

Obituaries

Peggy Lee Lautenschlager



Aug. 8, 1948-June 5, 2026

Peggy Lee Lautenschlager (nee Lystad) passed away on June 5, 2026, in Rochester, MN, following an extended illness linked to COVID-19 at the age of 77.

Peggy, known as Petey by her loved ones, was born to Kenneth and Hope Elaine Lystad on August 8, 1948, in Bottineau, ND. She got the nickname because when she was a baby, her older sister, Penny, could not pronounce "Peggy" and called her "Petey."

Petey attended Stanley Public Schools, NDSU Bottineau, and Williston State College, obtaining her nursing license and degree. Petey worked as a nurse in many capacities - medical, locked adult psych, and obstetrics. When Petey made the decision to move on from her nursing career, she returned to school at Minnesota State University Mankato and obtained her Chemical Dependency Counselor License. She worked as a counselor until her retirement.

Petey was married to Daryl Lautenschlager of Berthold, ND, in Berthold on October 8, 1977. As partners, Petey and Daryl enjoyed spontaneous dancing, quoting their favorite musicians and taking day trips to Winona, MN for their favorite pizza. Petey and Daryl attended many concerts of their favorite musicians such as Arlo Guthrie, Kris Kristofferson, and Todd Snyder (the last of which she met in-person and got selfies!). Petey was also an avid reader. This was evidenced by her frequent trips to bookstores and thrift stores with her grandson and the books all over her home. She was proud of her large vocabulary that would often make others pause and ask, "What does that word mean?" Petey passed this love of reading and vocabulary to her children and grandson. Petey and Daryl also had a big space in their heart for their pet kitties. One could say their cats had them trained into daily routines of reading by the window with a morning coffee and providing tasty cat treats at bedtime. Petey filled the lives of those she met with joy, laughter, and generosity. She will be dearly missed.

Petey is survived by her husband, Daryl; her two daughters, Dawn Spencer of Rochester, MN, and Holly LeRohl of Eagan, MN; grandson, Spencer Lautenschlager of Rochester, MN; her two sisters, Penny Hovda (married to Cliff Hovda) of Minot, ND and Kristan Johnson (married to Tony Johnson) of Rochester, MN; and two brothers, Larry Lystad (married to Grace Lystad) of Lostwood, ND and Jeffrey Lystad (married to Mary Lystad) of Pelican Lake, MN.

Per Petey's request, there will be no funeral service, and the family requests donations be sent to the American Cancer Society of Mayo Clinic in lieu of memorials.

Petey's favorite quote: "Wear the world like a loose garment." - St. Francis of Assisi

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Bradley Johnson

Sept. 13, 1952-June 8, 2026

Bradley Lloyd Johnson, 73, passed away on June 8, 2026, in Crosby.

He was the second of four children born on September 13, 1952, to parents Lawrence Vernon (L.V.) and Marion (Lybeck) Johnson in Stanley, ND. While attending Stanley High School, he played the saxophone, Legion baseball, and was a member of the wrestling team. He graduated as an honor student in 1970. He grew up playing sports with neighborhood friends and spent summers at the cabin at Little Knife Bay on Lake Sakakawea where he enjoyed activities like fishing and waterskiing.

Brad attended 2 years at Valley City State University while wrestling and graduated from Minot State University with a B.S. in Education, a major in Biology and minor in Earth Science. He taught science and math for five years in McHenry, ND and Columbus, ND. He later became a loan officer and managed the insurance agency at First National Bank in Crosby. There, he met his wife, Denise (Dhuyvetter) Johnson, and they were married in 1983. They bought Engberg Insurance Agency and grew their insurance business together while raising their four children in Crosby. Brad Johnson insurance will celebrate its 40th anniversary this year.

Brad was known and loved by so many people as he was very involved in several community organizations. He was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic church, Kiwanis Club, Toastmasters, a local community band, Northwest Chorus, Church Choir and served on the City Council and School Board. He was Scoutmaster for seven years, guiding several winter campouts and scout activities while serving as a mentor and touching the lives of many scouts. He played morning basketball into his 60's with a group of 'old timers,' and he was always one to stay active.

At home, he prioritized time with family and took joy in the simple pleasures of life.

At the age of 50, Brad was diagnosed with stomach cancer, which he overcame after gastric bypass surgery, chemotherapy and radiation. Two years later, he was diagnosed with Lymphoma. He beat his second cancer attack and was granted over twenty more years to spend time with his beloved family.

He enjoyed spending time with his kids and ten grandkids, Rodney (Nicole), Elydie, Pax, and Aylin Johnson, Annalise (Hideyuki), DeAnn, Leo, and Zane Suzuki, Loren (Tia), Luna, Leilani, Lorence, and Lillian Johnson, and JoBeth Johnson, and gave them all tremendous support. Most of all, he cherished time and activities with his beloved wife, Denise of 42 years.

In March 2026, the first sign of a third encounter with cancer surfaced, which was an aggressive Stage IV upon diagnosis. Brad's mind was in a peaceful place when deciding to transition from treatment to hospice, knowing the odds of his condition, and having full support of his family.

He is preceded in death by his parents and parents-in-law. He is survived by his spouse; kids and grandkids; siblings, Kent (Bee) Johnson, Roger (Delane) Johnson, and Kathryn (Gary) Thompson; several cousins, brothers- and sisters-in-law; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A prayer vigil service was held on Thursday, June 11, 2026, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church. A funeral mass service was held on Friday, June 12, 2026, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

The family wishes to thank everyone for the many acts of kindness, generosity and friendship extended to us during this time. Contributions in memorial of Brad could be made to any of the following: Northwest Chorus St. Patrick's Cemetery, c/o St. Patrick's Church, PO Box 89, Crosby, ND 58730, or the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements by Stakston-Martin Funeral Home, Crosby, ND 58730.

76 Free Things To Do At The 2026 ND State Fair

When people think about the North Dakota State Fair, they often think about the concerts, food, and midway. But one Fair admission ticket unlocks access to dozens of attractions, exhibits, performances, and experiences included at no additional cost.

In fact, there are at least 76 free things to do during the 2026 North Dakota State Fair, giving families, friends, and visitors nine days of entertainment and activities throughout the grounds.

"Many guests are surprised by how much is included with admission," said Craig Rudland, General Manager of the North Dakota State Fair. "From live entertainment and educational exhibits to animal attractions and interactive experiences, there is something happening around every corner all day long." The following free attractions

are returning or debuting in 2026:

Free Stages Throughout the Fairgrounds: Multiple stages will feature live music, comedy, magic, family entertainment, cultural performances, and nightly entertainment throughout all nine days of the Fair.

K9 Kings: Watch talented dogs perform incredible tricks, agility demonstrations, and crowd-pleasing routines that entertain guests of all ages.

Daryl's Racing Pigs: One of the Fair's most popular attractions returns as racing pigs sprint to the finish line in a fast-paced show filled with laughs and audience participation.

Sea Lion Splash: The fan-favorite sea lions are back with daily performances showcasing their intelligence, athleticism, and playful

personalities.

Off Axis High Dive Show: Experience thrilling dives, acrobatics, and high-flying stunts as professional performers launch from towering platforms into a pool below.

MHA Dancers: Presented daily throughout the Fair, the MHA Dancers celebrate Indigenous culture through music, storytelling, and traditional dance performances.

Agriculture Acre: New for 2026, Agriculture Acre offers hands-on learning experiences, cooking demonstrations, commodity education, and interactive exhibits highlighting the importance of agriculture in North Dakota.

North Dakota Game and Fish Outdoor Skills Park: Guests can try activities such as archery, air rifle shooting, fishing education, wildlife exhibits, and other outdoor experiences designed for all ages.

These attractions represent only a portion of the 76 free experiences available during the Fair. Visitors can also enjoy livestock shows, edu-

cational exhibits, contests, demonstrations, cultural attractions, and more throughout the nine-day event.

To help guests make the most of their visit, the North Dakota State Fair App provides schedules, maps, attraction information, livestock show times, food vendor locations, free entertainment listings, and important Fair updates.

"Whether you're coming for a concert, your favorite food vendor, or simply a day of family fun, the app helps you plan your entire Fair experience before you even arrive," Rudland said.

The 2026 North Dakota State Fair runs July 17-25 in Minot.

Download the App and start planning today. The North Dakota State Fair App is the easiest way to discover all 76 attractions, build your own schedule, and purchase tickets before arriving at the Fair.

For tickets, schedules, and additional information, visit NDStateFair.com.

Minutes Of The New Town School District No. 1

NEW TOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #1 MEETING MINUTES MAY 13, 2026

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pete Young Bird, BJ Brady, Doug Bratvold, DJ Driver (via phone), Marietta Heart (arrived at 7:51 p.m.)

Present: 5 OTHERS PRESENT: Marc Bluestone, Nancy Reimer, Tanya Houle, Amy Mosselt, Sharon Dana, Amy Dana, Jenell Bear, Orrin Weyrauch, Jackie Wollschlager, Robert Smith

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting called to order at 7:40 p.m.
2. Approval of Agenda
Motion to approve the agenda. This motion, made by Doug Bratvold and seconded by BJ Brady, carried.

Marietta Heart: Absent; BJ Brady: Yes; Doug Bratvold: Yes; DJ Driver: Yes; Yea: 3; Nay: 0; Absent: 1

3. Community Input

There is none at this time.

4. Principal Reports

Jenell Bear presented the elementary school report.

Amy Dana presented the middle school report.

Robert Smith presented the high school report.

5. Athletic Director Report

Orrin Weyrauch presented the athletic director's report.

6. Consent Agenda

a. Approve Amended DAGD to DDA - Sick Leave Policy (Second Reading)

b. Approve JAA - Use of Architect Policy (Second Reading)

c. Approve IA - Buildings and Grounds Management Policy (Second Reading)

d. Approve Amended ICA to IEAC - Bus Scheduling and Routing Policy (Second Reading)

e. Approve Amended LEA to LBD - Relations With Police Authorities Policy (Second Reading)

f. Approve LBC - Relations with the Parks and Recreation Department Policy (Second Reading)

g. Approve HBA - Federal Funding For Schools Policy (Second Reading)

h. Approve Amended HB to HAA - Budget Planning, Preparation, and Adoption (Second Reading)

i. Approve Amended KAAD - Distribution and Posting of Non-Curricular Material in School (Second Reading)

j. Approve HEAD - Fixed Asset Management (Second Reading)

k. Approve Amended HCAB - Bid Requirements and Procedures Policy (Second Reading)

l. Approve HCBB - Sales Calls and Demonstrations Policy (Second Reading)

m. Approve DA - Personnel Policies Requirements and Implementation (Second Reading)

n. Approve DDBB - Holidays Policy (Second Reading)

o. Approve Amended DCB - Definition of Workweek, Overtime, and Compensatory Time Policy (Second Reading)

p. Approve ABABA - Religious Observances Policy (Second Reading)

q. Approve ABCB - Sportsmanship (Second Reading)

r. Approve DEBB - Conflict of Interest (Second Reading)

s. Approve ACBE - Naloxone (Narcan) Administration Policy (Second Reading)

t. Approve ACAA - Emergency Closings Policy (Second Reading)

u. Approve GBBA - Guest Speakers Policy (Second Reading)

v. Approve ABEC - School Meal Charge Policy (Second Reading)

w. Approve Amended GBAA - Teaching About Religion (Second Reading)

x. Approve Amended ACCA - Sexual Offenders on School Property Policy (Second Reading)

y. Approve Amended ACE - Violent and Threatening Behavior Policy (Second Reading)

z. Approve Amended BAB - Board Conflict of Interest Policy (Second Reading)

aa. Approve Amended BBA - School Board Elections and Terms of Office (Second Reading)

bb. Approve Amended GBD - Graduation Exercises Policy (Second Reading)

cc. Approve Amended GCA to GCAA - Grade Promotion, Retention, and Acceleration Policy (Second Reading)

dd. Approve Amended ABAC - Virtual Learning Because of Weather or Other Conditions Policy (Second Reading)

ee. Approve ABBB - Community Use of District Property Policy (Second Reading)

ff. Approve Amended BAA - Employing Board Members Policy (Second Reading)

gg. Approve Amended BBC - Method of Filling a Board Vacancy (Second Reading)

hh. Approve BCAB - Board Meeting Procedures Policy (Second Reading)

ii. Approve ACAC - Accident Reporting Policy (Second Reading)

jj. Approve ACDBA - Video Cameras on School Buses (Second Reading)

kk. Approve ABCD - Commercial and Political Use of Schools (Second Reading)

ll. Approve Amended ABCA - Copyrighted Material and Intellectual Property Policy (Second Reading)

mm. Approve ABDA - Political Activities Policy (Second Reading)

nn. Approve HEAA - Line Item Transfer Authority Policy (Second Reading)

oo. Approve HCBA - Vendor Conflict of Interest Disclosure (Second Reading)

pp. Approve HCBC - Fair Employment Clause in Contracts (Second Reading)

qq. Approve Amended FCAF - Concussion Management Policy (Second Reading)

rr. Approve GACG - Educational Opportunities Through Sponsoring Entities (Second Reading)

ss. Approve IAAA - Asbestos Management Policy (Second Reading)

tt. Approve HBAA - Federal Fiscal Compliance Policy (Second Reading)

uu. Approve Amended DHA - Licensure Policy (Second Reading)

vv. Approve Amended FFK - Suspension and Expulsion Policy (Second Reading)

ww. Approve FFF - Field and Other School-Sponsored Trips (Second Reading)

xx. Approve FCBA - Student Dismissal Precautions Policy (Second Reading)

yy. Approve Amended FGDB - Student Handbooks Policy (Second Reading)

zz. Approve Amended IDC - Data Protection & Security Breaches (Second Reading)

aaa. Approve Amended FCAA - Accommodating Students With Allergies and Special Dietary Needs (Second Reading)

bbb. Approve DIA - Distribution of Personnel Directory (Second Reading)

ccc. Approve Amended HEAC - Management of Student Activities Funds Policy (Second Reading)

ddd. Approve Amended DEAA - Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace Policy (Second Reading)

eee. Approve Amended DI - Personnel Records Policy (Second Reading)

fff. Approve Amended FAAA - Open Enrollment Policy (Second Reading)

ggg. Approve Amended FDE - Education of Special Education Students/Students With Disabilities Under the IDEA (Second Reading)

hhh. Approve Amended FFE - Extracurricular Participation Requirements Policy (Second Reading)

iii. Approve IAC - Lease of School Property Policy (Second Reading)

jjj. Approve IAE - Lease of Mineral Rights Policy (Second Reading)

kkk. Approve DEBA - Confidentiality Policy (Second Reading)

lll. Approve Amended FFD - Possessing Weapons (Second Reading)

mmm. Approve DGHA - Lactation/Breastfeeding Policy (Second Reading)

nmm. Approve DEAE - Occupational Safety Policy (Second Reading)

ooo. Approve DFB - Promotions Policy (Second Reading)

ppp. Approve Amended FGA - Student Education Records and Privacy Policy (Second Reading)

qqq. Approve Amended FCAE - Suicide Prevention Policy (Second Reading)

rrr. Approve FGCC - Student Interviews, Interrogations, and Custody by School Resource Officers and Outside Authorities Policy (Second Reading)

sss. Approve Amended GABDB - Federal Title Programs Dispute Resolution Procedure (Second Reading)

ttt. Approve Amended FGCA - Searches of Lockers Policy (Second Reading)

uuu. Approve Amended FGDD - Student Publications & Freedom of Expression Policy (Second Reading)

vvv. Approve FCBB - Student Transportation Safety and Supervision Policy (Second Reading)

www. Approve Amended KAAA - Visitors in the Schools Policy (Second Reading)

xxx. Approve Amended FFB - Attendance & Absences Policy (Second Reading)

yyy. Approve Amended FCC - Restraint or Seclusion Policy (Second Reading)

zzz. Approve Amended GCC - Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment Policy (Second Reading)

aaaa. Approve ICA - Mail and Delivery Services Policy (Second Reading)

bbbb. Approve Amended GABAA - Services for English Learners Policy (Second Reading)

cccc. Approve Amended FAAD - Tuition Agreements (Education of Non-Resident Students) (Second Reading)

dddd. Approve DGGA - Professional Development Plan (Second Reading)

eeee. Approve Amended FF - Student Conduct and Discipline Policy (Second Reading)

ffff. Approve GCBA - Grading Policy (Second Reading)

gggg. Approve Amended FFA - Student Alcohol, and Other Drug Use/Abuse (Second Reading)

hhhh. Approve Amended FIC - Public Performances by Students Policy (Second Reading)

iiii. Approve ACBF - Medical Marijuana Policy (First Reading)

jjjj. Approve Amended ACEB - Hazing Policy (First Reading)

kkkk. Approve BBBBA - Officers of the Board Policy (First Reading)

llll. Approve Amended DBBA to BCAC - Minutes Policy (First Reading)

mmmm. Approve BDAB - Savings Clause Policy (First Reading)

nnnn. Approve DEAD - Staff Use of Electronic Devices Policy (First Reading)

oooo. Approve Amended DKBB - Contracted Staff Resignations and Request for Release From Contract (First Reading)

pppp. Approve FFC - Bus Conduct

Policy (First Reading)

qqqq. Approve Amended FG - Student Rights and Responsibilities Policy (First Reading)

rrrr. Approve Amended IDB - Risk Management Policy (First Reading)

ssss. Approve Amended JBFAA to JBA - Accommodations for Individuals with Disabilities Policy (First Reading)

tttt. Approve IEAA - Bus Safety Policy (First Reading)

uuuu. Approve Amended FAB - School Assignment Policy (First Reading)

vvvv. Reaffirm ACDA - Acceptable Use Policy

wwww. Rescind DAJ - Staff Student Relations Policy

xxxx. Rescind DAGE - Leave Without Pay Policy

yyyy. Rescind DCE - Separation of Classified Staff Policy

zzzz. Rescind DBFA - Evaluation Policy

aaaa. Rescind DCBE - Emergency Hiring of Classified Staff Policy

7. Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Motion to approve the consent agenda items. This motion, made by Doug Bratvold and seconded by BJ Brady, carried.

BJ Brady: Yes; Doug Bratvold: Yes; DJ Driver: Yes; Marietta Heart: Yes; Yea: 4; Nay: 0

8. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from the April 14, 2026 special meeting; the April 15, 2026 regular meeting; the April 15, 2026 special meeting; the April 22, 2026 special meeting; and the April 28, 2026 special meeting. This motion, made by Doug Bratvold and seconded by DJ Driver, carried.

BJ Brady: Yes; Doug Bratvold: Yes; DJ Driver: Yes; Marietta Heart: Yes; Yea: 4; Nay: 0

9. Open Enrollments/Tuition Agreements

There are none at this time.

10. Financial Reports and Bill Sets

Motion to approve the financial report and bill sets. This motion, made by Doug Bratvold and seconded by BJ Brady, carried.

BJ Brady: Yes; Doug Bratvold: Yes; DJ Driver: Yes; Marietta Heart: Yes; Yea: 4; Nay: 0

11. Pledged Assets Presentation

Motion to approve the pledged assets report. This motion, made by Doug Bratvold and seconded by BJ Brady, carried.

BJ Brady: Yes; Doug Bratvold: Yes; DJ Driver: Yes; Marietta Heart: Yes; Yea: 4; Nay: 0

12. Letters of Resignation for the 2026-2027 School Year

Resignations were received from Kelley Jewell, Emery Laird, Jason Weller, Janine Naisa, and Martha Verner.

No motion was needed to approve the resignations as the deadline to turn in contracts has passed for the 2026-2027 school year.

13. Approval of Teacher Contracts for the 2026-2027 School Year

Motion to approve the presented teacher contracts for the 2026-2027 school year. This motion, made by Doug Bratvold and seconded by Marietta Heart, carried.

BJ Brady: Yes; Doug Bratvold: Yes; DJ Driver: Yes; Marietta Heart: Yes; Yea: 4; Nay: 0

14. Approval of Lane Change Requests for the 2026-2027 School Year

Motion to approve the lane change requests for the 2026-2027 school year. Lanie De Los Reyes from MS+0 to MS+8; Alma Guevarra from BS+0 to MS+0; Gary Monton from BS+0 to BS+32; Gina Viernes from MS+8 to MS+16. This motion, made by Marietta Heart and seconded by Doug Bratvold, carried.

BJ Brady: Yes; Doug Bratvold: Yes; DJ Driver: Yes; Marietta Heart: Yes; Yea: 4; Nay: 0

15. Approval of Administrator Contracts for the 2026-2027