



**Fessenden-Bowdon Cookie decor**  
Fessenden-Bowdon School hosted a family Christmas cookie decorating event last week, Dec. 11. More that 30 families joined in the fun to create individual cookie masterpieces. Principal Lindsay Widicker said the school plans to have another family-centered event in the spring. “It’s a great way for kids and parents to spend time together,” she said.



**Christmas wishes coming true**  
Volunteers get together every year to help collect, sort and organize Christmas gifts made available through the Wells County Christmas Anonymous program. Wish lists are collected and distributed for donations. The volunteers make sure that the gift wishes come true. This year they helped get Christmas packages to 52 households in the county. Christmas Anonymous volunteers who helped this year, pictured from left: Shelly Davis, Connie Czech, Deb Schmitz, Carla Newman, Sandy Kittelson, Kathy Eckart, Judy Keller, Judy Winandy. Not pictured, Londa Neumiller

**Presents** (Continued from Front)

kids before, but I hope they feel great and excited to get a gift." - Cooper H.  
"I felt good giving gifts. I hope they liked the present." - Colten M.  
"It felt great giving a gift to someone. I love giving gifts and spreading God's love to other people. I hope the person who got my gift loves it!" - Zoey R.  
The *Herald-Press* thanks Michelle Kukowski and her students for sharing their thoughts of giving at Christmas.

**Community Calendar**

To add your non-commercial event, call (701)324-4646 or email [heraldpress@midconetwork.com](mailto:heraldpress@midconetwork.com)

**Alcoholics Anonymous Mtg - 7pm every Thursday @ St. Cecilia Church, Harvey. Use the glass doors at the back of the church. \*No meeting on Thursday holidays.**  
*Meeting schedules listed here may change. Please check with meeting facilitator to confirm date and time.*

**Blue Christmas/Longest Night Service -**  
Sun., Dec. 21, 4:30 pm @ 1st Lutheran Church, Harvey

**Family Christmas Eve Candlelight Service -**  
Wed., Dec. 24, 5pm @ Faith Lutheran Church, Harvey

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**FDIC**  
  
700 Lincoln Avenue  
Harvey, N.D. 58341  
Phone 701-324-2285

**Happy Birthday**

**December 20:**  
Rick Schneibel Jr.  
Dean Schmeets  
James Faul  
Berdette Reiswig  
Devra Mogren  
Curtis Nutz  
Jeffery Otto  
Heather Wittman  
Marilyn Gedrose  
Loretta Gedrose  
Mattison Hjelden

**December 21:**  
Idell Lesmeister-Weninger  
Nancy Brewer  
Denise Martin  
Terri Wiest  
Dustin Heilman  
Brian Walsh  
Norma Hirschhorn  
Marjean Pfau  
Margaret Lindsay  
Debbie Riedesel  
Josephine Viternia  
Tyson Tipton

**December 22:**  
Eric Cahill  
Bill Deck  
Betty Skoglund  
Ryan Higgins  
Todd Broschat  
Elsie Melton  
Paula Richter  
Brandy Lange  
Samantha Hoffart  
Daniel Hager

**December 23:**  
Kristen Leier  
Sarah Meckle  
Darby Amundson  
Cyndy Volk  
Natasha Volochenko  
Sherri Kraft  
Alma Martin  
Rose Mary Russel  
Chantell Bernard

**December 24:**  
Maxine Loerch  
Christine Klein  
Jerald Weckerly  
Bob Rohrich  
Stella Phillip  
Glenn Willyard  
James Skadberg  
Rochelle Reddig

**December 25:**  
Kelly Jo Baltrusch  
Paul Zeien  
Rose Faul  
David Kukowski  
Holly Prom  
Barb Martin  
Sue Green  
Colin March  
Christine Moe  
Mary Schaefer  
Bev Risovi  
Joe Risovi

**December 26:**  
Glen L. Frey  
Mary Prouty  
Dorothy Schmeets  
Lena Zerr  
Lorene Alveshire  
Brittany Bender  
Justin Laber  
Jessica Laber  
Dwight Ross

Public Notices

VALHALLA TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING

Please take notice that a Public Hearing will be held by the Valhalla Township Zoning Board on the 29th day of December, 2025 at 7:00 pm at the bremen bar, Bremen ND to consider an adoption of wind energy facilities ordinance to the existing Valhalla Township zoning ordinance, and to consider the Wind Energy Facility Siting Permit application submitted by Flickertail Wind LLC, on November 12th 2025, public testimony welcome. The Valhalla Township Zoning Board consists of Kyle Alfstad, Nathan Lund, and Dan Alfstad. The zoning ordinance and permit application are available for public inspection during regular business hours by calling 701-302-8317.  
Kyle Alfstad  
Valhalla Township Chairman  
(December 13 & 20, 2025)

NOTICE OF HEARING

Please take notice that a Public Hearing will be held by the Wells County Planning Commission on the 5th day of January, 2026 at 7:00 pm in the meeting room of the KTL Building in Fessenden ND, for the purpose of discussing implementing a Data Center ordinance. The Wells County Planning Commission consists of Stan Buxa, Danny Maxwell, Daniel Stutlien, Chad Ziegler, Faye Schimelfenig, Robert Martin, Warren Strand, and Jon Polries.  
All parties and concerned citizens are invited to said hearing at which time they shall have the opportunity to be heard. Please take further notice that the proposed Data Center Ordinance of Wells County, ND shall be available

for inspection and copying at the Wells County Tax Director's Office, 700 Railway ST N Fessenden, ND, on Monday through Friday of each week between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm. Township officials also have copies of said changes, and all proposed documents can be viewed on the home page of [www.wellscountynd.com](http://www.wellscountynd.com). A link to the Proposed documents can also be found on the Wells County Government Facebook page.  
Dated this 9th day of June, 2025.  
Jana Mogren, Secretary  
(December 13, 20 & 27, 2025)

Notice to Creditors

Probate No. 52-2025-PR-00026  
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF WELLS

COUNTY, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
In the Matter of the Estate of Annette Marie Jansonius Langford, Deceased.  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the deceased are required to present their claims within three

months, 90 days, after the date of the first publication or mailing of this notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to David Langford and Tom Hodnefield, co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of Annette Marie Jansonius Langford, in care of Anthony Cooper of Bopper Law Firm, PLLC, 2151 36th Ave SW, Suite B, Minot, North Dakota 58701, or filed with the court.  
Dated this 1st day of December, 2025.

David Langford,  
Personal Representative  
Tom Hodnefield,  
Personal Representative  
First publication on the 20th day of December, 2025.  
(December 20 & 27, 2025, January 3, 2026)

**ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT, AMEND, AND REPEAL ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO N.D.A.C. ARTICLES 71-02, 71-03, 71-04, 71-05, 71-06, & 71-08**

**REGARDING THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM, UNIFORM GROUP INSURANCE PROGRAM, DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYEES, HIGHWAY PATROL RETIREMENT SYSTEM, RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE CREDIT, AND DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN**

TAKE NOTICE that the North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System will hold a public hearing to address proposed changes to the N.D. Admin. Code at 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at 1600 East Century Avenue Suite 2, Bismarck, North Dakota. The proposed rules relate to the Public Employees Retirement System, Uniform Group Insurance Program, Deferred Compensation Plan for Public Employees, Highway Patrol Retirement System, Retiree Health Insurance Credit, and Defined Contribution Plan. The proposed rules implement statutory changes made during the 2025 legislative session, clarify current administrative processes, and ensure consistency in administration within the various plans administered by NDPERS.

A copy of the proposed rules may be requested by writing to PO Box 1657, Bismarck, ND 58502, e-mailing [NDPERS-info@nd.gov](mailto:NDPERS-info@nd.gov), or calling 701-328-3900. Written comments on the proposed rules can be mailed to PO Box 1657, Bismarck, ND 58502 or emailed to [NDPERS-info@nd.gov](mailto:NDPERS-info@nd.gov). Oral comments can be submitted by calling 701-328-3900. Comments received by no later than 5:00 p.m. on February 2, 2026, will be fully considered. If you plan to attend the public hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System at the above telephone number or address at least seven days prior to the public hearing.

Dated this 9th day of December, 2025.  
Rebecca Fricke  
Executive Director

**ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT ADMINISTRATIVE RULES**  
relating to Exploration and Production of Critical Minerals in Coal-Bearing Formations.

**North Dakota Geological Survey**  
will hold public hearings to address proposed changes to the N.D. Admin. Code.

**Geological Survey**  
**1:30 pm CST**  
**Tues., Jan. 20, 2026**  
**1000 E Calgary Ave**  
**Bismarck, ND**

Copies of the proposed rules will be available December 17, 2025 and may be obtained by writing the Geological Survey at 600 E. Blvd, Dept. 474, Bismarck, ND 58505-0614, or by calling (701) 328-8000. View changes at [www.dmr.nd.gov/dmr/ndgs](http://www.dmr.nd.gov/dmr/ndgs)  
Comment in writing by 5pm January 30, 2026. Submit written comments to the Geological Survey (see address above) or [ndgs@nd.gov](mailto:ndgs@nd.gov). If you plan to attend the public hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the Geological Survey at the above address or phone number by January 12, 2026.

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