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Public Notice

NOTICE OF LAPSE OF MINERAL INTERESTS

To: Julia Swenson Walter Thompson, Marjorie Thompson, Alan DesLauriers, Donald Heramb, Mrs. Jerome (Pat) Mayer, Anne Carlson School, Westhope Home for the Aged, aka Westhope Home, Inc., Our Savior's Lutheran Church, aka Lutheran Hospitals and Homes Society of America, Inc, Renville Bottineau Memorial Hospital, and North Central Good Samaritan Center.

David A. Henderson, a single person, of 10780 39th Ave NW Sherwood ND 58782, is the present owner of the surface estate of the following real property in Renville County, North Dakota:

Township 163 North, Range 84 West  
Section 3: S½NW¼, Lots 3 and 4

In accordance with the provisions of North Dakota Century Code, Chapter 38-18.1, the mineral interests of the record owners Julia Swenson Walter Thompson, Marjorie Thompson, Alan DesLauriers, Donald Heramb, Mrs. Jerome (Pat) Mayer, Anne Carlson School, Westhope Home for the Aged, aka Westhope Home, Inc., Our Savior's Lutheran Church, aka Lutheran Hospitals and Homes Society of America, Inc, Renville Bottineau Memorial Hospital, and North Central Good Samaritan Center., in and under the above described real property have lapsed, and are deemed abandoned; you are hereby given notice of that lapse pursuant to Section 38-18.1-06 of the North Dakota Century Code. Mineral Interest as used herein shall mean all of the oil, gas, coal, clay, gravel, gold, uranium, bromine, calcium, fluorine, helium, iodine, lithium, magnesium, nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, potash, sodium, and sulfur and their compounds, as well as all other minerals.

Dated this day of May, 2024

David A. Henderson

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

) ss. COUNTY OF )

David A. Henderson, being first duly sworn, deposes and says: David A. Henderson is the surface owners of the above-described real estate, that he has read the within and foregoing Notice of Lapse of Mineral Interest by him subscribed and knows the contents thereof, and that the same are true of his own knowledge, except as to matters therein stated on information and belief, as to such matters, he believes it to be true.

David A. Henderson

On this day of May, 2024, before me personally appeared David A. Henderson, known to me to be the same person described in and who executed the within and foregoing instrument and acknowledged he executed the same.

Notary Public

NOTICE OF LAPSE OF MINERAL INTERESTS

To: Walter Thompson, Marjorie Thompson, Alan DesLauriers, Donald Heramb, Chancelor Energy, Inc., Marvin D. Allison, Mrs. Jerome (Pat) Mayer, Anne Carlson School, Westhope Home for the Aged, aka Westhope Home, Inc., Our Savior's Lutheran Church, aka Lutheran Hospitals and Homes Society of America, Inc., Renville Bottineau Memorial Hospital, and North Central Good Samaritan Center

John B. Henderson as Trustee of the John B. Henderson Revocable Trust u/a dated May 26, 2010, of 14546 Speranga Way, Bonita Springs FL, 34135, is the present owner of the surface estate of the following real property in Renville County, North Dakota: Township 164 North, Range 84 West  
Section 34: SW¼

In accordance with the provisions of North Dakota Century Code, Chapter 38-18.1, the mineral interests of the record owners Walter Thompson, Marjorie Thompson, Alan DesLauriers, Donald Heramb, Chancelor Energy, Inc., Marvin D. Allison, Mrs. Jerome (Pat) Mayer, Anne Carlson School, Westhope Home for the Aged, aka Westhope Home, Inc., Our Savior's Lutheran Church, aka Lutheran Hospitals and Homes Society of America, Inc.,

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Dated this day of May, 2024

John B. Henderson as Trustee of the John B. Henderson Revocable Trust u/a dated May 26, 2010

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

) ss. COUNTY OF )

John B. Henderson as Trustee of the John B. Henderson Revocable Trust u/a dated May 26, 2010, being first duly sworn, deposes and says: the John B. Henderson Revocable Trust u/a dated May 26, 2010 is the surface owners of the above-described real estate, that he has read the within and foregoing Notice of Lapse of Mineral Interest by him subscribed and knows the contents thereof, and that the same are true of his own knowledge, except as to matters therein stated on information and belief, as to such matters, he believes it to be true.

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Notary Public

Commerce to Launch Rural Catalyst Grant to Support Quality of Life and Economic Development in Small Communities

The North Dakota Department of Commerce opened applications for the Rural Catalyst Grant. This new funding opportunity is designed to support quality of life improvements and economic development projects in rural communities across the state.

The reimbursable grant program will be available to political subdivisions, Tribal entities and Regional Councils serving communities with populations of 4,500 or fewer. At least half of the available funds will be awarded to communities with populations of 1,500 or fewer.

“The legislature approved a \$2.5 million Catalyst Grant that rural communities can apply for to support quality of life, economic development and workforce development,” said Commerce Community Services Director Maria Effertz. “These grants are designed to help communities address their most pressing needs and create meaningful, lasting change.”

Eligible projects may focus on community and economic development, health and wellness, or the preservation or reopening of critical businesses such as rural grocery stores. Additional priorities include improving access to health care, essential services, education, housing and transportation. Projects must demonstrate collaboration among local organizations, businesses and government entities and present innovative solutions to rural challenges.

ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO CERTIFICATION OF WATER TREATMENT FACILITY OPERATORS, WATER DISTRIBUTION AND STORAGE SYSTEM OPERATORS, WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY OPERATORS, AND WASTEWATER COLLECTION AND TRANSFER SYSTEM OPERATORS

TAKE NOTICE that the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (“Department”) will hold a public hearing to address amendments to North Dakota Administrative Code (N.D. Admin. Code) chapter 33.1-19-01 regarding certification of water treatment facility operators, water distribution and storage system operators, wastewater treatment facility operators, and wastewater collection and transfer system operators at the following time and location:

2nd Floor Conference Room  
North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality  
4201 Normandy St, Bismarck, ND 58503-1324  
December 30, 2025  
10:00 AM CST

A copy of the proposed rule amendments may be requested by writing the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality, operator certification program, 4201 Normandy St, Bismarck, ND 58503-1324 or calling (701) 328-5150. Written comments on the proposed rule amendments may be submitted to the above mailing address or by email to DEQ-MF-Inspection@nd.gov until January 9, 2025.

If you plan to attend the public hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the Department at the above address or telephone number below at least two days prior to the public hearing. The Department 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 Department's 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.

There will be real time public streaming of the public hearing through a Microsoft Teams meeting. No testimony will be accepted through the Microsoft Teams meeting. Information concerning listening access by telephone or through Microsoft Teams can be obtained by calling (701) 328-5150 or can be found on the Department's website at: https://deq.nd.gov/PublicNotice.aspx.

Dated this 25th day of November, 2025.  
L. David Glatt, P. E.  
Director, Department of Environmental Quality

ND Submits Rural Health Transformation Application Aimed at Strengthening Care in Rural Communities

Gov. Kelly Armstrong today announced that North Dakota submitted its Rural Health Transformation Program application to the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). The application outlines how the state will invest more than \$500 million over five years to strengthen rural health care by improving access, quality and outcomes for North Dakotans in rural communities.

“North Dakota is a proud rural state. Whether you live in Beach or Belcourt, Crosby or Colfax, or anywhere in between, North Dakotans should have access to high-quality health care,” Armstrong said. “The Rural Health Transformation Program gives us an opportunity to think about ways to bring sustainable and transformational care to our rural communities. We appreciate President Trump, CMS Administrator Oz and our congressional delegation for supporting this funding that will be transformational for health care delivery in North Dakota.”

Signed into law as part of the federal One Big Beautiful Bill Act, the Rural Health Transformation Program empowers North Dakota to reimagine how rural health care is delivered and create innovative, lasting solutions that meet the needs of local communities.

The state’s application centers on four strategic initiatives: strengthening and stabilizing rural health workforce; making North Dakota healthy again with preventive care and healthy eating; bringing high-quality health care closer to home; and connecting technology, data and providers for a stronger North Dakota.

“This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to strengthen rural health care delivery in North Dakota,” said Pat Traynor, interim commissioner of North Dakota Health and Human

Services (HHS). “Our plan prioritizes better access to care and long-term wellness while advancing our vision to make North Dakota the healthiest state in the nation.”

Each initiative includes proposed activities supported by the funding, such as creating new workforce pipelines for rural health through expanded residencies and training programs and launching North Dakota Moves Together to encourage physical activity and community connection. Other initiatives include developing telehealth infrastructure for local primary, behavioral health and specialty care, and building a modern, connected statewide health care data hub.

Sarah Aker, HHS medical services executive director, said the state’s application was shaped predominantly from stakeholder feedback and support from North Dakota lawmakers.

“Our goal from the beginning was to listen first,” said Aker. “The ideas and priorities came directly from the people who know rural health care best – our residents, providers, tribal partners, community leaders and other partners across the state.”

To gather input, HHS launched a 30-day survey that received more than 1,200 responses and hosted three listening sessions attended by over 300 participants.

The federal law appropriates \$50 billion over five years, splitting half equally among all states. The other half will be given to states based on their applications and metrics that show where the funding can make the biggest health impact in rural communities.

CMS is expected to announce award decisions by Dec. 31, 2025.

To learn more about the Rural Health Transformation Program and to review the state’s application, visit hhs.nd.gov/rural-health-transformation.

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Dakota Datebook

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The Buttercup by Sarah Walker

December 1, 2025 – This date in 1932 would have been just about ideal for enjoying the inaugural harvest of the new Buttercup Squash developed by the North Dakota Agricultural College in Fargo.

The Buttercup was the result of work done by horticulturist Albert F. Yeager, chemist T. H. Hooper, and Constance Leeb and Esther Letzke of the Home Economics Research department. The team had spent the past ten years crossing different types of squash. Their aim was to develop a variety to take the place of the sweet potato, which hadn't grown well in the region.

The team examined each hybrid they produced, performing chemical analyses, looking for the perfect ratio of moisture and desirability. The squash that Yeager would name the Buttercup reached that golden ratio. The Harvey Herald reported that the "outstanding" features of the squash included its weight, which clocked in between three and four pounds, a "nice family size"; a low moisture content, which was helped eliminate watery squash; skin that peeled smoothly and easily after baking; and a plant that matured well during the short summer season of North Dakota.

This success story exemplified the mindset at the Agricultural College. In the 1930 yearbook, the school noted the importance of agricultural studies, stating, "The modernistic note in college education in America was struck when Senator Morrill laid the foundation which made possible college education in agriculture and the mechanic arts. The School of Agriculture in this college has been ringing the changes on that note ever since the college was established in 1890."

It also said that, "Chemistry is the keynote in the arch of our modern civilization." It went on to show forward thinking in stating that, "Today, if a girl does not like housework and does enjoy another interest more, she can continue her career and supervise her home."

So, here's to the Buttercup: Created in North Dakota, and still popular today.

The Mysteries of Making Lutefisk Revealedby Dr. Steve Hoffbeck

December 2, 2025 – There is a powerful Norwegian-American heritage in North Dakota. In fact, N.D. has been recognized as the most “Norwegian” state in the U.S.

Along with this proud heritage comes lutefisk, the target of much derision. Lutefisk, as defined by historian Art Lee in his book, “Leftover Lutefisk,” is a “uniquely prepared fish eaten by Scandinavians in general and Norwegians in particular.” The word comes from the “Norwegian words ‘lute’ (meaning to wash in a lye-and-water solution) and ‘fisk’ (fish).”

Prior to the days of refrigeration, Norwegians preserved codfish by drying it in the sun, and, after being stored for any length of time, the fish became very hard. To soften the fish, Scandinavians soaked it in lye-water, and then carefully washed off the lye. Lye is a chemical used to make soap and unclog drains, but strangely enough, it's also used to make pretzels shiny brown; to cure olives for eating; and to put a gleam on bagels.

After rinsing off the lye, cooks plunge lutefisk into boiling water to cook it into a gelatinous state, then serve it with oceans of melted-butter and plenty of salt.

When Norwegians immigrated to N.D. in the 1870s and onward, they brought the lutefisk tradition along

with them.

It was on this date, in 1912, that a Grand Forks grocery-store advertised “Lutefisk ... fresh soaked” for 5 cents a pound. December brought the “lutefisk season” for the local Norwegians, who could buy – either the dry fish ready for preparation, or the soaked fish, ready to serve in a short time.

The dried fish had to be softened-up, and its preparation took about three weeks. This was considered an art. It had to be saturated in fresh water for four days; then immersed in lye-water for four days, and finally, drenched for four more days in fresh-water, being sure to change the water daily, to extract all the lye.

Then came the cooking; and it was wise to open kitchen doors and windows, using a “good breeze and electric fan” to air it out. Even with good ventilation, the kitchen smelled of lutefisk for two weeks.

Why do people still eat lutefisk? Well, it is traditional and truly Norwegian. Non-Norwegians hold their noses, wondering, and exclaim: “Uff da!”

Dakota the Dinosaur by Carole Butcher

December 3, 2025 – North Dakota is no stranger to dinosaurs. The Hell Creek Formation in North Dakota is well known for dinosaur discoveries, and fossils can be seen in museums all across the state. But perhaps the most spectacular North Dakota dinosaur is on display at the State Historical Society of North Dakota.

In 1999, paleontology student Tyler Lyson came across the remains of a dinosaur on his family’s southwestern North Dakota property. There was no indication the remains were anything special, but for several years, Lyson continued to investigate the site. He ended up discovering not only the bones of a dinosaur, but also fossilized soft tissue. This is extremely rare.

Noted British paleontologist Phillip Manning teamed up with Lyson, and together, they excavated the site in 2006 and revealed an extraordinary 67-million-year-old duckbill dinosaur mummy. The presence of the soft tissue allowed scientists to estimate the size and speed of the dinosaur. They concluded that it was 35 feet long, weighed 3.5 tons, and could run 28 miles per hour. A CAT scan showed that it had much more powerful hind legs than scientists previously believed.

On this date in 2007, Manning and Tyson formally unveiled Dakota the Dinosaur. It was the best preserved dinosaur found in a century. Although it has been described as a mummy because of the soft tissue, the entire dinosaur had long since been turned to stone. The remains were found near what had been a river, but scientists do not know how Dakota died.

Scientists have agreed that Dakota the Dinosaur has altered their understanding. Only a few pieces of dinosaur skin have been found, and most of them are very small. Scientists believe the scales on Dakota are evidence of camouflage coloring. The dinosaur also had a pad on its palms and hooves on its feet.

Dakota is on display at the State Historical Society of North Dakota in Bismarck, and serves as a cornerstone of the museum.

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