



Legislative Report

by Senator Jerry Klein,
District 14

It's day 53. Everyone is working hard to finish hearing the bills in their respective committees. The deadline to get all the bills out of committee is April 16. There are still 147 bills to be heard on the Senate floor, and 92 in the House. Conference Committees started meeting yesterday. These commit-

tees are made up of three members from the Senate and three members from the House - they work out any differences in the bills that we have passed which may have had small changes.

The budget is getting closer. Today's report suggested that we are only \$275 million over budget. Not that the

number is good, but it's much better than the \$415 million over budget from last week. There are continued efforts to see what and where we can reduce in some of those budgets. It's not getting easier.

On the property tax front, there has been little action. By the time you read this we will have probably moved forward with something. It looks like it will only include our primary home residences. As I have said before it must be sustainable and hopefully meaningful. We will know more by the end of the week.

The bill dealing with the time change is still in committee. There are proposed amendments that would allow us to be on daylight saving time if Congress would allow us and Minnesota, South Dakota and Montana to all support permanent daylight savings. I, along with many of you, support efforts to get us permanent daylight saving time and as such will not support efforts to have us be on permanent standard time. Until next time.

Community Calendar

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY will meet on Tuesday, April 8 at the Legion Hall. Supper will be at 6 p.m., followed by the meeting.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY CEMETERY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING on Tuesday, April 8 at 7 p.m. in "The Wallow" meeting room at the Rock Inn. Community is invited. Light refreshments provided.

EDDY COUNTY ROD & GUN CLUB will meet on Thursday, April 10 at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at Carter Richter's shop.

EDDY COUNTY MUSEUM AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY will meet on Monday, April 14 at noon in the conference room of the Eddy-New Rockford Public Library.

WOMEN'S GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP on Wednesday, April 16 at 10 a.m. at the Rock Inn.

LEAD LOCAL is training for aspiring, elected and appointed leaders serving on boards, councils and committees. This full-day session will be at the Carrington Research Extension Center on Wednesday, April 16. Cost is \$75. Please call (701) 947-2454 to register.

NEW ROCKFORD EASTER EGG HUNT on Saturday, April 19 at 11 a.m. at Centennial Park. Welcome all ages up to 12. Hosted by Mindy's Clubhouse. If you are interested in donating or helping with this event in any way, reach out to Mindy's Clubhouse at 701-302-0201.

BINGO at Ostby Hall in Sheyenne every Saturday at 7 p.m.

APRIL ITEM OF THE MONTH at the Eddy County Hunger Free Food Pantry is cereal. Donations can be dropped off at First Lutheran Church, 436 1st Ave. N, New Rockford.

TOPS 370 is a weight loss support group. Meetings are on Mondays at 5 p.m. at First Lutheran Church in New Rockford. For more information call (701) 947-2138.

EDDY CO. VETERAN SERVICE OFFICER Same day appointments available. Please call (701) 302-8087.

COMMUNITY AMBULANCE SERVICE BOARD meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Ambulance Hall, New Rockford.

VFW POST 3696 in Sheyenne meets the second Tuesday of each month. Supper at 7 p.m., meeting to follow.

LAKE REGION SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE support group meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Community Room of North Star Community Credit Union, Devils Lake. For info call Theresa at (701) 662-4790.

FOOT CARE CLINIC every third Wednesday of the month at Eddy County Public Health. Call (701) 947-5311 for appointments. Cost is \$25.

EDDY-NEW ROCKFORD LIBRARY BOARD meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 5 p.m.

NEW ROCKFORD POST OFFICE has a new phone number. Call (701) 505-8842. The office is open 9-11 a.m. and 12:30-4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

SHEYENNE POST OFFICE also has a new phone number. Call (701) 404-1149. The office is open 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Please contact the Transcript at nrtranscript@gmail.com or (701) 947-2417 to have your event notices listed.

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CAPITOL-

lost their lives or loved ones during the Holocaust, and that learning lessons from that time can stop such a tragedy from occurring ever again.

Should the bill pass, a world history course would be required to teach the causes and consequences of the Holocaust, as well as a history of antisemitism, the concentration camp system, and the persecution of Jews and non-Jews.

Holocaust resistance and the war crime trials at Nuremberg after the war would also be required lessons.

Additional requirements of the course would be to include personal responsibility, civic engagement and societal response in the context of the Holocaust, as well as the connection between national, ethnic and religious intolerance.

The bill passed in the House by a margin of 85-7, and is now being considered by the Senate Education Committee.

Insurance abstracts

The N.D. Senate and House of Representatives have both approved House Bill 1398, which now awaits the signature of N.D. Governor Kelly Armstrong.

The bill would require the publishing of insurance abstracts across all newspapers in the state of North Dakota.

This was how insurance abstracts had been getting published since at least the 1930s; however, the letter of the law technically only requires abstracts to be published in one newspaper per judicial district, as designated by the insurance commissioner.

The N.D. Insurance Commissioner recently broke with tradition for distribution of abstracts, and went with the letter of the law - a move which HB 1398's proponents argue would have removed tens of thousands of dollars in income for local newspapers each year and concentrated those dollars

into eight newspapers.

Bill 1398 codifies the traditional practice of distributing abstracts into law, and effectively reverses the commissioner's decision. Therefore, insurance abstracts will again appear in all of N.D. newspapers, including this one, in 2026.

The bill was approved by the House 86-6, and in the Senate 44-2.

Legislative session information

There are hundreds of other bills being considered this year, and all of them can be read and tracked via the legislature's website, legis.nd.gov.

Those interested can also submit their own testimony online in favor of or in opposition to a particular bill.

The Transcript will also continue to cover some of the bills most likely to impact residents here in Eddy County throughout the session.

COUNTY-

but I guess it's time," Anderson told commissioners at their regular monthly meeting. She cited the need to spend more time with family, including her aging parents and growing grandchildren.

Anderson requested that the county begin the search for her replacement as soon as possible, allowing her time to train a new treasurer before her mid-summer departure.

Anderson had just spent hours over the past week reconciling the county's books to reflect the primary residence tax credit funds received from the state. For tax year 2024, the first year the credit was in effect, Eddy County had 424 qualified applicants for the credit.

The program provides up to \$500 to offset a North Dakota resident's property tax liability on their primary residence.

The county received \$180,720.79 in revenue from the state through the program this year, Anderson said.

With load restrictions in place as of Monday, March 31, Road Superintendent Todd Weber approached the commission about the permitting process for overweight and overloaded vehicles hauling on county and township roads. Right now he is the point of contact for all permits, and it's a time-consuming process of phone calls and paperwork.

After discussion, commissioners agreed to move forward with LoadPass Permits, a system that should save Weber time and could generate a little income for the county in permitting fees.

The online program allows contractors, suppliers and haulers to report their loads and obtain a permit. The cost is \$1,500 for the initial set up, then the program retains 3% of all permit fees. There is also an annual fee, which is determined by the number of permit applications. The base fee is \$500 for up to 500 permits, and Weber anticipates it wouldn't be much more than that.

"I would like to see every township, 18 of them, involved with it," Weber said. Weber addressed concern from some that it would increase enforcement of non-permitted loads on county roads. He said that isn't the case, as the county would continue to rely on truck regulatory staff from the state for enforcement. The benefit is that suppliers and industry are familiar with the system, as currently 42 other counties in the state use it for permitting.

"It looks like something we should do. It would alleviate a lot of work for Todd," commissioner Dave Gehrtz said.

There is an open position on the Eddy County Planning and Zoning Commission, which is filled by appointment from the county commission. The topic was on the agenda, and Madam Chair Glenda Collier and commissioner Gehrtz both reported that they had found individuals willing to serve. Gehrtz said he had talked to three people and had given one a few

more days to decide their level of interest.

With the 370 MW Flickertail Wind project set to come before the zoning commission soon, the commissioners desire to have a full board but decided not to rush the appointment.

"I think we should take our time on this, and get all the players on the floor," commissioner Jamie Allmaras said.

The appointment was tabled until the May meeting.

The next regular meeting will be held at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, May 6.

BENZ-

She's dedicated her adult life to education, and now she's looking forward to coming to New Rockford-Sheyenne to continue her career in the place she's called home for the past 14 years.

"I moved to New Rockford with the intention of working in the school system some day," said Benz. "After commuting for so many years, it'll be nice to work in the same community and give back to the community we've called home."

Benz's youngest son, Easton, will be a senior at the district, and Benz said she's also looking forward to being at NR-S for that.

When asked what she enjoys most about working in education, Benz mentioned the importance of helping students grow throughout their journey in education.

"It's just about helping students grow and helping them reach their potential," she said.

The one-year contract Benz signed was approved by the school board during a special meeting on Friday, March 28. The contract also marks her return to elementary education, something she's also looking forward to.

"I'm excited to get back to elementary," she said. "I haven't worked with elementary students for quite a few years so I think that'll be exciting to get back to where I started."

**New Rockford Dollars for Scholars
TUBBY BYMOEN MEMORIAL SCHNITZEL FEED**



**Wednesday
April 23, 2025
5 p.m. until gone**

New Rockford Eagles

**\$15 Adults
\$8 Children
(12 and under)**

Includes Schnitzel, Fries,
Coleslaw and Dessert

To Go Orders Available

Chances to win prizes!

**50/50 Raffle
Meat Raffle**

donated by
North American Bison

All proceeds raised will go toward providing scholarships to graduating seniors of New Rockford-Sheyenne High School.

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New Agent





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Someone you will want to meet!

Sara Reese is a new agent with Vorland Land Company. Sara is very knowledgeable in real estate needs. As a family, she has been involved with flipping homes, renovations and owning apartment complexes. Her experience in real estate and construction allows her to guide her clients with expertise. If you're interested in buying or selling, she will be there to assist you.

Sara lives on a ranch in rural Eddy County near McHenry, ND with her husband and 5 children, so they are very knowledgeable in rural living as well.

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**NR Park District
Summer Sign-up**

Tuesday, April 15
4:30-6:30 p.m.
Brown Memorial Auditorium

T-Ball, Coach Pitch (Boy & Girl Teams),
Pee Wee, Cal Ripken,
Babe Ruth,
Girls Slowpitch Softball,
Swimming Lessons,
Pool Season Passes



Residents should fill out their registration form in advance and prepare payment by cash or check before arriving. Forms can be found on the New Rockford Park District Facebook the week before and will also be available at sign-up night.

Spring Oil/Filter
Sale!

Sale ends
4/15

All Cenex Oil & Grease
10% off



All Fleetguard Filters
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cendakcooperative.com

NOTICE

Wells County Weed Control Board is accepting bids for spraying Wells County State Highway and county highway right of ways for 2025 spring and fall season.

Required equipment will have the capability of a minimum of 35 feet and a smaller ATV/UTV for spot spraying.

All chemical and surfactants provided by the Wells County Weed Control Board.

Bids should be submitted on per hour basis on approximately 300 miles, more or less.

Applicator must be commercially licensed right of way sprayer and insured for a minimum of two million dollars.

If you have any questions, contact Dale Schmitz 701-693-6099.

Bids must be submitted by April 18, 2025 to:

Wells County Weed Control Board
PO Box 2
Fessenden, ND 58438

The Wells County Weed Control Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.