

New music event coming to Valley City this August

A new music event will debut in Valley City later this summer.

Smoke in Sheyenne, a concert featuring rising country music star Logan Crosby, is set for Saturday, Aug. 22 in the parking lot of Handy Home and Hardware. Crosby, a Georgia-born artist, blends rock, pop, soul, and country music

Tatum Hehr with Anderson & Hehr, a North Dakota entertainment and investment group, said the singer 'connects with audiences' with 'heartfelt country music and that Crosby's mu-

sic is "appropriate for all ages."

The Winter Sloths will also perform at the concert, which is set for the same weekend as move in day at Valley City State University.

Hehr said he hopes the concert will grow into an annual event.

"It's something to bring together local and local food vendors and businesses every summer," Hehr said. "We want it become tradition with new college students coming into the community."

Hehr said he hopes the event will draw a crowd of about 1,800.

Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. that day of the event, and the concert will start at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are on sale now at eventbrite.com, and children 2 and under get in for free. Use the code SMOKE at check out to get \$10 off general admission tickets for the first 350 tickets sold.

Several food vendors will be on site, including Hog time BBQ, Good Way Sweets And Drinks and Fiona's Filipino Cuisine.

Rules for the event are as follow:

- No outside food/drinks/alcohol allowed
- No weapons
- Bag checks required upon entry
- Valid ID required for age verification
- Event staff reserve the right to refuse entry or remove guests for unsafe or disruptive behavior
- Designated smoking area available
- Strollers are welcome

Bell named VCSU Vice President for Student Affairs

Brittany Bell, Ed.D., has been hired as Valley City State University's next Vice President for Student Affairs, the university announced today.

Interim President Dr. Allen Burgad said Bell begins her duties on or around August 17. Bell will succeed Erin Klingenberg, who has served as Interim Vice President for Student Affairs since April.

"Dr. Bell brings a strong background in

both student life and academics, developed through nearly two decades of experience in higher education," said Dr. Burgad. "She is a proven student-centered leader who has served at institutions similar in size to VCSU, giving her a strong understanding of the opportunities and challenges that define campuses like ours. We are excited to welcome Brittany and her family to the VCSU community.

"We also extend our

sincere thanks to Erin Klingenberg for her leadership as our Interim Vice President. Erin cares deeply about VCSU and our students, and we are extremely grateful for her work during this transition."

Bell currently serves as Dean of Students at Lawrence University in Appleton, Wisconsin, where she leads a comprehensive student life portfolio including student engagement, residential education and housing, first and

second year experience, and community engagement. She has worked at Lawrence University since 2019 and prior to that worked at St. Norbert College (De Pere, Wisconsin) from 2012 to 2019.

"I am honored to join the VCSU community as Vice President for Student Affairs and excited to work alongside students, faculty, and staff," said Bell. "Throughout my career, I have been passionate about creating oppor-

tunities for students to grow and thrive, and I look forward to partnering across campus to cultivate an environment where every student feels a sense of belonging and is empowered to reach their goals."

Bell holds a Doctorate in Educational Leadership (Higher Education) from Edgewood University. She also earned a Master of Science in Education, Counseling-Student Affairs from University of Nebraska at Kearney, and a Bach-



Brittany Bell

elor of Arts in Communication from University of Wisconsin-Whitewater.

DAKOTA DATEBOOK BY HOFFBECK

Sturgeon Fishing in the Red River

July 10, 2026 – There was a time in North Dakota when giant sturgeon swam the waters of the Red River. These were 'lake sturgeon,' which could grow to be six feet long and over 99 pounds, with a typical maximum life span of 55 years for males and more than 100 years for females.

Sturgeons were renowned for their massive size and for the rows of bony plates down their backs rather than fish-scales; and for their shark-like tails. The lake sturgeon wintered in deep, slow pools or migrated from Minnesota's Red Lake each spring via the Red Lake River. On this date in 1904, the Grand Forks Herald reported that a "sturgeon weighing over a hundred pounds was caught in the Red River near Pembina."

The earliest sturgeon fishing report came in 1808 when Alexander Henry the Younger got "775 sturgeon, weighing from 50 to 150 pounds, caught from April 20, to May 20."

As settlers came into the Red River

Valley, some sought the sturgeon. In 1886, reports said the sturgeon came "down the river in large numbers," with the largest catch being 50 pounds. Billy Jarmin got a 40-pound sturgeon in 1889 that was "5 feet 6 inches long." In 1900, an angler from Pembina County captured a 100-pounder. Mr. H.A. Wallace, known as a man who devoted all his time to fishing in the Red River, landed an 80 pounder and a 97 pounder 10 miles north of Grand Forks in 1903.

The big ones were typically smoked, and smaller ones broiled. Some anglers sold the eggs as caviar. But they depleted the resource.

Sturgeon fishing in the Red River declined after 1910 due to overfishing and reduced water quality, but also because cities built eight dams on the river. These dams restricted movement of the sturgeon between the deep, slow pools and the spring spawning areas, thus strangling the fishery. In 1918, the Grand Forks Herald reported that Ross Greenash had landed an 80-pound sturgeon, but noted that such a catch, once common-

place, had become a rarity.

After being wiped out by the 1950s, the fisheries experts began planting lake sturgeon in the river in 1997, so that these bottom-feeding giants are again swimming in the Red's muddy waters.

Dakota Datebook written by Dr. Steve Hoffbeck

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sunday, July 12

• **Summer Afternoons:** Bridges Arts Council is hosting Summer Afternoons in the Pioneer park Amphitheater Sunday afternoons at 5:30 p.m. Tonight: Kolby Tangen, acoustic music.

Wednesday, July 15

• **Music in the City Park Bandshell:** Wednesday evenings at 7:15 p.m. Tonight: Kohlabri Soup.

Sunday, July 19

• **Summer Afternoons:** Bridges Arts Council is hosting Summer Afternoons in the Pioneer park Amphitheater Sunday afternoons at 5:30 p.m. Tonight: Kringen Accordion Band.

Wednesday, July 22

• **Music in the City Park Bandshell:** Wednesday evenings at 7:15 p.m. Tonight: F-M Golden Notes.

Sunday, July 26

• **Summer Afternoons:** Bridges Arts Council is hosting Summer Afternoons in the Pioneer park Amphitheater Sunday afternoons at 5:30 p.m.

Tonight: Dennis Warner, folk music.

Wednesday, July 29

• **Music in the City Park Bandshell:** Wednesday evenings at 7:15 p.m. Tonight: Norsky Brothers

Saturday, August 1

• **Riverfest:** Sheyenne River-Fest is the area's largest watercraft festival and brings more than 200 paddlers from more than four states to Valley City.

Focused on creating a community for paddlers, this event features a watercraft launch, a scenic float down the Sheyenne River. There will even be the Valley Parks Craft and Vendor Show to end the float at Chautauqua Park Location: National Fish Hatchery in Valley City and Fort Ransom State Park. For more information, visit www.vcparks.com/riverfest

Sunday, August 2

• **Summer Afternoons:** Bridges Arts Council is hosting Summer Afternoons in the Pioneer park Amphitheater Sunday afternoons at 5:30 p.m. Tonight: 12 String Guitar Jazz Duo.



LEGALS

Barnes County Commission Budget Meeting
Tuesday, July 14, 2026 & Monday, July 20, 2026 5:00 P.M. Barnes County Courthouse Commission Chambers 2nd Floor (Approximate times subject to change)
5:00 P.M. Departmental Budget Meetings
 Please check the online agenda for updates:
<http://www.co.barnes.nd.us>

BARNES COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING
July 15, 2026 - 6:00PM
Barnes County Courthouse
2nd Floor Commission Chambers
AGENDA
 6:00 PM CALL TO ORDER
 MINUTES
 HEARING - Justin Thornton - Thornton Acres subdivision creation and rezone residential, 03-140-58, Valley Township
 HEARING - Terry Metzger - Structure Setback Variance 42' from center of Subdivision road, Lot 4 block 2 Jewett's Beach 2nd Sub, 22-142-58, Ashtabula Township
 HEARING - James Noeske - Tree Setback Variance of 40' from center of subdivision road Lot 9 and 39' from center of subdivision road lot 1 of outlet A, Lot 9 Ashtabula Lookout sub and Lot 1 of Outlet A, 32-142-58, Ashtabula Township
 HEARING - Otter Tail Power Company - Utility Setback Variance of 40' from the center of County Road 11 or 107th Ave SE, 12&13-141-60, Anderson Township
 BUILDING PERMIT REVIEW
 Justin Thornton - Shop/House - Thornton Acres Subdivision, 03-140-58, Valley Township; Terry Metzger - Storage Shed - Lot 4 Block 2 Jewett's Beach 2nd Sub, 22-142-58, Ashtabula Township; Tim Manke - House/Garage - Lot 2 Block 2 Ashtabula Lookout sub, 32-142-58, Ashtabula Township; Willy Marler - Garage/Shop(renewal) - SW1/4 less 2.51A R/W, 35-142-59, Rogers Township; James Quick - Cold Storage - SE1/4, 26-143-60, Laketown Township; Kyle Kjelland - Pole Barn/Lean to - Auditor Lot 1 of N1/2 SE1/4, 14-139-58, Marsh Township; Kyle Kjelland - Pole Barn/Lean to - Auditor Lot 1 of N1/2 SE1/4, 14-139-58, Marsh Township; Terry Metzger - Gazebo - Lot 14 Jewett's Beach Sub, 21&22-142-58, Ashtabula Township; Ryan Torbenson - Shop - 5.34 acres of NE1/4, 16-139-58, Marsh Township; Kody Amann - Pole Building - Auditor Lot 1 of N1/2 NE1/4, 06-142-58, Ashtabula Township; Richard McAllister - Storage Building - SE1/4, 34-138-58, Nelson Township; Leon Steidl - Storage Building - 5.23 acres of SE1/4, 28-139-56, Springvale Township

OTHER BUSINESS ADJOURNMENT
 Please check the online agenda for updates: <http://www.co.barnes.nd.us/>
 Barnes County will consider every request for reasonable accommodation to provide:
 an accessible meeting facility or other accommodation for people with disabilities,
 language interpretation for people with limited English proficiency (LEP), and translations of written material necessary to access County programs and information.
 Appropriate provisions will be considered when the County is notified at least 10 days prior to the meeting date or the date the written material translation is needed. To request accommodations, contact Julie Mindt at (701-845-6666)

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40' from center of County Road 11 or 107th Ave SE, 12&13-141-60, Anderson Township.
 The public may comment by attending the meeting or in writing to the Barnes County Planning & Zoning Board, 230 4th St NW Rm. 300, Valley City, ND 58072
(July 3 & 10, 2026)

NOTICE TO CLAIM STORED PROPERTY
 Date: July 2, 2026
 To Whom It May Concern:
 This notice serves as a final opportunity to claim personal property currently being stored at:
 Universal Storage
 810 7th Street SE
 Valley City, ND 58072
 You are hereby notified that you have thirty (30) days from the date of this notice to remove and claim all items belonging to you.
 If the property is not claimed and removed within thirty (30) days, it will be deemed abandoned. Any ownership interest in the property will be considered forfeited, and the property may be disposed of, sold, donated, or otherwise handled without further notice.
 To arrange retrieval of your property, contact:
 Brenda Neubauer
 (701) 840-7796
 Failure to claim the property, within the time stated above, will result in permanent loss of all rights to the property.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF BARNES COUNTY, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
 In the Matter of the Estate of Marjorie K. Triebold, Deceased
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 ¶1. 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 the attorney listed above, to Bryan P. Triebold as Personal Representative of the Estate at 114 Oxbow Drive, Oxbow, ND 58047, or filed with the Court.
 Dated this 1st day of July, 2026.
 /s/ Bryan P. Triebold
 Bryan P. Triebold
 Personal Representative of the Estate of Marjorie K. Triebold, deceased
 114 Oxbow Drive
 Oxbow, ND 58047
(July 7, 14 & 21, 2026)

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