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## Looking Back

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manded the immediate closing of the land offices and immediate vacating of the whole of North Dakota, for the occupancy of this handful of Mongrel Indians and half-breed bums.

Sibley had learned of the feelings of disapproval in Devils Lake over the prospects of the rails there being extended westward and thus destroying their enviable end-of-track supply station advantage:

The Inter-Ocean is all torn up by reports of the Manitoba extension... The Tribune regrets to observe the irritation of its esteemed contemporaries over the prospect, but this supposed affliction must come some time, and the sooner the agony is

over the better... and although this distinction and profit would be a nice little plum to retain permanently it must resien itself to the putman printed news from neighboring towns, townships, or communities.

Rock Lake's own village news items were headed "City Wavelets." The village of Crocus had its news under the heading "Crocus Blossoms."

A couple of others from other papers in the county were "Zion Zephvrs" from Zion and "Calio Calliopes" from Calio in Cavalier County.

*Part two about the post office will be in the April 4 edition.*

## Film

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agrarian reform movement with links to socialism took root. Ray Sorenson hears rumbles of this growing reform movement, but skeptical of their promises and busy with daily life, he initially pays little attention. Besides, he has more important things on his mind, like proposing marriage to his sweetheart, Inga.

But after the death of his father and the mortgage foreclosure on Inga's family farm, Ray sees the Nonpartisan League in a different light. He joins the movement, traveling across the state on behalf of the NPL. As the radical organization gains popularity, influencing state elections and reform legislation, Ray admits, "we felt, for the first time in our lives, powerful." But there were no happy endings for Ray Sorenson. He drifts away from Inga and creditors finally force him to move on.

Completed in 1978, the film took a unique journey to international acclaim. Following the world premiere in Crosby, the movie travelled across the state before making its way to a film festival in Belgrade, Yugoslavia.

Receiving European exposure, the filmmakers were invited to the Cannes Film Festival in 1979. Much to everyone's surprise, "Northern Lights" won the Golden Camera Award for Best First Feature. The movie soon made the rounds on European television, but it would take several more years before Americans nationwide were treated to the fictional film made by and about the people of North Dakota.

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# Legal Notices

## Tax Equalization

Armourdale Township Equalization Meeting will be held April 6th at 6:00 pm at the Rock Lake City Hall.  
**March 21 and 28, 2026**

## Tax Equalization

The Bethel Township tax equalization meeting will be held April 2 at 3:30 pm at the Towner County Courthouse.  
**March 21 and 28, 2026**

## Tax Equalization

The Mesa Township equalization meeting will be held April 2 at 2 pm at the Towner County Courthouse.  
**March 21 and 28, 2026**

## Tax Equalization

Olson township equalization meeting will be held Thursday, April 2 at 1:00pm at the courthouse.  
**March 21 and 28, 2026**

## Tax Equalization

Paulson township tax equalization meeting will be held April 1 at 10am at the Towner County Courthouse lower level.  
**March 21 and 28, 2026**

## Tax Equalization

Springfield township tax equalization meeting will be on March 31 at 7pm at the Billy and Michelle Harkness home.  
**March 21 and 28, 2026**

## Tax Equalization

The Twin Hill township annual meeting will be on March 31 at 7 pm at the Bruce and Kari Rinas residence.  
**March 21 and 28, 2026**

## Tax Equalization

The Crocus Township equalization meeting will be held April 2 at 3pm at the Cando Courthouse.  
**March 28, 2026**

## Tax Equalization

The tax equalization meeting for Gerrard Township will be held at the Lorna Halverson residence on Friday, April 10, 2026, at 1 p.m.  
**March 28 and April 4, 2026**

## Tax Equalization

The Howell Township equalization meeting will be held April 7 at 5 pm at the Carl Peters farm.  
**March 28 and April 4, 2026**

## Tax Equalization

The Lansing Township equalization meeting will be held April 10 at 10am at the Penny and Edward Krumwiede residence.  
**March 28 and April 4, 2026**

## Tax Equalization

The Olson Township equalization meeting will be held April 2 at 1pm at the courthouse.  
**March 28, 2026**

## Tax Equalization

The Smith Township equalization meeting will be held April 8 at 7 pm at the Sarles Fire Hall.  
**March 28 and April 4, 2026**

## Tax Equalization

The Sorenson and Grainfield Townships equalization meeting will be held April 7 at 10am at the Todd Oakland farm.  
**March 28 and April 4, 2026**

## Tax Equalization

The Twin Hill Township equalization meeting will be held April 7 at 2pm at the Bruce Rinas farm.  
**March 28 and April 4, 2026**

## Tax Equalization

Victor Township equalization meeting is Wednesday April 8 at 2pm in Cando at Towner County Courthouse.  
**March 28 and April 4, 2026**

## Tax Equalization

The Zion Township equalization meeting will be held April 7 at 8am at Bruce Lewal's shop.  
**March 28 and April 4, 2026**

## City of Rocklake

City of Rocklake Tax Equalization Meeting on April 6, 2026 at 7:00 PM at Rocklake City Hall.  
**March 28 and April 4, 2026**

## Notice of Filing Deadline

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing to have a candidate's name printed on the ballot for the City of Bisbee is April 6, 2026, by 4:00 pm. The following city offices are up for election:  
Two City Council Members - four-year term  
A candidate for a city office must turn in a completed SFN 2074 Petition/Certification of Nomination and a completed SFN 10172 Statement of Interest to the City Auditor by the above deadline date and time. All forms are available from either the City Auditor by calling 701-340-7858 or can be obtained online at <http://www.nd.gov/sos/electvote/elections/forms.html>  
**March 28, 2026**

## City of Bisbee

The Bisbee equalization meeting will be held April 9 at 7 pm at city hall.  
**March 28 and April 4, 2026**

## Notice

### NOTICE OF PROPOSED BANK BRANCH CLOSING

Notice is hereby given that the First United Bank, Park River, North Dakota, has applied to the Commissioner of the North Dakota Department of Financial Institutions for permission to close its office located at 407 5th Avenue, Cando, North Dakota effective May 15, 2026. Comments concerning this application may be directed to the Commissioner, North Dakota Department of Financial Institutions, 1200 Memorial Highway, Bismarck, North Dakota 58504. All comments must be received no later than May 4, 2026  
This notice is published pursuant to North Dakota Administrative Code 13-02-18-01.  
MARCH 28, 2026, and APRIL 4, 2026  
Steve Rehovsky  
CEO/President  
First United Bank  
**March 28 and April 4, 2026**

## North Star School

### NORTH STAR PUBLIC SCHOOL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 18TH, 2026

The School Board of North Star Public School District #10 met in regular session on Wednesday, February 18th, 2026.

PRESENT: Chris Doehler, Jeremy Johnson, Michelle Gibbens, and Paul Wagenman. NOT PRESENT: Jeremiah Halley, Brooks Larson, Jeana Jorde Administration: Jeff Hagler, Kim Tschepen, Nancy Reiser, Jacob Hagler. Guests: Kara Frey.

Board President Wagenman called the meeting to order at 4:06 pm.  
Review of the Agenda: No Changes  
Public Comment: None  
MOTION by Gibbens, seconded by Johnson, to approve the minutes of the January 21st, 2026 meeting, with the noted change to Board Members present. MOTION CARRIED all responding yes.

Approve the Bills:  
January 2026 and February 2026 Invoices outstanding/paid since the last board meeting were presented for approval. Gen Fund: \$120,075.59 outstanding, \$45,316.71 paid; After School Child Care: \$334.69 outstanding; School Lunch Fund: \$26,197.24 outstanding; Activity Fund: \$1,823.59 outstanding, \$9,768.73 paid.

The CC charges for January 2026, paid in February 2026 were presented. GF Charges: \$3,693.43; AF Charges: \$10,176.19, includes \$6,808.60 for laser cutter (Robotics); SLP: \$75.38; ASCC: \$100.16; Foundation: \$10,000 Total: \$14,055.16.

MOTION by Johnson, seconded by Doehler, to approve payment of outstanding invoices and invoices paid as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: Halley-NP; Larson-NP; Doehler-yes; Johnson-yes; Jorde- NP; Gibbens-yes; Wagenman-yes. MOTION CARRIED.

NORTH STAR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #10  
FEBRUARY 2026 Board Approved Expenditures  
2 Gates Trucking, LLC \$6,013.00  
281 SPIRIT SHOP/281 GUN & TACKLE \$731.21  
ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS \$2,533.70  
AFLAC \$876.84  
AMANDA HELD \$75.00  
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP \$246.00  
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF NORTH DAKOTA \$41,962.40  
CANDO GROCERY \$507.67  
CANDO HOME & HARDWARE \$133.92  
CANDO LUMBER \$69.37  
CARTER DANIELSON \$407.00  
CHRISTOPHER DOEHLER \$75.00  
CITY OF CANDO \$1,622.46  
COLE PAPERS INC. \$1,198.12

Principal's Reports:  
The current elementary enrollment is 156; HS enrollment is 123.  
Elementary attendance was 94.61 % for the past month and 96.05% year to date; HS

COLONIAL LIFE	\$59.20
D & R	\$1,352.17
DANIEL MERTENS	\$218.00
DAVID JOHNSON	\$470.80
DELTA DENTAL OF MINNESOTA	\$1,756.27
DISCOVERY EDUCATION	\$940.00
EASY TIME CLOCK, INC	\$45.00
EAGERS ELECTRIC MOTOR CO.	\$938.12
Gerrells & Co DEVILS LAKE	\$84.97
H E EVERSON CO	\$17.30
HALVERSON, HEIDI	\$134.40
HANNAH ROERICK	\$75.00
HAYDEN ANDERSON	\$75.00
HEIDI KORB	\$75.00
HOLLY CAMMACK	\$75.00
J W PEPPER & SON INC	\$424.87
J.P.MORGAN dba COMMERCIAL CARD SOLUTIONS	\$14,055.16
JOHNSON CONTROLS BUILDING SOLUTIONS LLC	\$589.00
KEM SHRINE	\$2,896.96
KEVIN SUNDRE	\$255.70
KRISTEN HILLIER	\$75.00
KYLE MCCONNELL	\$320.00
LAKE REGION SPECIAL ED	\$79,420.87
LANCE LOGIE	\$160.00
LANDON PAVLISH	\$75.00
LANGDON AREA SCHOOLS	\$192.00
LEGACY COOPERATIVE	\$2,917.42
LUKE AANSTED	\$218.00
MICHELLE SWANSON	\$41.35
ND BUREAU OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION	\$40.00
ND DEPT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTN:CHILD NUTR/FOOD DIST PGM	\$1,866.00
ND FCCLA	\$200.00
ND SCHOOL BUSINESS MANAGER CERTIFICATION PROGRAM	\$500.00
NORTH DAKOTA TELEPHONE COMPANY	\$382.41
NORTHEAST EDUCATION SERVICES COOPERATIVE	\$2,000.00
NORTHERN PLAINS ELECTRIC COOP	\$5,068.46
NORTHWEST PROJECTOR	\$1,861.00
PAN-O-GOLD BAKING CO.	\$385.38
PARK RIVER AREA SCHOOL	\$206.00
PEPSI COLA OF DEVILS LAKE	\$2,172.80
POPPLERS MUSIC, INC.	\$191.78
RANDY COLTEN	\$75.00
RICH JUAREZ	\$75.00
RICHARD OLSON	\$247.00
ROGER MERTENS	\$160.00
ROLETTE PUBLIC SCHOOL	\$96.00
SANFORD HEALTH OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE	\$70.00
SCHOOL SPECIALTY, INC	\$358.62
SHARE CORPORATION	\$1,468.14
TAMMIE HAUGEN	\$75.00
TECHNOLOGY LEARNING COOPERATIVE	\$2,500.00
TERRY WALLACE	\$516.25
TOWNER COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER	\$2,054.00
TOWNER COUNTY RECORD HERALD	\$264.96
TRACY ROCHE	\$75.00
TROY REEMTSMA	\$75.00
UNUM LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA	\$181.00
US FOODS, INC	\$25,713.72
WEX HEALTH INC	\$150.00
WOLF MOUNTAIN COAL INC	\$4,303.44

Review Financial Reports:  
Cash flow reports for January 2026 and February 2026 to date were reviewed for the Gen Fund, School Lunch Fund, Activity Fund, and After School Child Care Fund.

GF: January 2026 Tax Receipts were \$335,106.70, February Tax Receipts to date are \$331,170.91. January DPI Aid payment was \$210,222.62. FACS CTE funds: \$5,411.18 received in January. TITLE Funds received in February: Title 1-\$17,520; Title V-\$3,658.09; Current fund balance with CD's and Savings is \$2,166,821.91. A CD at First State Bank of Cando matured on 2/13/26. CD was rolled with a new maturity date of 2/13/27, interest rate of 3.45%.

Building fund balance is \$103,117.44; Reserve fund balance is \$51,745.47.  
School Lunch Program: DPI Claim payments were \$7,984.51 for January and \$10,762.15 for February. Current fund balance is \$62,488.14.

ASCC Billings were mailed on 2/10/26 for a total of \$1,170. Total billed to date is \$6,378; Total received to date is \$4,391; Outstanding receivables are \$1,987. Current fund balance is \$6,262.91.

AF: Current Fund Balance is \$63,016.12. Revenue and expenditure reports for January 2026 were available for review. Gen Fund Total Revenue received in January = \$540,492.58; Gen Fund Total Expenditures for January = \$368,953.01.

A fiscal year comparison summary of total expenditures, % of Budget, and Fuel/Coal/Electricity/Sewer costs as of January 31st of each year were available for review.

Elementary attendance was 94.61 % for the past month and 96.05% year to date; HS

Attendance was 93.85% for the past month and 94.87% year to date.

The K-12 Olympic Cultural Event was a success and many thanks to those that participated.

Parent/Teacher conferences attendance: HS-40.3%; Elementary-86% (does not include 3rd Grade, they will be making theirs up)

Upcoming school events were reviewed: Activities Director Report:  
The HS Activities association is allowing us an extra VB match for the 2026 season to fit Minnewaukan/Warwick in the schedule. Next year's schedule was available for review.

The BBB schedule is complete and was available for review. 2 games still need to be scheduled to complete the GBB schedule.

Superintendent's Report:  
NW Valuation appraisal proposal was available for review. The last full appraisal was done in 2017/18. Appraisals are recommended every 5-8 years. Not having a current appraisal leads to under Insurance of the schools' facilities due to not having updated replacement costs. If the appraisal is not updated the district could be responsible for a significant amount of dollars if a facility is destroyed. The cost of the appraisal is just under \$10,000. All board members present agreed it was prudent to go ahead with the appraisal as proposed.

The results of the fire alarm and control system inspection by Johnson Controls were available for review. Some issues were found that are being corrected. They will be back, to verify the deficiencies are resolved. Their labor to come back and recheck is part of their contract.

The kitchen had an inspection on Feb 5th. The inspection report was available for review. A couple things were corrected on site.  
Open Enrollment and Tuition Waivers:

MOTION by Gibbens, seconded by Johnson, to approve the open enrollment request for Connor Solseth and Aleigha Solseth to attend North Star for the 26/27 school year. ROLL CALL VOTE: Halley-NP; Larson-NP; Doehler-yes; Johnson-yes; Jorde- NP; Gibbens-yes; Wagenman-yes. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Doehler, seconded by Johnson, to approve the open enrollment request for Clint Peterson to attend North Star for the 26/27 school year. ROLL CALL VOTE: Halley-NP; Larson-NP; Doehler-yes; Johnson-yes; Jorde- NP; Gibbens-yes; Wagenman-yes. MOTION CARRIED.

Lake Region Special Education is asking if we wish to continue with 1 day of social work for the next school year.

MOTION by Gibbens, seconded by Doehler, to approve the purchase of 1-day of social work from Lake Region Special Education for the 26/27 school year. ROLL CALL VOTE: Halley-NP; Larson-NP; Doehler-yes; Johnson-yes; Jorde- NP; Gibbens-yes; Wagenman-yes. MOTION CARRIED.

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4-Day Weeks: A couple of area schools are looking at four day weeks for the 26/27 school year. Superintendent Hagler has been approached by a couple of people. This is not possible for next year since the application is due March 1, 2026. Pros and cons were presented and discussed. The board did not form an opinion one way or the other. No action was taken or recommended by the board at this time.

Old Business:  
Standards based training was held on 2/4/26. Upcoming training dates and fees for the training were presented and reviewed.

No updates to upgrade the school's heating systems were available. Analysis of options is still ongoing.

The board members reviewed the Superintendent's Evaluation results.

MOTION by Doehler, seconded by Gibbens, to approve the Superintendent's evaluation. ROLL CALL VOTE: Halley-NP; Larson-NP; Doehler-yes; Johnson-yes; Jorde- NP; Gibbens-yes; Wagenman-yes. MOTION CARRIED.

There were no discussions regarding Ag/CTE/Work Based Learning.

New Business:  
The School Board Election calendar was available for review. Board Members Johnson (Bisbee-Egeland) and Jorde (Cando) seats are up for re-election this year. Paperwork for anyone wishing to run for one of these seats is due no later than April 6th.

We have been receiving Midco TV free for a long time. Due to upgrades, we will now be required to pay for the service. Discussion led to the conclusion to cancel the service due to limited use.

Next meeting is set for Wednesday, March 18th, 2026, at 7:00 a.m. in the library. Meeting adjourned at 5:23 pm.  
/s/Paul Wagenman, President  
/s/Kimberly Tschepen, Business Manager  
**March 28, 2026**

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