

Morton County Band Festival was a ‘success’

The 2025 Morton County Band Festival was held at the Hebron Public School Tuesday, April 15. The bands from the New Salem – Almont High School, Glen Ullin High School and Hebron High School joined together to produce the great music performed that evening.

Band directors at the festival included Laurie Dahlen, Hebron; Kierra Anderson, Flasher; Nino Dellomas, Glen Ullin, Jacob Wanner, New Salem – Almont and guest conductor, Matthew Goettle.

Guest conductor for the evening, Matthew Goettle, is presently the Dickinson City Band Director.

The first Morton County Band Festival was held February 28, 1989 at Glen Ullin and proved to be a smashing success. According to an article in the March 8, 1989 Hebron Herald, the concert included the bands from Glen Ullin, New Salem, Hebron and the Elks Band from Bismarck.

Each organization favored the audience with several selections and as a finale, the one hundred

thirty-five members from all bands joined in a mass band to perform three selections under the direction of Erv Eli, director of the Elks band and head of the Music Department at Bismarck State College.

Between one hundred fifty and one hundred seventy five persons were in attendance, representing each of the three communities. By the many favorable comments all seemed to enjoy the evening a great deal.

The New Salem Band was directed by Rex Waddingham, the Glen Ullin band by Anthony Munsterman and the Hebron Band by Gurmen Schimke.

Plans were currently being made to make the Festival an annual event.



The music department at the Hebron High School hosted the 2025 Morton County Band Festival on the evening of Tuesday, April 15. The bands from the Hebron, Glen Ullin, New Salem and Almont High Schools joined together to perform the concert. Matthew Goettle, the current Dickinson City Band Director, was guest conductor. This picture was taken during a practice session with each of the bands performing together with Director Goettle.

Access to quality water for livestock a challenge

Many ranchers in the region still depend on surface water sources, such as dugouts and stock dams, to provide water for grazing livestock. Access to good-quality water will continue to be a challenge for ranchers in North Dakota this spring, according to Miranda Meehan, North Dakota State University Extension livestock environmental stewardship specialist.

“Due to drought conditions and low spring runoff, many livestock water sources have either dried up or may be toxic to livestock,” says Meehan.

Water quality impacts cattle intake and weight gain. Studies have reported improved gains by as much as one-quarter of

a pound per day in yearlings and one-third of a pound per day in calves drinking good-quality water.

When surface waters become low, the mineral component of the water becomes more concentrated because minerals do not evaporate with the water. Of particular concern are increased concentrations of total dissolved solids (TDS) and sulfates, which can be toxic to livestock. For most classes of grazing livestock, the TDS in the water should be less than 5,000 parts per million (ppm).

Sulfate is part of the TDS. The recommended concentration should be less than 500 ppm for calves and less than 1,000 ppm for adult cattle. High levels of sulfate can reduce copper availability

in the diet. Elevated levels of sulfates may cause loose stool, whereas very high levels of sulfate can induce central nervous system problems.

Water quality screenings conducted by NDSU Extension agents in the fall of 2024 found many water sources to have potentially toxic levels of sulfates, especially in western North Dakota.

In preparation for the upcoming grazing season, Meehan encourages monitoring water quality and evaluating alternative water options. She recommends a couple of tools to aid in monitoring water quality: a hand-held TDS meter and sulfate test strips. Both these tools are affordable and easy to

use. If the screening indicates the TDS is greater than 4,500 ppm and/or sulfates are greater than 800 ppm, submit a sample to a lab for additional analysis.

If you have encountered water quality issues in the past, Meehan says to evaluate and consider developing an alternative water source.

“Installing a water development plan can help ensure that livestock can access good-quality water throughout the grazing season and increase a ranch’s drought resilience,” says Meehan.

For more information on livestock water quality, contact your local NDSU Extension office or visit <https://www.ndsu.edu/agriculture/ag-hub/ag-topics/livestock/water>.

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