

Tal celebrates 40th birthday at Chahinkapa Zoo

Community cheers Tal the orangutan during 40th birthday celebration

BY MANISHA REDDY
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WAHPETON — Visitors at Chahinkapa Zoo celebrated a special milestone this year as Talukan “Tal” the orangutan turned 40. Community members visited the zoo to celebrate Tal’s birthday, cheer him on and enjoy the day with one of Wahpeton’s most beloved zoo residents. Families gathered near his exhibit as Tal

received birthday treats and gifts. Zookeeper Lacy Stier said Tal is doing well for his age. “He’s doing really good for 40,” Stier said, adding that orangutans in captivity can live into their 50s. “He is also a cancer survivor. Even with that, he’s doing good.” Stier said zoo staff check on Tal every day to make sure he is healthy and doing well. She said

staff have not noticed any major health concerns. “He’s a really healthy 40-year-old,” Stier said. This year’s birthday celebration included a large banner, community donations and several gifts for Tal. Stier said Tal received puzzle feeder items, extra treats, Cheerios, fruit snacks, small toys, sand toys and a rope ladder. “He likes to swing things around,” Stier

said. The celebration gave visitors a chance to enjoy Tal’s birthday while also learning more about orangutans and the role Chahinkapa Zoo plays in animal care, education and conservation. For many visitors, the day was more than a birthday party. It was a chance to celebrate Tal’s place in the community and share a joyful moment at the zoo.



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Talukan “Tal” the orangutan celebrated his 40th birthday at Chahinkapa Zoo as visitors gathered to cheer him on and mark the special milestone.

Chamber selects “Yard of the Week”



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Top: In Wahpeton, hats of to Leon and Dorothy Muehler at 421 Fifth St S for their vibrant and inviting outdoor space. Bottom: In Breckenridge, congratulations to Matt and Julie Ihland at 206 Gewalt Drive for their beautifully kept yard, full of charm and care.



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Berseth, Krump win Richland 44 board seats

Voters approve measure to continue publishing board minutes

BY SHOBA DASARI
Wahpeton Daily News

COLFAX — Voters in the Richland 44 School District cast ballots June 9 in the district’s school board election, with polling locations open in the Abercrombie and Colfax community halls. A total of 212 voters participated in the election. In Area 2, incumbent Nathan Berseth received 137 votes and secured election to the school board. Fourteen qualifying write-in votes were



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The Richland 44 School District’s 2026 school board elections was held on June 9.

recorded, along with 26 nonqualifying write-in votes. In Area 6, Kyle Krump received 182 votes and was elected to the board. The race also included 14 qualifying write-in votes

and one nonqualifying write-in vote. District voters also considered a measure regarding publication of school board meeting minutes in the district’s official newspaper. The

measure passed with 143 votes in favor and 64 votes opposed. Election results remain unofficial until they are canvassed and certified by the school district.

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Case Type: Formal Unsupervised Court File No. 84-PR-26-200

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