

2021 Consumer Confidence Report Carrington, North Dakota

The City of Carrington will be publishing a copy of the 2021 Consumer Confidence Report in the newspaper so we will not be mailing out individual copies of the Report. If you would like a copy of the 2021 Consumer Confidence Report, they are available at:
Carrington City Hall - 103 10th Ave. North
Carrington Water Treatment Plant - 1/2 mile North of Carrington on Highway 281.

Annual Drinking Water Quality Report City of Carrington

We're pleased to present to you this year's Annual Drinking Water Report. This report is designed to inform you about the safe clean water we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water. Our water source is three wells, which draw from the Carrington Aquifer.

We have a wellhead protection plan available from our office that provides more information, such as, potential sources of contamination. Our water system has completed a delineation and contaminant/land use inventory, and based on this information, our source water has been determined to be susceptible to potential sources of contamination.

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water quality, please contact Jordan Wolf at the Water Treatment Plant (701) - 652-2095. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. They are held on the second Monday of every month at 7:30 at City Hall, 103 10th Avenue North. If you are aware of non-English speaking individuals who need help with the appropriate language translation, please call Jordan Wolf at the number listed above.

The City of Carrington would appreciate it if large volume water customers post copies of the report in conspicuous locations or distribute them to tenants, residents, patients, students, and/or employees, so individuals who consume the water, but do not receive a water bill can learn about our water system.

The City of Carrington routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. This table shows the results of our monitoring for the period of **January 1st to December 31st, 2021.**

The sources of drinking water (both tap and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land, or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.

Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil production, mining or farming.

Pesticides and herbicides, which come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff and residential uses.

Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff and septic systems.

Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

MCLs are set at very stringent levels. To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated contaminants, a person would have to drink two liters of water every day for a lifetime to have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect.

As authorized and approved by EPA, the state has reduced monitoring requirements for certain contaminants to less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. Some of our data (ie. For organic contaminants), though representative, is more than one year old.

In this table you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms we've provided the following definitions.

Non-Detects (ND) - laboratory analysis indicates that the contaminant is not present.
Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l) - one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.
Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter (mg/l) - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

Picocuries per liter (pCi/L) - picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.
Action Level (AL) - the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Maximum Contaminant Level - The "Maximum Allowed" (MCL) is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal - The "Goal" (MCLG) is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

(MRDL) Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level - The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

(MRDLG) Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal -The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

TEST RESULTS								
Contaminant	Violation Yes/No	Level Detected	Range	Date (Year)	Unit	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Inorganic Contaminants								
Arsenic	No	3.86	N/A	2016	ppb	0	10	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; runoff from glass and electronics production waste
Barium	No	0.0156	N/A	2017	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride	No	1.09	N/A	2017	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Nitrate	No	0.032	N/A	2021	ppm	10	10	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks; sewage
Nitrite	No	0.032	N/A	2021	ppm	10	10	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks; sewage

Radioactive Contaminants								
Gross Alpha Including RA Excluding RN & U	No	1	N/A	2017	pCi/l	15	15	Erosion of natural deposits
Radium, Combined	No	1.21	N/A	2017	pCi/l		5	Erosion of natural deposits
Uranium, Combined	No	ND	-0.45 to 0	2017	ppb		30	Erosion of natural deposits

Disinfectants								
Chlorine	No	1.6	1.32 to 1.69	2021	ppm	4	4.0	Water additive used to control microbes

Stage 2 Disinfection Byproducts								
Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	No	9	4.1 to 9.44	2021	ppb	N/A	60	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	No	70	32.86 to 70.32	2021	ppb	N/A	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination

Lead/Copper						
	Date (Year)	# Samples	Action Level (AL)	90th Percentile	Samples Exceed AL	Units
Copper 90th Percentile	2021	10	1.3	No detect	0	ppm
Lead 90th Percentile	2021	10	15	3.56	0	ppb

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The City of Carrington is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. Use water from the cold tap for drinking and cooking. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your drinking water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

EPA requires monitoring of over 80 drinking water contaminants. Those contaminants listed in the table above are the only contaminants detected in your drinking water.

What does this mean?

We're proud that your drinking water meets or exceeds all Federal and State requirements. We have learned through our monitoring and testing that some contaminants have been detected. The EPA has determined that your water IS SAFE at these levels.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons, such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

Thank you for allowing us to provide your family with clean, quality water this year. In order to maintain a safe and dependable water supply we sometimes need to make improvements that will benefit all of our customers. These improvements sometimes require rate structure adjustments.

The personnel of the Public Works Department work around the clock to provide top quality water to every tap. We ask that all our customers help us protect our water sources, which are the heart of our community, our way of life, and our children's future.

I'm pleased to report that our drinking water is safe and meets federal and state requirements - Mayor, Tom Erdmann

(Publish June 13, 2022)

Southeast District Court

May 1, 2022 - May 31, 2022
Criminal

Christoffer Alan Bertilson, Carrington, N.D.:

- DUI - drugs. Condition: Chemical Dependency Evaluation. Condition: Complete recommended treatment. Comply with payment agreement. Not possess or own fire arms. Notify court of address change. Set up payment schedule. Unsupervised probation. Violate no criminal laws. Fees: criminal admin. fee: \$125 (waived); defense/facility admin. fee: \$100 (waived); fine/state: \$500; indigent defense application fee, \$35 (waived); victim-witness fee: \$25 (waived); Confinement: Agency: Stutsman County Correctional Center, term: 10 days. Suspended: 10 days.
- Disorderly conduct. Condition: Have no contact. Not possess or own fire arms. Notify court of address change. Unsupervised probation. Violate no criminal laws. Fees: criminal admin. fee: \$125 (waived); defense/facility admin. fee: \$100 (waived); indigent defense application fee, \$35 (waived); victim-witness fee: \$25 (waived); Confinement: Agency: Stutsman County Correctional Center, term: 10 days. Suspended: 2 days. Credit for time served: 8 days

Richard James Garcia, Carrington, N.D.:

- Driving under suspension. Condition: Comply with payment agreement. Not possess or own fire arms. Notify court of address change. Set up payment agreement. Unsupervised probation. Violate no criminal laws. Fees: criminal admin. fee: \$125; defense/facility admin. fee: \$100; fine/state: \$350; victim-witness fee: \$25; Confinement: Agency: Stutsman County Correctional Center, term: 10 days. Suspended: 10 days.
- Violation of restricted license. Condition: Comply with payment agreement. Not possess or own fire arms. Notify court of address change. Unsupervised probation. Violate no criminal laws. Fees: fine/state: \$250; Confinement: Agency: Stutsman County Correctional Center, term: 10 days. Suspended: 10 days. Concurrent with count 1.

Jeffrey Allen Hulbert, Jamestown, N.D.:

- Possession of CS - marijuana - less than 1/2 oz. Fee: fine/state: \$150
- Unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia - use/storage - marijuana or tetrahydrocannabinol. Fee: fine/state: \$150

Brian Riley Inscore, Jamestown, N.D.: violation of restricted license. Condition: Comply with payment agreement. Not possess or own fire arms. Notify court of address change. Unsupervised probation. Violate no criminal laws. Fees: criminal admin. fee: \$125; defense/facility admin. fee: \$100; fine/state: \$250; victim-witness fee: \$25; Confinement: Agency: Stutsman County Correctional Center, term: 10 days. Suspended: 10 days.

Arnaz Yavar Thompson, White Bear Lake, Minn.: driving under revocation. Condition: Comply with payment agreement. Not possess or own fire arms. Notify court of address change. Set up payment agreement. Unsupervised probation. Violate no criminal laws. Fees: criminal admin. fee: \$125; defense/facility admin. fee: \$100; fine/state: \$250; victim-witness fee: \$25; Confinement: Agency: Stutsman County Correctional Center, term: 10 days. Suspended: 10 days.

Christine Ann Larson, Carrington, N.D.: DUI - .16% or greater - 1st offense. Condition: Chemical Dependency Evaluation. Community Service in lieu of jail, 20 hours. Complete recommended treatment. Comply with payment agreement. Not possess or own fire arms. Notify court of address change. Set up payment schedule. Unsupervised probation. Violate no criminal laws. Fees: community service fee: \$25; criminal admin. fee: \$125; defense/facility admin. fee: \$100; fine/state: \$750; victim-witness fee: \$25; Confinement: Agency: Stutsman County Correctional Center, term: 10 days. Suspended: 8 days. Community Service in lieu of two days in jail.

Brent Erin Morley, Carrington, N.D.:

- DUI - .08% or great - intoxicating liquor - 1st offense. Condition: Chemical Dependency Evaluation. Complete recommended treatment. Comply with payment agreement. Not possess or own fire arms. Notify court of address change. Set up payment schedule. Unsupervised probation. Violate no criminal laws. Fees: criminal admin. fee: \$125; defense/facility admin. fee: \$100; fine/state: \$500; victim-witness fee: \$25; Confinement: Agency: Stutsman County Correctional Center, term: 10 days. Suspended: 10 days.
- Driving under suspension. Condition: Comply with payment agreement. Not possess or own fire arms. Notify court of address change. Set up payment agreement. Unsupervised probation. Violate no criminal laws. Fees: fine/state: \$350. Confinement: Agency: Stutsman County Correctional Center, term: 10 days. Suspended: 10 days. Concurrent with count 1.

Kyle James Presser, Fargo, N.D.:

- Driving under suspension. Condition: Complete community service, 40 hours. Comply with payment agreement. Not possess or own fire arms. Notify court of address change. Unsupervised probation. Violate no criminal laws. Fees: community service fee: \$25; criminal admin. fee: \$125 (waived); defense/facility admin. fee: \$100 (waived); indigent defense application fee: \$35; victim-witness fee: \$25 (waived); Confinement: Agency: Stutsman County Correctional Center, term: 10 days. Suspended: 10 days.
- Violation of restricted license. Condition: Not possess or own fire arms. Notify court of address change. Unsupervised probation. Violate no criminal laws. Agency: Stutsman County Correctional Center, term: 10 days. Suspended: 10 days. Concurrent with count 1.

Samuel Campos, Ross, N.D.: speeding, \$20

Brianna Marie Grandalen, Hannaford, N.D.: speeding, \$20

Amber R. Johnson, Devils Lake, N.D.: speeding, \$45

Damilola Adeola Olowu, Minot, N.D.: speeding, \$20

Ethan Ronn Stangeland, Glenfield, N.D.: speeding, \$20

Jason Paul Vollmer, Grace City, N.D.: speeding, \$20

Sage Wolfgang Wilcox, Aberdeen, S.D.: speeding, \$13

Edward Mylo Loraas, Fairdale, N.D.: speeding, \$20

Donna Lynne Lorentzson, Binford, N.D.: entering closed road where prohibited, \$250; failure to give immediate notice of accident, \$50

Leonel Bronson Anderson, Binford, N.D.: speeding, \$20

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Daniel Steven Williams, Jamestown, N.D.: driving while license privilege is suspended. Condition: Comply with payment agreement. Not possess or own fire arms. Notify court of address change. Pay fine from bond posted. Unsupervised probation. Violate no criminal laws. Fees: criminal admin. fee: \$125; defense/facility admin. fee: \$100; fine/state: \$350; victim-witness fee: \$25;

Michael James McBeain, Del Rapids, S.D.: theft - take - \$1,000 - \$10,000. Condition: Comply with payment agreement. Not possess or own fire arms. Notify court of address change. Set up payment agreement. Submit to fingerprints. Unsupervised probation. Violate no criminal laws. Deferred imposition of sentence. Fees: criminal admin. fee: \$400; defense/facility admin. fee: \$100; restitution: \$7,108.57; victim-witness fee, \$25.

Austin Lee Rath, Hannaford, N.D.: issuing check or draft without sufficient funds or credit - \$100 - \$500. Fees: criminal admin. fee: \$125; defense/facility admin. fee: \$100; fine/state: \$170; victim-witness fee: \$25.

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Notice of Execution Sale

PERSONAL PROPERTY OR REAL PROPERTY
IN THE DISTRICT COURT, SOUTHEAST JUDICIAL DISTRICT, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, COUNTY OF FOSTER
Credit Bureau of Bismarck Plaintiff
vs.
Kyle Schroeder Defendant

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that under and by virtue of a Writ of Execution issued by and out of the above-named Court on **02/22/2022** upon a Judgement rendered, entered and docketed in said court, in the above entitled action in favor of the above-named plaintiff and against the above-named defendant Kyle Schroeder. For the sum of **\$9,989.46** which said Writ of Execution has been directed and delivered to me, the undersigned Sheriff, I have levied upon the following described real property of and belonging to the said defendant Kyle Schroeder, to wit:

E6" LOT 3 & All LOTS 4 & 5 BLK 28 ORIGINAL, 970 Main St. Carrington, ND 58421

I will, at the Foster County Courthouse, in the city of Carrington, in the County of Foster and State of North Dakota, on **July 7, 2022**, at the hour of **10:00 am** of that day sell all of the right, title, and interest of the said defendant Kyle Schroeder, in and to the above described personal property to satisfy the aforesaid judgement with costs and interest and the costs of said sale.

Dated this: 31, day of May, 2022.

Justin Johnson
Foster County Sheriff
By Foster County Deputy Sheriff
Nick Oster.
(Publish June 6, 13 & 20, 2022)

Summons

CIVIL NO. 16-2022-CV-00021
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF FOSTER
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHEAST JUDICIAL
DISTRICT

Estate of Virginia Freeman, Loretta M. Bata, Jean L. Womble, Robert M. Carr, Linda S. Duursma, Douglas L. Carr, Keith E. Carr, Andrea Gideon and Debra Carr, Plaintiffs,
vs.
Clint C. Carr, Carrington Township, a political subdivision, Stutsman Rural Water Users, Inc., a corporation, Foster County, a Municipal Corporation, Otter Tail Power Company, a corporation, United States of America, acting by and through the Secretary of the Interior or his authorized representative, and all others unknown claiming any estate or interest in, or lien or encumbrance upon, the property described in the Complaint,

Defendants.
THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA TO THE ABOVE NAMED

DEFENDANTS:

[1] YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to serve upon Plaintiffs' attorney an Answer to the Complaint which is herewith served upon you and filed with the Clerk of District Court for Foster County within twenty-one (21) days after 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 4th day of May, 2022.

/s/ Ann E. Miller
Ann E. Miller (ND ID 06706) ABST Law
4132 30th Avenue SW, Suite 100
P.O. Box 10247
Fargo, North Dakota 58106-0247
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Attorneys for Plaintiffs

NOTICE

The above-entitled action relates to the following described real property, to-wit:

The North Half (N½) of Section Thirty-six (36), Township One Hundred Forty-five (145) North, Range Sixty-five (65) West of the Fifth Principal Meridian, Foster County, North Dakota;
AND

The Southeast Quarter (SE¼) of Section Thirty-four (34), Township One Hundred Forty-six (146) North, Range Sixty-six (66) West of the Fifth Principal Meridian, Foster County, North Dakota;
AND

The North Half (N½) of Section Three (3), except Auditor's Lot Twenty-nine (29), and the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NW¼SW¼) of Section Three (3), all in Township One Hundred Forty-five (145) North, Range Sixty-six (66) West of the Fifth Principal Meridian, Foster County, North Dakota;
AND

That part of Section Nine (9), Township One Hundred Forty-five (145) North, Range Sixty-five (65) West of the Fifth Principal Meridian, lying North of the right-of-way of the Canadian Pacific Railroad, formerly known as the Soo Railroad, excepting Auditor's Lot 204, and also less a tract of land described as commencing 312.2 feet Northeasterly from the Northeast corner of Block 2 in the Town of Bordulac, North Dakota, being the intersection of the West line of Wilson Street, projected, with the North line of right of way of the Soo Railway Company, thence Northwesterly along the North line of the Railway right of way 466.7 feet, thence Northeasterly, at right angles to the pervious course, 466.7 feet, thence Southeasterly, at right angles to the last course 466.7 feet, thence Southwesterly at right angles to the last course 466.7 feet to the place of beginning, and containing 5 acres, more or less;

AND

The object of this action is to quiet title the correct percentage ownership in the real property into the above-named parties.

Dated this 4th day of May, 2022.
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Midkota School Board Election Notice

Notice is Hereby given that the regular school district election of the Midkota Public School will be held on Tuesday, June 14th, 2022, at the polling locations listed below. The polls will open from 11:00 am CDT and will close at 7:00 pm CDT that day.

The Directorship(s) to be filled at this election are: School Board Member (4 positions)

1 - Three-Year term representing the Grace City precinct, Justin Spickler has filed to be on the ballot.

1 - One-Year term representing the At Large precinct, Louis Halvorson has filed to be on the ballot.

The polling locations are as follows:

- Binford Precinct - Midkota Elementary School, Binford
- GSM Precinct - Midkota High School, Glenfield
- Grace City Precinct - Schoolhouse Café, Grace City
- Presley Painter Midkota School Business Manager

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Notice of Bids

BOULEVARD TREE REMOVAL

The Tree Board Committee for the City of Carrington is seeking bids to remove approximately 46 trees on city boulevards. Successful bidder shall obtain or currently have a city tree removal license.

Sealed bids will be received until 4:00 p.m., Thursday, June 30, 2022, at City Hall, 103 10th Avenue North, Carrington, North Dakota 58421-0501.

A copy of the spec sheet indicating the size and location of trees may be obtained from the Office of the Carrington City Auditor anytime between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday or by calling 701-652-2911 or email cityauditor@daktel.com

Bid opening will be held Wednesday, July 6, 2022 at 7:30 a.m., at City Hall.

The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any irregularities.
(Publish June 13 & 20, 2022)

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Co-op hires journalist to serve state

North Dakota News Cooperative took another big step last week.

Michael Standaert was hired as enterprise journalist to provide in-depth stories to North Dakota newspapers.

"Michael will hit the ground running. Although he will need to acclimate to North Dakota, he already has story ideas and recently worked with one of the state's newspapers on a story," said Jill Denning Gackle, co-chair with Steve Andrist. "His world experience will serve North Dakota well and give us the in-depth reporting that we are seeking."

Standaert worked as a journalist and writer for 24 years, first from the Midwest, and later from California, Europe and Asia. From early 2007 to mid-2022 he was based in China, first Beijing, then Shenzhen, where he served as a correspondent accredited with Bloomberg Industry Group from 2009 onward.

From China he also freelanced for a wide range of outlets including The Washington Post, The Guardian, Al Jazeera, MIT Technology Review, YaleEnvironment360 and others throughout China and into Southeast Asia.

He has an MA in journalism from Cardiff University, UK, and published one book of nonfiction as well as a novel.

Originally from Northwest Illinois, Michael said he looks forward to getting back to the Midwest and to gaining a deep understanding of North Dakota, its issues and people, as well as raising his young family here.

NDNC considered about 20 applicants since the po-



Michael Standaert worked in China for the past 15 years, freelancing and working for Bloomberg Industry Group. He grew up in Northwest Illinois and said he is eager to relocate to the Midwest with his young family. (Photo by Tuomas Harjumaaskola, a Finnish photographer working in China.)

sition was advertised in late 2021.

Denning Gackle said, "The process took us longer than we'd hoped but we didn't want to rush such an important decision. We wanted to get it right, which we feel we did."

Board Member Eric Hardmeyer said, "Michael was an exciting candidate for the position; he has an extensive background in journalism with global experience. He will bring a fresh perspective to issues critical to North Dakotans." Also on the board are Tom Gerhardt, Hal Gershman, Mary Jo Hotzler, Mike Jacobs, Cyn-

thia Lindquist and Cecile Wehrman.

Standaert and his wife, Jing, and two children plan to move to Bismarck in June. Following the interview May 4, they spent several days touring all four corners of North Dakota.

NDNC is a nonprofit organization that originated with an NDNA committee tasked with building readership and news literacy. Another component of the effort is to work with the Department of Public Instruction's Library Standards Committee to update the news literacy standards used in public school curriculum.

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