Agriculture grants and insurance discount would help farmers and ranchers

By Ann Estvold **NDNA** Legislative Intern

A North Dakotan who takes a defensive driving course may be eligible for a discount on his or her vehicle insurance. Could the same logic apply to farming and ranching? Sen. Don Schaible, R-Mott, wants to require a legislative study of the idea. It would explore the practicality of creating a program to make a farmer or rancher eligible for an insurance discount if they completed a farm safety course. The study would look into the needed elements of the course and how much a farmer or rancher could save on insurance costs. Schaible said the bill was inspired by recent farm accidents in his area, District 31, which includes Grant and Sioux counties and parts of Hettinger and Morton counties in southwestern North Dakota. SB 2157 has been approved by the Senate and got its first House hearing in the Agriculture Committee on Thurs-

SB 2342 provide grants for milk processing facilities in the state. North Dakota's dairy industry has been in a long decline; the state has about 10,000 dairy cows and 23 dairy farms, as of September 2024, compared to 93,000 dairy cows in 1980. "[This bill is] doing what we can to bring dairy farms back to the

state," said Peter Hanebutt, a spokesman for the North Dakota Farm Bureau. Grant money could be used for infrastructure, land acquisition or other necessary construction expenses. To qualify for grant funds, the facility would need to be capable of processing at least 3 million pounds of milk each year. The bill provides a \$10 million credit line from the Bank of North Dakota. Opponents of the bill say state funds should not go to a private business but instead should be spent on building a state-owned milk processor.

SB 2368 would provide additional money for a program called the Grassland Grazing Cost Share Program, which is run by the state Agriculture Department. The grants would go to cooperative grazing associations in western North Dakota. Grazing associations in the region's national grasslands have been repurposing abandoned or orphaned oil wells to provide water for cattle in dry areas. Many of the repurposed water sites are along the Maah Daah Hey Trail in southwestern North Dakota and could supply drinking water for people along the trail. Grant money may be used for water development, fencing, conservation initiatives, federal permitting compliance, and other projects that would improve grasslands health.

Bill would allow for children to reside in the Heart River Correctional Center

By Ann Estvold **NDNA Legislative Intern** Some women who come into

North Dakota's correctional system are pregnant, and 13 children were born to incarcerated mothers in one year. To address this issue, SB 2352 would allow female minimum-security female inmates at the Heart River Correctional Center at Mandan to care for their newborns at the center until they are 18 months old.

A new women's facility at the center is expected to open in the fall of 2027. The plans include four apartments, each containing six bedrooms, which would be used for mothers and their young children if the bill is approved. The apartments could hold up to 24 mothers at one time or 32 women without children if more space is needed for inmates, said Cheryl Thomas, women's services manager at the North Dakota Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

Thomas said the average sentence for inmates at Heart River is 18 months, and mothers whose sentences are longer would not be eligible for the program. The mother would be required to apply for the program, and the child's father would have to give permission for the child to live at the

Thomas said 12 other states have

nursery programs, and they see fewer mothers return to prison than in states without them.

SB 2352 includes \$100,000 for cribs and other necessary furniture. Money to care for the child would come from the Department of Health and Human Services. Supporters of the bill said the program would be less costly than having the child in foster

The program "gives Mom the thought of normalcy," said Thomas. It would allow the mother to learn parenting skills in a supervised situation, and would help them have a better understanding of what their responsibilities are when they leave prison, she said. Inmates at the Heart River Correctional Center have jobs while they are there. Thomas said the mothers would be responsible for dropping their children off at a child care area, just as they would need to find childcare after leaving the center.

"What greater thing to improve your life than motherhood," said Sen. Dick Dever, R-Bismarck, the prime sponsor of the bill.

Opponents of the bill said they were worried about the state's liability if something happened while the child was in the care of the state. SB 2352 is being reviewed by the House Appropriations Committee.

Dakota Datebook

By Sarah Walker

school from Class B to snag the Class

A title. Although L. A. White, secre-

tary of the board of control and su-

perintendent of schools at Minot,

emphasized that none of the teams

who had played in the Class A tour-

naments were truly considered Class

B. He stated that as soon as a Class

B team challenged a Class A team,

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they entered Class A.

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Early Class A and Class B basketball

It was in 1914 that the first official state basketball tournament was played in North Dakota. All participating schools played in one class. The champions from four districts went on to the state championship. The Fargo team won that very first tournament in games played in Fargo at the North Dakota Agricultural Col-

For 1933, a two-class system was adopted. Larger schools became Class A, and Class B teams were created for schools with lower enrollments. The first Class B Basketball tournament was played in Valley City. It was a close one, as Fairmount beat Cando in overtime.

Despite the separation, Class A and B teams could still mix. In fact, a Class B Team could challenge a Class A team during the district battles, and if they won, they could enter the Class A tournament!

Various Class B teams accepted the challenge, and in 1935 the Class B teams of Grafton and Wahpeton did make it into the Class A tournament. It was staged in Bismarck at the World War Memorial Building, and 250 extra seats were brought in to increase seating capacity, bringing the total "well over the 3,000 mark." In the end, Class B Grafton won the Class A title! And Class B Wahpeton

was the runner up! Much was reported about the exciting result. The winning Grafton team received awards and was treated to a luncheon at the Capitol building by the Grand Forks Commercial Club. John Burke, once-Governor, former US Treasurer, and then-current Chief Justice of the State Supreme Court, was one of the prominent local figures who spoke at the luncheon.

This was quite a result, but not unprecedented. The Bismarck Tribune noted that Grafton was the fourth



Notice

NOTICE OF LEASING STATE SCHOOL LANDS

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The Board of University and School Lands will offer the following lands for lease in Towner County. Olson (158-067)

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Control requirements apply to all lessees. Auctioneer will read specific requirements at the auction. The public lease auction will be held in Cando, ND at Towner County Courthouse, Commissioner's Room on 3/24/25 at 1:30 PM CT. Other than the descriptions of the lands to be auctioned, the information contained in this advertisement may be revised prior to the auction upon further review by the North Dakota Department of Trust Lands. Any such revisions will be announced at the auction and will be binding upon the bidders. Bidding will begin at minimum rent. 1st year's rent must be paid in full immediately after the sale. The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids. For more information, visit https://land.nd.gov or call (701) 328-2800. For auxiliary aids and services, please call by 3/14.

Joseph A. Heringer COMMISSIONER 1707 N 9th St | Bismarck ND 58506-5523 PHONE: 701-328-2800 | FAX: 701-328-3650 | WEB: https://land.nd.gov

March 1, 8, 15 and 22, 2025

City of Bisbee

The City of Bisbee Tax Equalization meeting scheduled for April 3, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall in Bishee

March 15, 22 and 29, 2025

Meeting Notice

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the Sarles Rural Fire Department will be held on March 25, 2025 at 6 pm at Kyle's Place in Sarles. Election of directors will take place for those whose terms are ex-

March 15 and 22, 2025

Township Meeting

The Atkins Township annual meeting will be on March 27 at 9 a.m. at the Jim Howard

March 15 and 22, 2025

Township Meeting

The Bethel Township will have their annual meeting on March 26 at 4pm at the Darin

March 15 and 22, 2025

The Mesa Township annual meeting will be

Township Meeting

on March 24 at 7 p.m. at the Joe Parker res-March 15 and 22, 2025

Township Meeting

The Springfield Township annual meeting will be on March 25 at 7 p.m. at the Billy and Michelle Harkness residence

March 15 and 22, 2025

Township Meeting

The annual meeting for Armourdale Township will be March 31 at 10 am at the Myron Jacobsen home.

March 22 and 29, 2025

Township Meeting

The Twin Hill Township annual meeting will be on March 31 at 7 p.m. at the Bruce Rinas March 22 and 29, 2025

Township Meeting

The Bethel Township will have their equalization meeting on April 3 at 10:30am at the **Towner County Courthouse**

March 22 and 29, 2025

THE NORTH DAKOTA GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THE FOLLOWING SUMMARY OF REGULATIONS AND CHANGES FOR THE 2025 BIGHORN SHEEP, ELK AND MOOSE PROCLAMATION.

Applications must be submitted online. The deadline to apply is March 26, 2025.

SPECIES	SEASON	SEASON BAG LIMIT
Anticipated Bighorn Sheep Regular Season	Oct. 31 – Dec. 31	One Male Bighorn Sheep
Elk Bow Season (Unit E1E, E1W, E2, E6, E7)	Sep. 5 – Sep. 28	One Elk of the type designated on license
Elk Regular Season (Unit E1E, E1W, E2, E7)	Oct. 3 – Jan. 4	
Elk Regular Season (Unit E3, E4, E5)	Sep. 5 – Jan. 4	
Elk Regular Season (Unit E6)	Oct. 3 – Nov. 6 & Nov. 24 – Jan. 4	
Moose Bow Season (Unit M5, M6, M8, M9, M10, M11)	Sep. 5 – Sep. 28	One Moose of the type designated on license
Moose Regular Season (Unit M5, M6, M8, M9, M10, M11)	Oct. 10 – Nov. 2	

SUMMARY OF CHANGES FROM LAST YEAR

- A bighorn sheep hunting season is scheduled to open in 2025, unless there is a recurrence of bacterial pneumonia.

 Applicants may apply for a license at this time, but not in a specific unit. The status of the bighom sheep season will be determined by September 1.
- Total elk licenses increased by 127 to 960. Total moose licenses increased by 54 to 296.
- All moose licensees and Unit E1E, E1W, E2, E6 and E7 elk licensees may hunt during both the Bow Season and the
- Regular Season until license is filled. Moose Hunting Units M1C and M4 will remain closed in 2025.
- Unit E7 was created after discussions with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, landowners and hunters to manage a
 growing elk herd in and surrounding the J. Clark Salyer National Wildlife Refuge.
- Unit B2 was created, adjusting the boundaries of units B3, B4 and B5.

A complete 2025 bighorn sheep, elk, and moose hunting proclamation is available from the NDGF Department, 100 North Bismarck Expressway Bismarck, ND 58501-5095, Ph: (701) 328-6300, or online at gf.nd.gov

Township Meeting

The Crocus Township equalization meeting will be on April 3 at 10 a.m. at the Cando

March 22 and 29, 2025

Township Meeting

The Gerrard Township equalization meeting will be on April 3 at 11 a.m. at the Don and Lorna Halverson residence. March 22 and 29, 2025

Township Meeting

The Lansing Township equalization meeting will be on April 1 at 2 p.m. at the Ed and Penny Krumwiede residence. March 22 and 29, 2025

Township Meeting

The Monroe Township will have their Equalization meeting April 3 at 9:30am at the

March 22 and 29, 2025

Township Meeting

The New City township annual meeting and tax equalization meeting will be on April 2, at 7:30 at 5549 Highway 66. March 22 and 29, 2025

Township Meeting

The Paulson Township tax equalization meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 2, 2025, at 11 a.m. at the Towner County Court-

March 22 and 29, 2025

Township Meeting

The Sorenson and Grainfield townships equalization meeting will be on April 1 at 11 a.m. at the Todd and Kathy Oakland resi-

March 22 and 29, 2025

Township Meeting

The Twin Hill Township equalization meeting will be on April 1 at 7 p.m. at the Bruce Rinas residence. March 22 and 29, 2025

Township Meeting

The Virginia Township equalization meeting will be on April 1 at 5:30 p.m. at the Chris

March 22 and 29, 2025

Egeland Fire Dist.

The Egeland Rural Fire Protection District meeting will be March 31 at 7pm at the Egeland Fire Hall. March 22 and 29, 2025

Hearing Notice

Notice of Public Hearing WSI Premium Rates and Rate Classification Manual

Notice is hereby given that Workforce Safety & Insurance (WSI) will conduct a public hearing on Monday, April 7, 2025, at the WSI Board Room, Century Center, 1600 East Century Avenue, Bismarck, North Dakota, at 11:00 AM at which time and place all persons will be heard regarding the pro posed changes to premium rates and rate classification manual in accordance with NDCC §65-04-01.

These changes will be on file and may be reviewed or copied on any working day between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., at WSI in Bismarck. A copy may be requested by phone by calling (701) 328-3812 or by writing to:

Workforce Safety & Insurance Attn Marguerite Rath

1600 East Century Avenue Ste 1

PO Box 5585 Bismarck ND 58506-5585

(701) 328-3812 Written data, views, or arguments concern-

ing the proposed changes or adoptions may be sent to WSI at the above address. The closing date for receipt and consideration of all written or oral submissions is close of business Monday, April 14, 2025.

If you plan to attend the public hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact WSI at the above telephone number or address at least five days prior to the public hearing.

Dated this 17th day of March 2025 Sarah Feist

Chief of Employer Services

March 22, 2025

Bowling Results

Gopher League

3-10-25	
Ace Hardware72	
First State Bank69	
Langdoom65.5	
Northern Plains Electric63	
Corrigidor Bar57	
D & R Tire & Repair56	
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Cando Bar 47	

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Lance Teubner617
Oriole League 3-13-25
Cando Grocery26
Legacy21

Dairy Queen19

First State Insurance14

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Sue King......466

Whale League 3-16-25 Legacy Cooperative - 4th Qrtr winner......77 Webster Bar68.5 Goeser Seed58 Northern Plains Electric..36.5

HIGH GAME:	
Sandy Geiger	194
Chris Morstad	245

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Chris Morstad600

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Legacy Cooperative Annual Meeting

Tuesday, March 25, 2025 at 6 p.m. in the **Rock Lake School Building**

THE PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING IS TO TRANSACT ALL BUSINESS WHICH MAY PROPERLY COME **BEFORE IT.** Election of Directors

Door prizes

Meal to follow



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