

## North Dakota Corn Utilization Council Election In Mountrail County

Corn growers in Mountrail County are being urged to participate in the election of a county representative for the North Dakota Corn Utilization Council. All corn growers have a definite interest in the membership of the Council and are encouraged to participate in the election. The election for Mountrail County will take place on **Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at 3:30 p.m. (CT)** at the Mountrail County South Complex, 8103 61st St NW, Stanley, ND. Election will be held during the Mountrail County Farm and Ranch Day.

A Voting Producer is a person who plants, or causes to be planted a corn crop in which the person has an ownership interest, with the intent that upon maturity the crop will be harvested in the next available or immediately preceding growing

## North Dakota Dry Pea And Lentil Council Election In Mountrail County

Growers of dry peas, lentils, lupins, fava beans, and chickpeas in Mountrail County are being urged to participate in the election of a county representative for the North Dakota Dry Pea and Lentil Council.

According to the North Dakota Dry Pea and Lentil Council Chairman, pulse crop producers have an exciting opportunity to serve as county and district representatives for the North Dakota Dry Pea and Lentil Council, and encourages all to participate in the election. The election for Mountrail County will take place on **Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at 3:30 p.m. (CT)** at the Mountrail County South Complex, 8103 61st St NW, in Stanley, ND. Election will be held during the Mountrail County Farm and Ranch Day.

Any person who qualifies as a

## ND To Participate In Federal Tax Credit For Donations To Scholarship Granting Organizations

North Dakota will participate in a new federal program that offers a tax credit for certain donations to organizations that provide K-12 education scholarships and services, Governor Kelly Armstrong announced recently.

The tax credit applies to cash contributions to Scholarship Granting Organizations, or SGOs, which are nonprofits that award scholarships to help students pay for elementary and secondary education. Taxpayers may be able to claim the federal tax credit beginning January 1, 2027.

"This program incentivizes charitable giving to support our state's most precious resource, its students," Armstrong said. "We look forward to implementing the program with additional federal guidance to empower school choice and support North Dakota students in their education."

The program was established in the One Big Beautiful Bill Act passed by Congress and signed by President Trump last year. Before the tax credit can be claimed, the state must choose to participate in the program and submit a list of approved SGOs to the U.S. Treasury Department. To qualify, an SGO must be recognized as a 501(c)(3) public charity and may not be a private foundation. Eligible covered expenses include tuition, tutoring, special needs supports, technology costs and public education supplemental services for students enrolled in public or private schools. Income limits apply, and the maxi-

season. Producers have to reside in Mountrail County, and have not requested a corn refund during the preceding year.

The election will be conducted under the supervision of Lynnette Vachal, County Extension Agent, NDSU Extension, Mountrail County.

Newly elected county corn representatives from District 3 will assemble REMOTELY via ZOOM <https://ndsu.zoom.us/j/91917432423?pwd=Wy8geFIM80usQ59IM50nWj403Vg5bl1> on Tuesday, March 24, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. (CT) to elect the district's member of the North Dakota Corn Utilization Council.

The North Dakota Corn Utilization Council was created in 1991 by legislative enactment to facilitate the production, development, marketing and promotion of corn.

## Seventeen Graduate From Electric Trades Apprenticeships

Seventeen North Dakotans recently completed years long apprenticeships requiring thousands of hours of on-the-job training in the electric trades. They join more than 800 people who have graduated from the North Dakota Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives (NDAREC) apprenticeship programs over the past 56 years. Graduates were recognized at a January 15 awards ceremony at the NDAREC Apprenticeship, Training and Safety Conference in Mandan.

"North Dakota's electric cooperatives require a skilled workforce to keep the power flowing 24/7/365," says Josh Kramer, NDAREC executive vice president and general manager. "These graduates have completed the intensive requirements to achieve journeyman status, demonstrating a commitment to their trade, a desire to learn from others in the field and a safety-above-all-else attitude. Now, they join a special group of workers, who together power the lives of the more than 250,000 North Dakotans served by the state's electric cooperatives."

Eleven individuals completed lineman apprenticeships, two completed meter technician apprenticeships and four became the first to complete relay technician apprenticeships since the program was added.

The relay technician program trains apprentices to install, maintain and test protective relay systems used in electric power grids. These relays are essential for detecting faults and ensuring the safe and efficient operation of electrical systems, helping protect people and equipment.

The demand for relay technicians is high, but there is a shortage of skilled professionals to fill these positions, says Christina Roemmich, NDAREC safety services director.

Among the graduates, Duncan Marquart, a journeyman lineman for Burke-Divide Electric Coop-

erative headquartered in Columbus, was recognized with this year's Outstanding Apprentice Award. Marquart earned high marks for his job performance and academic achievement in the 576 hours of required coursework. His integrity, reliability and positive attitude have earned the respect of his co-workers, says Eric Sieg, operations manager for Burke-Divide Electric Cooperative.

"Duncan exemplifies the qualities of an outstanding lineworker; technical competence, safety awareness and teamwork. He consistently upholds high standards, whether working under challenging conditions, responding to outages or contributing to complex installations," says Sieg.

The following journeyman lineworkers completed apprenticeships in 2025:

- Duncan Marquart, Burke-Divide Electric Cooperative

- Jared Crutchfield, Capital Electric Cooperative

- Cody Homes, Capital Electric Cooperative

- Teight Madler, McKenzie Electric Cooperative

- Brian Bonnet, Mountrail-Wil-

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- Benson Huber, Mountrail-Wil-

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- Dawson Hall, Mountrail-Wil-

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- Conner Kuntz, Roughrider

- Electric Cooperative

- Shay Olson, Slope Electric Co-

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- Grant Meyer, Verendrye Elec-

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- Luke David, BT Mills

The following journeyman meter technicians completed apprenticeships in 2025:

- Kyle Helmers, Burke-Divide

- Electric Cooperative

- Daniel Alberts, Mountrail-Wil-

- liams Electric Cooperative

The following journeyman relay technicians completed apprenticeships in 2025:

- Brandon Blomberg, Mountrail-

- Williams Electric Cooperative

- Todd Bustad, Mountrail-Wil-

- liams Electric Cooperative

- Lukas Dahl, Mountrail-Wil-

- liams Electric Cooperative

- Shawn Erickson, Mountrail-

- Williams Electric Cooperative

## Memorials Received By Veterans Park

In memory of Henry Strobeck from Kris Strobeck.

In memory of Ron Lewis from Dale and Dolly Ellis.

Donation received from Marshall and Jane Craft.

Memorials are greatly appreciated and may be mailed to Box 743, Stanley, ND 58784.

January 26, 2021: \$2.27/g (U.S. Average: \$2.41/g)  
Neighboring areas and their current gas prices: Sioux Falls- \$2.44/g, up 5.3 cents from last week's \$2.39/g, Fargo- \$2.33/g, up 6.9 cents from last week's \$2.26/g, South Dakota- \$2.56/g, up 2.8 cents per gallon from last week's \$2.53/g.

"Average gasoline prices have jumped for a second straight week as oil prices have climbed back above the \$60-per-barrel mark amid ongoing geopolitical tensions," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. "New sanctions on Iran's oil are making it more difficult for those barrels to reach the market, tightening supply, while the major winter storm that sent temperatures plunging is also likely to impact refineries, causing disruptions and reduced output."

Diesel prices have jumped as colder weather boosts demand for heating oil, a combination that could keep both gasoline and diesel prices moving higher in the week ahead."

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## Stanley Picnic To Be Held In Mesa, AZ

The annual Stanley Picnic is scheduled for February 17, 2026 starting at 12:00 p.m. The picnic will be held at Apache Wells, 2223 N. 56th St. in Mesa. (Balloons at light of McKillips & N. 56th St., between Higley and Recker).

Chicken, plates, silverware, bottled water and coffee will be provided. Please bring a side dish.

Donations are accepted. For more information, contact HelenAnn at 480-326-3237.

## VCSU Announces Students Named To Fall 2025 Honor Roll

Valley City State University has released its President's Honor Roll, Dean's Honor Roll and Honor Roll for the Fall 2025 semester. The President's Honor Roll recognizes students who completed twelve semester hours or more of VCSU classes for which grade points are earned with a 4.0 grade point average.

Students from the area listed to the President's Honor Roll include Gretchen Deaver, Berthold; Larissa Tallmadge, New Town; Alyssa Haakenson, Parshall; Rebecca Bohrer, Stanley; and Kasey Odegaard, White Earth.

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**Rolling Plains Sportsman's Club will be hosting their ANNUAL MEETING on Monday, February 2, 2026 at 8 p.m. at the Rolling Plains Sportsman's Clubhouse, 8094 62nd Ave. NW in Stanley**

**Big Bend Township Meeting Notice**  
Big Bend Township Board of Supervisors will meet on Monday, Feb. 2, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. in the New Town City Council Meeting Room. Special agenda to include:  
\* Minutes approval  
\* Treasurer's report and financial actions  
\* Public discussion opportunity  
\* Legal counsel retention discussion  
\* Pipeline and oilfield access road issues  
\* John Sauber discussion on opening bid requests for reconstruction of 30th Street and 94th Avenue.  
Matt Bangen, Township Clerk

## Notice Of Filing Deadline for New Town City Election

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing to have a candidate's name printed on the ballot for the City of **New Town** is **Monday, April 6, 2026 by 4:00 P.M.** The following city offices are up for election:

- City Mayor, 1 position 4-year term
- City Council Member, 2 positions, 4-year term
- City Park Board, 3 positions, 4-year term
- Municipal Judge, 1 position 4-year term

A Candidate for a city office must turn in a completed SFN 2704 Petition/Certificate of Nomination and a completed SFN 10172 Statement of Interests to the **City of New Town Auditors Office**, 945 Eagle Dr., Suite #106 by the above deadline date and time. Forms can also be obtained online at <http://www.nd.gov/sos/electvote/elections/forms.html>.

**Mountrail County Medical Center Clinic is starting to give the annual flu vaccine.**  
Everyone ages 6 months and older should get an annual flu vaccine. A flu vaccine is especially important if you have a chronic health condition such as heart disease or diabetes.  
Please call today to get your annual flu vaccine - **701-628-2505.**  
The regular flu vaccine will be \$35 and High Dose will be \$90 at time of visit or billed to your insurance at the same rate.  
We have the higher-dose flu vaccine specifically designed for ages 65 and older.  
**Mountrail County Health Center**  
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