



It's “Time” to Spring Ahead! Daylight Savings Time begins this Sunday, March 10. Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday night.

Public Notice

NOTICE TO
EDDY COUNTY
LANDOWNERS

Applications will be accepted for the classification of Inundated Agricultural Land (N.D.C.C. § 57-02-27.2(6)) in Eddy County for the 2019 – tax year. Applications can be obtained through the Eddy County Tax Director. Application deadline is March 31, 2019.

Office of County Tax Equalization
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Office Hours:
Monday - Thursday
8 A.M. to 4 P.M.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION
Notice is hereby given that on the first Tuesday of June, being June 4, 2019, an annual election will be held for the New Rockford-Sheyenne School District No. 2, counties of Eddy, Foster, Wells, and Benson, State of North Dakota.
Polling place will be the lobby of the New Rockford-Sheyenne Public School gymnasium, north entrance, in New Rockford. The polls will be open from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
The election shall be held for the purpose of electing two school board members for three year terms and one school board member for a one year term. One member will be elected to a three year term from the former New Rockford District, and one will be elected for a three year term at-large. The third member will be elected to a one year term from the former New Rockford District.
Candidates for each school board seat is determined by residency within defined geographic areas of the district, but all eligible voters of the school district may vote for each position.
Any person wishing to be a candidate for a position on the board must be a qualified elector of the school district, reside within the New Rockford-Sheyenne School District No. 2, and file a statement setting forth his or her name and intent for the position for which they are a candidate with the business manager of the school board by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 1, 2019. The candidate will also be required to complete a Statement of Interest form. A statement which is mailed must also be in the business manager's possession before 4:00 p.m. on April 1, 2019. Both forms are available in the school business manager's office.
Dated this 27th day of February, 2019.
Janet Heskin, Business Manager
New Rockford-Sheyenne School District No. 2
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Remote seller sales tax revenue exceeds \$5 million

As of Jan. 31, 2019, remote seller sales tax collections in North Dakota have exceeded \$5 million, according to Tax Commissioner Ryan Rauschenberger. “Since the South Dakota v. Wayfair U.S. Supreme Court ruling on June 21, 2018, our office has registered more than 2,500 remote sellers to collect North Dakota sales tax,” Rauschenberger stated. Most of the \$5 million in collections came in the fourth quarter of 2018. In North Dakota, remote sellers were required to begin collecting sales tax on or before Oct. 1, 2018. Rauschenberger added that approximately \$1.2 million of the total collected is in the form of local city and county sales taxes. Of the 151 cities and counties that had remote seller sales tax reported from June 21 to Jan. 31, 2019, the highest local sales tax collections were seen in Fargo, Grand Forks, Minot, Cass County and Bismarck. The complete Remote Seller Local Sales Tax Collection Report from June 21, 2018 to Jan. 31, 2019, can be found online at www.nd.gov/tax/salesanduse/pubs. Rauschenberger said that compliance efforts are ongoing to ensure that remote sellers are complying with North Dakota law.

Bill limiting law enforcement’s ability to access outbuildings quietly passes N.D. House

by Bilial Suleiman
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Republican Rep. Luke Simons, a rancher from Dickinson, said during a committee hearing that he was targeted by a “busybody” who called the sheriff multiple times with accusations of animal neglect. Simons said he got fed up with the calls and told the sheriff to get a warrant. “He said, ‘We don’t need a search warrant. This (outbuilding) is clearly over 60 feet from that house,’” said Simons, who was surprised to learn that the Fourth Amendment didn’t protect outbuildings on his property. Simon introduced House Bill 1290 to require law enforcement to get permission from a landowner or have a warrant to go onto property and search barns and other outbuildings unless they were responding to an emergency or otherwise had probable cause. The bill passed the House 64-29 on Feb. 19. Reports on suspected animal neglect and abuse are common in Stark County, Sheriff Corey Lee said. “We deal with that quite often,” Lee said. “We were out investigating one today, as a matter of fact. Week before last, I was out in a rural area investigating malnourished horses, which turned out to be a false report. Sometimes they’re exaggerated or completely false all together and sometimes they’re reality.” A well-publicized animal neglect case in 2017 showed how significant the consequences of one phone call can be. Gary Dassinger of Gladstone was charged with animal neglect after the sheriff at the time, Terry Oestre-

ich, conducted a warrantless search of property based on a call to his office. Dassinger, after over a yearlong court battle, ended up pleading guilty in North Dakota District Court in Dickinson to six counts of animal neglect after he ran out of money. The Fourth Amendment protects citizens from unreasonable search and seizure of their persons, houses, papers and effects. Tom Murtha, who was Dassinger’s defense attorney, explained that the Fourth Amendment doesn’t apply to open land. “The United States Supreme Court has said your land is not an effect,” Murtha said, referring to the open fields doctrine. It states that “warrantless search of the area outside a property owner’s curtilage” does not violate the Fourth Amendment. Curtilage is the area of land that immediately surrounds a dwelling. In Dassinger’s case, the horses were kept in a stable outside of the curtilage zone, allowing law enforcement to use the open fields doctrine as grounds to search his property. Murtha argued in court that an illegal search was performed and pushed for a dismissal of evidence, which was denied. Except when responding to an emergency, House Bill 1290 would require law enforcement to get landowner permission to enter private land. Without permission, they’d need probable cause or a search warrant. Otherwise, any evidence gathered during the unauthorized search would be inadmissible in court. Rep. Simons, who was called as a witness during

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Gardening Plus Day

Saturday
March 9, 2019

Carrington Research Extension Center

AGENDA

Coffee and Registration	9:00 AM
Welcome and Vendor Introductions	9:30 AM
Hydrangeas and Other Flowering Shrubs for Our Area — Joe Bergeson	9:45 AM
Break and vendor viewing	10:30 AM
Seeds to Bloom, 1,2,3 Grow — Conny van Bedaf	10:45 AM
Pollinator gardens — Esther McGinnis*	11:15 AM
Lunch	Noon
Gardening with Less Work — Esther McGinnis*	1:00 PM
Demo: Build a Succulent Dish — Kevin Hollatz	1:30 PM
Short Break	2:00 PM
Annuals & Perennials: Hot New Varieties & Old Favorites— Don Kinzler	2:15 PM
Questions	3:00 PM
Door Prize & Yard Crasher Drawings	3:15 PM

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