

Minerals Processing Facility In Beulah A Game-Changer

Senator John Hoeven joined leaders from Talon Metals in announcing a site has been secured for the Beulah Minerals Processing Facility:

- Talon has signed an agreement with Westmoreland Mining to acquire approximately 256 acres and a 7-mile rail spur from the former Beulah Mine, following a 3-month due diligence period.

- The company expects the project to bring a total investment of up to \$365 million to the region and directly create up to 150 jobs.

- o The project is supported by a nearly \$115 million grant that Hoeven worked to secure from the U.S. Department of Energy.

- The facility will process raw ore from the Tamarack nickel mine in Minnesota into “battery-grade nickel.”

- o Doing so will help reduce U.S. reliance on foreign sources of critical minerals, including from adversaries such as China and Russia.

- The plant operations will be further supported by a \$2.5 million award to Talon for researching methods for enhanced recovery of nickel that Hoeven worked to fund through the Department of Defense (DoD) Defense Logistics Agency (DLA).

- The project will also benefit local coal producers as the company procures coal residuals from facilities like Coyote Station.

- o The company is exploring using fly ash to create a value-added cement replacement product that would reduce the amount of waste stored at the site.

“The Beulah Minerals Processing Facility is a game-changer for both North Dakota and the nation. By establishing a domestic supply chain for critical minerals, we are

strengthening America’s economic and national security, while creating good-paying jobs right here in Mercer County,” said Senator Hoeven. “We worked with the Department of Energy to secure nearly \$115 million to help move Talon’s project forward, reducing our reliance on China for these increasingly important minerals and positioning the U.S. as a leader in critical mineral processing.”

“We are extremely grateful for Senator Hoeven’s support for this project from day one. From helping to secure the \$114.8 million grant from the Department of Energy to his continued efforts to reduce the nation’s reliance on critical minerals from foreign nations. His commitment to advancing North Dakota’s leadership in energy and mineral development has been critical to making this project a reality,” said Henri van Rooyen, Talon CEO.

This announcement comes as part of Hoeven’s efforts to support the creation of a fully-domestic U.S. supply chain for batteries, from mining up through cathode manufacturing and recycling. In addition to his work with Talon, Hoeven continues his efforts to support the operations of companies like Packet Digital:

- The company has been expanding its operations in North Dakota due to partnerships Hoeven has worked to establish between it and the Navy, Air Force and Space Force.

- The company is using the latest round of funding to manufacture batteries at its new 80,000 square-foot battery cell production facility, known as Badland Batteries.

- The Badland Batteries cell plant is scheduled to begin its first manufacturing runs towards the end of 2025.

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For more information, visit <https://library.nd.gov> or contact the State Library at 701-328-4622 or statelib@nd.gov.

ND College Aims To Ease Dental Workforce Woes With Scholarships

By Mike Moen, Prairie News Service

Workforce shortages have taken a bite out of dental offices in North Dakota but new scholarships at one of the state’s colleges could help train the next generation of dental assistants, making life easier for patients and providers.

Bismarck State College said the state faces a projected shortfall of between 500 and 1,200 dental professionals when trying to fill future openings. The school just launched a program focused on getting more qualified dental assistants into the field.

Mikala Wegner, director of the program, said dentists, especially in rural areas, are having trouble meeting patient demand without qualified staffers, delaying preventive care. “Offices are looking at much longer than the regular average checkup, which typically a dentist recommends every six months for a healthy mouth,” Wegner noted. “We’re looking at more (situations of) eight to ten months.”

Through state funding, the program is taking applications for

scholarships covering the cost of on-line courses. To obtain a certificate, the student also needs to go through 300 hours of in-person clinical training. Before the program was approved, there was pushback from other schools, including Minot State University, about the effort interfering with similar initiatives. But higher education leaders suggested the need is too great.

Wegner pointed out having the coursework online provides flexibility for students working multiple jobs, as well as parents in search of a new career. Industry groups note assistants who are certified are seeing higher wage growth. “It’s not just a stepping stone anymore, which a lot of people used to see it as,” Wegner observed.

With the exception of Minnesota, North Dakota edges all other neighboring states for the average salary of a certified dental assistant. A national summary last year showed it as more than \$28.00 per hour. Wegner added filling the needs comes amid increased awareness about the link between oral health and a person’s overall physical health.

Dakota Datebook: The Master Showman

By Carole Butcher

P.T. Barnum served as mayor of Bridgeport, Connecticut and two terms as a state legislator. He founded a hospital and brought gas lighting to the streets of Bridgeport. But he is best known as a showman.

On June 2, 1835, Barnum began his showmanship career when he put an elderly woman on exhibit. Barnum claimed she was 161 years old and had been George Washington’s nurse. People paid to see her. Barnum promoted hoaxes and oddities such as the Feejee mermaid and General Tom Thumb. He opened America’s first aquarium. But he is best known as the King of the Circus. In 1875, P.T. Barnum’s Grand Traveling Museum, Menagerie, Caravan, and Circus made its debut.

The railroad made it possible for circuses to travel. The first circus to visit North Dakota was the W.W. Cole Circus in 1883. Two more small circuses came to the state the following year. But the best was yet to come. In 1888, P.T. Barnum’s Greatest Show on Earth was scheduled to arrive in Fargo.

Three months before the circus came to town, an agent traveled the railroad route to make sure the bridges and tunnels were big enough to accommodate the circus train. Excitement grew in Fargo as a booking agent came to reserve hotel rooms, obtain the necessary permits, and make arrangements for food. Ten days before the show, Fargo citizens awoke to the sound of a steam calliope playing circus music as the advertising crew arrived. They put up posters on every available wall. Some of them traveled on horseback throughout the countryside distributing flyers to every home, church, and business. Fargo citizens eagerly anticipated the big show.

Submitted by ND Native Vote

Senators Introduce Legislation To Address Shortage Of Mental Health Providers

The National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) recommends a ratio of one school psychologist per 500 students. However, the national average ratio is approximately one school psychologist per 1,065 students, with wide variation among states. For the 2023-2024 school year, North Dakota schools averaged one school psychologist per 1,204 students.

U.S. Senators Kevin Cramer (R-ND), Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH), and Todd Young (R-IN) introduced the Mental Health Excellence in Schools Act to address this shortage of mental health providers in schools. Specifically, the bill would boost the pipeline of individuals training to become school psychologists, counselors, and social workers by authorizing the U.S. Department of Education to help cover students’ costs at certain graduate programs via partnerships with eligible academic institutions.

“Like so many fields across the state, there simply aren’t enough school-based mental health professionals,” said Cramer. “Ensuring our kids’ well-being and academic success should be our first priority. Our bill will alleviate the financial strain of earning a graduate degree by encouraging more practitioners to work in schools across the state.”

“Access to mental health resources improves the safety, well-being, and academic success of Hoosier students,” said Young. “Our bill will both support the school-based mental health workforce and address the critical need for these professionals.”

“Folks in New Hampshire and across the country know we’re facing a nationwide youth mental health crisis - and having a sufficient number of mental health professionals in schools, meeting kids

where they are, improves the well-being, academic performance and life outcomes of all students,” said Shaheen. “Our bipartisan legislation will provide the resources and support we need to bolster the mental health professional workforce pipeline to ensure more students have this support when they need it.”

It is endorsed by the National Association of School Psychologists, the American School Counselor Association, the School Social Work Association of America, the American Counseling Association, and the American Psychological Association.



NOTICE OF HEARING N.D. INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION OIL AND GAS DIVISION

The North Dakota Industrial Commission will hold a public hearing at 9:00 AM CDT Wednesday, June 25, 2025 at N.D. Oil & Gas Division 1000 East Calgary Avenue Bismarck, North Dakota. At the hearing the Commission will receive testimony and exhibits. Persons with any interest in the cases listed below, take notice.

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES: If at the hearing you need special facilities or assistance, contact the Oil and Gas Division at 701-328-8038 by Wednesday, June 11, 2025.

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA TO:

Case No. **31803:** Application of Hess Bakken Investments II, LLC for an order amending the applicable orders for the Robinson Lake-Bakken Pool to establish an overlapping 2560-acre spacing unit described as Sections 4, 5, 8 and 9, T.154N., R.93W., Mountrail County, ND, and authorize one horizontal well to be drilled on such unit, or granting such other relief as may be appropriate.

Case No. **31805:** Application of Enerplus Resources (USA) Corp. for an order amending the applicable orders for the Spotted Horn-Bakken Pool to establish an overlapping 2560-acre spacing unit described as Sections 11, 12, 13 and 14, T.150N., R.94W., McKenzie and Mountrail Counties, ND, and authorize one horizontal well to be drilled on such unit, or granting such other relief as may be appropriate.

Case No. **31814:** Application of Hess Bakken Investments II, LLC for an order pursuant to NDAC § 43-02-03-88.1 pooling all interests in a spacing unit described as Sections 4, 5, 8 and 9, T.154N., R.93W., Robinson Lake-Bakken Pool, Mountrail County, ND, as provided by NDCC § 38-08-08, or granting such other relief as may be appropriate.

Case No. **31815:** Application of Hess Bakken Investments II, LLC for an order pursuant to NDAC § 43-02-03-88.1 pooling all interests in a spacing unit described as Sections 31 and 32, T.155N., R.93W. and Sections 5 and 6, T.154N., R.93W., Robinson Lake-Bakken Pool, Mountrail County, ND, as provided by NDCC § 38-08-08, or granting such other relief as may be appropriate.

Case No. **31816:** Application of Hess Bakken Investments II, LLC for an order pursuant to NDAC § 43-02-03-88.1 pooling all interests in a spacing unit described as Sections 33 and 34, T.155N., R.93W. and Sections 3 and 4, T.154N., R.93W., Robinson Lake-Bakken Pool, Mountrail County, ND, as provided by NDCC § 38-08-08, or granting such other relief as may be appropriate.

Case No. **31817:** Application of Hess Bakken Investments II, LLC pursuant to NDAC §43-02-03-88.1 for an order allowing gas produced from the RS-Flickertail-156-91-1720H-1 (File No. 19498), RS-Flickertail-156-91-1720H-2 (File No. 35609), RS-Flickertail-156-91-1720H-3 (File No. 35610), RS-Flickertail-156-91-1720H-4 (File No. 35611), RS-Flickertail-156-91-1720H-5 (File No. 39815), RS-Flickertail-156-91-1720H-6 (File No. 39816), RS-Flickertail-156-91-1720H-7 (File No. 39817), Sections 17 and 20, T.156N., R.91W., RS-Nelson Farms-156-91-1819H-2 (File No. 39819), Sections 18 and 19, T.156N., R.91W., RS-Nelson Farms-156-91-1819H-1 (File No. 39818), Sections 17, 18, 19 and 20, T.156N., R.91W., RS-F Armour-156-92-1224H-2 (File No. 39152), RS-F Armour-156-92-1224H-3 (File No. 39153), RS-F Armour-156-92-1224H-4 (File No. 39154), RS-F Armour-156-92-1224H-5 (File No. 39155), RS-F Armour-156-92-1224H-6 (File No. 39156), Sections 12, 13 and 24, T.156N., R.92W., RS-Juma-156-92-1131H-2 (File No. 39935), RS-Juma-156-92-1131H-3 (File No. 39933), RS-Juma-156-92-1131H-4 (File No. 39931), E/2 of Section 31, W/2 of Section 32, T.157N., R.91W. and Sections 2 and 11, T.156N., R.92W., RS-Feldman-156-92-1423H-2 (File No. 39934), RS-Feldman-156-92-1423H-3 (File No. 39932), Sections 14 and 23, T.156N., R.92W., and RS-Feldman-LW-156-92-1423H-1 (File No. 39936), Sections 14, 15, 22 and 23, T.156N., R.92W., Ross and Alger Fields, Mountrail County, ND, wells to be commingled in an existing central production facility located in the SWSE of Section 1, T.156N., R.92W., (CTB No. 239152), pursuant to NDAC § 43-02-03-48.1, or granting such other relief as may be appropriate.

Case No. **31818:** Application of Hess Bakken Investments II, LLC pursuant to NDAC §43-02-03-88.1 for an order allowing oil and gas produced from the EN-Binger 157-94-1201H-1 (File No. 21587), EN-Binger-157-94-1201H-4 (File No. 41733), EN-Binger-157-94-1201H-5 (File No. 41732), Sections 1 and 12, T.157N., R.94W., EN-Stenbak 157-94-1324H-1 (File No. 21588), Sections 13 and 24, T.157N., R.94W., and EN-Hillaren-157-94-1336H-2 (File No. 41734) and EN-Hillaren-157-94-1336H-1 (File No. 40571), Sections 13, 24, 25 and 36, T.157N., R.94W., Big Butte Field, Mountrail County, ND, wells to be commingled in an existing central production facility located in the SWSW of Section 11, T.157N., R.94W., in addition to the wells in existing CTB No. 240152, pursuant to NDAC § 43-02-03-48.1, or granting such other relief as may be appropriate.

Case No. **31820:** Application of Enerplus Resources (USA) Corp. for an order pursuant to NDAC § 43-02-03-88.1 pooling all interests in a spacing unit described as Sections 11, 12, 13 and 14, T.150N., R.94W., Spotted Horn-Bakken Pool, McKenzie and Mountrail Counties, ND, as provided by NDCC § 38-08-08, but not real-locating production for wells producing on other spacing units, or granting such other relief as may be appropriate.

Signed by
Kelly Armstrong, Governor
Chairman, NDIC
June 4, 2025



NOTICE OF ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION STANLEY COMMUNITY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, the 10th day of June 2025, annual election will be held for the purpose of electing members of school boards. (NDCC 15-28-11).

The question of whether or not the school district should publish the minutes of school board proceedings will also be voted upon by the district electors at this time. (NDCC 15-28-11).

Polls will be open at eight o'clock a.m. CDT (8:00 a.m.) and will close at seven o'clock p.m. CDT (7:00 p.m.) of that day. (15-28-06, 07, 09 NDCC). The polls will be held at the **Stanley High School-commons area. Go to west side of high school located at 109 8th Ave SW and use door 1.**

Apr. 23, 30, May 7, 14, 21, 28, June 4, 2025

Probate No. 31-2025-PR-00080 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MOUNTRAIL COUNTY, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF R. A. GATZKE, AKA RUDOLPH A. GATZKE, DECEASED **ORDER SETTING TIME AND PLACE OF HEARING**

The petition of Carmen A. Wiese for formal probate of will and appointment of personal representative having come before the Court;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the 10th day of July, 2025, at 11:00 a.m., Central Daylight Time, in the Courtroom of the Mountrail County District Court, Mountrail County Courthouse, in the City of Stanley, North Dakota, is the time and place scheduled for the hearing on said Petition.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Petitioner give notice of said hearing in the matter prescribed by N.D.C.C. §30.1-03-01 to all persons entitled to notice pursuant to N.D.C.C. §30.1-15-03 and to all persons who have filed a demand for notice pursuant to N.D.C.C. §30.1-13-04.

Dated May 28, 2025 /s/ Stacy J. Louser District Court Judge

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Probate No. 31-2025-PR-69 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MOUNTRAIL COUNTY, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ARDIS H. ZUNICH, DECEASED **NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL, DETERMINATION OF TESTACY AND HEIRS AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE** NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN KIMBERLY BLUNT, Of 717 South Strevell Avenue, Miles City, Montana 59301, has filed in the above Court and cause a Petition for Formal Probate of Will and Appointment of Personal Representative for the Estate of ARDIS H. ZUNICH. For further information, the Petition, as filed, may be examined in the office of the clerk of the above Court.

Hearing upon said Petition will be held in said Court at the Courtroom of the Mountrail County Courthouse, Stanley, North Dakota, on the 7th day of August, 2025, at the hour of 10:30 a.m., at which time all interested persons may appear and object.

DATED this May 16, 2025. KARELL KIMMET BEDDOW PLLP By: /s/ Patrick G.N. Beddow Patrick G.N. Beddow, ND Bar #07456 175 North 27th Street, Suite 1303 Billings, Montana 59101 406-294-8484 pbeddow@kklblawmt.com Attorneys for Petitioner May 21, 28, June 4, 2025

NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO COMBATIVE SPORTS PROFESSIONAL BOXING AND MIXED FIGHTING STYLES

TAKE NOTICE that the **North Dakota Office of the Secretary of State** will hold a public hearing to address proposed changes to the **N.D. Admin. Code at 10 am on Wednesday, July 9, 2025, in the Secretary of State’s Main Conference Room at the North Dakota State Capitol, 600 East Boulevard Avenue, Bismarck ND 58505.**

A copy of the proposed rules may be obtained at [SOS.nd.gov](https://sos.nd.gov) or by writing the Office of the Secretary of State at 600 East Boulevard Avenue, Dept. 108, Bismarck ND 58505, until 12 noon on Friday, July 25, 2025. If you plan to attend the public hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please call the Secretary of State at (701) 328-2900 at least four days prior to the public hearing.

Dated this 27 of May, 2025. Michael Howe Secretary of State