



NATIONAL AG WEEK

This week we celebrate and recognize the contributions of the agriculture industry. Agriculture is the #1 industry in North Dakota, providing almost everything we eat, use and wear on a daily basis. Read more in our Ag Week feature on pages A9-10.



Avy Schaefer with her chickens.



Calving season has hit the Collier farm during this never-ending winter.



Katie Allmaras with her pigs.



Raelynn Hatch with the cows at VanBedaf Dairy.

Proposed legislation would relax N.D. corporate farming rules

by Nathan Price

Right now, North Dakota's 68th Legislative Assembly is debating a bill that would allow feedlots and dairies to partner with corporations and limited liability companies, potentially eroding long-established anti-corporate farming laws.

The bill – designated HB 1371 – has comfortably passed the N.D. House of Representatives after a 70-24 vote, advancing it to the N.D. Senate where it's being discussed by the Agriculture and Veterans Affairs Committee.

Currently, the state's anti-corporate

farming laws prohibit LLCs and corporations from engaging in the business of farming or ranching, and from owning or leasing land for the same.

However, if passed in the senate and signed by Gov. Burgum, HB 1371 would open the door for corporations and LLCs to have some ownership in dairy and feeding operations for cattle, poultry and hogs. Anti-corporate farming laws regarding crop production, meanwhile, would remain unchanged.

Typically, such corporate farming bills

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Evelyn Koeplin with miniature pony, Rosco.

Editor's Note: Thank you to all the farm families who shared their photos with us! We celebrate you this week!



The cast of DPRCA's "The Fox on the Fairway," (l to r) Jon Johnson, Tessa Hartl, Nick Hovey, Hallie Brown, Elliott Schwab and Erin Greiner. Photo by Jenna Lee Photography.

"The Fox on the Fairway" opens on DPRCA stage March 31

by Amy Wobbema

Let's get this par-tee started! It might not be quite golfing weather, but you'll wish you were out on the greens this spring. Beginning next Friday DPRCA presents "The Fox on the Fairway," a charmingly madcap adventure about love, life and man's eternal love affair with ... golf.

This hilarious romantic comedy pulls the rug out from underneath the stuffy patrons of a private country club. Filled with mistaken identities, slamming doors and over-the-top shenanigans, it's a furiously paced farce that recalls the Marx Brothers classics of the 1930s and '40s.

All of the action happens smack dab in the middle of an interclub golf tournament hosted at Quail Valley Country Club.

The all-star cast of local talent features DPRCA Artistic Director, Elliott Schwab, as Henry Bingham, director of the tournament venue. Assistant Managing Director Erin Greiner is Muriel Bingham, Henry's estranged wife.

Jon Johnson plays Richard "Dickie" Bell, the pompous director of rival club, Crouching Squirrel Golf and Racquet Club. Driving Dickie crazy is ex-wife Pamela Peabody, played by Tessa Hartl.

Nick Hovey and Hallie Brown star as wild-eyed young lovers, Justin Hicks and Louise Heindbedder.

Rated PG-13 for mild language and suggestive humor, "The Fox on the Fairway" is the perfect date night, boys' night or girls' night adventure. Get a sitter and beat the winter blues with a night on the town. Eat, drink and laugh your face off!

There are only nine per-

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Facing budget deficit, NR-S proposes to cut music teacher

by Nathan Price

The New Rockford-Sheyenne School District is considering a number of potential spending cuts, including the release of one of their two music teachers.

After word spread that budget cuts to the music program were on the agenda, dozens of concerned parents, faculty and students attended the NR-S School Board's regular meeting on March 13.

Currently, NR-S employs Heather Klocke to teach elementary music and Annette Hovey to teach middle and high school music. Any pro-

posed cuts had not previously been discussed in a public meeting, but ahead of Monday night, rumor had spread that one of their positions was on the chopping block.

As the meeting on March 13 got underway, NR-S board president Mike Jacobson altered the evening's schedule to bring the main topic at issue to the front of the agenda. Those in attendance would be allowed to speak their minds right away, which would then be followed by a presentation of preliminary budget information and potential options for spending

cuts.

First up to the podium was Joe Greiner, the pastor at the local evangelical-free church, followed by his wife and assistant managing director of DPRCA, Erin Greiner. Both asked the school board not to proceed with cuts to the music program.

Joe Greiner told of how kids who participate in music have higher test scores and are more likely to succeed in their higher education, while Erin Greiner acknowledged the

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Brown to retire after 23 years

Christiansens resign, Stutlien hired for HS math

by Nathan Price

Kent Brown, the longtime technology director and math teacher at New Rockford-Sheyenne, has submitted his letter of resignation to the NR-S school board and will retire after 23 years with the district.

"Please accept my resignation from employment at the conclusion of my current teaching contract; specifically at the conclusion of the last day of school on May 26, 2023," wrote Brown.

Brown first student-taught in New Rockford during the spring of 1990 before teaching full-time at the Upham district for the next 10 years.

Then, during the TGU consolidation in the year 2000, an opportunity arose



Kent Brown

for Brown to return to New Rockford.

"I taught elsewhere for 10 years, then when the opportunity arose in 2000 to come to New Rockford to teach, I was delighted," recalled Brown. "New Rockford was

the only place I wanted to teach when the Upham district decided to consolidate into TGU."

Brown said he would likely have taught in Granville or Towner had the teaching job at NR-S not panned out, and he's certainly glad it did.

"I couldn't be happier that things worked out the way they did," expressed Brown. "I love this community and have no intentions of moving any time soon."

NR-S Board President, Mike Jacobson, expressed his gratitude for Brown's years of service to the school district.

"I just want to say congratulations," said Jacobson.

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NR-S traveled to Carrington for the Region V Large Group Music Contest on Tuesday, March 14. The NR-S band received a “star” rating for its performance. The band, directed by Annette Hovey, performed “Amazonia” by Chad Taylor and “Earthdawn” by Randall Standridge



The NR-S High School Choir had a guest director for the performance, NR-S alum Nick Hovey. They also received a “star” rating at the contest from the judges. They performed “Dreams of Thee” by Eric William and “Barnum Inveniam Viam” by Ryan Main - loosely translated is “I will either find a way or make one.”

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low number of students in the music program, but asked how anything else could be expected considering the disruption caused by COVID-19 and other factors.

“Our music program can not be expected to be at full steam after what it’s been put through for three years. Do not fail our student body and their families. Please do not limit music in our school. In my very humble opinion, that would be a shameful decision,” she said, prompting an outpour of applause from the audience.

Also asking the school board to remain patient was Annette Hovey, one of the school’s two music teachers. She also responded directly to a suggestion that NR-S could let one of their music teachers go now – while participation in music is down – and hire another in a few years if needed.

Hovey said she’s spoken to music teachers in Bismarck, who’ve said they’re having similar issues getting kids to join band and choir.

“They, in Bismarck, are asking their administration and their board to be patient, because numbers are down even in the bigger cities,” she said. “And we can’t let teachers go, because we may not get quality teachers back.”

Rikka Gudmunson, a freshman at NR-S, was next at the podium, and she implored the school board to refrain from reducing the school’s music staff.

“It is nothing short of a miracle that we have two absolutely amazing teachers for our music program,” she said. “...I fear that if we only have one of these teachers, the music program will not succeed the way that it has been over the past years.”

All totaled, 10 individuals stepped up to the podium and made their opposition known to potential budget cuts of the NR-S music program. Those remarks and the general atmosphere of the meeting remained calm, cordial and respectful throughout the public comment period.

Immediately afterwards, NR-S Superintendent Jill Louters and Business Manager Dave Skogen presented their preliminary budget information, and a total of five options for saving money.

Skogen began by saying the revenue and expense totals for the 2023-24 budget are very preliminary and

subject to change. However, as they’re currently projected, the district’s expenses will exceed their revenue by more than \$118,000.

Dr. Louters mentioned the administration’s priority of hiring a new full-time elementary teacher when discussing the district’s projected expenses.

“The proposed budget that Dave’s going to review in a minute incorporates the addition of one elementary full time equivalency, or FTE,” said Louters. “The third grade class is currently split with a total third grade population of 26 students.

“It would be the priority recommendation of the administration that this third grade split remain in place for fourth grade,” she continued. “... Early intervention is the key for future success. Twenty-six students would be dramatically impacted if their core instruction was altered by not adding an elementary position.”

Skogen then went over a few factors impacting the district’s protected expenses and revenue, such as inflation, the plan to add an elementary teacher, and the absence of federal funding that has flowed the past three years due to COVID-19.

Next, Dr. Louters went over five options the district has to make up for the \$118,000.

Option 1: Utilize the district’s carry-over balance of \$725,000 in the general fund, which is typically saved for facility needs in cases of an emergency.

Option 2: Reduce the music program by 1.0 FTE (to let go of one full-time teacher). Louters said projected savings would be approximately \$69,000 for this option.

Option 3: Reduce high school social studies by 1.0 FTE, which would save slightly less than option two.

Option 4: Reduce pay for district employees who drive buses from \$80 per route to \$50 per route. Louters said this option could save the district around \$25,000.

Option 5: No longer utilize the East Central building for pre-K education. Louters said this option could save the district around \$15,000 in lease payments, but could also impact a \$60,000 grant which has requirements for square footage.

Both Jacobson and Dr. Louters noted that these options are only a few potential suggestions at the first of

multiple meetings to come, and that more options could be discussed.

No official actions regarding the music program or any other spending cuts were taken at Monday’s meeting. A final budget won’t be officially voted on until July, however, N.D. Century Code requires that the removal of any teaching position must be done by April 15. The school board’s next meeting is scheduled for April 10 at 7 p.m.

Following the meeting, Jacobson put together a statement on his own behalf regarding the discussion that took place Monday night:

“Great feedback from the community on Monday night regarding music,” he said. “I really appreciate it being done in a respectful way.

“School budgets are very complex and especially hard for districts the size of ours to navigate through. Of course, the school wants to offer as much as possible, but this is hard to accomplish sometimes. As I mentioned at the school board meeting, we all look at things through our own lens. Some say music is the most important and please don’t reduce a position. Others would say class size is the most important and please reduce class sizes because some believe smaller class sizes suggest more engagement and a better learning environment, this requires adding teachers. Others would say busing is the top priority for the school board to address, if my kids can’t make it to school what else matters? This could mean adding bus drivers or even buying more mini buses so a driver doesn’t need a CDL to drive a bus. These are just a few items, the list of budget topics is long.

“Everything comes at a cost. I believe the school district does its best to manage the budget. The worst thing the school can do is overspend and must go back to the taxpayer.”

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are vehemently opposed by the North Dakota Farmers Union (NDFU) – a union whose influence on such issues has had significant impact before. In 2016, for example, they successfully led an effort to repeal a similar attempt at loosening corporate farming restrictions via statewide vote.

This time, however, the

NDFU isn’t throwing their weight around. They’ve pushed for multiple amendments to HB 1371, but have officially adopted a neutral stance, and the bill’s supporters are taking advantage.

Those supporting the bill argue it would increase livestock production in North Dakota, which lags significantly behind other states.

At the 2023 North Dakota Livestock Alliance, Nathan Sanderson, executive director of the South Dakota Retailers Association, compared the number of dairy cows that exist in his state to those that exist in North Dakota.

All totaled, there are 187,000 dairy cows in South Dakota, he said, while North Dakota has just 14,000.

According to information provided by District 29 Representative Don Vigesaa – who voted in favor of HB 1371 – North Dakota ranks 35th in dairy production in the country, and the total number of dairies has gone from 193 in 2009 to just 37 today.

Vigesaa said he believes the bill would help reverse those trends, and bring North Dakota back on par with other nearby states in livestock production.

“We need to increase our agricultural economy in our state,” he said, “especially when we have everything going so well for us in crop production, and yet in animal agriculture we’re just so far behind our neighbors.”

District 14 Representative, Jon Nelson, also voted in favor of the bill when it came to the House floor.

“Although I have never supported efforts to weaken our corporation farming laws in the past, I feel this proposal is necessary to improve the animal livestock numbers in the state,” he said. “We have fallen behind in every area of animal livestock production compared to our three regional states closest to us.”

Meanwhile, those arguing against the bill believe it would negatively impact family farm operations.

Republican Representative Dawson Holle of District 31, whose family owns a dairy farm in North Dakota, spoke against HB 1371 on the floor of the House of Representatives.

“The only thing we know, if we pass this bill, is you are opening it up for corporations from other states to come to the state of North Dakota to buy farmland and build animal operation facilities ...,”

said Holle. “But what we don’t know is the effects that will have on our current family farms in North Dakota.”

Republican Representative Jeff Hoverson of District 3 added, “I don’t think I can go with this because I really think we are going against the will of the people. I don’t think this is what North Dakota people really want, as was reflected in the measure they passed just seven short years ago.”

Hoverson was referring to the ballot measure passed in 2016 that curtailed an effort to loosen anti-corporate farming laws. At the time, more than 75 percent of voters elected to keep corporations and LLCs away from North Dakota ranching.

However, Jeff Schafer, president of the N.D. Stockman’s Association and owner of Roughrider Feeds in Eddy County, believes HB 1371 would only benefit North Dakota ranchers.

“It’s one more tool in the toolbox to allow expansion of the livestock enterprises within the state of North Dakota,” he said, adding that the Stockman’s Association is supporting the bill in its current form.

Also supporting the bill is the North Dakota Farmers Bureau (NDFB). Daryl Lies, president of the NDFB, said the bill would help North Dakota agriculture move in the right direction.

“Family farms should have the opportunity to choose what business structure fits their families best without the government picking winners and losers,” stated Lies in a NDFB press release.

Meanwhile, the NDFU – though officially still neutral – managed to secure some key amendments to the original legislation before it passed in the House.

As amended, House Bill 1371 establishes “authorized livestock farm (ALF) corporations,” and “authorized livestock farm limited liability companies.” It would also create the following requirements regarding such ALF entities:

- ALF entities are subject to the same reporting and enforcement standards as existing family farm corporations or LLCs;
- Family farmers or ranchers must own 75 percent of an ALF corporation and 51 percent of an ALF LLC;
- ALF entities are prohibited from producing crops or grazing livestock;
- ALF entities are limited to 10 shareholders;

- Foreign entities, including subsidiaries of foreign companies, are prohibited from investing in ALF entities;
- Officers and directors of an ALF corporation, or managers and governors of an ALF LLC, must be actively engaged in the operation;
- An ALF entity is limited to 160 acres of land, and no individual shareholder may hold an interest in ALF entities that own a combined total of more than 640 acres; and
- An ALF entity must generate at least 65 percent of its gross income from the poultry, dairy or swine production.

Rep. Vigesaa said the NDFU played a major role in creating the current version of HB 1371.

“They came to the table and were actually instrumental in writing the final language along with other farmer organizations,” said Vigesaa. “That helped a fella like me support it because I know that I represent a lot of farmers union members throughout our district.”

He added, “I think the guardrails that have been put into the bill will not erode the family-farm structure.”

Rep. Nelson also mentioned the important work done by the NDFU to protect family-farming, and how those protections helped secure his support for the legislation.

“I worked closely with N.D. Farmers Union to make this legislation have as little impact as possible to our support of family farmers,” he said. “To that end, N.D. Farmers Union did not oppose this measure, which is a strong indication that this compromise will indeed have the opportunity to build a stronger and more diversified agricultural community in North Dakota.”

As of press time, the last action undertaken in the senate regarding HB 1371 was a referral to the Agriculture and Veterans Affairs Committee. The bill can be tracked and future hearings can be viewed at www.ndlegis.gov.

Those interested are encouraged to reach out to their state senators and representatives, whose contact information can also be found on the legislature’s website. District 14’s state senator, Jerry Klein, has not yet voted in favor or against the proposed legislation. Klein can be reached at (701) 547-3517, or via email at jklein@ndlegis.gov.

Community Calendar

SNR BASEBALL HOTDISH & DESSERT SUPPER on Thursday, March 23 from 5 - 7 p.m. at the New Rockford Eagles Club. Free-will offering.

SHARON LUDWIG BENEFIT on Saturday, April 1 at Buck-It’s Bar in New Rockford. Meal at 6 p.m., Raffle to follow at 7 p.m.

PROM at New Rockford-Sheyenne High School on Saturday, April 1. Grand march starts at 8 p.m.

SAUSAGE AND PANCAKE BREAKFAST hosted by Sheyenne Fire Department at Ostby Hall in Sheyenne on Palm Sunday, April 2, from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

FROM GRIEF TO GRACE event on Wednesday, April 19, at 7 p.m. in the Brown Memorial Auditorium, New Rockford. Hear testimony given by post-abortive women. Hosted by St. John’s Catholic Church.

BINGO AT OSTBY HALL every Saturday at 7 p.m., Sheyenne.

SAFE HARBOR – STAND FOR THE SILENT will meet the fourth Monday of every month at 5:30 p.m. at the Eagles Club, New Rockford.

LIFESAVER CLUB held every Wednesday from 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.

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.

AMBULANCE BOARD meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Ambulance Hall, New Rockford.

EDDY COUNTY VETERAN SERVICE OFFICER has same day appointments available, please call (701) 302-8087. Please contact the Transcript at nrtranscript@gmail.com or (701) 947-2417 to have your event notices listed in the community calendar.

4-H livestock judging contest winners named

More than 170 4-H members representing 33 teams competed at the North Dakota 4-H State Livestock Judging Contest held at North Dakota State University. Teams from Bowman and Foster counties took home the top prizes in their respective divisions on March 4.

Participating in livestock judging helps youth develop skills like decision making, critical thinking, public speaking, problem solving and building confidence. 4-H'ers evaluated classes of goats, sheep, swine and beef and defended their decisions through their presentation of oral reasons.

This year, the contest attracted 18 junior teams with 94 participants and 15 senior teams with 79 participants.

Junior Division
top 5 teams and scores:
First – Bowman County, 1,225

Second – Adams County, 1,212
Third – Foster County, 1,210
Fourth – Grant County, 1,206
Fifth – Logan County, 1,184

Junior Division
top 10 individuals and scores:
First – Kalina Werner, Grant County, 418
Second – Reese Janikowski, Bowman County, 417
Third – Cally Hansen, Foster County, 413
Fourth – Dawson Erbele, Logan County, 409
Fifth – Stone Stadheim, Adams County, 408
Sixth – Cyrena Kuss, Foster County, 408
Seventh – Grayson Bowman, Bowman County, 405
Eighth – Mika Stuber, Adams County, 404
Ninth – Layla Krinke, Bowman County, 403
10th – Aubree Lachenmeier, Stutsman County, 401

Senior Division
top 5 teams and scores:
First – Foster County, 1,805
Second – Adams County, 1,798
Third – Stark-Billings County, 1,782
Fourth – Morton County, 1,770
Fifth – Ransom County, 1,763

Senior Division
top 10 individuals and scores:
First – Ty Macdonald, Morton County, 618
Second – Ian Dohrmann, Stark-Billings County, 610
Third – Karlee Lesmann, Foster County, 607
Fourth – Kelsey Vandebeghe, Stutsman County, 606
Fifth – Molly Hansen, Foster County, 605
Sixth – Grady Bock, Adams County, 602
Seventh – Dillon Bowman, Bowman County, 600

Eighth – Blake Larson, Adams County, 600
Ninth – Rylee Erdmann, Ransom County, 600
10th – Sophia Kennedy, Adams County, 596

For more detailed results, visit <https://www.judging-card.com>.

“These young people are developing a broad range of skills,” says Samantha Lahman, 4-H youth development specialist for animal science at the North Dakota State University Center for 4-H Youth Development. “Not only do 4-H members polish their skills in decision-making by placing classes of animals, but they learn to justify and explain their decision to others in a professional way.”

For more information about North Dakota 4-H, visit www.ndsu.edu/agriculture/extension/extension-topics/north-dakota-4-h-youth-development.



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Rundown

by Nathan Price

Here's your weekly rundown of some of the most interesting headlines from newspapers across North Dakota.

Increase in DUIs is major concern for officials

Local law enforcement are expressing concern after the City of Watford City saw five arrests for driving under the Influence (DUI) of a mind-altering substance in a single weekend.

Three of those five arrests were made by a single officer during a single shift, and law enforcement believe such a high number of arrests in such a short time period is very concerning.

Numbers from the last two months of 2023 show that the North Dakota Highway Patrol has reported 157 DUI arrests statewide.

Winter fish kill has once again struck the shallow-bodied Harvey Reservoir, according to Randy Hiltner of the North Dakota Game and Fish (NDGF) office in Devils Lake.

On Feb. 13, the water in the Harvey Reservoir was tested by the NDGF, and the results showed that the dissolved oxygen level had fallen to less than 1 ppm.

“When oxygen levels fall below 2 parts per million, walleye, perch and northern pike are among the first to go,” said Hiltner. Meanwhile, bullheads and fathead minnows are more tolerant of lower oxygen levels.

“Basically, with oxygen levels this low, the fish suffocate due to the anoxic condition of the water,” Hiltner explained.

“It seems winter kill has become a common occurrence at Harvey Reservoir,” he added. “It's a shallow reservoir that is prone to low levels of dissolved oxygen.”

Essentially, Hiltner explained that as snow covers the ice, sunlight can no longer penetrate the water and get through to the algae and plants below. Without sunlight, those plants can no longer go through photosynthesis, leading to less oxygen production and, ultimately, lots of dead fish.

(Story by Angela Kolden, Cass County Reporter)

How to protect yourself from fraud and scams

Bank imposter scams

Banking has changed quite a bit thanks to the internet. While many people still prefer the brick and mortar experience when dealing with their money, today you can do many of the same functions online and over the phone. Criminals are cashing in on these remote transactions by impersonating banks.

These scams start with a phone call, email or text that appears to come from your financial institution. These spoofed communications carry urgent warnings about problems with an account or transaction and direct you to click a link or call a given number.

The first defense against these types of banking scams is knowing that a reputable bank will not contact you out of the blue and ask for sensitive information. If you get a phone call, text or email saying there is a problem with your bank account, don't engage. Instead, contact your bank in a way you know to be legitimate (a phone number on a statement, for example). By verifying the official number before calling you will know for certain that you're talking to the legitimate institution and if there is a problem, they will help you address it.

AARP ReST: Emotional support for fraud victims

For many fraud victims, the financial toll is only part of the story; nearly two in three victims suffer a significant health or emotional impact, according to research by the FINRA Investor Education Foundation.

To address this reality, the AARP Fraud Watch Network and Volunteers of America (VOA) developed a free program to provide emotional support for people affected by fraud. AARP VOA ReST, which stands for Resilience, Strength and Time, features small groups whose participants are led in discussion by one or more trained peer facilitators. These online, hour-long sessions help to re-establish trust, integrate your experience and build back your resilience despite a difficult and painful occurrence. Discussions are confidential and you are welcome to attend one session or several – it's your choice.

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Obituaries



Doris Wolsky
Carrington, N.D.

Doris Ann (Gedrose) (Partlow) Wolsky, 86, passed away on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at St. Alexius Hospital in Bismarck, N.D.

Doris' visitation was held on Monday, March 13, 2023, from 1 – 7 p.m., with family present from 6 – 7 p.m., followed by a prayer service at 7 p.m., all at Evans Funeral Home, Carrington. Doris' funeral service was held Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at 2 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, Carrington, N.D. A burial will be at the Carrington Cemetery. Pastor Richard Biberdorf officiated with special music by soloist, Scott Beumer, singing “Mansion Over the Hilltop.” Congregational hymns were “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” and “The Old Rugged Cross.”

Doris Ann was born on February 27, 1937 in Fairville Township in Wells County, N.D. to Tannes and Hanna (Gudmestad) Gedrose. Doris attended the Fairville #4 rural school house. She lived on the family farm northeast of Cathay, N.D. Doris attended school until the eighth grade. She worked on the family farm. She later started working at the Carrington Hospital as a CNA and loved this job, because she loved taking care of people.

She met Wayne “Tuff” Partlow and they married on January 9, 1959 in Carrington. They had two children, Tim and Sheryl. Doris later worked at Seaburg Drug and Central Pharmacy for years and loved

that job. She loved helping people pick out that perfect gift and also enjoyed going on the buying trips for the store. She enjoyed playing cards, having coffee with friends and playing board games with her grandchildren. But what she enjoyed the most was her family. Getting together with brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews and all extended family was the BEST for Doris. She really enjoyed a good prank every chance she got. Tuff passed away in 1982.

On September 27, 1986 Doris married Jerry Wolsky. They made their home at Arrowwood National Wildlife Refuge. After Jerry retired, they moved to Carrington, N.D. Jerry passed away in 2021.

Doris is survived by her children: Tim (Lori) Partlow and Sheryl (Troy) Roundy; five grandchildren, Phillip Partlow, Samuel (Brianne) Partlow, William (Chelsea) Partlow, Cameron (Ellen) Roundy, Brittney (Thomas) Moravec; seven great-grandchildren, Rylee & August Partlow, Sutton & Stella Roundy, Kimber & Drake Moravec, and Freya Partlow; special niece, Cindy Wood, who she helped raise; sister, Elsie Robertsen; sisters-in-law, Lillian Gedrose, Marilyn Gedrose, Karen Partlow, Karen Wolsky; special friend, Barb Backer, many nieces and nephews, who meant the world to her; and Jerry's children and grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Wayne “Tuff” Partlow and Jerry Wolsky; parents, Tannes and Hanna Gedrose and Lester and Lola Partlow; sisters, Camilla, Tumina (Sverre) Melhus, Helen (Jack) Lilliheim; brothers, Elmer, Oscar, Clifford and Rueben (Delores); brothers-in-law, Anker Robertsen, Eldon Partlow, Gary Partlow, Howard (Eileen) Partlow; Jerry's brothers and son, Ron (Arlene) Wolsky, Leland Wolsky, Jay Wolsky.

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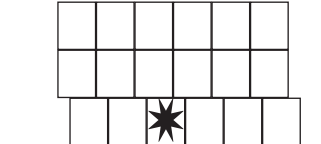
Pleasant
Prairie

by Charlotte Koeplin

Jimmy Indergaard was a Thursday supper guest at the Andy and Ruth Braaten home. All enjoyed watching Carrington girls basketball on TV.

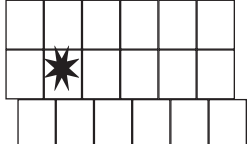
Sunday afternoon, visitor at the Margie Anderson home was Gary Anderson. Jimmy Indergaard enjoyed a phone call with his sister, Sharon Laxdal, Sunday evening and enjoyed supper on Tuesday at the Andy and Ruth Braaten home.

Sunday visitor and supper guest at the Margie Anderson home was Jean Lessner.



Talk of the
Town

by Charlotte Koeplin



House guests last week for a couple days at the Candy Jensen home were grandniece Katie Koeplin and her four legged friends; Papo, Ross and Feebee, while her grandparents, Rick and Cora Koeplin, drove to Grandforks where Rick had surgery on his hand for carpal tunnel.

Todd Harrison cleared snow from his Aunt Shirley Packard's yard on Sunday. Later in the week, Todd and Calvin moved more of that white stuff.

Wednesday, Amanda Bickett treated mom, Marvis Holte, to tea at the Prairie Inn in Carrington. Later Amanda and Izzy visited at the Holte home.

Janet Laube and YipYip enjoyed Sunday phone calls with Lois Ockert and Travis Laube. Finding out Fargo was digging out from the recent snow storm.

Ken and Marvis Holte got some good news from Marvis' brother, Cory, and Midge Birkholze of Grandforks: their daughter Ava received a cheerleading award. Ava is a senior at Grandforks high school and has been involved and a leader in cheerleading during her years there.

Tuesday, Calvin Packard drove mom, Shirley, to Carrington for a clinic appointment and later did some shopping. Friday, Mary Gehrtz was a helper at Shirley's.

Legislative Report

by Senator Jerry Klein,
District 14



It's day 41. As of today's writing, we still have 298 bills in the Senate to act on, and the House is looking to work on 240. The committees have been busy hearing the bills and taking action.

We are currently \$1.1 billion over budget in the general fund and \$446 million underwater in the Strategic Investment and Infrastructure Fund (SIIF). Much work is left in the Appropriations Committee to get us back on track. Everyone knows that we need to cut some spending and even slow down some of the tax exemptions, as long as it's not something they like. We'll have to see how that goes.

I have a couple of bills being heard next week over in the House. I have been working with the State Auditor to help him do his job better with the suggestions he is providing. There are

some small agencies that he doesn't think need an annual audit but still believes we can feel confident in the results. One big change is moving required audits to a two-million-dollar revenue threshold. This would take some of our smaller political subdivisions from having a required annual audit and would only require an annual report and simple review. There should be a bit of cost savings for most of these small entities still providing a level of confidence in the audit review.

I have also worked with the auditor to create savings at the Bank of North Dakota. Currently, the auditor is required to audit each one of the money programs that the bank administers. The auditor has worked with the bank to combine some of these audits and still provide the oversight we all demand.

Here's your weekly rundown of some of the most interesting headlines from newspapers across North Dakota.

Increase in DUIs is major concern for officials

Local law enforcement are expressing concern after the City of Watford City saw five arrests for driving under the Influence (DUI) of a mind-altering substance in a single weekend.

Three of those five arrests were made by a single officer during a single shift, and law enforcement believe such a high number of arrests in such a short time period is very concerning.

Numbers from the last two months of 2023 show that the North Dakota Highway Patrol has reported 157 DUI arrests statewide.

Winter fish kill has once again struck the shallow-bodied Harvey Reservoir, according to Randy Hiltner of the North Dakota Game and Fish (NDGF) office in Devils Lake.

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“Basically, with oxygen levels this low, the fish suffocate due to the anoxic condition of the water,” Hiltner explained.

“It seems winter kill has become a common occurrence at Harvey Reservoir,” he added. “It's a shallow reservoir that is prone to low levels of dissolved oxygen.”

Essentially, Hiltner explained that as snow covers the ice, sunlight can no longer penetrate the water and get through to the algae and plants below. Without sunlight, those plants can no longer go through photosynthesis, leading to less oxygen production and, ultimately, lots of dead fish.

(Story by Anne Ehni, The Herald-Press)

Abandoned wells may become a source of future income

Working together, District 26 lawmakers have passed a bill through the N.D. House of Representatives – HB 1272 – that could have a major impact on oil production in western North Dakota.

The bill would pave the way for enhanced oil recovery (EOR) to be an option for wells that were considered abandoned.

According to the U.S. Department of Energy, EOR is a process of oil extraction that aims to extract the remaining 30-60 percent of existing crude oil from deposits after the first and second stages of extraction are completed.

District 26 Republican representative, Jeremy Olson, said the bill is key to western North Dakota's economic future.

“I was the prime sponsor of this bill and carried it onto the House floor. The purpose of HB 1272 is to establish a new well status for Enhanced Oil Recovery potential,” he said.

“This status will ensure well bores and infrastructure remain viable and ready once the technology, policy and economics align for enhanced oil recovery through CO2 (carbon dioxide) and other recovery technologies,” he added.

(Story by Kristen Jones, McKenzie County Farmer)

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A family in need

On February 12, the home of Rudy and Alexis Theis went up in flames, resulting in the loss of precious memories and much of what they owned.

Luckily, Rudy and Alexis, as well as their three children, were not home at the time of the fire.

Carrington Fire and Rescue was dispatched to the home, located approximately four miles east of Carrington at 7130 7th St. N.E., at 12:43 a.m.

“Fire was found in the basement, and had burned through the main level floor and ceiling and through the rafters, and migrated to both the east and west walls,” said Fire Chief Kan Wangen.

The entire house suffered heavy smoke damage, with structural damage to the basement ceiling and living room main floor.

The tragic fire has displaced Rudy, Alexis and their entire family. Together, they're currently staying with a relative until next steps can be made.

A GoFundMe campaign has been started to raise money for the family, which had already raised \$3,471 as of March 1. Far exceeding the initial \$1,000 goal.

The GoFundMe page can be found by searching “Theis” at www.GoFundMe.com.

(Story by Erik Gjovik, The Foster County Independent)

Cottonwood Golf Course debuts cross country ski trail

The Cottonwood Golf Course in Casselton has created a groomed cross country ski trail, thanks to a local cross country ski enthusiast.

“I have a reputation for being a squeaky wheel,” said Cynthia Schatzke, the local cross country skiing enthusiast whose nudging helped convince Casselton Parks and Rec Director Stephan Bartholomay to create the trail.

“I've never made a trail, so we really didn't know what we were doing,” Bartholomay said with a shrug and a smile. “We started out at the Tee Box, looped around the perimeter of the golf course, up the fairways and past 8 and 9 then we put it out on Facebook.”

After the news broke, a number of locals took to the trail, including Schatzke.

“It's all good,” she said, crediting Bartholomay for tackling something he'd never done before. “Once it got established there were a number of people over there repeatedly.”

(Story by Angela Kolden, Cass County Reporter)

Senior Meals

March 20 – 24

Monday: Swiss steak with tomatoes, mashed potatoes, julienne green beans and peach sauce.

Tuesday: Chicken and wild rice casserole with a low sodium vegetable, juice and mandarin orange sauce.

Wednesday: Crispy baked chicken with mashed potatoes and gravy, yams, two tsp. cranberry and fruit or sauce.

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Small schools have advantages too

by Nathan Price

Since moving to New Rockford in August 2021, I’ve covered dozens of regular and special meetings of the New Rockford-Sheyenne School Board as a reporter for the Transcript.

Yes, at times there’s been drama and I’ve been able to write some interesting articles, but lately, I’ve started to appreciate something else – how different a small school like New Rockford-Sheyenne is compared to the school I graduated from, and I mean that in a good way.

I grew up in Huron, South Dakota and graduated from Huron High School (HHS) in 2016. There were nearly 170 people in my graduating class, and our school had a dedicated football and track stadium, basketball/volleyball arena, tennis courts, and a state-of-the-art auditorium for band and choir concerts.

The high school building in our district taught 9-12 graders, our middle school building housed grades 6-8, and there were a handful of elementary schools in town teaching K-5.

On the flip side, before moving to New Rockford I’d never interacted with a school district that taught all of their students (K-12) in just one building, or that had their football field in the outfield of their baseball diamond. It’s also crazy to me that this year’s graduating class at NR-S has only 13 students.

I say all this not to brag about the larger school I graduated from, but because it amazes me that a small school district like NR-S can offer so many opportunities that were never available to me at the school district in Huron.

At the NR-S school board meeting on Monday, March 13, (after most people had left following the music/budget discussion), a few fantastic policies were passed that I

only wish had been around when I was in school.

I wrote about each policy after their first reading a month ago so I won’t go into great detail now, but one policy made additions to New Rockford-Sheyenne’s graduation requirements. And, beginning next school year, one of those new requirements will be that every student must complete a job shadow.

Essentially, a student will spend one day at a business or workplace and experience first hand what a certain job entails. They could then decide, using the added knowledge of their first-hand experience, if a career path is right for them.

It’s a brilliant idea, and it’s so important that such an opportunity is going to be required, not optional.

When I was in high school, I recall taking an elective media class and genuinely enjoying it. Back then, I wasn’t the kind of student that genuinely enjoyed much of anything, let alone classroom instruction. So, it was quite a shock for me when I found myself enjoying that class.

Afterwards, I remember asking myself if I should consider going into journalism. However, I convinced myself there’s no way I had the talent or writing ability to do so. In other words, I didn’t believe I was smart enough.

I also allowed myself to believe there was no rush to figure anything out, that I had plenty of time to discover a career path. In reality, I was just procrastinating as I usually did.

I went on to complete my last year of high school and first two years of college having no clue what I wanted to do with my life. I was getting good grades, but I was merely coasting, needlessly wasting precious years of my education hoping I’d stumble



into something I enjoyed.

Of course, I eventually re-discovered journalism and I now find myself doing what I love. (I even enjoy attending monthly school board and county commission meetings, even if I sometimes wish they didn’t last so long).

But after listening to the board discuss these new policies, I can’t help but ask myself, “How might my life be different if I’d done a job shadow around the time I was taking that media class?”

For starters, I’m convinced I would have realized my chosen career path long before I eventually did, and that could have changed everything.

The college I attended didn’t offer a journalism degree, so even after I finally chose a career path I had to settle for an English degree instead. If I had known I wanted to be a journalist after high school, there’s no chance I’d have chosen a college that didn’t offer journalism, and I can only imagine where I’d be right now if I’d gone somewhere else.

But here’s the thing – even if the option for a job shadow existed when I was in school,

it wouldn’t have changed anything if it wasn’t required.

As Principal Baumbach and Mr. Cook said at last Monday’s board meeting: the outspoken kids at NR-S are already taking advantage of job shadow opportunities and are putting themselves out there. It’s the not-so-outspoken kids that won’t go if they’re not required.

I was one of those kids, and there’s not a snowball’s chance in hell that 2015 Nathan Price puts himself in a strange, uncomfortable environment voluntarily. But it’s those kids, the kids like me, that need those kinds of experiences the most.

I commend the NR-S school board, and the committee of students, parents and staff that came up with the new graduation requirements, for creating such fantastic opportunities for students.

But wait, there’s more!

I’d also like to talk about esports, and before some of you make a weird face and ask yourself how video gaming could possibly be beneficial, please hear me out.

When I was in high school I was very introverted, and

I spent most nights playing video games rather than hanging out with friends or doing other activities.

I lacked the physical characteristics or talent to play sports (not that I wanted to play with kids who bullied me anyway), and aside from band and marching band, I wasn’t interested in any other extracurricular activities.

In short, I wasn’t putting myself out there nearly as much as I could have. High school activities have always been where we make friends, build memories, learn about ourselves and where we actually enjoy our high school years. And because I didn’t participate in much of anything, I didn’t make many friends, didn’t build tons of memories, and didn’t particularly enjoy my high school career.

However, I can guarantee you that I’d have signed up for esports if that opportunity had existed, despite my tendency to avoid nearly anything that wasn’t required of me.

Thankfully kids like me who aren’t interested in competing in traditional sports or extracurricular activities,

but who enjoy video games and competition, have a way to express themselves, meet friends, build memories and represent their school at NR-S.

In just over a week, students from NR-S will be representing their school at the esports state tournament at the Alerus Center in Grand Forks. I can guarantee that every one of those kids will remember that experience for the rest of their lives, and it wouldn’t be possible if the folks at NR-S had assumed – like many still do – that video games can’t be healthy.

Music, sports and extracurricular activities are still important. But not everyone is cut from the same cloth, and I can only imagine how many great memories I might have today if my school had supported an esports program, something they still don’t offer to this day.

Education is all about creating opportunities and preparing students for the future, and it seems to me that even small schools like NR-S are outperforming larger schools in that department. Let’s make sure it stays that way.



To drive or not to drive

by Jase Graves

Along with identifying as “Swifties,” ignoring the reported Chinese threat of bad dancing posed by TikTok, and pretending that plant-based meat is actually edible, many young people in America are engaging in another fascinating trend – not driving.

According to recent surveys, around 20 percent fewer teens of driving age are getting their driver’s licenses as compared to the glorious 1980s. Much to the relief of

my insurance premiums, our youngest daughter, who recently turned 16, is one of these vehicular agnostics.

Speaking of the 1980s, the nanosecond I turned 16, I raced like a scalded ape (wearing embarrassingly snug Ocean Pacific shorts) to the local DPS office for my license. I then wanted my dad until he took me to a used car lot to pick up the coolest vehicle ever to leak antifreeze into the front passenger floor-

board – a sleek, black 1985 Oldsmobile Calais. Yes, I literally drove it until it bled to death.

My two older daughters were also enthusiastic to begin testing our credit limits as soon as they were eligible to drive. We bought both of them very nice pre-owned Nissans, which have become grave threats to street curbs and parking blocks throughout the State of Texas. They also have developed acute phobias of car washes, and they only clean their vehicles when I threaten to curtail their Starbucks privileges.

In my effort to afford my daughters the responsibility of soiling their own vehicles, I continue to drive what could

once have been described as a 2013 Ford Expedition. Having apparently reached its self-destruct date, it has now become little more than a chronic loiterer in auto service departments – held together with road tar and melted gummi bears. Instead of striking fear into my heart, the warm glow of the check-engine light is almost comforting – because I know that at least something on the vehicle still works properly.

When I first took my reluctant youngest daughter out to see what it was like to sit behind the wheel, I did my best to create a non-threatening experience for her. I chose an empty Baptist church parking lot for our practice session,

praying that the Lord would bless our time together and that there wouldn’t be an impromptu covered-dish supper that day.

I actually thought the practice went pretty smoothly. There was very little screaming or crying – and my daughter remained fairly composed, as well. Our good old Expedition even behaved throughout the ordeal – saving the major engine failure for the drive home.

But, for whatever reason, the experience made her even more uneasy about learning to drive. (I think she was traumatized about having to survive for more than twenty minutes without watching a YouTube video.)

A few days later, she came to me and sweetly said, “Dad, I’m just not ready to drive, yet.”

And that’s fine with me. Kids seem to grow up too fast these days, anyway, and I’m more than happy to let her hang on to childhood for a little bit longer.

I’m confident that we’ll be watching her pull out of the driveway and hit the curb soon enough. Until then, she can ride around with me in the Expedition – watching for the check-engine light, listening to Taylor Swift and spilling a few more gummi bears.

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We the People

by David Adler

Court finally ends race discrimination in public accommodations

Racial discrimination in southern hotels and restaurants throughout the 19th and 20th centuries, Congress determined in 1964 through hearings and studies, had created for Black Americans great challenges and difficulties in their desire to travel from state to state.

The Supreme Court had held a century before that Americans enjoyed a constitutional right to travel, but how could Blacks realistically exercise that right without access to lodgings and places to eat?

Congress sought in 1964, in the context of the historic civil rights movement, a legislative remedy against the widespread racism through-

out the south, but where in the Constitution could they find the necessary assistance? The Court, after all, in the Civil Rights Cases of 1883, had declared unconstitutional the Civil Rights Act of 1875, by which Congress, acting under the 14th Amendment, had attempted to prohibit discrimination by private businesses, including hotels, restaurants, carriage services and theaters. The Court ruled that Congress possessed authority to regulate state action but lacked power to prevent private acts of race discrimination.

In the post-World War II years, as the Court rolled back discrimination in public schools, parks and other public accommodations, legal scholars felt increasingly optimistic that the High

Bench might overturn its decision in The Civil Rights Cases, paving the way for Congress to prohibit private discrimination.

But members of Congress, sitting in committee in 1964, feared the possibility that the Court might uphold its 19th century ruling, which many regarded as punitive, thus stifling the efforts of the national legislature to expand civil rights.

What to do? Congress, behind the leadership of President Lyndon Johnson, enacted the 1964 Civil Rights Act which, in Title 2 of the landmark legislation, declared that “all persons shall be entitled to the full and equal enjoyment” of public accommodations, without “discrimination or segregation on the ground of race, color, religion or national origin.”

Given the Court’s ruling in the 1883 Civil Rights Cases, what constitutional ground could Congress invoke to justify the 1964 Civil Rights Act? Answer: the authority to regulate interstate commerce under Article I, section

8, clause 3.

By the end of the year, in a pair of cases — Heart of Atlanta Hotel v. United States and Katzenbach v. McClung — the Court unanimously upheld Title 2 of the Civil Rights Act as a lawful exercise of congressional control over interstate commerce. Justice Tom Clark delivered the opinions for the Court, declaring that the “record is replete with evidence of the burdens that discrimination by race or color places upon interstate commerce.” Clark noted the increased mobility of Americans in the post war era and observed that Blacks were particularly affected by the discrimination, “having to travel great distances to secure” lodgings, “and often they have been unable to obtain accommodations and have to call upon friends to put them up overnight.”

The Heart of Atlanta Hotel, like Ollie’s Barbecue, the subject of Katzenbach v. McClung, maintained that it was of a “purely local character” and thus subject to state control and not congressio-





nal regulation under the interstate commerce power. Justice Clark, writing for the Court, said, “assuming this to be true, if it is interstate commerce that feels the pinch, it does not matter how local the operation which applies the squeeze.” To the Court, the “squeeze” was obvious. Denial of hotel accommodations would deter Blacks from traveling from state to state and region to state. In the case of Ollie’s Barbecue, some of the products that it served were purchased from other states, a clear example of interstate commerce.

Congress utilized the commerce clause to respond to the pervasive practice of race discrimination, one of the nation’s most serious moral concerns. Heart of Atlanta and Katzenbach were not the first cases in American history that involved use of the commerce power to address social justice issues. Congress, for example, has at various times invoked the commerce clause to discourage practices which it deems evil, dangerous or unwise,

including the interstate sale of lottery tickets, white slave trafficking, the transportation of intoxicating liquors and child labor.

The purposes and rationales behind the exercise of the commerce power, the Court has said, are beyond judicial contemplation. In United States v. Darby (1941), Justice Harlan Fiske Stone spoke for generations of justices: “The motive and purpose of a regulation of interstate commerce are matters for the legislative judgment upon the exercise of which the Constitution places no restriction and over which the courts are given no control.”

1964 was a pivotal year in the history of the American civil rights movement. It represented one of the few years in which all three branches of government pulled on the same oar to promote human dignity and civil rights. We could use more governmental synergy in addressing the great challenges in our time.

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Obituaries



Terry Walter
Hamar, N.D.

Terry C. Walter, 64, of Hamar, N.D. passed away on Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at his home.

There was a gathering of family and friends on Friday, March 17 at the Gilbertson Funeral Home, Devils Lake from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. with funeral services on Saturday, March 18, 2023 at 11 a.m. at the Warwick Public School. Burial will be at a later date.

Terry Craig Walter, better known as Pickle, son of Elaine (Johnson) and Marvin Walter Sr., was born on May 13, 1958 at Devils Lake, N.D. He grew up on the family farm in the Warwick area. He attended Warwick School and graduated from Warwick High School with the class of 1976.

Terry loved the outdoors, loved farming and ranching and worked for many years helping area farmers and ranchers as a hobby more than a job. He had so many self-taught talents including that of a mechanic, welder, just a Mr. Fix-It. His famous saying was "You can fix anything with a hanger, duct tape and a pair of pliers."

Terry and Sharon met in 1984 and grew up together in the Warwick area, and shared over 40 years of a life of love, trials, tribulations and so many good and fun times together. They married on February 23, 2003 and called Hamar, N.D. home. They purchased the Hamar Bar in 1991 and worked side-by-side for 30 years, until son Joel took over the operation.

Terry looked for any opportunity to go fishing, hunting or driving around the countryside. If on those drives some wildlife was spotted it sometimes became a target of Terry's rifle. He was always checking on how the neighbors cattle and crops were doing. If you were out and about the countryside, Terry was always ready with a cold beverage and great conversation. He was a mentor to many young people when it came to learning to hunt and

fish. Terry was always willing to help out neighbors, friends and strangers.

Terry was a magnet to kids and animals, especially canines. They were never denied a treat from Terry. His family meant the world to him, everyone he met was soon a friend. He will be so very missed.

Terry was a member of Warwick Lutheran Church, the Warwick Rod and Gun Club and Warwick Rodeo Club. He especially enjoyed membership in the "American Honky Tonk Bar Association."

Terry's loving family include his wife Sharon; sons Josh (Jessica) Walter, Aneta, N.D.; Joel (Crystal) Walter, Hamar, N.D.; Ryan (Missy) Forde, Moorhead, Minn.; and Aaron (Alyssa) Walter, Penn, N.D.; special daughter Jasmine Strand, Sharon, N.D.; grandchildren Preston and Torbi: Ethan, Anwynn and Benjamin: Hadley and Piper: Gatlin, Statler and Bellamy: Trevor; siblings Margie (Daryl) Haas, Fertile, Minn.; Marvin Jr. (Linda) Walter, Warwick, N.D.; Gail (Ken) Yuly, Ruthville, N.D.; Nanny Forrest, Warwick, N.D.; Les Walter, Plymouth, Minn.; Rick Walter Sr., Devils Lake, N.D.; and Darrel (Dori) Walter also Warwick, N.D.; in-laws Judy (Larry) Ronning, Shell, Terry Gartner and Gene Gartner both of Fargo, N.D.; many dear nieces, nephews and their families.

He was preceded in death by his parents Elaine and Marvin; brothers Roger Walter and Tracy Walter; sister Cleus Walter; and brother-in-law Darrell Forrest.

Urn bearers will be Terry's nephews, Ben Walter, Lucas Walter, Nick Walter, Garret Moxness, Derek Haas, Darren Haas, Jason Haas, Kelly Walter, Rick Walter Jr. and Bill Forrest.

Arrangements by Gilbertson Funeral Home of Devils Lake, N.D.



Michael Hillebrand
New Rockford, N.D.

Michael "Mike" Hillebrand, 77, of New Rockford, N.D. passed away on Sunday, March 12, 2023 at the Luther Memorial Home, Mayville, N.D.

Visitation was Thursday, March 16 from 5-7 p.m. at Evans Funeral Home, New Rockford. A funeral service was held Friday, March 17 at 10 a.m. at First Lutheran Church, New Rockford. Burial will take place at Silent Hill Cemetery, Aneta, N.D. in the spring.

Officiating the service is Rev. Amy Kippen. Special music "On Eagle's Wings" and "You Raise Me Up" with congregational hymns "Amazing Grace" and "How Great Thou Art." accompanied by organist Jason Pierce.

Pallbearers include Kent Marsaa, Roger Skadsem, James Marsaa, Shawn Marsaa, Duane Mudgett Sr. and Duane Mudgett Jr. Honorary bearers are the staff of the Luther Memorial home in Mayville, all of Mike's family and friends. Military honors by the American Legion, Post #16, Aneta and the North Dakota Army National Guard Funeral Honors Team.

Michael "Mike" Duane Hillebrand was born on June 4, 1945 to Harold and Anna Mae (Syverson) Hillebrand in Sharon, N.D. He lived on a farm between Aneta, N.D. and Petersburg, N.D. until the age of 12. They farmed and raised turkeys. They then moved to Aneta where he graduated from Aneta High School

in 1963. He married Barbara Wall on January 25, 1964 in Northwood at Ebenezer Church. After graduation he went to Lakota, N.D. and signed Army enlistment papers on January 27, 1964. He was in Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. for basic training, then to Fort Belvoir, Va. for more training. From there he went to Fort Riley, Kan. with 1st Engineering and worked on heavy equipment. He was on leave in North Dakota for a week and a half, left N.D. and went to Fort Leonardwood, Mo. in 1965 and then went to Vietnam for thirteen months. He was honorably discharged on January 27, 1967 from Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

After he was discharged he came to N.D. and worked at Farmers Union Oil in Aneta for a while. He then worked for Crystal Sugar in East Grand Forks. An opening came about at the Equity Elevator in Aneta, so he got that job. Later he transferred to the elevator in Churches Ferry, N.D., then to the elevator in Hamburg, N.D. and then he worked in the elevator in Oberon, N.D. until he retired after over 30 years in the elevators.

After retirement they moved to New Rockford, N.D. and he worked on older cars and pickups and played cards, which he enjoyed very much. He also enjoyed spending time with the grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Mike is survived by his wife, Barbara; children, Brent (Lanette) Hillebrand, Michelle Hillebrand, Marcee (Kent) Marsaa, Boyd Hillebrand and Bradley (Danae) Hillebrand; brother, Bradley (Lisa) Hillebrand; sister, Sheila (Dennis) Knudson; 10 grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren and two greats on the way; and ex son-in-law Roger Skadsem.

He is preceded in death by his mom and dad, in-laws, brother-in-law, two nephews, one niece and one great grandson.

Arrangements by Evans Funeral Home of New Rockford, N.D.

Death Notice

Jeffrey (Jeff) Allen Wahl, 58, of Devils Lake, N.D. passed away of natural causes on

Thursday, March 9, 2023 at CHI, St. Alexius Health, Devils Lake Hospital.

Sermonette

by Pastor Jeff Halvorson
Sheyenne Oberon Area
Ministries

Peace and Grace to you, brothers and sisters in Christ.

For those people who work a Monday to Friday job, Wednesday is often called "hump day." The meaning being that once we get past Wednesday, we're over the hump and the weekend is almost here. In many of our professional sports, approximately halfway through their seasons they have an all-star break of a few days and play an all-star game before getting back to their regular season schedule. In college basketball, the regular season is over, conference tournaments have been played, and "March Madness" is upon us. The end of the year national tournament to decide the number one team. This is for both men and women. Nearly every office in the country has a bracket contest for those who wish to try and guess the ultimate winner. The sports books in Las Vegas say that the final weekend is second only to the Super Bowl weekend for the amount of money wagered.

We are approximately at the middle of the Lent. No, we don't take a break for an all-star game. Nor do we consider ourselves over the hump and the rest all downhill. And we certainly don't have wagering contests about how it will all turn out. What is happening is Jesus is spending less time preaching to large crowds and spending more time with his disciples. He has his run-ins with the Pharisees but for the most part, He is preparing his disciples for what is going to happen in a short while in Jerusalem. While it is possible that the gospel writers just didn't record their reactions, it seems as if they didn't really care all that much. Peter was the only one with a significant response and it was the wrong one. He tried to tell

Jesus to not go through with it. There isn't another reaction until Jesus tells them that he is going to be leaving them. This must have been quite a shock to them. They left home and family to follow him. For the last three years they have been with him nearly every day. He has provided lodging and food for them. They have had nothing to do but follow and observe and listen to his teachings. He has been their everything and now he is saying good bye. Yes, they must have been scared and it likely was showing on their faces. Jesus tries to comfort them. He tells them to not be afraid. Jesus tells them that the Father has prepared a mansion with many rooms and he is going to prepare a place for them and in time will come back for them. Thomas speaks out and says we don't know how to get there. Then comes one of the most well-known verses in the bible. Jesus tells them "I am the way, and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also."

What a great and comforting thing to hear. Not only for the disciples nearly 2,000 years ago, but for us today. Lent is a season of repentance. It is a season of making a choice. It is a season of preparing ourselves to focus on Christ's death and resurrection. No, we don't take a break. We should renew our efforts to get to know Jesus. We should acknowledge that we don't get to God's mansion except through Him. This season of Lent is a time for us to examine ourselves. Are we making the attempt to know Jesus? Are we ready to accept him as the way, truth and life? This isn't something upon which we can afford to gamble. We need to know He is ours and we are His. I pray we all use this remaining part of Lent to work on doing just that. God's peace to you all. Amen.

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5:00 p.m. TOPS

7:00 p.m. Choir practice

-- Tuesday, March 21 --

1:30-6:00 p.m. Blood Drive

-- Wednesday, March 22 --

5:00 p.m. Soup and bread

6:00 p.m. Lent Worship

-- Thursday, March 23 --

4:30 p.m. April
newsletter deadline

-- Sunday, March 26 --

9:15 a.m. Coffee

10:00 a.m. Worship/Launch

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-- Sunday --

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Services

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-- Tuesday --

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1:00 p.m. - Ladies' Bible Study

-- Wednesday --

7:00 p.m. - Adult Bible

Study and Youth Group

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New Rockford
Father Reese Weber

Confessions:

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Sun. 8:00 - 8:30 a.m.

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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 Kwiczen

-- Sunday, March 26 --

8:00 a.m. Sheyenne

9:30 a.m. Sigdal

11:00 a.m. Warwick

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Pastor Joe Greiner

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-- Sunday --

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship

11:30 a.m. Fellowship

-- Wednesday --

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7:30 p.m. Community

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7:00 p.m. First Lutheran

-- Sunday, March 26 --

9:00 a.m. Calvary

11:00 a.m. Grace Lutheran

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Lay Ministers: Marla Larson,

Truly Trautman, Marvin

Goplen & Gilbert Black

-- Sunday, March 26 --

10:30 a.m. Worship

Grace Lutheran Church,

Grace City

10:30 a.m. Worship

Trinity Lutheran Church,

Binford

-- Wednesdays --

5:30 p.m. Lenten Worship

(supper following)

Trinity Lutheran Church,

Binford

St. Peter and Paul Church

McHenry
Father Reese Weber

-- Sunday Mass --

8:30 a.m. 2nd, 4th Sunday

10:30 a.m. 1st, 3rd, 5th

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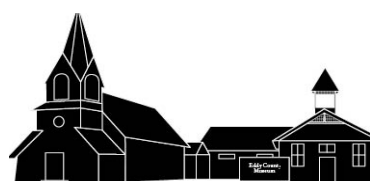
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Archival Anecdotes

by Rachel Brazil
Eddy County Museum Archivist

Seeds once sown



Photo: June 1971. Jessamine Hoveskeland poses at the Regional Meeting in Missoula, with a floral arrangement made in honor of North Dakota. A week later, she was elected president to the North Dakota State Garden Club during the annual meeting in Williston.

In anticipation of the warmer days ahead, it seems as though there is no better time to introduce the Original Garden Club and the contents of their 1971 Scrapbook.

The photographs in the scrapbook are exactly what you would expect from a group of botanical enthusiasts; flowers, flower arrangements, flower arrangements on exhibit, and club members preparing flower shows. To be honest, reproducing most of these photos in the newspaper just wouldn't do them justice. This collection is best to be viewed online at eddy.county.catalogaccess.com.

The scrapbook includes information from each of the club's travel dates, and it is clear that June was a busy month for the club ladies. They attended the Rocky Mountain Regional Meeting in Missoula, Mont., on June 9-10. The state convention was held in Williston a week later, and then club women returned to their homes to prepare for the local flower show to be held on June 26.

There was more to this club than a bunch of pretty flowers. This local Original Garden Club was affiliated with other clubs across the nation via the North Dakota

Federation of Garden Clubs. This gave the club a greater sense of purpose, and better ability to pursue community projects.

Twenty-five years before the Original Garden Club of Eddy County was having their heyday at flower shows, Garden Club women across the country were engaged in a more serious



Photo: July 18, 1971, a Blue Star Memorial marker was installed at the southeast corner of Riverside Park. The ceremony was organized by the Original Garden Club, and was led by Senator Ed Doherty.

conversation— "How do we welcome our men home from war?"

The Garden Club of the 1940s saw beautification as the best option to celebrate the unique beauty of the American landscape and celebrate. This idea fell in line with other post-war pastimes, particularly the family automobile, the Sunday drive, and the summer road trip.

In 1944, the New Jersey State Council of Garden Clubs planted approximately 8,000 dogwood trees to beautify a 5 ½ mile stretch of U.S. Hwy 22 to honor the men and women of the Armed Services. The New Jersey Legislature approved a Joint Resolution on January 22, 1945, designating the highways as "Blue Star Drive."

Soon the Blue Star Memorial Highway became a national trend. In time, the members of Eddy County's Original Garden Club, sought out a designation for U.S. Highway 281.

On Sunday, July 18, 1971, the Blue Star Memorial Highway marker was installed and dedicated. The marker still resides at the southeast corner of Riverside Park in New Rockford.

Savvy Senior

by Jim Miller

How to appeal Medicare surcharges when your income changes

Dear Savvy Senior, Is there anything I can do to reduce my high Medicare premium surcharges? Because of my past income, I pay \$329.70 per month for my Part B premium and \$64.50/month for Part D, but my income has dropped since I retired. Do I have any options?

Overcharged Andy Dear Andy,

If you're getting hit with a higher premium for Medicare Part B and Part D and you think it's unjustified, you can ask Social Security to revisit its decision and perhaps reduce your cost. Here's what you should know.

Medicare surcharges

Many retirees don't realize that monthly premiums for Medicare Part B (coverage for doctor's services and outpatient care) and Part D (prescription drug coverage) are based on your modified adjusted gross income from two years earlier. So, to determine your 2023 Medicare premium, Social Security uses your 2021 tax return. In those two years, however, your life can change in ways your 2021 tax return and current Medicare premium don't reflect. Sometimes, those changes are enough to convince Social Security that your Medicare premium should be reduced.

Part B's standard monthly premium in 2023 is \$164.90 for individuals earning \$97,000 or less; it's \$194,000 or less for joint filers. Anyone whose in-

come exceeds those thresholds pays a higher premium, also known as an Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount (IR-MAA), or surcharge.

The higher monthly premiums rise steadily from \$230.80 to \$560.50 through five income tiers. The same tiers apply to IRMAAs for Medicare Part D, with enrollees paying an extra \$12.20 to \$76.40 per month depending on their income.

About 7 percent, or 4.4 million higher-income Medicare beneficiaries pay a surcharge on their monthly Part B and/or Part D premiums.

Reasons for appealing

In certain situations, Social Security will recalculate your premiums – known as a redetermination – for Part B and Part D, particularly if the agency based the cost on a tax return that was later amended.

Otherwise, there are seven life-changing events that qualify for a redetermination if they hurt your income: marriage, death of a spouse, divorce or annulment, reduced work hours or retirement, involuntary loss of income-producing property, the loss or reduction of some types of pension income, and an employer settlement payment because the company went bankrupt or reorganized.

How to file a claim

To ask Social Security for a redetermination, you'll need to complete Form SSA-44 (SSA.gov/forms/ssa-44-ext.pdf) and include supporting documents, such as the death certificate for a spouse or a letter from

a former employer stating that you're now retired. If you filed your federal income tax return for the year that your income was reduced, you will also need to provide a signed copy.

A decision usually takes a few weeks, but if you had one of the events that Social Security considers life-changing, you should win the appeal. In that case, Social Security will reimburse you for the additional premiums by adding it to your benefit one month. If you are on Medicare but haven't started collecting Social Security, you should see a credit on a future invoice.

If your request for a redetermination is denied, there are three additional levels of appeals you could try: to the Office of Medicare Hearings and Appeals, to the Medicare Appeals Council and finally to the federal district court where you live.

For more information on the premium rules for high-income beneficiaries see SSA.gov/benefits/medicare/medicare-premiums.html.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, Okla. 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.

Answers to last week's (March 13) puzzle

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HISTORY OF NEW ROCKFORD

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About 3 a.m. Oct. 30, 1905, a fire alarm brought people to the corner of Stimson and New Haven, where J.T. Wiltzie's barn was on fire. "Strenuous work" got the flames out before any real damage was done. Early in the evening, a pan of lignite ashes had been thrown near a manure pile; they smoldered unnoticed until they burst into flame. [There was no mention of the NRFD.]

On Oct. 30 Sena Thompson entered the Commercial Department and Eva Hawthorn the Academic Department at Phillips Academy. H.G. Hudson, H.F. Rodenberg, Henry Wilson, and J.E. Cady went to George Pincoff's ranch to hunt "honkers"; they returned with some on the night of Nov. 1. Hans Jensen came down from Grand Harbor and made some collections. J.F. Grandstaff came in on business. Town Marshal Robert O'Neill went to Sheyenne on business; among other things, he purchased a quarter section to add to his four quarter sections near Sheyenne; the price was \$2000. Mr. and Mrs. Anson Bonney left for their new home, Hopper, Wash., where his parents had been located for several years. John Schaefer left for Seattle, Wash., where he expected to go into business or buy a farm; by late November he had gone into business as a jobber in paints in Tacoma, along with Charles Mann and former resident Herb Losee. That evening, the New Rockford Orchestra played at a big dance at Barlow.

On that day, O.J. Schutt had taken up on the Dresser farm northeast of New Rockford the following: one four-year old iron gray gelding, 1000 lbs.; one brown mare, star in forehead, hind feet white, "JW" branded on left flank, 900 lbs., ten years old; one bay gelding pony, white strip in face, "M" branded on right shoulder; one iron gray yearling colt, star in forehead, no brands. Owner could have them by paying charges.

On Oct. 31, Paul Duda sold his personal property and household goods in anticipation of moving to Oregon in November. Peter Schaefer of eastern Wells County and W.W. Overton were in on business. William Wilson came down from Sheyenne. John Topp was over from the McHenry area on business and to visit. A.R. Johns returned from a business trip to Brinsmade, while grain buyer J.A. McAuley made a business trip to that community up the NP line. George Deere left for his Michigan home after a fall working on a threshing crew. That evening, Miss Elizabeth K.

Chapman, the preceptress at Phillips Academy, hosted a Halloween party for the students and several soon-to-be students in the Academy's assembly room with games, music and light refreshments. Also that evening, S.D. Stefanich came over from near McHenry. All the Halloween pranks pulled by the community's youngsters were reported as of the harmless variety.

On Nov. 1 a four-month old black horse colt strayed from the farm of F.S. Dunham. The Methodist Ladies' Aid held a sale of fancy goods in the Opera House during the afternoon and hosted a supper for 25 cents at 6 p.m. A large number of people attended the supper. Joseph Greitl began the second-year course of bookkeeping at Phillips Academy. Mrs. E.A. Gammell went to Esmond to visit her grandsons, Robert and Homer Allison. The Degree of Honor sponsored a dance in their lodge rooms that evening.

On Nov. 1 and 2, C.D.U. Lewis of Carrington visited in New Rockford; he and his wife were preparing to move to California.

On Nov. 2, John Welsh, Jr., came down from the Sheyenne Valley on business, as did C.S. Bosworth from eastern Wells County. Dr. Charles MacLachlan went to the Twin Cities to see his wife and little daughter; he also took in the Wisconsin-Minnesota football game; all three returned on Nov. 6 — the little girl's health had greatly improved. J.A. McAuley went to Duluth to help institute a Shrine Lodge; then he went to the Twin Cities, where he also saw the Wisconsin-Minnesota game. That evening, the Cemetery Improvement Society met at the Baptist Church; refreshments were served.

The Nov. 3, 1905, "Transcript" commented that there had been several billiard and card parties lately, including those at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Dresser, J.W. and Alice Rager, and Mr. and Mrs. R.R. Woodward. The usual card game was "Nula Grand" [a trick-taking game also called "500"].

Under School Notes by Celestia Kellington were the following: The gymnasium was opened on Oct. 30; "The new floor is a great improvement." Monthly exams were held on Nov. 2. During the week, Ira Beer entered the first grade and Ada Beer joined the second. Mr. Blakely had visited the eighth grade and the high school; Mrs. Stegenga was also a visitor. The eighth graders were studying Ju-

lius Caesar. The seventh grade had decided not to join the Literary Society.

An ad stated that on or about Oct. 15 the following had strayed from the pasture of Mike Mulligan of Morris, N.D., in section 24, T150, R63 [Eddy]: one eight-year-old sorrel mare, white stripes in face, 1100 lbs., "NP" brand, had a leather halter on with a rope halter stall tied around neck; one bay mare, 900 lbs., wine cup brand on right shoulder, "badly stiffened in front."

"Boarders wanted at Mrs. E.P. Gosgrove's."

Fall plowing was almost complete, which was good because the past week's heavy frosts had made the ground almost impossible to work. The James River was frozen over, considerably earlier than in the previous several years, and the young people were taking full advantage of ice skating.

Recently, Rev. Paton of Carrington had visited several classes at Phillips Academy.

On the evening of Nov. 3, the Yeoman Lodge met; J.N. Kunkel was the Foreman. The Arkansaw Company and some local talent presented the play "The Fireman's Ward" to a crowded house to benefit the NRFD. Also that evening, a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. William G. Milne, Jr., at their farm on the banks of the Sheyenne River.

The F.E.W. (Foster, Eddy, Wells) Association of Teachers met in Fessenden on Nov. 3 and 4. (No school was held in New Rockford on the 3rd.) Each teacher was to bring a copy of Shakespeare's "Richard III" for the question and answer time. Grace B. Putnam of Eddy County was on the program committee. Principal E.S. Youngdahl and the Misses Lund, Bolstad, and Hutchinson of the New Rockford Schools were there. Youngdahl was one of the vice presidents elected.

On Nov. 4, Mr. and Mrs. Dan McKenzie drove up from their farm near the Foster County line to shop and to visit. Mrs. W.J. Morris was in shopping. Rev. J.R. Beebe returned from a trip on the mainline of the Northern Pacific in the interests of Phillips Academy. That evening, the first in the Lecture series sponsored by Phillips Academy, S. Platt Jones, entertainer, appeared at the Congregational Church at 8 o'clock.

From Nov. 4 to 7, Miss Julia Shirley was in Minot visiting her father and sisters.

On Sunday, Nov. 5, Thomas Miller from Minnesota visited his old friends Mr. and Mrs. P.H. West.

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Pirate's chart
- 4 "Shark Tank" network
- 7 Clench
- 11 Misfortunes
- 13 Monk's title
- 14 Jeans maker Strauss
- 15 Grabbed
- 16 Sailor
- 17 Opposite of "sans"
- 18 Lukewarm
- 20 Soft shoes, for short
- 22 Egg y quaff
- 24 Give
- 28 Limo alternative
- 32 Orange variety

- 33 Online auction site
- 34 "Kapow!"
- 36 Traditional tales
- 37 Winter woes
- 39 Lauded
- 41 Balloon filler
- 43 Little rascal
- 44 Beseech
- 46 Speak one's mind
- 50 Big swig
- 53 Profit
- 55 Alike (Fr.)
- 56 Sheltered
- 57 — Jima
- 58 Activist Parks

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- 59 Twinkler in the sky
- 60 Venomous viper
- 61 Campaigned
- DOWN
- 1 Catcher's aid
- 2 Skin soother
- 3 Fall into a soft chair
- 4 Astern
- 5 "Dracula" author Stoker
- 6 Ersatz choco-late
- 7 Fairy-tale footwear

- 8 Speed (up)
- 9 "— had it!"
- 10 Photo, for short
- 12 Swimmer without a suit
- 19 Medico
- 21 Biz bigwig
- 23 Prattle
- 25 New Mexico resort
- 26 Shrek, for one
- 27 Garden intruder
- 28 Georgia or Cal
- 29 Bassoon's kin

- 30 Humpty's perch
- 31 Knock
- 35 Hosp. scan
- 38 California's Big —
- 40 I love (Lat.)
- 42 Craze
- 45 Evergreen trees
- 47 Mr. Stravinsky
- 48 "Apollo 13" org.
- 49 Panache
- 50 Tank filler
- 51 Last (Abbr.)
- 52 Meadow
- 54 Spinning toy



Players for the Bantam A Devils Lake Flames pose for a team photo on the ice. At the NDAHA State tournament in Grand Forks on March 10-12, the Flames took second place after a loss to Grand Forks Red. Courtesy photo.

FLAME ON

—Devils Lake Flames finish 2nd at NDAHA State Tournament

by Nathan Price

Over the March 10 weekend, the Bantam A Devils Lake Flames traveled to Grand Forks to defend their title in the North Dakota Amateur Hockey Association's (NDAHA) state tournament.

New Rockford native Jackson Schumacher, 15, is a forward and the assistant captain for the Bantam A Flames, and he helped his team return to their second consecutive appearance in the championship game.

Bantam A is a division of the NDAHA for kids aged 14-15 years old.

Schumacher and his squad began the tournament on Friday, March 10 with a dominant shutout win against Jamestown/Valley City, before moving on to play Mandan in the quarterfinals.

They beat up on Mandan even more than they did J/VC, scoring 10 goals to their 1. The win put them

through to the semifinals where they narrowly took down North Star Youth Hockey by a score of 3-1.

Then they were through to the championship game, but if they wanted to earn their second straight state championship they'd have to defeat the tough Grand Forks Red team, and unfortunately for them, they were a little too much to handle on the day.

Grand Forks didn't wait long to score their first goal, as a quick passing play in front of the Flame's net was quickly converted into a point. They went on to score three points before Devils Lake scored their first.

By the end of the second period the score was 6-3 in Grand Forks' favor, and it didn't get better from there.

Despite their best efforts, the Flames were unable to mount a successful comeback and lost in the championship round by a score



Jackson Schumacher, #10, received the Playmaker award following the state tournament. Courtesy photo.

of 4-9, ending their season with a respectable second place showing.

For his part, Schumacher was given the playmaker award for points scored during the tournament.

Looking ahead, Schumacher will age out of the Bantam A division next year, and will play for either the junior varsity or varsity Firebirds squad next.

Rockets aim high for virtual Mandy Hoyt Memorial tournaments



Chaztin Wobbema lets an arrow fly. He placed fourth in the 3D tournament. Photo by Amy Wobbema.

by Kyrie Dauenhauer

The New Rockford-Sheyenne archery team was invited to compete in the first annual virtual Mandy Hoyt memorial bullseye and 3-D tournaments.

Let's start off with the 3-D tournament.

NR-S seventh grader, Koy Zieman, scored top notch for the Rockets, taking first place in overall boys with a score of 285. But Zieman wasn't the only Rocket archer to take top-ten in this tournament.

Among the 13 archers who competed in the tournament, all scored in the top-ten for the Rockets.

The NR-S archers in the middle school boys division scored extremely well. Layton Jacobson took third place (281); Eli Alfstad took fourth place (275); Glenn Skjerva took eighth place (254); Braylon Alfstad took ninth place (248) and Gabe Smith took 10th place (231). And that's just from the middle school boys division.

Vinnie Ruppell was the lone high school boy to shoot for the Rockets. Ruppell scored a 254, to secure fifth place.

In the middle school girls division, Olivia Larson, Addison Bullinger, Neece Swart and Leah Bullinger placed fifth, sixth, ninth and 10th, respectively.

Taylin Jacobson earned second place in the elementary school girls division with a shot of 212. Cordell Myhre placed ninth with a score of 219.

As for the bullseye tournament, a total of nine out of 22 archers scored in the top-ten.

Yet again, Zieman placed first in the bullseye tournament with a score of 287. Also placing first for the Rockets was Bradyn Collier, with a score of 280.

Jackson Brazil followed

behind Collier to take second place with a final score of 278 in the high school boys division.

Many of the top-ten scorers came from the middle school boys division, similar to the 3-D tournament. Respectively, Layton Jacobson took third place (280); Chaztin Wobbema took fourth place (275); Sawyer Huso took fifth place (273); Eli Alfstad took sixth place (273) and Glenn Skjerva took ninth place (262).

And last, but surely not least, Lora Wobbema scored a 247 to take 10th place in the high school girls division.

The Rockets archery team traveled to Minot to compete in the 2023 North Dakota NASP 3-D and Bullseye tournaments. Results from state will be covered in the March 27 edition of the New Rockford Transcript.



Adison and Leah Bullinger take aim. Photo by Amy Wobbema.

SPRING INTO SPORTS!

Below are the most recent schedules for the following spring season sports: Club Volleyball, Track & Field and Baseball.

CLUB VOLLEYBALL

4TH-6TH GRADE		
3/21	NR-S at Glenfield	4:30
3/23	NR-S vs. Carrington	5:30
3/27	NR-S at Leeds	5:30
3/28	NR-S at Buchanan	5:30
3/30	NR-S at Harvey	4:30
4/3	NR-S at Carrington	4:00
4/10	NR-S vs. Harvey	5:30
4/13	NR-S vs. Benson County	5:30
4/17	NR-S vs. Midkota	5:30
4/20	NR-S vs. Benson County	5:30
4/25	NR-S at Maddock	5:00

14'S DIVISION		
3/26	Power League, Jamestown	TBA
4/2	Power League, Jamestown	TBA
4/15	New Rockford Tournament	TBA
4/22	Fort Totten Tournament	TBA
5/7	Power League, Jamestown	TBA

16'S DIVISION		
4/2	Valley City Tournament	TBA
4/15	New Rockford Tournament	TBA
4/22	Fort Totten Tournament	TBA
4/23	Minot Tournament	TBA
4/30	Jamestown Tournament	TBA

Schedule subject to change
Home games in bold.

TRACK & FIELD

3/21	Belcourt Indoor (V)	TBA
3/25	NDSU B Indoor (V)	TBA
3/31	CNDC Indoor (V)	TBA
4/4	Concordia Indoor @ Minot (V)	TBA
4/11	Devils Lake OR Hazen (V)	TBA
4/13	Nedrose (JH)	TBA
4/17	Devils Lake (JH)	TBA
4/18	Fessenden OR Carrington (V)	TBA
4/20	Rugby (JH)	TBA
5/1	Oakes (V)	TBA
5/6	Carrington (V)	TBA
5/9	CNDC (V/JH)	TBA
5/13	Fessenden (V)	TBA
5/15	Rugby (V)	TBA
5/19	Regionals @ Rugby (V)	TBA
5/25-27	State Track @ Bismarck	TBA

Schedule subject to change

BASEBALL

4/11	SNR at Tolna (V/JV)	4:30
4/13	SNR at LaMoure (V/JV)	5:00
4/15	SNR at Washburn (V)	TBA
4/17	SNR vs Carrington (V/JV)	4:30
4/22	SNR vs Midkota (V/JV)	12:00
4/25	SNR vs LaMoure (V/JV)	4:30
4/28	SNR Jamboree (V)	TBA
4/29	SNR Jamboree (V)	TBA
5/2	SNR at South Border (V/JV)	4:30
5/4	SNR at Carrington (V/JV)	3:30

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SCHOOL-

“Reaching retirement’s a milestone that I think we all want to achieve in our life, so that’s very awesome for you to be able to get there.

“Now, from the District standpoint, this is a real bummer,” added Jacobson with a few chuckles from the audience and fellow board members. “I think you’re gonna leave some big shoes to fill.”

With that, the board unanimously voted to approve Brown’s resignation.

Among the accomplishments Brown is most proud of is his work on grant funding to bring the latest technology to students, such as a \$129,000 grant to install wireless network infrastructure at NR-S for the first time.

He’s also proud to have been selected to attend multiple national conferences, committees and events, which have kept him motivated to bring new ideas and introduce state-of-the-art technology into the classroom.

“I will miss flash card Fridays, National Brownie Day, Pi Day (3/14), calendar moments to document silly things said or done in my classroom, my funny jokes, and using my programmable button to annoy my students,” said Brown.

“It has truly been a pleasure. I will most certainly miss my classroom and the day-to-day interactions with the students and faculty.”

Though he’s technically retiring, students at NR-S may not have seen the last of Brown quite yet.

Brown noted that under current law, a teacher can continue to teach part time while still collecting a full teacher pension. And he could even teach full time while still collecting that pension, but only if he doesn’t teach for at least one year after his retirement.

However, there are also a pair of bills actively being considered by the 68th legislative assembly in Bismarck, which would eliminate the not-teaching-for-a-year requirement.

“Continuing to teach is just one thing that I am considering,” said Brown. “That said, teaching is the only occupation that I have wanted to do, and I still enjoy teaching, so staying in the classroom is a definite possibility.”

After accepting Brown’s resignation, the board approved a recommendation to hire a new high school math teacher: Steven Stutlien.

Stutlien recently graduated from Valley City State University with a bachelor’s degree for teaching secondary mathematics, and has one year of experience as the sole math educator at the Montpelier Public School.

“After reviewing the key qualifications for this role, I am confident that I am well-prepared to be a valuable contributor to your school system and create a culture of continued mathematical success among your student base,” wrote Stutlien in his letter to the NR-S district.

Ben Hannasch, secondary principal at the Montpelier School District, recommended Stutlien to the NR-S district, saying he’s been a great

asset to their school, and will be for the NR-S district as well.

The NR-S board approved Stutlien’s hiring unanimously.

In their last order of business regarding personnel, the board also approved the resignations of elementary teachers John and Kendall Christiansen. John teaches fifth grade and Kendall teaches second.

In their letters of resignation, both said they were moving to a new school/community, and that they greatly appreciated the time they spent in New Rockford and at NR-S.

“The experiences that I was able to have with my co-workers and students I will cherish forever,” wrote Jon Christiansen. “Leaving behind the relationships that I was fortunate to develop is what makes this decision so incredibly hard.”

DPRCA-

formances, so reserve your seats on your preferred date before they all get snatched away! The show runs Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from March 31 to April 23 with a break on Easter weekend. Showtime is 7:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, with 2:30 p.m. matinee performances on Sundays.

Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$15 for students or \$10 for youth 10 and under. Book today by phone or text to (701) 399-9634 or reserve your seats online at dprca.com!

The lower level is open for dining before each performance, with five entrée

options, plus a vegetarian option, to choose from. Dinner is \$16.95 per person and includes your choice of meal plus coffee and water. Choose from roast beef, BBQ pork, prime rib, bacon cheddar chicken or salmon all served with salad, baked potato and vegetable medley, or vegetarian pasta primavera with salad. A cash bar is available on site, as well as specialty coffee and smoothies in the lower level.

For dinner reservations, call or text (701) 399-9634 with your show date and entrée selection.

701-341-0534

Weapons

Violence

Drugs

Alcohol

Domestic Violence

Safety Concerns

Text-A-Tip Line

(701) 341-0534

The text-a-tip line provides Eddy County residents an opportunity to anonymously pass information on to the sheriff's department.

If citizens have information about weapons, violence, drugs and alcohol, domestic concerns or safety issues, they are encouraged to text (701)341-0534.



Dakota Recreation Report

by Patricia Stockdill

Outdoor notes:

*Permanent ice houses can’t be left unattended on lakes.

*Be mindful of parking when accessing area lakes; not blocking roadways or snow removal operations.

*Reminder that it’s illegal to chase, harass, or pursue any wildlife species with motorized vehicle.

*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.

*March 24: Barnes Co. Ducks Unlimited banquet, Valley City Eagles Club, 5:30 p.m.

*March 25: Kidder Co. Pheasants Forever banquet, Steele, Pifer’s Auction Center, 5 p.m.

Fishing:

*Devils Lake elevation, March 14: 1,449.46 feet above mean sea level (MSL).

*Stump Lake elevation: 1,449.42 MSL.

*Lake Sakakawea elevation: 1,824.94 MSL; 15,800 cubic feet per second average (CFS) Garrison Dam daily releases.

*N.D. Game & Fish Dept. Dist. game wardens: Little activity throughout area lakes.

*Devils Lake, Ed’s Bait Shop, Devils Lake: No new reports with difficult access in many areas on the lake.

*Devils Lake, Lakeview Lodge, Minnewaukan: Beware of slush pockets beneath the snow after earlier storms moved through as well as water and slush coming up when drilling holes. Limited activity with access by tracked vehicles only but those going out continue finding a mix of walleye and perch.

*Devils Lake, West Bay Resort, Minnewaukan: No new reports.

*Devils Lake, Woodland Resort, Devils Lake: Tracked vehicles needed on Devils Lake with little activity otherwise. Look for continued perch success on the east end of the lake where anglers can get around and continue working early morning and evening hours for walleye.

*Foster County area lakes, Dry Dock, Carrington: Poor access to area lakes with limited activity.

*Jamestown Reservoir, Sooper Stop, Jamestown: No new reports.

*Lake Ashtabula, The Hungry Pelican at the Crossing, Lurverne: Limited activity.

*Lake Ashtabula, Bayshore, Valley City: Tracked vehicle access only with more snow on the lake after earlier storms. Look for continued panfish success, however not many anglers are going out.

*Lake Sakakawea, Cenex Bait & Tackle, Garrison: Increasing numbers of pike anglers on the east end of Lake Sakakawea, especially Douglas Bay. No Lake Audubon reports.

*Lakes Audubon & Sakakawea, Hwy. 83 Lawn & Leisure, Garrison: Walleye bite slow on both Lake Sakakawea and Lake Audubon.

*Lake Sakakawea/Lake Audubon/Missouri River, Scott’s Bait and Tackle, Pick City: Missouri River tailrace and Lake Sakakawea quiet.

*Lonetree WMA area lakes, Harvey: No new reports with heavy snow on area lakes.

Downhill skiing (conditions can vary):

*Bottineau Winter Park, Bottineau: 36- to 40-inch base with good conditions. 2 Magic Carpets and 1 lift, 7 runs, and terrain park open.

*Buena Vista Ski Resort, Bemidji, Minn.: All runs open with Terrain Park set up on Bear Track. Tubing Park open with passes available online.

*Huff Hills Ski Area, Mandan: 30- to 35-inch powder, packed powder base. All runs open along with 2 lifts, 1 tow, and Green Lift Terrain Park open. Donut Hole Hiking Area also open.

Snowmobile N.D. (conditions can vary):

*Cattail (Barnes, Cass, Steele, & Traill counties): 16- to 20-inch base. All trails open. Watch for snow piles along approaches and road crossings.

*East Central Valley (Cass & Richland counties): 12- to 16-inch base. Trails open and in good condition. Watch for snow piles along approaches and road crossings.

*Lake Region (Nelson & Ramsey counties): 10- to 14-inch base. Trails open and in good condition. Watch for snow piles along approaches and road crossings.

*Missouri Valley (Emmons & Burleigh counties): 10- to 16-inch base. Trails open and in fair condition with new snow. Watch for snow piles along approaches and road crossings.

*North Central (Benson, McHenry, Pierce, Ramsey, & Town-er counties): 6- to 10-inch base. All trails open and in fair condition.

*Northeast (Cavalier, Pembina, & Walsh counties): 8- to 12-inch base with trails open and in fair condition.

*Peace Garden (Bottineau & Rolette counties):12- to 16-inch base with all trails open and in good condition.

*Red River North (Walsh & Pembina counties): 12- to 16-inch base. Trails open and in fair condition. Watch for snow piles along approaches and road crossings.

*Red River South (Grand Forks & Walsh counties): 8- to 10-inch base. Trails open and in good condition. Watch for snow piles along approaches and road crossings.

*Sakakawea (McLean & Ward counties): 5- to 9-inch base. Trails open. Watch for snow piles along approaches and road crossings.

*Sargent County (Richland & Sargent counties): 10-inch base. Trails open. Watch for snow piles along approaches and road crossings.

*Sheyenne Valley (Barnes, Dickey, LaMoure, Ransom, & Stutsman counties): 16- to 25-inch base. Trails open and in fair condition. Watch for snow piles along approaches and road crossings.

*Sno-trails (Bottineau, McHenry, Renville, & Ward counties): 3- to 12-inch base. Trails open.

*Southern Valley (Richland County): 12- to 20-inch base. Trails open and in fair condition. Watch for snow piles along approaches and road crossings.

Numbers to know:

*N.D. Game and Fish Department, main Bismarck office: (701) 328-6300, website: (http://gf.nd.gov).

*N.D. Game and Fish Department, Devils Lake office: (701) 662-3617.

*N.D. Game & Fish Department, Jamestown office: (701) 253-6480.

*Report All Poachers: (701) 328-9921.

N.D. Game & Fish News

Game and Fish volunteers recognized

Volunteer instructors for the North Dakota Game and Fish Department were recently recognized at the annual banquet in Bismarck.

A 30-year service award was presented to Curtis Walen of Carrington.

Clint Johnson of Carrington received a 10-year active instructor award.

Recognized for five years

of service were Trevor Larsen of Bowdon and Brian Miller, Heaton.

TROUBLED?

Phone 1-701-662-5050
24-Hour Crisis Line
Collect Calls Accepted

Public Notice

SECTION 101
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received for the Eddy County Shop 50'x60' Building, EC22-03-027.03, in Sheyenne, (Eddy County), North Dakota. Bids will be received by the County Auditor, at the office of the Auditor until 10:00 A.M. on April 4, 2023 and then at said office all bids properly submitted will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Digital copies of the Bidding Documents are available at www.interstateeng.com or www.quest-cdn.com for a fee of \$37.00. These documents may be downloaded by selecting this project from the "Bid Documents" tab and by entering Quest Project Number #8412879 on the "Search Projects" page. For assistance and free membership registration, contact QuestCDN at (952)233-1632 or info@questcdn.com. Paper copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from Interstate Engineering, located at 1903 12th Avenue SW, Jamestown, ND 58401, for a fee of \$75.00 per set. The bidding and contract documents may also be examined at this same location. Any technical questions may be directed to Darren Peterka at (701)320-4292.

The project will consist of the following approximate quantities: 468 LF of Concrete Foundation & Footing, 8,739 sf of Concrete Interior Floor, a Floor Heating System, 5,016 sf of Concrete Exterior Pads, a 50'x60' Building, Interior Walls and Finishes, Plumbing, Mechanical, Electrical and Cabinets & Appliances.

Each bid will be submitted on the basis of a cash payment for work. It will be enclosed in a sealed envelope addressed to the above mentioned Auditor, 524 Central Avenue, New Rockford, ND 58356 and shall be designated that the bid is for "Eddy County Shop 50'x60' Building, EC22-03-027.03." The bid shall be accompanied by a Bidder's Bond in a separate envelope in the amount of five percent (5%) of the full amount of the bid, executed by the Bidder as Principal and by a Surety Company authorized to do business in North Dakota. If the Principal's bid is accepted by the OWNER and the contract awarded, the principal, within ten (10) days after the Notice of Award, will be required to execute and effect a contract in accordance with the terms of the principal's bid and any requirement and conditions of the OWNER.

A Contractor's Bond, as required by Section 48-01.2-10 of the North Dakota Century Code, shall be included with the executed Contract Documents. The Bid Security shall be as required in Section 48-01.2-05 of the North Dakota Century Code.

All bidders must be licensed for the highest amount of their bids, as required by Section 43-07-05 of the North Dakota Century Code and a copy of the license or certificate of renewal thereof issued shall be enclosed in the required bid bond envelope.

No bid will be read or considered which does not fully comply with the above provisions as to Bond and Licenses, and any deficient bid submitted will be resealed and returned to the Bidder immediately.

The OWNER retains the right to reject any or all of the bids submitted and to waive any informality in any bid and to hold all bids for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days from said date of opening and to hold the three low bids and

bid securities for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days from said date of bid opening.

The work on the improvements is to commence upon a date to be specified by the OWNER, notice of which will be given to the successful bidder ten (10) days in advance of the start of construction. The contractor will be required to commence construction, and in approved sequence, complete the project by June 1, 2024.

By order of Eddy County,
North Dakota
Dave Gehrtz,
Commission Chair

Dated this 7th day of February, 2023.

Published March 13 and 20, 2023

MINUTES OF EDDY COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS MEETING
EDDY COUNTY
COURTHOUSE

FEBRUARY 7, 2023, 8:30 A.M.

The meeting was called to order by Dave Gehrtz, Chairperson. Also present were Commissioner Glenda Collier, Commissioner James Allmaras, Auditor Patty Williams, States Attorney Ashley Lies, and Nathan Price, New Rockford Transcript.

Glenda Collier made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Water Board membership, and it was seconded by James Allmaras. The motion carried.

Glenda Collier made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 3, January 6, and January 10, 2023, meetings. James Allmaras seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

After review of the financials and expenditure and revenue budgets for the month of January 2023, a motion was made by James Allmaras to approve both the financials and budgets. The motion was seconded by Glenda Collier, and the motion carried.

Glenda Collier made a motion to approve the following bills, and it was seconded by James Allmaras. Roll call vote: Collier, Gehrtz, and Allmaras voted aye. Auto Value Carrington.599.00 Bank Forward27.20 Michael Brown.....53.75 Butler Machinery165.36 Central City H2O9.50 CenDak Coop11,947.91 Cenex Fleetcard495.71 Glenda Collier115.00 City of Sheyenne110.10 Dakota Dust-Tex.....154.55 Dauenhauer Diesel2,853.83 Do It Best.....93.42 Dollar General.....800.00 Flower Scent-R.....77.50 Garrison Div Cons Dis600.00 Randy Guler.....50.48 Info Tech Dept615.80 Insure Forward1,807.00 Interstate Engineering ..1,942.58 Lake Reg. Dis. Hth16,659.00 LRLEC64,003.00 Lake Region 91163,916.00 Linde Gas Equip85.19 Meehan Machine865.72 Micks 281 Service.....834.09 Millers Fresh Foods2.09 ND Co. Auditor's Assoc.....100.00 NDPER19,977.62 NDPPIO100.00 ND State Radio Comm.....120.00 ND Telephone Co930.71 NR Utility Svcs214.60 Nodak Electric Coop73.73 ND Tax Commissioner....2,133.55 Northern Plains Electric...317.00 Office of Attorney Gen.....155.00 Otter Tail Power Co1,223.43 Linderman Const.....1,700.00 Albert Pfeiffer.....42.62 Pharmchem Inc31.45 Scott Reis1,120.00

Rockin Fitness.....	500.00
Greg Rue.....	57.03
Running Supply Inc.....	67.15
Stutsman Corr. Cntr.....	2,325.00
Transcript Publishing.....	1,301.81
Mike Tweed.....	62.93
Uniform Center.....	11.00
Payroll.....	70,306.60
AT&T Mobility.....	630.32
Cardmember Service.....	195.88
Central Plains Water Dis.....	56.00
Cenex Fleetcard.....	663.47
MDU.....	3,405.34
EFTPS.....	23,991.90
AFLAC.....	109.84
NDPERS.....	1,839.00
NDPERS.....	12,532.64
Colonial Life.....	461.25
Ameritas Life Ins Corp.....	266.30
Perleberg C-Store.....	1,361.00
Kathy Anderson.....	35.91
Bank Forward.....	27.20
Butler Machinery Co.....	9,310.74
Cash and Carry Lumber.....	568.66
Central Business Sys.....	641.53
Central City H2O.....	62.50
Cole Papers Inc.....	232.12
City of Sheyenne.....	12,926.15
City of NR.....	201,427.03
NR City Park Dis.....	18,560.54
Dakota Dust-Tex.....	159.75
Dauenhauer Diesel.....	113.43
Do It Best.....	289.74
ECCA.....	4,613.83
Eddy Co Treasurer.....	4,199.00
Garrison Div Cons Dis.....	2,524.65
Haley Auto Repair.....	108.00
Historical Society.....	3,076.72
Lake Region Law Enf.....	1,400.00
Leaf.....	115.00
Linde Gas Equip.....	300.75
Meehan Machine.....	639.73
Micks 281 Service.....	775.77
ND Assoc. of Counties.....	207.00
ND Clerks Association.....	100.00
Dept of Transportation.....	547.58
NDPER.....	19,235.56
NDRA.....	200.00
NDSU Ext Srv.....	9,396.24
NAPA Auto Parts.....	1,044.26
NR Utility Svcs.....	212.58
North Ctrl Planning.....	3,545.00
ND One Call.....	2.60
Northern Plains Electric.....	295.00
Office of Attorney Gen.....	105.00
Otter Tail Power Co.....	64.61
Pitney Bowes Bank.....	500.00
Quill Corp.....	91.55
RDO Equipment Co.....	4,223.85
Running Supply.....	564.55
Bennett Sauve.....	126.64
Dakota Prairie School.....	15,747.43
NR-S School.....	167,846.85
Midkota School.....	19,250.10
Warwick School.....	16,867.06
Sheyenne Tooling Mfg.....	1,842.23
Sidwell Company.....	4,800.00
Soil Conservation.....	7,439.23
Grant Stangeland.....	401.67
State Treasurer.....	2,306.89
Stutsman Corr. Cntr.....	3,300.00
Sunshine Spray Svc.....	16,340.00
Township Payouts.....	203,297.63

OLD BUSINESS:

Todd Weber, Road Superintendent, gave an update that included advertising for the construction of the new County shop in Sheyenne and contacting Interstate Engineering, Inc. to prepare estimates for improvements to the Brantford highway.

Ashley Lies, States Attorney, updated the Commission on the conversation she had with Attorney Joshua Wolfe, Ohnstad Twichell, P.C., regarding the improvements made to the Hillsdale/Tiffany Township section line road. It was agreed to have the area surveyed by David Hoven-dick from Devils Lake, ND. It was also agreed that Ashley will meet with the Hillsdale and Tiffany Townships to discuss what they did wrong, what they need to do correctly in this situation in the future, and that they need to respond to open records requests when made. Glenda Collier made a motion to approve this survey, and it was seconded by James

Allmaras. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dr. Jill Louters, NRS Superintendent, requested to buy Lot 21, Block 19, Original Townsite, from the County. She explained the plans for building a bus garage on the site. Ashley Lies, States Attorney, explained that the County would like an easement on the road in front of the County garages, and she will draw up a draft Purchase Agreement for the Building Committee to consider. The Commission agreed to selling the lot to the school for the price of the survey and the New Rockford City Street specials that were paid on that lot.

Chandy Howard, NDSU County Extension Agent, gave an update and turned in a Letter of Resignation effective February 28, 2023. Glenda Collier made a motion to accept her resignation, and it was seconded by James Allmaras. The motion carried.

The draft Joint Powers Agreement for the Establishment and Operations of the Lake Region Law Enforcement Center was discussed. Ashley Lies, States Attorney, pointed out a change that she recommends be made to Section 7.10 regarding inmates' medical expenses. Per ND Century Code, the inmate is responsible for their own medical bills. She would also like the County to provide the Center with a DVD player so that inmates can receive their rights when they enter the Center.

The new nd.gov email addresses for the Commissioners were reviewed.

Dave Gehrtz made a motion to appoint Kenny Reis to the Eddy County Water Resource Board for another term. Glenda Collier seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Mike Trautman, Jamestown Drag Racing Association, and Brian Hoplauf requested the use of a portion of the Munster highway for a possible drag racing event in Eddy County. Ashley Lies, States Attorney, will check if there are any legal issues that the County needs to be concerned with.

Dave Gehrtz, Chairperson, adjourned the meeting at 9:38 A.M.

The next regular meeting will be March 7, 2023, at 8:30 A.M.

Dave Gehrtz,
Chairperson
Patty Williams,
Auditor

Published March 20, 2023

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
EDDY COUNTY, STATE OF
NORTH DAKOTA
Court File No. 14-2023-PR-00005
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF EMILY PEARL STADHEIM,
DECEASED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above Estate. All persons having claims against the deceased are required to present their claims within three (3) months after the date of the first publication or mailing of this notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to Jill Zietz, Personal Representative of the Estate, c/o Severson, Wogsland & Liebl PC, 4627 44th Ave S, Ste. 108, Fargo, N.D. 58104, or filed with the Court.

Dated this 13th day of March, 2023.

Jill Zietz,
Personal Representative
Published March 20, 27 and
April 3, 2023

NATIONAL AG WEEK

Celebrating American Agriculture

March 19 - 25, 2023

NEW ROCKFORD TRANSCRIPT

MARCH 20, 2023

NORTH DAKOTA LEADS 2022 Production Rankings



**Spring Wheat
Durum
Canola
Flaxseed
Pinto Beans
Dry Edible Peas
Honey**



**Rye
Sunflowers (oil)
Sunflowers (non-oil)
Lentils**



**Barley
Oats
Navy Beans
Black Beans
Sugarbeets**

#4 Chickpeas

NORTH DAKOTA AGRICULTURAL OVERVIEW

Farm Operations	2022	2021	Change
Average Acres / Operation	1,514	1,512	+2
Number of Operations	25,900	26,000	-100
Total Acres Operated	39,200,000	39,300,000	-100,000
Livestock Inventory (as recorded on Jan. 1)	2023	2022	Change
Cattle, Cows, Beef - Inventory	876,000	945,000	-69,000
Cattle, Cows, Milk - Inventory	14,000	15,000	-1,000
Cattle, Incl Calves - Inventory	1,750,000	1,850,000	-100,000
Cattle, On Feed - Inventory	41,000	39,000	+2,000
Sheep, Incl Lambs - Inventory	64,000	62,000	+2,000
Hogs - Inventory (As of Dec. 1, 2022)	155,000	148,000	+7,000
Milk Production	2022	2021	Change
Milk Production, Measured in Lb/head	22,786	22,333	+453
Milk Production, Measured in Lb	319,000,000	335,000,000	-16,000,000

FIT FOR A (RODEO) QUEEN

—Jozey Retzlaff named Junior Queen at North Dakota Winter Show

by Erik Gjovik

Jozey Retzlaff, a junior at Carrington High School, has spent her life on the farm immersed in the Western way of life.

Get up early, do your chores, feed your horse and maintain a trusting relationship and bond with them, build a strong love of the land, family and country.

Those ingrained qualities served Retzlaff in her participation in the Miss Rodeo competition at the 86th Annual North Dakota Winter Show in Valley City, held Friday night, March 10, as part of the show festivities.

She would be named the Junior Miss North Dakota Winter Show Queen at the event, through her mastery of horsemanship, interviews, and speaking, among other qualities.

Retzlaff said there is also a modeling competition and pageant.

"The judges judge you on all your skills and the ability to 'think on your feet' when it comes to questions," Jozey said. "Also, they look at your personality and appearance."



Jozey Retzlaff of Carrington, right, was selected as this year's Junior Miss North Dakota Winter Show Rodeo Queen at the 86th Annual North Dakota Winter Show in Valley City March 7-12, 2023. She is pictured with Rodeo Princess Brooklyn Jenner, left, of Ashley, and Miss Rodeo North Dakota 2023, Lindsey Miller of Flaxton.

Retzlaff's inspiration going into the Winter Show came from the lyrics of one of her favorite country artists, Cody Johnson. "If you have a chance, take it; if you have a dream, chase it."

"Every time I had a chance to chase my dream, I took it," Jozey said. "When I got crowned, I felt very proud and accomplished for having the confidence and courage to run for Junior Miss North Dakota Winter Show."

"It's an opportunity that you only get once, and a privilege to represent the North Dakota Winter Show, along with educating youth about our western heritage and to promote the sport of rodeo."

She wishes to show appreciation to Miss Rodeo North Dakota 2022 Elise Burwell for her inspiration. Also, to event organizers at the Winter Show, who helped her with providing a horse and giving the opportunity to represent them, as well as her parents.

Jozey is the daughter of Doug and Holly Retzlaff of Carrington.

Ag Day Essay Contest Winner

The national written essay winner, Timothy Hill of Orlando, Florida, receives a \$1,000 prize and will read his winning essay at the virtual Ag Day event on March 21, 2023.

The contest also named three merit winners who receive \$100 and blog posts featuring their essays. They are Sophie Griswold of Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania; Libby Range of Marysville, Ohio; and Elsha Valluru of Highland Village, Texas. This year's video essay winner, Olivia Lee of Aliso Viejo, California, wins a \$1,000 prize.

Timothy Hill's winning essay is printed below.

Growing a climate for tomorrow: How American agriculture does it every day
Timothy Hill, Orlando, Fla.

As our world continues to face the devastating impacts of climate change, it's becoming increasingly important to find ways to reduce our carbon footprint and create a more sustainable future. American agriculture is at the forefront of this movement, working hard every day to grow a climate for tomorrow. From sustainable farming practices to innovative technologies and reducing carbon emissions, American agriculture is paving the way for a brighter, more sustainable future.

One of the key ways American agriculture is working towards a sustainable future is through sustainable farming practices. Crop rotation, conservation tillage, cover cropping, and precision agriculture are all examples of sustainable farming practices that help reduce soil erosion, improve soil health, and increase water efficiency. These practices also reduce greenhouse gas emissions, helping to combat climate change. By adopting sustainable farming practices, American agriculture is making a commitment to the environment and to future generations.

In addition to sustainable farming practices, American agriculture is embracing innovative

technologies to increase efficiency and reduce its environmental impact. Precision agriculture is a technology that allows farmers to monitor crops and make informed decisions about inputs such as fertilizers and pesticides. Drones can be used to monitor crops, identify areas that need attention, and reduce the need for labor-intensive tasks. Genetically modified crops can reduce the need for pesticides and herbicides. By using innovative technologies, American agriculture is reducing its environmental impact while also increasing efficiency.

Reducing carbon emissions is also a critical component of growing a climate for tomorrow. Carbon sequestration, renewable energy sources, and reducing greenhouse gas emissions from livestock are all initiatives that American agriculture is pursuing. Carbon sequestration involves capturing carbon from the atmosphere and storing it in the soil, which can help combat climate change. Renewable energy sources like solar, wind, and biomass can reduce the dependence on fossil fuels. Reducing greenhouse gas emissions from livestock can be achieved through diet management and using feed additives. By reducing carbon emissions, American agriculture is making a significant contribution to a more sustainable future.

In conclusion, American agriculture is doing its part to grow a climate for tomorrow. Sustainable farming practices, innovative technologies, and reducing carbon emissions are just a few examples of the ways American agriculture is working towards a sustainable future. As we continue to face the challenges of climate change, it's important to remember that each of us has a role to play in creating a brighter future. By supporting sustainable agriculture practices and making environmentally-conscious decisions, we can all work towards a more sustainable tomorrow.

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Soothing our furry friends

—Coppertop Therapy in the business of keeping animals feeling relaxed

by Erik Gjovik
Amy Becker’s extensive background in agriculture, and her sense of empathy and an everlasting love for animals, has inspired her to get into massage therapy for our four-legged companions. Coppertop Therapy provides services for cattle, horses and dogs, and is an option for anybody who notices pain in their animal, or desires to provide them with increased range of motion and other health benefits. “Animals of any age can benefit from therapy sessions,” said Becker. “That can range from improved mobility, reduced inflammation, increasing lymphatic and blood circulation, relieving stiffness and aches, and improving muscle tone. It’s very comparable to some of the benefits we, as humans, would notice from massages.”

Becker began her pursuit of the field in October, 2021, by taking a hands-on course in South Dakota to become a Certified Equine Massage Therapist, which carries over into other species. When she decided to name her business, a friend told her to consider her dyed-red hair, and the Coppertop name was born.

“I wanted something to include more than just equine species in the name, and also wanted to stray from including my initials as a lot do,” she said. She says that her ag background has helped her immensely in her therapy approach. “It gives me an understanding of how animals react to certain situations or lifestyles, and what therapies will benefit them the most,” said Becker. “It’s also what’s driven my passion for animals, and keeping them feeling top-notch.” Becker notes that what she does doesn’t replace proper veterinary care, farrier needs or nutritional care, but it does serve its purpose in allowing animals to be more relaxed. She typically starts a session with familiarizing the animal to her touch, usually



Amy Becker works her magic of massage therapy on a horse. Her business, Coppertop Therapy, focuses on therapeutic services for equine, bovine and canine clients. Courtesy photo.

in places familiar to them. “That way, it keeps them more relaxed, and I’ll also ask the owner questions about the animal and their activities, or any lameness concerns,” Becker says. From there, Becker begins a hands-on, slow and steady acupressure and deep tissue massage technique from top to bottom and side to side, and from the front of the animal to the back. At the end point of the session, she helps the animal with basic stretches, which the owner can utilize in between appointments. “Throughout the session, my main focus is on the animal to read the cues their body is telling me; if specific trigger points need more attention, then I will focus on that until we get a desirable result.” Becker notes that the animals will often show different

forms of tension release, such as yawning, lip licking, and head drooping. “It’s extremely rewarding to watch this during the appointment,” she says. One benefit she notes that some animals exhibit following therapy is increased water intake, as they’re releasing toxins that the body has been holding. A new discipline Becker is offering is “cupping.” While not a standalone service, it is an additional option for animals if deemed necessary. “It requires a lot of ultrasound gel and medical grade cups, that I have in two different sizes to accommodate different muscle groups and species.” She also has added a facial blade, also known as a Gua Sha blade, which offers a different form of assessment and touch to the technique she already uses.

“The blade can also be a partial, standalone treatment just to encourage the movement of stagnant fluids,” said Becker. Bovine and equine sessions cost \$100 per session, and canine sessions run at \$60. If cupping is needed, it will be at an extra cost depending on the muscle groups and situation. “I travel to clients across the state, and am not local only to Carrington,” she said. “There is no additional mileage charge. I’ll also attend barrel races, rodeos, and other events.” Becker highly recommends letting the animal relax for a 24-hour period after appointments, so their bodies can self-adjust to the treatment. To reach out to Becker at Coppertop Therapy, give her a call at (701) 307-0376, or message her via Facebook.

Workforce issues extend to agriculture industry

by Nathan Price
The American workforce shortage has been covered extensively since the onset of COVID-19 in 2020, which literally brought the U.S. and global economies to a standstill. Ever since, workforce shortages are still impacting every industry despite significant economic growth – and agriculture is no exception. Here in central North Dakota, where agriculture is the life blood of the local economy, local businesses and operations are struggling to find help. “Labor is a huge, huge thing for any sector of the economy, especially ag,” said Jeff Schafer, a local rancher and owner of Roughrider Feeds. “I don’t know of anybody that isn’t looking for help,” he added. “They just had on the radio today: if the right person came to you and was looking to help, would you create a position for them? And the answer was yes.”

Regarding himself, Schafer said they’re always short on help and on the lookout for qualified workers. “I don’t want to take anything away from the employees we have, but when you’re as diversified as we are, you’re always looking for extra people, extra hands,” he explained. Schafer said he could use help with anything from grain farming to the livestock and feedlot side of things, and he isn’t the only one in the market for workers, nor is the worker shortage in agriculture limited to ranching and feeding operations. Jeff Barton, owner of Barton Meats in Carrington, also said they’re on the lookout for some additional help. He added, however, that much of the battle is also about keeping their existing workers. Barton said he’s had to increase salaries and take other steps in order to keep the workers they have. For now, he said they’re getting by with what they’ve

got, and simply have to adjust their workload for the amount of help they have on hand – but more workers would certainly help them out. Currently, he said they’re backed up about a year when it comes to filling beef orders. Both Barton and Schafer encouraged anyone looking for work to reach out and ask about the opportunities and positions available. Meanwhile, one of the causes believed to be impacting the worker shortage, is a general decrease in interest in agriculture among younger people. And some businesses are taking an active role in reversing that trend. For example, Leading Edge Equipment – a John Deere dealership based out of Michigan, N.D. – has been promoting unique ways to get the younger generation involved with agriculture. High school students are offered internships, co-op opportunities, part-time work and even job shadowing, all in the name of building interest in the agricultural industry at a young age. In January of 2022, members of the integrated solutions team at Leading Edge talked to NR-S students about opportunities at the dealership, and were even allowed to operate their combine simulator. Leading Edge has also partnered with the North Dakota State College of Science to offer a 2-year Associate of Applied Science degree program. According to their website, “With \$20,000 in scholarships and \$20,188 in tuition reimbursement, \$40,188 of your education could be covered – 100% of the costs! You’ll get paid for your training time at the dealership. And when you graduate, you’ll have a career ahead of you at Leading Edge Equipment.” Such programs are helping students all across the midwest get involved in agriculture, and hopefully realize the potential careers that could be ahead of them.

Take precautions when using heat lamps for newborn livestock

As spring approaches, many ranchers are preparing a clean, dry and warm place for newborn animals. Frigid temperatures in the Upper Midwest make it a challenge for producers to keep our newborn livestock warm and protected from the harsh, winter elements. One option for keeping newborn livestock warm is to provide supplemental heat by installing heat lamps. However, severe risks can accompany the use of heat lamps inside a barn. “As livestock producers, we want to do everything in our power to establish the best outcome for our newborn stock,” says Travis Hoffman, North Dakota State University and University of Minnesota Extension sheep specialist. “Sometimes we need to help our newborn livestock by providing supplemental heat to prevent hypothermia.” The lower critical temperature for newborn lambs and kids is 50 degrees Fahrenheit. Providing additional heat in the form of heat lamps for newborn lambs, kids and calves inside a “hot box” can

aid in newborn survivability. Unfortunately, the use of heat lamps also adds increased fire risk to barns, especially when heat lamps are placed over deep, bedded straw. “The risk of barn fires increases anytime you add a heating system to your barn, especially the use of heat lamps,” says Angie Johnson, NDSU Extension farm and ranch safety coordinator. “Ranchers must use extreme caution and preventative measures when using heat sources for your barn, especially heat lamps.” If ranchers decide that using heat lamps is their best option to provide a supplemental heat source for newborn livestock, Johnson and Hoffman provide the following tips to help reduce the risk of fire: Secure all heat lamps with a non-flammable hanger. The best option is to use a chain and a locking chain connector to prevent the heat lamp from falling into the straw. Do not use twine or rope. Heat lamps should be secured as if they are permanent. Purchase high quality,



When used properly, heat lamps can help newborn livestock stay warm during harsh weather. NDSU photo.

heavy-duty heat lamps and thick glass bulbs. Utilize a heat lamp that is designed to withstand a fall and lay in a pen without starting a fire. Utilize heat lamp bulbs that

won’t break if they fall into the pen. Farm and ranch stores that specialize in lambing and kidding equipment have heat lamp and bulb options. Clean off dust, cobwebs and dead insects before using the heat lamp. Inspect heat lamps for exposed wiring, loose bulb sockets or broken bulbs stuck in the heat lamp socket before using. Directly plug your heat lamp into an outlet, not an extension cord. Outlet receptacles should be both ground fault (GFCI) and arc fault (AFCI). An arc fault is an unintended arc created by a current flowing through an unplanned path that could create a fire, such as a heat lamp sparking when knocked into the pen. Ground fault trips when there is a sudden change in the amount of current going out versus coming back. Together, these two help prevent fire from a spark or electrocution if an animal

chews on the wire. Additionally, ensure that you do not overload the circuit. Place a fire extinguisher near each entrance of the barn. Have a 10-pound, ABC-rated (multipurpose) fire extinguisher ready to use in case of a fire. Check extinguishers periodically to ensure that they have maintained their charge by reading the indicator dial. Consider investing in a barn temperature monitoring system or fire monitoring system. “Using heat lamps in your barn means that ranchers must be diligent in checking the heat lamps every day, multiple times a day,” says Johnson. “If one animal bumps the heat lamp or chews on the electrical cord, causing exposed wires, a barn fire could easily occur in a matter of minutes. However, with proper safety considerations, heat lamps can be a viable option for protecting newborn livestock.”



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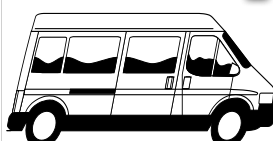
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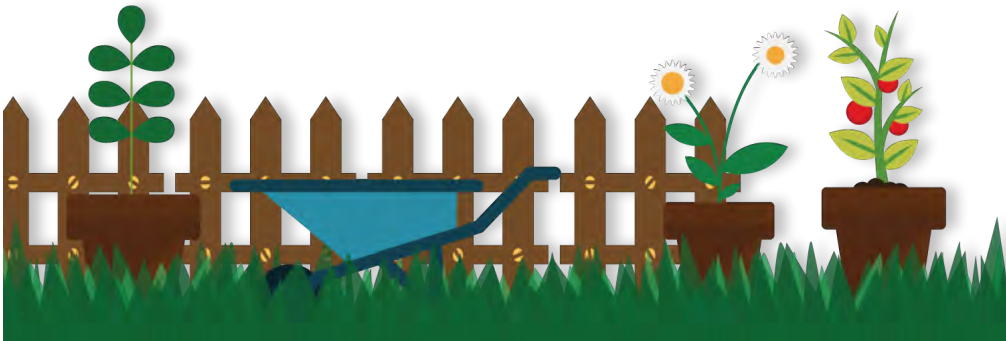
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NDSU Extension Horticulturist Esther McGinnis recently wrote an article for “Dakota Gardener” which explained the importance of green spaces in our environment. Spending time in outdoor areas such as parks and gardens results in physical benefits like lowered blood pressure, and decreased levels of cortisol, the stress hormone. Spending time in natural settings (your own backyard counts if you find it relaxing) results in improved mental health evidenced by reduced levels of anxiety and depression, ailments all too common today. And of course, we know that growing your own fruits and vegetables yields a source of healthy food, saves a few dollars, provides an opportunity to share with friends and neighbors, and is gratifying to know you grew this! A trip to your favorite greenhouse is the perfect prescription for Spring Fever. See you there!



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Mark McDowell is the son of Kimberly Schaefer and Matthew McDowell. His siblings are Sara Ozan, Katelyn McDowell, Maddie Schaefer and Anddie Schaefer. At NR-S, McDowell is involved in FCCLA, Music, NHS, Archery and Sources of Strength, and has received multiple awards for both archery and NHS. His favorite subjects to study are algebra, anatomy, psychology and astronomy, and among his most memorable experiences was attending field day at ThunderRidge highschool in Colorado. Outside of school, he enjoys working for the NR ambulance, hanging out with friends and family, playing games, going for walks or hikes in the mountains, and riding his bike. McDowell plans to attend the University of North Dakota for a major in Biology: Professional Health Sciences Emphasis, or pre-med, before going to med school to become a surgeon.

Emma Duda is the daughter of Roger and Tracy Duda, and her siblings are Koby, Raegyn and Isaac Duda. Duda is a member of FCCLA, Sources of Strength, NHS, Band, Choir, Archery and the Student Council. She's particularly proud of receiving state stars in music. Her favorite subjects at NR-S are english and music, and some of her most memorable NR-S experiences include going to state volleyball and doing stats with Abby and Bailey throughout the volleyball season. Some of Duda's favorite things to do include driving around with friends and getting coffee with them, as well as spending time with siblings. After graduation she plans to attend Minnesota State University Moorhead to pursue a degree in Psychology.





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