

# Legals: Your Right to Know

## NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

### ACQUIRED THROUGH TAX DEED PROCEEDINGS BY RENVILLE COUNTY

#### SALE OF NOVEMBER 18, 2025

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on Tuesday, November 18, 2025, beginning at the hour of ten o'clock a.m. at the office of the County Auditor in the Courthouse in the City of Mohall, Renville County, North Dakota, there will be held the annual sale of real estate acquired by Renville County, by virtue of tax deed proceedings, to the highest bidder therefore, but not for a sum less than the minimum sales price as fixed by the Board of County Commissioners, which sales price is set opposite the descriptions hereinafter set forth. Such sales may be made in cash. The real estate to be sold is described as follows, together with the minimum appraised price set opposite each description:

Description Price	Sale
Lot 8, Block A, RCMMRP McKinney Township	\$ 450.00
W 1/2 Lot 21, Block 9, Original Townsite, Norma Village, Fairbanks Township	\$ 50.00
S 40' Lots 1 & 2, Block 15, & Vacated Alley Patalas Addition, Mohall City	\$ 190.00
Lots 13, 14 & 15, Block 10, Original Townsite, Tolley City	\$ 200.00

Witness my hand and official seal of Renville County, North Dakota, this 24th day of October, 2025.

SEAL  
LeAnn M. Pollman  
Renville County Auditor

## Renville County Gun Club Closes Out Season

The Renville County Gun Club closed the 2025 Summer League season with a Fun Shoot on Friday, October 24 along with the MLS High School Trapshooting Team. The evening began with a light supper followed by awards presented for the Summer League.

This year's league had six, six person teams. The teams were BT Blasters, Alexander Farms, Cameron Hardware, Farmers Union Insurance, Knutson Farm Service, and Spear's Plus Two. The teams are made up of adult and high school shooters.

The High Team winner this year was Farmers Union Insurance with 946.9 points. Team members included Jerrod Braun, Zane Axtman, Steve Axtman, Zach Axtman, Drayson

Johnson, and Grant Mattheson. Close behind them was the team BT Blasters with 944.9 points. BT Blasters team members were Dwight Knutson, Paul Glessing, Allan Engh, Bill Stanley, Scott Klabo, and Joe Olhausen.

High Individual winner this year was Dwight Knutson with 243 points out of 250. Following Dwight for second was Zane Axtman with 241 points out of 250.

Following the awards, shooters in attendance shot Annie Oakley, a shooting game which was won by Drayson Johnson.

Shooters also shot 25 targets with the assistance of Black Lights. Drayson Johnson, Mohall and Logan Peterson, Kenmare tied their scores under the Black Lights.

### NOTICE FOR BIDS MOTOR GRADER

Renville County is accepting bids for the purchase of a new motor grader. Bids shall be deposited with the County Auditor no later than 10:30 a.m., December 2, 2025, at which time the bids will be opened.

General and detailed specifications for the motor grader and the uniform bidder's forms are available at the County Auditor's office, 205 Main Street E, Mohall, ND. Telephone number: 756-6301, email: lpollman@nd.gov

Bids shall be accompanied by a bidder's bond, in a separate envelope, in the amount of five percent of the bid.

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive technicalities.

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## Click It or Ticket: A Push for Everyone Buckled on North Dakota Roads

To save lives, law enforcement across North Dakota will conduct extra patrols Nov. 1-Dec. 12 as part of the Click It or Ticket campaign.

Seat belts are the most effective way to prevent death and injury in a motor vehicle crash. Thanks to North Dakota's primary seat belt law and an increased seat belt use rate statewide, fatalities have decreased — but more lives could be saved if everyone buckled up, every seat, every trip, every time.

In North Dakota in 2024, 47% of crash fatalities where seat belts were available involved people who were not buckled up. Crash data shows a direct correlation between seat belt use and injury severity: unbelted vehicle occupants account for the largest percent of fatalities, while belted occupants most commonly receive non-serious or no injuries.

North Dakota law allows law enforcement to pull over a driver solely for not wearing a seat belt. The law also requires all occupants to wear a seat belt, regardless of where they are sitting in the vehicle.

"In 2024, we've seen how seat belts save lives," said Surrey Police Chief, Kevin Howe. "In North Dakota, the people who walked away from serious crashes were overwhelmingly the ones who buckled up. Give yourself the best odds — click that belt and arrive safely."

Make the safe choice every time you get in a vehicle — buckle up, every trip, every seat, every time.

This campaign is part of the Vision Zero strategy to eliminate fatalities and serious injuries on North Dakota roadways.

Visit the North Dakota Crash Memorial Wall to view memorials built on the hope of preventing another death on North Dakota roads.

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## Trey Holsten Memorial Fund Donates \$1,000.00 to MLS State Cross Country Team



The MLS Cross Country Team proudly competed at the Class B State Cross Country Meet in October. In recognition of the team's success and their first ever state appearance, the Trey Holsten Memorial donated \$1000 to help cover the team's travel expenses. The Trey Hosten Memorial would like to congratulate all of our state qualifiers and great job on an outstanding cross country season.

## Dakota Datebook

### George Broadhurst and the Metropolitan Opera House by Christina Sunwall

November 10, 2025 – The name George Broadhurst is generally associated with the theaters of Chicago, San Francisco or New York. But North Dakota also helped launch the career of the playwright who became internationally renowned for works such as ‘The Mills of the Gods’ and ‘The Man of the Hour,’ starring Douglas Fairbanks.

While managing a Minneapolis theater in 1890, Broadhurst was introduced to George Batchelder, a businessman sitting on the Board of Directors of the Grand Forks Opera House Company. Batchelder convinced Broadhurst to become manager of the newly constructed Metropolitan Opera House in Dakota Territory.

Shortly after his arrival in Grand Forks, Broadhurst learned that the opening attraction was going to be the Emma Abbott Opera Company. They would give three evening and one matinee performance, for which Batchelder had guaranteed them an astonishing \$3,000.

Dubious that that amount could even be raised, George Broadhurst later admitted “When I discovered what he had been doing I simply asked when the next train left for Minneapolis. However he persuaded me to stay and make a subscription canvass of the townspeople. He said they had more money than they knew how to hide...” Batchelder’s words proved true.

The new manager first approached Captain Alexander Griggs. Griggs informed Broadhurst that he was the father of Grand Forks. He had witnessed the town’s first christening and first funeral, and therefore he would not miss the first show in the first opera house. To Broadhurst’s utter surprise, Griggs offered \$300 for two seats.

Broadhurst next approached William Budge. “What did the Captain give?” Budge demanded of Broadhurst. Hearing the \$300 price tag, Budge insisted on matching him. With mounting excitement, Broadhurst returned to Captain Griggs, explaining what Budge had given. Not wanting to be outdone, Griggs announced, “I’ll raise him fifty.”

Besides taking advantage of local rivalries, the new manager developed other successful techniques to sell tickets to the opening show. In a later interview for the New York Times he explained, “I got into a fictitious argument with Batchelder as to whether the first opera should be ‘Aida’ or ‘Martha,’ and we had a voting contest in the morning paper.” The contest generated considerable interest and by the grand opening of the Metropolitan Opera House on this day in 1890, subscription funds totals more than \$6,000.

George Broadhurst managed the Grand Forks Metropolitan Opera House and served as the editor of the morning paper for one year before moving to San Francisco and eventually New York.

So what did Captain Griggs think of his \$350 seats? As Broadhurst recalled, “After it was all over he came to George and me and said that it was all very grand, but he thought in the next show we’d better have ‘less

### Veterans Day by Sarah Walker

November 11, 2025 – Today is Veterans Day, a day to honor the many soldiers who have fought for us and our country throughout our history.

On this date in 1932, local veterans from both the Spanish-American War and World War I were honored at an "Armistice Day Dinner" in Bismarck. Later in the month, Bismarck's Spanish-American vets also established their own local post.

These men, now long gone, were the older veterans of an older war. When war took them from their families and friends, the best way for these soldiers to keep in touch was to write letters. One North Dakotan soldier, Arthur Bennett, wrote: "Sometimes we perceive some strange combinations of sounds that are apt to fill one with conflicting emotions. ... We are so used to going to sleep with bullets flying about us that I fancy we will have to hire some little boys with their pistols and caps to lull us to sleep when we get home."


Another soldier said, "We enlisted to go to war. We went to war and we found it."

The First North Dakota Volunteer Infantry served so admirably that their Lieutenant-Colonel praised them for their fighting, for their work, even for their cheerfulness. He said, "May we ever cherish the memory of the First North Dakota Volunteer Infantry and may we all honor the noble dead who are our sacrifice to the nation's honor." These words still ring true today.

Originally, this was Armistice Day-set up to commemorate the armistice agreement that ended fighting during World War I, and thus, honoring veterans from that war. The day was enacted as a holiday in 1938, and in 1954, Congress amended the act to honor all veterans of all wars.

Those first major battles that North Dakota took part in after achieving statehood seem very long ago. Yet it's the same story-men and women making sacrifices, showing their love for their home and their friends and family that continues today.

It's Veterans Day, a day which we all celebrate together, to honor all veterans ... as it should be.



### All Seasons Water Users District

## ANNUAL MEETING

**Thursday, November 20th, 2025**  
**6:30 p.m.**

**Senior Citizens Center - Bottineau**

### General Meeting with Election of Directors and Other Business

**"If you cannot attend, please sign and mail in proxy"**

*"THIS IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM"*

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## MLS - FCCLA

### "CHRISTMAS IS FOR KIDS CHARITY DINNER"

(HAM, BAKED POTATO, CORN, SALAD, BUN, AND DESSERT)

### TAKE OUT ONLY

**Sunday, November 23rd**  
**Serving from 11:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.**

**Call (701) 263-7241 to Pre-order before Monday, November 20th**

**Pick up meals at the MLS-Mohall School**  
**\$12.00 Adults and Students**  
**\*Children under 5 free**  
*(Exact change or check appreciated)*  
**100% of proceeds to purchase gifts for area families**  
**Donations are welcome!**

### Grand Forks Ski Jump by Dr. Steve Hoffbeck

November 12, 2025 – Winter is the longest season in North Dakota, and hearty North Dakotans have always plunged into frosty outdoor sports. On this date in 1916, the Grand Forks Herald newspaper announced that the city's ski jump in Lincoln Park had been repaired and had been built a little higher to make ski-jumping "more sensational."

The ski jump had been built in 1915 because the local Norwegian Club asked the City Park Board to consider building one in Lincoln Park, adjacent to the Red River. City officials agreed to build one near the park's toboggan slides and skating rinks, and officially opened the jump on January 2nd, 1916.

The honor of being the first man to ride the slide went to Halfdan Hanson. Several hundred spectators watched Hanson climb to the top of the 78-foot-high scaffold and then zip down the snow-covered slide and kick-jump

off the end, leaping into the air before landing on a downward slope that extended all the way onto the frozen Red River. This intrepid ski jumper glided to a halt several hundred yards further on, decelerating up a small hill on the Minnesota side. Hanson made a leap of 48 feet that day, tied for the longest jump.

The Norwegian Club held its first ski-jumping tournament the following January, offering prizes that included a silver cup for the best all-around jumper, plus other prizes of a watch fob, a fountain pen, and a box of cigars.

The ski jump was built to be as safe as possible "without removing any of the thrilling ... features" of the sport. To encourage beginners, the builders put two platforms as starting stations partway down the slide. The first one was just a few feet above the ground; the second station was 25 feet up. The third platform was at the very top, 78 feet high. The ski jump in Lincoln Park became even higher in the 1930s when workers in the New Deal's Civil Works Administration built one 200 feet tall.

Interest in ski jumping faded in the 1940s as Norwegian-Americans turned to other winter sports; and eventually the Grand Forks ski jump was taken down. The only remaining traces of the magnificent ski-jump that once graced Lincoln Park are photographs in the UND archives.

### Missing Diamond Ring by Hayley Burdett

November 13, 2025 – Modern and classic films hail the train station as a place of romance and as an important meeting ground. The railway was the primary method of transportation for goods and passengers across states in the early 20th century. Train stations saw many passengers each year.

The Fargo Forum ran a column in those days called "In And Out of Fargo," which announced the departures and returns of Fargo residents. Travelers to destinations like Minneapolis and Williston on account of family deaths and visits to friends, were compiled in this newspaper feature.

On this date in 1936, the paper also ran a story reporting that more than 15 women had come forward to claim a diamond ring discovered in the Northern Pacific depot restroom ten years prior. The Forum took over the care of the ring in an attempt to return it to its original owner, but each woman who came forward was unable to successfully claim the ring. Some had lost rings with a similar look, but ultimately, their missing ring descriptions were not a match.

One lead came from O.B. Comm, who served as a relief matron. She remembered a lady who reported a missing ring at the station ten years earlier. Though the woman and Comm searched for the ring, they were unable to locate it. Comm believed the woman's ring had been bought by her husband in the country of her Nordic origin, but the mystery of the lost ring remained.

Perhaps in this day and age of the internet and instant communication, finding the rightful owner would be an easy matter, but not so in 1936.