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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
IN DISTRICT COURT, NELSON COUNTY, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ERMA MATEJCEK, DECEASED.  
Probate File No. 32-2026-PR-00007  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within three months after the date of the first publication or mailing of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to Kevin Matejcek, 5635 111th Ave. NE, Brocket, ND 58321, personal representative of the estate; with his attorney listed above; or filed with the Court.  
Dated this 26th day of May, 2026.  
/s/ Kevin Matejcek  
Kevin Matejcek  
Personal Representative  
(Publish June 4, 11 & 18, 2026)

# Decorating for America's 250th anniversary



Each year on July 4, many Americans are in a celebratory mood as they prepare for all the fanfare involved with Independence Day festivities. But Independence Day 2026 stands to be extra special since it marks America's 250th birthday. Towns, cities and the entire country will be planning much more extravagant July 4 celebrations in 2026.

People who want to get in on the America 250 action may want to begin thinking about how they are going to make their homes and businesses more festive.

**Bunting and banners:** Bunting and banners are traditional patriotic decorations. They traditionally are red, white and blue and can be hung from porches, fences and railings.

**American flags:** Many homes and businesses already display the flag, but this is the perfect opportunity to do so for those who want to exhibit their pride in America. Be sure to treat the flag with respect and review the official United States Flag Code, which mandates that the flag never touches the ground and is illuminated if flown at night. When hanging against a wall or window, the blue union must be at the top left.

**Specialty signs:** Many municipalities are getting in on the America 250 action and will organize specialty parades and

parties. People can check with local government offices to see if lawn signs will be available. If so, they can be displayed in front of homes or retail stores.

**Tablescapes:** Themed America 250 tablecloths can be used for backyard parties and picnics. Centerpieces of mason jars filled with mini flags and birthday number candles spelling out 250 are another fun idea.

**Cozy accents:** Both homeowners and store owners can incorporate cozy accents like wooden blocks or patriotic table runners that display the 1776-2026 theme. Throw pillows and blankets featuring stars and stripes tossed over an antique rocking chair on a porch or near an entryway is a great way to offer a touch of Americana.

**Lights:** Twinkling holiday lights in red, white and blue can be hung around windows and doors, or wrapped around trees in the yard for festive appeal.

Communities may identify specific decorating goals, like entire streets featuring paper lanterns, or America 250 flags on telephone poles. Residents can participate in such plans where possible.

-metrocreativeconnection

## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING TOLNA CITY COUNCIL April 7, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the Tolna City Council was held April 7, 2026. All members were present. Others present were Melissa Lee and Judy Lane.

Minutes were read of the March meeting. Cheryl moved to approve; Brian seconded said motion. Motion carried.

Melissa discussed TBEC. She is working on controlling the mice. Bret will make or purchase some box traps to help with this. Melissa also reported for park board; she has applied for grant monies for playground equipment and benches, etc. She requested monies for buying pickleball nets. Request was granted. Judy will keep bathrooms at the park clean for the summer.

Bills:  
Lyndi's Market ..... \$39.33  
F & N Café ..... 67.46  
GRWD ..... 2,653.95  
Nelson County ..... 912.00  
Nodak ..... 470.67  
WM ..... 4,101.70  
Range Data ..... 240.00  
GF Utilities ..... 26.40  
Otter Tail ..... 3,880.31  
Nelson Co. Sheriff's Dept. .... 680.00  
Otter Tail ..... 598.98  
Otter Tail ..... 222.31  
Melissa Lee ..... 20.32

Cheryl made the motion to approve the bills. Brian seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tolna Dam group asked Tolna city if restroom debris could be dumped in the city lagoon. There are cans and broken bottles in the sewer. The city will not allow the dump with these materials in it. Brian will talk to Doug Flaagan about what could be done.

A discussion was held on some repairs of gravel streets. Leon Hoyt will grade roads as done before. This will take gravel; Bret will contact for gravel and project. Bret also made

the motion to keep gravel and grading under \$5,000. Brian seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bret discussed having a space for rent for rodeo events. This is in preliminary stages and more discussion will be in the future.

Brian reported that Brandon Johnson, Bollig Engineering, will be in Tolna April 21 at noon to discuss grant writing for water projects. Any council members can attend this meeting. Meeting adjourned.

Victoria Engen  
City Auditor

## MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING TOLNA CITY COUNCIL April 20, 2026

A special meeting was called April 20, 2026 to discuss the inert landfill and the problem with the asphalt layer on courts in the park. Present were Keith Burt, Brian Nelson, Ron Knutson and Bret Poehls. Others present were Melissa Lee and Judy Lane.

Keith visited Mike Luehring about the inert landfill. The city needs to burn and bury what exists and dig a new hole next to what is there. Mike approved the city to proceed. Keith has one estimate of the cost, \$5,000.

Also discussed was how to control who is using the landfill, and what the annual cost should be to residents for use to cover the land rent and cost of maintaining. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Melissa was checking on park courts and getting nets to order. The asphalt done by Buck's Paving has several cracks in it. There is a guarantee on the work; Keith will ask Cheryl to work with Melissa to contact Buck's to figure out the next step. Cheryl and Melissa will discuss it at the next monthly meeting. Meeting adjourned.

Victoria Engen  
City Auditor

Keith Burt  
Mayor

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**MEETING NOTICE**  
Nelson County Planning and Zoning meeting scheduled for **1 p.m. on Monday, June 15**, in the Commission Room of the courthouse.

**NOTICE**  
The Nelson County Weed Board will spray noxious weeds on County and Township Roads right-of-way **beginning June 15<sup>th</sup>**. Weather permitting; the completion of spraying will be approximately the last week of August.  
For questions or to post a road ditch as a no spray zone for haying purposes, please call 701-322-4433.

## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING DAKOTA PRAIRIE SCHOOL BOARD April 15, 2026 - 7 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dave Blasey; also present were Charlie Stein, Nikki Ohnstad, Jennifer Rusten via Zoom; and Anna Halvorson was absent. Also present were Superintendent Jay Slade; Principals Jackie Bye and Clay Johnson; Hunter Sand, athletic director; and Lori Dahl, business manager.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.  
Motion by Charlie Stein, seconded by Nikki Ohnstad, to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried.

Nelson-Griggs District Health (Cassandra Schock and Cassie Anderson) was present via Zoom to discuss a Positive Action Curriculum. They want to pilot a program that includes the Positive Action Curriculum. There is opioid money from the county that will pay for the program. The proposal is for next year and to begin with the 4th grade. At this time it is projected that the funds will be available between five and 10 years.

The public comment was opened. There were no requests or visitors.

The minutes and bills were presented for consideration. Motion by Charlie Stein, seconded by Nikki Ohnstad, to approve the minutes as printed and the bills for payment. All in favor, motion carried.

Advanced Business

Methods .....	\$1,694.38
Debbie Ajdari .....	17.91
Allard Trophy Co. ....	85.00
Bismarck Hotel & Conference Center .....	656.00
Brager Disposal Service .....	294.00
Cenex Fleetcard .....	33.63
City of McVie .....	373.10
Cole Papers, Inc. ....	4,188.11
Sydney Crockett .....	47.00
Dakota Prairie Elem. ....	60.00
Dickey Rural Networks ..	4,167.27
D & M Service .....	1,236.54
Entzel Piano Service .....	900.00
Farmers Union Oil Co. ..	7,671.63
Farmers Union Oil Co. --Tolna .....	811.44
Farmers Union Oil--Aneta .....	1,401.53
Farmers Union Lumberyard .....	78.10
First Care Health Ctr. ....	146.00
The Golden Rule .....	4.00
Gunderson, Sharon .....	48.75
Anna Halvorson .....	478.10
Hamster Oil, LLC .....	3,576.97
Larry Hoyt .....	47.00
Information Technology Dept. ....	202.39
Todd Johnson .....	468.00
Clay Johnson .....	92.60
Jostens, Inc. ....	204.15
Melissa Kueber .....	50.00
Lake Toyota .....	351.06
Lakota American .....	318.24
Leon's Building Center, Inc. ....	247.98
LeeAnn Loe .....	120.00
Luehring Repair, LLC ....	664.73
Kori Madche .....	47.00
Dustin Martin .....	401.65
McVie Market .....	11.98
Menards .....	308.43
Midamerica Books .....	89.85
NAPA Auto Parts .....	155.08
NDTC .....	266.46
ND Educators Service Co-op .....	125.00
Ohnstad Electric .....	299.00
Martin Olsen .....	47.00
Otter Tail Power Co. ....	7,999.09
Pearce & Durick .....	71.25
Polpar Communications ..	1,478.35
Popplers Music Store .....	629.68
Pye-Barker .....	529.00
Ramada Bismarck Hotel .....	220.00
Red Brick Resources ....	417.36
Rysav Plumbing & Heating .....	41.08
Thompsons DL Glass & Paint .....	700.00
Tri-County Water Users, Inc. ....	272.10
Victory Diesel, LLC .....	4,471.68
Wallace Repair .....	472.10
Willow Lane Education .	199.82
Xtreme Signs & Graphics .....	675.18
Total .....	\$50,663.75

Activity Director Report -- Boys basketball ended with a sixth-place at state tournament. There was an awesome fan following at the tournament. Thanks to all for helping make everything work. R. Schmidt was named to the all-tournament team. The winter co-op meeting was held on March 25. Discussions included: Jersey rotations and timelines for ordering; Hudl advertising thumbnails for the year. Nelson County will host the volleyball districts in Lakota next season. The music program will be added to the co-op agreement. The spring banquet is June 7 at Duffers, 10 a.m. Winter banquet in Lakota was a success; the RSVF system worked well. Spring: All sports all in progress; Jason Beglau has been hired as junior high softball coach; will be able to stream softball on Hudl; they are working on getting Tolna set up for baseball.

Elementary Principal Report -- Elementary events and activities upcoming and completed. 6th grade visit to the high school. ND A-PLUS Summative assessment next week. Staff appreciation supper will be

on April 29 and will do recognition awards, retirements and hall of fame. Dr. Bye reported on student achievements. Early entrance preschool policy; Dr. Bye does not recommend the early entrance for pre-school for multiple reasons; wants the board to think on this. She also reported on attendance, building and grounds updates, staff and current enrollment as well as projected 2026-27 enrollment. She also reported on the Amira reading program, a student issue which was resolved, and a non-certified personnel termination.

High School Principal Report -- Student attendance. Prom went well; the kids were well-behaved; there have been some questions brought to Mr. Johnson if the prom can be co-oped with Lakota. It would take lots of planning, but no decisions have been made. PT conferences last month; the attendance was not great, and he is pleased we are trying something different next year. Over the last few years, all conference attendance numbers have decreased. The 6th grade transition meeting is tomorrow. He reported on the student success this past month. Mathcounts, spelling bee, Science Olympiad qualifiers for state speech, and we have the Region 5 speech coach of the year. We have hired a business teacher, are still looking for a math teacher. State testing started today.

Superintendent Items for Discussion -- Open enrollment received for a student to attend Larimore, and discussion of advertising for a new 57-passenger bus. The board directed the administration to advertise for a 57-to-62-passenger new bus.

Items for Decision -- The board needs to designate by position and name a homeless liaison and foster care liaison. Motion by Nikki Ohnstad, seconded by Charlie Stein, to appoint Clay Johnson, high school principal, as the homeless liaison; and Jackie Bye, elementary principal, as the foster care liaison. All in favor, motion carried.

Discussion on employee classifications and upcoming changes; board approved the suggested changes for full-time 12-month staff to include up to a \$2,500 stipend in lieu of insurance if a group cannot be formed under Blue Cross Blue Shield rules.

First reading of the following policies: FC, FG, FGDC, GBBA, GCB, GCE, HBCC, HCBB, HDD, HEAC, HEBA, IAAA, IAB, IDB, IEAC, JBA, KAAD, KAAD-BR.

Motion by Charlie Stein, seconded by Nikki Ohnstad, to approve the first reading of policies FC, FG, FGDC, GBBA, GCB, GCE, HBCC, HCBB, HDD, HEAC, HEBA, IAAA, IAB, IDB, IEAC, JBA, KAAD, KAAD-BR. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Jennifer Rusten, seconded by Charlie Stein, to reaffirm Policy GABDB. All in favor, motion carried.

The financial reports were presented for review and approval. Motion by Nikki Ohnstad, seconded by Charlie Stein, to approve the financial reports as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

The next meeting will be May 14, 2026 at 7 a.m. via Zoom.

Motion by Nikki Ohnstad, seconded by Charlie Stein, to adjourn, All in favor, motion carried.

Lori Dahl  
Business Manager

Dave Blasey  
Chairperson

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE NORTHEAST CENTRAL JUDICIAL DISTRICT, NELSON COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA.  
In the Matter of the Estate of Ellen McKinnon, Deceased.  
Probate No. 32-2025-PR-00031  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to N.D. Cent. Code § 30.1-19-01 that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate. All persons having claims against the deceased are required to present their claims within three months after the date of the first publication or mailing of this notice, otherwise the claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to Jessica Bonte as Personal Representative of the Estate, or filed with the Court.  
Dated: Nov. 26, 2025  
/s/ Kelly Jane Swenseth  
Kelly Jane Swenseth  
Swenseth Law Office, PLLC  
418 Fourth Avenue NE  
Devils Lake, ND 58301  
Attorney for Personal Representative  
(Publish June 4, 11 & 18, 2026)

**Donations for Sigdal Cemetery**  
Those wishing to make donations to help with the cost of tree replacement, upkeep, and general maintenance at Sigdal Cemetery are asked to send them to: Sigdal Cemetery Fund, 9343 24th St NE, Tolna, ND 58380.

**Seeking Veteran's Service Officer**  
Nelson County is seeking to employ a part time, one day per week, Veterans' Service Officer in accordance to NDCC 37-14-18.  
Job duties include, but are not limited to:  
• Managing and coordinating veteran programs & services  
• Acting as an advocate for veteran entitlements and benefits  
• To serve as a liaison between veterans and the Veterans Administration  
Compensation depending on experience and this position will be open until filled.  
Letter of interest and résumé can be turned in to the Nelson County Auditor's Office. Any questions please contact the Nelson County Auditor's Office at 701-247-2463

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