

Dakota Datebook

A VOICE FOR THE FARMER

By Carole Butcher

February 27, 2026 - A Reciprocal Trade Agreement enacted by Congress in 1934 gave the President the authority to negotiate international trade agreements. But not all areas of the economy benefited equally from the arrangement. North Dakota Representative William Lemke opposed an extension of the Act.

On this date in 1940, Lemke declared that domestic agricultural markets had been “bartered away or sold to foreign nations.” Under the Act, the United States had imported over \$21 million in foreign agricultural products. Lemke said agricultural exports had not matched that amount. He said farmers had suffered since the end of World War I, when

demand decreased suddenly and agricultural prices dropped. As the prices for their products bottomed out, farmers struggled to stay on the land.

Lemke said a trade agreement was the same as a treaty. Treaties were the responsibility of the Senate, not the President. He said President Roosevelt came from an industrial state, and did not have a full understanding of agriculture. He very much opposed any move to extend the agreement, saying representatives from agricultural states should have a say in the matter to balance the President’s support for industrial states. That meant transferring the decision for the Act to the Senate, where Lemke said it belonged. However, Lemke was not successful in putting an end to the Act. Congress approved

the extension.

Congress was not oblivious to problems faced by farmers, however. There was concern about farmers leaving the land, and lawmakers realized something had to be done to provide support. On February 27, 1940, the House Agricultural Committee recommended a new program to address farm tenancy. \$350 million would be raised from private investors. The funds would be loaned to farm tenants. The loans would allow tenants to become owners, hopefully stabilizing the farm situation. The federal government started granting direct loans to farmers in 1937.

William Lemke served in Congress for sixteen years. Throughout his tenure, he was a strong supporter of North Dakota farmers.

COBURN TOWNSHIP

ANNUAL MEETING

DATE:

March 17, 2026

TIME:

7:00 p.m.

LOCATION:

Dave & Kim Utke Residence

ELECTION OF:

Supervisor

BUSINESS:

CLERK:

Carol J Wadeson

NDSCS announces President’s Honor Roll

North Dakota State College of Science (NDSCS) proudly announces that 608 students have earned placement on the Fall 2025 President’s Honor Roll, recognizing exceptional academic performance and a strong commitment to learning.

To qualify for this honor, students achieved a grade point average of 3.5 or higher while completing at least 12 letter-graded credits during the semester. These students represent the very best of ND-SCS—demonstrating determination, focus, and academic excellence across a wide variety of programs.

Those on the list from Ransom County include:

Enderlin: Addisyn Cavett, Ag Business; Ty Mitchell Halldorson, Diesel Technology; Alivia Katzenmeyer, Ag Business; Bradyn Mitchell Lemnus, Farm and Ranch Management; Karsyn Emily Wadeson, Occupational Therapy Assistant

Lisbon: Colton Gary Johnson, Plumbing; Jaida Marie Kunze, Registered Nursing; Leaph James Lachowitz, Plumbing; Jacob James Lyons, Precision Agriculture Technology; Nevaeh Lyn Spiekermeier, Practical Nursing; Brea Jacklyn Sweet, Ag Business; Gavin Ryan Williams, Building Construction Technology

Sheldon: Claire Elise Alger, Precision Agronomy

January Lisbon Police Report

Notes:

• Sergeant Thomes attended Methods of Instruction Training.
• Officer Gross attended ALICE Instructor Training.

• Chief Oien and Sergeant Thomes gave a road safety presentation at the Lisbon Middle School.

• Sergeant Thomes and Officer Gross gave an Active Threat presentation at CHI Lisbon Health.

Calls for service: 130

Calls for service January 2025: 143

1-1-2026

- Property release
- Welfare check (2)
- Traffic stop (6)
- 9-1-1 misdial

1-2-2026

- 9-1-1 misdial

1-3-2026

- Medical assist
- Follow-up
- Traffic stop (3)
- 9-1-1 misdial

1-4-2026

- None documented

1-5-2026

- Assist other agency (RCSO)
- Alarm call

1-6-2026

- 9-1-1 misdial
- Suspicious activity
- Scam report
- Traffic stop (2)

1-7-2026

- Driving complaint
- Follow-up
- Dog at large
- Traffic stop (3)

1-8-2026

- Found property
- Follow-up

1-9-2026

- Medical assist
- Traffic stop
- Motor vehicle accident

1-10-2026

- Traffic stop
- Suspicious activity
- 9-1-1 Misdial

1-11-2026

- Assist other agency (SCSO)
- Noise complaint
- Traffic stop (4)
- Suspicious activity
- Medical assist
- Call by phone

1-12-2026

- Assist other agency (RCSO)

1-13-2026

- Call by phone
- 9-1-1 test call

1-14-2026

- Theft report
- Mental health
- Welfare check
- Follow-up

1-15-2026

- Follow-up
- Traffic stop (2)
- Driving complaint

1-16-2026

- Welfare concern
- 9-1-1 misdial

1-17-2026

- Medical assist
- Assist other agency (RCSO)

1-18-2026

- Harassment complaint
- Follow-up
- Assist other agency (RCSO)
- Mental health
- 9-1-1 misdial
- Welfare check

1-19-2026

- Public relations
- Traffic stop (2)
- Medical assist
- Follow-up (2)
- Dog at large
- Alarm call

1-20-2026

- Barking dog complaint
- Follow-up
- Motorist assist
- Traffic stop
- 9-1-1 misdial

1-21-2026

- Traffic stop (3)
- Motorist assist
- Citizen complaint

1-22-2026

- Welfare check
- Assist other agency (RCSO)
- Disturbance
- 9-1-1 misdial

1-23-2026

- Public relations
- Follow-up
- Medical assist
- Traffic stop (3)

1-24-2026

- Theft report
- Citizen assist
- Criminal mischief
- Traffic stop
- Mental health

1-25-2026

- Follow-up
- Traffic stop (3)
- Welfare check

1-26-2026

- Follow-up
- Traffic stop (4)

1-27-2026

- Motor vehicle accident (2)
- Follow-up (3)
- Counterfeit report
- Medical assist
- Theft report

1-28-2026

- Informational assist
- Traffic stop
- Public relations

1-29-2026

- Domestic
- Follow-up
- Public relations
- Welfare concern

1-30-2026

- Search warrant
- Animal complaint
- Traffic stop

1-31-2026

- Driving complaint

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

WEEKLY AD DEADLINE: 5:00PM TUESDAY

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