

Summer workshops for educators

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department is sponsoring professional development for educator workshops this summer in Bismarck and Dickinson.

Using the Visual Arts to Teach Life Science – June 9-10, Game and Fish office, Bismarck.

This fun and fast-paced workshop will emphasize North Dakota resources, environment and wildlife through hands-on lessons educators can implement in their classrooms. It will include discussions on classroom and curriculum integration, identification of local resources, and field trips to demonstrate the use of natural areas as classrooms. Workshop participants will have the opportunity to experiment with different media including clay, water, pastels and colored pencils. No previous art experience is required. The workshop is suitable for educators teaching K-12. All materials are included.

Pollinators in the Classroom – June 17-18, Dickinson State University, Dickinson.

This workshop will explore pollinators, what they are, where they live, their life cycles, their importance, and how you can make a difference. The workshop will include hands-on activities educators can use in their classrooms and demonstrations of classroom curriculum integration. Students will receive a copy of the Urban Pollinator Program Curriculum, and should come prepared for walking field trips in the area. The workshop is suitable for educators teaching K-12. All materials are included.

For more information contact curriculum specialist Sherry Niesar at 701-527-3714.

Now open: 2026 NDFB photo contest showcases North Dakota agriculture

Bismarck, N.D. – The NDFB Promotion and Education Committee is excited to announce the start of its annual photo contest.

With a submission deadline of Sept. 1, participants are invited to showcase their creativity and talent through their photography skills.

This year's contest will feature three distinct categories:

- 1) Animals
- 2) Crop/Landscape
- 3) Lifestyle

Guidelines for the contest are as follows:

- Each participant may submit up to three photo entries.
- Photos must be submitted without watermarks.
- By submitting a photo, participants grant NDFB the right to utilize it in promotional materials.

Winners will be selected from each category, and each recipient will receive a prize of \$300.

An overall winning photo, selected by a panel of judges, will be featured in a canvas print. This print will be auctioned during the NDFB Promotion and Education live auction, set to take place in Bismarck during the NDFB Annual Meeting in November. Proceeds from the auction will go toward NDFB scholarships.

This year will additionally showcase a People's Choice winner. Please stay tuned to NDFB's Facebook page for more information.

To enter the contest, participants are required to email their submissions to Joey Bailey at joey@ndfb.org. Along with the photo, entrants must declare the category in which they wish to participate.

NDFB is the most effective general farm and ranch organization in the state of North Dakota, with more than 28,000 member families and 50 organized county farm bureaus.

Langdon, Munich compost sites open for 2026 season

By Borderland Press staff

There will be one compost drop-off site available within Langdon city limits.

Drop-off site:

A large red container is located at the entrance of the transfer station west of Schroeder Furniture for the disposal of grass, leaves and garden waste, including corn stalks and pumpkins. Do not place trees, branches, twigs, hedge trimmings, or garbage in the container.

The container is currently in place and will remain available through Dec. 4, 2026. City officials ask residents to follow all posted signage at the drop-off site. The container is available to

Langdon city residents only.

Important: Compost materials will not be collected with regular trash. Do not mix compost with household garbage. Trash that includes compost materials will not be picked up until it is properly separated.

For Munich residents: A drop-off site is available at the Munich County Shop on the east edge of town. This container will be available through Nov. 6, 2026. Residents are asked to place all compost materials in this container and follow posted signage.

For more information, contact the Sanitation Department at 256-2115.

North Dakotans reminded to call before you dig

BISMARCK, ND – Governor Kelly Armstrong has proclaimed April as Safe Digging Month in North Dakota. In recognition, the North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC) is reminding everyone of the potential dangers and consequences of digging without first clicking or calling 8-1-1, North Dakota's Call Before You Dig number.

"Spring has arrived, and with it comes a surge of outdoor projects. Before any digging begins, the North Dakota Public Service Commission has an essential reminder: always call 811 first," said Commissioner Sheri Haugen-Hoffart, who oversees the damage prevention portfolio. "This simple step is one of the most effective ways to prevent dangerous and costly accidents. Underground utility lines – whether gas, electric, communications, water, or sewer – are closer to the surface than many people realize. Striking one can create serious safety hazards and contribute to billions of dollars in damages each year. By making a quick call to 811, you're protecting yourself, your property, and your community. Safe digging starts with knowing what's below – don't take the risk."

North Dakota law requires anyone excavating to notify 811 at least two business days in advance of digging. This is a free service to homeowners and farmers working on their own property/land. Personnel will be sent to mark the locations of the underground facilities, typically within a couple of days. The markings are valid for 21 days after they are placed as identified on your excavation notice ticket. This process is coordinated through North Dakota One Call. The PSC's role is to enforce the requirements of the state's damage prevention laws and act when violations are reported to the Commission. The PSC can levy a fine up to \$25,000 per vio-

lation, depending on severity.

Each year, North Dakota's underground utility infrastructure is jeopardized by unintentional damage from those who fail to call 811 to have underground facilities located prior to digging. Since 2009, the PSC has received and processed 384 complaints related to violations of the Call-Before-You-Dig law. In total, approximately \$473,000 in fines have been assessed against companies or individuals who have violated the law. The consequences of striking an underground utility can be severe including explosions resulting in injury or death, service interruptions or damage to the environment.

The significant residential and business growth occurring throughout North Dakota and the increased demand for pipeline infrastructure to support the energy industry have dramatically increased demand for the One-Call Program.

For more information about 8-1-1 and to begin your excavation notice, visit the North Dakota One-Call Board's website at www.ndonecall.com. For safety tips, best practices and other information, visit the Common Ground Alliance website at www.commongroundalliance.com.

The North Dakota Public Service Commission is a constitutionally created state agency with authority to permit, site and regulate certain business activities in the state, including electric and gas utilities, telecommunications companies, power plants, electric transmission lines, pipelines, railroads, commercial weighing devices, pipeline safety and coal mine reclamation. For more information, contact the Public Service Commission at (701) 328-2400 or www.psc.nd.gov.

Borderland BRIEFS

Mobile Food Pantry to visit Langdon May 7

The Mobile Food Pantry will be in Langdon on Thursday, May 7, from 2 to 2:45 p.m. in the parking lot of United Lutheran Church. All are welcome to receive food at no cost during the drive-through distribution. No preregistration or financial documentation is required. The event is sponsored by Great Plains Food Bank.

Summer day camp registration opens May 1

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department will open registration on May 1 at 9 a.m. for its summer day camp series, expanding from two to five park locations. In addition to Lake Metigoshe and Turtle River state parks, new camp sites include Fort Abraham Lincoln, Icelandic, and Pembina Gorge state parks. Camps feature age-appropriate, hands-on activities focused on outdoor skills, environmental education, and history. Schedules, themes, and registration information are available on the department's website. Space is limited. For more information, contact Kristin Byram at kcbryram@nd.gov.

Langdon spring cleanup set for

May 18-22

The City of Langdon will hold its annual spring cleanup May 18-22. Curbside pickup is scheduled for Monday, May 18. For more information, contact the City of Langdon.

State to mail Measure 1 pamphlets ahead of June primary

The North Dakota Secretary of State's Office announced it is mailing pamphlets on statewide Measure 1 ahead of the June 9 primary election. The mailing, required by the North Dakota Legislature, will include a summary of the measure, its expected fiscal impact, and an objective analysis of arguments for and against it. A second pamphlet will be distributed prior to the November general election.

Proposed Space Force facility could bring \$250M investment to Grand Forks

Details released this week from President Donald Trump's fiscal year 2027 budget includes a \$250 million proposal for a new Space Force Operations Facility at Grand Forks Air Force Base. The planned three-story, 184,000-square-foot facility would support time-sensitive space domain operations. U.S. Sen. Kevin Cramer said the project would position

Grand Forks at the center of space operations. The budget anticipates construction beginning in November 2028, with the facility operational by November 2032.

Minnesota woman charged in Pembina County drug case

A Minnesota woman faces drug charges following a traffic stop April 21 in Pembina County. According to authorities, officers stopped a vehicle for speeding near Highway 66 and Old Highway 44 and conducted a probable-cause search after smelling marijuana. Officers reported finding 18 grams of methamphetamine, cellphones, and drug paraphernalia. Bobbi Jo Gonzalez, 49, of Kennedy, Minn., was arrested and booked into the Grand Forks Correctional Center. She is charged with a Class B felony for meth possession, along with felony and misdemeanor paraphernalia charges. Her initial court appearance is scheduled for May 4.

Larimore woman arrested in connection to 2025 burglary

A Larimore woman has been arrested in connection to a burglary reported last year in Mt. Carmel. The Cavalier County Sheriff's office said that in April 2025, deputies responded to

a rural residence where the home was found trashed and copper piping had been stripped from inside. Evidence was collected and sent to the North Dakota Crime Lab for DNA testing. Authorities later identified Nikki Lynn Gudvangen, 41, following a DNA match. An arrest warrant was issued April 16 and served April 20. Gudvangen faces two Class C felony charges – burglary and theft. A bond hearing was held Wednesday, and her initial court appearance is scheduled for May 7.

Langdon Area Elementary announces upcoming events

Students at Langdon Area Elementary School have several events coming up. The Arbor Day play is scheduled for May 7 at 1 p.m., and track and field day/meet will be held May 5.

Walhalla Brush Bunch art show set for May 2-3

The Walhalla Brush Bunch will host its 55th annual art show May 2-3 at the Gallery on Main in Walhalla from noon to 4 p.m. each day. This year's theme

is "Our American Story," with activities including a children's scavenger hunt, People's Choice voting, and a silent auction fundraiser. For more information, call 701-549-3707.

Pembina State Museum sets May event schedule

PEMBINA, N.D. – Pembina State Museum will host free, family-friendly programs on Saturdays in May. Children must be accompanied by an adult.
May 2 (1-4 p.m.) – Hands on the Fur Trade
May 9 (10 a.m.-4 p.m.) – Make Your Own Red River Oxcart
May 16 (1-4 p.m.) – Games of Pembina's Past: Dice Games
May 23 (9 a.m.-5 p.m.) – Little Grove grand opening, summer hours begin
May 30 (1-4 p.m.) – Arrows and Atlats

Events are part of the ND250 commemoration. The museum, managed by the State Historical Society of North Dakota, is located at 805 Highway 59 and will be open daily beginning May 23 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Langdon Transfer Station announces 2026 summer hours

By Borderland Press Staff

The Langdon Transfer Station will begin its 2026 summer schedule on May 1, with seasonal hours running through the end of October.

From May 1 through Sept. 30, the transfer station will be open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 to 4:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to Noon.

Beginning Oct. 1 through Oct. 31, hours will shift slightly, with the station open Tuesdays and Fridays from 1 to 4:30 p.m., along with Saturdays from 8 a.m. to Noon.

The transfer station will be closed on holidays.

During open hours, the facility will be available to the general public for disposal of acceptable waste materials. Residents are encouraged to check posted signage at the transfer station entrance for a complete list of accepted and non-accepted items.

Recyclable materials collected by the city may also be dropped off during these times.

For more information, contact the Sanitation Department at 256-2115.



Powerful Tools for Caregivers

FREE 6-Week Program Starts Tuesday, May 5

Powerful Tools for Caregivers classes help caregivers take better care of themselves while caring for a friend or relative. Whether you provide care for a spouse, partner, parent, friend, or a child with special needs; at home or in a care facility, whether down the block or miles away, yours is an important role. This course is for family caregivers like you!



- [May 5](#) - Taking Care of You
- [May 12](#) - Identifying and Reducing Personal Stress
- [May 19](#) - Communicating Feelings, Needs, Concerns
- [May 26](#) - Communicating in Challenging Situations
- [June 2](#) - Learning From Our Emotions
- [June 9](#) - Mastering Caregiving Decisions

- Classes are FREE and will be held Tuesdays from 4-5:30 p.m. in the Unity Medical Center 3rd floor classroom (164 W 13th St, Grafton)
- **Supper will be provided** and there will be staff assistance available if you would like to bring your loved one with you
- Course Instructors: Heather Narloch, Social Worker & Julie Sundby, RN

Powerful Tools for Caregivers is an Iowa State University-owned program delivered locally by Unity Medical Center.



To register, please call Heather or Julie at 701-352-1620



May 1-4 & May 8-11



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One Show Nightly • Friday - Monday @ 7:30pm