

Winds of change

New screens at South Heart Lions Club pavilion aim to reduce wind at summer events

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“An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure,” and with that in mind, crews of volunteers from the South Heart Lions Club recently installed windscreens at the pavilion. The addition should help cut down on the common North Dakota spring and summer winds, providing more comfort for attendees at upcoming events.

The pavilion is located just across the railroad tracks near the main part of town and is routinely used for local gatherings, school events, fundraisers, and a variety of social engagements.

Lions Club membership drive chairman Arlin Kubas said about 10 club members and volunteers helped install the windscreens in early April. The materials cost roughly \$5,000, and the extra hands on deck eliminated the need for additional labor costs. The installation process took about one day.

“We put windscreens up, and we’re excited to put them to use. We have a Family Fun Night on July 11 this year—a big get-together with a car show, parade, fireworks, and

live and silent auction items. It’s a fundraiser for us,” Kubas said. “The pavilion was designed for two bathrooms, but one has been used for storage. Now we’re planning to update the other bathroom. We also built additional storage in the front of the pavilion, and we’re working on finishing that up.

“The biggest thing was the windscreens, because you know North Dakota winds—we always have them. We’re excited to put them to work, and it should be nice.”

Among the summer’s upcoming festivities are “Burgers in the Park,” held Monday nights in June and July from 5 to 7 p.m., and “Movie Nights in the Park,” along with other events that regularly appear on the club’s busy summer calendar.

The pavilion, originally built about 12 years ago, has seen numerous improvements and upgrades over time—most completed by volunteers—including a new enclosed storage area and kitchen upgrades. The enclosed storage project cost about \$7,000 in materials. Kubas said the Lions Club is always looking for ways to improve comfort for guests.

“When we start

Burgers in the Park in June and July, that’s what we’re most excited about—being able to use the windscreens and provide some protection from the wind for locals and anyone who shows up,” Kubas said.

The enclosed portion of the pavilion measures roughly 60 by 40 feet, with a kitchen area of about 20 by 40 feet underneath. The Family Fun Night on July 11 is the club’s largest fundraiser of the year, typically drawing more than 500 attendees around the Fourth of July holiday.

“Everybody loves our fireworks show, and we usually try to pair it with patriotic music. It’s pretty awesome,” Kubas said. “We charge for food, and there are small fees for some of the kids’ games, along with proceeds from the live and silent auctions.”

The Lions Club also recently assisted South Heart Public School with a townwide Earth Day cleanup on April 23. After students collected trash from roadways and school grounds, club members gathered the bags and rewarded the students with popsicles for their efforts.

For more information about the South Heart Lions Club, visit their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/SouthHeartLionsClub/



Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE OF HEARING N.D. INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION OIL AND GAS DIVISION

The North Dakota Industrial Commission will hold a public hearing at 09:00 AM CDT Wednesday, May 27, 2026 at N.D. Oil & Gas Division 1000 East Calgary Avenue Bismarck, North Dakota. At the hearing the Commission will receive testimony and exhibits. Persons with any interest in the cases listed below, take notice.

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA TO:

Case No. **32849**: Application of Petro-Hunt, L.L.C. for an order amending the applicable orders for the Little Knife-Bakken Pool to establish twelve overlapping standup 1920-acre spacing units described as Sections 6, 7 and 18; and Sections 19, 30 and 31, T.144N., R.98W.; Sections 25 and 36, T.144N., R.98W. and Section 1, T.143N., R.98W.; Sections 26 and 35, T.144N., R.98W. and Section 2, T.143N., R.98W.; Sections 27 and 34, T.144N., R.98W. and Section 3, T.143N., R.98W.; Sections 28 and 33, T.144N., R.98W. and Section 4, T.143N., R.98W.; Sections 29 and 32, T.144N., R.98W. and Section 5, T.143N., R.98W.; Sections 8, 17 and 20; Sections 9, 16 and 21; Sections 10, 15 and 22; Sections 11, 14 and 23; and Sections 12, 13 and 24, T.143N., R.98W., Billings County, ND, and authorize three horizontal wells to be drilled on each such unit, or granting such other relief as may be appropriate.

Case No. **32850**: Application of Petro-Hunt, L.L.C. for an order amending the applicable orders for the Little Knife and/or Crooked Creek-Bakken Pools to establish six overlapping 3840-acre spacing units described as Sections 25 and 36, T.144N., R.98W., Sections 30 and 31, T.144N., R.97W., Section 1, T.143N., R.98W. and Section 6, T.143N., R.97W.; Sections 25, 26, 35 and 36, T.144N., R.98W. and Sections 1 and 2, T.143N., R.98W.; Sections 28, 29, 32 and 33, T.144N., R.98W. and Sections 4 and 5, T.143N., R.98W.; Sections 8, 9, 16, 17, 20 and 21, T.143N., R.98W.; Sections 11, 12, 13, 14, 23 and 24, T.143N., R.98W.; and Sections 12, 13 and 24, T.143N., R.98W. and Sections 7, 18 and 19, T.143N., R.97W.; Billings and Dunn Counties, ND, and authorize one horizontal well to be drilled on each such unit, or granting such other relief as may be appropriate.

Signed by,
Kelly Armstrong, Governor
Chairman, NDIC
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PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES: If at the hearing you need special facilities or assistance, contact the Oil and Gas Division at 701-328-8038 by Thursday, May 14, 2026.

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA TO:

Case No. **32875**: Application of Phoenix Operating LLC for an order amending the applicable orders for the Black-tail-Bakken Pool to establish a standup 2560-acre spacing unit comprising Sections 1, 12, 13, and 24, T.144N., R.99W., Billings County, ND, and authorize up to four horizontal wells to be drilled in such unit, and/or granting such other relief as may be appropriate.

Case No. **32876**: Application of Phoenix Operating LLC for an order amending the applicable orders for the Black-tail-Bakken Pool to establish a standup 2560-acre spacing unit comprising Sections 2, 11, 14, 23, T.144N., R.99W., Billings County, ND, and authorize up to four horizontal wells to be drilled in such unit, and/or granting such other relief as may be appropriate.

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Request for Bids

NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

REQUEST FOR BIDS STANDING HAY ON RIGHT OF WAY OF INTERSTATE 94 AND INTERSTATE 29

The North Dakota Department of Transportation (ND-DOT) seeks sealed bids for cutting, baling, and removing hay on designated sections of highway right of way along I-94 and I-29. Bids will be for the 2026 haying season.

NDDOT will accept sealed bids in four district offices. Faxed bids will not be accepted. Interested bidders can contact the respective NDDOT district office listed below to obtain a bid document, copy of the Risk Management Appendix, and sample certificate of liability insurance. The REQUEST FOR BID document must be completed, signed in ink, sealed in an envelope marked, “Bids for Standing Hay”, and submitted to the respective NDDOT district office prior to the deadline. The awarded bidder will be required to sign a contract with NDDOT agreeing to the terms for hay harvesting.

Deadlines:

- Bismarck, Fargo, and Valley City offices: 1:00 p.m. CDT Thursday, June 4, 2026.
- Dickinson office: 1:00 p.m. MDT, Thursday, June 4, 2026.

NDDOT district offices:

- Bismarck: 218 South Airport Road, Bismarck, ND 58504-6003 Ph: (701) 328-6950
- Fargo: 503 38th Street South, Fargo, ND 58103-1198 Ph: (701) 239-8900
- Valley City: 1524 8th Avenue Southwest, Valley City, ND 58072-4200 Ph: (701) 845-8800
- Dickinson: 1700 3rd Avenue West, Suite 101, Dickinson, ND 58601-3009 Ph: (701) 227-6500

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ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF GUARDIANSHIP AND CONSERVATORSHIP
TAKE NOTICE that the Office of Guardianship and Conservatorship will hold a public hearing to address proposed changes to the N.D. Admin. Code at 1:00 P.M. CST. on June 1, 2026. This hearing will take place in the Red River Room of the North Dakota State Capitol, 600 East Boulevard Ave., Bismarck, ND 58505.
A copy of the proposed rules may be obtained by writing the Office of Guardianship and Conservatorship, 600 E. Boulevard Ave Dept. 315, Bismarck, ND 58505, emailing the office at OGC@nd.gov, or calling (701) 328-3010. Also, written comments may be submitted to the address listed or above or via email at OGC@nd.gov until June 11, 2026. If you plan to attend the public hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the Office of Guardianship and Conservatorship at the above telephone number or address at least 10 days prior to the public hearing.
Dated this 24th day of April, 2026.
/s/ Rachel Sinness
Rachel Sinness, Executive Director Office of Guardianship and Conservatorship