

New auditor hired for City of Sentinel Butte

By Gary Howard
The Sentinel Butte City Council met Sept. 8 at City Hall. Before the regularly scheduled meeting, the Council convened a special meeting to have the final reading of the proposed 2026 budget. After reviewing the proposed budget, the Council moved to approve the 2026 budget as written. At this time the Council adjourned the special meeting and convened their regular monthly meeting.

Notice of Public Hearing

The North Dakota Health and Human Services is requesting public comments on the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2022 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) State Plan Amendment. The amendment proposes a 5% increase in the standard of need, which will result in a 5% increase in possible benefit rates for TANF recipients. The current draft plan can be viewed online at www.hhs.nd.gov/applyforhelp/tanf.

A public hearing on this proposed plan amendment will be held by a virtual Teams meeting on Thursday, Sept. 18, 2025, at 2:30 p.m. CT. Individuals can join the meeting using the following information:

- Join the meeting now Meeting ID: 210 365 643 502 5 Passcode: Dz2Sf34w
- Dial in by phone +1-701-328-0950,895832497#, United States, Bismarck Phone conference ID: 895 832 497#
- Join on a video conferencing device Tenant key: teams@join.nd.gov Video ID: 113 435 712 2

Comments can also be submitted in writing and must be received by the conclusion of the public hearing on Sept. 18, 2025. Written comments may be submitted by email to applyforhelp@nd.gov. (Published Sept. 18, 2025)

The Council’s first order of business was to discuss Kim Obrigewitch’s application for the City Auditor position. Mayor Jason Lee and Council member Denise Dietz had participated in her interview. They both felt that the interview went very well and that in their opinion the Council should offer her the position. Obrigewitch appeared before the Council and answered several more questions they had. At this time the Council formally offered the position of City Auditor with a starting salary of \$20 an hour. She accepted the offer and was welcomed by the Council as the new City Auditor. Auditor Obrigewitch took over her duties and read the minutes from the last meeting, which the Council approved.

The next order of business was to adopt the new Flood Plain Ordinance which was recently updated by FEMA.

In other city business, it was reported that the city lagoon level will need to be raised about a foot before winter in order to keep the outlet from freezing.

Council member Roger Clemens had completed his survey on what street signs need to be put up or replaced. There are a number of street signs missing around town. He has gotten quotes from Newman Signs for signs, posts and the breakaway portion of the posts as well. After a discussion, a motion was made to buy eight stop

signs and 18 posts and breakaways, as well as two “Children at Play” signs for the city park.

Clemens then presented the Council with information and pricing of the signage for the possible four-way stop that has been an ongoing topic of conversation for some time. The proposal would include a “Stop Ahead” sign with flashing lights and stop signs with a flashing red border around them. After an intense exchange between several council members, the issue was brought to a head when Clemens made a motion to proceed with the project. Council member Jennifer Morelock seconded the motion. The voting went as follows: Council members Clemens and Morelock voted in favor of the motion, while Council members Burt Cook and Dietz voted against the motion. Due to there being a tie on the motion Mayor Lee cast the tie-breaking vote against the four-way stop sign proposal.

Under new business, Council member Dietz stated that she had received a request from the families of an upcoming wedding to use picnic tables from the Pavilion in Sentinel Butte for the wedding in Golva. After a discussion, it was decided to loan out the picnic tables with a \$1,000 deposit in case of any damages to the tables.

As this was the final order of business before the Council, the meeting was declared adjourned.

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sophomore class - Dillon Manhart and Maciah Heckaman; freshman class - Abe Oech and Gabriella Zook; football and volleyball teams - Wesley Hammond and Emily Helsper.

Farstveet commented on how he feels about the upcoming Homecoming election.

“I feel honored that I got voted as a candidate and I’m actually really excited,” Farstveet said. “It’s going to be a fun, busy week, but I’m excited.”

Voting will take place on Sept. 22 during school, before the coronation at 7 p.m.

The student council has also designated Spirit Days to celebrate homecoming week. Monday is Hawaiian Day, Tuesday is USA Day, Wednesday is Age Day, Thursday is Adam Sandler Day and Friday is Blue and Gold Day.

For Age Day each grade will dress up as a different generation. Sev-

enth graders will dress as babies, 8th graders as toddlers, freshmen as kids, sophomores as teens, juniors as parents and seniors as, you guessed it, senior citizens.

On Sept. 25, the school’s pep rally will start at 2:30 p.m. Then, on Sept. 26, there will be a Homecoming Parade at 1 p.m. The Homecoming game between the Beach Bucs and Kidder County will be at 6 p.m. that same day.

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expectancy and is showing its age. The contractor presented Brad with a quote of \$166,000 to redo the roof coating on the school, plus another \$7,000 to \$8,000 for the gutters.

A discussion was held on what to do with all of the old school desks, shelves and other accumulated treasures in the bus barn. Superintendent Cline will do a more thorough inventory and will get back to the Board.

One other item was the implementation of the updated student-teacher handbook.

Cline updated the board members on the Title 1 program that is available for the school to participate in. The

school could get around \$6,000 to pay for a Title I staffer who could help kids who are in need of additional teaching resources.

This was the last order of business before the Board and the meeting was declared adjourned.

The next meeting will be Oct. 14 at 6 p.m.

A Step Back in Time Troy Tescher

100 Years Ago - Sentinel Butte Review September 11, 1925

Waterloo, New York: After carrying a bullet in his hip for 59 years, Aaron Lehr, Civil War veteran, had it extracted at a local hospital. Early efforts to locate the bullet by probing were unsuccessful. Recently he experienced trouble with his hip and upon examination showing the bullet had come loose from the muscle or bone in which it had been

imbedded.

Farm Auction on Wednesday, September 16 at the S.J. Lee farm 10 miles northeast of Sentinel Butte for Sam Rogers, owner. Partial listing of personal property includes: 9 horses, 100 chickens, 12 ducks, 2 horsehide robes, 2 library tables and an 8-day clock.

P.L. Peterson, manager of the Dickinson Music

Shop, will have a carload (train) of pianos at Beach in the near future. This is the first carload shipment to Golden Valley County in many years, indicating the county approaching its former stage of prosperity.

There will be a dance at the W.O.W. Hall at Alpha tonight with the Pioneer Five furnishing the music.

75 Years Ago - Golden Valley News September 14, 1950

Starting this Thursday, all restaurants in Beach will put in effect an increase in the price of coffee per cup, jumping from the old price of five cents to a dime. They have been forced to up the rates because of the sky-rocketing price of the product.

Several winners from the recent county fair were: Gerald Lechler in the pony parade, Lyle Wyckoff in the first pony race, Larry

Schulte in the second pony race, Bob Abernethy in the first horse race, Burns Abernethy in the second horse race and, keeping it in the family, Don Abernethy won the third horse race. In the mens musical keg race, Percy McClenehan of Trotters came out first and Harold Lowman second. The greased pig contest attracted 25 young men under the age of 14, but the heat of the day had taken its toll on the

little porker and before it got much of a start, James Wyckoff of Sentinel Butte fell on the little fellow and with both arms wrapped firmly around it, went home happy with the pig.

More Northern Pacific box cars coming off the production line, 12 every day with 100,000 lb. capacity that are 50’6” in length to meet the shipping needs locally. E.O. Busch, Beach, Phone 38.

50 Years Ago - Golden Valley News September 18, 1975

Father Maurice Kelch celebrated the Silver Jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood on Monday, September 8 at Golva.

The National Broadcasting Company had a film crew from the “Today Show” filming the buffalo roundup in the Theodore Roosevelt National Park. 217 buffalo were rounded up and will be shipped to 14 different Indian reservations.

Beach High School “Buc” Day queen candidates were selected by the classes and the football team last Friday. Those chosen are Linda Wagner, Jayne Hardy, Deanna Ordahl, Crystal Haigh and Julie Stockwell.

6th Annual Pelissier Memorial Team Roping to be held Saturday, September 27

at Medora.

Billings County Historical Society article highlights the past with the Painted Canyon business operation that was purchased in the fall of 1953 by Roy and June Noyes from Mrs. Ada Ferguson, formerly Ada Blencowe. At the time of purchase there was a tavern, gift store, drive up lunch and a former gasoline station. Roy spent the winter renovating, adding in a large dining area with the aid of Belfield contractor Fred Northrop. They purchased a large warehouse building from “Pioneer” Fred Hinkle, had it moved to Painted Canyon by pioneer house mover Casper Filkowski and had it revamped into a fine home. Playground equipment,

numerous wildlife species with well-kept quarters, the old gas station made into a nondenominational Wayside Chapel with taped organ music and housed art work by Ted Cornell. A 21-foot cowboy and an 18-foot by 26-foot buffalo was built and erected by John Rilly, Ted Cornell and Joe Brittnen. Plans were made to have a deep water well drilled, Western museum, filling station and motel units in the near future, but the federal government decided they wanted to add the property to the T.R. National Park. After being served with condemnation papers, they vacated the property with deep regrets. (No date given when they were forced out.)

mile run and Gwen Miller in the 3 mile walk. Four-month-old Megan has reflux, which causes her to lose much of her food intake.

25 Years Ago - Golden Valley News September 21, 2000

Eager to help a neighbor, Beach area residents gathered Saturday, Sept. 16 for the benefit walk/run for Megan Finneman, infant

daughter of Todd and Maxine Finneman. The following were first place winners: Stan Koppinger in the 3 mile run, Sue Waldahl in the 2

Quote of the Week

“Government’s first duty is to protect the people, not run their lives.” - Ronald Regan

SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR PUBLICATION				
NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION OFFICE OF SCHOOL FINANCE AND ORGANIZATION SFN 7618 (06-08)				
TO: COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS OR DESIGNEE After verification of the items below, please transmit this statement for publication in accordance with NDCC, section 15.1-09-35 to: Name and Address of Official Newspaper of the School District				
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	Beginning Fund Balance July 1, 2024	Revenue	Expenditures	Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2025
General Fund	2,483,696.38	5,617,903.71	5,587,309.94	2,514,290.15
Tuition Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
General Fund (01)	2,483,696.38	5,617,903.71	5,587,309.94	2,514,290.15
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Special Reserve Fund Group (02)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Capital Projects Fund Group (03)	119,780.59	0.00	0.00	119,780.59
Sinking & Interest Fund Group (04)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Food Service Fund Group (05)	26,139.94	168,432.72	150,448.91	44,123.75
Student Activities Fund Group (06)	73,148.95	136,685.00	136,411.57	73,422.38
Trust and Agency/Consortium Fund (07)	118,317.05	3,796.93	302.25	121,811.73
GENERAL INFORMATION CONCERNING SCHOOL DISTRICT DEBT AS OF JUNE 30, 2025				
1. Bonds Outstanding			0.00	
2. Certificates of Indebtedness Outstanding			0.00	
3. Amount Owed to the State School Construction Fund			0.00	
4. TOTAL INDEBTEDNESS OF DISTRICT - Total of lines 1-3				0.00
I do solemnly swear that to the best of my knowledge and belief the information within is a true and correct statement of all revenue and expenditures of the school district.		This report is found correct in every particular and is hereby approved.		
<div>Micky Jamstrom</div>		<div>Blat Spay</div>		
Signature of School District Business Manager		Signature of School Board President		