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**Notice**

Burke County Commission hearing located at the county courthouse, 103 Main Street, Bowbells, is scheduled for April 21, 2026. The agenda at 10:30 A.M. includes the topic to discuss, review and make recommendations for the Governor on the proposed fee title purchase by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service of approximately 160 acres in Vale Township located at: T. 162 N., R. 92 W., 5th P.M., Section 15, SW1/4.  
April 8 & 15, 2026

**Notice of Hearing**

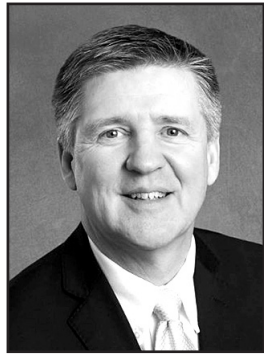
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Probate No. 07-2026-PR-00020  
IN THE DISTRICT COURT  
OF BURKE COUNTY,  
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
In the Matter of the Estate of MARVIN RICHARD HEGSTAD, a/k/a MARVIN R. HEGSTAD, Deceased.  
**NOTICE OF HEARING PETITION FOR FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF A PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT DOROTHY ROSE HEGSTAD has filed herein a petition for formal probate of will and appointment of a personal representative.  
Hearing has been set upon said petition on the 12th day of May, 2026, at 9:40 a.m., at the Courtroom of the above named Court, in the City of Bowbells, County of Burke, State of North Dakota. Dated this 24th day of March, 2026.  
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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN C. BRUDVIK, SR. A/K/A JOHN C. BRUDVIK, DECEASED.  
**NOTICE OF HEARING PETITION FOR FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF A PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE**  
¶1 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that John C. Brudvik, Jr., has filed a Petition for Formal Probate of Will and Appointment of a Personal Representative.  
¶2 Hearing has been set upon said Petition for Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at 9:40 A.M., at the Courtroom of the above named Court in the City of Bowbells, County of Burke, State of North Dakota.  
¶3 Dated this 13th day of March, 2026.  
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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RUBY D. CHRISTENSON A/K/A RUBY CHRISTENSON, DECEASED.  
**NOTICE OF HEARING PETITION FOR FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF A PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE**  
¶1 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Timothy J. Christenson has filed a Petition for Formal Probate of Will and Appointment of a Personal Representative.  
¶2 Hearing has been set upon said Petition for Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at 9:40 A.M., at the Courtroom of the above named Court in the City of Bowbells, County of Burke, State of North Dakota.  
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**Guest Editorial****The Day That Changed North Dakota Forever**

By Ron Ness  
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Clarence Iverson #1 well - first producing well in North Dakota.

On April 4, 1951, a quiet stretch of land near Tioga became the birthplace of a transformation no one could fully imagine. When Amerada Petroleum struck oil at the Clarence Iverson #1 well, it didn't just uncover energy—it launched an economic era that continues to shape North Dakota's future.

Early efforts to find oil had fallen short, limited by the technology of the time. But breakthroughs in drilling during the 1950s finally unlocked access to the state's deep reserves, opening the Williston Basin to production. Decades later, another wave of innovation—horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing—propelled North Dakota to global prominence. Beginning in 2006, these advances ignited a modern energy revolution that not only lifted our state to new economic heights but also helped make the United States energy independent and a net exporter of oil and natural gas.

Today, North Dakota's oil and natural gas industry produces well over one million barrels of oil each day. It supports 63,000 good paying jobs and delivers nearly \$50 billion in annual economic impact. Each year, the industry contributes more than \$4 billion in taxes, fees, and royalties—funding public services that touch every corner of our state.

Those contributions have built lasting legacies. The \$14 billion Legacy Fund—paid for entirely by oil and natural gas revenues—secures North Dakota's long term financial future.

It helps fund transformative initiatives, including a \$1,600 property tax break for every homeowner. Industry-generated revenues also support critical infrastructure projects and provide funding for K-12 education in every North Dakota community.

Simply put, the oil and natural gas industry has improved the lives of virtually everyone who calls North Dakota home—and it will continue to do so for generations.

And the story is far from finished.

New natural gas pipelines will soon extend into eastern North Dakota, unlocking opportunities well beyond the Bakken. From fertilizer production and power generation to manufacturing, these investments will drive job creation, economic growth, and new tax revenues throughout the Red River Valley.

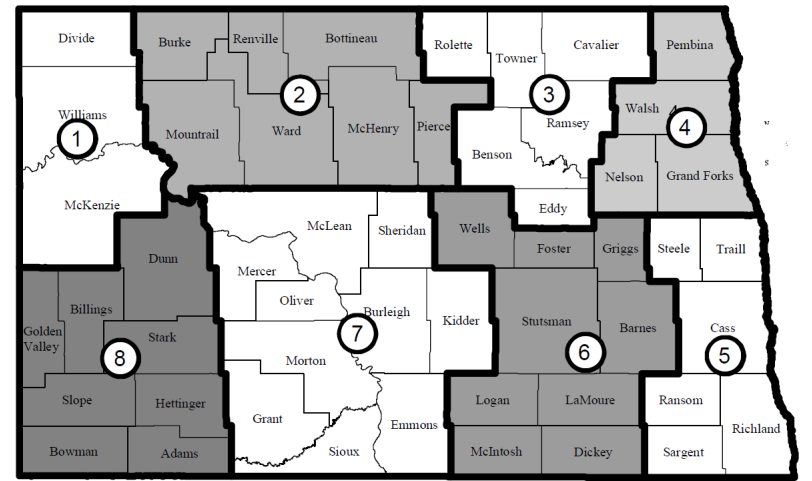
Still, we must look ahead with clear eyes. Over the next decade, oil production using cur-

rent technologies will gradually decline. Without action, the economic benefits, jobs, and revenues tied to today's production could diminish.

But there is good news—and tremendous opportunity.

Today, we recover just fifteen percent of North Dakota's known oil resources. With the right policies, smart regulation, and continued investment in innovation, we can develop the next generation of technologies needed to unlock our full potential. The decisions we make now can extend the Bakken's impact by 20 to 40 years—ensuring North Dakota remains a great place to live, work, and raise a family.

As we celebrate the 75th anniversary of oil's discovery in North Dakota, let's honor that legacy not only by looking back—but by committing to a future where oil and natural gas continue to power prosperity for all North Dakotans.

**Game & Fish Advisory Board Meetings Scheduled**

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department Advisory Board will host public meetings this spring at eight locations across the state.

These public meetings provide citizens with an opportunity to discuss fish and wildlife issues and ask questions of their district advisors and agency personnel.

The district 7 meeting in Bismarck will be streamed live on the Game and Fish website, [gf.nd.gov](http://gf.nd.gov).

District 1: Tuesday, April 21, 7:00 p.m. The host is Missouri Basin Bowmen with the meeting being held at the Upper Missouri Valley Fairgrounds (519 53rd St E, Bldg C), Williston. Contact is Nathan Hovde, 701-580-0314.

District 2: Thursday, April 16, 7:00 p.m. The host is Souris River Basin Longbeards with the meeting being held at Verendrye Electric (1225 Hwy 2 Bypass E), Minot. Contact is DJ Randolph, 701-720-2134.

Put the Phone Away or Pay:

**Extra Enforcement in April Focuses on Preventing Distracted Driving**

Law enforcement agencies across North Dakota will increase patrols throughout April to enforce the state's distracted driving law as part of the national distracted driving enforcement campaign Put the Phone Away or Pay.

Distracted driving is both dangerous and illegal. It includes any activity that takes your eyes off the road, hands off the wheel or mind off driving. While distractions come in many forms, texting and cell phone use remain the most common.

Although distracted driving is significantly underreported in North Dakota crashes, the consequences of inattention behind the wheel are clear. In 2024, lane departure crashes occurred about every two hours in North Dakota. These crashes

often happen when drivers take their attention off the road.

"Even a quick glance at your phone can have serious consequences," said Watford City Police Department Chief Jesse Wellen. "When drivers take their attention off the road, even for a few seconds, they put themselves and everyone around them at risk."

In conjunction with the distracted driving campaign, Vision Zero is encouraging all North Dakotans to take the Buckle Up Phone Down pledge, committing to wearing a seat belt and driving distraction-free every trip, every time. This campaign is part of the Vision Zero strategy to eliminate traffic deaths and serious injuries on North Dakota roads.

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**2026 Annual Meeting of Northwest Rural Water District**

Northwest Rural Water District's annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at 7:30 a.m. Central Time, at 5091 142nd Avenue NW, Williston, North Dakota 58801, before April's regular board meeting.

Voting will take place by mail or in person. All ballots must be returned to the office no later than Monday, April 20, 2026 at 5:00 PM to be counted.

There are three items to vote on: (i) voting for three (3) board members, each position is for a three-year term; (ii) approval of revisions to the District's bylaws; and (iii) approval of the 2025 annual meeting minutes. Chad Austreim, Robert Harms, and Lane Larsen were the only members to timely submit petitions to stand for election to the board of directors of the District.

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