

# Kenmare City Council approves Fund Itt grants

By Terry Froseth

Kenmare City Council gave its approval to four grants from the Fund Itt city sales tax committee.

1. Kenmare Association of Commerce was approved for a promotion/tourism grant of \$15,000 to be used towards expenses of over \$30,000 for city and business promotions throughout the year.

Events include the Easter Egg Hunt, City Wide Rummage Sale, Classic Car Show, Party in the Park with appreciation picnic, music, street dance and 4th of July fireworks, Turkey Bingo, Halloween Trail of Treats, Haunted Trail Walk, Light Up Night, Holiday Train.

The Association will also help promote the Women in Military Service statue dedication on Memorial Day at the Pioneer Village, and the City Serve Days on June 2-7 which encourages residents to volunteer for charitable projects throughout the community.

2. Kenmare Country Club was approved for a grant of \$25,000 to be used towards a \$408,600 project to replace and automate the entire irrigation system of the greens and fairways of the golf course.

The current system has been in the ground since the 1970s and 1980s, and is continually breaking down, and leaking. Grants from 12 different sources are pending to cover the entire cost of the project. KCC borrowed funds to purchase all \$250,000 in materials in advance.

3. M&K's Pizza Hub was approved for a business improvement matching grant of up to \$2000 towards improvements of their store front. Cost of the improvements are estimated to be \$3670.

4. Kenmare Theatre was approved for a business retention grant of \$10,000 towards continued operation of the movie theater. The theater operates at break-even financially, but provides a great entertainment amenity for the community that is not available in most towns the size of Kenmare. Over the years, Kenmare Theatre has provided the first job opportunity for many dozens of local teenagers.

It was also reported that Matt Borud was elected president of the Fund Itt Committee.

**Ward County Library annual report**

Ward County Public Library submitted its annual report to the city council.

Highlights of the report includes the number of visitors to the Kenmare Branch being 2,034, the Minot location had 8,284 visitors, and the bookmobile had 24,134 visitors.

A new bookmobile was put into service in November 2024.

The report listed over 70 locations served with stops of the bookmobile. Included were the Kenmare School, Kenmare day-care, Kenmare Senior Citizens, Berthold School, Berthold downtown, Berthold Senior Citizen Center, Donnybrook, and Carpio.

**In other action:**

- The Kenmare News was approved as the official newspaper for the City of Kenmare.
- Mayor Gartner announced the ambulance service still needs EMTs, saying, "We're kind of in a crisis mode."
- Preliminary plans and specifications for the Water Main Replacement project were approved at a special meeting on May 6.
- Site authorizations for gaming in Kenmare were approved for Vet's Gaming activities at Kenmare Memorial Hall, City Limits Bar, Beer Bob's, and Emilio's M SOB 2.0.
- A contract for sales tax collection was approved between the city and the State Tax Commissioner.
- Hiring of Kelly Donovan part-time at \$22 per hour was approved as summer help for Public Works.
- Fireworks supervised by the Kenmare Fire Department was approved for Saturday, July 12 adjacent to the downtown park square.
- The Police Report listed 52 calls for service, and 16 citations issued.
- The April Clerk of Court deposit was \$282.

## Coming Events

**Saturday, May 24**  
**McKinney Cemetery Memorial Program** at 5 pm at the McKinney Cemetery, rural Tolley. In case of inclement weather, the program will be held at the Tolley Fire Department Hall.

**Tuesday-Thursday, May 27-May 29**  
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Trinity Lutheran's VBS to be held at the Pioneer Village. Children should be entering kindergarten and completing 6th grade. Text Jean Quigley at: 701-340-9026 if interested in having your child(ren) attend.

**Wednesday, May 28**  
7:00 p.m. Campfire Worship @ the Pioneer Village with Pastor Pauline Crowder. Stay for smores!

**Tuesday, June 3**  
Crimson Cruisers Red Hatters will meet at the Mohall Prairie Bistro and Gardens at 1:00 pm.

**Saturday, June 14**  
**Celebration of Life for Jack Goettle** ~ September 1, 1942 - January 16, 2025 ~ to be held on Saturday, June 14, 3pm, at Goettle Ranch, 7188 66th Ave NW, Donnybrook.

**FDHU Public Health Nurse**  
Kenmare office from 8 am to 4:30 pm Monday to Thursday. Call 701-385-4328 to make an appointment.

**Kenmare Landfill Hours**  
North Landfill: Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm. Call 701-334-1984 for landfill access. Accepts lumber, concrete, sheetrock, couches, shingles, carpet, mattresses, cement/rock, vehicles, white goods (appliances), grass clippings, leaves, trees, metal. Rolloff dumpster for household garbage.

**Library Hours**  
Hours at the **Kenmare Branch of the Ward County Public Library:** Mon.-Wed.-Thurs. From 9:30 am-5:00 pm. (Lunch: 12:30-1:00). Story Hour every Wednesday at 10:00 am. Hope to see little people in the building, ready to listen and get busy with a project or activity for the hour.

**Pioneer Village Hours**  
The **Pioneer Village** is opening for the season on Memorial Day weekend. Open Wednesday through Friday from 4 pm to 7 pm. Open Saturday and Sunday from 2 pm to 5 pm. Open anytime by appointment or to donate items to the museum, please call Bryan Quigley at 701-240-4505.

**Carpio Senior Center**  
Carpio Senior Citizen Center will be open every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:00 am to 2 pm for cards, games, and pool. Meals and Wheels will be served at 11am. Monthly meeting will be held at 10 am on the 1st Saturday of the month.

**Mondays**  
**Kenmare Food Pantry** will distribute food on the second Mondays (SUMMER HOURS) 4:00-5:30 pm at 117 2nd St NW, at the WEST side entrance. Call 385-4528 for information.

**Tuesdays**  
**Strong Women, Strong Bones** exercising at Kenmare Senior Center at 10:15 am.

**Thursdays**  
**AA closed meetings** at 8 pm at Janell Art Studio, 102 N Central Ave. Kenmare. For more information call or text Dennis at 602-469-2250.

**Senior Citizen Center**  
Kenmare Senior Citizen Center is open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday only, from 1:30 to 5:00. Lunch at 3:00 pm. Potluck at noon on first Saturday of the month.

Arlow and Marcella Westby

60th Anniversary

SATURDAY, MAY 24, 2025

2 pm to 4 pm

Kenmare Senior Center

114 2ND ST NW

Request no gifts, please

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Sunday BREAKFAST

Buffet

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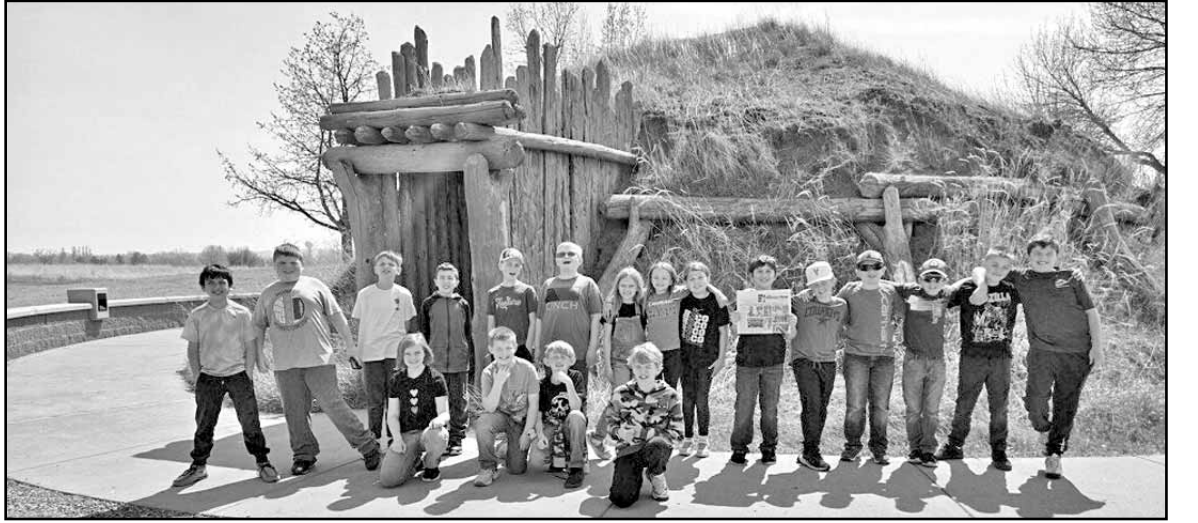
Friday, Saturday at 7 pm & 9:15 pm & Sunday at 7 pm

May 23-25

Lilo & Stitch

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## Where in the world have you been?



**4th Grade Field Trip to Knife River Village in Stanton, ND . . .**

Mrs. Feldman's Fourth Grade Class from Kenmare Elementary School went on their class field trip on May 9th, 2025. Everyone loaded the bus, driven by DuWayne Gilseth, with great excitement! The class went on an adventure for the entire day and on into the evening!

The first place the 4th Graders visited was the NDGF Fish Hatchery in Riverdale, located on the Garrison Dam. While the 4th Graders were there, they learned about what kinds of fish the fish hatchery stocks and places into the rivers in ND. They also learned about the stages of growth the fish grow through and how the hatchery helps with the reproduction of the fish to send to other hatcheries in other states. The kids had the opportunity to hold a river sturgeon and also to hold and play with some small painted turtles. The turtle's names were Sprinkles, Whipped Cream, and Pancake. The kids also walked along a mile long path to see the fish ponds where the young fish are kept until they are released into the river.

Next, the bus took the kids to the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center and Fort Mandan in Washburn, North Dakota. The first thing the kids did was to explore Fort Mandan. While the 4th Graders were there they learned about the fort that Lewis and Clark and their crew built and stayed in during the winter of 1804. Each of the kids had the chance to go into some of the rooms and find clues to discover who might have lived in each room. Next the kids learned about some of the Native American games that were played to help pass the time during the long winter months. Each of the kids had the opportunity to play: Hoop and Stick, Double Ball, and Ice Gliders. They had a wonderful time!

We stopped to take a quick photo with Seaman, the dog that went on the expedition. Then the bus took us to the Interpretive Center to learn some more about the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

The next destination on the trip was to travel to the Knife River Indian Village in Stanton, North Dakota. While the 4th Graders were there they watched a video about Maxidiwac, one of the last women to live in the village. She discussed the roles of the men, women, and children in the village to help everyone to survive and to get along with each other. The children explored the Interpretive Center and saw a lot of the information and items they had learned about in North Dakota Studies in class. The kids then went out into an earthlodge. While in the earthlodge, the kids saw what it would have looked like back during that time with all of the items inside to make it a home. The kids did a great job asking and answering questions!

Finally the 4th Grade headed to the last destination on their field trip. The kids were off to the Falkirk Mines. Here the 4th Graders had a once in a lifetime chance to learn about coal production in North Dakota and to ride in one of the largest cranes in the world that excavates Lignite Coal. They toured the buildings and stood up next to one of the trucks used to haul up to 220 tons of coal each trip! The trucks were just as tall as the school building! The kids had a blast learning about the process of mining and to see all of the equipment used to help mine coal which is used to produce electricity. Each student came home with 5-6 pieces of Lignite Coal and were also given a science experiment to try! Carter Bruner's uncle, Travis Martin, along with one of his colleagues took us on the tour. It was a fabulous tour and the kids raved about the experience!

## Movie Preview

**Lilo & Stitch: Dangerous Blue Dog**

A lonely Hawaiian girl befriends a runaway alien, helping to mend her fragmented family.

This action/drama, adventure/comedy, fantasy/sci fi and family film is rated PG for action, peril and thematic elements.

The film is 1 hours and 45 minutes.

**Lilo and Stitch: Dangerous Blue Dog** is playing at the Kenmare Theatre on **May 23-25** and **May 30-June 2**. Showtimes are **Friday and Saturday having shows at 7 pm and 9:15 pm** and **Sunday at 7 pm**.

Cheers to

RETIREMENT!

COME HELP US CELEBRATE THESE WONDERFUL INDIVIDUALS


RETIREMENT PARTY

Please help us celebrate the retirement of Terese Schmidt and the next endeavors of the rest of the KPS staff who are leaving after this school year.

School Dismisses at 1:30 pm.

We will serve coffee and cake at 2:00 pm.

May 22, 2025



We will be closed

Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup>

In observance of Memorial Day

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