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Steve Keller Jr.
Chuck Ranum
Freida Rau
Sharon Retzlaff
Thelma Myhre
Keith Peterson
Mary Sue Edinger
Justin March
Katie Wold
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Ethel Alexander
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August 20:
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Maria Filler
Wanda Frey
Terry Kvislen
Tim Thingvold
Randy Vetter
Lynne Dick
Helen Schmidt
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Grace Paul
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August 21:
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Elaine Berger
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Paul Widiger
Wanda Wuitschick
Tom Heisler III
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August 23:
Jason Wiest
Pauline Wentz
Michelle Ehrman
Greg Veen



Celebrating community

Harvey bankers Cayle Paulson, Jared Hanson and Mark Friedt were on the grill Wednesday night in the burger feed at the armory. Harvey residents celebrating “community” enjoyed the product of the three ‘grillers’ inside the armory, while the bankers basked in the warmth of the setting sun and the heat and smoke of the hot grills outside on the street. The ONE HORNET burger feed supporting the Harvey School was sponsored by First State Bank, Interstate Bank and Dakota Heritage Bank.

Harvey City Council initiates public comment policy

By Shelley Chin

At their Aug. 13 meeting, the Harvey City Council voted to implement a new policy at all regular council meetings. At all future meetings, in order for a member of the public to speak, an individual must submit a speaker card before the meeting is called to order. The speaker must provide their name, address, and the agenda item they wish to discuss. If any information is missing from the card, the individual is disqualified from addressing the council. The speaker will be allotted three minutes to share their concerns.

Public works

- The council approved Jamey Weinmann’s, Harvey Public Works Director, request to purchase 10 new United States flags and 10 fiberglass poles for Lincoln Avenue. The total cost is \$651.00
- Weinmann reported that Susag Sand and Gravel will be fixing the gravel road from the 25th Street NE and 32nd Avenue NE intersection to the landfill entrance. Susag has requested the city donate eight loads of gravel in addition to what the township and Susag are contributing. This was approved by the council.
- The purchase of a new motor for the ballpark siren was approved at \$1,200.

Visitors

- The request from Harvey Fire Chief, Ryan Schneibel, for funds to repair Unit 5 Rescue Truck was approved by the council.
- The council approved Billie Jo Reutter’s request for a handicap parking spot in front of Lincoln & 9, at the corner of Lincoln Avenue and 9th Street.
- Peter Varelas offered \$1,500 to purchase the lot adjacent to his property at 516 Brewster Street.

He plans to build a patio/garage made with treated cedar. His offer was accepted by the council.

Other

- It was voted to adopt the floodplain management measures put forth by Federal Emergency Management Agency.
- Harvey City Auditor Karen Nordby high-lighted the 2026 HHS All-School Reunion, July 31-August 2, 2026.
- Harvey’s preliminary budget for 2026 was approved by the council. The new budget is \$4,269,061, up \$64,061 from 2025. Among the several funds that were increased are: garbage, sewer, water, street, and payroll.
- Terri Powers submitted a special event permit request to hold a back-to-school luau, Saturday, August 16, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on the street in front of Bean Counter. There will be no alcohol served. Her request was approved.

Police report

Harvey Chief of Police John Foss attended the Harvey City Council meeting, Wednesday, Aug. 13 and provided his monthly report. He reported that total calls for July were down to seventy-nine, however, of concern to him was the increase in mental health calls for service. Multiple arrests were made with charges of: one Class C felony for unlawful entry into a vehicle, two Class B misdemeanors for simple assault, and one Class B misdemeanor for Driving Under Suspension.

Senior Menu



Wells-Sheridan Aging Council

- 118 8th St. East in Harvey
Mon. Aug. 11: Breaded Fish, Rosemary Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Applesauce, Bread
T: Turkey in Gravy, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Stuffing, Broccoli, Honeydew, Bread
W: Cheeseburger on WW Bun, Potato Salad, Peas & Carrots, Grapes
Th: Swedish Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Green Beans, Diced Pears, Bread
F: Chicken Wild Rice Casserole, Coleslaw, Glazed Carrots, Diced Peaches, Bread

Harvey Christmas Cash promotion returning for 7th ‘jolly good’ year

By Neil O. Nelson
Christmas in August.

The increasingly popular Christmas Cash promotion in Harvey is returning for its seventh year, thanks in large part to the involvement of the city’s Job Development Authority, sponsors of the annual Shop at Home campaign that has generated nearly \$270,000 for the promotion’s participating merchants in the last six years. Equally important is the opportunity the no-interest, 10-month loans give the Harvey community to enjoy Christmas, enhanced by the 10% of each loan guaranteed by the JDA in basically ‘free’ money.

Harvey JDA board members were unanimous again this week in moving to support the promotion that offers the additional 10% of each loan as an added incentive to participate in the Christmas Cash program. The promotion is expected to start Nov. 3, 2025. Harvey’s three community banks – First International, State Bank of Harvey and Dakota Heritage Bank – will again this year facilitate the loans and distribute the Christmas Cash.

The 2024 campaign generated \$68,000, \$14.5 thousand more than 2023 and \$12.5 more than 2023. Participation is obviously being welcomed, appreciated and used by the area residents, noted JDA board members Milo Baltrusch, Billie Jo Reutter, Dean Klier, Gil Steedsman, Gary Kennedy, Jared Hanson and president Chad Frieese.

Terri Powers, the city’s front desk clerk, will coordinate much of the work on the 2025 campaign. The promotion in the last two years has attracted around 50 participating businesses and 70 borrowers.

The first year of the promotion, 2019, saw \$30,000 in Christmas Cash spent locally.

First Lutheran request

David Lautt, representing Faith Lutheran Church, requested a grant and loan from the JDA to assist in the removal of empty house at 800 Burke Ave., directly behind the church; the grant award was eventually approved, but not without much discussion. The church intends to turn the property into a ‘pocket park,’ a landscaped green space. Total cost of the transformation is estimated to be \$40,000. Faith Lutheran, which is celebrating its 15th anniversary this year, intends for the



pocket park to be used by the community, as well as the church.

“It would provide a safe, open area for gatherings, quiet reflections and neighborhood connections,” said Lautt. It would also remove an eyecore and replace it with an area appealing to the community, added the Harvey agribusinessman.

The proximity to the school will offer teachers a perfect place to hold classes, while giving elementary students space to expand their learning experience, Lautt noted.

The purchase price for the property is \$22,000. The church, said Lautt, is hoping the JDA will share in bringing the congregation’s vision to life.

Lautt requested a \$5,000 grant and a \$25,000 loan to be repaid in two or more years.

Appreciating the plan and effort to help beautify the community, the JDA board members were reminded by auditor Karen Nordby that part of the JDA’s responsibility to the city is “community betterment,” in addition to making every effort possible to enhance the community’s quality of life.

For a small amount of money, we’re removing an abandoned home, never to be lived in again, commented Chad Frieese.

The plan was to have the house torn down and basement filled before the start of classes next week. The church will maintain the property once it is landscaped.

“Sometimes the quality of life in a community is as important at job development,” stated Nordby.

That said, Chad Frieese remarked that is why the JDA is in existence. “To do good. To sprinkle goodness around.”

The \$2,500 grant request was approved, with the loan to be determined.

The motion by Frieese was seconded by Baltrusch. In a roll call vote, all voted ‘aye’ but Steedsman, not because the auctioneer doesn’t like the idea, but because he has trouble rectifying spending funds on beautification projects and not job development.

Again, Steedsman protested, asking, What by definition is the purpose of the job development authority?

“We’ve (also) got to be thinking quality of life,” repeated the city auditor.

“We’re getting a good return on our money,” added Jared Hanson.

The JDA adjourned its August meeting at 8:45 a.m.; the session lasted one hour and 15 minutes.

The economic development arm of the city now meets the Tuesday morning before the city council meets on the second Wednesday of every month.

“Confusing, I know,” admitted mayor Dean Klier, “but it is what it is.”

‘People in place’

JDA board members Reutter, Baltrusch, Hanson, Kennedy, Klier, Steedsman and Frieese are keeping the position of director open, following the resignation of Spencer Marchand, but are holding off advertising it statewide.

The city’s front office staff of Terri Powers, Cherie Heisler and auditor Karen Nordby will handle calls and appointments ‘for the time being,’ agreed JDA’s seven-member board of directors.

“We have people in place,” said Billie Jo Retter. “They’re on top of it.”

Mayor Dean Klier said he is “fine” with the office staff handling the affairs of the job development authority. President Chad Frieese and the other board members are easily contacted if there’s an issue, Klier added.

“We’re good till the right person comes along.”

In his resignation letter, accepted by the board Tuesday, Marchand said it was with the “upmost pleasure” that he experienced working for Harvey and last four years. He thanked his board members for their insight and continued work toward the betterment of Harvey.

Community Calendar

To add your non-commercial event, call (701) 324-4646 or email heraldpress@midconetwork.com

Monday, August 18: Wells County Historical Society meeting 5:30 p.m., 60th Anniversary potluck at Hurd Roundhouse,

Wednesday, August 20:

- Drivers License Services at City Hall in Harvey. Call in advance to schedule an appointment 855-633-6835.
- Harvey School Board meeting 5 p.m. at Harvey High School

Thursday, August 21: Alcoholics Anonymous, 7 p.m. in the basement of St. Cecilia Church in Harvey. Use the glass doors at the back of the church. For more information call 701-399-9878 or 701-202-4112

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2025 MOTORCOACH TOURS

Mackinac Island & Duluth September 1-6
Nashville (Grand Ole Opry’s 100th Anniversary) October 1-10
Branson Holiday #1 Oct. 31 - Nov. 6
Branson Holiday #2 November 7-13
Branson Holiday #3 November 13-19

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