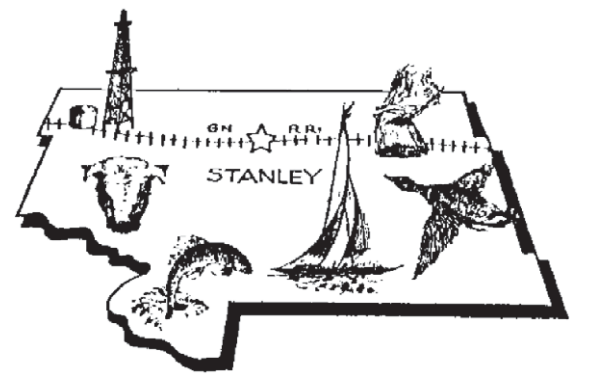


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Lions Hold First Summer BBQ



The Stanley Lions held their first burgers in the park on Monday, June 8. The Lions Club holds the summer barbecues on the second Monday of the month during the summer with each month's proceeds going to different entities. Proceeds from this first event were donated to the Ina Mae Rude Aquatic Center. With Gooseneck

Implement as the food sponsor, the Lions were able to donate \$2,100 from this month.

The next Burgers in the Park will be held on Monday, July 13 with proceeds going to the Park District and Border Plains sponsoring the food. The final one will be Monday, Aug. 10 with proceeds going to the SACK program. BBH and Thrivent



will be the food sponsor. The Stanley Lions Club does not meet during the summer months, so Burgers in the Park gives them and the community an opportunity to get together for a good cause.

Primary, City And School Elections Held

Voters across Mountrail County and the state went to the polls on Tuesday, June 9 for the Primary Election, city and school elections. While the Primary Election narrowed down the field of candidates in some races, city and school elections are final results. All results are unofficial until the boards of canvassing meet. A total of 1,190 voters cast their ballots, only 17.63% of the 6,748 eligible voters.

In the race for Representative in Congress Republican Julie Fedorchak received 589 vote and Alex Balazs received 237. Democrat Trygve Hammer received 261 votes. This was consistent with statewide results, meaning that Fedorchak and Hammer will face off in the November general election.

Michael Howe (R) received 771 votes and Ryan Braunberger (D) received 260 votes in the Secretary of State race.

In the race for Attorney General Drew Wrigley (R) received 766 votes and Tim Lamb (D) received 259.

Doug Goehring (R) received 774 votes and Vern Thompson (D) received 263 votes in the race for Agriculture Commissioner.

Republicans Deven Styczynski received 308 votes and Sheri Haugen-Hoffart received 468 votes in the race for Public Service Commissioner, 6 year term. Democrat John Pederson received 260 votes. With Haugen-Hoffart receiving the most votes statewide, she will face off against Pederson in the November general election.

In the race for the unexpired two year term on the Public Service Commission, Chris Olson (R) received 440 votes in Mountrail County and Jill Kringstad (R) received 353. Scott Kelsh (D) received 260 votes. Statewide Kringstad received the most votes and will advance to November to face off against Kelsh.

In the Tax Commissioner race, Brian Kroshus (R) received 754 votes and Mark Nelson (D) received 260 votes.

Three candidates were seeking the unexpired two-year term of the Superintendent of Public Instruction with Levi Bachmeier receiving 581 votes, Tracy Layne Foss receiving 250 and Charles Tuttle receiving 172. Statewide, the top two were also Bachmeier and Foss. They will advance to the November General Election.

In the race for Justice of the Supreme Court, ten-year term, Ariston E Johnson received 450 votes and Jerod Tuft received 528.

On the ballot for an unexpired eight-year term as Justice of the Supreme Court, Douglas A Bahr received 957 votes.

Three candidates were on the ballot for the Mountrail County Commissioner District 2 position. Gary Schell received 433 votes, Beau Vachal received 413, and Gary Friesen received 217. Schell and Vachal will advance to the November election.

In the Commissioner District 3 race, there were also three candidates. Jake Estvold received 471 votes, Trudy Ruland received 443, and Troy Walters received 189. Estvold and Ruland will advance to November.

In the unopposed races, John DeGroot received 1,010 votes for the County Commissioner District 4.

award, making it all the way to the semifinals of the competition. Our community is excited to see Erika take the stage at the Miss North Dakota 2026 pageant. We are cheering her on as she represents our area on the state level, and we can't wait to watch her continue to shine!

Brylynn Leiggh "Brybry" Wollschlager, Four Bears Jr Pow Wow Princess 2025/2026, whose Indian name is "Light Woman" (Oh wahxah dee-Me ush) will be joining the parade accompanied by Fahtima Finley. Brybry is six years old and she just completed first grade; she also just completed her reign as the Four Bears Celebration Jr Pow Wow Princess. She enjoys soccer, running, basketball, and dancing. Her favorite color is purple, and she is an artist in the making. She is looking forward to following the pow wow circuit in 2026.

Fahtima Finley, whose Indian name is "Running Star Woman" (Ixx-dah-xeei-dia wea-ush), is an enrolled member of the Three Affiliated Tribes (Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation) and is also of Turtle Mountain Sioux Chippewa descent. Holding degrees in Criminal Justice and Human Services, she has dedicated twenty-four years of service



Stephanie A Pappa received 1,048 votes for County Auditor. Amber J Fiesel received 1,019 votes for County State's Attorney. Melissa Vachal received 1,035 votes for County Recorder. Jessica Niemitalo received 1,052 votes for County Treasurer. The Mountrail County Promoter received 988 votes for County Official Newspaper.

In the race for County Sheriff, Corey Bristol received 765 votes and Joel Shaffett received 337.

In the New Town city elections, Jay Standish received 88 votes for Mayor. Frank Sillitti received 54 votes and Jesse Baker received 69 votes for the two open council positions. Taylor Olson received 84 votes for the position of Municipal Judge. They elected three park board members with Kenneth Hough receiving 48 votes, Marty Danks receiving 77. The third position needed to be determined by write-in with Nathaniel Mayer receiving 1 vote.

The City of Palermo elected two council members with Kenny Meckle and Kevin Marmon each receiving 13 votes, and Robert Hamers receiving 5.

Parshall elected a new mayor with John Bruce receiving 103 votes by write-in and Kyle Christianson receiving 71 votes. Two council members were elected with Barry Martens receiving 92 votes, Roberta Whitman receiving 75, Robert Moreski receiving 71, and Jeff McDougald receiving 27. They elected two park board members with Chris Kolk receiving 121 votes and Jacobi Taft receiving 113.

Plaza was slated to elect two council members with Darrell Salter receiving 18 votes and Jason Yoder with the highest write-ins for the second position with 10. They also needed to fill one park board position. With no names on the ballot, the highest vote getters were Gerald Berry and Larry Moe with 4 each.

Ross elected Julie Woodbury as mayor with 12 votes. Although there were 15 write-ins, the highest vote getter was Justin Seibel with 7. The highest write-ins for the two open council member positions were Travis Torrence and Levi Marmon with 8 each.

In the City of Stanley, Marlin Ranum received 235 votes for mayor. With three council seats up for election, Darren LeRohl received 216 votes, Jesse Weyrauch received 226, and Kris Halvorson received 239. With three park board members to be elected, Christopher Schneider received 222 votes, David Brown

received 222, and Matthew Meiers received 242. With no candidates on the ballot for municipal judge, Dale Kilen received 25 write-in votes, with Wade Enget receiving 5.

White Earth will be electing two council members for four-year terms with Gary Fladeland receiving 22 votes and Jerald Ogden receiving 23. They also elected one council member to fill an unexpired two-year term with Rebecca Fladeland receiving 20 votes and Brenda Rohde receiving 9.

There was one statewide measure on the ballot. Initiated Constitutional Measure No. 1 would amend and reenact section 9 of article III and section 16 of article IV of the Constitution of North Dakota, relating to requiring each resolution adopted by the legislative assembly proposing a constitutional amendment and each initiative petition and measure proposing a constitutional amendment be comprised of a single subject. The proposed amendment would require constitutional amendments to be limited to one subject. The Secretary of State shall not approve an initiative petition for circulation if the Secretary determines that the proposed amendment comprises more than one subject. Additionally, the legislative assembly is required to limit proposed amendments to the constitution to one subject. Mountrail County voters gave 701 yes votes and 376 no votes, concurring with the statewide results.

Voters in Stanley had one measure on their ballot to extend the city sales and use tax as allowed by the Home Rule Charter. That passed with 218 yes votes and 73 no votes.

Ross voters passed a city measure regarding publication of minutes with 21 yes and 5 no votes.

New Town School District voters elected two board members. Douglas Bratvold received 34 votes and Clayton Preston Danks Jr. received 38 votes to represent the City Area #1. Pete Young Bird received 44 votes to represent the west area.

Parshall School District voters elected two board members from the rural district with Nathaniel Packneau receiving 207 votes, Shaun Packneau receiving 171, Anissa Hove receiving 104, Adam Nantz receiving 92, and Bandi Poitra receiving 4.

Stanley School District voters elected two board members with Deanna Kukowski receiving 233 votes for Area 2. Matthew Ruland received 173 votes for Area 3, with Paige Uran receiving 84 write-in votes.

relentlessly pursue their dreams.

The opening event for Saturday during the New Town Chamber Car & Motorcycle Show is a Benefit Breakfast by the American Legion Beck-Sherven Post 290. The Benefit Breakfast will be a free-will donation toward the New Town Eagles Backpack Food Program. This program is a community initiative operating in partnership with the staff and teachers of New Town School District 1 to fight childhood hunger. It offers a completely free supply of healthy meals and snacks to children to cover weekends and extended school breaks when school breakfasts and lunches are unavailable. The program is heavily supported by local community fundraisers.

The breakfast will take place on Saturday, June 20th from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Edwin Loe Elementary School, 206 2nd Ave E, New Town. Erika Littlefield, Miss Norsk Hostfest; Brylynn Leiggh Wollschlager, Four Bears Jr Pow Wow Princess 2025/2026; and Fahtima Finley, Four Bears Highlight will be available for autographs and photos during the benefit from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.

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Local Inspiring Women To Lead New Town's Inaugural Scenic Parade

New Town chamber is excited to introduce a brand-new annual tradition for the New Town Chamber Car & Motorcycle Show: the "Scenic Parade." This six-mile ride will take you from the heart of New Town, through Main Street, and across the Four Bears Memorial Bridge where the Missouri River beautifully meets Lake Sakakawea.

2026 marks New Town's 75th Anniversary, and as part of the

celebration, Erika Littlefield, Fahtima Finley and Brylynn Leiggh Wollschlager will be leading the parade.

Our local girls are representing the gifts, influence, and transformative power of women at every stage of life, demonstrating that from a very young age to more experienced years, women make a lasting impact

in our communities.

2026 also marks Reynolds Insurance's 80th Anniversary, and Erika Littlefield, Miss Norsk Hostfest, will be leading the New Town Car & Motorcycle Show parade with Reynolds Insurance Agency. Erika grew up on a farm east of New Town, and she was crowned Miss Norsk Hostfest 2025 on Saturday, September 6th, 2025, during the annual competition held at the Beowulf Golf Course in Minot, ND. Erika graduated from Stanley Public Schools this year as a high school senior.

"Leading this year's parade means so much to me because I'm proud to call New Town home, and I love being actively involved in a community that has given me so much. It's an honor to represent the place that has shaped who I am, and to help bring people together to celebrate everything that makes our town special," Littlefield said.

Beyond her pageant success, Erika maintained a packed schedule participating in Student Council, FBLA, Band, FFA, Track and serving as the Cheer Manager for the Stanley High School Cheer team. She recently placed 4th in Radio Broadcasting at the 2026 NDHSA Class B State Speech Tournament. Erika also spent a year in Germany as a cultural exchange student through the prestigious Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange (CBYX) program, jointly sponsored by the U.S. State Department and the German Bundestag. Erika took the stage this past weekend placing in the top eleven at the Miss North Dakota 2026 competition. Erika won the People's Choice award and creative talent

