

They have already been there for several years to make sure they are disease free.

Dennis Tilton, a rancher from nearby Livingston who worked for a year feeding the animals under government contract, said giving the animals to Turner amounted to "robbing from the

antipathy," said Turner Enterprises general manager Russell Miller.

He said Turner is interested in the animals as a way to further his private bison conservation efforts, not for their market value.

"That doesn't mean there won't

grass that feeds their cattle herds. Meanwhile, conservationists are sinking millions of dollars into restoration efforts for the animal. That includes an attempt by the American Prairie Foundation to buy up vast swaths of land in eastern Montana ranches and create a 3 million acre reserve for

Wheat, barley,

Associated Press

FARGO — Stocks of spring wheat, durum wheat and winter wheat in North Dakota are higher than a year ago.

The Agriculture Department

STATE ROUNDUP

Jamestown attorney sworn in for new ND judgeship

JAMESTOWN — A Jamestown attorney has been sworn in as the newest Southeast District judge for North Dakota.

Thomas Merrick on Friday became one of the seven judges in the district, which covers 11 counties in southeastern North Dakota and includes the cities of Jamestown, Valley City and Wahpeton.

Merrick will be one of the two judges based in Jamestown.

The 59-year-old Merrick is a native of Indiana. He was an Air Force captain and his final posting was at the Grand Forks Air Force Base. He graduated from the University of North Dakota law school in 1983 and went on to practice law in Jamestown.

Merrick's district judgeship is one of two approved last year by the Legislature.

New victim notification system running in ND

BISMARCK — A system to notify crime victims of changes involving offenders is up and running in North Dakota, and will be expanded this spring and next year.

The Statewide Automated Victim Information and Notification system is a database

on registered sex offenders and inmates in the custody of jails, the state Department of Corrections, and Parole and Probation.

Victims or concerned citizens can sign up to receive notification by e-mail or telephone when an inmate's status changes, such as if they are released on bond.

Program manager Amy Vorachek says there also is a module that gets information to law enforcement officers. Later this spring, a module on people with protection orders will be up, and in spring 2011 there will be one to update people on court proceedings.

To use the program, people can go to www.vinelink.com or call 866-631-8463.

'Grandparent scam' persists in North Dakota

BISMARCK — Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem says the so-called "grandparent scam" persists in North Dakota.

In the scam, a con artist calls a senior citizen, pretending to be a grandchild with an emergency and asks for money.

Stenehjem says a Bismarck woman recently fell victim, wiring \$13,000 out of the country in the belief her grandson was in trouble in Canada.

Associated Press

PUBLIC NOTICE

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NOTICE OF HEARING

ON APPLICATION TO DRAIN WATER FROM DEVILS LAKE TO THE SHEYENNE RIVER

TAKE NOTICE that the State Water Commission, 900 East Boulevard Avenue, Bismarck, ND 58505, has filed an application for a permit to drain water from Devils Lake to the Sheyenne River to address flooding impacts of the rising level of Devils Lake. The project involves upgrading the capacity of the existing Devils Lake Outlet from 100 cfs to 250 cfs. The existing Devils Lake Outlet consists of three miles of pipeline, eleven miles of open channel and two pump stations. Water is taken from Round Lake, which is currently connected to the West Bay of Devils Lake. The drain outlet discharges into an oxbow of the Sheyenne River in the SE 1/4 of Section 8, Township 151 North, Range 68 West. The application has been determined by the State Engineer to be of statewide and inter-district significance.

TAKE NOTICE that the Ramsey and Towner County Water Resource Districts will consider said application in a hearing to be held January 26, 2010 at 9:00 AM in the Robert Fawcett Auditorium, Lake Region State College, 1801 College Drive North, Devils Lake, ND. This hearing is being held to provide all persons interested an opportunity to present their view in person or in writing. All documentary information the applicant intends to present at the hearing will be available for public review in the offices of the Towner County Auditor, Towner County Courthouse, Cando, ND and the Ramsey County Water Resource District, Ramsey County Courthouse, Devils Lake, ND at least fourteen (14) days prior to the hearing.

If auxiliary aids or services such as readers, signers, or Braille material are required, please contact the Ramsey County Water Resource District, c/o Jim Herda, 524 4th Avenue #12, Devils Lake, ND 58501 at least seven (7) days prior to the hearing.

(January 11, 18, 2010)

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IN THE DISTRICT TO COURT OF NORTH DAKOTA, COUNTY OF BARNES
In the Matter of the Estate of Elvera Elhard, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the estate. All persons having claims against the estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within three months of the date of the first publication or mailing of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to Timothy J. Ottmar, attorney for the co-personal representatives of the estate, at PO Box 1397, Jamestown, ND 58402-1397 or filed with the Court. Dated this 7th day of January, 2010.

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
Turtle Mountain Communications/
Midcontinent Communications
Interconnection Agreement

Application
Case No. PU-10-20
NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO FILE WRITTEN COMMENTS
January 13, 2010

On January 8, 2010, Midcontinent Communications filed a petition for approval of a facilities-based interconnection agreement with Turtle Mountain Communications, Inc. The agreement sets forth rates, terms and conditions under which Turtle Mountain Communications will provide to Midcontinent Communications, wholesale resale of telecommunications services, facilities-based interconnection, exchange of traffic, number portability, and other customary arrangements for the Rolla and Rolette exchanges.

This agreement was filed under Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Act). The Act requires that any agreement adopted by negotiation or arbitration be submitted for approval to the Commission. Under 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2)(A), the Commission may only reject an agreement adopted by negotiation, or a portion of the agreement, if it finds that:

1. the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier that was not a party to the agreement; or
2. implementation of the agreement is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

In addition, under 47 U.S.C. Section 253 the Commission may include in its review state requirements that do not constitute barriers to entry. The Commission will receive written comments on this agreement until February 26, 2010. For more information contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400; or Relay North Dakota 1-800-366-6888 TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials please notify Darrell Nitschke, Executive Secretary, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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