

Legislative CORNER

Senator Don Schaible

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March 3 through the 5, a 15 member delegation of the North Dakota Legislator was invited watch a Air Force Global Strike Command a test launch of an unarmed Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missile equipped with two test re-entry vehicles. This launch was scheduled several years ago and is part of a regular testing system of our missile. There are only three minuteman systems in the United States with one being in Minot ND. The Minot Air Force also has a second leg of our nuclear triad which could be delivered by our air force. It should be noted that if North Dakota was a country of its own, we would be the 3 most powerful one based our nuclear ability. The actual launch was on March 3, at 11:01 p.m. Pacific Time

from Vandenberg Space Force Base, California. The missile reached speeds of up to 18,000 mph, traveled 4200 miles in just under 30 minutes and hit an island in the Kwajalein Atoll in the Marshall Islands in south pacific ocean right where it was supposed to. It is a key component of a data-driven program that has been in place for decades, involving over 300 similar tests designed to validate the performance of the weapon system. The data collected from these routine tests is essential for ongoing and future force development. This test not only focused on the performance of the ICBM but also the performance of its multiple reentry vehicles, which are primarily used to increase missile effectiveness and overcome enemy defenses.

mance of our systems,” said Col. Dustin Harmon, 377 TEG commander. “The men and women of our missile community represent some of the most highly trained professionals in our nation’s defense. These tests confirm their unmatched ability to support this critical mission and provide crucial data that ensures our systems remain ready and reliable.”

So why is it important for North Dakota legislators to be invited to such a launch? It was explained to us that we need to know the importance of our Air Force Bases are to the defense of our country and to the economic advancement to our state. As the Minuteman III remains on alert, the Air Force is committed to its replacement, the LGM-35A Sentinel, which represents the modernization of the land-based leg of the U.S. nuclear triad. This Sentinel replacement project will take many years and will cost over a trillion dollars. This economical impact for build out and maintenance will also be very important. The modernization now underway will shape our state and our communities for decades to come, and ensuring North Dakota is prepared to support both the mission and the Airmen who serve here will require continued partnership across all levels of leadership. Task Force 21 of the Minot Air Force Base and the Minot Area Chamber EDC arranged this trip and paid for it. No State money was used in the expense of this trip and this was approved by the ND Ethic Commission.

“Test launches are the most visible and vital way we verify our capabilities and validate the perfor-

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

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GRANT COUNTY

Sheriff's report

The Grant County Sheriff's Office activity for February includes 14 calls for service in Carson, 37 in Elgin, three in New Leipzig and 54 in Grant County.

Investigations include: County

- Feb. 7 – Assist other agency
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- Feb. 13 – Assist other agency
- Feb. 15 – Domestic dispute
- Feb. 19 – Criminal warrants
- Feb. 28 – Assist other agency

Carson

Feb. 21 – Suspicious person/vehicle/activity

Elgin

Feb. 3 – Driving with suspended license

Feb. 23 – Driving with revoked license

Activity includes:

Three motorist assists; 2 assist other agencies; 3 backup assists; 2 bar checks; 1 city ordinance violation; 1 civil complaint; 8 civil papers served; 4 controlled burns; 1 criminal paper served; 2 driving under suspension/revocation;

1 fire; 1 firearm related; 1 follow-up investigation; 1 medical related; 2 paper service; 6 paper service attempts; 4 public relations stops; 1 school walkthrough; 1 suspicious person/activity; 8 traffic citations; 1 traffic complaint; 7 traffic hazards; 8 verbal warnings; 3 welfare checks; 42 written warnings.

The Grant County Sheriff's Department is made up of Sheriff Terry Dillon and Deputies St. Anthony Moore and Deputy Brett Ziemba. In the event of an emergency, call 911. In non-emergency situations, you may call the office directly at 1-800-472-2121.

PASTOR'S NOTES

Pastor Ed Zimmerman

Hope Congregational Church, Elgin

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ. To God's elect, strangers in the world, scattered... (1 Peter 1:1, NIV).

The above text introduces the New Testament book (First Peter) currently being studied at Hope. Brief thoughts about the text will now follow.

What Peter writes has continuing value today. Our Christian faith is historically well grounded and credible.

The credibility of

witnesses is judged by whether: (1) they are in a position to know the relevant facts. (2) They are likely to tell the truth if they know it. And (3) their testimony is compatible with other witness testimony.

As an apostle, Peter was in a position to have known the actual facts about Jesus and his teaching. Peter and his peers lived day-to-day with Jesus for several years. Beyond being one of the twelve disciples, he was one within an inner circle of three, present with Jesus at times when others of the twelve were not always present.

As one of many early martyrs (willing to die

for their claims about Jesus), he is likely to have been promoting what he believed to be true. There was little to be gained by being deceptive during his few years of ministry. He and his associates would have suffered far less during life if they had not insisted on their claims concerning Jesus.

As a contributor to the written record about Jesus' life and teaching, his claims are compatible with the writings of those with approximately equal credentials. This very brief evidence supports Peter's credibility and claims.

What Peter claims is of a nature that demands strong supporting evidence. His testimony and message for us today is deserving of our best attention. More on his message later.

2026 SUMMER BUS TOURS

- *NEW* The Ark Encounter April 27 - May 3
- Yellowstone May 31 - June 5
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St. Jude Novena

To St. Jude, Holy St. Jude, Apostle and Martyr, great in virtue and rich in Miracles, near kinsman and Jesus Christ, faithful intercessor of all who invoke your special patronage in time of need.

To you I have recourse from the depths of my heart and humbly beg to who God had given such great power to come to my assistance.

Help me in my present and urgent petition. In return I promise to make known your name and cause you to be involved. St. Jude, Pray for us and all who invoke your aid.

Amen

Say three (3) Our Fathers, three (3) Hail Mary's and Glory Be.

Publication must be promised. My request has been granted.

Say this Novena on nine (9) consecutive days.

SPECIAL MEETING

NEW LEIPZIG RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

The New Leipzig Rural Fire Protection District will hold a special meeting on **Thursday, March 26, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. MT** at the New Leipzig Fire Hall for the purpose of the first reading of the amended bylaws.

Andrew Roth, Secretary

NOTICE OF annual meeting

Western Grant Ambulance District
March 23, 2026 • 6:00 p.m. MDT
New Leipzig Ambulance Hall, meeting room

Julie Levorsen, Secretary/Treasurer

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THE NORTH DAKOTA GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THE FOLLOWING SUMMARY OF REGULATIONS AND CHANGES FOR THE 2026 BIGHORN SHEEP, ELK AND MOOSE PROCLAMATION.

Applications must be submitted online. The deadline to apply is March 25, 2026.

SPECIES	SEASON	SEASON BAG LIMIT
Anticipated Bighorn Sheep Regular Season	Oct. 30 – Dec. 31	One Male Bighorn Sheep
Elk Bow Season (Unit E1E, E1W, E2, E6, E7)	Sep. 4 – Sep. 27	One Elk of the type designated on license
Elk Regular Season (Unit E1E, E1W, E2, E7)	Oct. 2 – Jan. 3	
Elk Regular Season (Unit E3, E4, E5)	Sep. 4 – Jan. 3	One Antlerless Elk
Elk Regular Season (Unit E6)	Oct. 2 – Nov. 5 & Nov. 23 – Jan. 3	
Antlerless Elk Season (E1E, E1W, E2, E6, E7)	Aug. 7 – Sep 27*	One Antlerless Elk
Antlerless Elk Season (E3, E4)	Aug. 7 – Aug 30*	
Antlerless Elk Season (E1E, E1W, E2, E3, E4, E6, E7)	Jan. 9 – Jan 17	One Moose of the type designated on license
Moose Bow Season (Unit M5, M6, M8, M9, M10, M11)	Sep. 4 – Sep. 27	
Moose Regular Season (Unit M5, M6, M8, M9, M10, M11)	Oct. 9 – Nov. 1	

* Restricted to private land only within boundaries of assigned unit. Hunting on private land enrolled in PLOTS is prohibited, except by the enrolled landowner.

SUMMARY OF CHANGES FROM LAST YEAR

- A bighorn sheep hunting season is scheduled to open in 2026, unless there is a recurrence of bacterial pneumonia. Applicants may apply for a license at this time, but not in a specific unit. The status of the bighorn sheep season will be determined by Sep. 1.
- Total elk licenses increased by 102 to 1,062.
- Total moose licenses remained the same at 296.
- All moose licensees and units E1E, E1W, E2, E6 and E7 elk licensees may hunt during both the bow season and the regular season until license is filled.
- Moose hunting units M4 and M1-C are being absorbed into units M8 and M5 respectively. There will no longer be closed units for moose.

A complete 2026 bighorn sheep, elk and moose hunting proclamation is available from the NDGF Department, 100 North Bismarck Expressway, Bismarck, ND 58501-5095, (701) 328-6300, or online at gf.nd.gov.

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