

# TAPPEN

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# Public Notice

The Phillip and Alice Mittleider family had their annual family gathering at the Tappen City Hall on Saturday. Debbie Mayer from Twin Valley, Minnesota and her granddaughter Kaylin Mayer from Fargo came home for the event. It was very well attended. Debbie and Kaylin stayed overnight with Karen and Larry Dockter and headed back home Sunday. Mike and Denise Kambietz, Cassie, Adam and baby Simon Roper, Christopher and Xavier all from Bismarck. It was a very nice turnout.

On Saturday Linda Kapp went to Jamestown and picked up Dora and Lachenmeier and they went to the All Vets Club and met up with Melissa Sullivan and Michelle Simmers for lunch and bingo. After Bingo Linda and Dora went to the movie, "Melania". It was an interesting movie.

On Sunday Linda Kapp, Thelma Wall, Diane Kinnischitcke and Deb Olson attended the 4-H ham dinner at the Vets Club in Steele.

Jeff and Corrina Pfaff went to Legacy High School on Sunday to watch grandchildren Cash and Scarlet Pfaff wrestle. They both did well.

Pat and Val Leier met Troy and Shirley DeWitz in Jamestown on Saturday for their annual get together. Always fun to be with friends and family.

Terry and Geri Kemmet and daughter Trisha Huskey of Mandan all went to Harvey Monday and picked up Trisha side by side

she won from the Harvey gun raffle. It was donated by John Deere. Congratulations Trisha!!!!

Terry attended the Northwest Landowners Association meeting in Bismarck for 2 days. Geri joined him on Day two. Trent Loos was the main speaker. It was very educational and well attended.

Later on Tuesday Terry and Geri visited with precious friends Vickie and Gene Laraway. Gene is progressing slowly from his stroke last fall.

Wednesday was another trip to Bismarck to celebrate Trisha's birthday. Trisha and Aaron Huskey, Hunter William Janko, Mike Blotsky, Terry and Geri all went for a delicious supper at Texas Roadhouse. Have a happy blessed year Trisha, we all Love You!!!!

Margaret Mittleider and daughter Geri Kemmet made a trip to Bismarck on Thursday to return an overnight Oximeter machine that Margaret had to wear for a testing.

After church on Sunday at Margaret's was Bryan Mittleider and Terry and Geri Kemmet. They did some honey-do work for Mom.

Brett and Kris Stroh went to Fargo on Saturday and had lunch with Kaylyn and Sean Woxland.

Then they attended a beautiful wedding at Brewhalla and later came back home.

Everyone have a special loving Valentine's Day!

### January 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes of the City Council of Steele, North Dakota Held on January 12, 2026 In the Steele Community Building

\*Mayor Jon Harter called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

\*Roll Call  
Present: Jon Harter, Stuart Blotter, Jorey Kartes, Luke Reski, Jason Rutledge

Also Present: Leigh Nolan, Wendlin Rohrich, Jason Grzadzieski, Norm Fries, April Rutledge

\*Motion by Jason Rutledge, seconded by Jorey Kartes to approve the agenda Motion Carried

\*Motion by Jorey Kartes, seconded by Jason Rutledge to approve the minutes from the December 8, 2025, regular meeting – Motion Carried

\*City employees reported on the water plant, new meters, snow removal, ice treatment, diamond maps, and equipment.

\*Wendlin Rohrich presented the police report.

\*Mary Rohrich presented the Community Coordinator report. A tree grant in the amount of \$ 13,790.00 has been approved.

\*Upgrades to heating thermostats at the Community Center will be purchased.

\*Motion by Stuart Blotter, seconded by Jason Rutledge to approve a gaming permit for the Steele Lions – Motion Carried

\*Motion by Luke Reski, seconded by Jason Rutledge to approve a beer

license for Mad Moves – Motion Carried

\*Motion by Jason Rutledge, seconded by Jorey Kartes to approve Choice Bank and First Community Credit Union as the city depositories – Motion Carried

\*Motion by Luke Reski, seconded by Jorey Kartes to approve the financial report – Motion Carried.

\*Motion by Jorey Kartes, seconded by Luke Reski to designate April Rutledge as the Steele City Auditor (starting February 1st), and have Norm Fries stay on as a consultant (check-signing authorities April Rutledge, Norm Fries, Jon Harter, Jorey Kartes, Bob Anderson) – Motion Carried (Jason Rutledge abstained)

\*Discussion on having a committee of 2 or 3 council members to evaluate city employees.

This will be further discussed next month.

#### General Fund

KEM	194.94
MDU	1,731.62
Salaries Less Deductions	16,451.66
Verizon	84.56
Hetland Law Office	387.00
Information Technology	18.50
Aflac	229.49
BEK	299.24
City Water Dept.	333.78
Farmers & Merchants	784.51
Steele Ozone	99.00
Steele Pharmacy	40.44
Norm Fries	98.63
James Valley Reg.	396.00
NASASP	39.00

ND League of Cities .....1,012.00

Steele Autobody .....91.23

#### Water Department

MDU	\$ 1,698.02
Hawkins	2,798.58
Salaries Less Deductions	6,752.03
DSG	103.08
ND Dept of Health	27.00
ND Dept of Envir. Quality	720.60
Sewer Department	
MDU	117.52
Flexible Pipe	3,020.00
Garbage Department	
Myron Strom	16,267.71
Gary Magstadt	333.33
Street Department	
Salaries Less Deductions	10,819.20
Visa/Northland	1,642.04
Farmers & Merchants	3,427.48
Northern Improvement	2,990.41
Zimmerman's Manufac.	897.50
Choice Bank	57,694.20
Midwest Doors	788.50
A+ Services	1,590.00
Bobcat of Mandan	445.15
Sales Tax Department	
MDU	11.72
Saylor Excavating	33,750.00
Steele Betterment	21,000.00

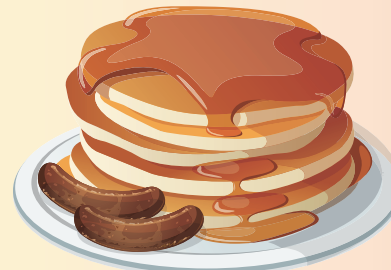
\*Next meeting on February 9th, 2026 at 7:00 PM

\*Motion by Jorey Kartes, seconded by Jason Rutledge to adjourn – Motion Carried

/s/ Jon Harter;  
Mayor  
/s/ Norm Fries,  
City Auditor

"Walking with a friend in the dark is better than walking alone in the light."

## Dawson Recreation's Pancake and Sausage Supper



Dawson City Hall  
February 28th  
4:30 pm - 8:00 pm  
\$10 all you can eat

Free Will Donations Accepted! All Proceeds Go Towards Dawson's 3rd of July Fireworks!

## Join us! HCU ANNUAL MEETING

- February 13, 2026
- Kulm Community Center
- 6 pm Dinner with meeting to follow

Join us for a meal, meeting, voting, giveaways and more!



## REDUCE YOUR 2026 PROPERTY TAX BILL BY UP TO \$1600!

### Eligibility requirements for the Primary Residence Property Tax Credit:

- Must own a home in ND and reside in it as your primary residence
- One credit per household, no age or income restrictions
- Must apply and be approved annually to receive the credit



Application Deadline: April 1, 2026  
Apply Online: [www.tax.nd.gov/prc](http://www.tax.nd.gov/prc)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH ♥ TAPPEN SCHOOL

## Valentine's Day Supper

Celebrate Valentine's Day with a delicious meal and an evening of musical entertainment by Clyde Bauman!

### Menu

Pork Loin, Shrimp, Asparagus, Baby Potatoes, Salad & Dessert

SUPPER: 5:30-6:30 PM ♥ ENTERTAINMENT: 7:00PM

### Cost

\$10 PER INDIVIDUAL  
OR  
\$25 PER COUPLE

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