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NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NELSON COUNTY, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

In the Matter of the Estate of CONNIE SCHMIDT, a/k/a CONNIE L. SCHMIDT, a/k/a CONSTANCE L. SCHMIDT, Deceased.

Probate No. 32-2026-PR-00001.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within three months after the date of the first publication or mailing of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to TANYA MADSON, personal representative of the estate, at 2525 Elk Drive, PO Box 1000, Minot, ND 58702-1000, or filed with the Court.

Dated this 4th day of February, 2026.

/s/ Tanya Madson
Tanya Madson

Debra L. Hoffarth - #05668
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Attorneys for Personal Representative
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Business & Service Directory

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MISC. FOR SALE

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CASH PAID FOR high-end men's sport watches! Rolex, Breitling, Omega, Patek Philippe, Heuer, Daytona, GMT, Submariner and Speedmaster. These brands only! Call 1-833-641-6634. (N)14p

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MISCELLANEOUS

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ATTENTION NELSON COUNTY SOYBEAN PRODUCERS: CAST YOUR BALLOT NORTH DAKOTA SOYBEAN COUNCIL ELECTION

The ND Soybean Council's election for your County Representative will take place by mail ballot in March 2026. In March, newly elected county representatives will select a board member of the ND Soybean Council.

On or about February 17, 2026, the ND Soybean Council will mail each soybean grower of record in the county an election ballot. For your vote to count, ballots must be filed with the County Extension Agent of the above-named county. The ballot can be hand delivered or mailed to the agent. For your vote to count, the County Extension Agent must receive the ballot by March 5, 2026, or your mailed-in ballot must be postmarked no later than March 5, 2026. If you do not receive a ballot in the mail, contact your Nelson County Extension Agent at 701-247-2521 or the ND Soybean Council at 701-566-9300 to obtain one.

A producer is defined as: "any person that plants or causes to be planted a soybean crop in which the person has an ownership interest, with intent that upon maturity, the crop will be harvested; will have met the requirements of the above stated during the next available growing season or has met these requirements during the immediately preceding growing season. The term does not include an organic producer that has been exempted from the payment of assessments in accordance with federal law."

Who was Saint Valentine?

Valentine's Day presents an opportunity to express feelings of love. Greeting cards and heart-shaped chocolate boxes are traditional gifts, as are red roses. Most people know how and why Valentine's Day is celebrated, but few may know the person behind the holiday's name.

The Catholic Church recognizes three different martyred individuals with the name Valentine, who each may hold ties to the Valentine's Day celebration.

The name Valentine comes from the Latin "Valentinus," which means "worthy, strong or powerful." The name was a common moniker at the time. It is not known just how many Valentines were around in that era, but historians believe there were many.

According to the Catholic Education Resource Center, the following three Valentines share February 14th as their feast days. The historical records are sparse, but here's what is known about these men.

1. One St. Valentine was a priest and physician in Rome. He comforted the martyrs during the persecution of Emperor Claudius II. This Valentine was arrested and condemned to death by beheading for his faith.

2. Another St. Valentine was



the Bishop of what is now Terni, located 60 miles from Rome. He also was arrested and beheaded under Emperor Claudius II.

3. The third St. Valentine suffered martyrdom in Africa, but not much else is known about him.

Historians are unsure which Valentine inspired Valentine's Day or if the day is meant to commemorate each of them. Stories about Valentine and his actions helping the faithful are used interchangeably.

According to Britannica, although the Roman Catholic Church continues to recognize St. Valentine, he was removed from the General Roman Calendar in 1969 because of the lack of reliable information about him. In addition to being the namesake behind Valentine's Day, he is the patron saint of lovers, epileptics and beekeepers.

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING ANETA CITY COUNCIL January 5, 2026

The Aneta City Council met on Jan. 5, 2026 at 5 p.m. at the Aneta Community Center. Present at the meeting were Jaima Curry, Manley Hegna, Kelly Kueber, Danny Hamlin and Todd Whitman.

Brad from Moore Engineering was at the meeting to discuss the progress of the water and sewer line project and stated there are just a few things left to do.

Todd called the regular council meeting to order.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved, with a correction to the minutes to state that the meter was put on the water tower propane tank instead of the library.

Financials were discussed and approved. A motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Jaima to approve the financials. A vote was taken and all approved.

Old business was discussed.

Raising the water and sewer rates were discussed. This was tabled until the discrepancy in water usage is figured out. Michelle will reach out to Dakota Rural Water to see about getting a new meter for the water tower. Brad is going to research funding options to get updated water meters for all residents that could be automatically read by someone from the city.

There was no new business to discuss.

Bills were discussed.	
Otter Tail Power	\$1,616.76
Nelson Co. Sheriff	1,170.00
Brager Disposal	1,500.00
Todd Whitman	401.25
Michelle Middlestead	321.00
Aneta Park District	229.32
GF Utility Billing	26.00
Dakota Rural Water	4,425.00
Polar Communications	275.47
Farmers Union Oil	1,561.39
IRS	903.76
ND State Tax	
Commissioner	296.16
Jaima Curry	300.00
Manley Hegna	300.00
Kelly Kueber	300.00
Daniel Hamlin	300.00
Todd Whitman	300.00
Jody Kleven	486.23
Lakota American	115.44
Job Service	144.12
WSI	250.00
IRS	356.49
USPS	78.00
KPH	256,120.50
Moore Engineering	12,628.50
Karen Retzlaff	220.68
Skip's Petroleum	73.14
Skip's Petroleum	507.17
Delinquent bills were discussed.	
Todd will talk to them.	

Motion to adjourn was made by Jaima, it was seconded by Manley.

Next meeting will be Feb. 2, 2026 at 5 p.m. at the Aneta Community Center.

Submitted by
Michelle Middlestead
City of Aneta Auditor

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING ANETA CITY COUNCIL February 2, 2026

The Aneta City Council met on Feb. 2, 2026 at 5 p.m. at the Aneta Community Center. Present at the meeting were Jaima Curry, Manley Hegna, Kelly Kueber, Danny Hamlin and Todd Whitman.

Brad from Moore Engineering was at the meeting to discuss the progress of the water and sewer line project and stated there are just a few things that need to be finished up this spring.

Todd called the regular council meeting to order.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

Financials were discussed and approved. A motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Jaima to approve the financials. A vote was taken and all approved.

Old business was discussed.

Raising the water and sewer rates were discussed. It was decided to wait until April billing as that is when it was raised last year and then Michelle should have some better numbers to give the council.

New business was discussed.

There was a person who inquired on buying one of the city lots to park a trailer on during the summer. The council had a discussion and they decided they would possibly rent the lot out for the summer but not sell it. More information needed to be gathered on what the person was going to park on there. Jaima was going to check and report back to the council.

Dakota Rural Water sent out their contract to sign for the year and it stated that rates are going up. A discussion was had and Manley made a motion, seconded by Jaima, to approve the rate increase. A vote was taken and all approved.

Bills were discussed.

Otter Tail Power	\$2,213.22
Nelson Co. Sheriff	1,170.00
Brager Disposal	1,500.00
Todd Whitman	401.25
Michelle Middlestead	321.00
Aneta Park District	316.18
GF Utility Billing	26.00
Dakota Rural Water	5,467.65
Polar Communications	279.47
Farmers Union Oil	709.74
Jody Kleven	298.14
Moore Engineering	8,527.00
Karen Retzlaff	220.68
Braun Electric	279.70
Delinquent bills were discussed.	
Todd will talk to them.	

Motion to adjourn was made by Manley, it was seconded by Danny.

Next meeting will be March 2, 2026 at 5 p.m. at the Aneta Community Center.

Submitted by
Michelle Middlestead
City of Aneta Auditor

Nelson County Health System Home Care

Qualified Service Provider

Contact:
Lynette Smaage
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Ext. 214



Nelson
County
Health
System

LAND FOR RENT

in Central Township

The Board of County Commissioners of Nelson County will accept sealed bids for the rent of the **NE1/4 of Sec. 12, Twp. 151. Rge. 59 except the parcel formerly used as the Nelson County landfill** until **February 13, 2026 at 4 p.m.**

Bids will be opened and publicly read at 10 a.m., February 17, 2026, in the Commissioners Room at the Courthouse in Lakota. Bidders that submit sealed bids are allowed to increase their bid at that time.

More information on this parcel can be obtained at the Nelson County Auditor's Office, Lakota, ND.

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

Nathan Parks, Nelson County Auditor

Scholarship opportunities from NCHS Foundation

The Nelson County Health Services Foundation has three scholarship opportunities for students pursuing higher education. All have a deadline of April 3. Submit applications to NCHS Foundation, PO Box 506, McVillie, ND 58254-0506. Contact Kenzie Engen, NCHS Foundation director, at 701-322-2225 with questions.

Melissa Gillett Women's Memorial Scholarship

The Melissa Gillett Women's Memorial Scholarship seeks to honor Melissa and her legacy by supporting young women who aspire to pursue a post-secondary education. This scholarship will provide support for women enrolled as a full-time student in an accredited college, university or technical school program based on merit. To apply for the scholarship, applicants will need to complete an essay which will enable NCHS Foundation to determine their eligibility to receive funds (\$1,000). The funds are provided specifically to help young women who are planning to further their education. One \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded per academic year.

Applicants are required to be a graduating female student from Dakota Prairie High School and they must want to pursue a post-secondary education. The scholarship award will be paid upon successful completion of at least 12 semester hours with a 2.0 GPA or higher. The school must send the recipient's grades to Nelson County Health Services Foundation upon completion.

Applicants should submit a one-page typed essay, 250 words or less, describing why they want to pursue a post-secondary education, their future goals, and why they want to receive the Melissa Gillett Women's Memorial Scholarship. Applicants should also provide a current transcript of grades and two letters of recommendation.

Nancy Sigette Memorial Healthcare Scholarship

The Nancy Sigette Memorial Healthcare Scholarship is open to:

- Individuals who will be furthering their education in the health care field

- Post-secondary seniors and other individuals who are pursuing a career in health care

The \$500 scholarship will be paid upon successful completion of 12 semester hours with a 2.0 GPA or better. The school must send the recipient's grades to Nelson County Health Services Foundation.

Applicants must be residents of Nelson County. The applicant may be returning to school to complete their degree or have completed their degree in a health-related field in the last

60 days. Applicants must submit a one-page typed essay, 250 words or less, describing why they want to pursue a career in health care, future goals, and why they want to receive the Nancy Sigette Memorial Healthcare Scholarship. Applicant should also provide a current transcript of grades and two letters of recommendation.

Cathy Swenson

Memorial Scholarship

The Nelson County Health Services Foundation is proud to announce the establishment of the Cathy Swenson Memorial Scholarship, created to honor the memory and legacy of Cathy Swenson and her dedication to caring for others.

This scholarship is open to Dakota Prairie High School seniors who plan to pursue post-secondary education in the field of health care or animal health. The scholarship was created to support students who share Cathy's compassion, commitment to service, and interest in improving the health and well-being of people and animals.

Two scholarships of \$1,000 each will be awarded. Applicants must submit a one-page essay describing their future career goals and why they would like to be considered for the Cathy Swenson Memorial Scholarship, along with a current transcript and two letters of recommendation.

Scholarship funds will be awarded upon the student's successful completion of at least 12 semester credits at an accredited post-secondary institution with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0. Upon completion of the required coursework, the student's school must submit official grades to the Nelson County Health Services Foundation to verify eligibility for payment.

Did You Know?



Jefferson Davis's name is inextricably linked to the American Civil War, during which the politician who represented Mississippi in the United States Senate served as president of the Confederate States. But Davis's influence on the United States predated the nation's civil war, and he even played a notable role in one of the more unique events in American military history. While serving as Secretary of War in 1855, Davis ordered Brevet Major Henry C. Wayne to arrange for the importation of camels to be used for military purposes. Davis had urged Congress to establish a United States Army Camel Corps. for years, and even formally introduced measures to establish such a unit in the early 1850s, efforts that ultimately proved unsuccessful. Though few might associate camels with the United States, Davis's campaign to bring camels into the American military fold was not as eccentric as it might seem in modern times. According to the Army University Press, the Treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo, which officially ended the Mexican-American War upon its signing in 1848, added more than half a million square miles of land to the United States, a significant portion of which included desert lands in what is now the American southwest. The discovery of gold in California around this same time also increased traffic in this new region of the country, which remained dangerous even after the signing of the treaty. Advocates of a camel corps insisted the animals would allow the U.S. Army, tasked with keeping the region safe, to do their job more effectively. Though the camel experiment ultimately failed due to a number of variables, it remains a unique and lesser known event in American military history.

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ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

TAKE NOTICE that the North Dakota State Board of Examiners on Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology will hold a public hearing to address proposed changes to the N.D. Admin. Code at 12:00pm on Friday, March 13, 2026 at: <https://zoom.us/j/97332114101?pwd=zReZOG1Ua5rjlhXL6oRUXoQHDapt8.1>

A copy of the proposed rules may be obtained by writing the North Dakota State Board of Examiners on Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology at PO Box 1338 Bismarck, ND 58502 or calling 701-775-7165. Also, written comments may be submitted to North Dakota State Board of Examiners on Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology at PO Box 1338 Bismarck, ND 58502 until March 23, 2026. If you plan to attend the public hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the North Dakota State Board of Examiners on Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology at the above telephone number or address at least 24 hours prior to the public hearing.

Dated this Friday of January 30, 2026
Brian Barrett