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AT SITE 3, while tour participants took in the views, Courtney Yellow Fat told some history of the Lakota Sioux when he explained the Lakotas domesticated dogs prior to domesticating Nokota horses which they called the "Mystical Dogs".

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Hendrickson and Stacey LaCompte (North Dakota Native Tourism Alliance Executive Director).

As stated by BGF President John Joyce, the tour began at Dakota Buttes Museum where vice-president Rodney Howe gave a welcome and introductions and Loren Luckow provided

local homesteading history.

Native American cultural story tellers Mike Faith and Courtney Yellow Fat provided a "smudging" ceremony (purifying with sage) which is sacred to Native Americans to cleanse the mind, body, and spirit for prayer, respect, and connection

with the Creator and ancestors to move forward in a good way with blessing. Mike Faith, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, is currently SRST vice-chairman, 2025 inductee into the National Buffalo Foundation Hall of Fame, NDNTA cultural storyteller and Native tour guide. Courtney Yellow Fat, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, is the tribal historic preservation officer, educator, NDNTA cultural storyteller and Native tour guide. This ceremony was interspersed with prayers and Native humor.

Prior to leaving for Site 2: Hiddenwood Hunt, Courtney sang, drummed and interpreted the same song sung by Sioux hunters as they rode toward the buffalo hunt, "Who among us will be first . . ."

With the thought of the forty-plus mph wind gusts impacting Sites 2 and 3, much of the planned narrative was covered at the museum. At Site 2, Mike Faith gave a first-hand story of this hunt which had



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PART OF THE NOKOTA HORSE IMMERSION EXPERIENCE is to live on the prairie with the horses.

been passed down orally in the Native American tradition, from his great-grandfather. While Val Braun presented the story of Sitting Bull's last hunt at Site 3 as taken from Francie Berg's books Buffalo Trails in the Dakota Buttes and Buffalo Heartbeats Across the Plains while tour participants took in the "near forty mile" east-west view of the buttes, river bluffs and cut banks of the North Grand River valley folding out below. John Joyce stated, "Views like

this for Europeans are rare."

The tour culminated with a viewing of a small buffalo herd with the new "red" calves at their momma's sides at the Sion Hanson Ranch at Bison, SD and a meal provided by the Buffalo Grande Foundation and the many friends and family of Sion and his new bride Ari. The taste of buffalo meat was a new experience for many of the participants. "Excellent!" was the consensus of the buffalo meat which was

cooked by TW and Faye Schalesky of Prairie City. The tour participants commented on the sense of "community" they felt during the celebration.

The Buffalo Grande Foundation has existed now for almost three years. Rodney Howe said it best, "Our great community's membership dollars and donations help bring people from around the world so that we are able to share our land's history."

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PETITION TO VACATE STREET, ALLEY OR RIGHT OF WAY PURSUANT TO NORTH DAKOTA CENTURY CODE §40-39

Notice is hereby given that Adams County Development Corporation has submitted a Petition to Vacate of Street, Alley, or Right of Way Pursuant to North Dakota Century Code §40-39 to the City of Hettinger. This matter has been scheduled for public hearing on Monday June 29, 2026 at 5:00 PM at 1207 4th Ave S in the Hettinger City Council Conference Room, 1207 4th Ave S. , Hettinger, ND 58639 to address the Petition and any public concerns. The street, alley or right of way requesting to be vacated is situated in the City of Hettinger, County of Adams, State of North Dakota, and described as follows:

Alley located on or in Block 20, Hettinger Original Townsite, Hettinger, North Dakota, more particularly described in that certain survey, entitled "Alley Vacation Exhibit" created by Dustin Jordan, R.L.S. 10478 on or about June 9, 2025, a copy of which is on file with the City Auditor.

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