

## NOVEMBER 2021 Newsletter

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### Featured Director - David Steele

Jamestown City Council

David Steele was raised on a farm near Pingree and has been a Stutsman County resident his entire life, minus one year in Pierce County. He is a graduate of Pingree High School and a graduate from Valley City State majoring in Elementary Education and Earth and Environmental Science with Middle School credentials. David spent 37 years in education teaching 3 years in Medina, 1 year in Rugby and 33 years in the Jamestown Middle School as a Middle School science teacher. Retirement from teaching occurred in 2014. David also worked 5 summers, after college, as a wildlife tech for the North Dakota Game and Fish Department raising pheasants, wood ducks and Giant Canadian Geese for the state of North Dakota. During his years in education, David served 2 years as the Jamestown Education Association president, 8 years on the NDEA Government Relations State Board, several years as an assistant scout master for Troop 163, and was a member of the Jamestown Jaycees. Along with being a member of Atonement Lutheran Church and the Jamestown Choralaires, David and his wife Deb enjoy cycling and pedaling around Jamestown and North Dakota.

David was elected to the Jamestown City Council in 2018 and currently serves on the Organizational Excellence and Existing Business committees for the JSDC. He was also appointed to the Airport Board and Law Enforcement Center Board.

Along with his wife, Deb, they have 3 grown children and 8 grand children.

### Internship Reimbursement Program Applications Available Now

JSDC [Internship Reimbursement Program applications](#) are now available for the Winter/Spring 2022 semester. Application deadline is December 20, 2021.

The Program was designed to increase the number of local internships and assist our employers in workforce recruitment and retention. The Program will contribute up to \$3,500 to reimburse employers that are hiring University/College students to assist in the payroll costs. The Program is open to employers in Stutsman County.

### ECONOMY AT A GLANCE

#### TAXABLE SALES/PURCHASES

Office of State Tax Commissioner

	2nd Quarter 2020	2nd Quarter 2021
Stutsman County	\$66,973,150	\$75,496,154
Jamestown	\$65,053,808	\$73,141,647

#### SALES TAX DISTRIBUTIONS

Office of State Treasurer

	YTD SEPT 2020	YTD SEPT 2021
Jamestown	\$4,892,322	\$5,427,854

#### LODGING DISTRIBUTIONS

Office of State Treasurer

	YTD SEPT 2020	YTD SEPT 2021
Restaurant/Lodging Tax	\$271,328	\$316,452
City Occupancy Tax	\$ 74,610	\$ 96,996

#### WORKFORCE

Job Service of North Dakota  
(not seasonally adjusted)

	SEPT 2020	SEPT 2021
Stutsman County Unemployment	2.6%	2.1%
North Dakota Unemployment	4.1%	2.6%
United States Unemployment	7.2%	4.6%