

# TAPPEN

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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

Sayler 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



**ND Tax**  
NORTH DAKOTA

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!

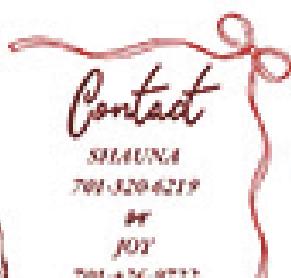
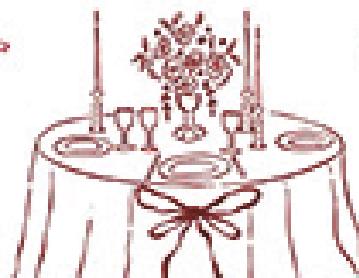
### Menu

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

SUPPER: 5:30-6:30 PM



ENTERTAINMENT: 7:00PM



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