

# Down Memory Lane

## Taken From The Promoter Files

**TEN YEARS AGO**  
**Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2016**  
**Above And Beyond Award-** Stanley Commercial Club held their annual meeting and banquet at the Mountrail County South Complex on Friday, Jan. 22. The final portion of the evening was to recognize someone that the club members felt had gone above and beyond. Steve Springan was selected to receive this year's award. In his acceptance, Springan stated, "If we quit giving, if we quit volunteering, our communities will cease to exist".  
**City Takes Keys To Public Works Building-** Friday, Jan. 22 marked a new beginning for Stanley's Public Works and Planning and Zoning departments as the city took possession of the new Public Works building located at 404 Reservoir Road. Moving was set to start on Monday, Jan. 25.  
**Reading Pays Off For Junior High Students-** Betty Van Vugt's seventh and eighth graders had their second quarter AR reward party on Friday, Jan. 22 with sledding at Glass Hill for students who met or exceeded the second quarter goal to achieve a specific number of AR reading points. A total of 28 students reached the goal this quarter. Reading is a lifelong skill that will benefit the students throughout their lives and any incentive to get students to read more is a good thing.

**FIFTEEN YEARS AGO**  
**Wednesday Jan. 26, 2011**  
**Mortensen To Retire At Palermo Post Office-** After 32 years with the Postal Service, Gwen Mortensen is set to retire as of February 1st. Mortensen started in the Post Office in Mohall for the first seven and a half years and spent another seven and a half in Williston before working in Stanley. During her tenure she also helped out at several different post offices in the area before assuming the position of Postmaster in Palermo in 1994.

**Stanley Ambulance Annual Report-** Stanley Ambulance service has been in existence since Oct. 24, 1971. It is a non-profit 24-hour service and is licensed by the State Health Department. Stanley Ambulance responded to 314 calls in 2010. Up from 300 calls in 2009.

**Lace Up Those Skates and Check It Out-** This winter Stanley area residents looking for something else to do might want to check out Wilson Park. That is, if you feel confident on skates or just want to give it a try. A skating rink is now gracing the area just north of the pool, complete with hockey goals for those who want to brush up on their skills.

The rink was sent up by the Stanley Park Board and has seen considerable use already since the ice was first poured about a month and a half ago.

**TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO**  
**Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2001**  
**SnoBall Royalty Crowned-** Stanley High School FCCLA Chapter sponsored the annual SnoBall Dance on Saturday, Jan. 20. Crowned King was Chase Lindberg and crowned Queen was Mari Jarmin.  
**Varsity Cagers Win Three-** Stanley's varsity boys basketball team racked up three more wins last week, winning at Stanley over Ray on Tuesday, winning at Alexander on Friday and making it a perfect three of three with a win over Fordville-Lankin on Saturday at Minot.  
**Hospital Construction Continues-** Construction on the new hospital in Stanley continues at a rapid pace. Most of the exterior walls have been poured and the steel to support the main floor is also in place. The main floor is being manufactured and sent in sections, and will be set in place over the next several weeks.

**THIRTY YEARS AGO**  
**Wednesday, Jan. 24, 1996**  
**Tax Collections Up-** "State sales tax collections during the fourth quarter 1995 increased a healthy 7.6% compared to the fourth quarter of 1994, indicating a good Christmas season for some of the state's retailers," Tax Commissioner Bob Hanson said.  
**Farm & Ranch Days-** Highlights of the annual Farm and Ranch Days included a magic show by Arlan Eisenbrant and a dessert contest. Winners for the dessert contest in the youth division were Luke Meiers of Stanley, 1<sup>st</sup> place; Allison Gray of Stanley, 2<sup>nd</sup>; and Sara Enerson of Stanley, 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Annual Report-** Annual activity report of the Mountrail County Sheriff's Department for the year 1995 shows there were 37,081 entries recorded, which was approximately 5,024 less than in 1994.

**FORTY YEARS AGO**  
**Thursday, Jan. 29, 1986**  
**Clothing Pile-** According to a representative of the Tribal Building in New Town, the cloths on the ground about two miles east of New Town are those deemed unusable from a shipment sent to residents of the reservation by a Native American clothing bank in the east.  
**New Manager-** Effective Thursday, Jan. 23, Gene (Skip) Wing is the new manager of the Legion Club

dining rooms and lounge located in Stanley.  
**Annual Report-** Larceny thefts dropped seven percent in 1985, burglaries reported to police were up three from a year ago and a general three percent rise in theft related offenses were seen last year, according to the annual city police report given by Stanley Chief of Police Norm Tollefson.

**FIFTY YEARS AGO**  
**Thursday, Jan. 28, 1976**  
**State President-** Rita Wilhelmi of Stanley was elected State President of the North Dakota Jayceettes last week at a winter board meeting in Dickinson.  
**Heads State Group-** It has been announced by North Dakota Seniors United that David Meiers of New Town has been named as Executive Director of the statewide organization.  
**Water Users-** Mountrail County Water Users Association has established a time schedule over the next several months to further progress of the rural water system. A January 31 deadline for membership was set.

**SIXTY YEARS AGO**  
**Thursday, Jan. 27, 1966**  
**New Manager-** A new manager, Ed Bertsch, is in the process of being checked in at the PV Producers Service Elevator in Stanley this week.

**In College Play-** Gary Newnam of Stanley, a freshman at Minot State College, has been cast in the part of Octavius Caesar, one of the main parts in the play "Julius Caesar".  
**Grade Tournament-** The eighth annual Stanley Grade Basketball Tournament will be held in the Severson High School gym on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 28 and 29.

**SEVENTY YEARS AGO**  
**Thursday, Jan. 26, 1956**  
**Plane Crashes-** A young Ryder flyer, Carlyle Burtness, 38, was killed and his passenger, Winston Anderson, injured in a crash of a small plane 6 ½ miles south of Parshall on Tuesday afternoon.  
**Top Dealers-** Stanley's Gamble Store was number one out of a group of 183 dealers from North Dakota and parts of Montana, South Dakota and Minnesota in volume sales.  
**Antelope Moved-** State Game and Fish Department has transplanted 49 antelope from southwestern North Dakota to the Lostwood area of Mountrail County in an effort to establish a herd of the fleet footed animals in that vicinity.



## The County Clover

By Lynnette Vachal  
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**Private Fumigation Certification & Re-Certification**  
Please pre-register to ensure we have enough materials prepared for all attendees. Your cooperation helps the training run smoothly and efficiently. If your certification for fumigation expires on or before April 1, 2026 then this is your opportunity to get recertified.

Cost for **Private Pesticide trainings** is **\$50.00** (payment accepted by check, cash or online)  
Pre-Registration  
1. Phone: 701-628-2835 Ext 1.  
2. Email: Heather.tomlinson@ndsu.edu  
3. Online: (pay in advance) <https://tinyurl.com/Mountrail-Private>  
4. Scan QR Code: (pay in advance)

**Stanley, Zoom (Private Fumigation): Tuesday, February 3, 2026.** Registration at **12:00 p.m.** with training from **12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** at the Mountrail County South Complex, 8103 61<sup>st</sup> St NW, Stanley, ND  
**Commercial Pesticide Training: (Sorry NO trainings in Stanley this year)**

Pre-register and pay online at: <https://tinyurl.com/NDSUEXTPESTSTORE> **OR** print pre-registration form from website at: <https://ndsupesticide.org> **OR** call your extension office for a printed copy. If you need accommodations for hearing impairment or other, please contact NDSU pesticide a minimum of 45 days in advance of your selected training date.  
**Note:** Zoom webinars please make sure your computer/tablet/iPad is running Windows or IOS system and has bandwidth that can handle video streaming via ZOOM. You do not need a ZOOM account or special software. Do Not use smart phones! You need to register for Zoom Webinar by deadline so you can obtain login information. Information will be emailed to email used when you pre-register. Participation in ZOOM is traced before, during and after the webinar to verify full attendance and participation.

**Ag Pest, Right-of-Way, Seed Treatment, Research & Demonstration (Core will renew with this training)**  
**Minot, Face-to-Face: Thursday, February 12, 2026. Registration Deadline: February 5, 2026.** Check-in at 8:00 a.m. with training from **8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** at the North Central research Extension Center, 5400 Hwy 83 S, Minot, ND.  
**Bowbells, Hosted Zoom: Tuesday, February 24, 2026. Registration Deadline: February 12, 2026.** Check-in at 8:00 a.m. with training from **8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** at the Burke County Extension, 103 Main St, Bowbells, ND.  
**Watford City, Hosted Zoom: Tuesday, February 24, 2026. Registration Deadline: February 12, 2026.** Check-in at 8:00 a.m. with training from **8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** at the McKenzie County Extension, 205 6<sup>th</sup> St NW, Watford City, ND.  
**ZOOM WEBINAR, Home or Office: Tuesday, March 17, 2026. Registration Deadline: March 16, 2026 by 12 Noon.** Check-in at 8:30 a.m. (make sure computer connection is working) with training from **9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (CT).** Zoom from your home or office. Need computer connection, not phones.  
**Bismarck, Face-to-Face: Thursday, March 19, 2026. Registration Deadline: March 15, 2026.** Check-in at 8:00 a.m. with training from **8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** at the Bismarck Career Academy, 1221 College Drive/BSC Campus.  
**Bowbells, Hosted Zoom: Thursday, March 26, 2026. Registration Deadline: March 15, 2026.** Check-in at 8:30 a.m. with training from **9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.** at the Burke County Extension, 103 Main St, Bowbells, ND.

**\*\* There are other trainings throughout the state, so call your local extension office to find out which one might work for you or go to NDSU Pesticide site to locate trainings available.**

**4-H Bunny and Goat Contests Bunnies for Buddies:**  
Two opportunities await two Mountrail County 4-H members who have dreamed of owning and showing a rabbit. This opportunity allows youth to learn the skills and responsibility of animal ownership. Plus, who cannot resist a cute, soft, adorable bunny they could love and care for?  
**Opportunity #1:** Polish Rabbit – One available to Win! 4-H Age Requirement (as of 9/1/2025): Ages 5-12 (Cloverbud or Junior 4-H member). Winning essay from 4-H member will receive a young Polish rabbit with supplies. Must participate in the 2026 Mountrail County 4-H Achievement Days.  
**Opportunity #2:** Market or Pet Rabbit – One available to Win! 4-H Age Requirement (as of 9/1/2025): Ages 13-18 (Senior 4-H member). Winning essay from 4-H member will receive a young Market or Pet rabbit

with supplies. Must participate in the 2026 Mountrail County 4-H Achievement Days

If there are no submissions in an age category, then the remaining rabbit may be offered to another age division.

How to enter to WIN a rabbit:  
\* Write a one-page typed essay (using the official template) about what goat ownership would mean to you. Tell us how you will care for him, describe its future home, and share anything else that shows your passion and responsibility.

Essay Ideas: Why do you want to win a rabbit? What do you think you will learn while participating in the rabbit project? Describe the facilities you will use to care for and house your rabbit? Any personal or family history showing rabbits? How will you financially support a rabbit project? Do you have future animal project plans?

\* Complete the Entry and Release of Liability Form available at <https://www.co.mountrail.nd.us/subpage/65>.  
\* Submit form to the Extension Office by midnight on **April 1, 2026.**

\* Rabbit pick-up will take place at the Mountrail County Home & Garden Show, Stanley on April 26, 2026.  
JAH Krolik, Clemens Critters, United Quality, and Dakota Prairie Vet Service along with Mountrail County 4-H Council are proud to bring this 2<sup>nd</sup> annual opportunity to our 4-H youth. Encourage your 4-H youth to consider applying.

**Kids for Kids Essay Contest:**  
Calling all 4-H kids with big dreams and even bigger hearts! Here is your chance to **own** a kid goat to care for and show in the Mountrail County Achievement Day and beyond.

How to enter to WIN a goat:  
\* Write a one-page typed essay (using the official template) about what goat ownership would mean to you. Tell us how you will care for him, describe his future home, and share anything else that shows your passion and responsibility.

\* Complete the Entry and Release of Liability Form available at <https://www.co.mountrail.nd.us/subpage/65>.

\* Submit form to the Extension Office by midnight on **February 13, 2026**

\* Goat pick up will take place at United Quality Coop, New Town Ag Retail Center

One winning entry will be selected by the Mountrail County 4-H Council. One Nubian buck is available to win for a deserving Mountrail County 4-H member! The goat was born on January 8, 2026 and can go home with its kid starting on March 5.

To top it off, United Quality Cooperative of New Town, CHS Payback, and Dakota Prairie Veterinary Service are donating equipment, vaccine, and feed to the contest winner to help them get started with their goat project.

Information Brochure, Essay Template, and Entry and Release of Liability forms can be found at: <https://www.co.mountrail.nd.us/subpage/65> or call the Extension office for more information. (701-628-2835 Ext 1).

## Coming Events

Wednesday, Jan. 28 - Mountrail County Ag Agency jerky making meats class from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the Mountrail County South Complex in Stanley.

Thursday, Jan. 29 - Stanley varsity boys' basketball at home vs. Nedrose.

Friday, Jan. 30 - Leif Hemstad book launch at the Sibyl Center in Stanley starting at 7:00 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 30 - Alcoholics Anonymous meeting at 8 p.m. at the American Lutheran Church, 403 1st St. SW in Stanley. They meet each Friday and Monday at 8 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 31 - GriefShare at Our Savior's Free Lutheran Church from 10 a.m. to noon. The support group meets each Saturday through April 4.

Saturday, Jan. 31 - Stanley wrestling hosting girls and junior varsity tournaments at Four Bears in New Town.

Monday, Feb. 2 - Big Bend Township special meeting at 9:00 a.m. in the New Town City Council meeting room.

Monday, Feb. 2 - Stanley varsity girls' basketball at home vs. Bottineau.

Monday, Feb. 2 - Rolling Plains Sportsmans Club annual meeting at 8:00 p.m. at the clubhouse in Stanley.

Monday, Feb. 2 - Alcoholics Anonymous meeting at 8 p.m. at the American Lutheran Church, 403 1st St. SW in Stanley. They meet each Friday and Monday at 8 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 3 - Private fumigation certification Zoom training at the Mountrail County South Complex with registration at 12:00 noon and training from 12:30 to 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 3 - Stanley varsity boys' basketball at home vs. Bottineau.

Wednesday, Feb. 4 - Stanley Commercial Club meeting at noon at Microtel Inn and Suites in Stanley.

Monday, Feb. 9 - Stanley Lions Club meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Golden Age Club in Stanley.

Monday, Feb. 9 - District 4 Republicans delegate endorsing and fundraising event at 5:45 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center in Plaza.

Wednesday, Feb. 11 - Mountrail County Ag Improvement Association Farm and Ranch Day at the Mountrail County South Complex. Dessert contest starts in the morning with first speaker at 10 a.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 17 - Stanley Picnic in Mesa, AZ at Apache Wells starting at 12:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 18 - Charles Hartman Post 134 monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Veterans Room at the Memorial Building in Stanley.

Tuesday, Feb. 24 - Mountrail County Garden Club meeting at 5:15 p.m. at the Mountrail County South Complex in Stanley.

Wednesday, Mar. 25 - Private general pesticide in-person training at the Mountrail County Plaza Complex with registration at 11:30 a.m. and training from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m.



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