

# Classified Ads

Classified ads are 25 words for \$5 and 10¢ for each word over 25. Call 701-473-5436 and ask about our 13-week special.

## HELP WANTED

**DIRECTOR OF STUDENT life**, ND School for the Deaf/Resource Center, Devils Lake. Performing and/or directing duties associated with the residential programming for deaf, hard of hearing and deafblind students. Must have experience performing more complex case management, program development, crisis intervention and counseling. This position requires managing the work of others. Full-time 11-month position with paid health insurance, full-time state benefits. \$5,299-\$6,182 per month. For more information, visit [www.omb.nd.gov](http://www.omb.nd.gov) or call 701-665-4400. Closes 3/2/26. (N)15p

## SERVICES

**NEED NEW WINDOWS?** Drafty rooms? Chipped or damaged frames? Need outside noise reduction? New, energy efficient windows may be the answer! Call for a consultation and FREE quote today! 1-877-200-2734. (N)15p

**ELECTRICAL SERVICES:** Reliable and experienced. Competitive rates. From simple household problems to installing a brand new electrical system, we can take care of it all! Call now and have the ZIP Code of the service location when you call! 1-877-403-0282. (N)15p

**STRUGGLING WITH DEBT?** If you have over \$15,000 in debt, we help you be debt-free in as little as 24-48 months. Pay nothing to enroll. Call now: 1-877-688-0872. (N)15p

**REAL ESTATE FOR SALE**

**ND FARM LAND** values surge upward. Are you selling or renting? Pifer's Auction and Farm Land Management. Bob Pifer, 701-371-8538. Kevin Pifer, 701-238-5810. Free evaluation. (N)15p

**HEALTH/MEDICAL**

**VIAGRA AND CIALIS** users! 50 pills SPECIAL \$99! 100% guaranteed. CALL NOW! 1-833-641-3417. (N)15p

## AUTOS WANTED

**DONATE YOUR VEHICLE** to help find missing children and prevent abduction. Fast, free pickup, running or not, 24-hour response. No emission test required, maximum tax deduction. Support Find the Children, call: 1-833-545-0694. (N)15p

**Lakota American**  
**Subscriptions**  
**Make Great Gifts**

**\$30** for one year subscription (in-state)  
**\$38** for one year subscription (out-of-state)

Call 701-473-5436

## MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

**YOU CAN PLACE** a 25-word classified ad -- like this one -- in every North Dakota newspaper for only \$160. It's easy. Contact this newspaper for details. (N)15p

**CASH PAID FOR** high-end men's sport watches! Rolex, Breitling, Omega, Patek Philippe, Heuer, Daytona, GMT, Submariner and Speedmaster. These brands only! Call 1-833-641-6634. (N)15p

**LOOKING FOR THE** most complete listing of ND media? ND Media Guide. Call 701-223-6397. ND Newspaper Association. (N)15p

## MISCELLANEOUS

**WE BUY VINTAGE** guitars! Looking for 1920-1980 Gibson, Martin, Fender, Gretsch, Epiphone, Guild, Mosrite, Rickenbacker, Prairie State, D'Angelico, Stromberg, and Gibson mandolins / banjos. 1-833-641-7066. (N)15p

**WE BUY HOUSES** for cash AS-IS! No repairs. No fuss. Any condition. Easy process: Call, get cash offer and get paid. Call today for your fair cash offer: 1-701-498-1853. (N)15p

**WATER AND FIRE** damage restoration. Our trusted professionals will restore your home to protect your family and your home's value! Call 24/7: 1-877-936-0513. Mold remediation services are also available! (N)15p

**HAVE A NEWS** release or other information that needs to reach all ND newspapers? ND Newspaper Association can help! One call does it all! 701-223-6397. (N)15p

**ADVERTISE JOB OPENINGS** by emailing [lamerica@polarcomm.com](mailto:lamerica@polarcomm.com). Cost for a line ad is \$5 for the first 25 words, .10 for each additional word. Box ads also available; email for pricing details.

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NELSON COUNTY, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

In the Matter of the Estate of CONNIE SCHMIDT, a/k/a CONNIE L. SCHMIDT, a/k/a CONSTANCE L. SCHMIDT, Deceased.

Probate No. 32-2026-PR-00001

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within three months after the date of the first publication or mailing of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to TANYA MADSON, personal representative of the estate, at 2525 Elk Drive, PO Box 1000, Minot, ND 58702-1000, or filed with the Court.

Dated this 4th day of February, 2026.

/s/ Tanya Madson  
Tanya Madson

Debra L. Hoffarth - #05668  
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Attorneys for Personal Representative

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# National Suicide Lifeline phone number is 9-8-8

The National Suicide Lifeline has officially changed its number to 9-8-8 and has been renamed to the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline. All conversations and interactions with 9-8-8 crisis workers are free, confidential and non-judgmental.

There is now the ability to text or chat online with a crisis worker. To text, someone in crisis can text any message to 9-8-8 in order to start a conversation. A follow-up text will be sent to gather some more information about the individual and the situation they are facing. For the online chat, someone in crisis can go to [988lifeline.org/chat](http://988lifeline.org/chat) to connect with a crisis worker.

There is a pre-chat survey for the individual to fill out in order to provide the crisis worker with more information on the situation they are going through. These new ways of reaching out for help increase the availability of 9-8-8 services for people in



crisis to get the help they need.

Along with the texting and chatting resource availability, there is also the Veterans Crisis Line. If a veteran is in crisis or if someone is concerned for a veteran, they can call 9-8-8 and press 1 to be connected with a trained peer supporter. There is also an option to text at 838255, as well as the online chat option for veteran specific crisis intervention and support at [www.veteranscrisisline.net/get-help-now/chat](http://www.veteranscrisisline.net/get-help-now/chat).

To learn more about the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, please visit [988lifeline.org](http://988lifeline.org) to explore all the information and resources provided.



## The nicknames of all 50 states

**Big Sky Country**

- **Nebraska:** Cornhusker State, Beef State
- **Nevada:** Silver State, Sagebrush State, Battle Born State
- **New Hampshire:** Granite State
- **New Jersey:** Garden State
- **New Mexico:** Land of Enchantment

- **New York:** Empire State

- **North Carolina:** Tar Heel State, Old North State

- **North Dakota:** Flickertail State, Sioux State, Peace Garden State

- **Ohio:** Buckeye State

- **Oklahoma:** Sooner State

- **Oregon:** Beaver State

- **Pennsylvania:** Keystone State

- **Rhode Island:** Ocean State, Little Rhody

- **South Carolina:** Palmetto State

- **South Dakota:** The Mount Rushmore State

- **Tennessee:** Volunteer State

- **Texas:** Lone Star State

- **Utah:** Beehive State

- **Vermont:** Green Mountain State

- **Virginia:** The Old Dominion, Mother of Presidents

- **Washington:** Evergreen State, Chinook State

- **West Virginia:** Mountain State

- **Wisconsin:** Badger State, America's Dairyland

- **Wyoming:** Equality State

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## Did You Know?



Located at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, D.C., the White House serves as the official residence for the President of the United States as well as the primary place where he or she conducts official business. The building was designed by Irish-born architect James Hoban, who was instrumental in creating many official buildings after emigrating to the United States. In June 1792, Hoban was summoned to the temporary U.S. capital in Philadelphia to compete in a design competition for the White House. George Washington, the first President of the United States, was fond of Hoban after admiring some of his work while touring the southern United States. Washington never got a chance to live in the White House, however. He is the only President never to live in the White House, as the building was not completed before the end of his second term. Washington's successor, President John Adams, moved into the residence in 1801. Since its inception, the White House has been changed a few times. In the building's infancy, it was set ablaze during the War of 1812 and had to undergo significant reconstruction. It also was expanded during Theodore Roosevelt's time in office to include a West Wing to house work offices. William Howard Taft added the first Oval Office. Although an official residence, the White House is a National Heritage Site and is owned by the National Park Service.

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## CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION

FOR THE PROPOSED PROJECT OF: Water Treatment Plant Rehabilitation, City of McVille (Nelson County), North Dakota

DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND PROJECT NUMBER: 3200636-01

The North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (NDDEQ) has conducted a review of the proposed water treatment plant rehabilitation project for the City of McVille in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (40 CFR Part 6). The NDDEQ has determined that this project is eligible for a categorical exclusion and is exempt from further substantive environmental review.

Because the proposed project meets the criteria for a categorical exclusion, a full Finding of No Significant Impact and Environmental Assessment will not be required. Following is a description of the proposed project and a brief statement of how the project meets the criteria for a categorical exclusion.

The process components in the 35-year-old water treatment plant are near the end of their useful life and are in need of rehabilitation and improvements.

The proposed project includes filter system rehabilitation; upgrades to the control system, process instrumentation, and high service pumps; and chemical storage area modifications. After completion of the project, the water treatment plant will operate more efficiently with improved operator engagement.

The City of McVille has applied for a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan of \$1,000,000 to finance the project. The city has the legal authority and financial and administrative capability to construct the proposed improvements.

This project is being granted an exclusion because the improvements will occur within the structure with some sanitary service line underground work within the plant lot. The North Dakota State Historic Preservation Officer has concluded that no historic properties will be affected by this project provided it takes place in the location and in the manner described in the documentation and provided all borrow comes from an approved source (ND SHPO Ref.: 25-0358). It has been determined that exempting the proposed project from further review under the National Environmental Policy Act will not result in adverse impacts on the population or area of McVille and Nelson County. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has reviewed this project (ID No. NWO-2025-01405-BIS) and determined that a Section 404 permit is not required.

The documentation to support this decision will be on file and available for public review at the NDDEQ, Division of Municipal Facilities.

Comments concerning this decision may be addressed to Hristo Papalichev, Environmental Engineer, Division of Municipal Facilities, North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality, 4201 Normandy St., Bismarck, ND, 58503-1324.

Dated Feb. 12, 2026.

David J. Bruschwein, P.E.

Director, Division of Municipal Facilities

## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING PETERSBURG CITY COUNCIL

February 2, 2026

Petersburg City Council met Feb. 2, 2026 at 7 p.m. at the community center. Members present were Amber Vickaryous, Susan Dahl and Brian Johnson; and Tricia Johnson, David Gallaway and Katelyn Bechtold with Otter Tail Power Company were present. James Schmidt and Kevin Sundre were not present.

Motion by Brian, seconded by Susan, to approve the City Ordinance #302-05, 20-year agreement between the city of Petersburg and Otter Tail Power Company, second reading. Motion carried.

Motion by Brian, seconded by Brian, to approve Jan. 12, 2026 minutes and the current financial report, and bills to be paid. Motion carried.

Otter Tail Power ..... \$905.65

Tri-County ..... 59.00

David Gallaway ..... 221.64

Tricia Johnson ..... 507.92

Erwin Schmidt ..... 304.75

Lakota American ..... 46.80

Hamster Oil ..... 70.39

Polar Communications ..... 48.21

Nelson Co. Sheriff's Dept. ..... 810.00

Otter Tail Power ..... 57.13

BND ..... 6,650.00

Motion by Susan, seconded by Brian, to approve Petersburg Rural Fire Protection District raffle permit, with guns as prizes, on 06/13/2026 at Town Pump II. Motion carried.

City council combined city maintenance positions into one position; David Gallaway's services are no longer required. The city council would like to thank David Gallaway for his years of dedicated service to the city of Petersburg.

City residents can renew their annual pet license at the city council meetings.

Next regular city council meeting will be March 2, 2026 at 7 p.m. at the community center, with the second reading of the Floodplain Ordinance #15-01-202-E.

Motion by Susan, seconded by Brian, to adjourn meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Tricia Johnson City Auditor

## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING LAKOTA SCHOOL BOARD

January 14, 2026

Chairman Sorlien called the regular school board meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with no addition(s) to the agenda. Board members Trent Matejcek, Travis Schmidt, Kris Rainsberry and Derrick Marquart were present.

A motion by Derrick Mar