

SPELLING BEE

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by 15 of the 16 spellers.

Top of the class for written words were won by Keddy Allen for 5th grade, Zander Farstveet for 6th grade, Chloe Tregidga for 7th grade, and Ryen Noll and Lizzie Hegel for 8th grade.

The winners of the oral spelldown were:

1st place - Zander Farstveet
2nd place - Kat Davis
3rd place - Kedric Allen

Zander and Kat are

eligible to attend the ND State Spelling Bee representing Golden Valley County in March at Bismarck.

Judges and monitors for the bee included Jen Steiner, Joanne Tescher, Sue Marman, Marlys Updike, Jill Tescher, Chalsey Erdmann, Lindsey Buckman, Sonja Tinjum and Samuel Kerr.

Pronouncer/organizer for the bee was Judy Ridenhower.



Photos | Gary Howard

RYEN NOLL AND LIZZIE HEGEL are the 8th grade top spellers. They are pictured with Judy Ridenhower.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Golden Valley County Planning & Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, February 23, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Room at the Golden Valley County Courthouse in Beach, ND.

The purpose of the hearing is to review and make a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners regarding the following items:

MDU is applying for a Conditional Use Permit to construct a new Telecommunication Facility including 100' Wood Pole Communications Structure, Prefabricated Equipment Shelter, Fenced Compound and 12' Gravel Access Drive at Sec 6-139-104, Parcel #01556500.

Dated at Beach, ND this 6th day of February 2026.

Carla Beeler
Golden Valley County
Zoning Director

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Obituary



Donna Granat
August 21, 1948 -
February 2, 2026

Donna May Granat, 77, of Dickinson, ND, passed away on Monday, Feb. 2, 2026, at CHI St. Alexius Medical Center in Dickinson. Visitation was held Saturday, Feb. 7, 2026 at 12:00 p.m., followed by the funeral service at 1 p.m., both at Silha Funeral Home in Beach, ND. Pastor Liz Franz officiated. Burial took place at the Beach Lutheran Cemetery.

Donna was born on Aug. 21, 1948 in Moorhead, MN to Walter and Frieda (Schettley) Feldmann. She was educated in Beach and a trade school in Bismarck, ND. After school, Donna moved back to Beach in 1966, where she worked at the hospital in Beach as a cook.

Donna met Carl Granat at a picnic in June, 1968 and they were married shortly thereafter on Nov. 23, 1968 at the First Lutheran Church in Beach. Following their wedding, they made their home at the Granat Family homestead for a while before moving to Beach. After living in Beach for a time, they moved to Stu Gustafson's farm south of Golva, ND, where they made their home until retirement. When they retired from the farm in November of 2002, they moved into Golva and lived there until August of 2025, when they moved to the Golden Valley Manor in Beach.

For a short time before her passing, she was a resident at Benedictine Living Community in Dickinson.

Their marriage was blessed with three children, Laurie in October of 1969, Julie in August of 1971 and Scott in April of 1976.

Donna was a member of First Lutheran Church in Beach. She enjoyed planting flowers, crocheting, canning and collecting Holstein cows. Carl had his dairy cows in the barn and Donna had her own "herd" in the house. She had cows everywhere! Donna sold Avon for 22 years and enjoyed getting the new catalogs with all the fun things they came out with. She liked visiting with her Avon customers while delivering their orders and found pleasure in using her Avon income to give gifts to her family. Donna was a proud breast cancer survivor.

Donna is survived

A Step Back in Time

Troy Tescher

100 Years Ago
Sentinel Butte Review
February 5, 1926

Henrich Schillo and Miss Emily Kaergham were married Tuesday morning at the Catholic church in Golva. The groom emigrated from Germany about a year ago and has made his home with his uncle (Nick Schillo) since. The bride came from Germany a few months ago to join her intended life partner. The groom has already applied for papers as a first step to make him a citizen of this country.

Henry Ford passed thru Sentinel Butte Monday in his special train, running as the second section of number four. He didn't stop to renew acquaintances with any of his numerous namesakes in this neck o' the woods.

Notice: Any cattle, horses or mules found on Section 14 and the southwest quarter of Section 4, all in Twp. 140, Range 103, will be taken up and held for damages. Paul Lardy.

75 Years Ago
Golden Valley News
February 8, 1951

Russel M. Brown of the Sentinel Butte rural community died suddenly Feb. 4 as he and a group of friends and family were hunting. Russel

was with his 17 year old son Wayne, Kenneth and Dale Wyckoff and Jim Brown when he was stricken. His wife, Clara, five children, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Brown, brother Will and sister Mrs. Charles Allen survive him.

Richard T. Hanson of the Hanson Lumber & Hardware Co., Golva, left for Minneapolis Thursday to attend a special course of instruction for management of lumber yards and related ser-

vices.

Two local ranchers, Art Clarin and Ed Sygulla, both of Golva community, are now attending a special 10 day school in veterinary medicine at a private school in Minneapolis.

50 Years Ago
Golden Valley News
February 12, 1976

The third annual Heart Fund Game will be held Sunday, Feb. 15, 7 p.m. at the Beach High School with the Beach Faculty vs. City Drug Independents.

The "Faculty" will be spearheaded by tri-captains E.J. Hollinger, Bill Roberts and Glenn Turner. John Otterness and Al Knutson will start at "pulling guards," with Dennis Quiring and Ken Knopik alternating at first string center. Harvey Hinz, Wayne Friez, Mr. Colness and Ed

Anderson are battling for the two starting forward spots. At "single safety," not a normal basketball position, are two gunners, Don Meyers and Doug Vannurden (who carries a 93 bowling average). Wrestling down the reserve bench will be Mr. Shupe and Mr. Summerfield.

Anton Funk and Ken Larsen will be running the game clock and official scorer.

The "Indies" will be Brian Keohane, Willie Ueckert, Larry Swanson, Jim Voll, Bob Aber, Con Short, Kent Olson, Don Kukowski, Howie Krienneke, Tom Hugelen, Jerry Houle and "stationary guard" Dan Nelson. "Big Dan" claims he can destroy the like of E.J. Hollinger, "olde" No. 22 from Dickinson Normal College.

While the rest of us are using headbolt heaters and jumper cables to get our vehicles started on cold mornings, George Klein, who ranches near Square Butte, is looking for horseshoes for his team. The especially large shoes with cleats for pulling on ice or through snow enable the large draft horses to pull a load of feed with adequate footing for the horses. George recently purchased the team of horses named Mary and Sam near Bismarck.

College honor lists

Area colleges have released their honor lists for the Fall 2025 semester. Following is a list of students from Golden Valley County who have earned places on these honor lists:

• Evan Smith of Beach, named to President's Honor Roll at Bismarck State College

• Laiken Mahlum of Beach, named to Dean's List at South Dakota State University

• Tevin Dietz of Beach, named to President's Honor Roll at Valley City State University

• Madison Wilhelmi of Beach, named to President's Honor Roll at Valley City State University

TIME TO FILE for 2026 North Dakota Tax Credits & Exemptions

APRIL 1, 2026 DEADLINE

- Disabled Veteran's Property Tax Credit**
- Homestead Property Tax Credit**
- Farm Residence Exemption**
- Primary Residence Exemption**
- And Other Property Tax Exemptions**

Please call the
County Tax Equalization Office
at 872-4673

for any questions or visit our website at
<https://www.goldenvalleycounty.org/departments/tax-equalization/>
to receive an application or additional information on these programs.

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KEDRIC (KEDDY) ALLEN is the top speller in the 5th grade class. Judy Ridenhower, organizer of the event, made the presentations.



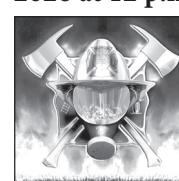
ZANDER FARSTVEET holds his 1st place ribbon from Judy Ridenhower for being the top speller in the 6th grade class.



CHLOE TREGIDGA, pictured with Judy Ridenhower, with her 1st place ribbon for being the top speller in the 7th grade class.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Central Rural Fire Protection District will be held **Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2026 at 12 p.m. MT.**



Meeting location is at the Beach Fire Hall.

Renae Smith
Secretary/Treasurer
CRFPD

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