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## County seeks funds to remove Hanson bridge



The Hanson Bridge over the James River has been closed to vehicles for 20 years. Safety is a concern for the Eddy County Commission, so they seek to have the nearly 120-year-old structure removed. This photo was taken on Wednesday, Dec. 13, in the middle of the winter storm that had crippled the area for three days as of press time. Photo by Nathan Price.

by Nathan Price

At their regular meeting on Monday, Dec. 12, Eddy County commissioners heard from Interstate Engineering about removing the bridge on 6th Street North in New Rockford.

The bridge, locally known as "Hanson Bridge," crosses the James River and connects 6th Street North to River Drive. However, it's been blocked off from traffic for a number of years due to safety concerns.

The N.D. Department of Transportation (NDDOT) keeps records and gives ratings to all bridges in the state, and if rated low enough, some bridges are required to be closed. That happened to the Hanson bridge around 20 years ago, according to some New Rockford residents.

These days, the bridge is most often used as a backdrop for senior photos. However, the bridge is also historically significant.

Built by the Fargo Bridge & Iron Company in 1904, it is one of four structures in Eddy County listed on the

National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). The NRHP is part of the National Park Service, and is the official list of the nation's historic places deemed "worthy of preservation."

It was entered into the register as "New Rockford Bridge," on March 13, 1997. A registration form for the NRHP from that year goes into great detail about the kind of bridge it is, as well as its statewide historical significance.

The New Rockford Bridge's origin dates back to a bid placed by county commissioners in June of 1904, which asked for a "steel bridge across James River at New Rockford." The Eddy County commissioners at the time later accepted a bid of \$4,396 from Fargo Bridge & Iron Co.

The bridge itself is a rigid-connected (bolted) Warren through truss, a kind of bridge characterized by the presence of diagonal beams designed to handle heavy loads.

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## All welcome to Christmas Dinner in Sheyenne

The community of Sheyenne is once again hosting their annual Christmas Day dinner this Sunday at Ostby Hall.

The dinner has become a tradition for many families in the area, as the sense of community and a well-cooked meal represent the very essence of Christmas spirit.

On offer will be a turkey with all the trimmings, to be served from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. on Sunday the

25th. A free-will offering will be taken to help cover the costs for the meals.

Seating will be available at Ostby Hall, and there's also the option of getting your meal to go.

Of course, Santa Claus himself will be there to hear what the children want this Christmas, but only if they're not on the naughty list. He'll be sure to check twice before he gets to Ostby Hall.

This annual tradition is supported by PRC Wind, Thrivent, Community Credit Union and Fessenden Co-op, and none of it would be possible without the volunteers that lend a hand. Their support is always appreciated.

If you don't feel like cooking this Christmas, but want to enjoy a delicious meal and wholesome community fellowship, consider attending Sheyenne's Christmas Dinner this Sunday.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Community of Sheyenne!



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## Mindy's Clubhouse child care now open

by Amy Wobbema

The waiting list for child care in the community just got a little shorter.

Mindy's Clubhouse, a group child care licensed for up to 30 children, opened in downtown New Rockford last Monday. Owned by Scott and Mindy Skjerva, it's located inside the city-owned Brown Memorial building on Central Avenue.

Child care has been a top priority for the New Rockford Area Betterment Corporation (NRABC) since at least 2018. A variety of options have been explored and programs implemented to help fill the need in the community. A few new in-home providers have cropped up, but nothing to the scale of the facility that closed in 2014.

The idea to convert the clubroom at the Brown Memorial into a child care business first came to city leaders in February. Now, less than a year later, the vision has become a reality.

"It was just time to expand," Mindy said, when



Mindy Skjerva (second from left) plays with kids on the floor of Mindy's Clubhouse Thursday. The facility, which opened Monday, is licensed for up to 30 children, and openings are available. Photo by Nathan Price.

asked why she took the leap. As an in-home provider since 2020, she had received requests from parents looking for child care at least weekly for a while.

"You don't realize how much it's needed," she added.

New Rockford Area Betterment Corporation Executive Director Amanda

Hegland had approached the Skjervas more than once with opportunities to grow. This fall, everything seemed

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## Hopfauf's new business in focus

by Nathan Price

Kayahna Hopfauf, a recent New Rockford-Sheyenne graduate, is zooming in on the local community with her new business, KayElla Photography.

Hopfauf is a New Rockford native and 2021 graduate of NR-S. Now, she's setting out on the next chapter of her life as she kickstarts her young and promising career.

Currently, she's pursuing an associate's degree in business through Lake Region State College, and she recently began pursuing her dream of being a professional photographer.

Since opening this past summer, KayElla Photogra-

phy has provided beautiful pictures for couples, engagements, families and NR-S seniors. And as word spreads, her business is already starting to grow.

"I also get hired by some amazing people who are helping support my dream which is incredible," said Hopfauf. "Obviously, I started very locally with friends and family and now I have grown and am taking pictures of people that I've never met before. It's so cool to see all the opportunities I have been able to take."

Hopfauf has taken some courses on photography recently, both over the summer and during the spring semester, but she's also

self-taught. Her passion and love of photography drives her to continue honing her craft.

"I have spent my free time playing with Photoshop and exploring the different kinds of editing," she said. "I taught myself about cameras and did research until I found all the qualities I was looking for in the perfect camera."

She added, "I love giving clients photos that last a lifetime. Even if the photo doesn't come out exactly like I had imagined, I have tools that help me get the photo to be the best version it can be. Playing with the light expo-

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Kayahna Hopfauf takes a photo of a sunset along the beach in Ventura, Calif. in November. Courtesy photo.



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## Bus storage discussions resume at NR-S

by Nathan Price  
On Monday, Dec. 12, the New Rockford-Sheyenne School Board rekindled conversation about an indoor storage facility, or "bus barn," for the district's school buses. School board president, Mike Jacobson, led the discussion and expressed his belief that NR-S should be taking better care of its equipment, namely by housing their buses inside during the winter months. "It's become very evident as I travel around for some of these sporting events, that pretty much every town we go to that's relatively our size has a bus barn and has a second gym, and it's a little bit frustrating in my mind that we can't figure out how to do it," said Jacobson. Late last year, the NR-S building committee had

been discussing plans to build a storage facility for their buses, but those discussions eventually petered out. A cost estimate for a bus barn was presented to the committee in December 2021, which showed that a 60-by-120 foot non-insulated building on footings would cost around \$250,000. The price increased to over \$280,000 if they were to include a concrete floor, and increased even more if they wanted to add insulation and other features. However, prices for concrete and steel have skyrocketed since then, and there's no telling how much the same bus barn would cost now given current prices. Jacobson said he would prefer that any bus barn the school gets includes a concrete floor and insulation.

Board members also brought up the new \$200,000 activity bus, which is due to arrive next year, and how keeping that bus and others in good shape would likely save money in the long run. NR-S Business Manager Dave Skogen noted that repair costs for the current activity bus cost the school tens of thousands of dollars last year alone. Discussion also revolved around how the school would pay for it, and whether the board would be willing to take out a loan to be paid back over time. In the end, though, nothing was officially decided, other than that the building committee will have to dive into specifics at a later date. Also at Monday's meeting, board members got to hear from a few of the vol-

leyball players who recently took fifth place at the Class-B State Volleyball Tournament in Bismarck. Kelsie Belquist, Kyria Dockter and Madison Myhre gave a quick update on how they thought the tournament went, as well as the season overall. "A lot of the girls this year were for each other," said Belquist. "We all wanted what was best for each other and we all wanted the same goal ... everyone really, really wanted it this year and was really dedicated." The board congratulated the girls on their success and expressed how proud they and the whole community were to see them represent NR-S with so much success. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 9 at 7 p.m.

## Community Calendar

**SHEYENNE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER** on Sunday, December 25 from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at Ostby Hall. A free will offering will be taken. To go boxes will be available.

**RETIREMENT OPEN HOUSE FOR PATTY HILBERT AND NEAL RUD** on Friday, December 30 from 2 - 4 p.m. at the Eddy County Courthouse.

**LIFESAVER CLUB** is back on Wednesdays, 3:30-5 p.m. at the New Rockford E-Free Church.

**COVID-19 TESTING & VACCINES** by appointment at Eddy County Public Health. Call (701) 947-5311 to schedule.

**NEW ROCKFORD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE** meets on the first Tuesday of each month at noon in Bakers Dozen.

**LAKE REGION SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE** support group meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Community Room of North Star Community Credit Union, Devils Lake. For info call Theresa at (701) 662-4790.

**TOPS 370** meetings on Mondays at 5 p.m. at First Lutheran Church in New Rockford. For more information call (701) 947-2138.

**EDDY-NEW ROCKFORD LIBRARY** board meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 5 p.m.

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Please contact the Transcript at nrtranscript@gmail.com or (701) 947-2417 to have your event notices listed in the community calendar.

## Understanding Wills and Trusts

Everyone has heard the terms "will" and "trust," but not everyone knows the differences between the two. Wills and trusts are important tools of estate planning. Each has strengths and limitations. Here's what to know as you determine what's best for you and your estate plan.

**A will is a legal document that helps ensure your assets are distributed according to your wishes.** A will can accomplish four things, to occur upon death:

1. Assign someone to oversee your estate.
2. Name the personal guardian who will care for your minor children and the person who will manage the children's assets.
3. State how your assets and property will be distributed.
4. Help manage estate taxes and related costs.

Without a will, your state's inheritance laws will dictate who gets what, generally deferring to your spouse, then your children or next of kin. The court will determine who becomes your children's guardians until the age of emancipation.

The following limitations of a will may prompt you to look for a more comprehensive estate planning tool, such as a trust.

1. Having a will does not eliminate the probate process. Governed by your state's laws of inheritance, probate is a legal proceeding that oversees the division of your property. There are costs involved. The details of your probate will be made public, which can put your beneficiaries at risk of unwelcome solicitations.

2. A simple will cannot void your spouse's rights to inheritance, so it may not be adequate if you wish to make special gifts or "bequests" to a friend or charity.

**A trust is a legal entity designed to provide additional protections to your estate.** A revocable living trust is the most common trust option. It can accomplish four things:

1. Assign a trustee to oversee your estate.
2. Avoid the probate process and its associated costs.
3. State how your assets

and property will be distributed.

4. Keep the details of the distribution of your estate assets private.

5. Help manage estate taxes.

To take effect, the title to your assets must be transferred to the trust during your lifetime. These assets can include cash, stocks, bonds, real estate, artwork, and insurance policies. You can still retain control of the assets placed in your trust during your lifetime.

A trust can provide greater assurance that your property will be managed according to your wishes, including the distribution of charitable gifts. It can also fulfill your wishes for the care of special needs children into adulthood without jeopardizing government assistance. It's a preferred way to avoid the delays of the probate process and some trusts can help protect your assets from potential creditors. While a trust can

be expensive to establish and maintain, the benefits can ultimately outweigh the drawbacks for large and complicated estates.

**Put your estate in order.** Most individuals enlist an estate planning attorney to help create a will or trust. The size and complexity of your estate and your family's goals will help you determine which arrangement works best for you. Your financial advisor can help you explore these options and decide how to optimally pass your assets to your heirs.

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## BRIDGE-

According to the 1997 application form, "This pattern emerged in the late nineteenth century and, in some counties, continued into the 1930s."

The bridge is one of only a few Warren through truss bridges in all of North Dakota, making it stand out among the more common Pratt and Parker truss bridges. It is also the oldest documented metal truss bridge in Eddy County.

For those reasons, James E. Sperry, the State Historic Preservation Officer for North Dakota in 1997, lent his signature to the application form stating it met the requirements to be added to the national register.

However, the application form also stated the bridge maintained a "very high level of integrity," a statement which is no longer true today, and hasn't been for some time.

Mike May of Interstate Engineering told commissioners Monday that DOT funding is available to remove the bridge at no cost to the county.

"Otherwise if it falls down, you're on hook to remove it all at your own expense," he said.

The commissioners agreed unanimously that May should move forward with the application process to obtain funding for the bridge's removal. It was unclear if the commissioners or May knew the bridge was listed on the NRHP.

"We go for it, absolutely ... It's a liability right now," remarked Commissioner Dave Gehrtz. Newly sworn-in commissioner Jamie Allmaras agreed, saying, "It is, it's a dangerous thing."

According to the National Park Service website, "the listing of a property in the National Register places no restrictions on what a non-federal owner may do with their property up to and including destruction, unless the property is involved in a

project that receives Federal assistance, usually funding or licensing/permitting."

Commissioners decided to only apply for funding to remove the bridge, rather than to both remove it and have it replaced.

Also notable from Monday's county commission meeting was the swearing in of both Allmaras, who won his first term to the commission in November, and Gehrtz, who won his first bid for reelection.

Gehrtz was also voted the new chairperson of the commission, taking over from Glenda Collier, who will now fill the role of vice-chairperson.

The next county commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 3, at 8:30 a.m.

## CHILD CARE-

to fall into place.

From the public-private partnership that led to the lease of the space, to the work of contractors that made it suitable for use, this project was a local labor of love.

The Skjervas are sub-leasing the space from NRABC. The owner of the building, the City of New Rockford, is covering the cost of utilities for the first year as part of its lease to NRABC.

Rockford Plumbing did all the plumbing for the new child care center, including the new "family" bathroom built in a former coat closet. Local tradesman Gene Kaul did the carpentry and finish work on the new bathroom.

Teves Construction of Carington installed new countertops in the kitchen, as well as the flooring in the kitchen, entryway and dining/craft area.

Divide Electrical performed electrical upgrades, and will install the security system for the child care facility. The sign that welcomes families at the entry was made by Cutting Edge Designs.

Funding for the renovations came in the form of a

\$62,000 regional workforce grant, for which Hegland successfully applied.

The Skjervas have spent the last two months in tandem to pull it all together.

"We work really well as a team," Scott said.

The "nurturer," Mindy, has maintained her focus on the kids in her care. Meanwhile, Scott has undertaken a variety of operations and maintenance tasks, from paperwork and painting to software set-up and furniture assembly.

"It's been an adventure," Scott said.

The Skjervas hosted an open house on Sunday, Dec. 11 to introduce families to the space and answer their questions. There was a steady stream of people throughout the afternoon.

"I didn't expect that much interest," Mindy said of the turnout.

Mindy's Clubhouse is licensed for up to 30 children, depending on staff and ratios, and Scott anticipates that they will fill the available slots very soon.

Staff includes Christina Lund, who had been helping after school at Mindy's home and is now full-time. Kim Dockter, who is currently working part-time, will switch to full-time status in January. She will also have part-time and casual employees.

The child care facility is open 7 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, with full-time, part-time, before/after school and drop-in care offered. For more information, go to the Mindy's Clubhouse Facebook page and look for the registration link, or call Mindy at (701) 947-2338 or (701) 302-0201.

Locals should know that the auditorium will still be open for walkers from 7 - 10 a.m. and noon - 1:30 p.m. Monday to Friday. The child care center has use of the auditorium from 10 a.m. - noon and 1:30 - 3 p.m. on weekdays. The auditorium is also available for rent by contacting New Rockford City Audi-

tor Becki Schumacher at (701) 947-2461.

## HOPFAUF-

sure and different tones led the photo come alive."

Hopfauf said she loves to take pictures that incorporate aspects unique to her clients, and she's already taken photos at unique locations in the area, such as the Hanson Bridge and on the railroad tracks.

Eventually, Hopfauf intends to open her own studio as well, and she's already investing in lighting and backdrops so that she's ready when the time comes. For now, though, she said a studio likely won't come until after she graduates from college, as her studies are currently top priority.

In the meantime, Hopfauf intends to continue learning, building experience and taking unique, memorable photos for her clients.

"KayElla Photography wants to give people a fun experience and photos that they can cherish forever," she said. "I hope to keep branching out and just keep taking more pictures. It is such a fun experience and I learn more and more from every photo shoot. I just want to keep growing and keep learning."

Those interested in having their pictures taken can get in touch with Hopfauf via her Facebook or Instagram page (@kayellaphotography).

She can also be reached via email, at kayellaphotography@outlook.com, and anyone interested in seeing some of Hopfauf's previous work can visit her website at www.kayellaphotography.zenfoliosite.com.

"I have loved taking pictures my entire life and finally decided to make my dreams a reality," writes Hopfauf on her website. "Taking pictures has always been a passion of mine and I am so excited to see where this journey takes me."

## Keep holiday greens looking their best



When outdoor temperatures are cooler, green arrangements, like this winter container garden, last much longer than indoor displays. Photo courtesy of Melinda Myers.com.

by Melinda Myers

Wreaths, door swags, garlands, and containers filled with evergreens have long been part of winter celebrations and displays. Keep them fresh and looking their best throughout the holidays with minimal effort.

Fresh greenery with pliable branches and firmly attached needles will last the longest. Check for good color and an aroma you prefer. Consider buying extra greenery and storing it in the garage or another cool location. Use these to replace any indoor greenery that is starting to brown.

Recut the bottom of the stems with a sharp bypass pruner. Totally submerge the greenery in a tub of room-temperature water overnight to help rehydrate the needles. Gently crush the cut end to allow it to better absorb moisture.

Remove the cuttings from the water and once dry, seal in the moisture by spraying the greens with an anti-transpirant, often called anti-desiccant. These products seal in moisture, reducing drying due to warm, dry air indoors and drying winds and sunlight outside.

Follow label directions for application tips and dilution rates based on what you are treating. Avoid using these on juniper berries, cedar and blue spruce. The waxy coating that makes these look blue can be damaged by these products. Apply anti-desiccant products outdoors during the day, as light is needed to activate some of these chemicals. Allow the treated greens to dry for three to four hours before moving them inside.

Display indoor greenery in cool locations out of direct sunlight. This reduces mois-

ture loss and extends the life of your garland, wreaths, and arrangements.

Keep greenery away from heat sources that speed drying, decorative lights that generate heat, and flames from candles. Check the greens every few days and replace dry, brittle, and brown cuttings with fresh greens.

Outdoor greenery lasts much longer when temperatures are cooler than indoors. Further extend their longevity by placing them in more sheltered locations, out of direct sunlight and wind where they suffer less drying. Avoid hanging wreaths and swags in front of windows in direct sunlight where the reflected light can burn the foliage. Use an anti-transpirant on outdoor greenery to help reduce moisture loss and extend your enjoyment.

Keep outdoor planters of greens looking their best throughout the winter. Keep the soil moist until it freezes when displaying spruce tips, cut holiday trees, and evergreen stems in outdoor containers. If and when the ground freezes, you can stop watering.

A bit of effort goes a long way in extending the beauty of holiday greenery.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including the recently released *Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2nd Edition and Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" instant video and DVD series and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program*. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and her website is [www.MelindaMyers.com](http://www.MelindaMyers.com).

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# AROUND THE AREA

## School meal debt resurfaces as families struggle with inflation

by Michael Standaert  
North Dakota News  
Cooperative

A \$2,300 anonymous donation wiped meal debt from the books of Stanley elementary schools just before Thanksgiving, bringing welcome relief for parents struggling with increased costs associated with inflation this holiday season.

"I didn't reach out to a lot, but the ones that I did reach out to were just very thankful, knowing that they were not going to have to deal with the stress of trying to pay off some of their debts," said Brooks Stafslin, principal to 400-plus elementary students in the heart of the oil patch.

Administrators across the state like Stafslin have been spared the past two years from making uncomfortable calls to parents inquiring about school meal debts thanks to federal program passed by Congress in 2020 providing free breakfast and lunch to all students nationwide regardless of income level during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Since that program expired in September, however, administrators not lucky enough to have an angel like Stanley's are once again making collection calls.

Some school districts are seeing debt begin to accumulate at rates faster than before the pandemic as the pocketbooks of parents take a hit from inflation.

### Meal debt surging

Accumulated meal debt at Fargo Public Schools, for example, has reached around \$32,000 in less than four months of the current school year and is on track to outpace the largest year-end total on record, according to data provided by the district. In the three years prior to the pandemic, end-of-year school meal debt went from \$15,000 to \$30,000 to \$60,000.

In Bismarck, current accumulated meal debt stands at around \$15,000 for this semester, a rate likely to eclipse the year-end total of \$21,000 at the culmination of the last school year before federal free lunches were offered, administrators said.

Those rates could continue to grow if schools are forced to increase meal prices during the 2023-2024 school year. By the end of 2022, food prices alone are expected to have increased overall by around 9.5 to 10.5 percent over the previous year, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) figures indicate.

According to data tracking by hunger-relief nonprofit Feeding America, 1-in-12 children in North Dakota face hunger and food insecurity.

Organizations like Great Plains Food Bank in Fargo



Kindergarten students at Roosevelt Elementary School in Bismarck line up for lunch on Dec. 9, 2022. Photo by Michael Standaert.

have seen anecdotal evidence of increasing hardship now that free school lunches and COVID-era monthly child tax credits are no longer available at a time when inflation has also grown.

A program the organization has developed that provides students with a backpack full of food to help cover the food needs of their families over the weekend has grown fast in the past couple of months in the Fargo-West Fargo-Moorhead area.

Normally around 1,600 to 1,800 of the backpacks are distributed, said Jared Slinde, communications manager at Great Plains Food Bank, but recent demand has pushed that figure to around 2,000 per week.

"To see that increase, or at least that increase locally, and more and more schools are asking for those and more and more kids are needing them, there's a direct correlation there," said Slinde in relation to increasing inflation and food insecurity.

### Middle income families squeezed

The squeeze is mainly affecting families whose children don't qualify for free or reduced price meals under income eligibility guidelines set by the federal government, according to school nutrition administrators.

For a family of four, a household income above \$36,075 disqualifies children for free meals, while a household income above \$51,338 disqualifies them for reduced price meals.

"I feel like we have more families that are at or just over the threshold for qualifying for the free and reduced priced meals," said Michelle Wagner, child nutrition program director at Bismarck Public Schools.

"We've had some families that are like, \$4 over, so their income level is too high, and so then they get cut off from that," she said.

Currently around 32 percent of public school students in Fargo qualify for free or reduced price meals. The figure

stands at around 22 percent in Bismarck.

"The nice thing about the policy is that students do continue to eat, but they accrue meal debt," said Cindy Hogenson, director of nutrition services at Fargo Public Schools. Hogenson's remarks were echoed by all other administrators who wanted to accentuate that students are not being denied food at school because of any debt. In Fargo, all previous debt has been wiped out over time by charitable donations.

The situation is similar in Bismarck and other school districts throughout the state that have relied on groups or individuals to come up with the cash to pay that debt off. How sustainable that model is remains a question.

Another concern has been a drop off in the numbers of students getting breakfast at school, according to some administrators.

Hogenson said the number of students eating breakfast at the schools has dropped by 50 percent or more since the free breakfasts have become unavailable. In Bismarck, Wagner said breakfast numbers have declined this fall compared to when those meals were freely available.

"Our breakfast participation really jumped dramatically, which is good, because we sometimes question whether they are eating at home," Wagner said of the COVID-era free breakfasts.

### States moving to universal student meals

Several states have gone the route of providing universal free meals including California and Maine, which passed legislation in 2021 to make those permanent, with Colorado just finalizing its program in November after a ballot initiative passed.

Others, like Massachusetts, Nevada and Vermont have

extended universal free student meals through spring of 2023.

"I think one of the reasons that [states] started looking into universal school meal programs was because of those kids on the cusp," said Emily Gutierrez, a Texas-based education data and policy researcher at the non-profit Urban Institute.

According to data from the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction, providing approximately 117,000 public school students with free breakfast would cost around \$5.4 million in the first year and \$5.5 million in the second, for a total biennium cost of around \$10.9 million.

For universal lunches, costs would be \$35.35 million in year one, and \$36.4 million in year two, for a total of \$71.7 million over two years. Total costs for both universal breakfast and lunch would be around \$41.3 million a year.

Jason Boynton, an associate mathematics professor at North Dakota State University and founder of the group Lunch Aid -- which helped gather donations to cover school meal debt in Fargo and other metro areas prior to the pandemic -- thinks North Dakota should step up and provide universal school meals.

"North Dakota is like the best place to do universal school lunch because we have the Legacy Fund," he said, arguing that a portion of the fund could be set aside in a way similar to an endowment where the interest accrued each year would pay for the lunches.

"Most North Dakota families fall into that gap," Boynton said, referring to middle-income earners who are being squeezed by inflation but do not qualify for free or reduced-price meals.

Wagner said universal meals would likely be beneficial but added that others have been pushing for Legacy Fund earnings to be directed toward educational programs.

"That's a pretty big ask for North Dakota, and I don't know if we're there yet," Wagner said.

One area she said did make a noticeable difference on student behavior was offering breakfasts free of charge once students come in from a short recess after arriving at school.

"It would be nice if they could cover breakfast for everybody, so that we get breakfast participation up, and we know that kids are eating," Wagner said.

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### Garcia pleads guilty to \$2.4 million crude oil theft

On Thursday, Dec. 1, Michael Jason Garcia appeared for a change of plea and sentencing hearing having made a plea agreement.

Garcia had been charged with three felony charges stemming from a \$2.4 million crude oil theft case.

In the plea deal, Garcia pled guilty to two of the three counts against him, with the third count being dismissed. The agreement also dictates that Elizabeth Garcia (Garcia's wife) could not be charged with any crimes relating to the case.

The sentencing hearing immediately followed, and after thorough arguments from both sides of the courtroom, Judge Robin Schmidt announced her sentencing decision.

State's Attorney, Ty Skarda, began by reminding the court of Garcia's conviction in 2015, when he was convicted for a theft against Foley Towing, for which he was ordered to pay \$78,000 in restitution and only three days in jail.

That previous conviction had a significant impact on Judge Schmidt's sentencing of Garcia.

"After having pled guilty to an A felony theft in the past, here we are again," said Schmidt. "Actions have consequences. Today they have consequences. You received a slap on the wrist in 2015. That clearly did not work, or you would not be here today."

Schmidt added, "I don't have any faith in your ability or willingness to pay restitution if you are out. I don't see any remorse. All I see are actions. Your time to speak, Mr. Garcia, is over."

Garcia was sentenced to 20 years for the Class A felony with 13 years suspended, and 10 years for the Class B felony with three years suspended, for a total of 14 years behind bars. Garcia will also be under five years supervised probation when he gets out.

Garcia was arrested and taken into custody immediately, at which time he hurled taunts and profanity at law enforcement in the room.

(Story by Kristen Jones, McKenzie County Farmer)

### \$100,000 for Kid Scoop News

Kid Scoop News ND, a monthly section for K-6 grade students, was recently awarded \$100,000 to expand its distribution to students across western North Dakota.

The new funding comes from Strengthen ND and its creative community solutions grant program, which is funded by a Bush Foundation initiative to increase the accessibility and flexibility of charitable dollars.

"I am so thankful the grantmakers saw the value in this program," said Cecile Wehrman, publisher of The Journal.

Kid Scoop News ND is free to both schools and students, thanks to funding from the John & Elaine Andrist Charitable Trust, the North Dakota Newspapers Association Education Foundation, and more.

Each issue of Kid Scoop

## 701 Rundown

by Nathan Price

News is filled with educational reading and activities designed to make reading fun and promote a more literate society and engaged citizens.

Eventually, Wehrman says she hopes to grow Kid Scoop News ND to become available statewide.

(Story from The Journal)

### A flying squirrel

Virgil Schultz, a resident of the Turtle Mountains, recently began trapping squirrels around his house to keep them from damaging his home.

One day, while going through his traps and seeing how many squirrels were unlucky enough to have been caught, Schultz came across an interesting species he's never seen before in his 85 years in the Bottineau area: a flying squirrel.

Most in the area will say they've never seen a flying squirrel in the Turtle Mountains, but now, they appear to have found a new home in the area.

Schultz has now caught around four of the unique species, and others say they've caught others on their trail cameras.

According to Patrick Isakson, a conservation biologist with North Dakota Game and Fish, there have been no research studies of the flying squirrel in the Turtle Mountains.

The flying squirrel in the Turtle Mountains is a Northern Flying Squirrel species, which is 10 to 12 inches long. The mammal can live up to 10 years in captivity or about half that when living in the wild.

Schultz has donated one of the flying squirrels he caught to Dakota College at Bottineau, where it will be displayed at the Nelson Science Center once it is taxidermied.

(Story by Scott Wagner, Bottineau Courant)

### Capital campaign for \$3M Maple Valley building project underway

Rural Cass County schools are continuing to experience increased enrollment, and Maple Valley is no different despite being one of the most outlying districts.

In 2018, the district expanded its high school after closing its two elementary schools and moved them all to the main campus in Tower City.

The project was phase I of a five year Master Plan involving two phases. Now, the district is currently in the planning and development stage of its estimated \$3 million phase II project.

The project will be funded without any increase in taxes, and according to interim superintendent Dr. Michael Nygaard, approximately two thirds of the estimated cost will come from funds in the district's building authority.

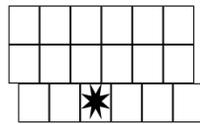
In addition, there is a private capital campaign actively underway, which is aimed at raising another \$1 million for the construction of a proposed 16,300 sq. foot addition.

The addition is planned to be built off the east side of the school, and will include a larger classroom for the Pre-K program, a regulation sized gymnasium, locker rooms, storage and a community accessible fitness center.

(Story by Angela Kolden, Cass County Reporter)

## Pleasant Prairie

by Charlotte Koeplin



Margie Anderson, Glen and Judy Cudworth, Cheryl Erhardt were visitors and supper guests at the Gary and Kathy Anderson home on Saturday.

Sunday evening visitor at the Margie Anderson home was Alvie Jones with a treat of deviled eggs and salad to share.

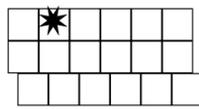
Karen Koeplin was Thursday morning stopper at the Charlotte Koeplin home bringing a special useful surprise.

Thursday afternoon, Charlotte Koeplin enjoyed a phone call from cousins Blaine Pahl and Julian Pahl from Jamestown with Christmas greetings.

Gary and Kathy Anderson, Margie Anderson, Peter and Patti Larsen drove to Kvernes Lutheran church on Sunday for worship service and enjoyed the Sunday school program given by the Hager, Partlow and Ness children and others, plus a brunch fellowship following.

## Sheyenne

by Patti Clifton



The evening of Tuesday, Dec. 6, members of the Eddy County VFW Auxiliary hosted their annual Christmas get-together at the Sheyenne Senior Center. Members and guests enjoyed a potluck supper, played a game of Mexican Train, listened to Christmas music and did lots of visiting.

Thursday, Dec. 8, Jan Loe and Patti Clifton were in Jamestown. Jan did recycling and then they did a little shopping. Later, Patti kept an appointment at the Jamestown Regional Medical Center. Following Patti's appointment, they had lunch before heading back to Sheyenne.

Friday, Dec. 9, Patti Clif-

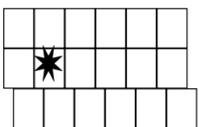
ton kept an appointment at Carrington Health Center, did some shopping and then returned home to Sheyenne.

On Saturday, Jan Loe and daughter Steph were in Grand Forks. While there, they met Jan's brother Jim and Marjean Woodrow and their daughter Pam Hill for lunch at Ground Round. Before heading home, Jan and Steph did a little shopping.

Sunday, First Lutheran WELCA members brought plates of Christmas goodies and season greetings to Sheyenne-Oberon Area Ministry shut-ins, nursing home residents and other friends.

## Talk of the Town

by Charlotte Koeplin



Sunday evening, Marvis Holte called her brother, Corey Birkholz, in Grand Forks and wished him a happy 59th birthday.

Jazzy Thurin of Devils Lake was a house guest of Candy Jensen for a few days while master Brenda accompanied her grandson on a trip to Colorado.

Daughters, Cindy Toben and Cheryl Gabbert, arrived at mom, Shirley Packards, on Thursday. Cindy's dog, Terk, insisted on going to cousin Todd Harrison's. The gals were up early Friday morning and on the way to Underwood to Jerome and Vida Klocke's. Saturday, the ladies and Cindy were on their way to Garrison where they took in the annual Charles Dickens village festival. They enjoyed shopping, lunch and a double decker English bus ride to Fort Severton on a tour and back to Garrison where they were entertained by the DaLutheric ladies comedy performance. They also enjoyed a wonderful cornish game dinner and the festival of trees. Then back to Underwood where they were overnight guests of Jerome and Vidas and enjoyed brunch along with a visit with the Klocke's daughter, Malissa Joyce, and

her daughter, Brooklyn. Then it was back to New Rockford; Cindy and Cheryl left for their homes in Minnesota on Monday morning.

Sunday, Amanda Bickett, Holly Ziemann and Marvis Holte took in the Christmas sing-a-long and luncheon in Carrington at the Baptist church.

Eloise Lucht enjoyed a phone chat with Gloria Hendrickson on Sunday. Gloria is niece to Marty, Eloise's late husband.

David and Karen Anderson picked up cousin Cheryl Erhardt (Cudworth) Sunday at Grand Forks airport. They brought her to Gary and Kathy Anderson's home to be with other family and her parents, Glen and Judy Cudworth, in New Rockford.

Ken and Marvis Holte heard from their daughter, Fayette Nelson, that she had gained the title of front room trainer at her job in Devils Lake.

Cody and Amanda Bickett and Izzy in her Christmas dress were Saturday visitors and helpers at the Ken and Marvis Holte home.

Janet Laube and YipYip enjoyed a Sunday phone call with Lois Ockert and Jack.

## Senior Meals

December 19 - 23

**Monday:** Boneless BBQ ribs with a small baked potato, low sodium vegetable and fruit sauce.

**Tuesday:** Chicken quesadilla with low sodium vegetable, juice and fruit sauce.

**Wednesday:** Taco bake

hotdish with a low sodium vegetable and peach sauce.

**Thursday:** Tatertot hotdish with low sodium vegetable and mandarin orange sauce.

**Friday:** No senior meals or DL Transit. Merry Christmas!

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## Wishing you grace and peace this Christmas

by Amy Wobbema

Through all the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, I have to keep reminding myself to take work and life one step at a time. "Do one thing well, and then move on to the next," I think.

From workforce shortages and winter storms to shipping delays and sick days, we are all dealing with a lot.

A colleague of mine missed a meeting a couple of weeks ago, and after learning that it was totally out of her control, I understood. "We all need a little grace and peace this holiday season, that's for sure," I replied to her.

We can't possibly fit everything into our schedules as it is, and when something unforeseeable comes up, something else has to give.

I make priorities and stick to them. I put "can't miss" events on my phone calendar and set three reminders, and yet I still manage to forget to pick up a prescription or finish that order for a customer.

Press deadlines still come, even if there is a blizzard on paper day.

The Christmas issue is our biggest of the year in both the Independent and Transcript, thanks to the generous support of local businesses, Letters to Santa submissions from elementary youth, and a plethora of holiday events that deserve coverage.

We have been short staffed for a while now, so that meant long hours and lots of phone calls and emails to put it all together this year. Everyone on staff could feel the pressure.

Then the storm hit Tuesday, and we shifted gears yet again. Some rural employees stayed in town with family, one worked in a different office for two days, and the rest of us braved the road conditions to get pages to press on time.

A quote from visionary artist, author and entrepreneur Vivian Greene comes to mind, as I think about how yet another week has not gone according to plan. "Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass... It's about learning to dance in the rain."

Here in good ole NoDak in December, that means dancing in the snow. Or even taking a moment to watch the snowflakes dance outside the window.

Readers, amidst it all, the beauty of the season is all around us, and we best soak up as much of it as we can.

This is where grace and peace come in.

The "grace" I'm referring to is defined as "the state of kindness and favor toward someone, often with a focus on a benefit given to the object."

If we have the mindset that we're all doing the best we can, recognizing that sometimes we fall short, a little grace goes a long way. I know I need to be more intentional about seeing the best in situations, and giving grace to not only others but also myself.

As for peace, build a life you don't have to escape from, and you will find it, the experts say.

This holiday I'm focused on making my presence the present. As much as I stress about the planning and the preparation, I aim to put as much (or more) energy into relaxing and enjoying the festivities. I want to be fully present, because it's those precious moments, and the memories they hold, that will remain with us for a lifetime.

It is in the joy on the faces of family members, through the message in the Christmas Eve service, and the time to crash on the couch after the last guest leaves, where I will find peace.

Readers, my wish for you is that you seek out whatever it is that brings you peace this holiday. And may you give others grace to do whatever brings them peace.

I will leave you with an excerpt from the famous poem, "Amazing Peace," by Maya Angelou. Merry Christmas to you and yours!

*"It is Christmas time, a halting of hate time.*

*On this platform of peace, we can create a language*

*To translate ourselves to ourselves and to each other.*

*At this Holy Instant, we celebrate the Birth of Jesus Christ Into the great religions of the world.*

*We jubilate the precious advent of trust.*

*We shout with glorious tongues at the coming of hope.*

*All the earth's tribes loosen their voices*

*To celebrate the promise of Peace.*

*We, Angels and Mortals, Believers and Non-Believers,*

*Look heavenward and speak the word aloud.*

*Peace. We look at our world and speak the word aloud.*

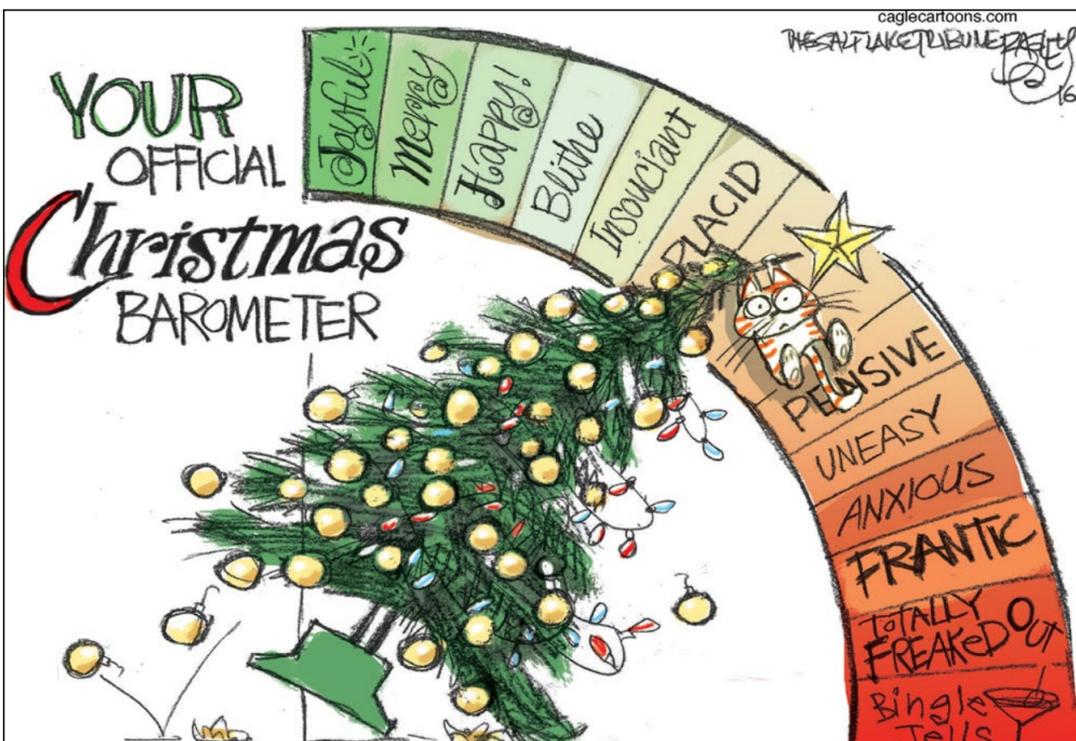
*Peace. We look at each other, then into ourselves*

*And we say without shyness or apology or hesitation.*

*Peace, My Brother.*

*Peace, My Sister.*

*Peace, My Soul."*



## Christmas Lights: A judgmental guide

by Jase Graves

One of my fondest childhood memories of Christmas in the 1970's was riding around in the family station wagon, "Bessie," to look at Christmas lights while I whined to my parents about needing a snack – again. There was something magical about a familiar evening landscape transformed to a radiant wonderland at the expense of someone's lumbar spine.

My dad always made sure that our house was exemplary in its presentation of illuminated holiday décor, and even now, his legendary displays make my own attempts look like those of an unsupervised toddler with a Lite-Brite toy.

Little did I know as a child exactly how much work goes into producing a respectable home display that delights passersby and annoys the neighbors. But now that I'm an adult (sort of), I take pride in climbing on the roof and crawling around the yard for the

sake of an electrified Christmas spectacle that makes me feel like I've sprained everything except my belly button.

Maybe because of the intense effort I put into my own residential Christmas lights, I've become a bit of a snob when evaluating those of others—to the point that I've come up with the following categories:

### The Griswold

This is the type of display for which I strive each year. It includes every string of lights that can be scrounged up from the attic – along with a cartload purchased as soon as Walmart replaces the Brach's Mellowcreme Pumpkins with Little Debbie Christmas Tree Cakes in late October. This is the kind of overwhelming display that might cause acute retinal damage with prolonged exposure. It's truly a sight to behold – if you dare.

### The My-Wife-Made Me-Do-It

This display (if you can

call it that) is clearly installed under duress—and probably during the commercial breaks of a Dallas Cowboys football game. The jumbled lights look as if they've been strung by someone being attacked by hornets, and they include the absolute minimum – maybe one string of bulbs and a mildewed inflatable Nutcracker sagging toward the storm drain. It's better than nothing—but just barely.

### The Cheater

It's obvious that someone paid big bucks to have professionals do all the work on this geometrically-precise display with meticulous ridge line coverage. It's beautiful, no doubt, even bordering on the Griswold, but I say that if you aren't in a bad mood and in need of prescription painkillers when you're done, it doesn't count.

### The Grinch

This is the house without so much as a plastic baby Jesus glowing on the porch, a single cheap light-up deer in the yard, or even a wreath of dilapidated pine cones on the front door. It's almost ostentatiously dark and gloomy.

When I see these houses

during the holidays, I often catch myself mumbling something like, "How can they not put out a single decoration? Are they out of Tylenol?"

My wife inevitably replies, "Maybe they can't afford decorations. They could be ill or elderly. Or maybe they don't celebrate Christmas."

Then I feel like The Grinch, Scrooge, The Abominable Snow Monster, Heat Miser, Mr. Potter, Frank Shirley and Scut Farkus all rolled into one insensitive naughty-list doofus.

It's at those times that I need a good lecture from Linus in "A Charlie Brown Christmas." Sure, Snoopy has the best lights, but Linus knows what Christmas is all about.

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## We the People

by David Adler

### Donald Trump's call to terminate the constitution

As the entire world knows by now, former President Donald Trump, the presumptive leader of the Republican Party, has called for the "termination" of the Constitution to overturn the 2020 election. Trump's landmark demand, if implemented, would eviscerate the Constitution, American democracy and the rule of law.

Setting aside calls during the Civil War from Confederate leaders for the overthrow of the Constitution and the Union, no high ranking American official, past or present, has ever sought the termination of the Constitution. No delegate to the Constitutional Convention ever urged the termination of the Constitution. No previous president has called for it. Certainly, no Supreme Court Justice has ever commanded it. In the annals of American legal history, Confederate officials and former President Trump, are the sole occupiers of this platform.

President Trump's declaration represents a landmark of a different order than the landmark judicial decisions ordinarily reviewed in this space. But the potential le-

gal significance of Trump's clarion call is as great, or greater, than any ruling ever rendered by a court of law. As such, it requires attention. As a matter of law, readers might ask, is there a mechanism for the termination of the Constitution?

President Abraham Lincoln, a better judge of the founders' aims in creating the Constitution than his successors, confronted the issue in his magnificent First Inaugural Address, delivered on March 4, 1861. Seven southern states had seceded from the Union by the time he took the Oath of Office. Lincoln denied the claim that states might constitutionally secede from the Union, since the very act itself would violate the premise and promise of the Preamble that the Constitution was created to create a "more perfect Union."

Lincoln justly stated: "It is safe to assert that no government proper ever had a provision in its organic law for its own termination." The 16th President added: "Continue to execute all the express provisions of our National Constitution, and the Union will endure forever, it being impossible to destroy it except by some action not

provided for in the instrument itself."

For Lincoln, secession, whether by one or several states, represented the destruction of the Union, and was thus "unlawful." The Union, he said, "is less perfect, having lost the vital element of perpetuity."

In this reasoning, Lincoln was closely following the landmark words of Chief Justice John Marshall, as set forth in *McCulloch v. Maryland* (1819): "The Constitution is intended to endure for the ages."

The Supreme Court, in *Texas v. White* (1869), agreed. Chief Justice Salmon P. Chase, appointed to the Court by Lincoln, held: "When these Articles (of Confederation) were found to be inadequate to the exigencies of the country, the Constitution was ordained 'to form a more perfect Union.' It is difficult to convey the idea of indissoluble unity more clearly than by these words. What can be indissoluble if a perpetual Union made more perfect, is not." The Constitution, Chase wrote, is "indestructible."

Although the Constitution is indestructible, it is yet subject to amendments. The framers of the Constitution, aware of the limitations of their work, potential "errors," as James Madison described them in *Federalist Number 43*, sought protection for the citizenry in the form of Article V, the Amendment Clause. This provision

left to successive generations of Americans the opportunity to improve the Constitution in the name of creating a "more perfect Union."

The framers created the Amendment Clause as the means for correcting "errors" in the original Constitution. They supplied no emergency power to overturn presidential elections, despite President Trump's wishes. And they did not, as Lincoln concluded, place in the Constitution a mechanism or power "for its own termination."

As such, there are no legal grounds or principles within the architecture of the Constitution for the annulment, destruction or termination of the supreme law of the land, despite desperate motives harbored by desperate men. In 1796, President George Washington, who embraced principles of American Constitutionalism, reminded the citizenry of the importance of scrupulous adherence to constitutional principles.

The nation's first president stated: "If in the opinion of the people the distribution or modification of the constitutional powers be in any particular wrong, let it be corrected by an amendment in the way the Constitution designates. But let there be no change by usurpation; for though this in one instance may be the instrument of good, it is the customary weapon by which free governments are destroyed."

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## Sermonette

by Deacon Bart Salazar  
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During Advent, as we await the coming of the Messiah anew, it is a worthwhile exercise to reflect on the contrast between John the Baptist and Jesus Christ. Saint Augustine in one of his sermons does a remarkable job of developing the difference between the voice and the Word. The voice has a temporary nature to it, while the Word is permanent. When one utters with their voice, once the sound ceases the role of the voice is done. However, the Word that was conveyed by the voice is still there. In much the same way, John the Baptist proclaimed that he was "a voice of one crying in the desert, prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths" Matthew 3:3. John the Baptist's job was transitory. In fact, he confesses that He (Jesus Christ) must increase while I must decrease. The voice prepared the way for the Word.

the Baptist before He was made known to others.

Why is this worthwhile for us to reflect upon during Advent as we prepare for Christmas?

It is important because it allows us to ponder the question: How may I serve as the voice to share the Word with others this Christmas? Like John the Baptist, this involves us dying to ourselves continually so that I decrease and he must increase. We must never allow ourselves to be mistaken as the Word, but recognize that we are just the voice. We may share the Word with both our audible and inaudible voice. That is, we share the Gospel message of Jesus Christ not only through verbal evangelization, but through the charity we display to others. Examples of this include being patient, kind, and not provoked to anger with those around us.

Another similarity and/or contrast is that the voice can often be mistaken for the Word. John the Baptist was thought by many to be the long awaited Messiah. He boldly proclaimed that he was not. In fact, he humbly distinguished that he was not even worthy to loosen the thongs of the sandals of Jesus. In contrast, it was the Word that submitted Himself to be baptized by the voice.

Finally, the Word is conveyed to others through the voice. If I have a concept or idea that is near and dear to me and I want to share it with others, it will be through my voice that the message will be transmitted. In much the same way, the Good News of Jesus Christ was shared by John

## Living on Purpose

by Billy Holland



The wrong shall fail, the right prevail

Most people have heard or at least heard of a man named Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (1807-1882). He was a literary giant in his lifetime and is still known today in many circles as "The Children's Poet" and several schools around our nation are named in his honor. You may remember some of His original works which include, "Paul Revere's Ride," "The Song Of Hiawatha," and "Evangeline," and was the first American to completely translate Dante Alighieri's Comedy. As one of the fireside writers from New England, he is regarded as the most popular poet of the nineteenth century.

On July 9, 1861, tragedy struck the Longfellow home. His wife, Fanny, was near an open window placing locks of her daughter's hair in a packet, using hot sealing wax to secure it. It was never known whether a spark from a match or the sealing wax was the cause, but suddenly her dress caught fire and she was engulfed in flames.

Henry was sleeping and was suddenly awakened by her screams for help. He ran into the room and immediately tried to smother the flames as best he could, first

with a rug and then his own body, but the damage from the burns was very severe. She died the next morning.

Henry's burns were so extensive on his face and hands that he was unable to attend his wife's funeral. The scars on his face made shaving nearly impossible, so he allowed his beard to grow which became associated with his image. The anguish within his soul was beyond what anyone could fathom. His family could see his suffering in his eyes, and they observed his long periods of silence. At times he feared that he would be sent to an asylum on account of his sorrow.

A couple of years later in 1863, there was another crisis when his son Charles Longfellow without telling his family, boarded a train headed for Washington, D.C. to join President Lincoln's Union army to fight in the Civil War. On the first day of that December, Henry was dining alone at his home when a telegram arrived with the news that Charley had been shot and was being transferred to the Rapidan River. Henry immediately set out to search for his son and arrived by train on December 5. He was alarmed when informed by the army

surgeon that his son's wound was very serious and that Charles would most likely be paralyzed. Longfellow, as a 57-year-old widowed father of six children, was not only witnessing his country fight a war against itself, but his oldest son had been struck down on the battlefield.

Although he was admired for a gift for communicating the human experience, Longfellow still needed divine peace that only God can give. On that Christmas Day in 1863, he heard the Christmas bells ringing in Cambridge and the singing of "Peace On Earth" but he considered the strife and division going on around him was in direct contradiction with a joyous holiday. He sat down and desperately tried to reflect on the joys of knowing that God is not dead or sleeping and that He is the only one who can heal, save, and give hope to the soul. He was never considered a hymn writer, however, the poem he wrote on that day expresses the agony about the condition of a nation, and was later set to music by Englishman John Calkin. The result is one of our most popular Christmas carols, "I Heard The Bells On Christmas Day."

There is a theme of passion and desperation within the poem, eventually leading to an attitude of confidence and trust even in the midst of bleak despair. The Civil War was in full swing and the devastation from the battle of Gettysburg still gripped the nation in a state of trau-

ma. He must have asked himself how can we have peace on Earth and goodwill toward men in this war-torn land, where brother fights against brother and father against son?

Yes, the days were dark, but he includes in one of the stanzas, "The wrong shall fail, the right prevail!" Within these words, we sense a man crying out in prayer to God, just like many of us are today, to please stop the hatred and the violence, and unify the hearts of all people with God's love. This carol reminds us that eternal peace and harmony shall one day be established when the Prince of Peace shall reign forever.

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-- Wednesday, December 21 --  
6:00 p.m. Worship / comm.  
7:00 p.m. LiFT! Theme event  
-- Thursday, December 22 --  
4:30 p.m. January newsletter deadline  
-- Saturday, December 24 --  
4:00 & 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve candlelight worship  
-- Sunday, December 25 --  
10:00 a.m. Christmas day worship  
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Pastor Jeff Kapelle  
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-- Sunday --  
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-- Tuesday --  
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-- Wednesday --  
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Confessions:  
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-- Saturday Mass --  
5:00 p.m.  
-- Sunday Mass --  
8:30 a.m. 1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday  
10:30 a.m. 2nd, 4th Sunday

**Morning Star Parish**  
Pastor Stan Kwiecien  
-- Saturday, December 24 --  
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5:30 p.m. Warwick  
NO service on December 25

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Pastor Jeff Halvorson  
-- Saturday, December 24 --  
4:00 p.m. Calvary  
10:00 p.m. First Lutheran  
-- Sunday, December 25 --  
9:00 a.m. Grandfield

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4:00 p.m. Worship  
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# CARDINAL CALAMITY

by Nathan Price

On Monday, Dec. 13, the Carrington Cardinals opened their season with a 74-56 victory over the New Rockford-Sheyenne Rockets.

For the Cards, Monday's game showed plenty of promise for the season ahead, as four of their five starters scored double-digit points for the team.

The Rockets, meanwhile, were hoping to get their year back on track after dropping their season and home opener to Thompson just days earlier. Instead, they left the court Monday with another loss and with hopes of their first win delayed yet again.

Monday's game started neck-and-neck between the two squads, before an excellent second quarter for NR-S saw them open a 37-26 half-time lead.

The Rockets' DJ Mudgett and Trevor Waldo were particularly strong in the early going, with six second-quarter points each.

On defense, though, it was Easton Benz who took charge, literally.

Benz didn't score a single point in the first half, but managed to stymie Carrington by stepping in front of would-be Cardinal shooters and eliciting multiple charge calls from the refs.

Carrington, however, came back with a vengeance in the third quarter, scoring 29 points in those eight minutes alone.

Their sudden scoring onslaught was led by sophomore Josh Bickett, who caught fire from beyond the arc and propelled his team to a 55-47 lead entering



Bennett Meier and Jack Erickson battle for the ball. Photo by Nathan Price.

quarter No. 4.

The Rockets' scoring pace continued to slow as the game dragged on, and with NR-S only scoring nine points in the fourth quarter, Carrington were able to widen their gap and turn what was a competitive game into a blowout.

Speaking of blowouts, the junior varsity and c-squad games last Monday couldn't have gone any differently for the Rockets and Cardinals. The c-squad game ended 62-15, while the junior varsity

match up ended 81-31, both in the Rockets' favor.

Their trip to Rugby for the 3-day CNDC tournament was postponed due to weather. Their next scheduled game is set for Tuesday, Dec. 20, when they will travel to Glenfield to take on Griggs-Midkota.

**Non District Boys' Basketball**

**Monday, Dec. 12**

**NR-S 56, Carrington 74**

**at New Rockford**

NR-S: 17 20 10 9 - 56

Cgtn: 17 9 29 19 - 74

NR-S: Bennett Meier 13, Lucas Yri 11, DJ Mudgett 11, Porter Granger 7, Trevor Waldo 6, Easton Simon 5, Easton Benz 3. Totals: 19 FG, 12-15 FT, 18 fouls. 3-pointers: Yri 3, Simon 1, Granger 1, Waldo 1.

Carrington: Josh Bickett 24, Hudson Schmitz 18, Jack Erickson 15, Grady Shipman 13, Jack Paulson 4. Totals: 27 FG, 14-23 FT, 15 fouls. Technical foul: Shipman. Fouled out: Erickson. 3-pointers: Bickett 4, Schmitz 2.

**Junior Varsity**

**NR-S 81, Carrington 31**

NR-S: Brody Weisenburger 17, Kailar Jacobson 14, Alex Weisenburger 12, Porter Granger 10, Easton Simon 9, Keaton Cudworth 8, Kage Walford 5, Shaun Reimche 4, Connor Knatterud 2. Totals: 35 FG, 7-13 FT, 7 fouls. 3-pointers: B. Weisenburger 3, Granger 1.

Carrington: Peyton Harrington 11, Maddoc McIlone 8, Tate Wolsky 6, Wyatt Kalliokoski 3, Cody Otto 3. Totals: 13 FG, 2-3 FT, 9 fouls. 3-pointers: Harrington 2, Kalliokoski 1.

**C-Squad**

**NR-S 62, Carrington 15**

NR-S: Shaun Reimche 18, Bradyn Collier 14, Alex Weisenburger 8, Kage Walford 6, Zach Dockter 6, Dashyl Bichler 6, Donnie Edwards 2, Jacob Louters 2. Totals: 22 FG, 1-5 FT, 6 fouls. 3-pointers: Walford 2, Reimche 1.

Carrington: Dylan Bachmeier 5, Talon Larsen 5, McCade Zink 2, Maddyx Davis 2, Peyton Harrington 1. Totals: 6 FG, 2-5 FT, 11 fouls. 3-pointer: Larsen 1.

## SUPER REGION 4 BOYS' BASKETBALL STANDINGS

	Region IV		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Dunseith	0	0	1	0
Four Winds/Minnewaukan	0	0	1	0
North Prairie Cougars	0	0	1	0
North Star	0	0	1	0
Harvey/Wells County	0	0	1	1
Dakota Prairie	0	0	0	1
Benson County	0	0	0	1
<b>New Rockford-Sheyenne</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
Lakota	0	0	0	0
Langdon Area/Edmore/Munich	0	0	0	0
St. John	0	0	0	0
Warwick	0	0	0	0

**UPCOMING (12/19 - 12/31)**

**Tuesday, December 20**

NR-S vs Griggs-Midkota (A,B,C,8,7) at Glenfield @ 3:30

**Tuesday, December 27**

NR-S vs Central Cass (A,B,C) @ 12:00 p.m.

*\*All results from the Thursday - Saturday games preceding the current issue's publishing date will be printed the following week.*



Hudson Schmitz boxes out DJ Mudgett under the hoop after a free throw attempt. Photo by Nathan Price.



Connor Knatterud leaps in the air to block a shot from Brayden Wolfgram. Photo by Nathan Price.

## Tommies defeat Rockets in opener

by Nathan Price

Basketball season has finally arrived, and on Saturday, Dec. 10 the Rockets opened their season against the Thompson Tommies for the second year running.

This time last year, New Rockford-Sheyenne traveled to Thompson and played neck-and-neck against the Tommies. It was a thrilling game, and NR-S were on course to win before Thompson's Drew Overby sealed their fate with a last-second buzzer beater.

This year, however, it took everything the Rockets had just to stay within arms reach of the Tommies, as NR-S ultimately dropped their second straight season opener.

Thompson dominated every facet of the game from tip-off to the final buzzer Saturday afternoon. They were especially strong under the rim, as they gathered rebound after rebound.

Particularly troublesome was their ability to earn offensive boards, and the Rockets' apparent inability to box out, which allowed the Tommies far too many second- and third-chance baskets.

Thompson also forced turnovers seemingly at will, each one putting a swift end to any answer the Rockets' might hope to find.

To their credit, NR-S managed a couple of impressive runs, thanks almost entirely to their accuracy from long range. At one point, their 3-point shooting drove the deficit down to just six points late in the first half.

In fact, shooting from long range was just about the only way NR-S could score somewhat reliably. Of their 49 points, nearly 70 percent were scored from the 3-point line. Namely, Lucas Yri, Porter Granger and Easton Benz all had solid nights from beyond the arc.

By comparison, Thompson did not score a single 3-point, as nearly all of their damage was inflicted from inside the paint.

However, accurate shooting mostly came in spurts for the Rockets, preventing them from sustaining more successful comeback attempts. In the end, the Tommies proved the better team at this point in the season, defeating the Rockets 49-62.

Meanwhile, the Rockets'

junior varsity team managed to keep their bout with Thompson more competitive, falling just short of a late comeback attempt in a 52-54 loss. With 11 points each, Alex Weisenburger and Kage Walford led the way for the Rockets' B squad.

**Non District Boys' Basketball**

**Saturday, Dec. 10**

**NR-S 49, Thompson 62**

**at New Rockford**

NR-S: 8 13 13 15 - 49

Thompson: 19 13 12 18 - 62

NR-S: Luke Yri 9, Bennett Meier 9, Easton Benz 8, Easton Simon 9, Porter Granger 11, DJ Mudgett 3. Totals: 5 FG; 6-8 FT; 16 fouls. 3-pointers: Lucas Yri 3, Bennett Meier 1, Easton Benz 2, Easton Simon 1, Porter Granger 3, DJ Mudgett 1.

Thompson: Jacob Starcevic 27, Karter Peterson 13, Braydon Wolfgram 9, Drew Odenbach 1, Drew Overby 2, Gavin Krogstad 6, Thomas Schumacher 4. Totals: 24 FG; 14-22 FT; 11 fouls. 3-pointers: None.

**Junior Varsity**

**NR-S 39, Thompson 61**

NR-S: 6 5 16 25 - 52

Thompson: 13 13 18 10 - 54

NR-S: Porter Granger 3,

Connor Knatterud 4, Alex Weisenburger 11, Brody Weisenburger 5, Kage Walford 11, Easton Simon 4, Keaton Cudworth 6, Kailar Jacobson 8. Totals: 21 FG, 1-4 FT, 9 fouls. 3-pointers: Granger 1, Walford 1, B. Weisenburger 1.

Thompson: Gavin Oster 22, Noah Hippen 12, Drew Odenbach 6, Cash Danner 5, William Welke 4, Braden Tyce 2, Jeromy Tyce 2, Easton Lovelace 1. Totals: 16 FG, 1-7 FT, 10 fouls. 3-pointers: Oster 4, Hippen 2, Danner 1.

**C-squad**

**NR-S 47, Thompson 49**

NR-S: 4 17 12 14 - 47

Thompson: 12 14 10 14 - 49

NR-S: Shaun Reimche 15, Alex Weisenburger 12, Dashyl Bichler 8, Bradyn Collier 5, Zach Dockter 5, Jacob Louters 2. Totals: 20 FG, 4-10 FT, 15 fouls. 3-pointers: Collier 1, Dockter 1, Reimche 1.

Thompson: Noah Hippen 10, Joe Taylor 8, Luke Starcevic 8, Caleb Ihry 4, Jacob Stumpf 4, Cash Danner 4, Jeromy Tyce 4, Porter Martin 3, Elias Andrews 2, Gavin Oster 2. Totals: 20 FG, 7-15 FT, 17 fouls. 3-pointers: Taylor 1, Martin 1.



DJ Mudgett attempts to steal the ball. Photo by Nathan Price.

## SUPER REGION 4 GIRLS' BASKETBALL STANDINGS

	Region IV		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
North Prairie	0	0	4	1
St. John	0	0	4	1
Nelson County	0	0	3	2
Warwick	0	0	3	3
Langdon Area/Edmore/Munich	0	0	2	1
<b>New Rockford-Sheyenne</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
Benson County	0	0	2	2
Harvey/Wells County	0	0	2	3
Four Winds/Minnewaukan	0	0	2	3
Dunseith	0	0	1	3
North Star	0	0	1	4

**UPCOMING (12/19 - 12/31)**

**Monday, December 19**

NR-S vs Griggs-Midkota (A,B,JH) @ 4:30

**Friday, December 30**

NR-S vs Beulah (A,B) at Minot @ 2:45

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## NR-S Christmas Concert

Thursday, December 8

Photos by Dakota Rose



The High School Choir performed four songs, including "Star of Wonder" arranged by Page and Shafferman.



Eli Alfstad (saxophone) and Layton Jacobson (trombone) performed with the junior high band.



Jacob Louters and Vinnie Ruppell played the xylophone for the high school band.



Winners of the annual Ugly Sweater Contest were announced by director Annette Hovey (from left to right): Sophie Skogen, Hallie Brown and Kaelyn Ystaas. Photo by Dakota Rose.

## Dakota Recreation Report

by Patricia Stockdill



### Outdoor notes:

\*Ice is never completely safe. Avoid areas with vegetation, moving water, pressure ridges, and springs. Check conditions as you go along on the ice and don't move around at night.

\*Dec. 22: Western Canada Goose Zone season closes.

\*Dec. 30: Missouri River Canada Goose Zone season closes.

\*Dec. 30: Light goose season closes.

\*Jan. 1: Pheasant, grouse, partridge, turkey, and archery deer seasons close

### Fishing:

\*Devils Lake elevation, Dec. 13: 1,449.2 feet above mean sea level (MSL).

\*Stump Lake elevation: 1,449.15 MSL.

\*Lake Sakakawea elevation: 1,831.52 MSL; 16,000 cubic feet per second average (CFS) Garrison Dam daily releases.

\*N.D. Game & Fish Dept. Dist. game wardens: No reports from Devils Lake or east-central area lakes. Scattered walleye success on Lake Audubon with lots of anglers testing early season success. East end of Lake Sakakawea slow yet.

\*Devils Lake, Ed's Bait Shop, Devils Lake: Fair to good for perch. Try East Bay on the main lake or the towers. Access with ATVs yet.

\*Devils Lake, Lakeview Lodge, Minnewaukan: Anglers locating walleye and perch but bite became finicky after weather fronts.

\*Devils Lake, Woodland Resort, Devils Lake: Try 16 to 20 feet for walleye and 25 to 32 feet for perch with rattling presentations working structure. Test ice conditions along the way.

\*Foster County area lakes, Dry Dock, Carrington: Some activity throughout area lakes, weather permitting.

\*Jamestown Reservoir, Pioneer Bait & Tackle, Jamestown: Weather limiting early season activity.

\*Jamestown Reservoir, Sooper Stop, Jamestown: Weather permitting, anglers checking small area perch and walleye lakes, including Hobart Lake, using minnows.

\*Lake Ashtabula, Bayshore, Valley City: Weather permitting, anglers finding walleye and perch success with some nice-sized fish showing up. Access could change depending on snow and wind conditions.

\*Lake Sakakawea, Cenex Bait & Tackle, Garrison: Lake Audubon producing some walleye. Try a variety of depths and move around with no pattern to the bite. No reports from Lake Sakakawea.

\*Lakes Audubon & Sakakawea, Hwy. 83 Lawn & Leisure, Garrison: Lake Audubon fair for walleye. Try 12 to 18 feet. Some walk-on activity on Steinke and Centennial bays on the east end of Lake Sakakawea with occasional walleye success.

\*Lake Sakakawea/Lake Audubon/Missouri River, Scott's Bait and Tackle, Pick City: Missouri River trailrace quiet.

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 — Luke 2:14

May the song of the angels lift your heart and fill it with love, joy and peace at Christmastime.

We feel so blessed for all that we have, including the fellowship of kind neighbors like you. We wish you all the best during this holy season and throughout the coming year.

*Hallelujah!*

*Lutheran Home of the Good Shepherd*

**Merry Christmas**

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The Duda Family will receive bids for the sale of the following described tract of land located in Eddy County, North Dakota:  
**SUPERIOR TOWNSHIP** (Township 148 North, Range 66 West)  
Section 15: NE¼ (94.18 acres cropland with an average productivity index of 75.2 and the balance of the quarter is currently farmstead and pasture.)



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## A Season for Remembering

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May your Christmas be wrapped in happiness and trimmed with the love of family and friends!

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**BIDS:** Persons interested in submitting bids on this tract are asked to submit written bids to The Duda Family by forwarding such bids to Thomas J. Aljets, Attorney at Law, 1405 Main Street, P.O. Box 301, Carrington, North Dakota 58421. Bids may be submitted up to December 23, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. Bids are to be in writing and signed (please include your address and phone number) and for a total amount (not by the acre.) The highest bidders as determined by seller will be allowed to raise their bids at an oral bidding to be scheduled.

**TERMS:** The successful bidder will be required to enter into a contract and deposit an amount equal to ten (10) percent of the purchase price as earnest money and the balance of the purchase price shall be paid to seller within thirty (30) days upon delivery of a warranty deed. In the event the successful bidder shall fail to consummate the purchase, the seller shall retain the earnest money agreed upon as liquidated damages for such failure. The seller will provide the purchaser with an abstract of title continued to a recent date. The seller will reserve all oil, gas, coal and other minerals as owned by the seller. Any surface rights (sand, gravel, clay and dirt) owned by Seller will transfer to the buyer. Seller reserves the right to reject any and all bids for any reason whatsoever. Seller reserves the right to waive any and all irregularities. All sales will be subject to all covenants, restrictions, utility agreements, easements and rights of way of record or ascertainable by visual inspection. The purchaser will be entitled to take possession of the property upon closing. No personal property is being sold. Seller reserves the right to remove the personal property until December 31, 2023.

(Soil maps and aerial photos may be obtained by contacting Thomas J. Aljets, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 301, Carrington, ND 58421. Telephone: (701) 652-3280. E-mail: [taljets@daktel.com](mailto:taljets@daktel.com).)

## Public Notice

### MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING NEW ROCKFORD CITY COMMISSION NEW ROCKFORD, NORTH DAKOTA NEW ROCKFORD CITY HALL DECEMBER 5, 2022

President Richter called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. in City Hall with Commissioner McKnight, Commissioner Belquist, Commissioner Hewitt, and PWS Hirschert present. Commissioner Ystaas absent. Attorney Peterson present.

Hewitt made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Belquist seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

McKnight made a motion to approve the October 3, 2022, Meeting Minutes as presented. Hewitt seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Richter made a motion to approve the financials as presented. Belquist seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Hewitt made a motion to approve the November bills. McKnight seconded. In a roll call vote, it was Richter, McKnight, Belquist, and Hewitt voting "aye". No nay votes. Motion carried.

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Mick's 281 Service.....626.30  
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Viking Electric.....815.30  
Newman Signs.....237.89  
Hach.....20.89  
Transcript Publishing.....377.78  
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Wigen Water Tech.....15,591.99  
Dakota Dust-Tex.....41.00  
Hager Excavating Inc.....2,150.00  
Scott's Electric.....3,318.64  
Northern Plains Electric.....232.08  
Napa.....29.97  
One Call Concepts.....78.00  
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Butler Machinery.....1,134.67  
Zimmerman Cont.....5,800.00  
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**WATER PROJECT BILLS**  
North Star Logistics.....50,413.31  
Commission discussed issues with discolored water throughout the town. Richter, PWS Hirschert, and City Auditor Schumacher met with Wade Senger from Interstate Engineering to discuss ways to solve the problem. Senger interviewed with the New Rockford Transcript to discuss issues and give a general update on the project. Commissioners reviewed the chemical report that was received from Senger. McKnight discussed comments she received from the public. Richter presented a letter the city is sending out to residents about missed water samples. McKnight expressed concerns about why samples were missed.

Belquist made a motion to approve pay Banyon Data Systems \$2,790.00 for special assessment software, a Banyon program fee of \$100.00, and the Transcript for \$121.68 for published minutes and hearing notices. Richter seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

PWS Hirschert reported that the department has been busy doing a major flush of hydrants, filling in the holes by the new streetlights downtown, sanding roads, and hanging Christmas lights downtown and on the highway. Hirschert reported that they were busy during the winter storm at the beginning of November assisting the Eddy County Sheriff's Office and the Community Ambulance service. Hirschert updated the commission on water plant issues. Senger and Hirschert did a walk-through of the water plant and went through the punch list of things to complete. Sheriff office impound lot vehicles have been auctioned off and removed. A crosswalk sign on the east side of the highway was hit, and a police report has been received. Richter received comments from the public and asked PWS Hirschert if highway decorative lights would be able to stay on longer than the new year.

McKnight made a motion to approve the PWS report as presented. Hewitt seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Amanda Hegland NRABC Director spoke with the commission about the renewal of the Renaissance Zone. Hegland brought forward the request to approve Resolution 12-5-22 for the renewal of the New Rockford, ND Renaissance Zone. Hegland also informed the commission of updated goals for NRABC. McKnight made a motion to approve the resolution. Hewitt seconded. In a roll call vote Richter, McKnight, Belquist, and Hewitt voting "aye". No nay votes. Motion carried.

Hegland gave an update on daycare. The daycare is licensed for 30 kids and will be opening on December 12. Daycare received a \$62,000 grant. The grant will pay for 50,000 of the approved expenditures. The Fire marshal was there last week and gave two issues to correct. An integrated fire alarm system needs to be installed. The clubroom needs to be a wide-open space throughout the room. Hegland received an estimate from Divide Electric to move electrical and an estimate from Cash and Carry to remove the partitioned wall in the clubroom. Approximately \$2,500 for the project. Hegland states they have a year to complete corrections and need an engineer or

architect to sign off that the wall is not a load-bearing wall. McKnight motion to approve demo of partitioned wall contingent on approval of engineer or architect that it is not a load-bearing wall. Hewitt seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Schumacher gave an update on the Tree board. Four people have agreed to be on the tree board as has City Auditor Schumacher. President Richter appointed five people to the Tree Board. Belquist made a motion to approve appointments of Karen Anderson, Donna Gedrose, Mike Nicolai, Gerri Makay, and Becki Schumacher to the tree board subject to confirmation that Ritzke have vacated their seats. McKnight seconded. In a roll call vote, it was Richter, Hewitt, Belquist, and McKnight voting "aye." No nay votes. Motion carried.

Richter reported that all staff evaluations are completed. Richter requested a special meeting to discuss evaluations and salaries. McKnight made a motion to approve a gaming permit for the Norseman Motorcycle Club for a raffle to support local kids with diabetes, and the American Diabetes Association. Belquist seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Attorney Peterson gave an update on the nuisance vehicles. Peterson stated notice to abate needs to be sent out to the owners of nuisance vehicles. Peterson stated the vehicle needs to be removed in a reasonable time. If the owner refuses to remove it, the city can remove it. If an owner protests the vehicle a hearing will need to be held. Notice of 10 days that the city took the vehicle, the time and date taken, make, model, serial number, and place it's being held. A notice to lien holder that the vehicle has been taken needs to be sent. The commission agreed to send out the Notice to Abate at the end of February.

McKnight made a motion to approve service awards of \$200 to full-time and \$100 to part-time employees. Richter seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Richter reported that the City Christmas party will be on December 14th at the bowling alley. NDDOT will be chip-sealing Highway 281 from mile marker 125 south of New Rockford to mile marker 128 ending at the James River bridge. Richter reports the city does not have to pay for the project.

Schumacher presented the commission with abatements to the special assessments. Schumacher stated Fortney property is landlocked and needs an abatement. Richter made a motion to approve the Fortney property abatement. McKnight seconded. In a roll call vote, it was Richter, Belquist, Hewitt, and McKnight voting "aye". No nay votes. Motion carried.

Schumacher also reported that particular Rockford Rental properties need corrections which results in no change in assessment cost. Belquist made a motion to approve Rockford Rental corrections. In a roll call vote, it was Richter, Hewitt, Belquist, McKnight voting "aye". No nay votes. Motion carried.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be January 2, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

These minutes are subject to

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Eddy County Courthouse  
New Rockford, ND



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- The veteran must have been discharged under honorable conditions or be retired from the armed forces of the United States.

Application deadline is February 1st, 2023.

Office of County Tax Equalization  
Kristy O'Connor, Tax Director  
524 Central Ave  
New Rockford ND 58356  
(701) 947-2434 x 2015

Office Hours:  
Monday-Thursday 8am-4pm

Applications are also available on the Tax Department's web site at [www.nd.gov/tax](http://www.nd.gov/tax).

## Glory to the Newborn King

*For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6 KJV*



Many blessings from our family to yours!

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Hope it's filled with all that delights.  
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New Rockford, ND • 701-341-9860  
www.divideelectric.com



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## HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS



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Dr. Nicolai & Dr. Weber

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gratitude and our  
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happy holiday season

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with peace, joy, and contentment.  
Merry Christmas and  
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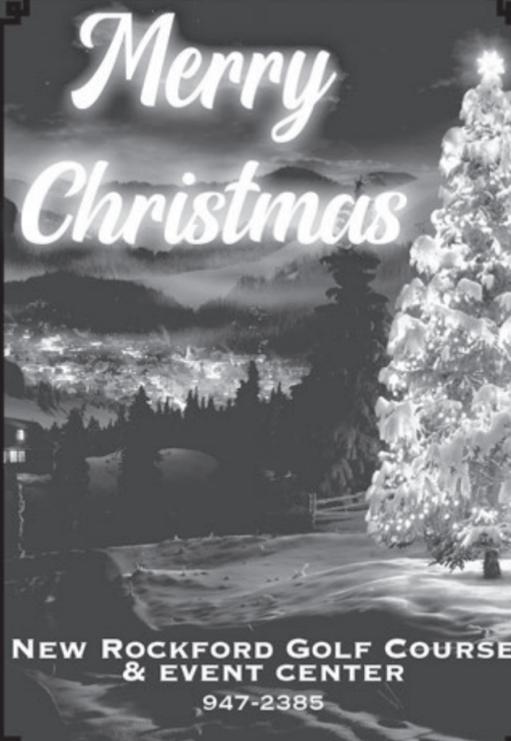
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with every happiness!

THANK YOU FOR BEING A PART  
OF OUR FAMILY. FRIENDS,  
NEIGHBORS AND CUSTOMERS  
LIKE YOU GIVE US SO MUCH  
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FORWARD TO RINGING IN  
THE NEW YEAR TOGETHER.  
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an abundance of joy and  
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and all year!

To all of our  
patients here in  
the community,  
thanks for your  
support and trust  
in us. We look  
forward to seeing  
you again soon.



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947-5515

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New Rockford, ND  
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**Merry Christmas**



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**Merry Christmas**

To all of our friends and neighbors, for giving us so much to celebrate this season!

**Peterson Law Offices**  
New Rockford

**MERRY Christmas**

Hope your holiday is the height of happiness!

Thank you for dropping in on us in 2022.  
We wish you and yours a very merry Christmas!

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**Cue the Lights: It's Christmas!**

Hope it's merry, hope it's bright, Hope the season treats you right! At the holidays and all year, we're filled with gratitude for friends and customers like you. Thanks for brightening our year. We wish you all the best!

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**Merry Christmas!**



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With Greetings & Gratitude this Holiday Season!

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Your patronage makes us proud, and your friendship fills us with joy. Thank you!



Merry Christmas

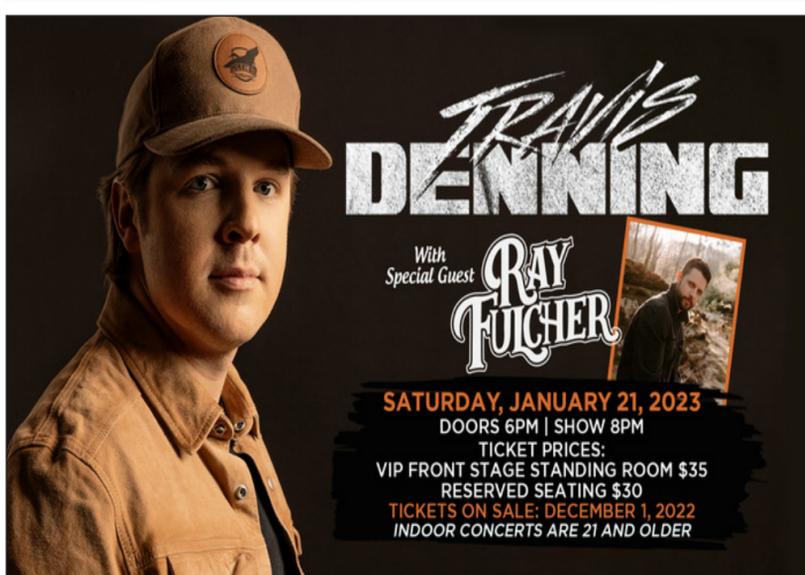
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Carrington ND




The halls are decked, the lists are checked; Christmas is here, bringing good cheer. There's just one thing we've left to do: Send our very best wishes to each of you!

Thank you to our customers and neighbors all around town for your friendship and support this year.

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I want to thank all my customers for the opportunity to serve them this past year. Have a safe Christmas and New Year's Holiday.

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**FARMSTEAD FOR SALE**  
**WELLS COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA**

The following farmstead located in Valhalla Township, Wells County, North Dakota is being offered for sale on bids:

**WELLS COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA:**  
TOWNSHIP 150 NORTH, RANGE 68 WEST:  
Section 20: Tract 20-1



Tract 20-1 contains 10.00 acres with 5.56 of those acres being within the Southwest Quarter and 4.44 acres being within the Southeast Quarter. Said tract is subject to all reservations, utility agreements, easements and rights of way of record or ascertainable by visual inspection.

There is located upon and included with Tract 20-1:

- Ranch style house with full basement and two stall attached garage
- Two detached garages
- 3 machine sheds
- 4 small grain bins
- Established trees

**BIDS:** Persons interested in bidding shall submit written bids to Travis S. Peterson, Attorney at Law. Bids shall be in writing, signed (include address and phone number), and state the total amount bid. The highest written bidders, as determined by Seller, will be invited to participate in oral bidding at a time to be scheduled. **The deadline to submit written bids is 3:00 PM on January 2, 2023.**

Seller reserves the right to reject any and all bids for any reason whatsoever. Seller reserves the right to waive any and all irregularities.

For further details and instructions contact:  
Travis S. Peterson  
PETERSON LAW OFFICES, P.C.  
523 Central Avenue, P.O. Box 231  
New Rockford, ND, 58356  
(701) 947-2442 (phone)  
(701) 947-2443 (fax)  
travis@petersonlawofficespc.com

Have a jolly walleye Christmas!



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WITH THANKS FOR YOUR TRUST

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