

Legals

ND REPUBLICAN PARTY- DISTRICT 14

ELECTION FOR DELEGATES FOR THE UPCOMING NORTH DAKOTA STATE GOP CONVENTION 2026
Saturday, February 21, 2026, 2p.m.
Harvey Municipal Building
(Harvey Armory)
120 W 8TH ST
Harvey, ND 58341
Registration opens at 1:30pm
District 14 Chairman,
Larry Danduran
(Feb. 5, 2026)

District 14 Dem-NPL 2025 reorganization meeting

March 29, 2025

Call to order:
District 14 Dem-NPL chair Mark Nelson called reorganization meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, March 29th, 2025 at the Hometown Tavern, Harvey, ND.
There were 28 people in attendance. Special guests:
Erin Oban, former state director for the USDA Rural development in North Dakota. Oban addressed the group via Zoom on the “North Dakotans for Public Schools” (ND4PS) coalition that she is helping to organize. A sign-up sheet was circulated to encourage people to join.

Trygve Hammer 2024 candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives and author of the online newsletter Trygve’s Substack. He shared his thoughts on how important it is to stay connected.

Secretary’s Report:
Secretary Sheila Ostrem read the minutes from District 14 meeting that was held on March 17, 2024 and minutes from two zoom meetings that were held this past year. Minutes were approved and accepted as read.

Treasurer’s Report:
Treasurer Ted Sitz handed out report dated 3/1/24 through 3/28/25. General checking account balance of \$3,336.49 and campaign checking account balance \$4,612.22. Report was reviewed and accepted as printed.

Election of officers:
Christie Jaeger, Esmond was elected chair for District 14, and Peter Larson, Sheyenne was elected Vice Chair.
Secretary Sheila Ostrem, Rugby, and treasurer Ted Sitz, Harvey were re-elected.

New Business:
Patti Patrie shared information on Safeguard American Voter Eligibility (SAVE) Act house bill. This bill is scheduled to come for a House vote the week of March 31st.

Patti Patrie also spoke on the new federal laws on immigration. She shared how this is affecting a Ukraine family here in North Dakota.

Treasurer Ted Sitz raised a question if there should be a second signature on the checking account.

Discussed and it was decided that the next District 14 Dem-NPL meeting is tentatively set for June 12 in Maddock. Chair Christie Jaeger is going to check on what is available.

Meeting adjourned.
Sheila Ostrem
District 14 Dem-NPL Secretary
(Feb. 5, 2026)

Dakota Datebook

By Carole Butcher

From Sheep to Shawl

North Dakota is known for a variety of agricultural products. The state leads the country in honey and sunflowers, among other crops. Corn, wheat, and cattle are high on the list. Very few people would think of sheep, but there is a sheep history in the state.

On this date in 1936, The North Dakota Wool Pool announced that their annual convention would be held on February 11 in Devils Lake. The purpose of the organization was to boost North Dakota sheep production for both meat and wool. They had their work cut out for them. According to The North Dakota Sheep Industry Newsletter, the state’s sheep business went into decline during the 1940s. That was partially due to a labor shortage during World War II. In addition, American GIs came back from the war with a poor opinion of mutton, which they ate while stationed in Europe.

In 1954, the Federal government passed the National Wool Act. The Act was a price support measure for wool and mohair. This sustained the domestic sheep industry for 20 years, but during the 1970s, domestic lamb consumption fell even further out of favor with the American public. Production decreased from almost 700 million pounds in 1970 to about 325 million pounds by 1980, this despite some nutri-

tional advantages. The North Dakota State University Extension Service points out that lamb is similar to beef and pork, but with lower fat, sodium, and potassium, and a calorie content about the same as chicken and tilapia.

After Congress ended price support for wool in 1993, the industry continued to decline, but the wool from North Dakota sheep still has its fans. The North Dakota Handspinners promote the use of the wool. With several hundred members, they hold an annual conference, offer presentations, and teach classes on spinning, knitting and crochet. Some clean the fleece themselves, card it, and even dye it using natural dyes like tea and onion skins. The number of these handcrafters is growing, and with grass-fed meat gaining in the marketplace, the North Dakota sheep industry is confident that the decline is a thing of the past.

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North Dakota Community Foundation to Host ND Picnic in AZ

Bismarck, North Dakota . . . The North Dakota Community Foundation (NDCF) will be hosting the 58th annual North Dakota Picnic at Red Mountain Park in Mesa, Arizona on Sunday, March 1, 2026. The event is a gathering of anyone with North Dakota ties living either permanently or part-time in Arizona or elsewhere. The 2025 ND Picnic drew a crowd estimated at more than 2,000 people.

The event will be held from 10 am to 2:30 pm on Sunday, March 1 at Red Mountain Park, 7745 E. Brown Road in Mesa. It will feature musical entertainment by North Dakotan musicians Rick Senger, Matt Hodek and the Dakota Dutchmen, and Colleen Reinhardt, a variety of vendor booths, a classic car show, and the opportunity to meet up with old friends. There will be

food available for purchase. Attendees are asked to donate \$5 per person at the Registration Table to help defray costs.

Overflow parking will be in the nearby Red Mountain High School parking lot with golf cart shuttles to the event. For more information, visit www.NDCF.net/Picnic, www.facebook.com/NDpicnic, or contact the North Dakota Community Foundation at (701) 222-8349 or Deb@NDCF.net.

Established in 1976, the North Dakota Community Foundation is a public, non-profit tax-exempt corporation which receives and distributes charitable funds to support a wide range of programs which benefit North Dakotans. NDCF currently manages more than 1,000 charitable funds for various North Dakota communities and donors.

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ATTENTION

WHEAT GROWERS

The North Dakota Wheat Commission election for Sheridan County will take place on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at 1:00 PM (CT) at the McClusky City Hall, 117 B Ave. W, in McClusky, ND. Election will be held in conjunction with pesticide training

ELECTION

Persons who are residents of Sheridan County and have been actively engaged in the production of wheat are eligible to vote. A Wheat producer must be present to vote but need not be present to be elected.

For more information contact the North Dakota Wheat Commission at 701-328-5111.