

PETITION: removal of officials

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temporary purpose and to which the person returns in seasons of repose. 2. There can be only one residence.”

Another chapter in N.D. Century Code states: “A person appointed to office as provided in this chapter shall qualify within the time and in the manner required of a person elected or appointed to such office for a full term.”

The governor may remove certain officials from office “whenever it appears to the governor by a preponderance of the evidence after a hearing as provided in this chapter, that the officer has been guilty of misconduct, malfeasance, crime in office, neglect of duty in office, or of habitual substance abuse or gross incompetency,” according to N.D. Century Code.

The petition requires 50 signatures, and a sponsoring five-person committee. Devitt has 90 days to gather the signatures, and had 43 signatures as of last Saturday.

N.D. Century Code also outlines removal and appointment proceedings.

When the petition is filed, the attorney general shall conduct an investigation within 30 days. Upon completion of the investigation, the attorney general shall make a recommendation to the governor whether a removal proceeding should be conducted by a special commissioner. The governor may then

suspend the official.

When asked if the removal petition is personal, Devitt admitted it may seem that way.

“I understand that,” he says. But conversations with others prompted him to pursue this action, he says.

“Based on the pattern of behavior and the inability to acknowledge that they were wrong, and just doubling down and tripling down, in my opinion, stonewalling me at the board meetings, not even listening to what I have to say,” he says.

“You don’t have to dislike our current sheriff or the board members to sign the petition. You just have to

say, ‘They did something wrong. Let’s make it right.’ Unfortunately, they’re forcing me to do this this way, where they could have just easily said, ‘OK, we made a mistake, we’re sorry,’” Devitt says.

“I’ve lost hours and hours of sleep in this over what I thought would have been a simple fix,” Devitt says. “This is a serious violation in my opinion. ... I’m actually even kind of a little bit disheartened about the apathy of some of the people that I’ve talked to, and they’re like, ‘Who cares, it’s no big deal.’”

Dillon says he has lost sleep over the issue as well.

With only two licensed deputies and a sheriff, Dillon points to the jeopardy his removal would place on the county and department.

“Times are tough

for law enforcement in small communities across the state. There is a very large number of law enforcement job openings in the state,” he says. One new hire will start training in February.

“We are still one deputy short and we have no applicants at this time. I am a resident of Grant County according to the laws of North Dakota. I’m appointed, not an elector. I have eight years of experience and willing to serve this community as your sheriff. It would be a shame to lose my experience and not be able to fill the open deputy position,” Dillon says.

Public Notice

OIL & GAS LEASE ONLINE AUCTION

The Board of University and School Lands will conduct an online oil and gas lease auction for one hundred fifty-three (153) tracts in Billings, Bottineau, Burke, Divide, Dunn, Golden Valley, McKenzie, Mountrail, Sioux, and Williams Counties, ND. Bidding will commence February 4, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. CT and end February 11, 2025. The link to view the tracts and participate in the auction is: https://www.energynet.com/govt_listing.pl

A 3% convenience fee will be assessed. Anyone needing auxiliary aids and services should call Lynn at (701) 328-1921 by January 28, 2025. 01/16/2025 /s/ Joseph A. Heringer Commissioner

ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND AND ADOPT ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

RELATING TO STANDARDS OF WATER QUALITY North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality is soliciting views and will hold a public hearing on the N.D. Admin. Code 33.1-16-02.1 at:

ND Dept. of Environmental Quality
4201 Normandy Street
Bismarck, ND 58503-1324
March 17th, 2025
5:00 p.m. CT

TAKE NOTICE that the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality is soliciting views and holding a hearing relating to the Standards of Quality for Waters of the State, N.D. Administrative Code Chapter 33.1-16-02.1. This is an opportunity for all citizens and stakeholders to voice concerns and provide input during the review process as required by 33 U.S.C. § 1313(c). The standards may be viewed on the department’s website www.nddeq.gov. A copy may also be requested by writing the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality at 4201 Normandy St, Bismarck ND 58503 or by calling the Department at 701-328-5210. A virtual option to attend the hearing will be provided. Information to attend the virtual option can be obtained by calling the Department phone number listed above. Written comments sent to the mailing address above received by the Department until March 28th, 2025, will be fully considered. The NDDEQ will consider every request for reasonable accommodation to provide an accessible meeting facility or other accommodation for people with disabilities, language interpretation for people with limited English proficiency (LEP), and translations of written material necessary to access programs and information. Language assistance services are available free of charge to you. To request accommodations, contact the Non-discrimination Coordinator at 701-328-5150 or deq@nd.gov by March 14th, 2025. TTY users may use Relay North Dakota at 711 or 1-800-366-6888.

Dated this 13th day of January 2025. Karl H Rockeman, Deputy Director, Division of Water Quality.

ATTENTION CORN GROWERS

The North Dakota Corn Utilization Council election for Grant County will take place on Thursday, January 30, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. (MT) at the Grant County Fair Building, 310 S Main Street, in Carson, ND.

ELECTION

A Voting Producer is a person who plants, or causes to be planted a Corn crop in which the person has an ownership interest, with the intent that upon maturity the crop will be harvested in the next available or immediately preceding growing season. Producers have to reside in Grant County and have not requested a Corn refund during the preceding year. For more information, call the North Dakota Corn Utilization Council at (701) 566-9322.

ATTENTION SUNFLOWER GROWERS

The North Dakota Oilseed Council - Sunflower election for Grant County will take place on Thursday, January 30, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. (MT), at the Grant County Fair Building, 310 S Main Street, in Carson.

ELECTION

Anyone who has planted sunflowers in 2024 or intends to plant in 2025 and is a participating producer who resides in Grant County is eligible and encouraged to vote or can be a candidate.

For more information, contact the North Dakota Oilseed Council at (701) 328-5107.

CORRECTION

Our apologies. Last week the ad for the Jacobson Memorial Hospital Annual Meeting listed the meeting as **Thursday**, Feb. 4 instead of **Tuesday**, Feb. 4.

Notice of Annual Meeting for Jacobson Memorial Hospital Care Center, Inc.

The Annual Meeting of the Jacobson Memorial Hospital Care Center will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2025, at the New Leipzig Community Center, New Leipzig, North Dakota.

In addition to the regular business meeting, the agenda will also include a meal.

The meal will begin at 5:30 p.m. MT, with the business meeting at 6 p.m. MT.

Both members and non-members are invited and encouraged to attend.

Association Member PROXY

If you are a voting member of the Jacobson Memorial Hospital Care Center and are unable to attend this meeting, you may authorize another member to vote on your behalf. Please complete the following information and return the signed proxy to the individual you would like to vote on your behalf, or to the JMHCC CEO before the date of the meeting.

I, the undersigned member of the Jacobson Memorial Hospital Care Center, a non-profit corporation, Elgin, North Dakota, do hereby appoint _____ (indicate name of voting member you designate) my true and lawful Attorney, with power of substitution, for me and in my name to vote at the annual meeting of the members of the Jacobson Memorial Hospital Care Center, to be held at the New Leipzig Community Center, New Leipzig, North Dakota, on Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2025, for the purposes of the election of individuals to the board of directors of said corporation, to be elected at the meeting, or such other business as may come before the meeting with all the powers I would possess if personally present, hereby revoking all previous proxies by me.

Dated this ____ day of _____, 2025

Member Signature: _____

Witness Signature: _____

48th Annual Sale

Maher JM Angus



Selling 60 Black Angus Bulls

Tuesday, January 28th, 2025
1:00 pm MST.
@The Ranch

Sires:
Substantial - Ransom
Safe Deposit - Dynamic

Free Keep until April 1st or take home sale day & deduct \$100

Jeremy & Stefanie Maher
Cell 605-314-4760 or 605-314-4761
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9834 62nd Ave SW
Morristown, SD 57645
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PRAIRIE HILLS GELBIEH

ANNUAL BULL SALE


FEBRUARY 8, 2025
AT THE RANCH - NORTH OF DICKINSON, ND

SELLING 65 PUREBRED GELBIEH, BALANCER, AND RED ANGUS BULLS


RAISING THE BAR: EXCLUSIVE SONS FROM PHG'S HOTTEST NEW SIRES!




LOT 1 - PHG M88
ITRSCR K192 X BLACKOUT 7412E
99.9% PB Gelbvieh
BW: 84 WW: 856



LOT 6 - PHG M80
ITRSCR K192 X PNYCHECK C24
99.9% PB Gelbvieh
BW: 85 WW: 860



LOT 42 - PHG M47
STOCK FUND 9097B X LEGACY D05
43.8% Balancer
BW: 85 WW: 878



LOT 45 - PHG M65
TROUBADOUR 270J490 X TAYLOR MADE 850
92.2% PB Gelbvieh
BW: 69 WW: 869

BID ONLINE AT: DVAuction.com MARKETTING

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