at 12th, while Stevie Splichal came home in 15th.

Back on March 7, however, Stark-Billings County also walked away with some solid re-

sults, including a third-place effort in Junior 4-H and an eighth-place performance for Senior 4-H in livestock judging at the state competition. Among the individual results for S-BC were Ian Brodhead's first-place score of 429 and Kasen Jordre ending up at 13th for the Junior 4-H team with Emerson Sickler right behind him at 14th with 397, while Senior 4-Hers Ella Nelson earned 11th with 693 points and Kylee Sickler was 17th with a score of 687 in a tight competition.

For more information about Belfield Public School and all its activities, please keep reading the Billings County Pioneer and/or visit their website at www.belfield.k12.nd.us.



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



Belfield High School

Name: Dokia Chruszcz
Family: Mom, Dad, Caleb, Lane
Do you have any nicknames? Kia
What is your favorite class? English
Favorite social media app? Snapchat
What is your favorite TV show? Outer Banks
Who is your favorite musician? Noah Kahan
Favorite food? Pickles

Least favorite school lunch? All school lunch

How do you stay informed on current events? My parents

Least favorite chore to help with at home? Dishes

What is your favorite holiday? Why? 4th of July, because it's summer and I'm at the lake

What are your plans after high school? Go to college for advertising & business management

What do you do in your spare time? Bed rot, work, be with friends

Do you have any pet peeves? When people mimic me

Who is your role model and why? My mom, she always works hard and fights for what she believes in

If you could choose a super power, what would it be and why? Mind reading, I want to know what people are always thinking

If you could meet one person from history, who would it be? Helen Keller, I want to see her fly the plane and see if it actually happened

What would you do if you won the lottery? Big shopping spree

What is your dream job? Redesigning people's closets, personal stylist

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CITY OF MEDORA COUNCIL Proceedings

City of Medora Minutes of Regular Meeting 3/3/2026 (Subject to Council review and approval)

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Mayor Derwin Zuroff. Present were Council Members Tracy Sexton, Jim Bridger, Clarence Sitter and Jodi Johnson via Teams, Administrator Ivy Maus, City Engineer Shannon Hewson, and City Attorney Sandra Kuntz.

Consent Agenda
• February 3, 2026 Minutes The minutes from February 3, 2026, were reviewed. Sexton made a motion to approve the minutes from February 6, 2026; Bridger seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Johnson made a motion to approve the expenditure for the pool without the grant; Sitter seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Department Reports
• Brosz Engineering Report

Hewson provided a summary of updates for items/projects they are currently working on.

Sexton moved to approve the purchase and moving of two cabins, provided the total cost does not exceed \$150,000. Expenditures above this limit require additional approval; Johnson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Bridger moved to approve Task order 2026-1 for Lift Station Construction Engineering; Sexton seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

• City Attorney Report
Sitter made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-01 as drafted; Sexton seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

• Liquor Licensing
• Fee Schedule
• Ambulance Report

A written report was provided.
• Police Department Report
A written report was provided.

• Public Works Report
A written report was provided.
• MCVB Report
A written report was provided.

• MCC Report
Bridger made a motion to approve the current year's rental rate of \$200 for Milo Thompson for the use of the Community Center for the Medora Craft Fair; Johnson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Sexton made a motion to approve a 50% rate reduction for this year's Cowboy Poetry, totaling \$1,200, for the use of the Community Center; Sitter seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Bridger made a motion to give Billings County Historical Society a rate exemption for this year; Johnson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

• City Auditor's Report
Sexton made a motion to approve the 2021-2022 and 2023-2024 audit engagement letters with Brady-Martz; Bridger seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Sitter made a motion to approve the renewal of five CDs for a 12-month term, two at BMO Bank and three at Bravera Bank; Sexton seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business
• NDDOT-Mike Njos
No report was provided.

• TRMF-Trolley
Sexton made a motion to approve the operation of TRMF trolleys at no cost for one year starting March 3, 2026. This approval is contingent upon the applicant submitting a formal variance application and receiving Zoning Board approval for signage; Bridger seconded. The motion carried unanimously, with Sitter abstaining due to a conflict of interest.

• Interstate Engineering
Rebecca Berner with Interstate Engineering was present to provide an update to the board.

New Business
• Lift Station Replacement - CE Task Order
Approved under the Brosz Engineering Report.

• Pacific Avenue Water Main - Change Order
• TRMF - Chimney Park
Discussion was held.

• County Auditor Election Updates
County Auditor Marcia Kessel was present to give updates on elections. Discussion was held.

• Point CPA 2020 Audit
Point CPA presented the 2020 Audit Report via Teams. Sexton moved to approve the 2020 Audit as presented; Sitter seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

• Alcohol License Hidden Springs Java

Sitter made a motion to approve the alcohol license for Hidden Springs Java; Sexton

seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

• Alcohol License TRMF Old Town Hall

The applicant withdrew their application prior to Council consideration; no action was taken. Discussion was held.

• 26-01 Permit Jason Langerud Carriage Ride

Sexton made a motion to approve Permit 26-01 as submitted; Sitter seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

• 26-02 Permit Medora Chamber of Commerce Flag Day Parade

Sitter made a motion to approve Permit 26-02 as submitted; Bridger seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Miscellaneous Business

None.

• Financial Statements

ROUGH RIDER ELECTRIC COOP, INC 3089.00

ROUGH RIDER ELECTRIC COOP, INC 2736.16

ROUGH RIDER ELECTRIC COOP, INC 41.00

RTC Networks 805.65

SOUTHWEST WATER AUTHORITY 3520.63

SOUTHWEST WATER AUTHORITY 58.63

AT&T Mobility 925.71

CORDOVA CONSTRUCTION 73978.40

Brosz Engineering, Inc. 48971.00

SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT 30.00

FIRST STATE BANK 89.00

GALLS, LLC 189.99

Revel Hotel Minot SureStay Collec.....2420.00

BOSS OFFICE PRODUCTS ... 94.93

ITD 127.90

Brosz Engineering, Inc. 225.00

Legal Edge Solutions, PLLC 6842.50

MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEMICAL 406.53

Superior Spas & Water, LLC ... 89.46

Southwest Narcotics Task Force 8000.00

GALLS, LLC 58.80

SOUTHWEST MULTI-COUNTY CORRECTION 2585.00

THEODORE ROOSEVELT MEDORA FDTN..... 1157.86

R & R Auto, Farm & Electric, Inc. 120.00

FARMERS UNION..... 6616.91

FISHER SAND AND GRAVEL 718.88

BILLINGS CO AUDITOR 253864.69

BELFIELD AUTO SUPPLY, INC 232.46

FIRST STATE BANK 928.78

Interstate Engineering, Inc. 30223.92

Bobcat of Dickinson..... 393.06

GALLS, LLC 599.99

P AFLAC2 AFLAC 163.96

DEFERRED COMP NDPERS DEFERRED COMP DEP 960.00

DENTAL INSURANC AMERITAS..... 1067.68

FIT EFTPS..... 4918.31

GROUP TERM LIFE NDPERS HEALTH..... 13566.72

POLICE TRAILER CITY OF MEDORA.....700.00
SIT OFFICE OF STATE TAX COMM 235.29
VISION INSURANC FIDELITY SECURITY LIFE.....(106.27

Claim Vouchers, Financials - review and approval
Payroll for February \$65,109.99.

Payroll, Claim Vouchers, Financial - review and approval.
Sexton made a motion for approval of the financials; Bridger seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Announcements
• Deadline for Zoning Applications — Friday, March 6, 2026 @ 12:00pm

• Zoning Meeting — Tuesday, March 17, 2026 @ 6:00pm

• Deadline for Council Agenda Items - Friday, March 27, 2026 @ 12:00pm

• Next Council Meeting — April 7, 2026 @ 6:00pm

• Adjourn
Sexton made a motion to adjourn at 8:06pm.

• Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81495673452?pwd=hjLYTcql-Eq6zuBKSU66itbMBSi8OwX.1>
Meeting ID: 814 9567 3452
Passcode: 557902

/s/ Derwin Zuroff
Derwin Zuroff, Mayor

/s/ Ivy Maus
Ivy Maus, Auditor

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