

CENTER REPUBLICAN PUBLIC NOTICES

PETITION TO WORK WITHIN RIGHT-OF-WAY

PETITION TO WORK WITHIN RIGHT-OF-WAY of SECTION LINES and CONSTRUCTION ON COUNTY ROAD 37TH AVE SW – May 6, 2025

This Petition is presented pursuant to N.D.C.C. Sections 38-01- 07.1 and 38-01-07.2, and the Petitioner respectfully requests that notice and hearing be held on this Petition accordingly.

BNI Coal, Ltd., hereby petitions the Oliver County Board of County Commissioners to conduct road construction activities within 100 feet of the outside Right-of-Way line and within the Right-of-Way line of the existing county road of the following sections:

1. 37th Ave SW (County Road), between Section 11 and Section 12, T141N R84W.
2. 37th Ave SW (County Road, between Section 13 and Section 14, T141N R84W.
3. 37th Ave SW (County Road, between Section 23 and Section 24, T141N R84W.

The work within the right of way would be to construct an overpass crossing (separate agreement) for BNI Coal to access future surface mining operations of the west side of 37th Ave SW. As part of the overpass agreement BNI agrees to provide an alternative travel route during any construction

activities that would encumber traffic on 37th Ave SW. If required by the Oliver County Board of County Commissioners, BNI agrees that after completion of its surface coal mining operations in the affected areas it will restore any or all of the roads that are closed pursuant hereto to as good a condition as existed prior to the closing of the road or roads.

BNI Coal, Ltd., hereby petitions the Oliver County Board of County Commissioners to conduct road construction activities within 100 feet of the outside Right-of-Way line and within the Right-of-Way line of the following Section Line:

The south side of the section line between Section 10 and 15, T141N, R84W.

The east side of the section line between Section 10 and 11, T141N, R84W.

A hearing on the Petition will be held by the Board of Oliver County Commissioners in the Oliver County Courthouse at Center, North Dakota, on the 4th day of June 2025, at 1:00P.M., CDT, for the purpose of receiving testimony and evidence bearing upon the above request by BNI Coal, LTD. Statements may be made orally or in writing at the time of the public hearing..



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Knife River-North Central has applied for a conditional use permit for a gravel crushing pit within the NW ¼ of Section 26, Township 143, Range 82 of Oliver County, North Dakota. Take further notice that the Oliver County Planning & Zoning Commission pursuant to the provision of Section 17.3 of the Oliver County Zoning Ordinance will hold a public hearing on the request. The

hearing will be held at 7:00 PM on Thursday, June 9th, 2025, in the Meeting Room of the Oliver County Courthouse, in Center, North Dakota. The public may comment by attending the meeting or in writing to the Oliver County Planning & Zoning Board, PO Box 188, Center, ND 58530.

(05-29-2025)(06.05.2025)

OLIVER COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING

OLIVER COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING will be held on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, at 12:30 pm at the Oliver

County Courthouse.

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2025 MOTORCOACH TOURS

Mystery Tour	July 13-17
Medora 60th Anniversary	July 23-25
Folklorama	August 8-11
Mackinac Island & Duluth	Aug. 31 - Sept. 6
Washington, D.C. & Gettysburg	September 12-20
Nashville & the Smoky Mountains	October 1-10
Branson Holiday #1	Oct. 31 - Nov. 6
Branson Holiday #2	November 7-13
Branson Holiday #3 (Minot/Devils Lake boarding)	November 13-19



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The North Dakota Game and Fish Department announces the following summary of regulations and changes for the 2025-2026 Deer Hunting Proclamation.

Apply online at gf.nd.gov. The deadline for submitting applications is June 4, 2025.

SEASON	OPENS	CLOSES	AREAS	RESTRICTIONS
DEER BOW	August 29 12:00 noon (CT)	January 4	Statewide	Residents - Any deer is legal. No unit restrictions. Nonresidents - Restricted to species of deer described on license. No unit restrictions. Orange clothing required of all bow hunters during regular gun season.
DEER GUN	November 7 12:00 noon (CT) 16 1/2 Day Season	November 23	All units	Restricted to type of deer and unit described on license. Type of deer includes species and whether antlerless or antlered (at least one visible antler). Note exception for white-tailed deer hunters in units 4B, 4C, 4D and 4E. Orange clothing required.
MUZZLELOADER	November 28 12:00 noon (CT)	December 14	Statewide	Restricted to white-tailed deer only and type of deer described on license. No unit restrictions. Orange clothing required.
YOUTH DEER	September 19 12:00 noon (CT)	September 28	Statewide	11-, 12- and 13-year-olds – Any antlerless deer is legal.* 14- and 15-year-olds – Any deer is legal.* Orange clothing required. *Hunting units 4A-4F, 3B1 and 3B2 a special license is required to hunt mule deer. These licenses are valid only in the unit specified on the license.
SPECIAL DEER-BOW HERD REDUCTION	August 29 12:00 noon (CT)	January 31	See Proclamation	Restricted to any-antlerless deer as described on license.

SUMMARY OF CHANGES FROM LAST YEAR

- The 2025 North Dakota deer hunting season is set with 42,300 licenses available, 7,800 less than last year.
- A total of 806 muzzleloader licenses will be available in 2025, 150 less than last year.

A complete 2025 deer hunting proclamation is available from the North Dakota Game & Fish Department, 100 North Bismarck Expressway, Bismarck, ND 58501-5095, (701) 328-6300 or online at gf.nd.gov.

YOUR RIGHT TO KNOW...

Sylvia Reese: ‘It's never too late to invest in yourself’ 70-year-old woman pursues bachelor’s degree at DSU

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STRATEGIC INITIATIVES AND EVENTS

For Sylvia Reese, the journey to a bachelor’s degree began more than 50 years ago. Fresh out of high school, she started college like many of her peers but quickly found herself struggling to stay focused. Life soon led her down a different path.

She paused her education, got married and started a family. Her dreams of earning a degree were put on hold as she embraced the role of wife and mother.

Years passed, and once her youngest child left home for school, Sylvia found herself at a turning point. She returned to the classroom and earned an associate degree in early childhood education. For several years, she worked in preschools, pouring her heart into nurturing young learners. But when the COVID-19 pandemic shuttered schools across the country, Sylvia and her husband made a big move, relocating to North Dakota to be closer to their grandchildren.

It was then, at age 67, Sylvia made a bold decision – she would return to college to pursue her bachelor's degree.

“I wasn’t sure I could do it,” she admitted. “There were so many moments where I felt out of place, especially being significantly older than my classmates. But they embraced me, offered help when I needed it and never made me feel like I didn’t belong.”

Technology proved to be one of the biggest challenges. Navigating online systems, digital platforms and virtual meetings wasn’t second nature to someone who had grown up in a pre-digital world.

“The technology part has not been easy,” Sylvia said with a laugh. “But the younger students have helped me with those challenges.”

Beyond academics, Sylvia balanced life as a student and a full-time grandmother. Sometimes that meant juggling homework with grandkid playtime or even having her youngest grandson pop into advisor meetings.

Fortunately, her professors at Dickinson State University welcomed her unique circumstances with open arms.

Dr. Deborah Secord, who served as Sylvia’s advisor and mentor, played an especially impactful role.

“She has been my cheerleader and has prodded me through this experience,” Sylvia shared. “She believed in me.”

Dr. Secord echoed that sentiment, saying, “I invested a lot of time into her because I truly believe everyone deserves the opportunity to accomplish their dreams. Sylvia’s passion to achieve this goal never wavered.”

One of the most rewarding aspects of Sylvia’s college journey was her student teaching experience in a multi-grade classroom. It solidified her confidence and gave her a clear sense of direction.

After graduation, she hopes to find a part-time position as a teacher assistant, working with young students, a role she feels deeply called to pursue.

But Sylvia’s story doesn’t end with her own accomplishments. Her journey has also inspired the next generation, most notably her daughter.

“My daughter has been encouraged by her workplace to get her bachelor’s in nursing,” Sylvia said. “And I wanted her to know that she isn’t too old to do it. Because if I’m not too old at 70, she isn’t too old either.”

Sylvia Reese stands as a powerful reminder that it’s never too late to chase your dreams, invest in yourself, and show others what’s possible, at any age.