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10172 Statement of Interests to the City Auditor by the above deadline date and time. All forms are available from either the City Auditor or can be obtained online at <http://www.nd.gov/sos/electvote/elections/forms.html> (Submitted to the Times Leader 04/2/2026)

NOTICE OF REAL ESTATE SALE

IN THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, COUNTY OF DICKEY IN THE DISTRICT COURT, SOUTHEAST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

successors or assigns, by Assignment of Mortgage recorded February 20, 2007, Instrument Number 173628.

3. In order to realize the amount of \$23,695.49, as of February 2, 2026, plus interest accruing thereafter on said amount as awarded by the court, together with the costs and expenses of sale, will be sold subject to redemption as provided by law as one parcel of land at public auction, subject to the lien for unpaid real estate taxes and assessments of Dickey County, North Dakota, and easements and restrictions of record, to the highest bidder for cash under the direction of the Sheriff of Dickey County, North Dakota, at the main entrance of the Dickey County Courthouse located at 309 North 2nd Street, Ellendale, North Dakota 58436, on May 7, 2026 at 11:00 AM.

4. If the sale is set aside for reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Plaintiff,

Jesus Garza and A. R. Audit Services Inc. and Ategra Cooperative and DNF Associates LLC, and any person in possession, and any person in possession, Defendants.

NOTICE OF REAL ESTATE SALE CIVIL NUMBER: 11-2025-CV-00071

1. Judgment in the amount of \$23,695.49, having been entered in favor of Plaintiff and against Defendants, which Judgment was filed with the Clerk of Courts of Dickey County, North Dakota, on February 2, 2026, for the foreclosure of a real estate mortgage.

2. Notice is hereby given pursuant to said Judgment that the real property described as:

The Lots 8 and 9, Except the North 20' of Lot 9, Block 2 George Baldwin's Addition to Oakes, Dickey County, North Dakota.

DATED this 20th day of March, 2026.

SHERIFF OF DICKEY COUNTY
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(April 2, 9 & 16, 2026)

Tech Upgrades for Your Home Entertainment Space

Life in the twenty-first century can feel like it's moving at breakneck speed. Perhaps nowhere is that feeling more pronounced than within the technology sector, where new products are often upstaged by more advanced models, sometimes within a few weeks of an item's initial release.

The speed with which technology advances can make it difficult to keep up. However, it's important to note that software updates can bring devices up to speed in a matter of minutes, often at no cost to users. That can quiet concerns some may have about investing in entertainment room technology. For those ready to move forward with their entertainment room remodel, these tech upgrades can take such spaces to the next level.

· New television: Consumers who like to watch television but are not necessarily into what makes certain televisions more suitable to their viewing habits than others may find their heads spinning when they

begin their search for a new device. Indeed, the alphabet soup of OLED, QLED, 4K, and other television styles can be difficult to navigate. If confusion reins over your television shopping trips, it might help to identify what you watch most often and then find the type of TV that most suits your viewing habits. Though opinions vary and consumers should always trust their own eyes, the United Kingdom-based Smart Home Sounds recommends OLED televisions for movie and television lovers as well as gamers who require fast response times. Sports fans may benefit by prioritizing refresh rate when shopping for a new television. Though refresh rate is not the only variable to consider, a faster refresh rate can ensure games don't look fuzzy when the action picks up.

· Speaker system: Surround sound can take any entertainment setup to the next level. Modern televisions are slim and that sleek design does not always translate to

great built-in sound. Though some recent models feature dramatically improved built-in sound capabilities compared to their slim screen ancestors, a home theater system featuring superior sound is still a must. A home theater surround sound system with subwoofer and Bluetooth connectivity can greatly improve the viewing experience no matter what's on-screen. For consumers working on a tight budget, a soundbar that can be upgraded with additional surround sound speakers down the road can be a great way to slowly build a theater-like sound system in your living room. When purchasing a surround sound system, consumers also can consider speaker stands that hold larger rear speakers in place.

· Lighting: Entertainment room lighting can be easy to overlook, particularly when consumers go down the television and sound system rabbit holes. But the right lighting can set the perfect tone in an entertainment room.

The decision of which lighting to go with should include consideration of how the space will (or won't) be used when you aren't watching the latest blockbuster or big game. If the room is exclusively for movies or big games, then lighting that calls to mind a movie theater, complete with LED strip lights on the walls, is an option worth considering. If the entertaining space is your living room and a space where you're just as likely to read a book as enjoy a family movie night, then recessed lighting in the ceiling with dimmable bulbs allows you to pivot back and forth between lighting schemes depending on how the room is being used at any given moment.

It's easy to get lost when considering tech upgrades for an entertainment room. But pairing the right television with great sound and appropriate lighting can make for a consistently impressive viewing experience.

NDSU Extension provides outlook for the 2026 grazing and haying season

As winter slowly turns to spring, many ranchers are looking ahead to the grazing season. Much of North Dakota has received near-average fall and winter precipitation, except for the southeast corner of the state. This same pattern is depicted in current soil moisture estimates: while no part of North Dakota is currently experiencing drought, a small portion of the Red River Valley is abnormally dry.

Despite near-normal precipitation in the southwest, there are concerns about rapid drying in the state, which could lead to a loss of soil moisture due to the open winter. Miranda Meehan, North Dakota State University Extension livestock environmental stewardship specialist, says that these differences across the state will result in regional differences in forage production.

NDSU Extension's forage and grazing outlook for 2026 is based

on the previous fall's moisture and the moisture received in May and June. Although snow is important for replenishing water sources, it contributes only about 25% of the total moisture for plant growth in most years. Because the ground is usually frozen when the snow melts, most of the moisture flows overland into water bodies.

Spring rain is still the most important moisture for overall forage production. Precipitation in April through June drives forage production in North Dakota. Due to the dominance of cool-season grasses, rainfall during this period accounts for more than 80% of forage production in the state.

The 2026 forage outlook starts with fall 2025 moisture. Cool-season grasses, which make up over 95% of grass hay and 70%-80% of pasture forage in North Dakota, develop new tillers in September and October that become the first growth in the spring. The absence

of fall tillers can delay spring green-up by up to two weeks and impact overall forage production by 25%-50%.

Tillers that develop in the spring come from buds that break dormancy in the spring, usually when soil temperatures stay about 40 degrees Fahrenheit for three or more days. The tillers established in the fall will grow when temperatures reach 32 degrees for five consecutive days.

Impacts of fall moisture

According to Meehan, fall moisture in North Dakota was variable across the state, with about 75% of the state receiving 100% or more than normal precipitation and the southeast receiving 50%-75% of normal. The areas that received fall moisture would have experienced fall growth and tiller development. This resulted in good fall tiller development, meaning that spring rain will be the greatest driver of forage production for much of the state. However, the southeast part of the state is currently set up to have a below-normal forage production year.

Impacts of fall grazing management

Although much of the state had good fall tiller production, fall and winter grazing management can override this benefit. If these tillers are eaten or die due to drought, then spring growth must occur from new tillers developed in April and May.

Heavy grazing during the fall and/or winter, by removing the growing point (between the bottom two leaves) from tillers, will cause additional stress and tiller mortality. In the event of high fall tiller mortality, grasses will need to develop new tillers in the spring, delaying growth by two to three weeks.

Heavy grazing use in the fall not only delays growth but also reduces plant growth and forage production. Data collected by NDSU Extension found that severe grazing (removal of more than 80% available forage) reduced the growth of cool-season grasses and forage production. Forage production was reduced by as much as 57% on sites evaluated as having severe grazing use the previous fall.

"If you grazed your tillers short last fall or during the winter months, expect a delay in green-up and forage production in 2026," says Kevin Sedivec, NDSU Extension rangeland management specialist. "Plan to defer these pastures from grazing in the spring of 2026."

Plan for the 2026 grazing season

NDSU Extension developed the following scenarios based on

spring precipitation and management:

If spring precipitation is normal and fall moisture was near normal, and no overgrazing occurred in the fall, expect a normal turnout date of mid-May in the southern regions and late May in the northern regions of the state for grazing with normal pasture and hay production.

If spring precipitation is normal, but the plants didn't produce many fall tillers (such as in southeast North Dakota), expect a delay in plant development and lower production due to a loss in tiller development. Further reductions will occur if pastures were grazed heavily in the fall.

If spring precipitation is 130% or more above normal, expect normal to above-normal forage production in southeast North Dakota.

If spring precipitation is normal to below-normal, expect reduced forage production and a decline in forage quality earlier in the season for southern North Dakota.

Regardless of spring precipitation, to prevent reductions in plant health and production, pasture turnout should occur when the dominant forage species are ready to be grazed. Grazing readiness for most domesticated pastures, such as smooth brome, crested wheatgrass and orchardgrass, is at the three-leaf stage, whereas grazing readiness for most native range grasses is the three-and-a-half-leaf stage. For more information on evaluating grazing readiness, contact a local NDSU Extension agent or refer to www.ndsu.edu/grazing-2026.

"When production is low due to delayed tiller development, it becomes easy to run out of forage quickly if you go to full stock too early," says Meehan. "This could lead to overuse and the earlier removal of animals from pasture than planned."

This overuse during early green-up leads to reduced plant vigor and reduced leaf area, impacting photosynthesis and reducing food (carbohydrate) stored in roots.

"In the end, you may sacrifice 45%-60% of forage production for the year by grazing too early," warns Meehan.

Timely precipitation is critical to forage growth and production. Equally critical is the use of management practices that maintain healthy, vigorous plant communities capable of withstanding disturbances.

Regardless of what spring brings, NDSU Extension recommends having a drought plan in place with well-defined trigger dates.

Dickey County Court Report

Cruz, Michael Ledrew, Oakes, ND, TR-Speeding (6-10 mph over), Plea Guilty 03/18/2026

Trageton, Carrie Jo, Oakes, ND, TR-Speeding (11-15 mph over), Plea Guilty 03/20/2026

Pellum, Desmun Deramus, Beckville, TX, Offense 1: TR-Speeding (11-15 mph over), Plea Guilty 03/22/2026, Offense 2: TR-Driving without a license, Plea Guilty 03/22/2026

Tiersma, John, Chewelah, WA, Failure To Remove Vehicle During Snow Removal (City), Plea Guilty 03/18/2026

Vidal Castro, Omar, Westminster, CO, TR-Speeding (11-15 mph over), Plea Guilty 03/19/2026

Hofer, Rodney R, Revillo, SD, TR-Violated terms or conditions of oversize or

overweight permit, Plea Guilty 03/18/2026

Hoops, Montgomery Isaac, Hecla, SD, TR-Speeding (6-10 mph over), Plea Guilty 03/17/2026

Knutson, Michael James, New London, MN, TR-Failure to pay mile tax as required, Plea Guilty 03/19/2026

Ruiz Cota, Alonso, Edina, MN, TR-Speeding (11-15 mph over), Plea Guilty 03/17/2026

Steffes, Kelly Michael, Edgeley, ND, TR-Speeding (16-20 mph over), Plea Guilty 03/22/2026

Toktamyssov, Bakhtiyar, Happy Valley, OR, TR-Speeding (11-15 mph over), Plea Guilty 03/19/2026

Zahn, Lisa Rose, Forbes, ND, TR-Speeding (11-15 mph over), Plea Guilty 03/19/2026

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