

North Dakota Game And Fish News

2025 CWD Test Results

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department tested 1,224 animals for chronic wasting disease during the 2025 sampling season. Game and Fish confirmed sixteen deer tested positive for CWD, all of which were taken by hunters.

Deer that tested positive for CWD came from the following units: 3A1 (five mule deer, one whitetail); 3D2 (two mule deer); 3E1 (one mule deer and one whitetail); 3E2 (one mule deer); 3F1 (one whitetail); 3F2 (two mule deer and one whitetail); and 2B (one whitetail).

CWD was not previously detected in units 2B and 3D2.

Game and Fish will use its 2025 surveillance data to guide CWD management moving forward. Regulations related to CWD are set annually by proclamation.

CWD is a fatal disease of deer, moose and elk that remains on the landscape and can cause long-term population impacts as infection rates climb.

More information about CWD can be found by visiting the department's website, gf.nd.gov/cwd.

Game and Fish Offers Wildlife Food Plot Seed

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department is once again offering free seed for the 2026 growing season to landowners interested

in planting wildlife food plots for pheasants and other wildlife species.

Rather than a traditional corn or sunflower food plot, Game and Fish is offering a seed mix that provides increased plant diversity, including flowering plants from spring through fall, which will attract insects, the major diet component of pheasant chicks. Additionally, the mix will provide needed cover during spring and summer, as well as a winter food source.

This food plot campaign does not require a department Private Land Open To Sportsmen contract, however, participating landowners are encouraged to allow reasonable public access. This could mean simply providing permission to hunters from time to time, utilizing custom dates in electronic posting, putting up "Ask Before You Enter" signs around the area, or not posting the surrounding land. Additionally, participating landowners cannot charge a fee for hunting.

The department will provide enough seed to cover up to a maximum 5-acre planting at no cost to the landowner.

Landowners interested in receiving the seed must sign up online by

April 3. Seed will be available in May at Game and Fish offices in Bismarck, Jamestown, Devils Lake, Harvey, Dickinson, Williston and Riverdale.

Game and Fish private land biologists can provide technical assistance on food plot location and site preparation.

Landowners interested in additional financial incentives may be considered for the PLOTS program. More information is available by contacting a private land biologist at any Game and Fish office, or email privatelands@nd.gov.

Department Launches Explorer Program

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department is launching a new program to expose high school aged students to what goes on inside and outside the agency's walls.

The Explorer Program, for students ages 16-18, is designed to engage and mentor youth interested in pursuing a career in natural resources, conservation, law enforcement, and other fields within the Department.

"The program is a great opportunity for students interested in a career in natural resources or the many other things we do at the Game and Fish Department," said Bill Haase,

Department wildlife division chief. "Selected participants will get hands-on experience with wildlife, habitat management, fisheries, enforcement and public outreach."

Haase said the Explorer Program is not only a win for students with designs on following a collegiate path to someday become say, a fisheries biologist or a game warden, it's also a win for the agency.

"We started the program, in part, as a way for the Game and Fish to recruit future staff," he said. "Many of the people who currently work for our agency started as seasonal employees. This program will expose students to our careers and possibly become seasonal employees for us and hopefully become permanent staff someday."

To be selected for the Explorer Program, Haase said applicants start by filling out an application on the Department's website at gf.nd.gov. Applicants will also need to provide a letter of reference from a counselor or teacher.

The deadline to apply is March 22.

More details about the program, such as eligibility, core program activities and expectations, can also be found on the Department's website.



PUBLIC NOTICE

The Mountrail County Planning & Zoning Board will hold a Public Hearing on **Monday, March 23rd, 2026 at 8:35 A.M.** via GOTO MEETING or in the Commissioners room in the Mountrail County Courthouse located at 101 North Main Street, Stanley, North Dakota, for the purpose of discussing a conditional use request filed by Hannah Kowalski-Applint in concurrence with Judy Vedaa-Landowner, for the purpose of placing a modular home on land zoned Agricultural, a tract of land 2.00 acres more or less, described as Outlot 2 located in the SW1/4NW1/4 of Section 16, Township 156 North, Range 92 West (Ross Township).

The provision regarding a variance is contained within the Mountrail County Zoning Land Development Code. The Land Development Code may be viewed at the Mountrail County Planner's Office during office hours or online at www.co.mountrail.nd.us under the Planning & Zoning section.

If you are unable to attend the public hearing, written comments can be mailed to Mountrail County Planning & Zoning, PO Box 248, Stanley ND 58784-0248 and will be accepted until **Noon** on Friday, March 13th, 2026. Phone: 701-628-2909 or Email: melissav@co.mountrail.nd.us.

Mountrail County complies with Title VI Nondiscrimination Standards and the Americans with Disabilities Act. These policies can be viewed at the Mountrail County Human Resources Office. If any special accommodations are required, please contact: Mountrail County Title VI Compliance & ADA Coordinator, Randi Schumaier, P.O. Box 69, Stanley, ND 58784-0069, phone: 701-628-8980, Fax: 701-628-2276, email: rschumaier@co.mountrail.nd.us.

March 23rd, 2026 P&Z meeting
Monday, March 23rd, 2026 8:30 AM - 11:00 AM (America/Chicago)

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.
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Dated at Stanley, North Dakota this 27th day of February, 2026.

Charlie Sorenson, Chairman
Planning & Zoning Commission

ATTEST:
Melissa Vachal
Planning & Zoning Administrator
Mar. 4, 11, 2026



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The Mountrail County Planning & Zoning Board will hold a Public Hearing on **Monday, March 23rd, 2026 at 8:38 A.M.** via GOTO MEETING or in the Commissioners room in the Mountrail County Courthouse located at 101 North Main Street, Stanley, North Dakota, for the purpose of discussing a variance request filed by Caleb Bates-Applint/Landowner, for the purpose of placing a mobile home older than 8 years old, on land zoned Residential, a tract of land 3.07 acres more or less, described as Outlot 2 less a 100' square tract in NW1/4 of said Outlot 2, Original Township of Blaisdell, located in the SE1/4NE1/4 of Section 14, Township 156 North, Range 89 West (McGahan Township).

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NOTICE TO ALL TAXPAYERS OF MOUNTRAIL COUNTY TOWNSHIP & CITY EQUALIZATION MEETINGS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that proceedings for the equalization of assessments for all real property will be held by the several local equalization boards as follows: **in any organized township must be held in the month of April and in a city must be held within the first fifteen days of April**, at the regular meeting place of the governing board or other place designated by that board of the township or city, as the case may be. Each taxpayer has the right to appear before the appropriate board of review or equalization and petition for correction in their assessment.

Dated at Stanley, North Dakota, this 2nd day of March, 2026.

Stephanie A. Pappa
Mountrail County Auditor
Mar. 4, 11, 2026



ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS City of New Town Sand Hill Water Tower Improvements

General Notice
Sealed bids for construction of the New Town Sand Hill Water Tower Improvements project for the City of New Town, North Dakota will be received until 10:00 A.M. local time on March 18, 2026 at New Town City Hall, located at 945 Eagle Drive (P.O. Box 309), New Town, ND 58763 at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Bids can be mailed to:
City of New Town
c/o City Auditor
945 Eagle Drive
Suite 106
P.O. Box 309
New Town, ND 58763

The Project includes the following Work:

Electrical systems and control systems in association with construction of a new 500,000-gallon composite elevated storage tank and appurtenances, connection to existing distribution system, and demolition of the existing at grade storage reservoir. Offsite work includes upgrades to electrical at the existing water treatment plant (WTP) and booster station (BS).

The Work for the Contract is generally described as follows:

Contract No. 2 - Electrical Construction: Work at the new tower generally consists of installation of utility service, grounding electrode systems, general power and lighting systems, panelboards and SCADA equipment. Offsite work generally consists of 1 - WTP, disconnecting the three (3) existing high service pumps and reconnection once the pump upgrades are completed and wiring and integration of the new Flowmeter and 2 - BS, disconnecting the existing four (4) booster pumps and reconnecting when pump upgrades are complete.

All Bids shall be prepared according to the Instructions to Bidders contained within the Project Manual. Attached to the outside of the bid envelope must be a separate envelope containing a list of all addenda to the plans and specifications and an acknowledgement by the bidder of receipt of such addenda. The separate envelope shall also contain a bidder's bond in the amount of 5% of the full amount of bid executed by the bidder as principal and by a surety, conditioned that if the principal's bid is accepted and the contract awarded to the principal, the principal, within 10 days after notice of award shall execute a contract in accordance with the terms of the bid and a contractor's bond as required by law and the regulations and determinations of the governing body. Countersignature of a bid bond is not required under this section.

All bidders must be licensed for the full amount of the bid as required by Section 47-07-05. A copy of the Contractor's License or Certificate of Renewal thereof, issued by the Secretary of State, must be enclosed in the bid bond envelope as required under Section 47-07-12.

The Project has an expected substantial completion date of **October 1, 2027**. The estimated cost of this project is approximately \$450,000.

Obtaining the Bidding Documents
Bidding Documents for the Project can be found at the following designated websites:

www.questcdn.com
Quest#: 10079614

Bidding Documents may be downloaded in PDF from QuestCDN. There is no fee to download the Bidding Documents. Prospective Bidders are required to register with QuestCDN as a plan holder. QuestCDN will be updated with any addenda that are issued during bidding period.

All official addenda and other Bidding Documents will be offered only through the sources identified above. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for

obtaining addenda.

Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than those identified above.

VA Fargo Upgrades Health Care Infrastructure

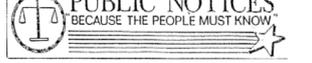
VA Fargo Health Care System announced it has begun infrastructure upgrades to ensure safe and effective patient care.

These projects are part of a record \$4.8 billion in nationwide VA spending to modernize, repair and improve department health care facilities in fiscal year 2026 via the Veterans Health Administration's Non-Recurring Maintenance program.

VA Fargo improvement projects for the first quarter of fiscal year 2026 are: Replace Fire Alarm System; Replace Building 1 Transformers; and Site Preparation for Sterile Processing Service Equipment.

"Improved facilities, equipment and infrastructure mean better care for Veterans, and these funds will enable VA Fargo to achieve that goal," said VA Fargo Health Care System Director Brent Pharis. "Better care for Veterans is our goal, and these projects will enable us to achieve just that."

These infrastructure investments are part of a host of important initiatives to improve VA during the sec-



NEW TOWN ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION

Two three-year positions on the New Town School Board are to be filled at the Annual School Election June 9, 2026. Members whose three-year terms expire are Douglas Bratvold, who represents the City Area #1 and Pete Young Bird who represents the West Area.

Monday, April 6, 2026, at 4:00 p.m., is the deadline for filing for candidates who wish to have their names appear on the ballot in the June 9, 2026 school election. Candidates must be resident voters of the area designated. Those who wish to have their name appear on the ballot as candidates may pick up forms at the school business office in the High School/Middle School building. Candidates will also have to file a Statement of Interests form which is also available at the school business office.

The election will be held June 9, 2026, with the balloting for candidates limited to voters residing in the City Area #1 area of the school district and from the West Area.

Mar. 4, 2026



STANLEY COMMUNITY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION - JUNE 9, 2026

Polling Place- Stanley High School Building

Polls Open: 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The Stanley School Board at their regular Board Meeting, March 14, 1989, voted to consolidate all school district polling places, having one central polling place located at the Stanley High School Building.

Qualified voters from the entire School District may vote for the candidates, but the candidates shall be legal residents of their area.

One School Board member will be elected from Area 2 (3-year term). Area two (2) consists of the Townships of Powers, Lostwood, Sidonia, Cottonwood, James Hill, Clearwater, Redmond, and Palermo within the boundaries of the Stanley Community Public School District No. 2. This is a three-year term. The incumbent is Megan Fritel.

One School Board member will be elected from Area 3 (3-year term). Area three (3) consists of the Townships of Manitowish, Ross, and Debing plus that portion of Unorganized Twp 155 Rge 94 and Unorganized Twp Rge 94 within the boundaries of the Stanley Community Public School District No. 2. This is a three-year term. The incumbent is Matt Ruland.

An individual seeking election to the board of the Stanley Community Public School District No. 2 shall prepare and sign a document (Statement of Intent) stating the individual's name and the position for which that individual is a candidate. A candidate shall also file a Statement of Interest as required by section 16.1-09-02. These documents must be filed with the school district Business Manager or mailed to and in the possession of the business manager by 4:00 p.m. on April 6, 2026 (64th day before the election).

Forms for filing are available from Beth Hall, Business Manager at the District Office located at the High School Building. The filing deadline is 4:00 p.m., April 6, 2026. The Statement of Intent Letter must be accompanied by a completed, signed, and Statement of Interest Form (NDCC 16.1-09-02)

STANLEY COMMUNITY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2
Mar. 4, 11, 18, 25, Apr. 1, 2026

Fund Name	CITY OF NEW TOWN 2025 YEAR END FINANCIAL STATEMENT WITH TRANSFERS				2025 Expenses	2025 End Balance
	2025 Beginning Balance	2025 Revenues	2025 Transfers In	2025 Transfers Out		
Fund 100 General Fund	\$5,066,053.67	\$1,896,195.72	\$2,510,916.39	\$3,127,695.65	\$2,925,358.71	\$3,420,111.42
Fund 101 Oil & Gas Production	\$5,146,534.92	\$4,877,525.61	\$1,857,604.98	\$6,591,119.84	\$45,750.00	\$5,244,795.67
Fund 102 Fire Dept. Truck Reserve	\$300,000.00	\$0.00	\$225,000.00	\$0.00	\$109,441.67	\$415,558.33
Fund 201 Hwy Distribution Fund	\$0.00	\$193,682.17	\$330,000.00	\$0.00	\$522,872.85	\$809.32
Fund 204 Special Assessment Deficiency	\$1,218.04	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,218.04	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fund 206 Emergency Fund	\$59,620.70	\$623.62	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,997.00	\$50,247.32
Fund 208 Cemetery Fund	\$24,103.49	\$11,038.86	\$13,212.47	\$0.00	\$48,354.82	\$0.00
Fund 214 Hwy Dist Legacy Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fund 220 Sales Tax #1	\$1,030,697.02	\$751,027.80	\$0.00	\$1,000,000.00	\$0.00	\$781,724.82
Fund 221 Sales Tax #2	\$1,825,098.36	\$751,027.82	\$0.00	\$1,325,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,251,126.18
Fund 310 WPT 2016 Rev. Bonds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$268,500.00	\$0.00	\$268,500.00	\$0.00
Fund 315 Series 2024-A-STRB DWSRF	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$58,960.04	\$0.00	\$58,960.04	\$0.00
Fund 316 Series 2004-A-Reserve	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,900.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,900.00
Fund 317 Series 2024-B-STRB CWSRF	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$154,740.55	\$0.00	\$154,740.55	\$0.00
Fund 318 Series 2024-B-Reserve	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$32,395.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$32,395.00
Fund 319 Series 2025A STRB DWSRF	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fund 320 Series 2025A STRB DWSRF Reserve	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$35,530.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$35,530.00
Fund 321 Series 2025B STRB CWSRF	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fund 322 Series 2025B STRB CWSRF Reserve	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$45,320.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$45,320.00
Fund 401 Construction Fund	\$(250.00)	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fund 409 Eagles Loop Development	\$171,523.23	\$125,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$296,523.23
Fund 422 Reverse Osmosis Procurement	\$6,616.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,735.00	\$2,881.50
Fund 430 Asphalt Overlay	\$75,778.49	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$75,778.49
Fund 437 Phase 2 Street Utility Improve	\$0.00	\$4,261,685.76	\$2,138,307.91	\$0.00	\$5,230,539.23	\$1,169,454.44
Fund 438 40th & 41st St Imp	\$12.36	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12.36	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fund 442 2023 Water/Sewer/Street Improve	\$1,342,083.08	\$605,776.11	\$0.00	\$1,857,604.98	\$90,254.21	\$0.00
Fund 444 Sandhill Ground Storage	\$0.00					