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A MEMORABLE TRIP TO DC

Oglala's Cody Two Bulls honored by Congressional Medal of Honor Society



COURTESY ROBBIE TWO BULLS

Cody Two Bulls, left, with his parents Robbie Two Bulls and Lloyd Two Bulls in Washington, D.C.

SHALOM BAER GEE
Journal staff

Cody Two Bulls, Oglala Lakota, has been recognized nationally for the support he's provided to his community.

The 18-year-old Mahpiya Lúta High School senior founded Backpacks & Baseball four years ago and hosts baseball camps on the Pine Ridge Reservation. He is on the school's basketball team, which took the 2025 Lakota Nation Invitational boys championship. He also competed at state in cross country. In his spare time, he invests in his community.

"To be honored by the Medal of Honor Society has been an overwhelming and humbling experience," Two Bulls said in a statement to the Journal provided by his mother. "I never expected wanting to help a few kids find a backpack or teaching a kid to play baseball would lead to all of this."

On March 25, National Medal of Honor Day, the Society presented its annual Citizen Honors Awards at the Andrew W. Mellon Auditorium in Washington, D.C. Two Bulls is the 2026 Youth Service Honoree. He was among just half a dozen "extraordinary Americans whose actions embody the values of courage, sacrifice, and service that define the nation's highest military award for valor in combat."

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Committee votes against TIF that would encompass some city land

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The Rapid City Legal and Finance Committee voted on Wednesday, April 1, against a Tax Increment Financing District proposed by Pennington County.

The county is looking at approving a TIF that includes some land within Rapid City limits. According to city documents, the county TIF would be for Black Hills Marketplace, a mixed-use lifestyle project located at the South of Catron Boulevard, West of Fifth Street and East of Black Hills Boulevard.

The estimated 172-acre lot would be

utilized for major retail shopping and restaurant developments, as well as single and multi-family residential developments. The city limits section is on Catron Boulevard.

Rapid City Finance Director Daniel Ainslie could not give an exact figure of the city's property in the project site, but valued it at less than 5% of the total 172-acre site. Ainslie also said it's too early in the TIF process for a project cost valuation.

The project details additional

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MIDDLE EAST | WAR IN IRAN

US aircraft shot down

SAM MEDNICK, KONSTANTIN TOROPIN AND SEUNG MIN KIM
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Two U.S. military planes were shot down in separate incidents on Friday, and while one crew member was rescued in Iran, the whereabouts of at least one other was unknown — marking a dramatic escalation since the war began almost five weeks ago.

It was the first time U.S. aircraft was downed in the conflict and came just two days after President Donald Trump said in a national address that the U.S. has "beaten and completely decimated Iran" and was "going to finish the job,

and we're going to finish it very fast."

One fighter jet was shot down in Iran, officials said. A U.S. crew member from that jet was rescued, but a second was missing.

The rescue occurred as the U.S. military conducted a search operation, a U.S. official and an Israeli official said. Three people familiar also confirmed that a search was underway. All spoke on condition of anonymity.

No official details were released. But the Pentagon notified the House Armed Services Committee that the status of

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