Outdoor enthusiasts reminded of spring wildfire potential

Outdoor enthusiasts need to be aware of ground conditions while enjoying spring activities.

Increased human activity outdoors in spring, combined with dead ground vegetation and high winds, make this time of year highly susceptible to wildfires.

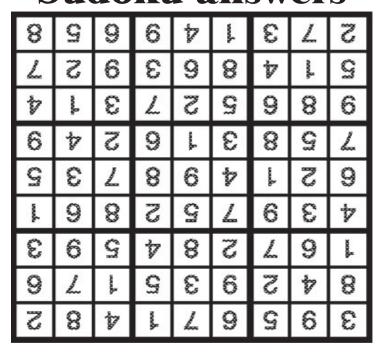
Because of highly variable weather patterns, North Dakota experiences a distinct spring fire season every year. With that in mind, it's important to pay attention to the fire danger index and to follow the appropriate measures.

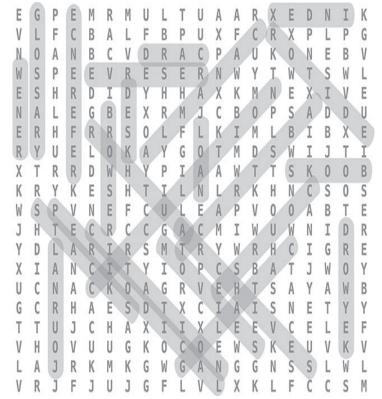
Hunters and anglers are urged to keep up with the daily rural fire danger index, issued by the National Weather Service, to alert the public to conditions that may be conducive to the accidental starting or spread of fires.

In addition, county governments have the authority to adopt penalties for violations of county restrictions related to burning bans. These restrictions apply regardless of the daily fire danger index and remain in place until each county's commission rescinds

Information, including restrictions, on current fire danger indexes is available at NDResponse.gov.

Sudoku answers







NDG&F advisory board spring meetings set

The ND Game and Fish Department Advisory Board will host public meetings this spring at eight locations across the state.

These public meetings provide citizens with an opportunity to discuss fish and wildlife issues and ask questions of their district advisors and agency personnel.

The meeting for District 4, which includes Nelson, Grand Forks, Pembina and Walsh counties, is scheduled for Tuesday, April 22 at 7 p.m. at the Cavalier Fire Department (305 Elizabeth St. W).

The meeting is being hosted by the Pembina County and Area Sportsman's Club. Contact person is Roger Furstenau (701-265-2960). Advisory board member is Karissa Daws of Michigan.

Paddlefish snagging opens May 1

North Dakota's paddlefish season opens May 1 and is scheduled to continue through May 21. However, depending on the overall harvest, an early in-season closure may occur with a 24-hour notice issued by the state Game

and Fish Department. Paddlefish tags are available for purchase online at the Game and Fish website, gf.nd. gov, and during business hours at Game and Fish Department offices in Bismarck, Dickinson, Jamestown, Devils Lake, Lonetree (Harvey) and Williston. Snaggers buying tags online have the option to have the tag mailed or can stop at a Game and Fish office and pick it up during business hours. Those having a tag mailed should plan accordingly and allow for a few days for delivery.

All paddlefish snaggers must possess a paddlefish tag, in addition to a valid fishing license for anyone 16 and older. Lost or destroyed tags will not be

The Game and Fish Department will allow camping during the open paddlefish season at Lewis and Clark Wildlife Management Area Pumphouse and at Neu's Point WMA. However, no roads or gates will be open at Neu's Point; therefore camping is allowed in the small Neu's Point parking lot, and the rest of the WMA for walk-in access. All other WMA regulations apply.

Snaggers are urged to be aware of the current fire index. Information, including restrictions, on current fire danger indexes is available at NDRe-

For more information on the paddlefish snagging season, snaggers should refer to the Game and Fish website.

Tentative 2025 season opening dates

The ND Game and Fish Department annually provides its best estimate for opening dates to help hunters prepare for hunting

Dates become official when approved by governor's proclamation. Tentative opening dates for 2025 include:

Deer and pronghorn bow, mountain lion -- August 29

Dove -- September 1

Sharptail, Hun, ruffed grouse, squirrel -- September 13 Youth deer -- September 19

Youth waterfowl $\overline{\ }$ -- September 20

Early resident waterfowl -- September 27

Pronghorn gun -- October 3

Regular waterfowl, youth pheasant -- October 4

Pheasant, fall turkey -- October 11

Mink, muskrat, weasel trapping -- October 25 Deer gun -- November 7

Deer muzzleloader -- November 28

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING PETERSBURG CITY COUNCIL April 7, 2025

Petersburg City Council met April 7, 2025 at 7 p.m. at the community center. Members present were Kevin Sundre, James Schmidt and Tricia Johnson. Assessor James Miles was present. Brian Johnson was not

The city tax equalization meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. Meeting recessed at 7:39 p.m. to open the regular meeting, then resumed at 8 p.m. Motion by James, second by Susan, to approve report and assessed values as presented by Assessor James Miles. Motion carried. The next meeting of the board of tax equalization for the city of Petersburg will be April 6, 2026 at 7 p.m. at the community center.

The city council meeting reopened; Megan Hanssen with TPII entered the

meeting.
Motion by James, second by Kevin, to approve Feb. 3, 2025 minutes and the current financial report, and bills to be paid. Motion

carried.	
Otter Tail Power	\$878.66
Tri-County Water	60.80
David Gallaway	221.64
Tricia Johnson	507.92
WSI	250.00
Lakota American	58.50
Hamster Oil, LLC	128.95
Amber Vickaryous	138.52
Kevin Sundre	83.11
James Schmidt	83.11
Susan Dahl	83.11
Brian Johnson	83.11
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ND Job Service	9.96
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Otter Tail Power	802.95

Tri-County Water David Gallaway	60.80 360.17
Tricia Johnson	507.92
Nelson Co. Recorder	20.00
Jerry Johnson	126.98
Lakota American	24.00
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Architects	1,000.00
Petersburg Oil	6.00
Polar Communications	48.05
Nelson Co. Sheriff's	
Dept	810.00
Otter Tail Power	50.12
ND Sewage Pump & Lift	
Station Service Co	455.00

Dept. Motion by Kevin, second by Susan, to approve the Gaming Site Authorization: Organization--Aggie Foundation, Name of Location--Town Pump II, effective 07/01/25--06/30/26.

48.09

Motion carried. The council discussed:

Polar Communications ..

Nelson Co. Sheriff's

Repairs needed on the snowplow--wheels and blade; street sweeping; lagoon (has not been looked at this time); and recent look at the curling club's condition.

 This week will be a good week for crack sealing.

 City will provide another roll-off for city spring cleanup; postcards will be sent out when dates for roll-off are decided.

Next city council meeting will be May 5, 2025 at 7 p.m. at the community center.

City residents can renew their annual pet license at city council

Motion by Kevin, second by James, to adjourn the meeting at

Tricia Johnson City Auditor

Caution urged near bridge project on Missouri River

The ND Game and Fish Department, under US Coast Guard authority, has created an idle-speed-only and navigational safety zone near an ongoing bridge construction project on the Missouri River.

This summer will mark the start of an idle-speed-only area and a navigation channel around the Burlington Northern Sante Fe Railroad bridge project. The navigational channel will be marked with green and red floating buoys to direct the public to the navigable area through the construction zone.

Additionally, the project area will be marked with multiple types of lighted floating buoys and encloses an area from the west bank north of the project staging area, to the east bank, and then following the east bank

south approximately 1,500 feet and back to the river's west bank.

The "No Boats" buoys are located north and south of the active construction barges and have yellow flashing lights for nighttime visibility. The solid, white light "Idle Speed Only" buoys indicate where the idle speed zone starts and operate day and night.

The cautions are in place to protect people and boat traffic during the construction project and operate during the open water months on the Missouri River near Bismarck-Mandan. Also, river users operating paddlecraft, such as canoes and kayaks, are encouraged to exit the river upstream or downstream of the navigational safety zone.

A violation of the regulatory buoys is subject to a fine under ND Administrative Code.

UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF TAX EQUALIZATION MEETING LAKOTA CITY COUNCIL April 7, 2025

The Lakota City Board of Tax Equalization met on Monday, April 7, 2025. Mayor Bill Solberg called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. All council members were present except Member Nelson. Assessor Michelle Linstad, City Auditor Amie Vasichek and City Superintendent Josh Ulland were also present.

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as presented by A	ssessor Linsta

as presented by Assessor Linstad, seconded by Member Fahey. On a roll call vote, all voting in favor. Motion

Member Haugland made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Member Vasichek. Meeting adjourned at 5:50

Amie Vasichek

Bill Solberg UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING LAKOTA CITY COUNCIL

April 7, 2025
The Lakota City Council held its regular meeting on April 7, 2025 at the city hall. Mayor Bill Solberg called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. All council members were present, except Member Nelson who was

Member Vasichek made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2025 regular meeting and the March 19, 2025 special meeting, seconded by Member Fahey. All voting in favor. Motion carried Member Vasichek made a motion

to launch the Stay Home/Return Home to Work grant program in June 2025, seconded by Member Fahey. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor. Motion carried. Member Fahey made a motion to

program as proposed, seconded by Member Matejcek. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

to approve the overall electrical rate increase of 3.5% for year 2025 and year 2026, seconded by Member Ferguson. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor. Motion

to approve the proposed sewer rate increase, seconded by Member Fahey. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

to approve the proposed water rate

Member Ferguson made a

to approve Morris Seal Coat's

estimate of \$195,630 to chip-seal approximately 50% of the town in 2025, seconded by Member Matejcek. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

Member Vasichek made a motion to approve the bid from Witzel Construction of \$4,457 to install water/sewer in the Market Village lot, seconded by Member Haugland. On a roll call vote, all members voting in

favor. Motion carried.

Member Vasichek made a motion to update the landfill rates as proposed, seconded by Member Ferguson. On a roll call vote all members voting in favor. Motion

Member Fahey made a motion to approve a special events permits for Till House for May 3, 2025 at the Lakota Community Center, seconded by Member Haugland. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor.

After reviewing the bills and vouchers, a motion was made by Member Ferguson to pay all the bills presented for payment and those bills paid prior to the meeting. Member Fahey seconded the motion. Motion

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approve the Lakota Housing Incentive Member Vasichek made a motion

carried. Member Matejcek made a motion

Member Fahey made a motion

increase, seconded by Member Haugland. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

motion to approve the expense for supplemental insurance or Medicare for K. Burkland in lieu of the provided group health insurance with the city, seconded by Member Vasichek. On a roll call vote, all members voting in favor. Motion carried. Member Fahey made a motion Motion carried.

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Member Fahey made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Member Vasichek. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m

scheduled for Monday, May 5, 2025

Amie Vasichek

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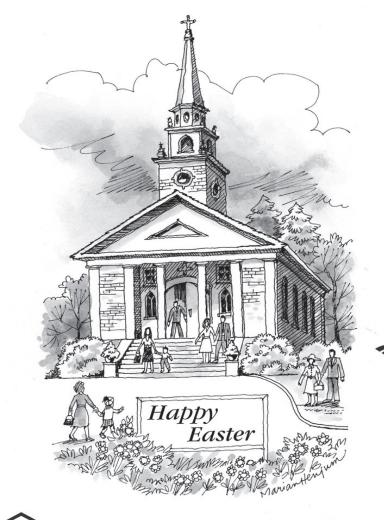
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Bill Solberg



The Joy Of Easter

Crown bim the Lord of life,

Who triumphed o'er the grave, And rose victorious in the strife For those he came to save; His glories now we sing Who died and rose on high, Who died eternal life to bring, And lives that death may die. ~ Matthew Bridges, 1851

As we celebrate Easter, we're reminded of Christ's death, burial, and glorious resurrection. We wish you a joyful Easter.



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