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**Probate No. 41-2025-PR-00005**  
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SARGENT COUNTY, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JEROME M. BIXBY, DECEASED.  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against said deceased are required to present their claims within 90 days after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to Jennie M. Hanna, personal representative of the estate or filed with the Court.  
Dated this 21st day of April, 2025.  
*/s/ Jennie M. Hanna*  
7654 141<sup>st</sup> Ave. SE  
Milnor, ND 58060

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**RUTLAND CITY COUNCIL**  
**MONDAY, March 3, 2025**

The monthly City Council meeting convened at 5p.m. on Monday, March 3, 2025. Mayor Mahrer, presiding. Council members Anderson, Erickson, and McLaen present; Lysne absent. City Auditor also present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Erickson/Anderson moved approval of the agenda. Motion carried.

McLaen/Anderson moved approval of the February 3, 2025 minutes. Motion carried.

McLaen/Erickson moved approval of the February financials as presented. Motion carried.

Erickson/McLaen moved approval of the payment of bills: Waste Mgmt. \$1829.99, DRN \$109.05, US Treasury \$825.75, D. Banish \$1026.19, Kotaco Fuels \$618.36, OTP \$1322.18, Sargent Co. Auditor \$843.75, The Teller \$113.79, SE Water \$801.14, Quill \$280.14, Jacobson Plumbing \$2258.65, Bank of ND \$903.00. Motion carried

One Cleanup day will be held this year on Saturday, May 17, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. or until the dumpster is full, whichever is first.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m. The next meeting will be Monday, April 7, 2025 beginning with the Board of Equalization meeting.

Deborah Banish, Rutland City Auditor  
Publish May 2, 2025

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
IN DISTRICT COURT  
COUNTY OF SARGENT  
SOUTHEAST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Alvin Craig,  
Plaintiff,

vs.

Cayuga Senior Citizens Club,  
and all persons having or claiming an estate or interest in, or lien or encumbrance upon, the property described as:  
Lots One (1) & Two (2), LESS N75' Lots 1 & 2, And Lot Three (3), and West Ten Feet of Lot Four (4), Block Three (3),  
Devlin's First Addition, City of Cayuga,  
Sargent County, North Dakota,  
Defendants.

Case # 41-2025-CV-00025

**SUMMONS**

whether as heirs, devisees, legatees, or personal representative of a deceased person, or under any other title or interest, and not in possession nor appearing of record in the Office of the County Recorder, the Clerk of District Court, or the County Auditor of the County in which the land is situated, to have such claim, title or interest therein, may be proceeded against as persons unknown, and any order, judgment, or decree entered into this action shall be valid and binding on such unknown persons whether of age or minors and on those claiming under them,

THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:  
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to appear and defend against the Complaint in this action to quiet title in the following described real estate:

Lots One & Two (Less the N75' of Lots 1 & 2) and Lot Three (3) and the West Ten (10) feet of Lot Four (4) of Block Three (3) of Devlin's First Addition to the Village, now City of Cayuga, Sargent County, North Dakota.

which is herewith served upon you or is or will be filed with the Clerk of the District Court for Sargent County, at the Sargent County Courthouse in Forman, North Dakota, by serving upon the undersigned an answer or other proper response within twenty-one (21)

days after the service of this summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Dated this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025.

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Rutland Cemetery  
Association

Annual Meeting

Tuesday, May 13  
5 p.m. at the  
Stock Growers Bank  
meeting room, Rutland

Just Married?

Email a photo & information to us!  
[heather@thescteller.com](mailto:heather@thescteller.com)

AARP ND has a wide array of fraud events occurring statewide in 2025.

SWEEPSTAKES SCAMS

Who wouldn't want to win thousands or even millions of dollars, or the chance to go on a luxury vacation? There are many legitimate sweepstakes and contests out there, and the idea of winning some fabulous prize can be mighty alluring. Criminals get that, and they exploit our excitement to score that big check or dream trip.

When a sweepstakes or a contest is fraudulent, there is often a big red flag: you must first pay upfront fees or taxes to get your prize. No legitimate sweepstakes or contest requires upfront payment. Another clue is if you are asked to share sensitive information to receive your prize, such as your Social Security number or bank account information. Again, this is something perpetrators do, not legitimate entities.

If you find yourself reacting to an out-of-the-blue communication with a heightened emotion, and it comes to you with great urgency, let that be an indicator or a fraud attempt. Take an "active pause" – consider what you are being confronted with, what you might know about it, and then react with intention. That moment of deliberation could be what keeps you safe.

Be a fraud fighter! If you can spot a scam, you can stop a scam. Report scams to local law enforcement. For help from AARP, call 877-908-3360 or visit the AARP Fraud Watch Network at [aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork](http://aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork).

LOOK OUT FOR FAKE CHECKS

Checks might seem like something from the past, but scammers often use fake checks in their crimes to exploit the time it takes them to bounce. During that waiting period, scammers will ask you to act on those funds. But once the check bounces, any amount you acted on is gone. This tactic shows up in several scam types from fake job and work-from-home scams (the fake check is to purchase equipment from the "employer" or for you to wire or otherwise send funds to "vendors"), to a seemingly innocent overpayment you received where you're asked to send part of the money back.

It's important to know that, just because the check looks like it cleared, it doesn't mean it has – it can take time for a bank to validate a check, but the federal rules are to make the amount available, usually within 24-48 hours. Use caution when accepting a check: ensure it is validated by your bank and reject seeming overpayments where you're asked to pay back the overage to the sender.

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HOW TO MAKE YOURSELF A HARDER TARGET

Criminals are always looking for ways to get your personal information to use in criminal activities. The good news is that there are many steps you can take to help protect your data and minimize its value to criminals. Here are three:

Create stronger passwords: Better protect yourself by using strong and unique passwords or passphrases or consider using a password manager to store and generate strong passwords securely.

Use multi-factor authentication: A second layer of defense to your accounts makes it harder for cybercriminals to gain access. Check account settings for two-factor authentication, two-step verification, or multi-factor authentication, and follow the setup instructions.

Keep your operating system updated: Sometimes those updates are to patch a known vulnerability; set yours – and your antivirus protection - to update automatically.

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SPOTTING FAKE QR CODES

QR codes are everywhere – from restaurant menus to package tracking. But where there is innovation, criminals will exploit it for fraud. Scammers are now using QR codes to lead you to phishing websites, where they may steal sensitive details like banking info, login credentials and more.

Before acting on a QR code in the real world, check for signs of manipulation (a sticker over the original QR, for example). And you don't have to use a QR code – if you're at a restaurant, ask for the printed menu. Also, look at emailed or texted QR codes with suspicion; the intent is to link you to a website when you're not otherwise online.

Just like when clicking links, it is essential to use caution when scanning QR codes to ensure the source is trustworthy.

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