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## DAKOTA DATEBOOK

through an electrifying article in the local Lisbon newspaper in late October, 1883. Within days, a Lisbon Gold Rush was on, as articles appeared in Grand Forks, Bismarck, and all the way to Chicago and New York.

Griswold gathered a cadre of Chicago investors to buy rock-crushing mining machinery, and their company started ore-digging immediately. Other frenzied gold-seekers bought up the land along the Sheyenne River, for twenty miles from Lisbon to Fort Ransom. Lisbon was wild with excitement – with gold fever.

But, on this date in 1884, the Grand Forks Herald reported that Griswold and his associates had “abandoned all further min-

ing enterprises until spring,” leaving “one by one” as a frigid Dakota winter touched their fingers and toes.

When April arrived, Griswold came back, bringing an ore-crushing machine to smash an accumulated 2,000 tons of raw ore. During the summer, the gold rush fizzled – Griswold’s ore didn’t pan out. By August, a report said that the “few people who worked the Lisbon gold mines have quit.”

Once the Lisbon gold rush was over, shouts of “gold!” were hushed and replaced by the murmuring waters of the Sheyenne River flowing over the shining gravel near the former “Griswold Mine.”

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## ROAD APPLES

so hard-packed I could hardly get it to move, and 2) the surface underneath it was glare ice, I figured it was best to keep the tiny skidsteer in the yard, where if it got stuck at least I wouldn’t have to worry about it getting hit by the real snowplow or getting stuck in a ditch-snowbank that was like eight feet deep at this point.

All I could think of was a big, fat, NOPE.

I turned around and took a break, kind of miserable at the thought of a Ford Taurus or even my pickup sitting on top of a drift in the middle of the road should we dare venture out.

Dan came outside again with the shovel.

Just as I was explaining the situation, I saw a pickup truck with a plow headed that way down the gravel.

Hooray!

I heard him hit that drift like a concrete block, ka-BAM!

But he was more determined that I was.

So determined, that when I got back into the Bobcat, I saw him pull out a shovel and have to work to get himself unstuck for but a moment. By the time I had requested Dan go out there and help him he was already done. A professional, was what he was, really. Which, I clearly

am not.

I drove back down in the Bobcat, and found that indeed, a path had been dug through the drift to the highway. Might be tough to get through, but no longer impossible.

When we had nearly finished the yard enough to where I was satisfied (and nearly out of diesel), we heard a noise.

Softly at first, then thundering like a locomotive.

Hallelujah!

All hail the holy snow plow!

The glistening v-plow bigger than my garage threw up snow a dozen feet into the air without a stop, and it was like it was raining cold crystal-white confetti in celebration.

I thoroughly commend all the men and women who work hard to keep our streets, highways, and gravel roads free of giant snowdrifts.

If I wasn’t so heavy, tired, and pregnant, I would have thrown my ear-muffed cap into the air and danced around in the snow in my long coat and cubbies.

This is an all-to-familiar feeling in North Dakota, but it is a good one nonetheless.

Nobody likes to be trapped.

Especially when you’re closing in on being nine months pregnant.

### Notice of Public Meeting

Notice of Public Meeting for Consideration of Reorganization of Fort Ransom Public School District No.6 and Lisbon Public School District No.19

The State Board of Public School Education of the State of North Dakota hereby gives notice that a public meeting will be held on January 26, 2026, beginning at 1:00 PM Central in the Department of Public Instruction 10th Floor Conference Room at the State Capitol, located at 600 E. Boulevard Avenue, Bismarck, North Dakota. The State Board of Public School Education will consider whether to approve the Reorganization plan for Fort Ransom Public School District No.6 and Lisbon Public School District No.19, submitted by the joint Reorganization Committee composed of representatives from both Fort Ransom and Lisbon School Boards.

This meeting is held in accordance with Section 15.1-12-27 of the North Dakota Century Code. Dated at Bismarck, North Dakota, this 10th day of December 2025, by order of the State Board of Public School Education.

Levi Bachmeier, Executive Secretary, State Board of Public School Education.

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### Notice to Creditors

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF  
RANSOM COUNTY, STATE OF  
NORTH DAKOTA  
IN THE MATTER OF THE  
ESTATE OF DUANE E. SULERUD,  
DECEASED  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

1. 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 of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to the attorney listed above, to Kelly S. Troyer as Personal Representative of the Estate at 3530 Woodbury Park Drive S, Fargo, ND 58103, or filed with the Court.

Dated this 10th day of December, 2025.

Kelly S. Troyer  
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Personal Representative of the  
Estate of Duane E. Sulerud, deceased  
3530 Woodbury Park Drive S  
Fargo, ND 58103

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January 5, 2026

### Invitation to Bid

INVITATION TO BID Lisbon  
Middle School HVAC Upgrades Lisbon,  
North Dakota

Sealed Bids for the Lisbon Middle School HVAC Upgrades, Lisbon, North Dakota, will be received until 2:00 PM, local time, Wednesday, January 28, 2026.

Bids must be delivered before the time and date indicated above to the High School Conference Room, 502 Ash Street, PO Box 593, Lisbon, ND 58054, where they will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Multiple Prime bids will be received from General, Mechanical and Electrical Contractors.

Informal Pre-Bid Walkthrough: Wednesday, January 14, 2026 from 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM. Lisbon Middle School will be available for verification of existing conditions during that period only. All interested prime bidders are urged to attend and field verify on their own the existing conditions.

All Bids shall be in accordance with Bidding Documents prepared by Foss Architecture + Interiors, Fargo, North Dakota.

Bidding Documents may be examined at the following locations until Bid opening time:

Minnesota Builder's Exchanges in Minneapolis

North Dakota Builder's Exchanges in Fargo, Grand Forks, Bismarck. The Project will be available also at Quest CDN ([www.QuestCDN.com](http://www.QuestCDN.com))

PDF/Digital Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Architect, by PRIME Bidders only. No deposit is required, or cost charged, for one set for those prime bidders. Addenda will be submitted to those receiving full

sets of Bidding Documents.

Note: Hard Copy sets of drawings may be available if requested for PRIME Bidders only. However, those requesting will be charged a non-refundable fee to cover reproduction costs and mailing.

Bidding sets will not be issued after the issuance of the last addendum.

No Bids will be read or considered which do not fully comply with North Dakota bond and license requirements.

Each Bid shall be accompanied by a separate envelope containing a Bidder's bond in a sum equal to Five Percent (5%) of the full amount of the Bid, executed by the Bidder as principal and by a surety company authorized to do business in this state, conditioned that if the principal's Bid be accepted and the contract awarded to him, he, within ten days after notice of award, will execute and effect a contract in accordance with the terms of his Bid and a contractor's bond as required by law and the regulations and determinations of the governing board.

Bid security shall be made payable to Lisbon Public Schools, District #19, Lisbon, North Dakota. Bid security of two lowest Bidders will be retained until Contract has been awarded and executed, but not longer than 30 days.

Performance and Labor/Material Payment bonds are required for this Project.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all Bids and to waive informalities therein.

FOR THE OWNER: Lisbon Public Schools, Lisbon North Dakota

BY: Mr. Justin Fryer,

Superintendent

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## NOTICE OF ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholder lot owners of Oakwood Cemetery Association of Lisbon, ND, will be held Monday, Jan. 12, 2026 @ 5:30pm at the City Council Chambers in the Library lower level.

That at such meeting, the reports of Treasurer, Secretary, and other officers will be received and acted upon, and such other business transacted as may properly come before the meeting.

Date at Lisbon, North Dakota, this day of December 19, 2025.

BY ORDERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

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ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES  
RELATING TO SALARY ADMINISTRATION PROCEDURES, RECRUITMENT AND  
SELECTION, ANNUAL LEAVE, SICK LEAVE, FUNERAL LEAVE AND HONOR  
GUARD LEAVE, SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM, APPEALS OF EMPLOYER ACTIONS,  
APPEALS OF DISCRIMINATION OR REPRISAL, AND SHARED LEAVE

TAKE NOTICE that the North Dakota Office of Management and Budget, Human Resource Management Services (HRMS), in cooperation with the State Personnel Board, will hold a public hearing to address proposed amendments to N.D. Admin. Code chapters 4-07-02, 4-07-05, 4-07-12, 4-07-13, 4-07-14, 4-07-18, 4-07-20.1, 4-07-20.2, and 4-07-37 at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, February 9, 2026, in the Red River Room of the North Dakota State Capitol, 600 E Boulevard Ave, Bismarck, ND 58505.

The proposed amendments are not expected to have an impact on the regulated community in excess of \$50,000.

A copy of the proposed rules may be obtained by writing the Office of Management and Budget, Human Resource Management Services (HRMS), 600 East Boulevard Avenue, Dept. 113, Bismarck ND 58505, or online at <https://www.omb.nd.gov/news/public-hearing-address-proposed-amendment-nd-admin-code-article-4-07>. A copy of the proposed amendments may be requested by writing the above address, e-mailing [HRMS@nd.gov](mailto:HRMS@nd.gov), or calling (701) 328-3293. Written or oral comments on the proposed rules sent to the above address, email or telephone number and received by February 9, 2026, will be fully considered.

If you plan to attend the public hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the Office of Management and Budget at the above telephone number or email at least seven days prior to the public hearing.

Dated this 23rd day of December 2025.

Molly Herrington

Chief People Officer, Human Resource Management Services



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