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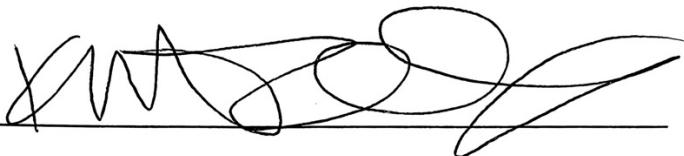
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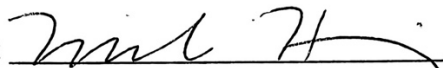
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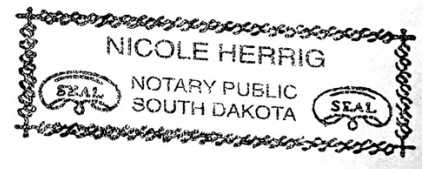
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AIRSHOW

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Herald, to interview and photograph the performers and aircrafts that were supposed to fly the following Saturday. Due to heavy rain, press did not fly in any aircraft as originally planned, but staff expressed hope that the following day's activities would take place.

Although weather conditions improved by Saturday, the previous day's 2.24 inches of rain — the heaviest recorded in Williston since 2019 — had damaged the grass parking areas for the event to the point of being "unusable." In a Facebook post published at 11:52 p.m. on Aug. 14, organizers wrote that they decided to cancel the event rather than risk a transportation/

CONCERNS

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regulations between North Dakota and Montana and the possibility of residents obtaining products across state lines.

Jurisdiction on tribal and trust lands was another concern. Law enforcement and county officials discussed a previous drug case in which questions about authority on tribal property in Trenton complicated prosecution.

The committee also debated penalties, particularly whether retailers should face greater consequences than people struggling with addiction.

Committee member Carla Couture argued for significant penalties against retailers while limiting consequences for users.

"Could it be an infraction or a misdemeanor, something small for the person, but something huge for the retailer?" she said. "They're the ones putting it on a shelf.

parking fiasco.

"Unfortunately, after carefully evaluating the logistics, we determined that the transportation capacity would result in unacceptable wait times for thousands of guests with only three running busses, particularly at the conclusion of the show," the post stated. "This decision was incredibly difficult, and we are devastated to make it. We know how many people have been looking forward to the event, and we know how much work our community, sponsors, volunteers, performers and our entire team have put into making this event happen. We are truly sorry."

Although the event was canceled, food trucks that were scheduled to set up at the event instead operated at Williston High

School that Saturday, offering another venue for disappointed aerobatics enthusiasts to still enjoy one another's company while enjoying a delicious meal.

In an email interview with the *Herald*, Williston Basin International Airport Director Ryan O'Rear stated there was no possibility of rescheduling the airshow to take place later this year. As the event takes over a year of planning and coordination between regulators, federal agencies and a host of participants and organizers, O'Rear wrote that moving the event to another weekend this year would be "impossible." However, he claimed that the airport is evaluating contingency plans for the future to be better prepared for weather delays or other

interruptions and potentially reschedule future events.

O'Rear shared that the airport is currently working through the financial and administrative details related to handling refunds for anyone who had purchased tickets online prior to the event's cancellation. At the time of reporting on Tuesday, no refunds were available, but the airport will share updates on how to receive refunds as soon as they have confirmed information.

The airport director apologized to and expressed gratitude for the many different people who worked to organize and perform in the show, as well as the show's intended sponsors and attendees.

"We know this is incredibly disappointing

for the community, and it is disappointing for us as well," O'Rear wrote. "A tremendous amount of work goes into putting on the Williston Basin Airshow, and we know that many people made plans, purchased tickets, and were looking forward to the event. We are extremely grateful to our sponsors, volunteers, performers, vendors, public safety partners, airport staff, and everyone in the community who supported the 2026 airshow.

"At the same time, we are already looking ahead. We are evaluating what we can do differently and developing contingency plans for future airshows to improve our ability to respond to circumstances beyond our control and increase the chances of the event being able to go forward.

While we are disappointed that this year's event could not take place, our focus is on taking care of our obligations from the 2026 event, communicating clearly with our ticket holders and supporters, and using what we've learned to make the 2028 Williston Basin Airshow even stronger."

More details on the date, ticket information and performers for the 2028 Williston Basin Airshow will become available as planning progresses, likely around late 2027 or early 2028. In the meantime, O'Rear expressed assurance that he and his staff were hard at work refunding tickets for this year's canceled event and preparing a great show for the next one.

I mean, charge them \$25,000, you want to put it on there."

"We've got to stop putting dollars over our citizens," she added. "Our citizens are more important than what the shop owners are making or can make. I feel the criminal side needs to go to them."

Capt. Kevin Simmons with the Williams County Sheriff's Office compared the issue to traditional drug enforcement, where people distributing controlled substances generally face more severe penalties than those possessing them for personal use.

"The analogy that I can draw from an example is the drug dealer," Simmons said. "For the drug dealer — the person that gets caught with piles and piles of whether we're talking about cocaine, heroin, meth, you name it — there are higher penalties for the person who are actually selling the stuff."

Members noted that some North Dakota

residents are buying kratom in Montana border towns following Armstrong's ban.

"We can't control what they do next door," said Williams County State's Attorney and committee member Jaakan Williams. However, after buying kratom in Montana, they return home to Williams County. Then, he added, "there will be consequences."

Couture shared her son's addiction struggle with kratom, emphasizing the severity of withdrawal and the need for treatment options.

That led to discussion about gaps in treatment and the need to connect people struggling with kratom use to appropriate services.

Members also stressed education, particularly for young people and parents. The committee discussed working with Upper Missouri District Health, schools and health care providers to expand awareness of kratom, synthetic substances and available treatment resources.



James C. Falcon / Williston Herald

Williams County Commissioner Beau Anderson and Capt. Kevin Simmons with the Williams County Sheriff's Office listen to North Dakota Board of Pharmacy Executive Director Mark Hardy speak during the county's inaugural kratom committee meeting on Aug. 17, 2026.

Anderson said education should be a central part of the county's response.

"How can I educate the people of the services that we have?" he asked, suggesting including NDSU Extension as an arm of education. "A blip in one of their sessions might impact hundreds of people."

Members also plan to coordinate with cities, tribal governments and state officials as lawmakers consider potential legislation.

Anderson said the committee's goal is to develop a response that can work across jurisdictions.

"My goal is to make sure whatever we can come up with is that it

works," he said.

"We can't control what happens outside of Williams County, but we can dictate what happens in our jurisdiction," Williams added.

The committee meets again this Monday at 12 p.m. in the third-floor training room of the County Administration Building.

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Case No. PU-26-86

Homestead Wind, LLC
Homestead Wind Project – Williams County
Siting Application

NOTICE OF FILING AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing on the application in Case No. PU-26-86 is scheduled for **September 29, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. Central Time at the Grand Williston Hotel & Conference Center, 3601 Second Avenue West, Williston, ND 58801.**

On March 4, 2026, Homestead Wind, LLC (Homestead Wind) filed an application for a Certificate of Site Compatibility to construct an up-to 256.5-megawatt Homestead Wind Project consisting of up to 67 wind turbine generators and associated facilities in Williams County, North Dakota, as shown on the attached map. The issues to be considered in this proceeding are:

1. Will the location and operation of the proposed facilities produce minimal adverse effects on the environment and upon the welfare of the citizens of North Dakota?

2. Are the proposed facilities compatible with the environmental preservation and the efficient use of resources?

3. Will the proposed facilities' locations minimize adverse human and environmental impact while ensuring continuing system reliability and integrity and ensuring that energy needs are met and fulfilled in an orderly and timely fashion?

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 the Commission at least 24 hours in advance.

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Tyrone Township

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73RD ST NW

72ND ST NW

71ST ST NW

66TH ST NW

64TH ST NW

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HOMESTEAD WIND

Figure 11
Homestead Wind Project
Williams County, North Dakota

Disappearing early into the horizon

WATFORD CITY, N.D.

‘Do you think I could make it to the grain bins and back before it gets pitch black?’ I asked my husband as I scooped the last of the rice and chicken off my plate and into my mouth.

The rest of my family was lingering at the table, poking at a supper that was a little sub-par and reaching the limit of a long day. It was a little after 8 p.m. and supper was later than I wanted it to be, but the sun setting so quickly had me sort of shocked and frazzled.

In the summer and spring months a walk after supper was no problem. We could eat at 10 p.m. and I would still have time for an hour-long stroll to the fields. But it’s late September now and it was staring me down and ruining my plan to re-gain my sanity before bedtime.

“No,” my husband replied. “You’ll definitely be walking in the dark.”

I jumped up, put my dish in the sink and pulled on my shoes anyway. I’ve never been the kind of kid who’s afraid of the dark and so out I went, the three dogs jumping along in front of me, just as excited as I was to not skip this part of the day.

We were a little past what the photography professionals like to call “golden hour”, the time in the evening when the sinking sun casts a perfect golden hue on everything under its shine.

We were well into the sunset portion of the evening, the time when the muskrats come out from wherever muskrats go, to swim in the stock dam. The time when the bats start to dive and swoop. The time when, if those dogs get too far ahead of you on the path, they will disappear entirely into the horizon.

To disappear entirely into the horizon. That’s nightfall in the country, and it holds with it a certain type of feeling that’s hard to explain.

It’s the feeling you get when you park your car after a long drive in the middle of the night and you shut the door behind you and look up at the sky and notice the quiet twinkling of the stars, or, maybe if you’re lucky, the northern lights.

It’s 3 a.m. and no one is out and you remember the times when you were a kid and you fell asleep in the backseat of your parents’ car, and you woke up when the engine cut, but you pretended to sleep anyway so your dad would carry you in.

And you opened your eyes to see those same stars in the same type of quiet night and somehow,



“The nights will be longer now as the sun sets sooner, but it’s OK. I’ve never been the kind of kid who’s afraid of the dark,” Jessie Veeder writes. Contributed / Jessie Veeder



all these years later, you feel like that kid in the night under those stars again.

I guess that’s how I would describe the feeling.

I was only out walking on the field trails for about 15 minutes before the sun shifted entirely below that horizon and the dogs and I faded with it. Just a moment before I

looked up and spotted a large mule deer on the skyline. His tall rack reached to the sky, and he was backlit by the last moment of yellow, a black dramatic silhouette staring right at something moving in the distance (that something was me) before bouncing off over the hill to disappear too.

Yesterday I got the news that my cancer is shrinking, has shrunk, will shrink more. We found out when we were in Mayo last week, but we needed one more confirmation to make it official. My husband sat next to me in the car as we

were parked in the Walmart parking lot on our way through one town to get to the next for a meeting across the state.

We video conferenced in for a quick confirmation: You look good. Things look good. Cancer is shrinking, has shrunk, will shrink more. See you in three months for another follow up, goodbye. We ended the call and continued driving east.

“It feels like maybe that news needed a bit more fanfare,” I said as we moved down the street a bit.

“What do you mean?”

my husband asked.

“I don’t know,” I replied. It was the same feeling I felt when I completed my last chemo treatment, and I was alone with my little pin and too introverted to ask someone to take my picture. The moment felt at least selfie-worthy, but I wasn’t in the mood.

“Maybe a cake or something?” I laughed.

“Well, there’s Cash-wise, want me to pull in?” he joked.

No. No I didn’t, I realized. I didn’t want a cake or a party or a fuss really. I just wanted to go about our day, make it to our meeting on time and

home that night because we had work in the morning. I wanted to watch that moment, that tumor, that blip, shrink and disappear into the horizon of my life. To disappear is sometimes the dream.

The nights will be longer now as the sun sets sooner, but it’s OK. I’ve never been the kind of kid who’s afraid of the dark.

Jessie Veeder is a musician and writer living with her husband and daughters on a ranch near Watford City, North Dakota. She blogs at veederranch.com. Readers can reach her at jessieveeder@gmail.com.

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