

SUNNY'S WESTHOPE GREENHOUSE



OPENING DAY!

Wednesday April 30th , 2025



2025 SEASON HOURS

Wednesday to Friday

9:30 am - 6:00 pm

Saturday & Sunday

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Session bills that have been signed by Governor

Ann Estvold, NDNA Legislative Intern

Gov. Kelly Armstrong has now signed 358 bills into law as Wednesday, April 16, 2025. Below are summaries of some of the bills signed into law in the past week:

Transportation

HB 1106 provides \$2 million for public transportation. North Dakota has about 32 bus programs that provide public transportation to people in rural areas. The service is often used by people to travel to medical appointments.

Tow trucks may now display a flashing blue light when stopped on a highway under HB 1241. Previously, tow trucks could only display white or amber lights when performing emergency duties. The North Dakota Towing Association says blue lights are more visible at night, and motorists are more likely to be cautious when seeing them. Under the new law, a tow truck cannot display blue lights when transporting a vehicle.

Under HB 1316, an individual with a temporary restricted driver's license who commits a moving traffic violation must pay an additional \$100 fine. A temporary restricted driver's license will be revoked if the individual commits three moving traffic violations.

Political Advertisements

Under HB 1167, political advertisements and other political content that use AI-generated images, graphics, videos, audio, text or other digital content created to impersonate a human must have a disclaimer that states the content is generated by artificial intelligence.

HB 1204 makes it a crime, punishable by a year in jail and a \$3,000 fine, to publish false political advertising by using text messages, telephone calls, and commercial social media. North Dakota law already punishes false political advertising; HB 1204 only extends the penalties to text messages, phone calls, and social media.

Financial Disclosures

Under HB 1319, the state Investment Board will display information about state Legacy Fund investments on its website. It will list all companies, funds and other financial instruments in which the fund is invested. The Legacy Fund, which is financed mostly by state oil tax collections, was worth \$12 billion in January.

Under HB 1447, a virtual-currency kiosk operator must disclose all relevant terms and conditions generally associated with virtual currency. The kiosk also must display warnings about the risks of virtual currency. Kiosk operators would submit a quarterly report on the location of each kiosk located in the state.

Liability and Minimum Sentences

instance a newspaper fails to publish a notice, counting a notice at ndpublicnotices.com as well as a notice on a state agency website, as fulfilling legal notice -- while leaving requirements for publication of print notices in place.

Because I wrote on this topic earlier in the session, it's important to let people know what is NOT happening.

The state will NOT be developing a public notice website capable of cutting newspapers out of public notice placements at some future point. It was, however, a discussion among some legislators who saw this bill as a way to take a step toward eliminating the costs of publishing notices in newspapers.

When you know there are people in government who feel notices in newspapers have no value, it can seem like your house is on fire.

But the votes on some of the bills I mentioned above show that, by and large, legislators support upholding newspapers as the vehicle for delivering public notices.

Just look at some of these tallies: HB 1380, the county minutes on the web bill failed in the House 80-13; HB 1398, restoring the historical abstract publication process, passed in the House 86-6; and SB 2069, though it had a closer vote in the Senate -- possibly due to some confusion since we opposed it originally -- passed in the House 72-17; SB 2062, taking highway bids out of newspapers failed 89-4.

That feels, to me, like an incred-

Under HB 1205, if an abandoned infant who is less than 60 days old is left in a newborn safety device, or at an approved location, the infant's receiver may not ask about the identity of the parent or the parent's agent or require either to provide information. Any information provided would remain confidential.

HB 1206 provides a minimum sentence for an individual convicted of causing injury or death while operating a vehicle while under the influence and while accompanied by a minor. The sentence is a fine of \$750, at least two days' imprisonment, 365 days of unsupervised probation, and 365 days of participation in a 24-7 sobriety monitoring program. For a subsequent offense, the sentence is a year and one day's imprisonment, a \$2,000 fine, an evaluation by a licensed addiction treatment program, two years of supervised probation, and a year's participation in the 24-7 sobriety monitoring program.

Under HB 1561, a business is liable for damages if they do not take reasonable age verification steps when publishing or distributing sexual material that is harmful to minors.

Miscellaneous

SB 2138 provides \$200,000 to the Department of Health and Human Services to offer grants to organizations that care for the elderly in North Dakota's rural areas.

Under HB 1170, newly hired state employees will now receive 40 hours of paid leave, which they may use only during their first year on the job.

ible showing of support for the importance of public notices in newspapers.

Now, 73 privately owned businesses operating newspapers can breathe a sigh of relief, along with voters.

We know citizens give overwhelming support to the concept of a trusted third party like newspapers having oversight of public notices.

SB 2069 as passed will now solve the issue of a public hearing needing to be rescheduled because one out of a dozen or more papers required to publish it had a miss.

I wish I could say newspapers are perfect, but every business occasionally has a hiccup due to illness, death, employee turnover -- heck, even a cyber attack -- which can cause highly consequential notices to be missed.

You'll still never convince me that a website alone is where public notices should be placed because the mechanism for people to see them is much different than for people sitting down with a newspaper delivering news about their community along with notices about the government actions that may impact them.

However, in the end, SB 2069 is a good compromise -- providing an alternate avenue for people to learn of a pending hearing when unforeseen disruptions impact newspapers, while leaving alone the printed newspapers' supremacy as the trusted place to access public notices in North Dakota.

SENIOR CITIZEN'S OVER 80 BANQUET

Friday, April 25th • 5:00 pm

@Shawna's Place



Choice of prime rib or shrimp

Sign up at the Senior Center or call Sylvia at 245-6656 by April 18th

Understanding Cooperation

by Bill Patrie

I have spent much of my professional career helping people build cooperative business. I have been given a lifetime membership in the National Cooperative Business Association (NCBA).

Human cooperation is not limited to business. Robert Kurzban, an evolutionary psychologist at the University of Pennsylvania wrote an article on why humans cooperate. I invited Kurzban to the Peace Garden in North Dakota to discuss his findings.

My summary of his findings include: A general population can be broken into three types of people relative to the willingness to cooperate.

About 13% of any population are born cooperators. They serve on the church and school boards; they know how to organize and solve problems and they are the first to call others to organize solutions.

The second group are intolerant reciprocators. They follow the cooperators but quit cooperating when they feel they are being "free ridden". They give in order to get. This group is about 63% of a population.

The third group is the free riders who make up 20% of a population. They take advantage of the cooperators and the intolerant reciprocators and they think there is nothing wrong with that.

Kurzban couldn't classify 4% of the population. In my own experience it is the free riders that destroy human cooperation.

Human cooperation achieves more for an individual than could be acting alone. An example in North Dakota is the Nonpartisan League which created the Bank of North Dakota, The Mill and Elevator, and Workers Safety and Insurance. That level of political cooperation may never be seen again.

Nationally, the United States' effort to win World War II was the high point of cooperation between the American people.

The stock market crashed in 1929. The Great Depression and the dust bowl of the dirty thirties followed. The new deal and the war effort brought the United States out of that depression and the happiness index peaked in the United States in 1958. Social clubs, churches, and bowling leagues were full.

The happiness index has been declining and selfishness and isolation have been increasing since then. In a tragic way, current political leaders are actually celebrating being free riders, while accusing the poor or the immigrants, or other minority groups for any perceived international or domestic problems.

Robert Putnam wrote "Bowling Alone" in 2000, chronicling the rise and decline in "social equity" and the loss of engagement in churches, clubs, bowling leagues and the collapse of "American Community."

He wrote "The Upswing" in 2020. Putnam predicts a severe enough economic or international crisis would once again trigger a rise in human cooperation.

J. Henry Carpenter wrote the book "Peace Through Cooperation" during World War II. Carpenter was an executive with the Federal Council of Churches which became the National Council of Churches. He also worked with the Cooperative League of the United States (CLUSA) now known as the National Cooperative Business Association.

Carpenter writes "Our conception, our definition of the Church, states just that: the Church is the organization whose primary purpose is to establish co-operation and to render love operative -- When I speak of the Church, I am not referring to ministers and priests, ruling boards or bodies, its "political" or business aspects -- But the real thing we are talking about is the Church in relation to people."

Carpenter saw the teachings of Jesus as a foundation for democracy. Jesus wept over Jerusalem, the most conflicted city in history. One of the 7 Cooperative principles is concern for community. I, too, believe that human cooperation is the work of the church and all of us. May it be so.

Bill Patrie is a retired planner and economic developer having worked in regional and statewide positions. He is the author of "Creating Co-op Fever" printed by USDA as a service bulletin, and "100 Stories of Hope" a book about his interviews with 100 people in poverty.

Notice of Annual Meeting

CENEX Farmers Union Oil Co. of Westhope/Souris/Bottineau ND

Thursday
April 24, 2025

**Gateway Motel
Westhope, ND**

**5:00 p.m. Call to Order
of Annual Meeting**

By Order of the Board of Directors
Devin Tolstad, Secretary

AGENDA:

- Annual audit report - will be presented by John Martin Hennen & Associates
- Election of directors
- Any other business
- Door prizes
- Dinner will be served



Antler Fire Department Annual Breakfast

Sunday, April 27th

9:30am-1:30pm

Antler Community Center

Pancakes, French Toast

Eggs, Sausage

Coffee & Juice

**Free Will Offering
For Gear & Equipment**

Kids, register to win a ride
to Westhope or Mohall
school on a Fire Truck!



Take out available!



Spring 2025 Seed Available

Ask about other varieties

Cash
Discounts
Available!

HRSW

Certified AP Elevate
Certified AP Murdock

Certified AP Smith
AP HY141 Hybrid

AP HY162 Hybrid
Certified SY Valda

Certified LCS Boom
Certified LCS Buster

Certified ND-Frohberg
Registered ND-Thresher

Certified ND-Heron
PFS Rolls

PFS Buns
Certified WB9590

Certified WB9606
Certified WB9719

Certified TCG-Zelda
Certified TCG-Badlands

Oats

Certified CS Camden
Certified AAC Douglas

Common Jerry

Barley

Certified AAC Synergy
Certified ABI Cardinal
Certified Haymaker Forage

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Registered ND-Stanley
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Certified TCG Ranger
Certified AAC Stronghold

Peas

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NORTH DAKOTA NEWSPAPERS THANKFUL FOR LEGISLATIVE VOTES

By Cecile Wehrman, NDNA Executive Director

On the whole, North Dakota legislators understand the importance of newspapers and their actions during the 2025 legislative session show it.

Legislators protected the publication of county minutes in newspapers voting down a bill that would have given the option to post them only on county websites; voted to keep highway bid notices in newspapers rather than only posting them on trade or government agency websites; restored the historic practice of spreading publication of insurance abstracts across all newspapers in the state instead of just eight; passed a postal resolution asking for better delivery service for newspapers and consumers alike; and on Wednesday passed a bill that gives legal weight to www.ndpublicnotices.com, a website maintained by the North Dakota Newspaper Association.

SB 2069 was the first bill I testified on back on Jan. 9, and the last of the five bills passed among those we were most concerned about. The bill provides two backstops for legal notices in the rare

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice

This notice is hereby given that township and city equalization meetings in Bottineau County will be held at the following locations and times:

2025 Equalization Schedule

June 3, 2025 Unorganized Townships Courthouse Commissioner's Room 10:00 a.m.

(Cecil, Whitby)

Ashley Pedie, Director of Tax Equalization

For cancellations or rescheduling due to inclement weather, please check Bottineau County's Facebook page. Jurisdictions will be notified by the Tax Director via phone.