

Paws off! Practice pet poison prevention

Animals typically do not understand that certain items in their environments can be harmful. Pets' innate curiosity coupled with unique aromas produced by common household items can put them in jeopardy of potentially deadly poisoning.

According to veterinary experts at WebMD Pet Health Center, an estimated 232,000 cases of pet poisoning occur annually in the United States. The following are some steps pet owners can take to protect their companion animals against poisoning.

- **Don't leave out human food.** Dogs, cats and other animals may be lured by the sweet temptation of their owners' food. Many food scraps can be toxic to pets, including alcoholic beverages, chocolate, coffee beans, moldy foods, and raisins, among others. Keep the kitchen



tidy and trash cans (indoor and outdoor) secured.

- **Be careful with houseplants.** While they may look beautiful and filter indoor air, certain houseplants can be toxic to pets if ingested. Before bringing any new plants into your home, check the ASPCA Toxic and Non-Toxic Plant Guide. Lilies may be pretty, but they also are quite toxic. The smallest nibble can be fatal to cats.

- **Keep medications locked away.** Be sure that over-the-counter and prescription medications are locked away and cannot be accessed by curious pets. Even seemingly mild medications, like human pain relievers, can be toxic to pets.

- **Be safe when spring cleaning.** Keep pets out of rooms when they are being cleaned by chemical products or when using insecticides. Wait a day or more before letting pets back into the area. Store products beyond a pet's reach when they're not in use.

With diligence, a significant percentage of pet poisonings can be prevented. Pet owners should do their homework about toxic items in and around their homes and do their best to keep pets safe.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION APPLICATION FOR APPROPRIATION OF WATER FROM GROUND WATER

TAKE NOTICE that FOREST RIVER COLONY, FORDVILLE, ND, has submitted Water Permit Application No. 7447 to the North Dakota Department of Water Resources for a permit to divert and appropriate water from ground water.

The application requests an annual appropriation of 419.3 acre-feet of water for irrigation use at a pumping rate of 4,000 gallons per minute, utilizing point(s) of diversion located in the SE1/4 of Sec. 21, SW1/4 of Sec. 22, SE1/4 of Sec. 23, NW1/4 of Sec. 25, SE1/4 of Sec. 27, and NW1/4 & SE1/4 of Sec. 34, all of T. 150 N., R. 059 W., Nelson County, for the purpose of irrigating 83.2 acres in the SE1/4 of Sec. 21, 66.2 acres in the SE1/4 of Sec. 23, 72.2 acres in the NW1/4 & 19.7 acres in the SW1/4 of Sec. 25, 69.5 acres in the NW1/4, 46.5 acres in the SW1/4, & 62.0 acres in the SE1/4 of Sec. 34, all of T. 150 N., R. 059 W., Nelson County.

TAKE NOTICE that written comments regarding the proposed appropriation must be filed in the Department of Water Resources, 1200 Memorial Highway, Bismarck, North Dakota 58504-5262, by 5 o'clock p.m., on the 20th day of April 2026. The Department of Water Resources shall consider all written comments received and prepare a recommended decision which will be provided to the applicant and any person who filed written comments. Those persons may file additional comments with the Department of Water Resources, request an adjudicative proceeding on the application, or both.

Dated at Bismarck, North Dakota, on March 3, 2026.

/s/ John Paczkowski, P.E.
State Engineer
Department of Water Resources
1200 Memorial Highway
Bismarck, ND 58504-5262
(Publish March 19 & 26, 2026)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO ADD POINT(S) OF DIVERSION

TAKE NOTICE that FOREST RIVER COLONY, FORDVILLE, ND, has made application to the North Dakota Department of Water Resources to add point(s) of diversion for Conditional Water Permit Application No. 7256.

The application requests authorization to divert and appropriate water utilizing an additional point of diversion located in the SE1/4 of Sec. 26, T. 150 N., R. 059 W., Nelson County.

Conditional Water Permit Application No. 7256 currently requests the annual appropriation of 129.0 acre-feet of water at a withdrawal rate of 750 gallons per minute, from ground water, utilizing point(s) of diversion located in the NW1/4 of Section 26, Township 150 N., Range 059 W., Nelson County for irrigation use.

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ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT AND AMEND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO PEACE OFFICER LICENSES

TAKE NOTICE that the Peace Officers Standards and Training Board will hold a public hearing to address proposed changes to the N.D. Admin. Code at 10:00 a.m. on 27th day, April 2026, at the Bureau of Criminal Investigation, 1720 Burlington Drive Suite B, Bismarck North Dakota.

A copy of the proposed rules may be obtained by writing the Peace Officers Standards and Training Board or calling 701-328-5504. The proposed rules are also posted at www.post.nd.gov. Written comments may be submitted to 1720 Burlington Drive, Suite B, Bismarck, ND, 58504 until May 12th, 2026. If you plan to attend the public hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the Peace Officers Standards and Training Board at the above telephone number or address at least two days prior to the public hearing.

Dated this 12th day of March 2026.
Pat Helfrich, Secretary
Peace Officer Standards and Training Board

North Dakota Game & Fish

2026 waterfowl hunting season

North Dakota's waterfowl season opens for residents September 26, while nonresidents may begin hunting waterfowl October 5. The resident-only portion of the season has been extended from seven days in previous years to nine days in 2026. This change, which was first presented to the public starting in the summer of 2025, provides additional early season opportunities for resident hunters. The zones and overall season structure for nonresident hunters will remain the same as the 2025 hunting season. The ND 2026-27 Hunting and Trapping Guide will be available this summer and will provide further details on the waterfowl hunting season.

Spring mule deer survey begins

The state Game and Fish Department's annual spring aerial mule deer survey is scheduled for April 1-24 in western North Dakota and typically takes about two weeks to complete, weather permitting.

During the survey period, people could notice low-flying small airplanes over some parts of the Badlands.

Game and Fish biologists have completed aerial surveys of the same 24 Badlands study areas since the 1950s. The purpose of the survey is to determine a population index to assess mule deer abundance in the Badlands.

Tentative 2026 season openings

The ND Game and Fish Department annually provides its best estimate for opening dates to help hunters prepare for hunting seasons. Hunters should note the opening date for the regular waterfowl season is still under discussion.

Dates become official when approved by governor's proclamation. Tentative opening dates for 2026 include:

- Spring turkey -- April 11
- Dove -- September 1
- Deer and pronghorn bow, mountain lion -- September 4
- Sharptail, hun, ruffed grouse, squirrel -- September 12
- Youth deer -- September 18
- Youth waterfowl -- September 19
- Early resident waterfowl -- September 26
- Pronghorn gun -- October 2
- Youth pheasant -- October 3
- Regular waterfowl -- to be determined
- Pheasant, fall turkey -- October 10
- Mink, muskrat, weasel trapping -- October 24
- Deer gun -- November 6
- Deer muzzleloader -- November 27

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING WSI Premium Rates and Rate Classification Manual

Notice is hereby given that Workforce Safety & Insurance (WSI) will conduct a public hearing on Monday, April 6, 2026 at the WSI Board Room, Century Center, 1600 East Century Avenue, Bismarck, North Dakota, at 11:00 AM at which time and place all persons will be heard regarding the proposed changes to premium rates and rate classification manual in accordance with NDCC §65-04-01.

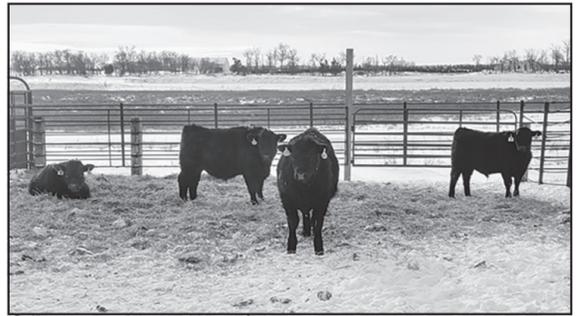
These changes will be on file and may be reviewed or copied on any working day between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., at WSI in Bismarck. A copy may be requested by phone by calling (701) 328-3812 or by writing to: Workforce Safety & Insurance

Attn Marguerite Rath
1600 East Century Avenue Ste 1
PO Box 5585
Bismarck ND 58506-5585
(701) 328-3812

Written data, views, or arguments concerning the proposed changes or adoptions may be sent to WSI at the above address. The closing date for receipt and consideration of all written or oral submissions is close of business Monday, April 13, 2026.

If you plan to attend the public hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact WSI at the above telephone number or address at least five days prior to the public hearing.

Dated this 16th day of March 2026.
Sarah Feist
Chief of Employer Services



Calf feeding performance and carcass performance will be measured during the ND Angus University cattle feed-out at NDSU's Carrington Research Extension Center. (NDSU photo)

ND Angus University feed-out begins in May

Cattle producers will have an opportunity to see how Angused cattle from their operation perform in a feedlot during the ND Angus University calf feed-out program in the upcoming summer and fall of 2026.

NDSU's Carrington Research Extension Center is partnering with the ND Angus Association to sponsor the ND Angus University feed-out. This is the 15th year of the program. "Feed-out projects like North Dakota Angus University are a great way for producers to learn more about their calves' performance compared to other herds," says Karl Hoppe, NDSU Extension livestock systems specialist at the Carrington Research Extension Center.

Ranchers can consign steers to the program by contacting the Carrington Research Extension Center. Consigned steers must be at least 50% Angus genetics and weigh between 900 and 1,100 pounds at delivery. Consigned cattle will be delivered to the Carrington feedlot during May 26-29, 2026.

Ranchers who consign cattle pay the feeding costs for their pen of cattle plus veterinary costs and a modest yardage charge. The Carrington Research Extension Center will carry the feed, veterinary and

yardage costs until the cattle are marketed. After the cattle are marketed, costs and all applicable fees are deducted from the sale price without interest. Consigners of the program must also be NDAA members.

Participants in the ND Angus University will receive periodic progress reports on their calves' performance, as well as a final report on overall performance, efficiency and carcass traits of their calves.

In the 2025 NDAU feed-out, calf performance was measured during a 133-day feeding study. Steers had an average daily gain of 4.14 pounds. Shrunken live weight at harvest averaged 1,484 pounds, and carcass weight averaged 932 pounds. The cattle graded 97% USDA Choice or better, with 51% meeting Certified Angus Beef specifications and 19% Prime quality grade.

The NDAA offers \$1,500 in prizes to the top three carcasses at the end of the feed-out.

More information is available at ndsu.ag/NDAU-enroll-26.

For further information or to consign a group of cattle, contact Hoppe at 701-652-2951 or karl.hoppe@ndsu.edu or Sydney Glasoe Caraballo, NDAA feed-out program chair, at 678-989-7189.

FOR SALE: 3 in 1 Property \$389,900



104-106 Highway 2 SW, Rugby, ND
5476 Sq Ft. Located 1 mile from Rugby's Amtrak Station,
45 miles south of the International Peace Gardens

East Side: Cafe Restaurant Area

- Large fully equipped kitchen • Ovens • Wash area • Sky Lights
- Vaulted ceilings • 2 Walk-in coolers • Booths • Tables • Chairs
- Bathrooms • Office area • Separate storage room with metal shelf racks, deep freeze & fridge

Middle: Meeting/Lounge/Retail Room

- Tables • Chairs • Buffet Cart • Perfect for cafe overflow, private parties, business meetings, gift shop or bar/lounge

West Side: Rugby Chamber of Commerce

Current long-term lease will provide immediate cash flow for purchaser

For more information and to see the property contact:
Dave Teigen at 208-991-7588 or dteigen1122@gmail.com
www.loopnet.com/listing/104-106-Hwy-2-SW-Rugby-ND/38981090

ACCEPTING BIDS

Nelson County is seeking bids on the construction of a 20' x 10' wall, with or without electrical work, in the basement of the courthouse.

Contact Nelson County Auditor's Office at 701-247-2463 or for full specifications of work.

Bids are due to the Nelson County Auditor's Office by 4:30 p.m. Monday, April 6th. Bids will be opened at the Nelson County commission meeting on Tuesday, April 7th at 10:30 a.m.

NOTICE OF TOWNSHIP AND CITY EQUALIZATION MEETINGS

Nelson County Township and City Equalization Meetings for 2026 will be held at the following locations and times.

TOWNSHIP	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Adler	April 9	8 p.m.	Petersburg Community Center
Bergen	April 20	12:30 p.m.	Pekin City Hall
Central	April 20	3:30 p.m.	Pekin City Hall
Clara	April 22	10:30 a.m.	Courthouse Community Room
Dahlen	April 7	7 p.m.	Dahlen Fire Hall
Dayton	April 20	1 p.m.	Pekin City Hall
Dodds	April 22	11:30 a.m.	Courthouse Community Room
Enterprise	April 22	9:30 a.m.	Courthouse Community Room
Field	April 7	4 p.m.	Our Savior's Church
Forde	April 20	11 a.m.	Pekin City Hall
Hamlin	April 8	5:30 p.m.	McVilleville Senior Center
Illinois	April 22	1:30 p.m.	Courthouse Community Room
Lakota	April 22	11 a.m.	Courthouse Community Room
Lee	April 20	2:30 p.m.	Pekin City Hall
Leval	April 20	2 p.m.	Pekin City Hall
Melvin	April 20	1:30 p.m.	Pekin City Hall
Michigan	April 22	1 p.m.	Courthouse Community Room
Nash	April 9	7 p.m.	Petersburg Community Center
Nesheim	April 20	3 p.m.	Pekin City Hall
Ora	April 20	4 p.m.	Pekin City Hall
Osago	April 20	11:30 a.m.	Pekin City Hall
Petersburg	April 9	7 p.m.	Petersburg Community Center
Rubin	April 22	12:30 p.m.	Courthouse Community Room
Rugh	April 6	8 p.m.	Aneta Community Center
Sarnia	April 14	7 p.m.	Ken Shirek Home
Wamduska	April 22	10:00 a.m.	Courthouse Community Room
Williams	April 22	9 a.m.	Courthouse Community Room

CITY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Aneta	April 6	6 p.m.	Aneta Community Center
Lakota	April 6	5:30 p.m.	Lakota City Hall
McVilleville	April 13	6:30 p.m.	McVilleville City Office
Michigan	April 13	5 p.m.	Michigan City Office
Pekin	April 8	7 p.m.	Pekin City Hall
Petersburg	April 7	7 p.m.	Petersburg Community Center
Tolna	April 7	7 p.m.	Tolna City Building

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF CHANNEL MAINTENANCE OF THE CLARA BARTLETT SNAG & CLEAR

A request and a petition have been filed with the Board of Managers, of the Nelson County Water Resource District and the Ramsey County Water Resource District, to snag & clear a section of the natural water course known as the Clara Bartlett Watershed channel area. The proposed project would allow surface/sheet water and debris to be removed, to improve and save numerous township roads, county roads and agricultural/ranch land.

A snag & clear approach is planned as follows pursuant to NDCC 61.16.1-09.

The beginning point & terminus of the channel clearing are detailed below:

Beginning at a point in the

Section 34 T 153 N R 61 W
(Bartlett Township, Ramsey County)

Ending at a point in the

North Part Section 33 T 155 N R 60 W
(Lillehoff Township, Ramsey County)

Two thirds' members of both the Nelson County Water Resource District Board of Managers and the Ramsey County Water Resource District Board of Managers along with two thirds' members of the Nelson County Commission and the Ramsey County Commission must attend this hearing and must file a Resolution of Necessity approved by two thirds of each County Water Resource District Board of Managers and two thirds of each of the County Commissioner's.

The hearing will be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. at the Lakota Community Center, 404 US-2, Lakota, North Dakota.

Dated this 19th day of March, 2026

David Sateren, Chairman
Nelson County Water Resource District
PO Box 446, Lakota, ND 58344

John Martinson, Chairman
Ramsey County Water Resource District
524 4th Avenue NE Unit 12, Devils Lake, ND 58301