

# Classified Ads

Classified ads are 25 words for \$5 and 10¢ for each word over 25. Call 701-473-5436 and ask about our 13-week special.

## HELP WANTED

**HEFTY SEED IN** New Rockford, ND is looking for an experienced sales agronomist to join our team. We're a family-owned ag retailer with strong values in community involvement and building and maintaining lasting relationships with growers. We offer a competitive compensation package. If you're interested in working in an area with excellent hunting and fishing and a close-knit community, this may be the right opportunity for you. If you're interested or just want to learn more, reach out to Chad at 701-793-7382. (N)32p

**PUBLIC WORKS** superintendent/maintenance worker. Application/ résumé due July 1, 4 p.m. City of Maddock, PO Box 276, Maddock, ND 58348. More info: www.maddocknd.com, 701-438-2252. (N)32p

## SERVICES

**NEED NEW WINDOWS?** Drafty rooms? Chipped or damaged frames? Need outside noise reduction? New, energy efficient windows may be the answer! Call for a consultation and FREE quote today. 1-877-200-2734. (N)32p

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## REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

**ND FARM LAND** values surge upward. Are you selling or renting? Pifer's Auction and Farm Land Management. Bob Pifer, 701-371-8538. Kevin Pifer, 701-238-5810. Free evaluation. (N)32p

## HEALTH/MEDICAL

**VIAGRA AND CIALIS** users! 50 pills SPECIAL \$99! 100% guaranteed. CALL NOW! 1-877-682-0124. (N)32p

## MISC. FOR SALE

**YOU CAN PLACE** a 25-word classified ad -- like this one -- in every North Dakota newspaper for only \$160. It's easy. Contact this newspaper for details. (N)32p

**CASH PAID** for high-end men's sport watches! Rolex, Breitling, Omega, Patek Philippe, Heuer, Daytona, GMT, Submariner and Speedmaster. These brands only! Call 1-877-297-0556. (N)32p

**LOOKING FOR** the most complete listing of ND media? ND Media Guide. Call 701-223-6397, ND Newspaper Association. (N)32p

# Business & Service Directory

## CONSTRUCTION

**T. H. RENOVATIONS**  
TOM HESS  
PO Box 24  
Lakota, ND 58344  
~ Licensed & Insured ~  
Schedule your next project now!  
Call-Text-Email for Estimate  
701-247-3567 or tomhess1234@gmail.com

## OPTOMETRISTS

**DRS. MOEN, ENDERLE & JOHNSTON OPTOMETRISTS**  
Highway 2 East, Devils Lake, ND  
Between Lake Toyota & Mr. & Mrs. J's  
PHONE: 662-4085  
HOURS: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday  
Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

**Dr. Tom Dunham**  
Optometrist  
"Complete Visual Care"  
OPEN MONDAYS ONLY  
Located in the  
Nelson-Griggs District  
Health Unit Office  
in McVillie, ND  
APPOINTMENTS CAN BE MADE  
MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY  
BY CALLING 322-5111

## LAND/REAL ESTATE

**Because Every Home - and Every Acre - Matters**  
Assistance with buying or selling homes and land  
Vorland Land Company  
(O) 701-947-5626  
(C) 701-789-1768  
102 8th St. N, New Rockford  
www.vorlandlandcompany.com

## AGRICULTURE

**CHS**  
Devils Lake  
701-662-5051  
Lakota  
701-247-2917

## BUYING HORSES

**HORSE BUYER AT** Rugby Livestock Friday, July 3, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Buying all horses: good, bad, ugly or pretty! 612-839-9568. 31-33p

## AUTOS WANTED

**HELP FIND MISSING** kids and keep kids safe by donating your car, truck, van or SUV to Find the Children. Running or not, no emission test required. Fast, free pickup, 24-hour response, may qualify for tax donation. Call 1-877-344-7492. (N)32p

## MISCELLANEOUS

**WE BUY VINTAGE** guitars! Looking for 1920-1980 Gibson, Martin, Fender, Gretsch, Epiphone, Guild, Mosrite, Rickenbacker, Prairie State, D'Angelico, Stromberg, and Gibson mandolins / banjos. 1-877-405-1221. (N)32p

**WE BUY HOUSES** for cash AS-IS! No repairs. No fuss. Any condition. Easy process: Call, get cash offer and get paid. Call today for your fair cash offer: 1-701-498-1853. (N)32p

**WATER AND FIRE** damage restoration. Our trusted professionals will restore your home to protect your family and your home's value! Call 24/7: 1-877-936-0513. Mold remediation services are also available! (N)32p

**HAVE A NEWS** release or other information that needs to reach all ND newspapers? ND Newspaper Association can help! One call does it all. 701-223-6397. (N)32p

Anderson Law Office  
Jeffrey D. Anderson, ND #05056  
PO Box 628  
Lakota, ND 58344  
701-247-2996  
lawkota@polarcomm.com  
Attorney for Personal Representative

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN DISTRICT COURT, NELSON COUNTY, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ERMA MATEJCEK, DECEASED.  
Probate File No.  
32-2026-PR-00007  
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 Kevin Matejcek, 5635 111th Ave. NE, Brocket, ND 58321, personal representative of the estate; with his attorney listed above; or filed with the Court.  
Dated this 26th day of May, 2026.  
/s/ Kevin Matejcek  
Kevin Matejcek  
Personal Representative  
(Publish June 4, 11 & 18, 2026)

# Survey shows breeding duck numbers down again

The ND Game and Fish Department's 79th annual spring breeding duck survey conducted in May showed an index of about 2.4 million birds, down 9.5% from 2.66 million birds in 2025 and 2.9 million in 2024.

The 2026 breeding duck index dipped below the 1948-2025 average for the first time since 1993, according to John Palarski, department migratory game bird supervisor.

In these spring waterfowl surveys, Palarski said they're counting a portion of what remains of last year's fall flight. Duck production in North Dakota has been poor in recent years, and mid-continent duck populations continue to decline.

"Waterfowl here in North Dakota have to have those wetlands in order to nest. But many species like mallards, pintails and blue-winged teal that are upland nesting ducks also need grass," he said. "And so, we've seen a couple million acres of grass in the form of CRP come off the landscape in recent years. Between those declines and wetland loss due to drainage and consolidation, that's going to impact our ability to produce ducks into the future, which has acute impacts for waterfowl hunters here in the

state but also has continental impacts because North Dakota is the Duck Factory."

Historically, duck numbers in North Dakota paralleled wetland conditions closely. In the heydays of North Dakota duck hunting from 1994 to 2016, the breeding duck index frequently topped four million birds, but it is unlikely for that to happen again, even in the wettest years, until habitat availability improves.

Indices for individual species were variable. Mallards (up 6.8%), pintails (up 23.7%) and green-winged teal (up 20.9%) indices increased from 2025 while blue-winged teal, gadwall, widgeon and most diving duck species decreased. Although mallards are up from 2025, they're still down 15.3% from their long-term average.

Palarski and crew covered more than 1,800 miles of transects counting wetlands and waterfowl down to the species and social grouping on both sides of the road. This spring, the wetland count was similar to last year but 34.9% below the long-term average.

As always, the July brood survey will give a better idea of duck production and insight into what to expect this fall.

## 94358 ABSTRACT OF STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025 of the

USABLE Life	
In the state of Arkansas	
Total Assets	534,525,191
Total Liabilities	295,867,102
Aggregate write-ins	
for special surplus funds	0
Common Capital Stock	4,925,000
Preferred Capital Stock	0
Aggregate Write-ins for Other Than Special	
Surplus Funds	0
Surplus Notes	0
Gross Paid in & Contributed Surplus	37,624,496
Unassigned Funds	196,108,593
Total Capital & Surplus	238,658,089
Total Liabilities, Capital & Surplus	534,525,191
<b>NORTH DAKOTA BUSINESS ONLY FOR THE YEAR 2025</b>	
Total Life and Annuity Premiums Written	158,058
Total Life and Annuity Direct Losses Paid	127,471
Total Accident and Health Direct Premiums Written	1,346,749
Total Accident and Health Direct Losses Paid	795,014
<b>STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE</b>	
I, Jon Godfread, Commissioner of Insurance of the State of North Dakota, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true Abstract of Statement, as officially filed by the Company in this office.	
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of this office at Bismarck, the first day of March, A.D. 2026 (SEAL).	

**JON GODFREAD**  
Commissioner of Insurance  
**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE**  
**COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, the above corporation duly organized under the laws of its state or country of domicile, has filed in this office a sworn statement exhibiting its condition and business for the year ending December 31, 2025 conformable to the requirements of the laws of this State regarding the business of insurance and

WHEREAS, the said company has filed in this office a duly certified copy of its charter with certificate of organization in compliance with the requirements of insurance law aforesaid,

**NOW THEREFORE, I, JON GODFREAD**, Commissioner of Insurance of the State of North Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named company is fully empowered through its authorized agents and representatives, to transact its appropriated business of authorized insurance in the state according to the laws thereof, until the 30th day of April, A.D. 2027.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal at Bismarck this first day of March, A.D. 2026 (SEAL)

**JON GODFREAD**  
Commissioner of Insurance  
(Publish June 18 & 25 & July 2, 2026)

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE NORTHEAST CENTRAL JUDICIAL DISTRICT, NELSON COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA

In the Matter of the Estate of Ellen McKinnon, Deceased.  
Probate No. 32-2025-PR-00031  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to N.D. Cent. Code § 30.1-19-01 that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate. All persons having claims against the deceased are required to present their claims within three months after the date of the first publication or mailing of this notice, otherwise the claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to Jessica Bonte as Personal Representative of the Estate, or filed with the Court.  
Dated: Nov. 26, 2025  
/s/ Kelly Jane Swenseth  
Kelly Jane Swenseth  
Swenseth Law Office, PLLC  
418 Fourth Avenue NE  
Devils Lake, ND 58301  
Attorney for Personal Representative  
(Publish June 4, 11 & 18, 2026)

## ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT, AMEND, AND REPEAL ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO THE NORTH DAKOTA REAL ESTATE COMMISSION

TAKE NOTICE that the North Dakota Real Estate Commission will hold a public hearing to address proposed changes to the N.D. Admin. Code at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 9, 2026, at 1120 College Dr. #204, Bismarck, ND 58501. A copy of the proposed rules may be obtained by writing the North Dakota Real Estate Commission, 1120 College Dr. #204, Bismarck, ND 58501 or calling 701-328-9749. Also, written comments may be submitted to the North Dakota Real Estate Commission, 1120 College Dr. #204, Bismarck, ND 58501 until July 20, 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 Real Estate Commission at the above telephone number or address at least three days prior to the public hearing.  
Dated this 4th day of June, 2026.  
Jeanne Prom, Executive Director

# Seeking Veteran's Service Officer

Nelson County is seeking to employ a part time, one day per week, Veterans' Service Officer in accordance to NDCC 37-14-18.

Job duties include, but are not limited to:

- Managing and coordinating veteran programs & services
- Acting as an advocate for veteran entitlements and benefits
- To serve as a liaison between veterans and the Veterans Administration

Compensation depending on experience and this position will be open until filled.

Letter of interest and résumé can be turned in to the Nelson County Auditor's Office. Any questions please contact the Nelson County Auditor's Office at 701-247-2463

## Weather report

### MICHIGAN

Reports from the NDSU ND Agricultural Weather Network station at Michigan for the 24-hour period each day.

Date	High	Low	Rain
June 8	77	57	.01
June 9	91	54	.38
June 10	75	57	.19
June 11	69	54	
June 12	69	52	
June 13	59	46	
June 14	72	43	

## Weather report

### PEKIN

Reports from the NDSU ND Agricultural Weather Network station at Pekin for the 24-hour period each day.

Date	High	Low	Rain
June 8	76	58	.03
June 9	90	55	.39
June 10	75	55	.13
June 11	69	53	.03
June 12	70	50	
June 13	58	44	
June 14	71	40	

## UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING LAKOTA CITY COUNCIL June 1, 2026

The Lakota City Council held its regular meeting on June 1, 2026 at the city hall. Mayor Bill Solberg called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. All council members were present except Nelson and Haugland, who were absent.

Member Matejcek made a motion to approve the minutes of May 4, 2026 regular meeting and the May 4 tax equalization meeting, seconded by Member Fahey. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Member Fahey made a motion to provide Superintendent Ulland with a 1.5% wage increase for each level of certification received to date (3%) with back pay to Jan. 1, 2026, seconded by Member Vasichek. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Member Matejcek made a motion to approve the fireworks permit for B & K Fireworks, seconded by Member Ferguson. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Member Vasichek made a motion to approve the special events permit for Post #21, Inc. for June 27, 2026, seconded by Member Ferguson. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Member Vasichek made a motion to approve off-sale liquor license for Derrick & Maggie Marquart and that it would be at a prorated rate for 2026, seconded by Member Fahey. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Member Fahey made a motion to approve the estimate from Calderwood Landscaping of \$749 for work at the Rock Creek Clubhouse, seconded by Member Ferguson. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

After reviewing the bills and vouchers, a motion was made by Member Ferguson to pay all the bills presented for payment and those bills paid prior to the meeting. Member Vasichek seconded the motion. Motion carried on roll call vote of 5-0.

ABM Equipment ..... \$3,838.82  
Acme Tools ..... 428.99  
Advanced Business Methods ..... 261.64  
Altru Health ..... 161.96  
American Waterworks .. 398.87  
Auto Valve ..... 29.95  
BND ..... 217,908.87  
BCBS ..... 8,051.92  
Bolton & Menk ..... 4,275.00  
Border States ..... 347.88  
Catalis ..... 746.75

Deere Credit .....	6,375.00
DL Journal .....	405.00
DLL Finance .....	785.28
EFTPS .....	2,514.91
EFTPS .....	2,848.25
EFTPS .....	259.35
Elan .....	4,622.96
Eversvik, Peggy .....	25.00
Farmers Union Oil .....	1,031.81
FedEx .....	48.90
Ferguson Waterworks .....	5,680.16
GF Utility Billing .....	144.00
Hawkins .....	5,100.89
Interstate Billing .....	1,816.74
Lakes Area Turf .....	5,007.00
Lakeside Construction ..	680.55
Lakota American .....	397.72
Lakota Auto .....	52.36
Lakota Cemetery .....	2,100.12
Lakota Hardware .....	846.45
Lakota Municipal Utilities .....	449.32
Lakota Municipal Utilities .....	810.59
Lakota Municipal Utilities .....	8,554.87
Lakota Sanitation .....	11,929.69
Menards .....	659.98
MARC .....	726.35
MRES .....	48,100.20
MRES .....	100.00
Nationwide .....	580.00
NDPERS .....	6,240.13
ND Rural Water .....	1,390.00
NC Sheriff .....	3,415.00
Nodak .....	116.88
ND Telephone .....	49.56
North-Holt .....	10,466.90
Polar .....	1,650.24
Quill .....	73.32
Rough Rider .....	131.70
Runnings .....	109.99
Rysavy Plumbing .....	2,419.31
Sundeen, Alma .....	720.00
Transcript Publishing .....	600.00
Tri-State Paving .....	55,965.00
Uline .....	583.43
United Lab .....	715.37
Verizon .....	126.54
Vestis .....	77.02
Wells Fargo .....	1,442.28
City Salaries .....	14,995.75
City Salaries .....	17,315.15
Total .....	\$466,807.67

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 6, 2026 at 6 p.m.

Member Fahey made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Member Vasichek. Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Amie Vasichek  
Auditor

Bill Solberg  
Mayor  
\*Full meeting minutes are available upon request at the Lakota City Hall.

# Accepting Bids

**The Lakota Ambulance Service Inc.,** is now accepting sealed bids for the former Lakota Ambulance Building. Sealed bids will be accepted until **July 15th**. Sealed bids will be then opened and discussed at the Executive Board Meeting within the following week.

## Building Information:

- A two stall shop area, storage room, an office area, and a complete bathroom
- 30' by 40'

## Lot Information:

- Located at **102 Main St. N**
- The S. Eighty-one feet of Lots Nineteen, Twenty, Twenty-one, and Twenty-two and Block 7 original townsite of Lakota

## Important Information:

- Seller has the right to reject bids
- Property was once a the site of a petroleum service station

## PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD AS IS

Please submit sealed bids to the following address:

**Lakota Ambulance Service**  
% Andrew Jorde  
PO Box 338  
Lakota, ND 58344

# Nelson County Health System Home Care

## Qualified Service Provider

Contact:  
**Lynette Smaage**  
@ 701-322-4328  
Ext. 214



**Consolidated Newspapers Incorporated** is seeking an individual with an **IT, Web Design & Social Media background** for our computers and software.

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For more information contact

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