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NOTICE OF APPLICATION APPLICATION FOR APPROPRIATION OF WATER FROM GROUND WATER

TAKE NOTICE that GREATER RAMSEY WATER DISTRICT, DEVILS LAKE, ND, has submitted Water Permit Application No. 7470 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 200.0 acre-feet of water for Rural Water use at a pumping rate of 1,000 gallons per minute, utilizing point(s) of diversion located in the SW1/4 of Sec. 31, T. 151 N., R. 061 W., and NW1/4 of Sec. 06, T. 150 N., R. 061 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 3rd day of August 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 June 17, 2026.
/s/ John Paczkowski, P.E.
State Engineer
Department of Water Resources
1200 Memorial Highway
Bismarck, ND 58504-5262
(Publish July 2 & 9, 2026)

Family-friendly activities for a weekend trip to the shore

Weekend excursions to a shoreline are a summertime tradition in many families. Oceans and lakes are sights to behold at all times of the year, but the warm air of summertime makes the months of July and August a particularly popular and fun time to spend a weekend by the water.

Swimming is a go-to activity when spending time by the water in summertime. Swimming also is family-friendly, making a dip in a lake or ocean an ideal way to pass the time during a weekend trip to the shore. But oceanfront and lakeside communities offer a wide range of other family-friendly activities that parents and children can enjoy during their next weekend getaway.

Fishing boat excursion: Renting a boat or booking a fishing trip through a commercial vessel can make for a unique and fun way to spend a summer day or night. Seasoned boaters can rent their own boat, while those with little or no experience can leave the boating to the captain of a commercial vessel. While there's no guarantee everyone aboard will catch a fish, many commercial fishermen will do their best to ensure everyone goes home having caught a fish.

Water sports: Families that love to get out and about can look to an assortment of water sports to stay entertained during their next trip to the



shore. Jet skis, kayaks, canoes, paddleboards, and even surfing sessions can be booked at many waterfront destinations in the summertime. Rentals tend to be available for anyone without their own gear, but book early to ensure you won't miss out on a chance to navigate the waters in style.

Mini golf: Perhaps no summertime activity is more family-friendly than mini golf. Families need not be near the water to enjoy mini golf, but courses are staples of lakeside and oceanfront communities.

Whale watching: This activity is exclusive to travelers visiting oceanfront locales, but whale watching ventures are wildly popular and a great way for families to get a sense of the scale of nature. Many whale watching excursions are between two and three hours in length, and vessels will transport passengers well out off the shoreline. Whales might be the focal point of these trips, but it's possible passengers will see additional marine life, including dolphins, on such excursions.

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Charting the course to boat ownership

For many people, buying a boat ranks as high as home ownership or having a luxury vehicle in the driveway. The desire to host friends on the water, fish on quiet mornings or connect with family draws people to consider buying a boat.

According to data from the National Marine Manufacturers Association (NMMA), nearly 1.5 million Americans purchase a new or used boat every year. Turning that desire into reality requires careful planning. Navigating the market successfully also means balancing wants with the financial realities of boat ownership.

Choosing the boat
The first step toward getting a boat is deciding on the size and scope of the vessel. It's important to match the boat type to its primary purpose. For lazy days on the water, particularly bodies of water that have low to moderate currents, pontoons or deck boats are ideal. For hobbies like fishing or traversing oceans, center console style boats offer many advantages. Thrill seekers may want to consider a wakeboard boat, which is a specialized watercraft engineered to create wakes for towed water sports.

Size of the boat is another variable. The U.S. Coast Guard categorizes recreational watercraft according to a class system. Class A boats are under 16 feet. The highly popular Class

1 boats span 16 to 26 feet. Open water or ocean use boats should generally be vessels of at least 25 feet to safely handle rougher swells, says Formula Boats.

New vs. Used
Deciding on a new or used boat often comes down to weighing finances carefully. Naturally, a new showroom model will cost more upfront. However, a used boat may have unseen costs to ensure the boat is seaworthy. New boats may come with updated technology and a manufacturer's warranty, while used boats enable buyers to stretch their dollars further. When considering a used vessel, Boat Trader suggests hiring a certified marine surveyor to inspect the hull, engine hours and electrical systems before closing the deal.

Financing
Those who have the savings to purchase a boat outright can do so, but many need a loan to manage the purchase. Marine retail data indicates the average fixed interest rates for boat loans generally sit between 6.4 and 7.5 percent.

Additional expenses
Boat owners also must consider additional expenses beyond the cost of the boat. There is the required insurance for the vessel, registration, safety/towing service membership like Sea Tow, and marina costs for those who will keep the boat in the water for the season.

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Make the most of a visit to a fair or carnival

It is fair and carnival season again. Fairs pop up across the country promising food, fun and fellowship. From big-name musical events to carnival rides to food on a stick, there is truly something for everyone in the family.

Attending a fair likely will be on the agendas of individuals and families who are looking to maximize summer. Here are some tips to make the most of these excursions.

Check for deals. Fairs start advertising their dates weeks in advance. Participants should check websites or other avenues to see if there are any discounts for buying admission tickets ahead of time. Also, certain days or times may feature a lower price of admission, or there may be wristbands of family fun packs, so it helps to see if there are such offerings.

Know before you go. Check the event's website to find a schedule of activities, which vendors are available and any other pertinent information. This helps people plan their trips, particularly for multiday fairs or carnivals that may feature different events on different days.

Budget accordingly for fun. A day at the fair for the family is likely to be expensive. From admission to parking to ride tickets to food, there are expenses at every turn. Bringing along extra cash is wise, as some vendors may not accept credit cards.

Check the weather. An overcast or drizzly day may keep the crowds at bay and won't make for a complete fair wash-out. However, fair-goers should always have an eye on the weather to plan their trips. Pouring rain may shut down many rides. Strong sun can beat down and make the day uncomfortable, so it may be best to arrive in the evening.

Consider carpooling. Parking can be tricky at fairs, which tend to pop up in large, open fields on the outskirts of town. There may be extra fees to park, or the lot may be a significant distance from the entry. By carpooling, expenses can be reduced, and someone can drop off the passengers and then go park the car.



The odds are against you. Playing a few fair games for fun is par for the course. But people should keep in mind that the odds of walking away with the grand prize are low. Set a budget cut-off for spending on carnival games; otherwise, a person may empty their wallets quickly.

Check out the animals. Many fairs feature livestock exhibits or have petting zoos. These animals may be with farmers or agricultural students who can share some information.

Try a new food. Food is one of the main attractions of these seasonal events. People shouldn't be afraid to go out of their comfort zones and try something new or different. You also can keep food costs down by bringing snacks. Some events may have restrictions on which foods and beverages can be brought in. After all, food is a big moneymaker for fair organizers and vendors.

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Donations for Lakota Cemetery

Those wishing to make donations to help with upkeep and general maintenance at the Lakota Cemetery are asked to send them to: Lakota Cemetery, PO Box 54, Lakota, ND 58344.

ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO N.D.A.C. CHAPTER 75-02-13 FAMILY PAID CAREGIVER PROGRAM
TAKE NOTICE that the North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services will hold a public hearing to address proposed amendments to N.D. Admin. Code chapter 75-02-13 relating to definitions, application and eligibility, and administration at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, August 12, 2026, in Bismarck, N.D. in Room 210, located on the second floor of the Judicial Wing of the State Capitol. The proposed changes are effective June 29, 2026, as interim final rules under North Dakota Century Code § 28-32-03(2)(c) to avoid a delay in implementing an appropriations measure (section 2 of 2025 Senate Bill No. 2305); the rules are required for the Department of Health and Human Services to comply with the opinion and order of the Supreme Court for the State of North Dakota in Ferderer v. North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services, 2026 ND 81, 34 N.W.3d 168 (N.D. 2026). Copies of the proposed rules are available for review at human service zone offices and at the state-operated behavioral health clinics. Copies of the proposed rules and the regulatory analysis relating to these rules may be requested by telephoning (701) 328-2311. Written or oral data, views, or arguments may be entered at the hearing or sent to: Rules Administrator, North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services, State Capitol - Judicial Wing, 600 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept. 325, Bismarck, ND 58505-0250. Written data, views, or arguments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, August 24, 2026. ATTENTION PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES: If you plan to attend the hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the Department of Health and Human Services at the above telephone number or address at least two weeks prior to the hearing. Dated this 29th day of June, 2026.

Accepting Bids
The Lakota Ambulance Service Inc., is now accepting sealed bids for the former Lakota Ambulance Building. Sealed bids will be accepted until **July 15th**. Sealed bids will be opened and discussed at the Executive Board Meeting within the following week.
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• A two stall shop area, storage room, an office area, and a complete bathroom
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