

CENTER REPUBLICAN PUBLIC NOTICES

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.

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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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STAY INFORMED
READ YOUR PUBLIC NOTICES.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE AN AIR POLLUTION CONTROL TITLE V PERMIT TO OPERATE

Take notice that the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (NDDEQ) proposes to issue a renewed Air Pollution Control Permit to Operate to Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc. for operation of the Milton R. Young Station in accordance with the ND Air Pollution Control Rules. The facility is an electric generating power plant located near Center in Oliver County. The Milton R. Young Station mailing address is 3401 – 24th Street SW, Center, ND 58530-0127. There are no changes in potential emissions.

A thirty-day public comment period for the draft permit will begin June 6, 2025 and end on July 5, 2025. Direct comments in writing to the NDDEQ, Division of Air Quality, 4201 Normandy Street 2nd Floor, Bismarck, ND 58503-1324 or email AirQuality@nd.gov, Re: Public Comment Permit No. AOP-28368 v6.0. Please note that, to be considered, comments submitted by email must be sent to the email address listed; comments sent to any other email address will not be considered. Comments must be received by 11:59 p.m. central time on the last day of the public comment period to be considered in the final permit determination. A public hearing regarding issuance of the permit will be held if a significant degree of public interest exists as determined by the NDDEQ. Requests for a public hearing must be received in writing by the NDDEQ

before the end of the public comment period.

The notice, draft permit, statement of basis and application are available for review at the NDDEQ address and at the Division of Air Quality website at <https://deq.nd.gov/AQ/PublicCom.aspx>. A copy of these documents may be obtained by writing to the Division of Air Quality or contacting Kyla Schneider at (701)328 5218 or emailing kkschneider@nd.gov.

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 or language assistance, contact the NDDEQ Non-discrimination/EJ Coordinator at 701-328-5150 or deqEJ@nd.gov. TTY users may use Relay North Dakota at 711 or 1-800-366-6888.

Dated this 28th day of May 2025

James L. Semerad
Director
Division of Air Quality

(06.05.2025)

NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO COMBATIVE SPORTS PROFESSIONAL BOXING AND MIXED FIGHTING STYLES

TAKE NOTICE that the **North Dakota Office of the Secretary of State** will hold a public hearing to address proposed changes to the **N.D. Admin. Code at 10 am on Wednesday, July 9, 2025, in the Secretary of State's Main Conference Room at the North Dakota State Capitol, 600 East Boulevard Avenue, Bismarck ND 58505.**

A copy of the proposed rules may be obtained at SOS.ND.gov or by writing the Office of the Secretary of State at 600 East Boulevard Avenue, Dept. 108, Bismarck ND 58505.

Also, written comments may be submitted to 600 East Boulevard Avenue, Dept. 108, Bismarck ND 58505, until 12 noon on Friday, July 25, 2025. If you plan to attend the public hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please call the Secretary of State at (701) 328-2900 at least four days prior to the public hearing.

Dated this 27 of May, 2025.
Michael Howe
Secretary of State

OUR OUTDOORS In My Dreams

By Nick Simonson

The window in the attic bedroom at the cabin stays open most summer nights, letting in the night breeze, at times the rumble of distant thunder, and many of the other sounds that come with the season. Most notably among nature’s noises that filter through the old screen are the varied calls of the loons on the lake a few feet from the peaked room where my youngest boy and I sleep in the old twin beds separated by a fly tying desk, just like my dad and I did in years before. The distinctive sounds bring with them the feel of lakes country, and not surprisingly, they have a sometimes eerie impact on the dreams I seem to have in greater intensity and frequency when sleeping near the water.

This past week, while on vacation, the calls – from the long, lonesome one-note “woooooo” to the tremolo warbling, to the siren-like “wee-oo-wee-oo” were so loud it felt as if the water-based black-and-white birds on the lake had somehow developed a sense of coordination and wandered themselves on top of the peak of the roof outside of our room.

The first instance on the week the call of the loons outside became that siren, as I dreamt I was being pulled over for some offense I couldn’t remember committing, but the thought of losing my near perfect record in real life – save for a couple speeding tickets and a care required after a black ice flipover in my youth – was abso-

lutely terrifying. The fear woke me up with a start and I listened as the conversation of two of the birds went back and forth, until I was wide awake enough to head out the back door and walk the dogs in the pre-dawn light.

The next night, the loud one-note whistle was a train steaming down the railroad tracks. I can recall little of the dream it associated with, but I woke up with a start when my brain envisioned a long tunnel with a light getting bigger and bigger, and me being unable to move in its circle of illumination. As I came to, the calls continued and I laughed myself into wakefulness, shook the sleep out of my eyes and prepared for an early morning fishing trip.

The final, and perhaps the most terrifying, influence the haunting call of the loon’s cry came on the last morning of vacation. I was stuck in a dream where the call became the whimper of my youngest son in the bed across the angled room from me. The vision in my unconscious brain matched the setting almost perfectly, and his stifled crying continued, despite him not moving, and breathing normally in my dream. It was troubling to say the least, but in the background of the unconscious integration of the loon’s call into my mind’s nightly theater, a voice said: “it sounds like a loon.”

With that I woke up. Indeed the sound again was a loon, as the wavering notes faded and then returned from the bird out just



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beyond the beach. This time too early to justify rising and starting the day, I listened to the last notes

fade away in the darkness and as the ease of reality and a return to sleep blanketed me. I drifted off

reassured that all was well in the little room at the east end of the cabin and...in our outdoors.