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‘OLD MEN (AND OTHERS) WITH SHARP STICKS’



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Taylan Bohrn, 9, targets his next prey on Saturday, Feb. 21, 2026, at the Spring Creek Horse Palace.

Archery tournament brings out young and old with an aim in life

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SPRING CREEK — Archery isn't what it was like in the time of Robin Hood. Now, small children, old men and everyone between those ages can pick up a compound bow, with its pulleys and cables, grab the grip to pull back and loose an arrow — preferably at a target or at game.

This past weekend, members of the Elko Archery Club and other participants went on an indoor safari in the Spring Creek Horse Palace, hunting game like imitation deer and elk; small game like turkeys and rabbits and, yes, young dinosaurs — even a giant sasquatch in the far reaches of the arena.

Taylan Bohrn, 9, was at his first archery competition on Saturday. He said he wasn't nervous and practices at home in his yard. He said he's pretty good with his compound bow. He targeted a stegosaurus about 10 or 15 feet away. When he loosed his arrow his

prehistoric target was struck right in the midsection, which would have left it injured or dead. He then targeted a mountain goat, but the arrow wasn't as true and missed the center target.

Taylan wasn't deterred, and by the end of the event he'd scored 154 points, about 100 points lower than the winner of the Cubs age group. Still, it was a fun outing. Taylan and his dad also hunt real game with their bows.

At the opposite age range, were three friends shooting with a little comic relief between targets, Terry Ostler, Jeff Adams and Pat Bottari. They call themselves “old guys with sharp sticks,” said Ostler, the group's comedian.

Ostler, who couldn't help cracking jokes at the tournament, noted the “T” in his last name is silent, just like the “W” in fish. “People say, ‘There's no ‘W’ in fish,’” he said, noting his reply is “see how silent that is?”

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Newmont breaks earnings records

TIM BURMEISTER

As the world's largest gold producer in a time of impressively high gold prices, Newmont Corp. had a lot of big numbers to share for its 2025 earnings report.

Natascha Viljoen, Newmont's president and chief executive officer, said “2025 was a milestone year for Newmont, as we delivered on our full-year guidance, strengthened our financial position and made meaningful progress on our commitments.”

“As a result of our disciplined operational execution, we delivered a record \$7.3 billion in free cash flow, generated \$3.6 billion from portfolio optimization, returned \$3.4 billion to shareholders, reduced debt by \$3.4 billion and closed the year in a strong net cash position.”

The free cash flow in the fourth quarter alone was a record \$2.8 billion.

Newmont reported its adjusted net income in 2025 was \$7.6 billion, or \$6.89 per diluted share. The company said it ended the year with a net cash position of \$2.1 billion, with \$7.6 billion in cash and \$11.6 billion in total liquidity.

In the fourth quarter Newmont's average realized gold price was \$4,216 per ounce, an increase of \$677 per ounce over the prior quarter.

The company also reported its production guidance for 2026 is lower than for 2025 and it anticipates higher costs over the next few years as it makes investments in its portfolio. Those numbers may have contributed to Newmont's share price falling about 2.6% on Friday, the day after the earnings report, in spite of the strong earnings numbers for 2025.

Another factor which may have affected investor sentiments is the conflict between Newmont and Barrick Mining Corp. over their Nevada Gold Mines joint venture. Newmont's only active mine ownership in the U.S. now is its partnership in NGM, where it is the 38.5% owner and Barrick Mining is the 61.5% owner and the operator. On the day of the earnings report, Newmont released a 10-K report which said it had sent a notice of default to Barrick, accusing the company of mismanaging NGM.

During the earnings call, Viljoen said they could not say more about the notice of default because of confidentiality provisions, but several investors did ask questions to try to glean some more information about the situation.

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