

## Public Notices

**Alice Community Cemetery  
Annual Meeting** postponed  
from Dec 10 new date Jan 14  
2026 Alice Fire Hall

**Right: Undated image of  
State Bank of Alice  
Photo; A.L. Bayley  
Cashier, Alice, North  
Dakota**



## Rare Duck Spotted in North Dakota Causing Avid Bird Watchers to Flock




A sea duck that is mainly found along the coasts, the Great Lakes, or in Alaska has been spotted in North Dakota. Specifically a Long-tailed Duck, also known as an Oldsquaw, has been in North Dakota for at least a couple of weeks, according to birding reports.

North Dakota occasionally gets sea ducks that visit each fall and winter, but they're most often juvenile or young birds who lose their way during migration.

This duck is an adult Long-tailed duck, as it has perfect adult plumage. Most sea ducks/diver ducks take at least 3 years before they fully feather out.


Seth Owens of Bismarck has been able to see the bird up close and capture photos of it, including the image above.

This bird has been up at Garrison Dam for several weeks and is a pretty special capture by Owens.




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## Registration open for 2026 Field to Fork webinar series

NDSU Extension's Field to Fork webinar series provides information about growing, preserving and preparing specialty-crop fruits and vegetables.

North Dakota State University Extension will again host the Field to Fork webinar series starting in February 2026. Experts from across the region will provide information about growing, preserving and preparing specialty-crop fruits and vegetables safely in this 11th annual webinar series. The Field to Fork Wednesday webinars will begin Feb. 11. The webinars will be held online from 2 to 3 p.m. CDT through April 15. The webinars are archived for later viewing, but participating in the live webinar allows participants to interact with the presenter.

The webinars are free of charge, but registration is required. Register at . The webinars will be held on Zoom. Participants will receive reminders and a link to participate, along with a link to the recording if they are unable to attend. Julie Garden-Robinson, NDSU Extension food and nutrition specialist, says that when the first Field to Fork webinar series started 11 years ago, online webinars were still relatively new. Now the series reaches thousands of people annually, both live and through the recordings.

Topics that will be covered:

Feb. 11: Planting techniques make all the difference: From tomatoes to apple trees – Don Kinzler, NDSU Extension horticulture agent

Feb. 18: New and promising vegetable varieties for 2026 – Tom Kalb, NDSU Extension area horticulture specialist

Feb. 25: The prepared consumer: From grocery aisle to emergency plan – Cindy Brison, University of Nebraska Extension educator

March 4: Food preservation all year - Fruit leathers, apple chips, jerky and more! – Julie Garden-Robinson, NDSU Extension food and nutrition specialist and professor

March 11: Debunking common vegetable gardening myths – Esther McGinnis, NDSU Extension horticulturist and associate professor

March 18: To sous vide or not sous vide: Safety of long-term, low-temperature cooking for vegetables – Byron Chaves, Rutgers University (New Jersey) associate professor

March 25: Roots, fruits, and shoots: Edible plant parts – Susie Thompson, NDSU Department of Plant Sciences associate professor and potato breeder

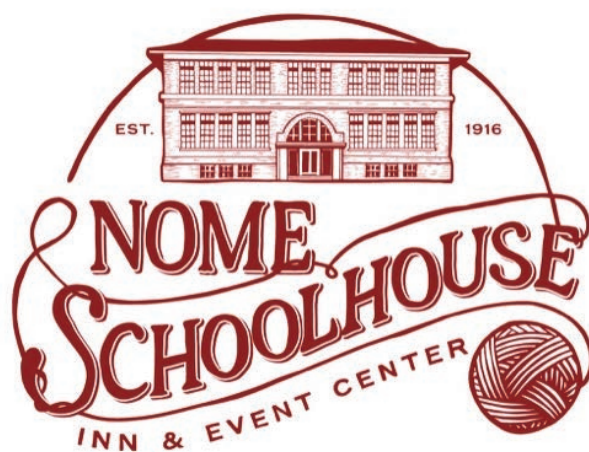
April 1: Safe home canning: Start with the recipe, finish with confidence – Karen Blakeslee, Kansas State University Extension associate

April 8: Safer solutions: Natural insecticides to manage garden insects – Janet Knodel, NDSU professor and entomologist

April 15: Does soil health make a difference in producing healthy food? – Carlos Pires, NDSU Extension soil health specialist and assistant professor

“Our Field to Fork website has a wealth of information from growing, preparing and preserving foods from apples to zucchini, plus all the archived Field to Fork webinars from 2016 to present,” says Garden-Robinson, NDSU Extension food and nutrition specialist and coordinator of the program.

This project is made possible with funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Agricultural Marketing Service. To register, visit NDSU Extension’s website or contact Garden-Robinson at 701-231-7187.



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### CURRENT DINING HOURS

**WEDNESDAY - FRIDAY:** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (Dinner)  
**SATURDAY:** 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM (Breakfast)

**SUNDAY - TUESDAY:** CLOSED  
**SATURDAY:** 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (Lunch)

**Dining Room CLOSED Friday  
January 9th for a Private Event.**

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## NDSU Extension’s 2026 Calving School



**Program topics will include maternal nutrition, vaccination and record-keeping.**

North Dakota State University Extension will host its annual calving school on Friday, Jan. 23, at the North Central Research Extension Center in Minot, North Dakota. The program will hold two session times this year, giving participants the flexibility to attend either from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. or 5-9 p.m.

Program topics will cover key areas of calving season management, including maternal nutrition, effective record-keeping and calving kit preparation, hands-on calving demonstrations, proper vaccination and colostrum management and best management practices to support healthy cows and calves.

The cow-and-calf model, which debuted at the 2025 NDSU Extension Calving School to simulate abnormal delivery assistance, will return in 2026. A new rotation schedule will provide participants with hands-on experience learning techniques for managing a variety of calving complication scenarios.

The program will be led by Lacey Quail, NDSU Extension livestock management specialist; Dr. Jake Galbreath, NDSU Extension veterinarian; Dr. Kelly Schaefer of Schaefer Veterinary Service and NDSU Extension agents Paige Brummund of Ward County and Kathryn Slavick of McHenry County.

“Whether you are well seasoned or new to calving cows, this workshop will provide you with tips, tools and hands-on activities to be better prepared for the upcoming calving season,” says Brummund.

The school is \$20 to attend, with meals provided at both sessions. Registration is required for meal count and materials.

To register, visit or call 701-857-6444.

The North Central Research Extension Center is located at 5400 Highway 83 S in Minot.

For more information, contact Brummund at 701-857-6444 or Slavick at 701-537-5405.