

‘Rockin In Reeder’ a big hit



OVER 250 AREA PEOPLE enjoy an afternoon of entertainment put on by Dakota Prairie Enrichment Center in Reeder. | SUBMITTED PHOTO

Char Larson

Chamber Executive Director

The Dakota Prairie Enrichment Center’s annual Rockin’ in Reeder musical event, held Sunday, February 15, 2026, was a tremendous success, drawing more than 250 people from Reeder and surrounding communities. Organizers added chairs twice to accommodate the unexpected turnout.

The afternoon featured outstanding performances by talented regional musicians, including Bart Dam-

anovich from Lemmon, Clyde Bauman aka Mylo Hatzenbuhler of Strasburg, ND, the Blue Stems from Elgin, and Colleen Reinhardt of Bismarck.

Their performances were met with enthusiastic appreciation from the audience, many of whom praised both the quality of the entertainment and the welcoming atmosphere. Guests frequently commented that the entertainment and food were exceptional with many asking when the next event would be held.

The event reflected the strong spirit of coop-

eration and community pride in the region. Members of the Dakota Prairie Enrichment Center Board of Directors and volunteers worked together to organize and host the successful gathering, creating an afternoon of

music, fellowship, and connection.

Encouraged by the attendance and positive response, organizers are tentatively planning to host another Rockin’ in Reeder musical event this fall.



Adams County Annual Spelling Bee



2026 HETTINGER PUBLIC SCHOOL SPELLING PARTICIPANTS included (left to right) Camdyn Fried, 7th grade; Paxton Glines, 6th grade; Victor Perkins, 7th; Jake Zimmermann, 7th; Jace Dragoo, 5th; Josh Gonder, 5th; Greyson Miller, 5th; Charlee Weinert, 8th; Alyssa Henderson, 8th; Jake Kessel, 7th; Devin Davis, 8th; Daxton Kunkel, 8th - last year’s runner up; Muhammed Kahn, 8th - last year’s champ; Jacob Krueger, 6th; Liam Krueger, 6th; Sam Kilzer, 7th; Leona Parallag, 6th; Julia Ranum, 5th; Britton Stadheim, 6th; Maggie Weinert, 6th and Maxx Lewis, 5th. | SUBMITTED PHOTO

Mrs. Brooke Schneider and Mrs. Joey Erickson organized and presented Hettinger Public School’s annual spelling bee contest on February 18th.

The event began a few days earlier with a

pre-test given to grades five through 8. The top 5 in each grade moved onto the official contest.

The contest began with Kahn and Wyatt leading the contestants to the gym with a drum corps.

the participants filed on the stage to await the beginning of the event followed by individual introductions from Mr. Dave Erickson.

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Commissioners discuss flood plains, re-addressing, new employee, among other items

The Adams County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday, February 17 with all commissioners present, Dustin Laufer, Kevin Pagel and Steven West.

The first order of business was to approve the two previous meeting minutes of January 13 and 21.

After approving the agenda as presented office fee collections were reported from the auditor’s office for road and bridge of \$60,231.41, from the Recorder \$1619.50 and the sheriff’s office of \$3742.00.

The county’s financial statement was reviewed.

911 re-addressing was again discussed with the decision to have public input on the subject. The subject was discussed at an emergency responder meeting in January which the following organizations attended – Reeder and Hettinger Fire Depts., United States Postal Service, Adams County Sheriff’s office and Hettinger EMTs with a letter from the Lemmon EMTs. USPS, Reeder Fire Dept and Sheriff Fischer were all in favor of the process. The re-addressing would affect only rural addresses. The commissioners decided to have a public meeting about the re-addressing after the Township Forum meeting on Thursday, March 5 at 7:30 pm.

Theresa Thom updated the commission on the Vision Zero program by giving the statistics from crashes in Adams County in the last five years. Vision Zero is a ND Dept. of Transportation program strategizing to eliminate motor vehicle crash fatalities and serious injuries.

Allo Towers and the State of ND requested a conditional use permit which Katie Roseland, director of tax and zoning, was present to visit about. The group is requesting to build a 250 foot tower for EMS, fire, police and first responders to use statewide through the Statewide Interoperable Radio Network (SIRN) project. Location of the tower would be south in Hettinger Township’s Section 14. Since this falls within the extra-territorial area of the city of Hettinger, the Hettinger City Planning and Zoning recommended to pass the request however the Hettinger City Council requested more discussion due to safety concerns. Allo Towers is hoping construction can begin in April but all permits must be completed. The commissioners passed the request with the condition of additional information be given to the City of Hettinger.

The commissioners were updated on the Flood Plain Ordinance by State’s Attorney Aaron Roseland and Zoning and Flood Plain Administrator Katie Roseland. Adams County is not currently mapped for flood plains, therefore the entire county would have to complete a permit for any structure building of the ordinance. Director Roseland said that statistics show has not been an application for flood insurance in the county for at least five years. Attorney Roseland recommended to not only not pass the ordinance but to remove any reference of flood plain in the county zoning. Director Roseland informed the group that changes and compliance with the state regulation could be reinstated if the county was eventually mapped or changes occurred creating the need to re-evaluate. Commissioner West asked if the county zoning board should have a say in the removal of the zoning in which Ms. Roseland explained the commissioners have the authority to make the change. It was decided to finish the process next after notification has been given to the county zoning and planning board.

Scott Township’s chairman, Todd Fink, spoke with the commissioners about a request for gravel. The commissioners will speak with road supervisor Justin Blade .

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