

NDSU Extension’s 28th Annual Wild World Of Weeds Workshop Set

North Dakota State University Extension will host the 28th annual Wild World of Weeds Workshop on January 20, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Fargodome in Fargo, North Dakota.

The full-day event will provide updates on weed control and herbicide research conducted by NDSU faculty. The event will feature a keynote address from Aaron Hager, professor of weed science at the University of Illinois. Virtual attendance will be available.

“This event highlights the depth and breadth of weed science research across the state,” says Joe Ikley, NDSU Extension weed specialist and assistant professor. “Dr. Hager, our keynote speaker, will discuss his experience with waterhemp that has metabolic resistance to several herbicide sites of action.” The workshop is open to all, but

registration is required. Attendees are urged to register by January 14 to allow adequate time for arrangements to be made. The cost to attend is the same for both in-person and virtual options, and lunch is included for in-person attendees.

The early bird registration fee is available at a discount through January 13. The cost after that date will differ.

Registration and a detailed agenda are available at ndsuhq.org/WWW26.

Certified crop advisers can earn up to six pest management continuing education units for attending the workshop.

For workshop-related questions, email Ikley at joseph.ikley@ndsuhq.org. For registration or accommodation questions, contact Amber Wheeler at 701-231-5735 or amber.wheeler@ndsuhq.org.

Diversity, Direction And Dollars Ag Forum Set

Farmers in the western Dakotas and eastern Montana will have the opportunity to hear nationally known speakers address topics affecting agriculture in the region during North Dakota State University Extension’s Diversity, Direction and Dollars agricultural forum.

The event will be held Wednesday, January 14 at Dickinson State University’s Biesiot Activities Center in Dickinson, North Dakota.

The forum will provide ideas for improving productivity and decreasing costs while providing sustainably produced, high-quality food.

“Farmers can expect to come away with valuable ideas that they can apply to their farms during the next cropping season, as well as strategies to position their farm to take advantage of the changes occurring,” says Victor Gomes, NDSU Extension cropping systems specialist.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. MST. At 9, Mike Renner of KDIX Radio will deliver the welcome. Workshop sessions and presenters include the following:

- Acid Soil Management in North

Dakota No-Till Soils - Chris Augustin, NDSU Dickinson Research Extension Center director

- Carbon Intensity Counts: Monetizing Farm-Level Data - Chandler Mazour, Gevo Verity program lead

- Effective Risk Management Strategies - Tommy Grisafi, Advance Trading Inc. risk advisor

- Buckle Up! 2026 Crop Market and Trade Outlook - Frayne Olson, NDSU Crops economist

- Herbicide Resistant Weeds and Best Practice Strategies for Control - Joe Ikley, NDSU Extension weed specialist

- Is Virtual Fence the Future of Grazing Management? - Kevin Sedivec, NDSU Extension rangeland management specialist

The event will also include a speaker panel.

A registration fee applies and covers all breaks, the noon lunch and materials and is payable at the door.

For more information, visit ndsuhq.org/DDD26 or contact Kurt Froelich at 701-456-7665 or kurt.froelich@ndsuhq.org.

50 Years Later, Housing Trends Leave Their Mark On Affordable Crisis

By Mike Moen,
Prairie News Service

A decline in married-couple households and a rise in the number of older adult households are part of the dynamics reshaping living arrangements in the U.S. and a North Dakota office said the Census Bureau update resonates in affordable housing circles.

The Bureau this month issued a summary comparing the data points to what was seen around America fifty years ago. For example, the portion of householders age 65 and older rose from one in five in 1975 to over one in four in 2025.

Damian Schlinger, executive director of the Burlleigh County Housing Authority, which helps local residents access affordable units, sees a connection between the trends and the clients his team works with.

“These demographic shifts mean we’re seeing greater demand for accessible one-bedroom units for seniors on fixed incomes, while working families face longer waits for larger units they need,” Schlinger observed.

Schlinger pointed out higher interest rates and other factors are forcing seniors to hold onto their affordable rental units as long as possible.

Analysts said shrinking family sizes also are causing pressure with the cost of living prompting younger adults to avoid seeking larger dwellings. The Census estimate showed in 2025, one-person households ac-

counted for 29 percent of all households, up from twenty percent in 1975.

The December summary also revealed in 2025, more than half of adults ages 18-24 lived in their parental home.

Paul Hemez, survey statistician for the U.S. Census Bureau, said it tracks with other recent information they have gathered.

“We have data from an earlier report that indicates that living in a parental home has become more common for young adults,” Hemez outlined. “This is true for both 18- to 24-year-olds and 25- to 34-year-olds.”

Schlinger stressed the changes seen among young adults is not about delayed independence but rather a clear indicator of the affordable housing crisis. He argued the nation cannot afford to hold back on making big investments in this area.

“Stable, affordable housing is foundational to everything we do: education, health, workforce participation, and community stability,” Schlinger contended.

He emphasized it will take a lot of partners at all levels to keep carving out solutions. The state of North Dakota has set aside money to close gaps, but housing assistance offices are dealing with federal uncertainty with the Trump administration pursuing cuts for permanent housing programs. The administration argued certain initiatives need more accountability.



Minutes Of The Stanley School District No. 2

STANLEY COMMUNITY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
November 12, 2025

PRESENT: BOARD PRESIDENT MATT RULAND; VICE PRESIDENT DYLAN ENGER (VIA PHONE); DIRECTOR ROBBY NICHOLS; DIRECTOR BETH DEAN; SUPERINTENDENT TIM HOLTE; ASST BUSINESS MANAGER DAVID WILLIAMS; ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL BROOKS STAFSLIEN; ASST ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL JENNIFER TRONSET; HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL ALECIA PULVER; ASST HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL PAULA BROWN

VISITORS: MISTY WEEF, SYRIA FUHRMANN, ERIKA LITTLEFIELD, JESSA LONGMUIR, MARY KILEN, PRAYRIE LUND, CHASE GLUECKERT, OWEN LUND, TALON OMAR, KENDRA EVENSVOLD, AMANDA HINKLE

President Ruland called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Pledge of allegiance was recited. Nichols moved to approve the agenda. Dean seconded and the motion was carried with 4 yes and 0 no votes.

Dean moved to accept October 22nd, 2025 regular board meeting minutes and to approve the General Fund, Capital Project, Special Reserve, Activity, and School Lunch Bills. Nichols seconded and the motion was carried with 4 yes and 0 no votes.

GENERAL FUND:
AMITY INSTITUTE, LTD. 2,200.00; BACHMAN, RIVERS 195.00; BRAVERA VISA (AMAZON ONLINE) 851.47; BRAVERA VISA 1,728.35; CITY OF STANLEY 1,353.06; DATA CENTER WAREHOUSE, LLC 649.49; DECKER EQUIPMENT/SCHOOL FIX 489.65; ELLVANGER PLUMBING 737.03; H. A. THOMPSON & SONS 5,477.00; HAMPTON INN & SUITES MINOT AIRPORT 220.00; HAWBAKER, BAILEY 365.00; HILL ENTERPRISES, LLC 177.64; INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT 549.99; JAY’S ALIGNMENT AND REPAIR INC 1,213.33; JORGENSEN LUMBER 847.66; K SQUARED ELECTRIC 4,375.42; MEIERS OIL CO. 5,493.37; MENARD’S 115.95; MOUNTRAIL COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER 246.00; MOUNTRAIL COUNTY PROMOTER 360.30; ND COUNCIL OF EDUCATIONAL LEAD 47.00; NDSBA 175.50; NETWORK SERVICES COMPANY 210.96; O’REILLY AUTO PARTS 461.76; PEARCE DURICK PLLC 356.25; PINNACLE 2,852.55; PREBLE MEDICAL SERVICES 220.00; PROSAFE PEST CONTROL 215.00; QUADDIENT FINANCE USA, INC. 2,000.00; RTC NETWORKS 2,288.87; SCHOCK’S SAFE AND LOCK 196.00; SCHOOL SPECIALTY, LLC 464.85; SIDE STREET DINER 11,300.00; STANLEY HARDWARE ACE 1,666.04; STANLEY SCHOOLACTIVITY FUND 728.00; STEIN’S, INC. 672.80; ULINE SHIPPING SUPPLY 158.64; WALL-WORK TRUCK CENTER 291.60; WESTLIE MOTOR COMPANY 2,868.77

FOOD SERVICE FUND:
BOCK, AMBER 31.00; CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING CO OF FARGO 1,089.59; EVERSPRING SUITES 110.00; GRAY’S DAIRY 1,872.78; MINOT RESTAURANT & SUPPLY 64.00; PAN O’ GOLD BAKING CO. 313.36; SYSCO NORTH DAKOTA, INC 12,340.50

STUDENT ACTIVITY FUND:
BEULAH HIGH SCHOOL 115.00; BRAVERA VISA (AMAZON ONLINE) 156.64; BRAVERA VISA 553.03; BRAVERA VISA 5,745.61; COBBLESTONE HOTEL DEVILS LAKE 99.00; COPPER RIVER FLORAL DESIGN 224.00; FABER, RYAN 23.00; FCCLA DISTRICT 157.00; GRAND FORKS SCHOOL 270.00; HAWBAKER, BAILEY 2,704.80; HEINLE, NIKKI 333.42; INVENTORY TRADING COMPANY (X-GRAIN SPORTS-WEAR) 396.00; JOURNAL PUBLISHING INC. 0.00; KANENWISHER, JENNIFER 320.00; LITTLE CAESARS PIZZA KIT FUNDRAISING PROGRAM 6,840.00; MICKMAN BROTHERS INC 22,154.42; MINOT RESTAURANT & SUPPLY 197.70; ND COFFEE ROASTERY LLC 136.24; NDHSCA 60.00; NELSON, JEFF 1,500.00; O’REILLY AUTO PARTS 10.49; PEPSI COLA BOTTLING 1,337.30; REUM, TONYA 23.00; RUGBY HIGH SCHOOL 180.00; SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIRS 5,373.45; SORENSON, KIMBERLY 195.00; STANLEY HARDWARE ACE 16.99; STANLEY SCHOOLACTIVITY FUND 31.50; SYSCO NORTH DAKOTA, INC 507.37; VERANO, EMARIE KATHLEEN 130.00; WILLISTON HIGH SCHOOL 180.00

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND:
COMSTOCK CONSTRUCTION, INC 356,377.30; EAPC 12,739.60; MINOT RESTAURANT & SUPPLY 2,970.33; NELSON, JEFF 2,800.00; RALPHS PLUMBING & HEATING INC. 3,193.15; RTC NETWORKS 5,350.00; STANLEY HARDWARE ACE 1,442.97

Superintendent Holte discussed the financial report with the board. Dean moved to approve the financial report. Nichols seconded and the motion was carried with 4 yes and 0 no votes. Erika Littlefield and Jessa Longmuir provided an update from the Student Council.

*** Unity Tree Project**
*** November Food Drive for pantry**
*** Snowball Dance**
*** Red Ribbon Week**
*** Variety Show**
Superintendent Holte evaluation: S=Satisfactory; U=Unsatisfactory; A=Absent

1. Relationship with School Board
Fritel A; Ruland S; Dean S; Enger S; Nichols S

2. Relationship with Community
Fritel A; Ruland S; Dean S; Enger S; Nichols S

3. Recruitment/Retention of Staff (Licensed and Non-licensed)
Fritel A; Ruland S; Dean S; Enger S; Nichols U

4. Relationship with Students and Parents
Fritel A; Ruland S; Dean S; Enger S; Nichols S

5. Supervision of Licensed and Non-licensed Staff
Fritel A; Ruland S; Dean S; Enger S; Nichols S

6. Identification and Implementation of School Board Policy Needs
Fritel A; Ruland S; Dean S; Enger S; Nichols S

7. Financial Management Skills (including Development and Implementation of Budget)
Fritel A; Ruland S; Dean S; Enger S; Nichols S

8. Educational Leadership (including Philosophy, Curriculum Development, and Staffing)
Fritel A; Ruland S; Dean S; Enger S; Nichols S

9. Effective Records Management (including all records required by law)
Fritel A; Ruland S; Dean S; Enger S; Nichols S

10. Supervision of Building and Grounds, Transportation, and Student Safety
Fritel A; Ruland S; Dean S; Enger S; Nichols S

Approve the entire superintendent evaluation including all comments and corrections. Motion made by Nichols and seconded by Enger. Motion carried with 4 yes and 0 no votes.

Approval of the destruction of records. Bank Statements and Bank Reconciliation Reports prior to Fiscal Year 2019-2020. Motion made by Dean and seconded by Enger. All in favor.

School store checking account and dormant fees by BNC. Approval of closing account. Motion made by Nichols and

New Rules Strengthen Protections For North Dakota Investors

As more North Dakotans invest in private funds and alternative investments, clear rules and protection matter more than ever. The North Dakota Insurance and Securities Department announced a regulatory update that strengthens those investor protections, reduces fraud risk, and aligns the state’s securities oversight with nationally recognized standards.

North Dakota has long approached insurance regulation with an emphasis on consistency, coordination, and alignment with federal and multi-state frameworks, a model designed to protect consumers while providing clear expectations for businesses. This order applies that same proven regulatory philosophy to securities oversight, ensuring investment rules are modern, predictable, and grounded in widely accepted national practices.

As part of an ongoing review of existing securities policies, the Department identified a prior North Dakota-specific approach to regulating certain private investment advisers that differed from how most states and the federal government address the same activity. While well-intended, that framework introduced unnecessary complexity and left North Dakota out of step with national standards. The Order rescinds that approach and adopts the North American Securities Administrators Association (NASAA) Model Rule for Investment Advisers to Private Funds, a framework already used across much of the country and aligned with Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)

definitions.

“This update gives North Dakota investors stronger protections and clearer rules,” said Insurance Commissioner Jon Godfread. “By aligning with national standards, we’re reducing confusion, improving transparency, and making it easier to identify and address risky or fraudulent activity.”

The Order enhances investor protections where risks are highest. For certain private funds that are not traditional venture capital funds, participation is limited to financially sophisticated investors, meaningful written disclosures are required, and annual audited financial statements must be provided. These requirements improve transparency, reduce the risk of fraud, and help investors better understand the products they are considering.

At the same time, the Order clarifies and aligns an exemption available to certain venture capital fund advisers with national practices. This ensures legitimate investment activity can continue without unnecessary regulatory friction, while still maintaining appropriate oversight.

“This is not a rollback of oversight,” Godfread said. “It’s a modernization that replaces a one-off rule with a proven national standards, strengthening investor protections while making North Dakota a more predictable and competitive place to do business.”

The Order takes effect immediately and remains in force unless amended or rescinded by the Commissioner.

Plaza City Council Minutes

PLAZA CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 10, 2025

PRESENT: Mayor Terry Reese, Council Members, Phil Westgard, Bob Blunck, Ethan Stein, Darrell Salter

OTHERS PRESENT: City Attorney Bill Woods; City Engineer Jason Strand, AE2S; Rick Aberlee, Enerbase; Pearl and Mike Burroughs

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Phil moved, seconded by Darrell, to approve the agenda as amended. The vote was all in favor, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Phil moved, seconded by Bob, to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2025 meeting. The vote was all in favor, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS
Darrell moved, seconded by Ethan, to approve the November bills. Voting in favor were Bill, Bob, Ethan and Darrell, with none opposing or abstaining, the motion was carried.

ATTORNEY REPORT
Bill discussed the matter of the Enerbase C-Store’s interest in moving the location of their off-sale liquor store. Mr. Rick Aberlee was present and provided a simple drawing of the desired new location within the C-Store, and explained the reasons for having to move it. Bill stated that nothing more needs to be done and no new action is required on the part of the City Council as long as the location stays within their existing building. Darrell said the new location will also have to be isolated so that under-age individuals cannot gain access to it. Mr. Aberlee also asked if Enerbase could install electronic gaming in the new location to benefit a charity. Bill said that Enerbase could not install electronic gaming on their own but could go through a charitable organization that has a gaming permit. Terry said the Plaza Community Club has machines in the Backroads Bar & Grill and he could speak with them about it.

PEARL AND MIKE BURROUGHS
Pearl and Mike introduced themselves as having recently purchased property and moved to Plaza. They had questions about City utilities and let everyone know they’d be gone for the winter but would be back in the spring.

ENGINEER REPORT
Jason stated that the main line has been completed in the Sewer Lining Project for this year. He said next year we will the service connections and we will get the same contractor in to do that. Jason said next month he will submit an invoice for Municipal Pipe Tool for this year’s work.

Jason handed out a City map and asked the Council to review it for next year’s Sidewalk Project. He and the Council discussed multiple ideas and needs for repair or replacement in various areas of the City. Terry said we might want to delay a decision for a bit because we might have to tear up the north side of the park to install a new culvert for drainage. The subject was tabled until next spring.

CITY ASSESSOR’S LETTER AGREEMENT

Bob moved, seconded by Ethan, to approve the Letter of Agreement between the City and Karla Harmel of AE2S to conduct the City’s Assessments for the 2025-2027 seasons, for the maximum amount of \$25,000.00 for two years. Voting in favor were Phil, Bob, Ethan and Darrell, with none opposing or abstaining, the motion carried.

Terry asked Mr. Aberlee about a contract for the new propane tank for the new Hall. Mr. Aberlee said he will get Terry a price and we’ll go from there. Phil asked for the current rate and it is \$1.65.

There were no requests to make public comments.
Phil said the check was sent to Uline for the new Hall’s tables and chairs.
The next meeting will be held December 8, 2025.

The City’s Christmas Party is scheduled for Saturday, December 13, 2025.

Santa Day in Plaza is scheduled for December 20 and will be held at the new Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

Bob moved, seconded by Phil, to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. The vote was all in favor, motion carried.

Pemina Yellow Bird, City Auditor

Terry Reese, Mayor



IN DISTRICT COURT, MOUNTRAIL COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA
In the Matter of the Petition For Name Change of Emery Jo Laird
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE

Please Take Notice that a Petition will be filed with the above-entitled court requesting an Order changing the Petitioner’s name of Emery Jo Laird to Emery Jo Brenner.

Notice Is Further Given that thirty days after publication, the Petitioner intends to file a Petition requesting entry of the Court’s Order changing the Petitioner’s name. Any objection to granting this name change must be given in writing to the address listed below within 30 days of the date of this publication. The written objection must also be filed with the Court. If no objections are given, the Court may respond to the Petition without further hearing.

Dated December 19, 2025
/s/ Emery Laird
Emery Laird
PO Box 1984
New Town, ND 58763
Dec. 24, 2025

PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF PLAZA, NORTH DAKOTA
NOTICE OF ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

Please take notice that the City of Plaza, North Dakota has adopted amendments to certain city ordinances. Because the full text of the amendments is too large to publish in this notice, a summary is provided pursuant to **North Dakota Century Code § 40-11-08**, which allows publication of a summary when an ordinance is lengthy.

Summary of Amendments:
The ordinance amendments include updates and revisions to the following: Water Rates; Sewer Rates; and Garbage Rates for 2026. None of the rates changed from 2025.

The full text of the amended ordinances is available for public inspection at the following locations:

Plaza City Auditor’s Office, City Hall, Plaza, ND

The ordinance amendments will take effect on January 1, 2026.

Dated this 16 day of December, 2025.

Pemina Yellow Bird, City Auditor
Plaza, North Dakota
Dec. 24, 2025



Probate No. 31-2025-PR-00173
IN THE DISTRICT COURT, NORTH CENTRAL JUDICIAL DISTRICT COUNTY OF MOUNTRAIL, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

In the Matter of the Estate of Robert Franklin Denton, a/k/a R.F. Denton, a/k/a Frank Denton, Deceased.

NOTICE OF HEARING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Joyce Alexander has filed a Petition for Formal Probate of Intestate Estate and Appointment of Personal Representative in the above-captioned estate. A hearing has been set upon said Petition on the 26th day of March, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. at the Courthouse of the above-named Court in the City of Stanley, County of Mountrail, State of North Dakota.

Dated this 5th day of December, 2025.
NEFF LAW, P.C.
1500 14th St. W, Suite 200
P.O. Box 1526
Williston, ND 58802-1526
Telephone: (701) 577-2000
ATTORNEYS FOR THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
Kaitlin DeCrescente (#08136)
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Dec. 24, 31, 2025, Jan. 7, 2026

Probate No. 31-2025-PR-00176
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MOUNTRAIL COUNTY, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

In the Matter of the Estate of Daniel D. Lindberg, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above Estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within three (3) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to Gregory T. Johnson, Personal Representative of the above-named estate, in care of Maxson Law Office, P.C., at 320 - 16th Street NW, Minot, ND 58703, or filed with the Court.

Dated this 15th day of December, 2025.

/s/ Gregory T. Johnson
Gregory T. Johnson,
Personal Representative

Jacob C. Maxson (ID #06747)
MAXSON LAW OFFICE, P.C.
320 - 16th Street NW
Minot, ND 58703

Attorneys for Personal Representative

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