

Lady Bucs share season perspectives

By Gary Howard

After the game against New Salem-Almont on Feb. 7, I sat down with Head Coach Kari Baker and some of the Lady Bucs to get their perspective on their season and what they are looking forward to going into district play.

Coach Kari Baker said, "We've played some good basketball this year. The kids have improved so much and they are having fun, that's the best part."

You can see them out on the floor just enjoying basketball and that comes from us competing.

"They are winning some games this year. We've definitely had some sickness and injuries this year, but I'm hoping by the district tournament we're all going to be healthy and we should have the whole team back. We are without one of our starters now. Maciah Heckaman won't play until the district, but

she will practice with us this week.

"As far as the tournament goes, it's anybody's game. Through the middle of the eight teams there's a lot of even match-ups. It's going to boil down to who shows up to play basketball, but I'm really excited for our district tournaments. Our girls can definitely perform there and I'm expecting to come home with some wins."

Senior Ava Zachmann talked about her teammates, how they matured into the team they are, "I feel like we've really grown close to each other and in our last few games we hit our connection really well. I think that it's going to be really good going into the tournament, having Maciah back will be great. I just feel like we're going into the district tournament solid and together."

Freshman Mila Szudera shared her thoughts as well, "I also feel like we've all grown as a team and came together. I think we'll come in strong. We're all healthy and prepared."

Lastly, Junior Aubrie Dykins expressed her thoughts on the team and district play, "We have come together a lot closer than any other year. We play so well together. We have really good chemis-

try, but we are also close in friendship on and off the court, which really helps with our chemistry on the court going into districts. It will be nice, because we have a whole week to prepare with no games. We just have a week to get ourselves ready for our games and get everything figured out."

Watch next week's issue for full District 7 tournament results.

BUCCANEER BUZZ - A Beacon of Light

By Katie Davidson

The Lighthouse Youth Center hosted a fundraiser Feb. 1 to help cover the costs of running the center. The event was held at the Beach Community Center and featured a free-will donation dinner, an auction, and door prizes. Branded shirts, hats and mugs were also available for purchase.

The Lighthouse is a nonprofit organization that opened in 2021 for students in grades 7 - 12. The center is run by Kati Mikulski, along with Kathryn Stahl,

Ryan and Anika Matias, Kim Moring, Rebecca Anderson and Tracy Anderson, with help from the generosity of community members.

The Lighthouse provides a safe place for students to go after school, where they can connect with adults who care about them and what they have to say. Students at the center play games and participate in a variety of activities in a welcoming environment.

Mikulski said she was inspired to open The

Lighthouse after visiting a similar center while she was in college. She said she felt called to create a place like it wherever she eventually settled.

When asked about the name, Mikulski said The Lighthouse fit well with the town of Beach. She added that she wanted the center to serve as a beacon of light in a dark world, where truth remains constant.

"The Lighthouse is meant to be a place where kids can be themselves, are accepted for who they are,

and will be told the truth," Mikulski said. "It's mostly inspired by reality and the Bible."

This marked The Lighthouse's fourth annual fundraiser, which helps support the general expenses of the center. While the events have always been held at the Beach Community Center, each one has been slightly different. "It's just a casual, fun place to be," Mikulski said, adding that the people who attend care deeply about one another.



Photo | Katie Davidson

Hanging out at the Lighthouse Youth Center. Back row, left to right, are students Elijah "Bobby" Dobbs, Landry Lowman, Franklin Davidson, Emmitt Glass and Wyatt Glass. Front row are volunteers Rebecca Anderson, Sierra Burdick, Tracy Anderson and founder Kati Mikulski.

BEACH CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

BEACH CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS Published Subject to the Governing Body's Review and Revision February 2, 2026

A regular meeting of the Beach City Council was called to order by City Council President Andy Zachmann on February 2, 2026 at 7:20 p.m. Present when the meeting was called to order were City Council Tom Marman, Sarah Ross, John Stonehocker (via telephone) and Bev Wolff. Others present include Public Works Superintendent Randy Dietz, City Auditor Kimberly Gaugler, Deputy Auditor Lea Massado, Engineer Zac Ranisate and Funding Specialist Abby Ritz (via telephone), Corlene Olson and Gary Howard.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call was taken. Mayor Losinski and City Council Lynn Swanson-Puckett were absent.

Public Participation

President Zachmann read the policy for public participation. There was no public participation.

Additions or Corrections to the Agenda and Approval

President Zachmann called for any additions or corrections to the agenda. Gaugler requested adding two Applications for Local Permit. Wolff

moved to approve the agenda with additions, second by Ross. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes

Minutes of the meeting on January 20th, 2026, were presented. Ross moved to approve the minutes as presented, second by Wolff. Motion carried unanimously.

Vouchers

Vouchers were reviewed for payment. Ross moved to approve the following vouchers, second by Wolff. Motion carried unanimously.

Advanced Engineering & Environmental Sciences

.....\$122,957.71

Beach Park Board8,847.09

Beach Pharmacy5.93

Bobcat of Dickinson...1,029.48

Boss Office Products...179.91

Cooperative Legal

Services, PLLC.....907.50

Coral Creek Landfill...1,937.20

Dakota Dust-Tex, Inc....206.45

Dakota Pump & Control

.....201.49

ESRI, Inc700.00

Farmers Union Oil3,123.00

Fireside Office Solutions

.....348.38

Fisher Sand & Gravel ...854.88

G & G Garbage, LLC

.....1,500.00

Golden Valley County

.....25,024.64

Greyson Stedman.....45.00

GS Publishing, LLC977.92

Jill Schatz45.00

John Deere Financial....149.83
MDU6,947.45
ND Dept. of Environmental Quality105.00
North Central International, LLC277.42
Prairie Lumber Company41.93
Randall Dietz457.90
RTC Networks505.00
Southwest Water Authority10,482.55
Southwestern District Health Unit.....25.00
Steele Electric, LLC786.41
Stockwell Cleaning175.00
Thomas Littlecreek45.00
Valli Information Systems25.00
January payroll35,440.91
City of Beach418.89
First State Bank of Golva3,422.04
Unum Life Insurance73.05
Badlands Cleaning100.00
First State Bank of Golva259.07
Jill Schatz126.60
Randall Dietz257.71
Verizon Wireless256.22
City of Beach361.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield11,725.80
First State Bank of Golva

.....3,883.22
NDPERS5,107.23
USPS707.86

Engineer's Report

Engineer Ranisate and Funding Specialist Ritz (via telephone) provided updates on possible changes for future lead water line replacement projects.

Public Works Report

PWS Dietz reported of ongoing projects.

Auditor's Report

Gaugler reviewed her written report. As of January 30th, expenses for the year are \$88,199.84 and revenues are \$155,267.68. A financial statement for the preceding year will be published in the *Golden Valley News* by March 1st. Deputy Auditor Lea Massado will be recognized at the ND League of Cities Spring Workshop for reaching the Visionary Level of the Leadership Training Program.

Committee Reports

No committee reports were given.

New Business

An Application for Local Permit for a Sports Pool sub-

mitted by Beach Area Chamber of Commerce was reviewed. Ross moved to approve, second by Wolff. Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence was read from Beach Post Prom Committee regarding the prom on April 11th.

Correspondence was read from ND Department of Environmental Quality regarding a missed water sample during the month of November 2025.

Correspondence was read from ND Department of Water Resources regarding the Water Development Plan for the 2027-2029 biennium and beyond.

The 2025 Annual Report for ND Small Business Development Center was reviewed.

Correspondence was read from Start Development Corporation regarding the 2026 Annual Membership Meeting.

An Application for Local Permit of Calendar Raffle submitted by Golden Valley County FFA Alumni was reviewed. Ross moved to approve, second by Wolff. Motion carried unanimously.

An Application for Local

Permit of Raffle Board submitted by Beach Firearm and Trap Club was reviewed. Ross moved to approve, second by Wolff. Motion carried unanimously.

No other business was brought forward. Ross moved to adjourn, second by Wolff.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

ATTEST:
Andy Zachmann,
City Council President
Kimberly Gaugler, City Auditor

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Notice to Creditors

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Personal Representatives

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
IN DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF
GOLDEN VALLEY
SOUTHWEST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

In the Matter of the Estate of Judith L. Cull, Deceased.
Probate No.
17-2026-PR-00004

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned have been appointed Co-Personal Representatives of the above estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within three (3) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to the Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate or filed with the Court.

Dated: Feb. 3, 2026

/s/ Karen Kremer
Karen Kremer

/s/ Fredrick Stoveland
Fredrick Stoveland

c/o Christina M. Wenko,
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CALL FOR CHEMICAL BIDS

The Golden Valley County Weed Board is calling for bids on the following chemicals and surfactants, in normal usage size containers, quart, 1 gallon, 2-1/2 gallon, or 30 gallon in brand name or generic label:

- 24D Amine
- Escort
- Tordon 22K
- Makaze
- Milestone
- Plateau
- Spreader 90
- Polaris
- Freelexx
- Method 240 SL
- Liberate Surfactant
- Methylated Seed Oil (MSO)
- Hi-Light Dye packets
- HighNoon
- Induce (Non Ionic Surfactant)

Bids may be submitted to:

GV County Weed Board
PO Box 605
Beach, ND 58621

If there are questions call Mark Egan at 701-300-3143.

Bids must be submitted by February 27, 2026

Title VI assures that no person or group of persons may, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any and all programs or activities administered by Golden Valley County. Any person or group(s) of person who feel they have been discriminated against may file a complaint. All inquiries should be directed to Pete Wirtfeld, Title VI Coordinator, Golden Valley County, 16843 Old Highway 10, PO Box 67, Beach, ND 58621, 701-872-4123.

CITY OF BEACH SCHEDULE OF CASH RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE YEAR 2025

| Beginning Balance January 1st | Receipts | Disbursed | Ending Balance December 31st |
|----------------------------------|------------|------------|---------------------------------|
| 481,189.05 | 836,301.79 | 776,326.20 | 541,164.64 |
| 79,991.34 | 81,034.08 | 73,837.61 | 87,187.81 |
| 4,731.49 | 15,606.80 | 13,977.47 | 6,360.82 |
| 24,619.68 | 1,268.75 | 0.00 | 25,888.43 |
| 24,677.02 | 3,084.80 | 2,871.17 | 24,890.65 |
| 13,201.01 | 402.90 | 0.00 | 13,603.91 |
| 7,142.44 | 60.00 | 1,362.49 | 5,839.95 |
| 123,703.57 | 978,229.3 | | |