

# A Step Back in Time

## Troy Tescher

100 Years Ago  
Sentinel Butte Review  
January 8, 1926

Because Dan Hein, living north of Wing, ND, mixed red beans with his wheat in his bin, J.J. Kraus, a neighbor, must serve 18 months in the penitentiary. To protect the grain in a bin a mile from his home, he mixed some red beans with it as a means of identification. When Hein discovered some of the grain had been stolen, he visited neighboring elevators and found the wheat with a few beans had been delivered by his neighbor. Kraus was arrested, confessed and sentenced 21 hours after Hein filed his complaint.

If the present plans are approved by the state railroad commissions of this state and Montana, the running schedule of the Ollie-Beach branch of NP will change. Under the proposed plan, a train would be starting out from Dickinson early in the morning, making the

run to Ollie, where the crew would remain for the night. The following day, the run would be made to Dickinson and would alternate in this matter.

Results of the North Country Rabbit Hunt were disappointing due to unfavorable conditions. A total of 270 jackrabbits were slain with the Harry Rilea team credited with 118 and John Barkland's team shooting 152. Jess Till was declared the champion, bagging 59 of the long-legged prairie donkeys.

75 Years Ago  
Golden Valley News  
January 11, 1951

Two Occident Elevators in Wibaux burned to the ground Wednesday night with wheat, barley and flax lost in the blaze. A wrecking company is already on the premises, cleaning up and readying the property for the erection of a new elevator, according to the manager, Floyd Mathiason.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rising of the Golva rural community were informed in a telegram from the War Department last Sunday that their son, Anton, who has been in Korea since July, was missing in action. Further details are unavailable at this time.

Marjorie Halstead, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H.H. Halstead, and Alvin Farstveet, son of Mrs. and Mrs. Knute Farstveet, were wed at the First Lutheran Church on Dec. 28.

The arrival of three new boys at Boys' Ranch last week brought the total number now at the ranch to nine.

50 Years Ago  
Golden Valley News

January 15, 1976  
County residents and others interested are reminded that the order for the hard-bound book *Golden Valley County Pioneers* will be sent to the published on January 16 and reservations for a copy at \$20 is still being accepted. The Sentinel Butte Bicentennial Committee has been meeting every evening this past week to finalize the final manuscript.

In wrestling action last Saturday, the Bucs out-wrestled the Ft. Yates squad 39-25 and then continued their dominance in the Dickinson Triangular by downing Trinity 39-30. Beach overpowered the Warriors of Ft. Yates with pins by Milton Booth, Norm Entzel, Terry Egan, Scott Edgerton, Mike Paul, and probably the most deserving pin was won by Mark Johnson.

25 Years Ago  
Golden Valley News  
January 18, 2001

The 6th Annual Fire Pottery Christmas tree bonfire was held January 6. FBLA members picked up the recently used trees around town for the event. Tamma Smith said only six of the many pots added to the fire made it through without breakage. Their unique appearance comes from miscellaneous items, like copper wire or fruit peelings. This year Smith packaged the pots in cedar shavings mixed with small pellets of rock salt, which is kind of a glaze chemical causing a rougher texture.

Quote of the Week  
"The first wealth is health."  
- Ralph Waldo Emerson

# Commissioners review appointments

By Gary Howard  
The Golden Valley County Commissioners held their first meeting of the new year on Tuesday, January 6 at the courthouse.

All members were present for the meeting, the exception being State's Attorney Christina Wenko, who had a prior commitment.

The meeting opened with the review and approval of the agenda and minutes. The vouchers were also reviewed and approved for payment.

The first order of current business brought before the Commissioners was the review of the Annual Appointments of the various boards in the county. These boards are Roosevelt Custer, Community Action, Golden Valley County Zoning, Airport, Library, Human Services and Southwest Correctional Center.

After some discussion the consensus was to leave the appointments the same as the previous year with Commissioner Smith on the Community Action and Library Boards, Commissioner Farstveet on the Roosevelt Custer, Airport and Human Services Board and Commissioner Schmeling on the Golden Valley County Zoning and Southwest Correctional Center Board.

The next order of

new business was to review and approve various Resolutions dealing with a number of County governmental policies and schedules. The following is a summary of the resolutions that were approved.

Resolution 2026-1  
Appointment of Officers, Clerks, Custodian and Road Foreman.

Resolution 2026-2

Public Notice of Regularly Scheduled Meeting Dates and Times  
Resolution 2026-3

Establish Days the Courthouse is Closed due to Holidays  
Resolution 2026-4

Business Hours of Courthouse Offices  
Resolution 2026-5

Reimbursements for Mileage, Meals and Lodging  
Resolution 2026-6

Expedition of Business  
Resolution 2026-7

Listing of Depository Banks  
Resolution 2026-8

Pledge of Securities  
Resolution 2026-9

County Treasurer to Invest and Reinvest funds  
Resolution 2026-10

Posting and Publishing Legal Notices  
Resolution 2026-11

Salaries of Elected and Appointed Officials

The next item of business was to set the date for the Annual County, Township meet-

ing. The meeting date will be on February 3 at 1 p.m. at the courthouse.

Auditor Tamra Sperry requested that the pay dates for January and February be changed. The Commissioners approved of that change.

The Commissioners made and approved the motion to re-appoint Sue Marman to the Library Board. The Commissioners voted to appoint Cody Ueckert to the County Fair Board.

Auditor Sperry stated that the Campaign Finance and Statement of Interest is due to the County Auditor by Jan. 31, 2026.

The last order of business for the day was to meet with Road Foreman Pete Wirtzfeld and engineers to discuss final details on the County Road 5 and County Road 11 Bridge replacement projects. Also a discussion was held on the proposed Highway 10 Bridge Replacement Project and the Hammond Bridge Replacement Project south of Golva. There was a discussion on where traffic could be re-routed during the construction work on the Hammond Bridge.

As the Commissioners had no further business to discuss, the meeting was declared to be adjourned.



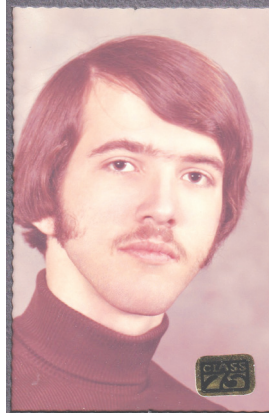
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# Obituary



**Dennis Schneider**  
September 16, 1955 - January 1, 2026

Dennis Ervin Schneider, age 70 of Glendive, MT and formerly of Beach, ND passed away on Thursday, January 1, 2026 at the Glendive Medical Center in Glendive.

Memorial services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 30, 2026 at the Silha Funeral Home in Beach with Pastor Warren Maxted officiating. Please wear Miami Dolphin apparel. Interment will be in the Beach Lutheran Cemetery. Silha Funeral Home of Beach has been entrusted

with the arrangements.

Dennis Ervin Schneider was born on September 16, 1955, to Jim and Leila (Simonson) Schneider in Glendive. He lived in the Wibaux, MT area until 1960, when the family moved to Beach.

From 1960 to 1975, Dennis attended the Anne Carlson School in Jamestown, ND. Following his graduation, he returned to Beach, where he lived for several years.

Dennis later moved to assisted living homes in St. Paul, MN; Fargo, ND; and Jamestown, ND, where he enjoyed a level of independence and community. In April of 2016, Dennis was involved in a train accident in Jamestown. Afterward, he moved to Glendive Extended Care, where he resided until his passing on January 1, 2026.

Dennis had a deep love for sports and knowledge. He was a devoted fan of the Miami Dolphins and the New York Yankees and proudly kept sports statistics for many years. He could tell you who won every Super Bowl

dating back to the very first one. Dennis also enjoyed video games, trivia, reading books, and a good ghost story. Most of all, he cherished time spent with his nieces and nephews.


Dennis was preceded in death by his parents, Jim and Leila Schneider; his stepmother, Vera Schneider; his niece, Treasure Schneider; and his stepbrother, Spencer Slocumb.

He is survived by his brothers James "Buster," Jack, and Dave (Nadine) Schneider; his sisters Sheryl (Dale) Stansbury, Karen (Darrel) Schmeling, Joanne (Troy) Tescher, Joyce Schneider and Uncle Ervin Schneider; along with many cousins, nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and great-nephews.

The family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the staff at Glendive Extended Care for the compassionate and wonderful care Dennis received. It meant the world to us.

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January 15, 2026

# In Loving Memory of




**LEON NOLL**  
(January 5, 1968 - January 13, 2022)

*Because of him, our own small world will never be the same,*

*And our hearts are filled with the love, when people speak his name.*

*But though his face may not be seen among us here today, his love is felt in all the hearts he changed along the way.*

Lovingly remembered and sadly missed by  
Jerry Noll and families and  
Tom and Joyce Ray



**GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY LIBRARY NEWS**

by Librarian Joanne Tescher  
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**New Adult Books**  
*Surrender to Lead* by Monica Hannen  
*At Mornings Light* by Lauraine Snelling  
*The Seven Rings* by Nora Roberts

**New Kids' Books**  
*I Survived the Shark Attack of 1916* by Lauren Tarshis  
*Warriors: Power of Three - The Sight* by Erin Hunter  
*Junie B. Jones and A Little Monkey Business* by Barbara Park

Join us at the library for Coffee and Goodies on Friday, Jan. 30!



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