



Celebrating the 75th – Eric Hansen, far left and Brandt Jenner, far right, welcomed Janine Anderson, Dave Wooster and Ron Keller to the Harvey Eagles Club and the Aerie Eagles 3080 75th anniversary celebration.

Huge success of Eagles celebration reflected in numbers

By Neil O. Nelson
Everything about the 75th anniversary of Aerie Eagles 3080 in Harvey last week was impressive, from the number of people who walked through the doors to the food prepared and served every night. Additionally, distinguished guests included the Eagles’ national president and the fraternal organization’s highest ranking state officers. Everything went off without a hitch, according to manager Eric Hansen. “Seems like we were busy all day, very day.” The numbers speak for themselves, Hansen added. More than 1,700 visited the Harvey Eagles Club during the January 19-24, 2026, anniversary celebration. On the celebration’s first night – Monday – 168 steaks were served. Extending a special invitation to Harvey’s business community, 475 burgers were served Tuesday. Guests for Wednesday’s ‘supper night’ numbered 170. Thursday’s ‘wing night’ crowd snapped up 281 pounds of wings and 25 pizzas. The 300 supper guests Friday night were entertained by ventriloquist James Wedgewood. Another 150 danced to the band Backstage Pass on Saturday night. Budweiser picked up 22 empty kegs on Monday.

Eagles management and staff were assisted during the evening suppers by Harvey High School seniors and local 4-H members. “We can’t thank those kids enough,” said Hansen. Winner of the \$750 bingo Tuesday night was Morgan Kukowski. Dave Wooster, from the state of Michigan, was the visiting national president. Ron Keller and Janine Anderson were the state Eagles’ president and auxiliary president present for the Friday night supper. The three special guests lauded Harvey Eagles manager Eric Hansen, gaming manager Brandt Jenner and the Aerie 3080 members for the hospitality, fine food and genuine ‘good will’ displayed the moment they stepped through the front door, said Eagles Auxiliary president Janine Anderson. “We felt so welcomed. Everything was perfect. We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.” Said national president Dave Wooster: “Harvey has an outstanding club. Brandt has always done a great job. And I’m impressed with Eric Hansen. I don’t know if the week could have gone any smoother.” State Eagles president Ron Keller was similarly impressed. “I’m aware of the job they do here. So I’m not surprised. The club’s membership and management are recognized across the state.”

Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE

Central Plains Water District will be holding its annual meeting on
February 18, 2025, at 10:00 AM at 105 Main Ave S, in Fessenden.
(January 24, 31 & February 7, 2026)

PUBLIC NOTICE

N.D. Republican Party - District 14 Election for Delegates for upcoming North Dakota State GOP Convention 2026.
Saturday, February 21, 2026 - 2PM Harvey City Hall - 120 W. 8th St., Harvey, ND 58341
Registration opens at 1:30 PM
District 14 Chairman, Larry Danduran
Paid by District 14 Republican Party
(January 31, 2026)

PUBLIC NOTICE

The North Dakota Game & Fish Department announces the following summary of regulations and changes for the 2026 spring wild turkey hunting proclamation.
The season will run from Apr.11 through May 17. There are 8,490 licenses available in 21 open units. Bag limit is one bearded or male wild turkey.
Deadline to apply is Feb. 11. Only residents are eligible. Apply online at gf.nd.gov. Licenses issued by weighted lottery.
A complete 2026 fall wild turkey proclamation is available from the NDGF Department, 100 N Bismarck Expy Bismarck, ND 58501-5095, Ph: (701) 328-6300, or online at gf.nd.gov.
(January 31, 2026)

NOTICE OF HEARING

Please take notice that a Public Hearing will be held by the Wells County Planning Commission on the 3rd day of February, 2026 at 7:00 pm in the meeting room of the KTL Building in Fessenden ND, for the purpose of discussing two conditional use applications. The first application pertains to the potential mining of an existing gravel pit in 26-150-70. The second application pertains to the possibility of burying an existing overhead power line in 20-149-69 through Ottertail Power Cooperative. The Wells County Planning Commission consists of Stan Buxa, Danny Maxwell, Daniel Stutlien, Chad Ziegler, Faye Schimelfeng, Robert Martin, Warren Strand, Jon Polries, and Joey Allmaras.
All parties and concerned citizens are invited to said hearing at which time they shall have the opportunity to be heard. Copies of applications are available through the Wells County Tax Director's Office Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.
Dated this 21st day of January, 2026.
Jana Mogren, Secretary
(January 24 & 31, 2026)

PUBLIC NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 25-01
An Ordinance granting to the Otter Tail Power Company, a Minnesota Company, its successors and assigns, permission to erect, construct, install and maintain within the City of Harvey, ND an electric light and power system and transmission lines and to operate the same and to install conduits, poles, wires, pipes and other fixtures in, upon and under the streets, alleys, bridges, and public grounds of said City for the purpose of furnishing electric light, heat and power to said City and the inhabitants thereof.

BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF Harvey, North Dakota, Hereinafter called the "City":

SECTION I
There is hereby granted to Otter Tail Power Company, a Minnesota Company, its successors and assigns, hereinafter called the Grantee, for a period of twenty (20) years from and after the passage and approval of this Ordinance and during all of said time, subject to the conditions and requirements hereinafter set forth, permission to construct, install and maintain an electric light and power system and transmission lines and to operate and maintain the same within and through the City and to transmit electricity to and from other towns or cities for the purpose of light, power and heat and to erect, construct, install and maintain conduits, poles, wires, pipes and other necessary fixtures and attachments upon and under the streets, alleys, bridges and public grounds of said City for the purpose of furnishing and selling electricity for light, heat and power and such

other purposes for which electricity may be used by the inhabitants of said City, said permission and franchise to become operative and continue under the conditions hereinafter set forth.

SECTION 2
Said Grantee shall use poles, wires, crossarms, equipment and devices to conform with the standards of construction adopted by the National Electrical Safety Code of the United States, Department of Commerce, and all apparatus connected therewith shall be located so as not to obstruct the avenues, streets, and alleys of said City or to endanger persons or property or to hinder or to obstruct the use of said avenues, streets, and alleys for public places by the inhabitants of said City, or public in general, or to interfere with any street, sidewalk, curb, gutter or park improvements that the City may deem proper to make along the lines of said avenues, streets and public places.

SECTION 3
All conduits, poles, wires and pipes installed by virtue of this Ordinance shall be installed in Such places and in such manner as not unnecessarily to encroach upon streets, alleys, bridges, or public grounds of said City, and so as not to unnecessarily obstruct the use thereof for the ordinary purpose of travel thereon, and the erection thereof shall be subject to the reasonable supervision and direction of the City Council of the said City. Whenever practicable, all poles shall be set in alleys, and poles now in position upon or along the streets, whenever practicable, shall be removed, and the locations of all of said poles shall be designated by the Mayor under the supervision of the City Council of the said City.

All poles where set in alleys shall be set at or near the boundary line thereof, and where set in streets shall be located at such distances, as shall be directed by the city, from the property line of the abutting owner, and shall be placed so as not to interfere with the construction of placing of any waterpipes, sewers, or drains or the flow of water therefrom which have been or may be placed by authority of said City. In the event that said Grantee shall make any unnecessary obstruction of said streets, alleys, public grounds or places not designated by the City Council, the City may cause the removal of such obstructions and charge and collect from such Grantee the actual cost of such removals.

SECTION 4
During the construction, maintenance or enlargement of any part of said electric light and power system, said Grantee shall not unnecessarily impede or block travel in said streets and highways in said city, and shall leave all streets, highways, alleys, sidewalks, curbs, lanes and public places and all grounds disturbed by said construction in good condition upon the completion of said work.

The City reserves the right for itself and its agents to make and adopt, and the rights and privileges hereby granted shall at all times be and remain subject to, such reasonable regulations of a police nature as it may deem necessary for the best interests of the City but the City will not by an such regulations or by acts of its own or agents do anything to prevent or interfere with the Grantee carrying on its business in accordance with the franchise hereby granted.

SECTION 5
Whenever the said Grantee in erecting, constructing and maintaining said lines or poles, shall take up any of the pavements, sidewalks crossings or curbs on any of the avenues, streets and alleys or public places in said City or shall make any excavations thereon; such excavations shall be refilled and the sidewalk, crossing or curb replaced under the direction of the said City and any excavation so made shall be properly lighted at night during the construction, and in case of the failure to do so on the part of the said Grantee, then the said City may do the same at the expense of said Grantee and said Grantee agrees to pay said City for the reasonable cost or value of said work. Said Grantee shall be liable for all less or damage caused by the negligence of Grantee, which may result to persons or property within the said City, caused by it, or its agents, servants, or employees in erecting, operating and maintaining the said electric system within said City, and shall at all times save the City harmless from any and all damages to persons or property in erecting, operating or maintaining said electric system.

SECTION 6
There is granted to said Grantee, its successors and assigns, during the term hereof, permission and authority to trim all trees in alleys, streets and public grounds of said City so as to remove all parts of said trees interfering with the proper erection maintenance and operation of poles, cables, wires, masts or other fixtures, or appliances installed or to be installed pursuant to authority hereby granted. Said Grantee shall have full right and authority to assign any person, persons, firm or corporation all the rights that are given by this Ordinance, provided that the assignee of such rights by accepting such assignment shall become subject to the terms and conditions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 7
The Grantee shall use due diligence and care in furnishing electric service as herein provided but shall not be liable for any loss or damage which may arise from failure of the service, either partial or total, but this shall not be construed to exempt said Grantee from liability for negligence.

SECTION 8
The rates to be charged by said Grantee in the said City shall be filed with the Public Service Commission of the State of North Dakota, and no increase or decrease in said rates shall be made except in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Public Service Commission.

SECTION 9
This contract shall be subject to any present or future laws of a regulatory nature enacted by the State of North Dakota, or an any amendment or addition to such laws and further shall be subject to the rules and regulations laid down by the Public Service Commission of the State of North Dakota.

SECTION 10
The City reserves the right during the term hereof to enact and assess a franchise fee such as it deems necessary, upon reasonable advance notice to Grantee of not less than sixty (60) days.

SECTION 11
In the event the City should sell or transfer real property which is subject to Grantee's franchise and should it become necessary to remove conduits, poles, wires or pipes installed by virtue of this ordinance the removal shall be done at the expense of the Grantee upon the request of the City.

SECTION 12
This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval by the City Council. The said Grantee shall specify its acceptance of this franchise in writing, to be filed with the City Auditor and in no event shall this Ordinance be binding on said Grantee until the filing of such acceptance.

Approved this June 11, 2025
Dean Klier, Mayor
Karen Nordby, Auditor
(January 31, 2026)

Fun Fact

Great white sharks are the largest predatory fish on our planet, growing as long as 20 feet and weighing as much as 4,000 pounds. The mouth of a great white is equipped with a set of 300 sharp, triangular teeth arranged in up to seven rows.

Sources:
oceanana.org,
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www.fisheries.noaa.gov

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