

2026 NDSU Feedlot School set for January 21-22 in Carrington

North Dakota State University's Carrington Research Extension Center will hold its annual NDSU Feedlot School on Jan. 21-22, 2026.

This intensive course is designed for cattle producers, feeders, backgrounders, feed industry personnel, animal health care suppliers and anyone interested in learning more about feedlot production, nutrition, waste management and marketing.

"Cattle feeding is a very competitive business," said Karl Hoppe, NDSU Extension livestock systems specialist at the Carrington Research Extension Center. "Making cattle feeding profitable is usually a result of doing many things right, not just one thing better."

The feedlot school helps identify areas for improvement, ranging from feed bunk management to health to business planning to marketing.

"The regional cattle experts who teach at the school provide a good overview of management for North Dakota feeders," added Hoppe. "Their interaction with the participants continues for years after the school."

Feedlot school topics will include the following:

- Why feed cattle in North Dakota
- Facility design and equipment



The NDSU Feedlot School will include a commercial feedlot tour and a tour of the Carrington Research Extension Center's livestock facilities. NDSU photo.

- Budgets for different cattle feeding scenarios
- Cattle requirements and feeding
- Beef Quality Assurance
- Implants
- Cattle financing
- Feed additives
- Ration formulation
- Feed nutrient analysis and feed testing
- Feedlot diseases and treatments
- Facility management
- Bunk reading and feed delivery
- Manure and nutrient management
- Livestock market outlook
- Price protection with hedging and LRP
- Alternative market programs
- Carcass quality and marketing on the grid

The school will also include a commercial feedlot tour and a tour of the Carrington Research Extension Center's livestock facilities.

Instructors include faculty from NDSU's Department of Animal Sciences and Department of Agribusiness and Applied Economics; the Carrington, North Central and Central Grasslands Research Extension Centers; and the North Dakota Stockmen's Association, as well as others who have extensive experience working with Northern Plains feedlots.

The deadline to register is Monday, Jan. 5. Register at ndsug.org/CRE/feedlot26.

The registration fee is \$225 per person. All meals are included with the registration. The fee does not include lodging.

Participants are responsible for making their own lodging arrangements. Lodging is available at the Chieftain Conference Center, Carrington Inn and Suites or Cobblestone Inn.

For more information about the course topics or to be placed on a waiting list for next year's feedlot school, contact Hoppe at 701-652-2951 or karl.hoppe@ndsu.edu.

The Carrington Research Extension Center is 3.5 miles north of Carrington on U.S. Highway 281.

Hunt indicted for murder and manslaughter

United States Attorney Nicholas W. Chase announced the United States District Court for the District of North Dakota unsealed an Indictment revealing that a federal grand jury returned a true bill of indictment charging D'Angelo James Hunt, age 26, of St. Michael, N.D., with 10 federal felonies including murder and manslaughter.

On Nov. 17, 2025, Hunt was charged by criminal complaint with Second Degree Murder of I.H. He waived a detention hearing following his initial appearance and remains in custody.

The Grand Jury then returned a true bill of indictment charging Hunt with nine additional counts. Hunt's charges are as follows: Three Counts of Assault Resulting in Substantial Bodily Injury to a Spouse, Intimate Partner, or Dating Partner; Two Counts of Assault of a Spouse, Intimate Partner, or

Dating Partner by Strangulation; Assault Resulting in Serious Bodily Injury; Voluntary Manslaughter; Second Degree Murder within Indian country; Tampering with Evidence; and Use of Fire to Commit a Felony.

The indictment includes six counts of assaults committed by Hunt against J.M.P. as well as one count of voluntary manslaughter against J.M.P. In addition to the second-degree murder of I.H., the indictment charges Hunt with tampering with evidence and use of a fire to commit felony as it relates to the murder.

The Indictment in this case is not evidence of guilt. The Defendant is presumed innocent unless or until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt at trial.

"Today's unsealing of this Indictment marks an important step toward justice in a case that has weighed heavily on the victims' families

and the Spirit Lake community for more than two years," said United States Attorney Nicholas W. Chase. "No indictment can undo their loss, but it affirms our commitment to pursuing accountability with care, diligence and resolve. Of course, an Indictment is not proof of guilt, and the Defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty. Violent crime remains one of the highest priorities of this office, and we will continue to devote the resources necessary to hold violent offenders accountable. I want to commend our law-enforcement partners, who have worked tirelessly and followed every lead to move this case forward. The investigation in this case is ongoing, with the goal of bringing a family some measure of closure through the recovery of J.M.P."

"The charges alleged in this indictment are one more brutal example of violence against indigenous women. Too many women and men face fear and violence on tribal lands," said Special Agent in Charge Alvin M. Winston Sr. of FBI Minneapolis. "Through exhaustive investigation and strong collaboration with our tribal, state and federal partners, the FBI is fully committed to holding violent criminals

accountable and protecting safe communities. The indictment of Hunt is the first step in securing much-deserved justice for two victims, their families and the community."

"President Trump and Secretary Burgum are committed to bringing forth all available resources to protect tribal communities and deliver justice on behalf of the victims and their families," said Billy Kirkland, Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs at the Department of the Interior. "I appreciate the close collaboration with our law enforcement partners that led to this arrest and prosecution. Together, we may bring closure and peace to families impacted by violence and hold those responsible to account for their actions."

This case is being investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Bureau of Indian Affairs, North Dakota Bureau of Criminal Investigation, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, and prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office, with Assistant United States Attorneys Lori H. Conroy and Samantha L. Schmidt, and First Assistant United States Attorney Jennifer Klemetsrud Puhl assigned.

Sheyenne

by Patti Clifton

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A number of people stopped by the Sheyenne Senior Center the evening of December 21 to light and place luminaries along Main Street on the longest night of the year. About 56 candles brought light to the darkness from Wild Things Taxidermy to around the corner toward the post office. Several had names written on the white paper bags in honor of a loved one. Three of the larger candles remained lit well into Monday morning when they were collected.

Jan Loe and Patti Clifton did some last minute Christmas shopping in Devils Lake last Monday. They enjoyed noon lunch before finishing other errands.

Monday was delivery and installation day for the fridge and freezer units in the Sinclair Station Farmers Grocery. Gavin has been working on the back room area and bathroom leading before and after the coolers were put in place.

The week of Christmas goes fast for those busy getting ready for company, and slowly for the kids awaiting the day they get to open

presents. Some families in Sheyenne got together the weekend before Christmas and some the weekend after. The weather on Christmas Day was surprisingly increasingly foggy, but it didn't stop over 325 people from getting to Ostby Hall for a delicious turkey dinner. Families from as far as Texas came to help serve up lots of Christmas cheer. The Christmas music by Dakota Blende, Marcie on violin and Bonnie on keyboard, created a wonderful atmosphere for good food and conversation.

Sheyenne sends condolences to the family of Verna (Hanson) Mangin on the passing of her husband Dan Mangin on December 24. He was the son of Dale and Verda Mangin. He grew up in Sheyenne and was a 1968 graduate of Sheyenne High School.

Foot Care will be at the Sheyenne Senior Center, Thursday morning, Jan. 8.

The next gathering of Community Quilting is Wednesday, Jan. 7 at 1 p.m. at Grace Lutheran parish hall.

Happy New Year.



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The North Dakota Corn Utilization Council election for Eddy County will take place on Thursday, January 22, 2026, at 3:00 PM (CT) at the NDSU Extension office, 205 3rd St SE, in New Rockford, ND. Election will follow the Waterhemp Meeting.

ELECTION

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 season. Producers have to reside in Eddy County and have not requested a Corn refund during the preceding year.

For more information contact the North Dakota Corn Utilization Council at 701-566-9322.

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Rundown
by Leasa A. Lura



The counties and cities within the state of North Dakota hold many interesting news stories.

Here are just a few of the feature stories that others are reading in communities around the state.

Family fun for New Town

The Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation on Dec. 10 opened the doors on family fun during the grand opening of the new Thrill & Chill Family Entertainment Center in New Town.

The new center includes miniature golf courses, a laser tag venue, a roped course, an arcade and a movie theater. A family restaurant and private party rooms are available as well.

(Story taken from the Mountrail County Promoter)

Local legend goes nationwide

After premiering in Bismarck and all across the state of North Dakota this past fall, "Hazel," a feature movie based on the legendary Hazel Miner, made its national digital premiere on Tuesday, Dec. 23.

According to a University of Mary press release, the movie, which was distributed by Samuel Goldwyn Films, was released on video-on-demand across Apple TV, Amazon, GooglePlay/YouTube Movies, Fandango-at-Home, Versant, Vubiquity and DirecTB/AT&T, with an exclusive streaming window on Angel Studios.

"Hazel's Heart" tells the true story of 16-year-old Hazel Miner, a farm girl from Center, N.D., whose heroic actions during a deadly 1920 blizzard became one of the state's most enduring survival stories. Originally developed under the title "Hazel," the name was updated ahead of the national rollout.

Following packed screenings in Bismarck, Williston, Fargo, Belfield, Watford City and Minot, the film quickly generated strong word-of-mouth and acclaim for its cinematography, acting and emotional impact.

(Story by Ryan Schlehuber, the Beulah Beacon)

McKenzie County rejects solar farm

In a decisive meeting on Dec. 16, the McKenzie County Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to deny a permit for the Cattle Creek Solar Project, prioritizing a groundswell of local opposition over the developer's last-minute appeal for more time. The decision effectively halts the proposed \$280-million, 150-megawatt photovoltaic project, which was slated to encompass 853 acres in the Patent Gate area.

Before the vote, Eric Wedesky, Senior Project Developer for IBV Energy Partners, presented a formal request to "table" the decision until March 2026. Wedesky argued that the additional months would allow the company to further engage with neighbors, negotiate compensation packages and fund an escrow account for third-party engineering reviews.

Despite IBV's technical compliance the commissioners remained unmoved by the request for an extension. During the board's discussion, commissioners acknowledged that while IBV had worked diligently to "check the boxes" regarding ordinances and environmental studies, the project failed to win the most critical factor: public consent.

"What we're ultimately dealing with here is that we have a pretty tremendous public outcry and a unified opinion saying that we don't want this project here," stated commissioner Joel Brown.

He described the level of community resistance as "unprecedented" during his tenure. The board emphasized that their role as elected officials was to honor the will of their constituents, even if a project meets technical specifications on paper.

(Story by M.K. French, the McKenzie County Farmer)

NDDOT releases 2025 Name-A-Plow contest winners

The names selected as winners are:

- Williston: Scoopie Doo
- Fargo: Snowbgone Kenobi
- Devils Lake: Chill Bill
- Dickinson: Teddy Snowsevelt
- Grand Forks: Flurrious George
- Valley City: Ice Krispy
- Bismarck: Beet-L-Juice
- Minot: Betty Whiteout

(Story taken from the Walsh County Record)

Minto native elected chief justice

Lisa K. Fair McEvers, a native of Minto, will become the first female chief justice of the North Dakota Supreme Court, commencing Jan. 1, 2026.

McEvers plays off the gender role, but recognizes it's a first and she is glad to take North Dakota off the list of states that have never had a female chief justice.

"It is an amazing honor and privilege to have the opportunity to serve in this capacity regardless of my gender," she said. North Dakota is only a handful of states that have not had a female chief justice.

McEvers was elected by more than an 80% majority when ballots were counted Dec. 10 in the election for chief justice of the Supreme Court.

(Story by Todd Morgan, the Walsh County Record)

Senior Meals

January 5 - 9

Monday: Chicken tortilla soup, small beef taco salad, tortilla chips and fruit sauce.

Tuesday: Seafood pasta primavera, peas, house salad with dressing, apple-sauce and a breadstick.

Wednesday: Hamburger on a bun, toppings, sweet potato fries and fruit sauce.

Thursday: Tuna noodle casserole, cooked carrots, applesauce and a dinner roll.

Friday: BBQ chicken breast, harvest hash, low sodium vegetable and peach sauce.

Prayer to the Blessed Virgin

Oh, most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful vine, splendour of Heaven. Blessed Mother of the Son of God; Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh, Star of the Sea, help me and show me. Oh, Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succour me in my necessity (Make request). There are none that can withstand your power.

Oh, Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. (3 times)

Holy Mary, I place this prayer in your hands. (3 times)

Say this prayer for three consecutive days and then you must publish and it will be granted to you in full. Thanks