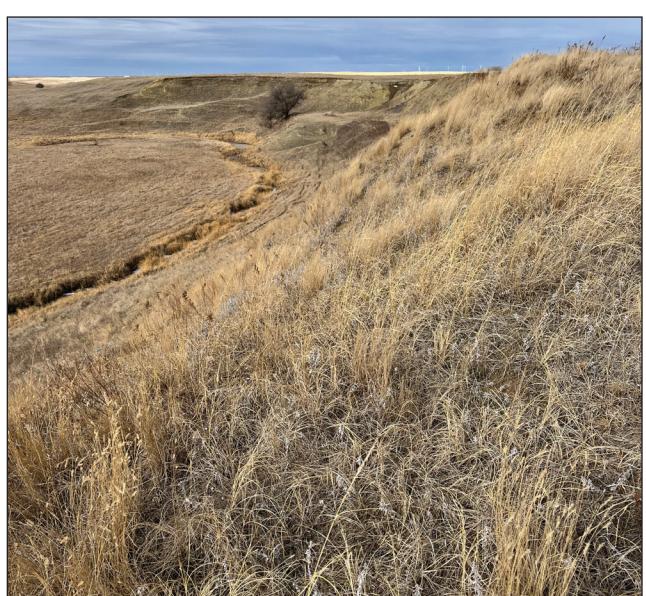


New England donkey basketball as photographed by Layn Mudder

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Mott donkey basketball as photographed by Rachael Mayer



49th Annual Bull Sale

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 Magnitude -Milestone

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Site five is an abandoned surface coal mine in pastureland adjacent to Thirty Mile Creek of 3.7 acres. **I SUBMITTED PHOTO**

project's website.

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act enacted in 2021 amended the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to re-authorize the AML Program and extended the collection of the federal reclamation fee until Sept. 30, 2034. North Dakota will be receiving approximately \$3 million per year from reclamation fee-based grants and approximately \$3 million in federal grants until 2034.

Mines currently producing coal pay a fee to the federal government. The current federal AML fee for lignite mined in North Dakota is 6.4 cents per ton. This rate was established in 2021 under the authority of Public Law No. 117-58 (Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act), which lowered the previous rate by 20%.

Fourteen abandoned surface coal mine highwalls have been reclaimed by the Public Service Commission's AML Division between 1984 and 2020, with a total cost of approximately \$900,000 in Hettinger County. Several sinkhole filling projects have been conducted in Hettinger County to reclaim collapse caused by underground coal mine subsidence.

So far, the state has reclaimed about 150 mines, focusing on the mines that are physical or economic hazards.

The state has an inventory of approximately 1,700 abandoned coal mines.

Landowners with concerns about an abandoned mine can contact the AML Division at 701-328-2400 for a site investigation to determine if the property qualifies for reclamation.

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DISTRICT 31 REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

Elgin Community Center 305 N Main Street, Elgin

Wednesday, February 4

5:00pm Registration | 6:00pm Convene Convention

Remarks by statewide candidates

Endorsement of legislative candidates

CANDIDATES

- **Don Schaible - Senate**
- **Dawson Holle - House**
- **Kevin Remington - House**

- **Karen Rohr - House**
- **Jim Schmidt - House**

Selection of delegates and alternates to the Republican State Convention held in Minot March 28-29. District 31 includes Sioux, Grant, & parts of Morton and Hettinger Counties. [go to vip.sos.nd.gov](http://vip.sos.nd.gov) to verify your district.

Paid for by Republicans of District 31 Don Schaible, Chair