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Documentary explores SD Native boarding school abuse

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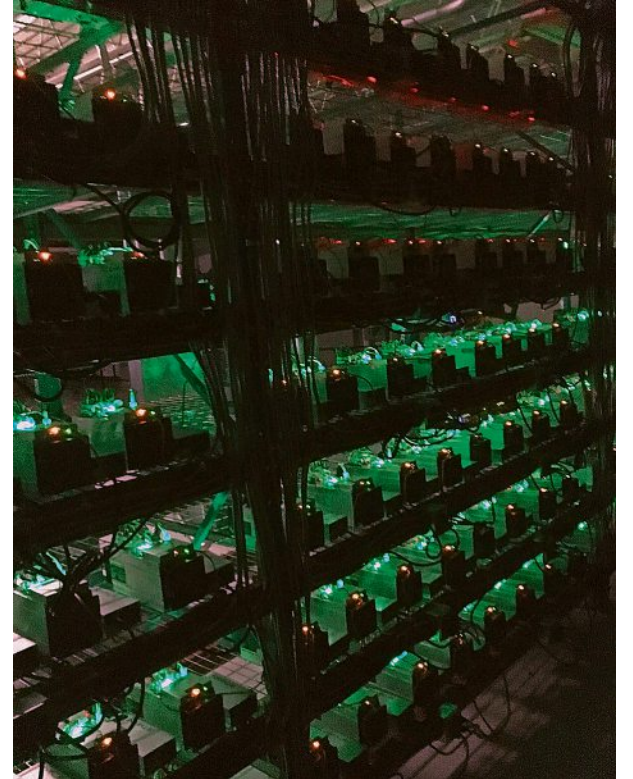
A documentary about nine sisters who attended a boarding school for Native American children in South Dakota and later underwent a lengthy legal battle with the Catholic Diocese of Sioux Falls will see a global premiere this month.

“Nine Little Indians” follows the Charbonneau sis-

ters, who are members of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians. They attended St. Paul’s Indian Mission School, also known as Marty Indian School, in Marty, South Dakota — west of Yankton. All nine sisters said they experienced abuse at the hands of priests and nuns at the school.

Native American children were sent to boarding

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Bitcoin mining machines are seen at the Bitmor cryptocurrency mining company in Canton.

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Sioux Falls woman reports online fraud that cost her \$400K

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A Sioux Falls resident reported on Friday, May 15, a significant incident of fraud that took place on TikTok over the past year.

On Monday, May 18, Sgt. Aaron Benson with the Sioux Falls Police Department said that a 73-year-old woman reported wiring nearly \$400,000 to a presumed content creator on the social media platform, in hopes of investing in cryptocurrency.

The victim first sent over \$200,000 toward what was believed to be a digital wallet for crypto funds, Benson said. She then later was asked by the same TikTok user to invest in a credit card system, to which the victim agreed and took out a home equity loan to send over another \$197,000.

When the victim inquired on the status of the account, the balance was zero, Benson said.

No charges have been made at this point, and Benson said chances of recouping that money are “very slim.”

What you need to know about cryptocurrency

Investing safely in cryptocurrency involves choosing a platform, funding your account and selecting your assets. A user should always need to set up an account to verify identity and banks.

According to previous reporting, the idea that trading should begin with a deposit is slowly being challenged. For beginners especially, committing personal capital before understanding market behavior, risk exposure and execution mechanics can lead to avoidable losses.

“Talk with your family members on the importance of not sending money to people you haven’t

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The Flame Steakhouse & Lounge is known for its charbroiled steaks; here one of its famous sirloins is ready to go to a customer’s table. PHOTOS PROVIDED BY THE FLAME STEAKHOUSE & LOUNGE

The Flame Steakhouse is a family tradition for 80 years

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Third-generation restaurateurs Joe and Rick Fettig grew up clearing tables, washing dishes, running food and doing whatever The Flame Steakhouse & Lounge, Aberdeen’s longest-standing eatery, needed in the moment.

All those hours of service to others shaped them; they realize the restaurant’s reputation hinges on every steak, burger or side dish that goes out to a table.

“Customer satisfaction means you have to make sure people feel like they’re taken care of – like they’re at home,” said Rick Fettig, 64, co-owner of The Flame. “You serve tasty food, sure, but you got to remain close to customers. You talk to them, but you listen. You need to be welcoming and warm.”

Fettig’s older brother, Joe, said being an independent restaurant in 2026, and having been one since 1946 – that shows up in the experiences his guests have.

“Our traditions continue,” said Joe Fettig, 74. “We’ve always been associated with Aberdeen’s busy summers and tourist scene, but we do it our way. We have a one-of-a-kind menu, and it’s rewarding to carry on



The Flame restaurant in Aberdeen is a family-owned dining establishment with deep roots. Shown here are, from left, co-owner Rick Fettig, his wife, Rita, and his brother and co-owner, Joe Fettig.

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