

Take-out lunches no longer offered

By Gabriella Zook
Buccaneer Buzz

For the past few years, Beach School District has offered high school students take-out lunches as an alternative to eating in the school. However, administration at the school has decided to end the program due to several concerns that have been brought to the school’s attention.

Years ago, under Principal Brandt Gaugler, take-out lunches were instituted. During the Covid-19 lockdown, take-out meals were provided as a protective measure. Even after restrictions were lifted, the take-out program remained in place.

However, according to Mrs. Sveet, the school discontinued take-out lunches primarily due to the excessive waste and trash they generate. The lunches were served in Styrofoam containers, which are notoriously difficult to dispose of because they do not disintegrate.

Even before Covid, students frequently lost the privilege of take-out lunches because of litter around town, in the school parking lot, and unsafe driving.

Dawn Lowman, the head cook at Lincoln Elementary, shared that the kitchen uses approximately 30 Styrofoam containers each day. As each container costs roughly \$0.20, the cost of using these containers adds up to about \$1,032 per school year. This

cost is covered by the school’s kitchen budget. If that money is no longer used for take-out containers, it could be put toward something else. “Any little bit helps,” commented Ms. Lowman.

When asked how she feels about the change, Ms. Lowman explained that she understands the frustrations on both sides. On one hand, she remarked that the change decreases the amount of trash in the area and could decrease the congestion of student drivers during lunch. On the other hand, however, she understands that this change could take away from the students’ needed downtime. When asked if the number of high school students who eat school lunch has decreased, Lowman said that she has noticed a small decrease, but nothing substantial.

Another factor in the decision is reducing the workload for the school’s janitorial staff. Technically, students should dispose of their containers in the dumpster located near the shop classroom, but most don’t, leading to a buildup of trash inside the school. Another consideration that led to this decision is the recent issue of unsafe driving.

While Mrs. Sveet acknowledges that the decision to disallow take-out lunches may not impact the specific issue of student driving, she hopes that it



This photo is an example of the approximately 30 Styrofoam take-out containers used by the school each day.

will encourage student drivers to stop and think before they make a mistake that isn’t easily undone.

When asked how the students of Beach High School feel about the change, most seemed to be quite unbothered. If anything, staff members have noticed that the students somehow inhale their lunch even faster as a way to save time to go do other things.

In summary, Mrs. Sveet shared she expects less trash production, less stress on janitorial staff, and a more accurate lunch count by ending the take-out meal.

REQUEST FOR BIDS

**NORTH DAKOTA
DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION
REQUEST FOR BIDS
STANDING HAY ON RIGHT
OF WAY OF INTERSTATE 94
AND INTERSTATE 29**

The North Dakota Department of Transportation (ND-DOT) seeks sealed bids for cutting, baling, and removing hay on designated sections of highway right-of-way along I-94 and I-29. Bids will be for the 2025 haying season.

NDDOT will accept sealed bids in five district offices. Faxed bids will not be accepted. Interested bidders can contact the respective NDDOT district office listed below to obtain a bid document, copy of the Risk Management Appendix, and sample certificate of liability insurance. The REQUEST FOR BID document must be completed, signed in ink, sealed in an envelope marked, “Bids for Standing Hay”, and submitted to the respective NDDOT district office prior to the deadline. The awarded bidder will be required to sign a contract with NDDOT agreeing to the terms for hay harvesting.

Deadlines:
•Bismarck, Fargo, Grand Forks, and Valley City offices: 1:00 p.m. CDT Thursday, June 5, 2025.

•Dickinson office: 1:00 p.m. MDT, Thursday, June 5, 2025.

NDDOT district offices:
•Bismarck: 218 South Airport Road, Bismarck, ND 58504-6003 Ph: (701) 328-6950

•Fargo: 503 38th Street South, Fargo, ND 58103-1198 Ph: (701) 239-8900

•Grand Forks: P.O. Box 13077, 1951 North Washington, Grand Forks, ND 58208-3077 Ph: (701) 787-6500

•Valley City: 1524 8th Avenue Southwest, Valley City, ND 58072-4200 Ph: (701) 845-8800

•Dickinson: 1700 3rd Avenue West, Suite 101, Dickinson, ND 58601-3009 Ph: (701) 227-6500.

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BEACH SCHOOL BOARD SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

**BEACH SCHOOL BOARD
PROCEEDS OF
SPECIAL MEETING
Unofficial Minutes
Subject to Review and
Revision of the Board
April 23, 2025**

The Beach School Board held a special meeting at 7 p.m. on April 23, 2025 in the high school library. Present were Robert Sperry, Mark Lund, Carrie Zachmann, Landon Lechler, Alan Muckle, Misty Farnstrom, Jessica Geis and Mike Zier. Visitors were Amanda Stoltz, Loni Thilmony, Lori Holkup and Denise Dietz.

President Sperry called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Sperry recognized visitors. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Sperry reviewed the agenda. Geis indicated the agenda is set and ready.

Muckle read public comments on agenda only speaker policy.

Zier discussed the athletics pay scale in the negotiated agreement on pages 11 and 13. The BEA negotiated item of paying athletic salaries by the number of weeks per sport per season was discussed. Coach absences per practice, per game, per week were discussed. The possibility of adding a girls head wrestling coach was discussed. The possibility of adding an assistant coach to the 5/6 boys basketball, 5/6 girls basketball, 5/6 wrestling, and 5/6 volleyball was discussed. Volunteer coaching contracts were discussed.

Sperry indicated the next item on the agenda is executive session to discuss negotiations strategy. The legal authority for closing this portion of the meeting is NDCC Section 44-04-19.1(9). Board retired into executive session at 7:20 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Sperry called the regular meeting back to order at 8:15 p.m. Zier rejoined the board in open session. Sperry discussed the athletics pay scale in the negotiated agreement on pages 11 and 13. Sperry discussed removing the 5/6 football from the agreement, adding an assistant coach to the 5/6 boys basketball, 5/6 girls basketball,

5/6 wrestling, and 5/6 volleyball with years of experience added, adding a girls head wrestling coach, and keeping the pay schedule format as is and increasing the athletics salaries. Zier discussed the format of a coaching contract if paying athletic salaries by the number of weeks per sport per season was implemented.

Sperry called for a motion to adjourn. Motion by Lechler, second by Zachmann to adjourn. Sperry adjourned 8:23 p.m.

Robert Sperry, President
Misty Farnstrom,
Business Manager
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Notice of Drinking Water Quality Report

The **2024 Drinking Water Quality Report** for the **CITY OF BEACH** is complete.

This report will NOT be mailed. This report will be published in the *Golden Valley News*, posted at City Hall and available at www.beachnd.com.

Please contact the City Auditor at 872-4103 to obtain a hard copy of the report. The City is required by the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act to provide this report to all customers by July 1st.

Please take the time to read the report and learn about the water that is provided to you on a daily basis.

Kimberly Gaugler, City Auditor
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING AND ELECTION Golden Valley County Ambulance District

NOTICE IS HEREBY given to all qualified electors living within the boundaries of the territory described below, that on Tuesday, May 13th at 6 p.m. at Community Ambulance Service, Inc., located at 75 2nd Ave. SE, Beach, ND, an organizational meeting will be held to form the Golden Valley County Ambulance District and elect a Board of Directors.

Immediately following the organizational meeting, the District’s Board of Directors will hold a public meeting with the following agenda.

1. Call the Meeting to Order
2. Nomination and Election of officers
3. Current ambulance service overview to District Board
4. Discuss Next Steps
5. Set next meeting date
6. Adjourn

TERRITORY OF THE GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY AMBULANCE DISTRICT

Township	County	Range	Sections
Beach Civil Township	Golden Valley	140-106	All of 1-3, 10-12, 13-15, 22-24, 25-27, 34-36
		140-105	All of 1-36
		139-106	All of 1-3, 10-12, 13-15, 22-24, 25-27, 34-36
		139-105	All of 1-36
Bullion Township	Golden Valley	137-105	All of 1-36
Delhi Township	Golden Valley	141-104	All of 1-36
Elk Creek Township	Golden Valley	142-104	All of 1-36
Garner Township	Golden Valley	138-104	All of 1-36
Henry Township	Golden Valley	144-105	All of 1-36
		143-105	All of 1-36
		138-106	All of 1-3, 10-12, 13-15, 22-24, 25-27, 34-36
		138-105	All of 1-36
Lone Tree Township	Golden Valley	137-105	All of 1-3, 10-12, 13-15, 22-24, 25-27, 34-36
		137-105	All of 1-36
		144-104	All of 1-36
		143-104	All of 1-36
Pearl Township	Golden Valley	141-105	All of 1-36
		140-104	All of 1-36
		140-103	All of 19-21, 28-33
		139-104	All of 1-36
Saddle Butte Township	Golden Valley	139-103	All of 1-36
		144-103	All of 1-36
		143-103	All of 1-36
		142-105	All of 1-36
Sentinel Township	Golden Valley	142-103	All of 1-36
		141-103	All of 1-36
		138-103	All of 1-36
		137-103	All of 1-36
Unorganized	Golden Valley	136-106	All of 1-36
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Unorganized	McKenzie	145-104	½ of 1-3, All of 10-15, 19-36
Unorganized	McKenzie	145-105	All of 25-27, 34-36
Unorganized	McKenzie	145-103	½ of 5-6, All of 7-8, 16-36
Unorganized	McKenzie	145-102	All of 27-34, West of the River 26 & 35
Unorganized	Billings	144-102	All of 7, 17-20, 29-32, West of the River 5-6, 8, 16, 21, 28, 33
Unorganized	Billings	143-102	All of 5-7, 18-21, 28-34, West of the River 4, 8, 16-17, 22, 27, 35-36, South of the River 26
Unorganized	Slope	136-103	North of the River 1-6
Unorganized	Slope	136-104	North of the River 1, 16, 20, 29, West of the River 3, 9, 17, 19, 21, 30-31
Unorganized	Slope	135-104	Northwest of River 6
Unorganized	Slope	135-105	All of 2-9, 17-20, 30, West of the River 1, 10, 16, 21, 29, North of River 11-12, 28
Unorganized	Slope	135-106	All of 1-30
Unorganized	Slope	136-102	All of 4, East of the river 6, 7, 8, West of the river 3, 9, North of the river 5, 10, 18

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Map of the proposed District can be obtained from the Golden Valley County Auditor’s Office.
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NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION FOR CITY COUNCIL POSITION

The **City of Sentinel Butte** will hold a **Special Election on Friday, May 16, 2025.**

The **Polling Location** is:

City Hall
20 S West St.
Sentinel Butte, ND 58654

**Polls will be open from
7 a.m. MDT to 7 p.m. MDT**

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CAREER OPPORTUNITY

LEARNING COACH

Home On The Range is looking for a full-time Learning Coach to work with our youth in a school and residential setting.

Starting pay is **\$44,970 annual**. Also includes top-shelf **100% paid** family health insurance and dental, vision, life insurance and retirement.

Applicant **must be at least 21 years of age** and complete a background check.

To apply, or for more information, contact Jeff at **701-872-3745, ext. 7122**, or email him at **jeffb@hotrnd.com**. EOE.

