

News from Roughrider 4-H Club

By Roughrider 4-H Reporter Kalli Olstad

Roughrider 4-H Club plans petting zoo for SOTW!

At our last meeting in February, we decided to do a petting zoo at Spirit of the West. We will have many different animals. I think it will be very fun to see!

We also decided to make a float for the parade. We will decorate it with many creative things. There will be candy on the float, too.

Isabelle and Sara Steinley did their demos. Sara demonstrated how to create an animal snow globe; Isabelle made paper origami. They were so cool, I loved it so much and now I have some new ideas on what to do in my free time! Thank you!

Adelyn planned a fun event by wrapping prizes in plastic wrap and we had to use oven mitts to unwrap them. This was very entertaining to watch, but very hard to do!

The March meeting and the wonderful vet tour

At our March meeting, we talked about our pizza sales goals. We were selling pizzas for a fundraiser for the 4-H council.

Lucas Brown and Cole Brown did demos. Cole did a demo on how to change your string in a weed eater. That was very interesting to me because I didn't even know we needed string in a weed eater!

Lucas Brown talked about the safety of a circular saw. I learned that they make things differently for left-handed people.

After that, we had a wonderful tour of the vet clinic! Dr. Steinley showed us around and talked about some of the animals she worked on. She told us about dogs, cats, cows, sheep, horses, snakes, guinea pigs and ferrets! This was so much fun to do and I hope we do something like that again!



CLUB MEMBERS are always doing interesting things at their meetings. Left: Althea Kerr, wearing oven mitts, attempts to unwrap the plastic wrap ball. Destiny Lee and Ahava Kerr watch her progress. Top Right: Isabelle Steinley shows the group her origami skills. Bottom Right: Sara Steinley explains how to create an animal snow globe. Photos | Kalli Olstad



DRONE

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audible," Deputy Tony Mikulski said. "Basically, you can park it out in the middle of a field and have a conversation with somebody."

According to Deputy Mikulski, the battery allows the drone to have an average flight time of 30-35 minutes and the controller only needs to be charged once every eight to ten hours. Generally, the drone can continue to be operated via the remote for about 12 and a half miles out on a full charge, but if there's a clear line of sight (for instance, on top of a hill) then the

drone could potentially go out 18-20 miles. The battery may drain if it goes farther than 12 and a half miles from the controller though.

"You can see it's picking up people walking on the sidewalks . . . it'll also tell you if a car's been running recently, pretty much any form of heat, it will essentially broadcast that," Deputy Mikulski said when showing a video of the infrared and thermal features of the drone. "See if something's a lot hotter than normal."

Grant assistance kept the cost down for the county, while enabling the sheriff's department to have technology needed in this day and age.



Photo | Jordanna Garland

THE CONTROLLER SCREEN has the GPS map on the left and the right shows two images of what the camera sees.

FFA CHAPTER

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is Agronomy, Livestock and Ag Sales. When asked if she had any particular moment she was especially proud of, Campbell highlighted the overall determination of the students.

"Watching the kids put in time and then be rewarded and it might not be rewarded necessarily on a stage, but just seeing that success in whatever that looks like in each of the kids . . ." Campbell said. "What these kids have done to be second place in livestock and third place in agronomy and get three proficiency applications done and now have a star application . . . it's hard

work and determination and grit."

As for events the FFA chapter has in the coming months, Campbell noted the Senior Send-off celebration on May 3. All community members are welcome to attend. The dinner will start at 4 p.m. and the awards ceremony will start at 5 p.m. The six graduating senior members, Leah Davidson, Ava Zachmann, Dillon Manhart, Wesley Hammond, Abe Oech and Elijah "Bobby" Dobbs, will be recognized.

Additionally, the sixth graders at Lincoln Elementary will join the FFA students in preparing breakfast sandwiches

on April 13. The sausage will be freshly ground, seasoned and formed into patties and cooked at the event. Campbell said that one of the goals she has for the FFA students is to get to know the younger community members more and to promote Ag literacy, so this event will be a perfect way for the FFA students to lead the way for potential up and coming FFA members.

The chapter is still accepting soda cans for the Soda Can drive. People can place their bagged aluminum cans in the dumpster west of the high school. The pop-tabs for the "Pop-tabs for Wade" drive is still on-going as well. The drive is in support of the Ronald McDonald House, a non-profit that provides

free housing for families of children being treated at nearby hospitals and medical facilities. Tabs can be dropped off at the high school or contact an FFA member to have them collect them. Wade is the son of Olivia, a Golden Valley County FFA Alumni member.

"I struggle for words to put a thank you to the community for the support they have of the kids and to show how proud I am of the determination of the kids and the work that they put in," Campbell said. "Anytime there's another thing that comes up, they're there. They finish it and they finish it well. Just to watch them [the FFA students] grow, you couldn't ask for anything more."

SENTINEL BUTTE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

SENTINEL BUTTE CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS Unofficial Minutes Subject to Board Approval March 16, 2026

The Sentinel Butte City Council held a regular meeting March 16, 2026. Denise Dietz called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Present were Auditor Jodi Ridenhower, Alderpersons Jennifer Morlock, Roger Clemens, Burt Cook and Denise Dietz, and guests Gary Howard and Cheryl Planert. Mayor Jason Lee was absent.

Meeting Minutes from February 9, 2026, were read and approved.

Department Reports
Lagoon/Landfill/Streets: Landfill - Nothing to report. Lagoon - Nothing to report. Streets - A new quote was written up. No changes in the total amount of the project. Streets need either scoria or gravel on Prospect and Butte Streets. Roger will look into getting information on fixing them.

Grounds: Nothing new to report.

Water/Sewer: Nothing to report.
Buildings: Lights inside the lobby and outside at the front door need to be checked. Jodi will contact Rick about checking on them.

Discussion
• Cheryl Planert spoke in regards to Golden Valley Village.
• Office space in the City

Hall available to rent.

• Street sign project is over budget by approximately \$1,000.00. Jason was called during the meeting to see how we should proceed.

• Roger stated he would talk to Pete in regards to fixing Sentinel Street.

• Roger stated that there are two fire extinguishers in the lobby that need to be serviced and put up with brackets.

• Roger stated that the city shop that is rented out, should be put out on bids.

• Jennifer stated that we have office space for rent and we should advertise the space available.

• Roger is still working on contracts.

New Business
• Roger motioned to table the street sign project until the next meeting. Burt seconded. Motion passed.

• Denise motioned to add Jodi Ridenhower, Auditor to the BMO account as a signer. This will be not a signer of checks, but to be able to access the accounts and make changes as needed. Burt seconded. Motion passed.

• Burt motioned to purchase a 5 lb. fire extinguisher for the Auditor's office and the other two be serviced and mounted by the lobby door and in the furnace room. Roger seconded. Motion passed.

• Roger motioned to table the topic of putting the rented

shop out on bids. Jennifer seconded. Motion passed.

• Jennifer motioned to market the rooms for rent at First State Bank of Beach and Medora, Post Office, Olson Service Station and Facebook marketplace. Roger seconded. Motion passed.

• Denise motioned to get Office 365 ordered if needed. Jennifer seconded. Motion passed.

• Denise motioned to sign the flood plane ordinance to be in compliance. Burt seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business
• No Old Business

Bills:
MDU\$1,186.06
Rick Olson\$150.00
SW District Health\$30.00
GS Publishing.....\$190.28
Boss.....\$53.67
Jodi Ridenhower wages\$821.91
RTC Networks\$146.00
Vizion Signs.....\$245.00
SMART Computers\$498.40
SW Water Authority\$1,090.65
WSI.....\$250.00
Jason Lee\$274.65
City of Beach\$205.75

Jennifer motioned to approve payment of bills. Burt seconded. Motion passed.

Burt motioned to adjourn meeting. Roger seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jodi Ridenhower, Auditor
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**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
IN DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF
GOLDEN VALLEY
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JUDICIAL DISTRICT**
In the Matter of the Estate of
Donna Pacheco, Deceased.
Probate No.
17-2026-PR-00007

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to Jeremy Pacheco, Personal Representative of the Estate, or filed with the Court.

/s/ Jeremy Pacheco
Jeremy Pacheco,
Personal Representative
PO Box 383
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NOTICE OF PLANNING & ZONING HEARING

The Golden Valley County Planning & Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 20, 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 item:

Application for a Conditional Use Permit for a Parking Lot and Artwork to be built for the Arts Across the Prairie Project, Sec 24-140-103, Parcel #01787500.

Dated at Beach, ND this 2nd day of April 2026.

Carla Beeler
Golden Valley County
Zoning Director

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