



Closing Weekend Just Got Bigger: Final Acts Announced for 2026 North Dakota State Fair

Single-ticket performance

MINOT, N.D. — The North Dakota State Fair continues its commitment to bringing high-caliber entertainment across multiple genres to North Dakota. That commitment is on full display as the Fair announces a history-making close to 2026, featuring a groundbreaking EDM experience with Zedd on Friday night and a high-energy hip-hop lineup on Saturday.

Friday Night: Zedd Delivers a Historic EDM Experience

Friday night marks a historic moment for North Dakota as global superstar DJ, producer, and multi-platinum hitmaker Zedd takes the Grandstand stage—introducing Electronic Dance Music on a scale never before seen at the Fair.

A GRAMMY® Award-winning artist known for breaking genre barriers, Zedd has built a career defined by innovation, global hits,

and unforgettable live performances. From “Clarity” to “The Middle,” his catalog has amassed billions of streams while captivating audiences on some of the biggest stages in the world.

His latest album, *Telos*, reflects his evolution as an artist—blending orchestral elements with his signature dance-pop sound in a project rooted in creativity and pushing musical boundaries.

This performance is more than a concert—it’s an experience. With immersive production, sound, and visuals, fairgoers will be introduced to a style of live entertainment never before showcased at this level in North Dakota.

Tickets for Zedd are **\$58.25 online (all fees included)**.

“Friday night is a big moment for us and for the state,” said Craig Rudland, General Manager of the North Dakota State Fair. “We’ve never hosted an EDM show like this at the Grandstand. It’s something new, something

different, and it shows where the Fair is headed.”

Saturday Night: A High-Energy Hip-Hop Closeout

Saturday night amps up the energy as the Fair wraps up with a powerhouse lineup featuring T.I. with DaBaby and Waka Flocka Flame—bringing together hits from multiple generations for one unforgettable night.

T.I., a pioneer of trap music, has built a legacy that spans music, film, business, and philanthropy, shaping the sound and culture of modern hip-hop. His influence continues to resonate across generations. His recent single “Let ‘Em Know” has taken the world by storm, landing the #1 position on Billboard’s Mainstream R&B/Hip-Hop Airplay Chart.

Joining him, DaBaby has delivered chart-topping success with over 38 billion streams and a reputation for high-energy performances, while Waka Flocka Flame remains an influential force in

trap music with a catalog that helped define an era.

Together, this lineup delivers a nostalgic yet high-powered journey through hip-hop and R&B—stacking multiple artists on one ticket and creating a full night of entertainment.

Tickets for T.I. with DaBaby and Waka Flocka Flame are \$78.25 online (all fees included).

“Saturday night is all about energy and giving fans a full show from start to finish,” said Rudland. “This is the Turn Up, ND! — 2026 Edition—bringing multiple artists together for a one-of-a-kind night and the perfect way to close out the Fair.”

Ticket Options

Fans can also take advantage of the Grandstand Showpass, which includes six nights of entertainment (four concerts and two nights of MHA Indian Horse Relay).

Grandstand Showpass: \$140.25 online (all fees included)

2026 Grandstand Lineup (In Date Order)

- Friday, July 17 – Alex Warren with special guest Noah Cyrus – \$93.25 online
- Saturday, July 18 – Jon Pardi – (Showpass only)
- Sunday, July 19 – Jessie Murph – (Showpass only)
- Monday, July 20 – MHA Indian Horse Relay (Semi-Finals) – (Showpass or \$30 day-of if available)
- Tuesday, July 21 – MHA Indian Horse Relay (Championship) – (Showpass or \$30 day-of if available)
- Wednesday, July 22 – Niko Moon – (Showpass or \$30 day-of if available)
- Thursday, July 23 – Zach Top – (Showpass only)
- Friday, July 24 – Zedd – \$58.25 online
- Saturday, July 25 – T.I. with DaBaby and Waka Flocka Flame – \$78.25 online

An Unforgettable Finish to the 2026 Fair

From a groundbreaking EDM experience on Friday to a multi-artist hip-hop showcase on Saturday, the final weekend of the 2026 North Dakota State Fair delivers a bold and unforgettable close.

As the Fair continues to expand its entertainment lineup and introduce new experiences, this closing weekend reflects its commitment to evolving while creating moments that resonate with fairgoers from North Dakota and across the country.

Stay tuned—there’s more to come as we prepare to Celebrate the Big 250 — The Fair Way!



House bill would crack down on domestic violence cases with new regulations

One of the regulations would extend the period for officers to arrest suspected abusers from within 72 hours after the abuse to 28 days.

By Maddie Mullikin
InForum

ST. PAUL — Two years ago, Allison Lussier, a 47-year-old Indigenous woman, was found dead

in her apartment with a subdural hematoma, a buildup of blood between the brain and skull. Her family suspects it was a result of domestic abuse and believes her death could have been prevented if there had been more time for police to arrest her abuser after she first reported it.

Under current law, police can only arrest someone accused of domestic abuse if they have probable cause to believe that the crime occurred within the preceding 72 hours.

A new bill, HF 3946, would

change the 72-hour period to a 28-day period, giving victims considerably more time to report their abuser and have them taken into custody. The House Judiciary Finance and Civil Law committee heard the bill on Thursday, March 26.

Rep. Kelly Moller, DFL-Shoreview, author of the bill, said it aims to comprehensively address domestic violence in Minnesota, as the system as a whole currently needs improvement.

“I’ve seen in my own experience as a prosecutor and talking

to victims and survivors and advocates, that there really has been a lot of system failures when it comes to domestic violence,” she said.

The bill would also require law enforcement agencies to report information in domestic violence cases and require that a person arrested for suspected domestic abuse be held in custody until their first court hearing. In addition, it would establish a Task Force on Improving Responses to Domestic Violence Crimes, which would review enforcement

and community responses to domestic violence cases, and make policy and funding recommendations to the Legislature to improve those responses.

Jana Williams, Lussier’s aunt, testified in support of the bill. She said police officers let Lussier’s suspected abuser go because it was 32 minutes after the 72-hour state statute that would have allowed them to arrest him for probable cause. Lussier was found dead just days later.

“So I ask you, if this were your daughter, if this were your niece,

would you accept the system?” Williams said. “Would you accept delayed failure and loopholes, or would you demand change? Because families like mine shouldn’t have to fight this hard just to be heard.”

Despite some minor concerns from Rep. Terry Stier, R-Belle Plaine, over the language used in the bill — which Moller agreed to look into — the bill was referred to the Ways and Means committee in a unanimous vote.

Two charged with felony drug crimes after East Grand Forks traffic stop

EAST GRAND FORKS, Minn. (Valley News Live) - A routine traffic stop on Highway 2 in East Grand Forks led to felony drug charges against two people, according to court documents filed Thursday in Polk County District Court.

Christopher Anthony Gaines, 32, of Grand Forks, N.D., and Raelyn Marie Peltier, 35, of Crookston, were both charged following a March 26 stop by a Minnesota State Patrol trooper.

A trooper pulled over a white

Chevrolet Equinox around 11:44 a.m. Thursday after noticing it had no front license plate. The male driver gave a false name, but the officer spotted a North Dakota ID in the center console that identified him as Christopher Anthony Gaines.

A records check revealed an active arrest warrant for Gaines issued by the Minnesota Department of Corrections. He was taken into custody.

Gaines faces three charges:

- Felony third-degree controlled substance crime – sale (up to 20 years, \$250,000 fine)
- Felony third-degree controlled substance crime – possession in a prohibited zone — within 300 feet of O’Leary Park and/or LaFave Park in East Grand Forks (up to 20 years, \$250,000 fine)
- Gross misdemeanor second-degree refusal to submit to chemical testing — Gaines refused a court-ordered blood or urine test (up to 364 days, \$3,000 fine)

According to the complaint, Gaines allegedly handed Peltier methamphetamine to conceal as the trooper initiated the stop. Investigators say Gaines also sold meth to Peltier at her Crookston home on March 25.

- Peltier faces two charges:
- Felony third-degree controlled substance crime – sale (up to 20 years, \$250,000 fine)
 - Felony fifth-degree controlled substance crime – possession (up to 5 years, \$10,000 fine)

According to the complaint, Peltier admitted to concealing the methamphetamine inside her body. A Polk County deputy assisted in recovering the drugs at the East Grand Forks Police Department. Peltier also told investigators she sold meth from her Crookston home on March 23.

Court documents show Gaines was previously convicted of first-degree controlled substance sale in Polk County in 2020 and sentenced to 105 months in prison.

He was released on supervised release in June 2025. The Department of Corrections issued a warrant for his arrest on March 6, more than two weeks before Wednesday’s stop.

Gaines also has prior felony convictions in both Minnesota and North Dakota, including burglary, heroin possession, and escape from custody.

Both are currently in custody at the Northwest Regional Corrections Center.

Request for Bids

BELCOURT SCHOOL BUS GARAGE & HIGH SCHOOL PAVING Belcourt, North Dakota

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

The Belcourt School District #7 will receive bids on April 10, 2026 for the construction of the **BELCOURT SCHOOL BUS GARAGE & HIGH SCHOOL PAVING**. Bids shall be received at Belcourt School District #7, Attn: Duane Poitra, Business Manager 1207 William Hardesty St. Belcourt, ND 58316 until Friday, April 10, 2026 at 1:00 PM. Central Time at which time qualified submittals will be publicly opened and read.

Major items include 12" Subgrade Preparation 3,800 SF (Bus Garage) & 1,800 SF (High School), 6" Class V Gravel 1,270 TON (Bus Garage) & 575 TONS (High School), 5" Asphalt Pavement FAA 43 (Base Bid) 1,060 TONS (Bus Garage) & 500 TONS (High School), 6" Concrete Alt #1 15,200 SF (High School), Seeding and Mulching 1 LSUM and related items.

Single Prime Bids submitted must be accompanied by a Bond payable to Belcourt School District #7 in the amount equal to five percent (5%) of the bid. This is to serve as a guarantee that the bidder will enter into a Contract for the performance of such work if the Contract is awarded to him. Only bids, which are accompanied by such bond with associated proof of surety, will be considered.

All bids will be made on the basis of cash payment for such work. After bid opening the Owner will return the bid security of all except the lowest responsible bidders. When the Contract is awarded, the remaining unsuccessful bidder's bond will be returned. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and further reserves the right to award the Contract in the best interests of the Owner. The Owner reserves the right to hold the low bids for a period of thirty (30) days after the date of the bid opening.

Each Contractor shall comply with TERO Regulations represented in the specifications for the Turtle Mountain Chippewa Reservation. Prime bidding contractors shall include an identified 3% Fee based upon their contract quote. Belcourt School District #7 expects all Contractors to utilize to the greatest extent feasible, Certified Minority Contractors, subcontractors, and vendors in good standing with the North Dakota Minority Contractors Association. Contractors will be responsible for an EPA fee in the amount of 1% of their contract quote.

Plans and specifications will be available at the following recognized Builders Exchanges for examination: Bismarck-Mandan Exchange, Construction Plans of Bismarck, Minot, Grand Forks, and Fargo all of North Dakota. Construction Industry Center of South Dakota. Minneapolis, St. Paul, Reed Construction Data and McGraw-Hill Dodge Planroom; all of Minnesota.

The documents may further be reviewed in the office of the Owner or Architect, Jiran Architects & Planners, P.C. Bidding Contractors having the proper class of North Dakota Contractor's License may obtain digital copies of the documents by contracting Jeff Welch at 701-258-7771 jeff@jiranpc.com at no charge. Any Prime Contractor wishing to bid on this project shall notify the Architect and supply complete contact information to ensure that all bidders are receiving the most current bidding information.

Any bid not prepared and submitted in accordance with the provisions hereof, shall be considered non-responsive. The Owner may waive any formalities, and retains the rights to reject any or all bids.

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- Unclaimed property
- School Board issues

- Elections/Polling places, initiative petitions
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