

School approves track co-op

by Nathan Price
Elliott Belquist, New Rockford-Sheyenne's athletic director, appeared at the NR-S school board's regular meeting on Monday, Dec. 11 to present a potential co-op agreement for track and field between New Rockford-Sheyenne and Four Winds.

Belquist said he was approached by the athletic director at Four Winds, Rick Smith, about the potential for a track and field co-op.

As Belquist explained to board members, the Four Winds school hasn't had its own track program for 11 years.

"They're just basically looking for somewhere to go," said Belquist. "He doesn't think he has a whole lot of kids that are interested, but he has a handful of good ones that he wants to see have an opportunity."

According to the summary of proposed action

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Zickefoose receives sentence

by Nathan Price
Brandon Zickefoose, the man accused of leading deputies on a chase through New Rockford on November 4, has pleaded guilty to several misdemeanor charges and received his sentence.

Zickefoose, 27, was arrested after a confrontation between co-workers, which began at Buck-It's Bar, escalated into a police chase through town.

The chase proceeded down First Avenue North and eventually came to a conclusion when Zickefoose stopped at the New Rockford Reservoir.

Court documents say officers observed clear signs of intoxication in Zickefoose, and eventually placed him under arrest

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The Dauenhauer siblings have a moment with Santa during the Santa Day event at the Brown Memorial on Saturday, Dec. 9. More than 130 youth and their families attended. The event is organized by the New Rockford Area Chamber of Commerce and the New Rockford Lions Club and is run by volunteers. Photo by Amy Wobbema.

Larsons recognized at NDSU Harvest Bowl

The success, dedication and hard work of outstanding agriculturists in 53 counties in North Dakota and six counties in Minnesota were honored during the 49th annual Harvest Bowl program at North Dakota State University on Nov. 10.

The Eddy County honorees are Peter and Patti Jo Larson. They operate a grain farm and beef cow/calf ranch. They took ownership of the farm from Peter's parents 40 years ago.

They are proud contributors to the community and employ many local residents. Their home is a historically-kept farm house, built before statehood with a heritage style barn and outbuildings. Their ranch was one of the first to raise French Salers cattle in the United States.



Patti Jo and Peter Larson were recognized as 2023 Eddy County recipients. Courtesy photo.

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Eddy County auditor resigns

by Nathan Price and Amy Wobbema
Eddy County's auditor will vacate her position at year's end.

Patty Williams, the county's auditor since 2015, has officially resigned amid recent controversy about voting machines used by Eddy County and other precincts across the country in the past two elections.

Williams' resignation was approved during a special meeting of the county commissioners on Monday, Dec. 11.

Later that day, Williams told the Transcript that her sudden departure was triggered when an attempt was made by the District 14 Republican Party to get on the Eddy County Commission's December agenda.

According to Larry Danduran, an Eddy County resident and District 14 Republican Party committee member, their purpose



Patty Williams

for doing so was to discuss vulnerability concerns with the voting machines used in Eddy County's last elections.

As the county's auditor, Williams is directly responsible for organizing and carrying out elections within the county.

The voting machine topic didn't appear on the commission's agenda for their regular meeting on Decem-

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HOLIDAY HOURS

The New Rockford Transcript office will be closing at noon on Friday, Dec. 22 and will be closed on Monday, December 25. Enjoy the holiday!



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Wobbema commits to LRSC for volleyball

—Royals' head coach looking forward to 'phenomenal' blocking ability

by Nathan Price
Lora Wobbema, a senior at New Rockford-Sheyenne, has officially committed to Lake Region State College (LRSC) to continue her volleyball career.

The signing ceremony was held on Friday, Dec. 8 in the lobby of the NR-S Gymnasium, where friends and family gathered to support Wobbema as she committed to the next chapter of her career.

Of course, also in attendance on Friday was LRSC volleyball coach Steve Waddell.

"The coach and team are why I chose LRSC," said Wobbema. "You can tell how much Steve cares about his players and that was one of the things that was a big factor in my decision. I wanted to be with a coach who

not only helps his players be better but also cares about their well-being."

This past season Waddell's team earned a 19-17 overall record, and he's hoping Wobbema's addition will help LRSC improve on that winning record next season and in the years to come.

"She's a phenomenal blocker and she's gotten to be a really strong hitter throughout the last two years that I've watched her," he said, "so I'm excited to see where she can go from here."

Waddell said he's had the pleasure of working with Wobbema on several occasions already — at a prospects' camp a year ago and while she partici-



Lake Region State College volleyball head coach Steve Waddell and Lora Wobbema share a smile at her signing ceremony on Friday, Dec. 8.

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N.D. Public Service Commission approves interim rate increase from Otter Tail

On Wednesday, Dec. 13, the North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC) approved Otter Tail Power Company's request to implement interim rates on January 1, 2024, as part of their current North Dakota rate review.

"With this approval of interim rates, customers will

see an average net increase of 6.03% on their monthly electric service statements," said President Tim Rogelstad. "We appreciate the Commission's decision, which more accurately represents the costs to safely and reliably serve our customers, and look forward to a final decision in late

2024." Otter Tail filed their original request for a rate review, often referred to as a rate case, on November 2, 2023. The request primarily is a result of increased costs to maintain a safe and reliable system while meeting growing electricity demand. Otter Tail last filed

for a rate case in North Dakota in 2017.

The PSC will hold public hearings related to the filing and post the hearing schedule on its website. Otter Tail will also post the hearing schedule and provide additional details about our rate review request at otpc.com/NDRateCase.

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Mary and Dennis Swanson are the 2023 NDSU Harvest Bowl agricultural recipients from Foster County. Courtesy photo.



Sheila and Curtis Weisz were recognized as this year's Harvest Bowl Wells County recipients. Courtesy photo.

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They also raise a variety of grain crops and practice conservation farming and minimum tillage.

In 1988, Peter earned a bachelor's degree in animal science from NDSU. He was an Outstanding Young Farmer state finalist in 1995 and an Outstanding Farmer presented by New Rockford Jaycees, and he has won various outstanding yield recognitions from Pioneer weigh contests.

Peter spends countless hours volunteering in the community as well as participating on many local boards.

In addition to helping on the farm and ranch, Patti is a full-time community volunteer and entrepreneur. She is active with many organizations and participates on many local boards.

The Foster County honorees are Dennis and Mary Swanson. They farmed and ranched for 28 years, raising a variety of grain crops and livestock. Over the years, they raised sheep, hogs, beef and bison.

They implemented a minimum-till operation, growing diversified crops and utilizing non-crop land and crop residues for livestock grazing and feed.

Dennis was a founding member of the North American Bison Co-op, which sought to add value to bison meat with a rancher-owned processing plant. He received the Foster County Soil Conservation award and was runner-up for the North Dakota Bison Producer of the Year.

During Dennis' farming career he was active in several commodity organizations and served as President of the North Dakota Corn Growers Association and then Chairman of the North Dakota Corn Utilization council. Dennis also served as President of the North Dakota Buffalo Association.

Dennis retired from farming in 2002 and began working at Wholesale Ag Products in Carrington. Dennis worked as an area sales manager and seed specialist for 20 years and retired in 2021.

Dennis is co-chair of the Carrington Garden Club and president of the Kvernes Lutheran Church Council.

Mary earned a bachelor's degree in education from NDSU. She retired from Bremer Bank after 37 years. Currently, she is a substitute teacher in Carrington and New Rockford schools. She serves as the Kverna Lutheran church treasurer and Sunday school teacher, and is secretary of the Carrington Garden Club.

The Wells County honorees are Curtis and Sheila Weisz. The Weisz farm grows small grains and row crops. Their family

farm was an original homestead started by Sheila's family in 1884.

After the death of Sheila's father, they took over the operations full-time. Currently, they farm with both of their sons. Over the years, their farming practices changed with a transition to minimum- to no-till being implemented.

Curtis has been an ambulance member and EMT for over 20 years and is a member of the Bowdon Ambulance Service. He has been a director of Northern Plains Electric Cooperative for 21 years and currently serves as board vice chairman.

Curtis is a member of the CHI St. Alexis Health of Carrington Quality and Values Committee, and CHI St. Alexis Health West Region and Executive Committees of Carrington, Devils Lake, Dickinson and Williston hospitals.

Curtis has been a 4-H engineering judge for over 20 years at the Wells County Fair.

Sheila has been the administrative assistant for NDSU Extension/Wells County for 22 years.

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ber 5, but later last week the Transcript received a special meeting notice for Monday, Dec. 11, with just one agenda item:

"District 14 (Republican Party): Chairman, Bill Kuntz and Committeemen Larry Danduran and Jason Steidl."

The meeting notice was emailed to the newspaper by Eddy County Tax Equalization Director Kristy O'Connor, who had taken minutes at the Dec. 5 meeting. Just one day later, however, the Transcript received a second special meeting notice via email from Eddy County State's Attorney Ashley Lies for the same date and time, along with a message stating the previous notice did not comply with state law.

"It is my understanding that you may have been previously provided with a Notice of Special Meeting for this same date and time," states Lies. "That Notice does not comply with state law and is therefore invalid; please disregard any prior notice."

Noticeably absent from the new agenda was any mention of the District 14 Republican Party.

Instead, the agenda included a briefing from the State's Attorney regarding open meetings law and parliamentary procedures, as well as the resignation of the county auditor.

Wells County State's Attorney Kathleen Murray provided counsel for Monday's meeting, in the absence of Lies due to a family emergency.

Murray outlined with

commissioners some key facets of open meeting laws, including the fact that meetings are to be called only by the commission chairman and/or auditor. Since the special meeting for Monday was initially called by neither, the notice was invalid, Murray said.

Also, Murray noted that although it is a citizen's right to appear at a public meeting, it is at the commission's discretion to decide whether or not the citizen will be allowed to speak. Due to the nature of the topic to be discussed by the District 14 republicans, namely election concerns, Murray said that both she and Lies advised that it wasn't a topic befitting of a public meeting.

Rather, she recommended that the matter be referred to the N.D. Secretary of State's office, or if there is concern of fraud, to the county sheriff or the N.D. Bureau of Criminal Investigation. She added that if there is an investigation to be done, that it should be conducted prior to release in a public meeting.

Danduran told the Transcript that he disagrees with the commission's decision to deny him the right to present his concerns. "I believe as a constituent of Eddy County and a former election judge in this county's precinct, that [the county commission] is the place to start," he said.

Danduran maintains that he has never questioned the integrity of Eddy County's election, and that his concerns were not directed at Williams or anyone who oversees elections in Eddy County or elsewhere.

Rather, his only intention was to highlight potential vulnerabilities in the machines themselves, which he said he believes are used in multiple states. With election integrity concerns coming to the forefront after the 2020 general election, Danduran said he simply wanted to present his findings to his locally-elected officials.

Williams was notably absent from both the commission's regular December meeting and the Dec. 11 special meeting, at which O'Connor recorded meeting minutes.

Williams told the Transcript she already wasn't planning to run for reelection once her current term expires, but that this recent controversy over voting machines prompted her decision to resign early.

She was most recently reelected to the auditor position — a 4-year term — in 2022.

Williams' letter of resignation states that her last day will be Friday, Dec. 29.

"This was not an easy decision to make, but I have come to realize that I am not up for running another election or fully commit-

ted to the challenges it includes," states Williams in her resignation letter. "I am thankful for the opportunities I have been given to serve the citizens of Eddy County and for your support while doing so."

Williams also said she's willing to help train whoever the commission finds as her replacement.

With finding a new auditor now at the top of their list of priorities, the county commission has scheduled a special meeting for 8:30 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 15 to discuss exactly that.

The meeting will take place in the basement of the Eddy County Courthouse.

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and transported him to the Lake Region Law Enforcement Center in Devils Lake, N.D.

He was charged with aggravated assault with a weapon and fleeing a peace officer, both Class C felonies, as well as actual physical control — intoxicating liquor and driving under suspension, both Class B misdemeanors.

Zickefoose originally pleaded not guilty to those charges, but later changed his plea to guilty on Dec. 8. Also, the two felonies were downgraded to misdemeanors and the driving under suspension charge was dismissed.

He was sentenced to 70 days at the Lake Region Law Enforcement Center, but all 70 days were suspended.

He was also sentenced to one year of unsupervised probation and must partake in recommended treatment for the intoxicating liquor charge, as well as a chemical dependency evaluation. He must also pay \$525 in various fees and fines.

Meanwhile, as one case comes to a close, another is heading towards trial.

A jury trial has been scheduled in the case of Kristopher Abshere, who's accused of impregnating a 14-year-old girl in the summer of 2022.

Court documents claim that Abshere's relationship with the girl began when he moved in with her and her family in Carrington in 2021, and continued when he and the family moved to New Rockford in the fall of 2022.

Throughout that time, Abshere allegedly had sexual intercourse and court documents say she became pregnant last summer when she was 14 years old.

After pleading not guilty to one Class AA felony charge of gross sexual imposition of a victim under 15, a trial has been scheduled to begin on April 15, 2024, and ending four days later on April 19.

Abshere is considered innocent unless proven guilty.

Community Calendar

NR-S ELEMENTARY CHRISTMAS PROGRAM on Tuesday, Dec. 19 with one performance at 7 p.m.

NR-S HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERT on Thursday, Dec. 21 at 7 p.m. in the NR-S gymnasium.

CHRISTMAS DINNER at Ostby Hall is Sheyenne on Monday, Dec. 25 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Everyone welcome for turkey and all the trimmings, carry out or dine-in. Free will.

DECEMBER ITEM OF THE MONTH at the Eddy County Hunger Free Food Pantry is instant potatoes. Donations can be dropped off at First Lutheran Church, 436 1st Ave N, New Rockford.

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.

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 Thursday 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.

FOOT CARE CLINIC every third Wednesday of the month at Eddy County Public Health. Call (701) 947-5311 for appointments. Cost is \$20.

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

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on the subject, an estimated five females and eight males from Four Winds have expressed interest in joining track and field.

Belquist told the board that the potential cooperative with Four Winds would be comparable to the agreements NR-S has with Carrington School District for softball and wrestling.

The co-op agreement would keep their team name as the New Rockford-Sheyenne Rockets, and would simply allow a few more area kids to compete in the sport.

The financial impact would also be minimal, explained Belquist.

"They would provide a coach, they would pay for that coach, and that coach would be responsible for bussing them down here," he said. "... so there's really no added expense for us."

Perhaps the biggest benefit of a co-op agreement with Four Winds would be free access to their track, which encircles the football field in Fort Totten.

The primary unknown discussed by board members had to do with remaining in Class B. If the combined enrollment of two smaller schools in a sports co-op is large enough, the North Dakota High School Activities Association (NDHSAA) could reclassify them in Class A.

As of Monday's meeting, Belquist was unsure if a co-op with Four Winds would make them too large for Class B. If that turns out to be the case, Belquist said they wouldn't move forward with the co-op.

For now, however, the school board unanimously voted to carry a motion to move forward with a potential co-op between NR-S and Four Winds.

Before the co-op is official, it must be approved by both the NR-S and Four Winds school boards, as well as the North Dakota High School Activities Association by January 15, 2024.

Also at the meeting on Monday, the school board considered a recommendation to hire Jennifer Whitman.

Whitman has already worked at the school district teaching third grade, but only as a long-term substitute. In September, Whitman officially earned her full teaching license, and therefore became eligible for a full-time teaching contract, which was unanimously approved by the board.

Before adjourning, the board also approved the resignation of Jim Fleming,

who had been the school's technology and engineering teacher.

There was no discussion among the board members regarding his resignation and Fleming's letter of resignation does not state the reason for his departure.

The school board's next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 8 at 7 p.m.

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pated in Lake Region club volleyball last season.

"The biggest thing that I've noticed about her is that she just constantly wants to learn and get better every single day that she's in the gym," said Waddell. "Which is what we do, that's our focus for our volleyball program."

Waddell said he's been keeping an eye on Wobbema throughout her high school career, and has been impressed by what she's displayed on the court.

For the past two seasons, he's seen Wobbema help the Rockets achieve historic success.

As a junior in 2022 she helped NR-S earn their first-ever region championship and their first trip to the state tournament in program history.

She played an even bigger role in her team's success a year later, earning a second straight region championship and another appearance at the state tournament.

For her career, Wobbema has amassed 40 aces, 35 assists, 106 blocks, 114 digs and 322 kills, with the majority of those stats being earned during her senior season.

Now that she's committed to continuing her volleyball career, Wobbema said she's looking forward to playing at a higher level. She also expressed her gratitude for everyone who helped her get to where she is.

"My family and friends have been a huge help in getting me to where I am," said Wobbema. "They always showed up to my games and cheered me on. Having so much support has helped to make me a better and more confident player."

"... My coaches were always getting on me about how I could be better and it pushed me to get better every single day and my teammates were a huge help on the court. They kept me out of my head and in the game when we had difficult games. They also helped me to learn to enjoy and love the game of volleyball."

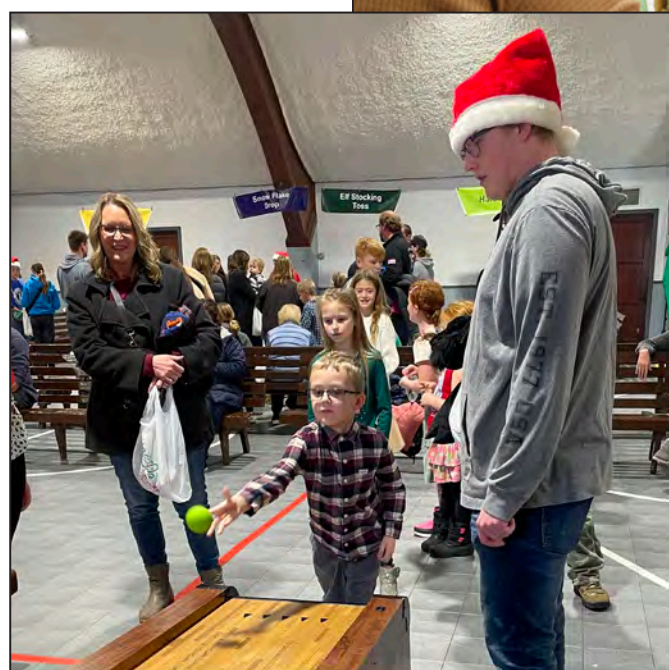
Lora Wobbema is the daughter of Chad and Amy Wobbema.

Christmas cheer around New Rockford

This past week there were plenty of opportunities for kids and their families to partake in some holiday fun. Annual events included Kindergarten Gingerbread Day on Dec. 8, Santa Day on Dec. 9 and Shop with the Sheriff on Dec. 11. Here are a few scenes from the festivities.

At right: Cruise Thomas helps kindergartner Axel Rue decorate his gingerbread house while Axel's mom, Hannah, watches. Photo by Kyrie Dauenhauer.

Below: Andrew Presnell and Connie Ystaas watch as Luke Greiner plays Christmas skee ball during Santa Day. Photo by Amy Wobbema.



On Saturday, Dec. 9, residents of the Lutheran Home of the Good Shephard welcomed area youth and community members for the Community Christmas Sing-Along.

The group got together at the Vance Anderson Hall and spread their holiday spirit with classic Christmas tunes.

Above: Two young girls stole the show during the Sing Along, dancing and singing to all the fun holiday songs to the delight of all in attendance.

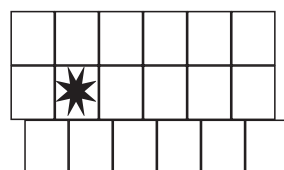
On Monday, Dec. 11, the Eddy County Sheriff's Office once again put on their annual "Shop with the Sheriff" event.

Every year, Eddy County Sheriff Paul Lies and his deputies escort the kids around town in their police trucks and cruisers, stopping at local businesses, where the kids can select from a fantastic selection of Christmas toys and goodies in New Rockford.

Above: Deputy Roberto Cantu peruses the toy aisle at Do it Best with two young shoppers. Photo by Nathan Price.

Talk of the Town

by Charlotte Koeplin



New Rockford and area folks extend sympathy to the family of Frank Bachmeier.

Calvin Packard and mom, Shirley, drove to Carrington Tuesday and did some errands.

Thursday, Ken and Marvis Holte and Amanda Bickett drove to Jamestown and kept a veterinary appointment for Amanda's pet cat and dog Izzy.

Eloise Lucht enjoyed a phone chat with her sister, Ann Wheeler, from Kanai, Alaska recently where it was

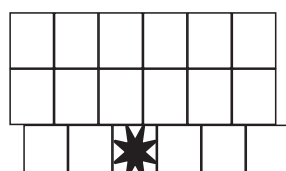
snowing heavily with huge fluffy flakes and no wind. Ann couldn't even see the end of her driveway.

Holly Ziemann brought goodies to Ken and Marvis Holte Sunday. All enjoyed visiting over treats and coffee.

Evelyn, daughter of Taylor and Amanda Koeplin, celebrated her fourth birthday in style with family and friends and lots of little friends with blowups and lots of goodies set up at James River Ag Saturday afternoon. All had a grand time.

Pleasant Prairie

by Charlotte Koeplin



Thursday afternoon visitors at the Charlotte Koeplin home were Shirley Packard, Diana Rue and Pastor Thomas Eckstein of Concordia Lutheran Church of Jamestown. He is stand-in pastor for Grace Lutheran Church of Carrington while they are in the process of calling a new pastor since Pastor Richard Biberdorf retired at the end of October. Pastor Eckstein gave the gals communion and they enjoyed a get acquainted visit over coffee. Calvin Packard stopped in to pick up his mom Shirley and also had a short visit and coffee.

Recent phone callers and visitors at the Margie Anderson home with early Christmas greetings were Beverly Bjornson, Lori Erickson, Marvel and Rodney Ebenhan of Fargo and Mary Ellen Turcotte of Minnesota along with Doug Cudworth.

Circle Trail Riders met Monday evening at the Charlotte Koeplin home.

There were nine present and decisions were made not to have a Christmas party and no meeting will be held in January. The club will meet the first Monday of February 2024 at Charlotte's and a family party will be planned.

Tuesday brief stopper at the Charlotte Koeplin home was Kathleen Lee.

Sunday visitors at the Margie Anderson home were David and Karen Anderson and Doug Cudworth. Doug also visited at the Glenn and Judy Cudworth home. Great-granddaughter Josslyn Hager helped grandma Margie with her Christmas letters one day.

Wednesday Charlotte Koeplin was surprised with a Champ's Chicken dinner brought by Karen Koeplin and Kenna Lewis. Kenna showed Charlotte her new wardrobe for a favorite doll she had shopped for with her aunt Angie Hopfauf.

701 Rundown

by Nathan Price

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

Carrington man sentenced for fentanyl possession, intent to deliver

A Carrington man is behind bars for possessing fentanyl and fleeing a police officer in Foster County this summer.

On August 13, Joshua Voigt of Carrington was arrested after reportedly leading law enforcement on a brief police chase through northeast Carrington.

The chase occurred when Carrington Police Officer Christopher Ormiston attempted to initiate a traffic stop after observing Voigt make aggressive turns without using his blinker, and going 53 mph in a 25 mph zone.

Court documents say the short chase began near the intersection of 2nd Ave North and Highway 200, proceeded west through the roundabout, and ended when Voigt's vehicle came to a stop near the unleaded gas pumps of Casey's General Store.

Upon a subsequent search, Officer Ormiston discovered narcotics on Voigt's person, including 28 blue fentanyl pills labeled "M 30."

When asked where he got the pills, Voigt named Lawrence Sansone, whose residence Officer Osterman reportedly saw Voigt leaving shortly before clocking him at 53 mph.

As of press time, Sansone still had a warrant out for his arrest after not appearing for court in September to address several felony drug charges, including possession with intent to deliver/manufacture fentanyl.

Voigt was charged with fleeing a peace officer, a Class C felony, possession with intent to distribute fentanyl, a Class B felony, and possession of a controlled substance, a Class A misdemeanor.

Voigt was sentenced to two years behind bars in the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, with 360 days suspended and credit for 59 days served.

He'll also be under supervised probation for a year after his release, and must pay \$810 in various fees and fines. As of press time, Voigt was serving his sentence at the North Dakota State Penitentiary in Bismarck, N.D.

(Story by Nathan Price, The Foster County Independent)

Sheep, goats, chickens, oh my

Do you live within city limits of Park River near one of the coulees?

Tired of spraying all those noxious weeds with chemicals only for them to pop right back up again?

If so, Mayor Dan Stenvold is hoping the new city ordinance passed a few weeks ago will be something you appreciate.

Citizens of Park River are now in luck, because not only are chickens allowed within city limits, but to go for a more natural approach to weed management, sheep and goats are now allowed also ... but only for a purpose.

The vote to pass the ordinance was split, meaning Park River's mayor was the deciding vote.

"I think this is my fourth four-year term (as mayor) with four years left ... It has been a long time. It has been fun; we have done a lot of improvements," said Stenvold.

"When I ran for mayor the first time, nothing had been done for 40 years and once we started fixing, we ended up with new housing and new businesses. It is always a work in progress."

Stenvold said he truly feels like this new city ordinance will be the best for not only the City of Park River but surrounding areas as well.

(Story by Steph Cronje, The Walsh County Record)

Hoping for a homerun

Central Cass only has a few weeks remaining in order to meet its year-end fundraising goal of \$500,000 necessary to begin a new turf baseball field in the summer of 2024.

The district received a donation in the amount of \$500,000 from Gary Theraldson of Theraldson Enterprises, in the form of a Matching Challenge earlier this year.

Central Cass Superintendent Morgan Forness said the Diamond Club Fundraising effort has until December 31 to match the donation and allow construction of the new turf field to begin in the summer of 2024.

The turf baseball field was part of the district's original "master planning" six years ago, but was put on the back burner so that attention could be given in other areas with high needs.

The funding project aimed to turf the baseball field will:

- extend the playing season regardless of snow or rain,
- eliminate field prep time for a coaches and athletes and increase play and practice time,
- allow the baseball teams not to have to use the football and softball fields for practicing.

The turf field could also open up the opportunity to rent out the field to area high schools and collegiate teams when it is not in use by Central Cass athletes.

(Story by Angela Kolden, Cass County Reporter)

Benson County approves revisions of county voting precincts

At the Benson County commissioners' regular meeting December 5, the board reviewed a change in the county's voting precincts as a result of moving from voting for commissioner at-large to voting for them by commissioner district.

The change had been made because of a lawsuit filed against the county charging that at-large commissioner voting diluted the ability of Native American voters to vote for a commissioner of their choice.

Rather than fight the lawsuit, the commissioners adopted a consent decree that implemented a new election plan.

The county will now have seven voting precincts rather than four. The precincts follow commissioner districts as well as North Dakota legislative districts.

Discussion was held on where each precinct will host in-person voting. All of Benson County falling within District 14 will continue to vote in Minnewaukan.

The District 15 portion of Benson County will vote in either Minnewaukan, Fort Totten or Warwick, depending on which commissioner district a resident lives in.

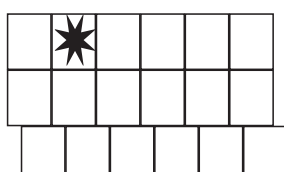
County Auditor Bonnie Erickson indicated that she planned to send a mailing to county residents to clarify where their in-person voting location is, as this adjustment may cause some confusion.

Regarding specific voting locations, the commissioner approved a motion to have in-person voting at the Benson County Courthouse in Minnewaukan, the Blue Building in Fort Totten and the school in Warwick.

(Story by K.L. Glover, Benson County Farmers Press)

Sheyenne

by Patti Clifton



Last Friday, Patti Larson enjoyed DPRCA's "The Christmas Show" at the Old Church Theatre in New Rockford.

The Open Season Lodge's holiday vendor show was well attended by area residents who enjoyed lunch and shopping. Bake sale items benefited Bonnie Deegan for medical-related travel expenses.

Wednesday, Dec. 6, Jan Loe and Patti Clifton were in Grand Forks where they joined Jim and Marjean Woodrow and Pam Hill for the Memory Cafe Choir's Christmas Concert and lunch at Calvary Lutheran Church. Jim and Marjean are in the choir. Jan and Patti did a quick shopping stop before heading home to Sheyenne.

Last Wednesday evening, Patti Larson took in the Advent service at Calvary Lutheran in Oberon. First Lutheran Church in Sheyenne will host the last Advent this Christmas sea-

son with fellowship and lunch to follow the service.

Thursday afternoon, Patti Clifton and Jan Loe were in New Rockford. They had coffee at Rockford Cafe and did a little shopping.

The community of Sheyenne will once again host their free-will Christmas Day turkey dinner at the Ostby Hall.

The Eddy County VFW Auxiliary hosted a supper for area veterans last Thursday evening at the VFW Clubhouse in Sheyenne. About 25 were in attendance for the "turkey and all the trimmings" supper and visiting.

On Sunday, Dec. 10, Ian Gilley and Joanna Larson attended the Christmas market at The Royal Stables in Stockholm. Crafts and food from different regions of Sweden were featured throughout the stables and riding arena. Notably, The King's horses were on display for people to pet and take photos.

Senior Meals

December 18 - 22

Monday: Chili with beans, baked potato, sour cream, a biscuit and apple sauce.

Tuesday: Parmesan chicken, marinara sauce, herbed penne pasta, garlic bread, italian vegetables and fruit sauce.

Wednesday: Herbed fish, potatoes and onions, pars-

lied carrots, bread and fruit cobbler.

Thursday: Swedish meatballs, parslid noodles, broccoli, a biscuit and fruit or sauce.

Friday: Turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes with gravy, green bean almondine, cherry cheese cake, a biscuit and cranberry sauce.

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'Twas the Night Before Christmas' Translated

by Lloyd Omdahl

'Twas the night before Christmas,
when all through the house
It vas da nacht before Santa Clausen und
all through the husens

Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;
No noise makin' schweinhunt unmousen all quiet;

The stockings were hung by the chimney with care
Oof-da schmnellley foot wearin up the fireplace hanging

In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there;
Expecten gud old Nicholas would quick be fillin';

The children were nestled all snug in their beds
The kinderfolk vas restin quiet in dere sleepin haven

While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads;
Und dreams of treats waltzing and s
chottisching in der heads;

Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap,
Not company expectin und ready for long
vinter schnoozin,

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
When outsiden vas louden bangin mit noisemakin,

I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter
Dere were a schmall sledden mit eight trekken beasts

With a little old driver so lively and quick
Mitt olden elf driver, hoppin and bouncin mit joy

I knew in a minute that he must be St. Nick
I self-schmartin quicken dat it vas St. Nick

More rapid than eagles his coursers they came
Lichety schplitten like eagles his pullen beasts came

And he whistled and shouted and called them
by name
Mit whistlin und shoutin, und loud name callin

To the top of the porch! To the top of the wall
To the rufftoppen the reindeer trekken beasts came

So up to the housetop the coursers they flew
To the rufftoppin the reindeer trekken beasts went

With the sleigh full of toys, and St. Nicholas, too
Haulin schleigh mit kindertings, und olden Nick, too

And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof
Und den, in a schplitten, I vas haring
on the housetoppen

The prancing and pawing of each little hoof
Shingle ripping und footstompin mit snorten

As I drew in my head, and was turning around
My head I was in-pullin und vas turnin round

Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound
When down ze firechute came the red scheinhundt

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work
He nay sprechen a verd while verke not stoppin

And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose
Made a head noddin und up the smoke chute he flugen

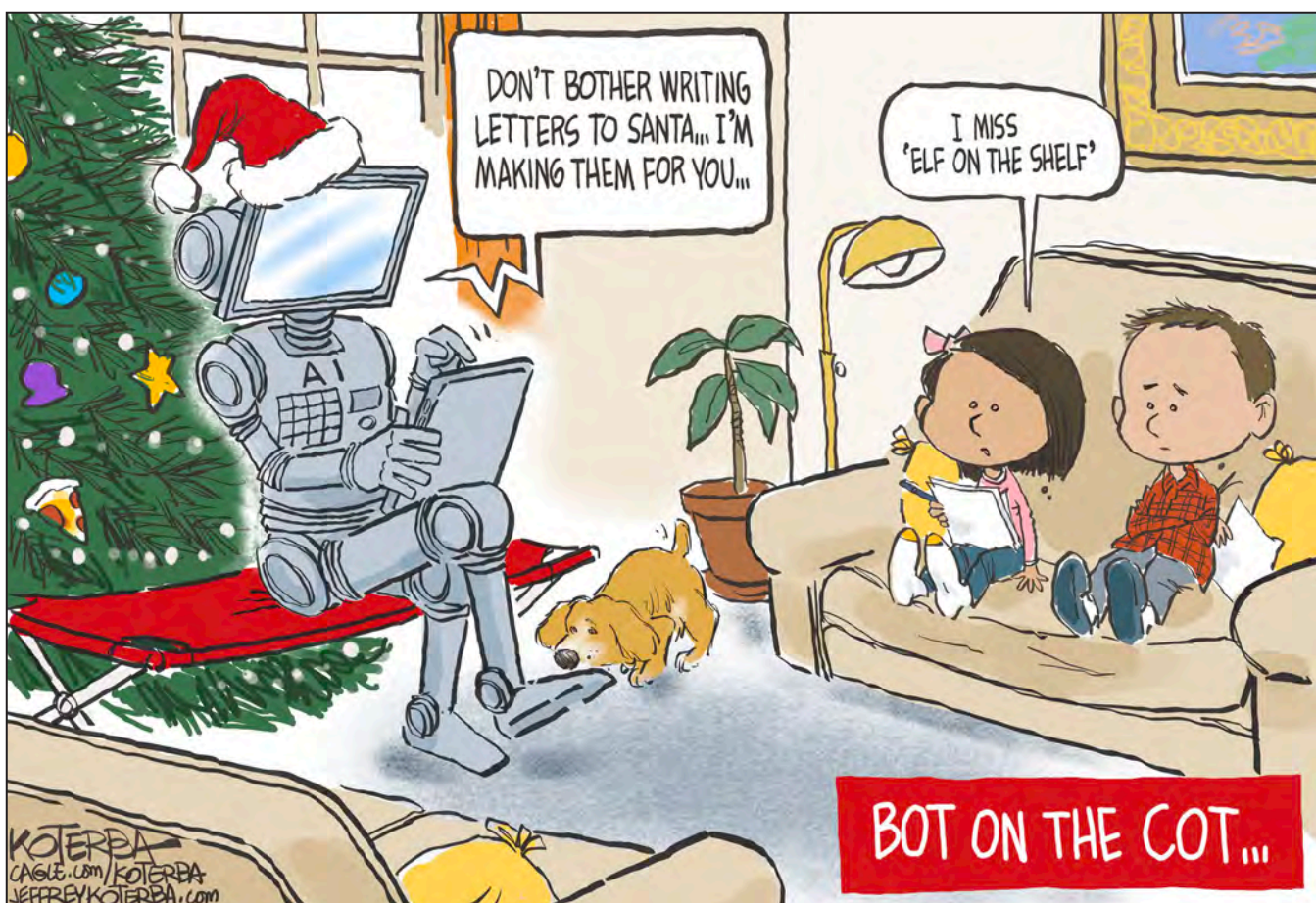
He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle
He leaped on his schledder un to his pullin b
east he tootled

And away they all flew like down off a thistle
Und away they vas vamoosing, lickety schplitten

But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight
Und I heard him schpiel-makin as they flugen
out of sight

Happy Christmas to all and to all a good night
A knee schlappen yuletide to all, und to all a gudt nacht.

Original by Clement Moore, Edited



Letter to the Editor

The idea for a second gym funded by voluntary donations was brilliant. It would be the generosity of donors, who shared the vision of creating another gym, which would provide the resources for the project.

One possible path forward would have been to privately fund, design and construct a stand-alone building which could be leased to the school and used by other groups. All the time, money and energy supplied to its creation would be voluntary.

The path we find ourselves on is different. Attaching an additional gym to the

school shifts the ongoing operational and maintenance costs to taxpayers, who do not contribute voluntarily. A switch to a PVC fabric clad building, as described in a recent Transcript article, would further increase future taxpayer spending obligations when exterior replacement becomes necessary.

So, the proposed burden to non-voluntary contributors is increasing, but there has been no corresponding increase in the opportunity for community input. This disconnect occurred to me when someone recently

lamented that there haven't been any community meetings or brainstorm sessions. Such input could possibly help prioritize design features and enhance support for the project.

Some remain unconvinced of the need for a second gym and want no part of bearing the costs of operation and future maintenance. They point out that a second gym already exists within our district – that being the gym in Sheyenne.

It is likely that NR-S could obtain very favorable lease terms and that the Sheyenne community would love to

see a town landmark back in use. Any patrons from Sheyenne and beyond would potentially save 20 miles of driving for every practice held in Sheyenne. The best part is that the space is available now because it already exists!

The best path forward is subjective, and opinions differ. Hopefully each potential path forward will be diligently considered, keeping in mind whose money is being spent, and whether it was contributed voluntarily.

Preston Meier
New Rockford



We the People

by David Adler

Justice O'Connor, a personal reminiscence: "You mean sheroes?"

I had the great privilege and pleasure, twice, to interview Justice Sandra Day O'Connor on stage at a conference on women and leadership that I organized and hosted.

I asked about her heroes. She replied, "You mean, sheroes?" Her answer, a playful and deserving rebuke to my pitiful bias (long since corrected, by the way), reflected the life and career of a trail-blazing woman who had endured waves of gender discrimination, but somehow summoned the fortitude to persevere and triumph, ultimately carving out a judicial legacy that will command respect for years to come.

Justice O'Connor, who died on December 1, 2024, was the first woman appointed to the Supreme Court. On July 7, 1981, President Ronald Reagan nominated O'Connor to the Court, which fulfilled his campaign promise to appoint a woman to the High Bench. Justice O'Connor served on the Court from September 25, 1981 to July 1, 2006, when she retired to care for ailing husband, John, who suffered from dementia.

In our two, one-hour interviews—2013 and 2014—Justice O'Connor was refreshingly candid, humorous, witty and playful. She acknowledged, perhaps for the first time publicly, that the Court had probably been mistaken in ruling on the case of Bush v. Gore, which settled the long, contentious presidential election of 2000, and by a 5-4 majority, seated George W. Bush in the White House. The Court's ruling halted the recount of the popular vote in Florida, which had been authorized by the state Supreme Court. The recount may not have en-

abled Vice-President Al Gore to overcome Bush's 537 vote advantage, but we will never know. If Gore had won Florida, he would have captured the presidency.

For reasons of modesty and discretion, Justice O'Connor was not willing to accept the scholarly acclaim that she wielded the controlling "swing vote" and, therefore, the High Bench should be known as "The O'Connor Court." Madam Justice could count votes, of course, and she had deep experience in such matters, dating back to her days as Senate Majority Leader in Arizona, but she shunned claims of leadership on the Court, which was led by Chief Justice William Rehnquist.

O'Connor and Rehnquist had enjoyed a long friendship, stretching back to their days at the Stanford Law School. They dated, briefly, but she married another classmate, John O'Connor. Rehnquist graduated at the top of their class; O'Connor was second. Upon graduation, Rehnquist received numerous job offers, befitting a top student at a top law school. O'Connor, on the other hand, didn't receive a single offer because, as she explained it, law firms were not hiring women in 1952. In a year's time, she took a position at a law firm but wasn't paid for her work which meant, I suggested, grimly, that it was more a hobby than a job.

Justice O'Connor was proud of her record on the Court, and justly so. She was a pragmatist who cared deeply about the impact of the rulings on the citizenry. We discussed several of her many noteworthy opinions. In 1992, she authored the Court's opinion in Planned Parenthood v. Casey, which upheld the essence of Roe v. Wade,

and introduced the "undue burden" test, which governed state regulation of the right to abortion. She spoke about the importance of separation of church and state, affirmative action and enforcing limitations on presidential power.

In our final time together, at the end of the conference in 2014, we repaired to a benefactor's beautiful home, located on a wooded lot, which, late that afternoon, attracted a small herd of elk. We sat in the den, enjoying a fire, fine wine and a delicious and generous platter of fruit and cheese. This time together and a wide-ranging conversation with an iconic Supreme Court justice was heady brew, indeed, for a professor of constitutional law. We touched on the work of the Court, how it had changed since her arrival, various decisions and approaches to interpreting the Constitution.

Well into our conversation, I told Madam Justice that I was planning to write two or three law review articles about her work on the Court and influence on American law. She flattered me greatly when she stated: "No, you

will write them with me." I was nearly speechless, but in trying to maintain some equilibrium, managed to utter, "that's wonderful, I'll call your clerk to discuss it." She replied, "no, you'll call me." It wasn't long after that conversation that Justice O'Connor's health began to deteriorate. Dementia would claim her. Sadly, for me, we never had the chance to co-author law review articles.

The afternoon faded into the early evening. The elk had left the grounds. The fire had been replenished. There remained plenty of wine and the platter of fruit and cheese was inviting, but who had room to eat more of it? Justice O'Connor, in a voice that you've all encountered, in circumstances that you've all experienced, said to me, "take that away." I chuckled but didn't move. A few seconds later, the first woman appointed to the Supreme Court looked at me and, in a tone that left no doubt that her words represented a command from on high, declared, "I said, take it away!" I did, of course, and immediately. Wouldn't you have?

Letter

Pilot writes in support of airport project

Editor's note: This letter was sent to the Eddy County Commission, and was presented during a special meeting on Monday, Dec. 11.

Patty and Eddy County Commission,

Please accept this letter of encouragement to continue your plans regarding the update to the New Rockford airport. We have a small farm between New Rockford and Bremen and frequently use the airport. Our flight from Maple Lake, Minnesota to New Rockford is generally two and-a-half hours. It would be nice to have a facility that welcomes pilots in New Rockford.

Our crew also spends thousands of dollars yearly

in Eddy County. We make use of retail stores, services for vehicles and equipment, law firms and recreation.

I would like to be considered to own and construct an airplane hangar at the airport. With proper planning, this hangar could also be used by other pilots.

Presently, I am the chairman of the Maple Lake Municipal Airport Commission. I would be willing to offer my support and knowledge to your commission and to the City of New Rockford as needed.

Thank you,

Greg Thomas
Maple Lake, Minn.
New Rockford, N.D.

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Obituaries



Frank Bachmeier New Rockford, N.D.

Frank Leo Bachmeier, age 84 of New Rockford, N.D. died December 8, 2023, at Eventide in Jamestown, N.D.

Frank's visitation was held Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2023 from 1-2 p.m. followed by the funeral service at 2 p.m., all at Evans Funeral Home, New Rockford. His burial was at St. John's Catholic Cemetery, New Rockford, N.D. Rev. Amy Kippen officiated the service. Recorded music "Softly and

Tenderly," "Precious Memories" and "I'll Fly Away," all by Alan Jackson, were played. Honorary pallbearers were all of Frank's family and friends.

Frank Leo Bachmeier was born on June 1, 1939, to George and Mary (Wormsbecker) Bachmeier in Orrin, N.D. Frank was raised in the Bowdon area on the farm. He completed school until the eighth grade, once he was old enough he went to work with the neighboring farms. In 1953, the family moved to the New Rockford area. Frank then worked for the lumber yard and the elevator unloading coal cars.

He worked for two different elevators, Tanners for two years and he then went to work on the Northern Pacific Railroad section for a year, before he enlisted in the United States Army from 1961-1963. Upon his discharge, he worked for Swift & Co. until the company relocated, then Frank started working at R.T.A. Telephone Company as a

poll climber.

Frank was united in marriage to Geraldine Ortley, they were blessed with two children, Brenda and Frank Jr. Frank had taken a job in Lead, S.D. for a year and a half and then relocated to Rockford, Ill. and worked at a factory for four years. Frank and Geraldine later divorced; Frank then moved back to New Rockford, N.D.

He started working for B&N Construction for a few years and then went to work with Swingen Construction, building bridges on roads for three years. Frank continued working in the construction industry until his retirement.

On June 28, 2006, Frank was united in marriage to the love of his life, Betty Nelson of New Rockford, N.D. They spent their time together doing the things that brought them the most joy, gardening, canning and cooking together. Betty passed away in 2014.

He is survived by one son, Frank Jr. Bachmeier

of Las Vegas, Nev. and a daughter, Brenda Newhausen of New Rockford, N.D.; step-children, Harlow Nelson, Becky (Don) Hulse of Catoosa, Okla., Brenda (Kenny) Nealis of Cashion, Okla., Robin (Scott) Westall of West Fargo, N.D., Carla (Mike) Roberts of Warroad, Minn. and Shellie Nelson of Cashion, Okla.; 14 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; sisters Mary Nokleby of New Rockford, Helen Christianson of New Rockford and Francis Hammer of Jamestown; and one sister-in-law, Janet Laube of Fargo.

Frank was preceded in death by his wife, Betty; his parents; brothers, John Bachmeier, George Bachmeier, Richard Bachmeier and Jim Bachmeier; and sisters Rose Kraft, Phyllis Duchsherer and Elenora Knoll.

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



Living on Purpose

by Billy Holland

Rebellion hides behind the mask of pretending

Last week we talked about how common it is for many Christians to talk about how they love, worship and serve God, but could some of this be their imagination? Maybe a misunderstanding or could it be a deception? There are sobering Bible passages that talk about our works on earth and our heavenly rewards such as Matthew 7:21-23. "On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many deeds of power in your name?' Then I will declare to them, I never knew you; go away from me, you evildoers." What could this mean?

We've heard it's not how much we do, it's about knowing His will and doing what He says. It's not popular, but even good deeds are not rewarded if we are doing them for the wrong reasons. It should be no surprise that religious service can become a routine where we just mindlessly go through the motions. Paying sincere homage to God has nothing to do with trudging through traditional rituals just because someone said we should do it. Even if everyone we know believes a certain way, we must know what God is speaking to us. We notice a passage in Matthew chapter 15 and verses 7 through 9, where Jesus stands boldly against people who pretend to be something they are not. "You hypocrites, well did Isaiah prophesy of you, saying, 'This people draws near unto me with their mouth and honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. In vain they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.'" Have you ever been guilty of playing the game?

Sin is not something that sneaks up behind us and captures us against our will. We know about sin and always have the choice to ignore it or entertain it. This is called "freewill," where we decide what is good and evil, and this can be traced back to the Garden of Eden when Eve and Adam decided to disobey God. No one made them eat the fruit; the same as no one makes us daydream about sin and partake of it

now. Romans 12:2 declares that our mind must be transformed and renewed so we will not be controlled by the desires of our carnal nature. Living holy is possible, but no one said resisting temptation is easy. We might sing about being a dedicated warrior for God, but is this something we spend a lot of time praying about?

Sin is like one of those prickly burrs that cling to our clothes when we walk in high weeds. We can ignore them, but eventually, we have to sit down and intentionally pull them off because they will not let go on their own. Sadly, there are more people than we can imagine who do not want to resist their sins. Some people are sneaky and can wear a mask even in the church and do not want to hear about how it's wrong to live a double standard. These Jekyll-and-Hyde characters are filled with pride about their ability to disguise themselves as followers of Christ when they have a closet full of things they would be embarrassed about if they were exposed.

Our sin hurts God. He sent His Son to die for our sins and yet some people love these sins more than they love Jesus. How can we love sin and love God at the same time? In Luke 6:46 Jesus says it like this, "Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and refuse to do what I say?" This is not a fluffy statement in the least. Romans 6:16 reminds us, "Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death or obedience unto righteousness?" There are only two choices and our actions prove who we love. As painful as it might be, we recall the old saying, "Actions speak louder than words."

When Christians can be comfortable in their sins, they have crossed the line into an apathetic and dangerous attitude. The Holy Spirit will convict when someone drifts away, but we can ignore Him and fall deeper into a backslidden state. God is calling for all of His lukewarm sheep to come back into His fold today.

Dr. Holland is a Christian minister, chaplain, and author. Read more about the Christian life and his books at billyhollandministries.com.

Sermonette

by Pastor Jeff Halvorson
Sheyenne Oberon
Area Ministries

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

We continue with our Advent story this week. Let's take a closer look at the Advent wreath. As I mentioned last week, our wreath has five candles; four on the outside and one in the middle. The outer candles are either purple or blue and many churches have three of those and a fourth one that is pink. There is a center candle that is white and is called the Jesus candle. The four outer ones are Hope, Peace, Joy and Love.

The Hope candle is not the word hope we use in everyday conversation. I hope I get a baseball glove for Christmas or I hope we win the basketball game is not the hope this candle represents. The Hope candle represents our faith in God. It would not be correct to say "I hope God exists." The hope we believers refer to here is better defined as a certainty of something not seen. We can say we have our hope in Christ. We haven't seen him but we believe in him. We believe he was sent here by the Father. Our hope is in our faith of the truth in God's word.

The Peace candle. Once again, it is easy to put a

human meaning to it. In human terms, peace would mean the absence of conflict or a war. Another way to put it could be a lack of violence. These are correct definitions for human circumstances but as we consider the Peace candle we think of a divine meaning. The Peace candle represents an inner peace. A peace that can come over us as we think about how much God loves us. Also, it is a feeling of peace we can get through our faith, knowing that no matter what happens to us here on earth, we have a loving and forgiving God who welcomes us into His kingdom. It is the peace we can take solace in when the world around us in chaos.

The Joy candle. Sometimes this is also called the Mary candle. This candle also represents an inner feeling. In our day to day lives we can feel joy in finding a bargain while shopping. We can feel joy in successfully completing a project. Although the human and divine definitions for this candle are quite close, there is a difference. The human joy is often short lived, maybe for only a minute or two or a couple of days. The joy of this candle, the Mary candle, represents the joy Mary felt when Gabriel told her God had chosen her to be the mother of our Sav-

ior. Scripture tells us Mary took this news to her heart. This wasn't a human feeling only good for a minute type joy.

The last candle we cover this week is the Love candle. And, yes, you guessed it, it does not represent what we normally think when we hear the word love. This isn't the "boy meets girl-fall in love-get married" type of love. This isn't the "I love lefse, chocolate chip cookies and the smell of freshly baked bread" type of love. This candle represents a love, a steadfast love. The love that God has for us. A love so true that his son Jesus died so that one day we can join our loving Father in heaven. A love so deep we can't even approach an

understanding of it.

Next week, we finish up the Advent wreath. Blessings to you all.

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-- Tuesday, December 19 --
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3 p.m. Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
-- Wednesday, December 20 --
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7 p.m. LIFT! Theme Event
-- Thursday, December 21 --
Breakout lunch
-- Friday, December 22 --
Church offices closed
-- Saturday, December 23 --
Alderman/Meehan Wedding
-- Sunday, December 24 --
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4 p.m. Christmas Eve Service
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7 p.m. Christmas Eve Service
--Candlelight
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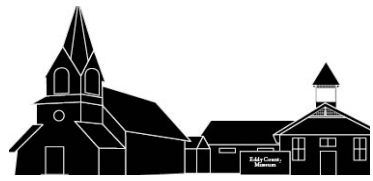
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Archival Anecdotes

by Rachel Brazil
Eddy County Museum Archivist

Room to grow

The Brantford Depot has gotten a recent facelift, so to speak. Sure, you might have noticed we put a fresh coat of paint on the outside, but the inside reveals more impressive efforts. Inside the building, you'll find several collections that range from natural history and household goods, to telecommunications and agricultural tools, to memorabilia and postcards.

Upon entering the depot, you'll find more than 65 unique taxidermy specimens, many of which are native to the region. In addition to wildlife, we have a bison calf, a five legged-lamb and Anne & Rocky, the two headed calf.

Further into the depot station is a kitchen, complete with a sink and a wood burning stove. Here is where one of my favorite collections resides: "household items." There are mixing bowls, handmade egg beaters, rommegrot beaters, waffle irons and so much more. The exhibit itself has room to grow vertically on the peg-board walls, and will hopefully come together during a



After intensive rearranging of the depot's cargo room, several large artifacts now have room to shine. Pictured here is Ida Womacks' rug loom, which she used until her passing in 2012. Courtesy photo.

workday in the spring.

The cargo room, deep in the far reaches of the depot, has undergone the most impressive transformation. This past summer museum board members Calvin Packard and Tim Hartl took

on the task of ensuring that the entirety of the museum grounds were wheelchair accessible. This included far more rearranging than either of the volunteers had expected, but yielded a bit of a treasure. As a result of their efforts, museum visitors can easily see the rug loom once used by Ida Womacks, who interestingly enough was grandmother to Calvin and aunt to Tim.

The medical display remains fully intact with a variety of tools and implements once used at the New Rockford City Hospital. We also have the privilege of playing host to the chairs from Dr. Baxmeier's dental office.

There's plenty more I'm leaving out. The depot (and the entire museum) really are a one-of-a-kind place, and we hope you can take time to appreciate the artifacts. If you can't make it to see us during the summer months, we encourage you to visit us online at eddycounty.catalogaccess.com to catch a sampling of our displays and learn more about the history of the place we call home.



Once a place of much coming and going, the Brantford Depot is now home to some of the museum's most extensive collections and impressive artifacts. The most recent addition is a collection of Central North Dakota Steam Thresher's Reunion buttons donated by Jared Hartl. When we paired his collection with the other in the museum previously donated, we now have all 65 commemorative buttons on display! Courtesy photo.



Savvy Senior

by Jim Miller

Tips on caring for an aging parent

Dear Savvy Senior, Where can I turn to for caregiving help? I help take care of my 80-year-old father and work too, and it's wearing me out.

Worn Out Wendy
Dear Wendy,

Taking care of an aging parent over a period of time – especially when juggling work and other family obligations – can be exhausting. But help and resources are available. Here's what you should know.

Identify your needs

To help you determine and prioritize the kinds of help you need, a good first step is to make a detailed list of everything you do as your dad's caregiver and the amount of time each task takes. Identify the times when you need help the most and which tasks others might be able to do for you.

Then list the types of care needed, such as simple companionship or doing active chores, like shopping or running errands. Once you determine this, here are some tips and places you can reach out to for help.

Care helpers

If you have siblings or other loved ones close by, start by asking them if they could come and help with specific tasks. And see if friends, neighbors or faith group members could help too.

You also need to check into local resources that may be available. Many communities offer a range of free or subsidized services that help seniors and caregivers with basic needs such as home delivered meals, transportation, senior companion services and respite services, which offers short-term care so you can take an occasion-

al break. Call your nearby Area Aging Agency (800-677-1116) for referrals to services.

There are also a bevy of online services you can use to help you save time on certain chores. For example, online grocery shopping and home deliveries, and online pharmacy medication refills and deliveries. You can also order meal-kits or pre-made meals online through numerous meal service delivery companies and arrange needed transportation with ride sharing services like Lyft or Uber.

Or, if you can afford it, you may want to consider hiring someone a few hours a week to help with things like cooking, housekeeping or even personal care. Costs can run anywhere from \$12 up to \$25 per hour. Care.com or CareLinx.com are two good websites to help you find someone, or you can work with a local home care agency.

Financial aids

If you're handling your dad's financial chores, make things easier by arranging for direct deposit for his income sources, and set up automatic payments for his utilities and other routine bills. You may also want to set up your dad's online banking service, so you can pay bills and monitor his account anytime. Or, if you need help, consider hiring a bill paying service like Silver Bills (SilverBills.com), which charges a flat fee of \$150 per month.

BenefitsCheckup.org is another excellent tool to look for financial assistance programs that may help your dad, particularly if he's lower income.

Technology solutions

To help you keep tabs on your dad when you are away at work or if he lives alone, there are affordable

technology devices that can help. For example, there are medical alert systems and smart speakers that help with communication and allow him to call for help if needed. Home video cameras with two-way speakers that allow you to monitor and talk to him when you're away. Electronic pill boxes that can notify you if he has taken his medications. And to help you coordinate his care with other members of his care team there are websites like LotSAHelpingHands.com.

Other resources

There are also a number of other organizations you can draw on for additional information like the Family Care Alliance (Caregiver.org), which provides a state-by-state listing of caregiving programs and services; the Alzheimer's Association (ALZ.org/help-support/caregiving) that provides information unique to the challenges of dementia caregivers; and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (Caregiver.va.gov), which offers caregiver support services to veterans and spouses.

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 (Dec. 11) puzzle

— King Crossword — Answers

Solution time: 26 mins.

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HISTORY OF NEW ROCKFORD

K.C. Gardner, Jr. • Drayton, ND • NRHS Class of 1962



On July 16 and 17, 1906, Pete Pelissier's Wild West Show, featuring both male and female riders and "rope throwers," was in New Rockford.

On July 17, Miss Gertrude O'Connell went to Harvey to attend a sick person. Mrs. A.H. Crawford returned from her old home, Elizabeth, Minn., where she had been called by the death of her grandfather. That evening, around 15 young friends of Miss Ethel Churchill surprised her with a 19th birthday party at the home of her uncle and aunt, Dr. and Mrs. J.A. Carter; there were games and refreshments. At 8 p.m., Rev. E.W. Burleson of Jamestown held Episcopal services in the Methodist Church.

From July 17 to 19, Charles Logan was on a business trip in Fargo.

On July 18, O.H. Olson returned from Bowbells. That afternoon, there was "a fine rain." That evening, at the Opera House, Martin E. Tew of San Francisco presented an illustrated lecture on the earthquake and fire that had devastated that city.

On the evening of July 19, Guy Thompson and Bert Butterfield were initiated into the Woodmen Lodge. Also that evening, a large crowd enjoyed a supper and dance at the Mr. and Mrs. F.S. Dunham farm home; the dance continued until sunrise.

From July 19 to 21, the annual farmers' excursion to NDAC in Fargo was held; the roundtrip fare was \$1.50.

The July 20, 1906, "Transcript" stated that Anna Mary Allmaras of New Rockford had 100 votes in a contest sponsored by St. John's Academy in Jamestown. The leader from Jamestown had 500 votes.

That edition called for about a dozen good street lamps to be placed at the crossing of New Rockford's streets. If the businessmen would subscribe a fund for such lamps, the New Rockford Light & Water Improvement Co. would probably put them in.

A notice from Sheriff George F. Fahrer said he would not tolerate any gambling and "skin games" that seemed to spring up when the races came to town. Any person running such games would be arrested.

An announcement said that the Royal Neighbors Lodge was changing its schedule and would meet on the second Thursday of every month, rather than every other week.

A group of 14 men had been working at the race track. A new well had been dug, 18 stalls were added

to the stables, a new judges' stand had been built, and 24 feet were added to the grandstand. They also widened the track and did considerable grading. A cement sidewalk was being laid from the Northwest Lumber Co. to the end of Lamborn Avenue East. [Today that would be from 7th Street North east along 1st Avenue North to 4th Street North.]

Richard Zehrfeld had installed a gasoline engine and a large Enterprise grinder in his Chicago Street North meat market for the more efficient grinding of sausage; the grinder could turn out around 100 lbs. in two minutes.

After a three-month siege of severe pleurisy and complications, Mrs. Alfred Dinnetz was almost ready to get around again. A large carbuncle [cluster of pus-filled boils] had kept Monroe Wilder from his work at the R.U. Austin wagon shop.

James Manly had been busy putting his lawn into fine shape and spending time with his large patch of strawberry plants.

Mrs. H.J. Mitchell had resigned from the Phillips Academy Department of Music. Prof. J. Harvey Johnson, a graduate of the Conservatory of Music, Streeter, Ill., had been signed to replace her. Prof. L.J. Aldrich of Phillips Academy was attending the annual Bible Conference at the Chautauqua.

For the previous two weeks, Mrs. John Steiner of "Zion City, Chicago," had been visiting Prof. and Mrs. L.J. Aldrich; she was Mrs. Aldrich's sister.

On July 20, the Eddy County Commission voted to accept a petition from H. Peoples, et al., for a road from the southeast corner of section 13, T149, R65 [Sheldon] west to the southeast corner of section 4, then south to the corner of section 23, west to the corner of section 22, then south to the corner of section 27. Dentist F.D. Norton returned from a professional visit "up the line." Mrs. H.J. Mitchell and Claude Comer returned from Carrington, where they had played for the dances at the horse races. Mrs. J.E. Cully, her children, and her brother went to Carrington to visit.

Mrs. J.M. Mulvey went to Barnesville, Minn., to visit her sister. Mrs. Charles Logan left for Kron, Minn., where her sister was ill [there is no "Kron, Minn." today]. That afternoon, Charles Sandquist, John Neutzler's hired man, was loading hay in a field when the team ran away, dragging the man a

considerable distance. When his body was discovered, he was dead. The body was brought to town and the coroner Dr. William Bartley was summoned [from Sheyenne], but he didn't arrive until the evening. He ruled there was no reason for an inquest due to the evidence showing so plainly it was an accidental death. No belongings of any value were found and no relatives had been located. Interment took place on the afternoon of July 21. [I have located no records of a "Sandquist" grave in Eddy County.]

On July 21, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Adam were in shopping. Mrs. D.C. Cunningham and her daughter arrived from Reynolds to visit her parents Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Whiteman. Mrs. John A. King and her two children arrived from St. Paul to visit Mr. and Mrs. B.W. Rantz and other friends; they went home on Aug. 6. George W. Johnson left for his old home at Owosso, Mich., where his eldest son was very ill; he returned on July 30. His son was doing well. Miss Sarah West went to Fargo to see her friends during Fair Week; she returned from her visit, which included a stop-off in Cooperstown to see her sister, on Aug. 18.

On Sunday, July 22, on his way home from the Chautauqua, Prof. L.J. Aldrich stopped to preach in Sheyenne. At 3 p.m., Rev. S.F. Beer also preached at Sheyenne.

On the morning of July 23, Frank Allmaras and Minnie Beitel were married in St. John's Catholic Church, by Father VandenBergh. A dinner followed immediately. The couple would live on North Chicago Street where he had a bakery business. C.C. Hanson and Eddie Anderson, both of Plainview, Mr. and Mrs. E.M. Stitzel, Mr. and Mrs. John Alfred, and C.W. Hall went to the State Fair in Fargo. Eddy County teacher Arthur D. Smith arrived in his hometown of Huntington, Ind., for a visit.

On the evenings of July 23-26, the Imperial Crows ("New Rockford's favorites") entertained people at the Opera House. On the opening night they presented the drama "Moths." There were crowded houses at each performance.

From July 24 to 26, the Second Annual Central Circuit Horse Races were held in New Rockford with \$2000 in prize money. Races began at 2 p.m. each day. There were baseball games and the 20-piece New Rockford Band played. Dinners and suppers were served by the Baptist Church ladies.

King Crossword

ACROSS

- North —
- Green prefix
- Oodles
- Writer Kingsley
- As well
- Capri, e.g.
- Souvenir seller
- Move like a butterfly
- Tours season
- Snaky fish
- Ceases
- Solidify
- Twitch
- Shroud city
- He can hold his head high
- "Dream on!"
- Zero-star

- review
- Santa's runway
- Old English Sheepdog feature
- Skilled
- Tramcar contents
- "— the season ..."
- Poker ploy
- Fish propeller
- Spa sounds
- Protracted
- Decorative paper
- "There!"
- Santa's help-

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- Penne — fjord
- 34 Canine cry
- Radar image
- 35 "—
- 11 Collections
- 16 Beheld
- 20 — Lancelot
- 21 Eloquent person's talent
- 22 Can metal
- 23 Indent key
- 24 GI entertainers
- 25 Tease
- 26 Cowboy's sweetie
- 27 Nemesis
- 28 Dandy guy
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- 31 Bakery pur-

TOUGH START

—Rockets start season with loss to No. 2 North Star

by Nathan Price

The New Rockford-Sheyenne Rockets kicked off their season at home with a tough battle against the No. 2 North Star Bearcats on Monday, Dec. 11.

As the second-ranked team in the state, North Star was expected to breeze past the Rockets with little difficulty. Instead, NR-S more than held their own, having maintained a lead for most of the evening.

The Rockets weren't able to hold onto their lead in the fourth quarter, however, and ultimately lost by a score of 49-43.

It became fairly evident early during Monday's matchup that it was the first of the season for NR-S, as inaccuracy and turnovers plagued the majority of their offensive possessions.

The Rockets only managed 13 points in the first quarter and even fewer in the second quarter.

Their saving grace was that North Star was hardly having a good shooting night either, allowing NR-S to enter halftime with a 21-19 advantage.

Relatively quiet in the first half was the Bearcats' Dane Hagler, who's typically their team's leading scorer. In the second half, however, Hagler woke back up.

After halftime he scored 17 points, putting him at a game-high 23 points overall.

With Hagler heating up the Rockets were unable to keep up as the second half dragged on.

A few timely shots from the Rockets' Easton Simon and Ashton Reimche kept it close in the fourth quarter, but it simply wasn't enough to avoid the loss.

On offense, the Rockets often chose to shoot from beyond the arc, but only managed to earn three 3-pointers despite their efforts. With a little more accuracy, the Rockets may well have taken down a team most expect to compete for a championship.

Simon and Reimche would end up being the Rockets' two leading scorers for the game, with 17 points and 11 points, respectively.

Bennett Meier wasn't far behind with 8 points, 6 of which were scored in the second half. Other scorers included Luke Yri and Kailar Jacobson with 3 points, as well as Easton Benz with two points.

Next up for the Rockets was the annual CNDC tournament in Harvey, N.D., beginning on Thursday, Dec. 14.

NR-S had the second seed for the event, and their results will be covered in next week's edition of the Transcript.

The Rockets won't play again until after Christmas, when they take on Harvey/Wells County on Thursday, Dec. 28 in Harvey.

Earlier in the day, the junior varsity Rockets won their game 73-36, while the 8th graders won 39-17 and the 7th graders won 31-19.

**Region 2
Boys' Basketball
NR-S 43, North Star 49
Monday, Dec. 11
in New Rockford**



Rockets' junior Kailar Jacobson fires a jump shot over several Bearcat defenders during the Rockets' season opener against No. 2 North Star on Monday, Dec. 11. Photo by Kyrie Dauenhauer.

NR-S: 13 8 10 12 - 43
North Star: 11 8 12 8 - 49

NR-S: Easton Simon 17, Ashton Reimche 11, Bennett Meier 8, Kailar Jacobson 3, Luke Yri 3, Easton Benz 2. Totals: 16 FG, 8-13 FT, 17 fouls. Fouled out: Walford, Jacobson, Benz. 3-pointers: Simon 2, Yri 1.

North Star: Dane Hagler 23, Parker Simon 11, Karsen Simon 6, Brett Dilleley 6, Chas Bisbee 2, Garrett Westlind 1. Totals: 17 FG, 13-26 FT, 12 fouls. Technicals: P. Simon, 1. 3-pointers: K. Simon 2.

**Junior Varsity
NR-S 73, St. John 46**

NR-S: 16 15 19 23 - 73
North Star: 16 6 8 6 - 36

NR-S: Thomas Allmaras 18, Aaden Benson 12, Dashyl Bichler 11, Shaun Reimche 10, Layton Jacobson 6, Zach Dockter 5, Wyatt Dockter 4, Thaddison Wobbema 3, Kason Nass 2, Malaki Kukowski 2. Totals: 31 FG, 7-13 FT, 16 fouls. Fouled out: Jacobson. 3-pointers: Allmaras 3, Wobbema 1. North Star: Not available.

REGION 2, DISTRICT 4 BOYS' BASKETBALL STANDINGS

	District 4	Region 2	Overall
Benson County	0 0 1	1 1	1 2
Griggs-Midkota	0 0 0	0 1	0 1
Larimore	0 0 0	0 0	0 0
Nelson County	0 0 0	0 0	0 0
May-Port-C-G	0 0 0	0 0	0 2
Hatton/Northwood	0 0 0	1 0	1 1
New Rockford-Sheyenne	0 0 0	1 0	1 0
Warwick	0 0 0	1 0	1 1

UPCOMING (12/18 - 1/6)

December 28

NR-S vs H/WC (A,B,C,8,7) at Harvey @ 11:00

January 2

NR-S vs Napoleon/G-S (A,B) @ 5:00

January 4

NR-S at Carrington (A,B,C,8,7) @ 3:30

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

Rockets take down Imperials

by Kyrie Dauenhauer

The New Rockford-Sheyenne Rockets made the nearly two hour trek to Napoleon on Thursday, Dec. 7

47-37 win.

Peterson led the Rockets in points with 14, followed by O'Connor with 12 and Belquist with 11.

As for the Imperials, top scorers were Erberle with 21 and Ali Gross with six.

The Rockets had a slow start to the game, as Napoleon senior Teagan Erberle manned the court.

The junior varsity team also walked away with a 37-25 win over the Imperials.

Erberle, a center for the Imperials, was on top of her game. In the first quarter, Erberle scored five of the nine points made by the Imperials.

Lead scorers for the Rockets were Emmie Belquist with 10, Camebria Engels with eight and Karsyn Wetzel with six.

The Rockets were able to score eight points in the first quarter, only trailing the Imperials by one.

As for the Imperials, Hope Gross led with eight with Brooklyn Schneider following behind with six.

NR-S junior Kaiya O'Connor was able to put off a 3-point shot in the second quarter in hopes of bringing the Rockets momentum up. But there was no slowing down the Imperials.

Erberle fired off three more field goals for the Imperials to hold a 4-point lead over the Rockets at the half.

The Rockets came out onto the court in the second half fired up and ready to make the Imperials fall. Ava Peterson led the Rockets in quarter three, after scoring six of the 14 points scored.

Fouled out: Mcdowell. 3-pointers: O'Connor 1.

Erberle was the only player for Napoleon that was able to score in the third quarter.

Napoleon: Teagan Erberle 21, Ali Gross 6, Tayton Mcdowell 4, Aliyah Schwartzberger 2, Jada Schwartzberger 2. Totals: 15 FG, 5-8 FT, 15 fouls.

At the end of the third, the Rockets and Imperials were tied up 31-31.

The Rockets went to town in the fourth quarter. Six points by Peterson, five points from O'Connor and five points from Kelsie Belquist took the win for the Rockets.

The Rockets only allowed the Imperials to score four points in the fourth quarter, to take a

3-pointers: O'Connor 1. Total: 22 FG, 2-8 FT, 8 fouls.

Non-District Girls' Basketball NR-S 47, Napoleon 37 Thursday, Dec. 7 at Napoleon

NR-S: 8 9 14 16-47
Napoleon: 9 12 10 4-37

NR-S: Ava Peterson 14, Kaiya O'Connor 12, Kelsie Belquist 11, Katie Allmaras 4, Lora Wobbema 2, Emmie Belquist 2, Addysen Fandrich 2. Totals: 22 FG, 2-8 FT, 8 fouls.

Junior Varsity NR-S 37, Napoleon 25
NR-S: 18 12 7 X-37
Napoleon: 2 9 14 X-25

NR-S: Emmie Belquist 10, Camebria Engels 8, Karsyn Wetzel 6, Jaida Schumacher 5, Tillie Swart 4, Bailey Jacobson 2, Adysen Fandrich 2. Totals: 18 FG, 1-2 FT, 13 fouls.

Napoleon: Hope Gross 8, Brooklyn Schneider 6, Dawson Erbele 5, Claire Piatz 4, Charlie Newow 2. Totals: 9 FG, 4-6 FT, 6 fouls. 3-pointers: Schneider 2, Gross 1.

Grapplers take on Al Larson Tourney

—Kramlich, Weisenburger earn pins, take 2nd and 3rd

by Erik Gjovik

Both Carrington wrestling teams were front and center at their annual home tournament Saturday morning and afternoon, December 9.

The annual Al Larson Memorial Wrestling Tournament was held in both the West and East Gyms, with separate boys' and girls' tournaments.

In the girls team standings, the Cards finished only 18 points behind winner Central Cass with 151 total points, while the boys were third, scoring 158 to finish behind tourney champion Lisbon's 212.5 and Class A Minot's 204.

Dru Carr (see related story) was CHS' one boys champion at 121 pounds, while Ashley Lindberg took the 250-pound girls' top spot.

Full results from individual wrestlers at the Al Larson meet are as follows:

Al Larson Memorial Wrestling Tournament, Carrington Saturday, December 9

Boys' Team Scores
Lisbon 212.5, Minot 204, Carrington 158, Central Cass 135.5, New Salem-Almont 115, Bishop Ryan 91.5, Pembina Co. North 90.5, Napoleon 65, Grafton 37.5.

Boys' Results

107: Skye Kramlich - 2nd 4-1; Decd John Kahl (CC) 6-0; Pinned Carsen Palmer (Min) 1:00; Pinned Jack Combs (Min) 3:16; Pinned Oakley



NR-S junior Brody Weisenburger is declared the winner after one of his matches during the Al Larson Tournament on Saturday, Dec. 9. He accomplished 3rd place in his weight class at the tournament with two pins. Photo by Erik Gjovik.

Brown (PCN) 1:35; Decd by Hayes Weinberger (NSA) 4-3
114: Kallen Wolsky - 5th 3-2; Pinned by David Llamas (Min) :41; Pinned by Ian Anderson (Lis) :42; Pinned Grady Mueller (CC) 3:13; Pinned Abel Enerson (PCN) :43; Pinned Ashton Mostad (PCN) 4:24

121: Dru Carr - 1st 3-0; Decd Juan Goodvin (Min) 10-4; Bye; Pinned Hayden Moore-Hicks (Graf) :33; Decd Cruz Reinke (Lis) 4-2 SV-1

121: Jayden Broadwell - 5th 2-2; Pinned by Oscar Martinez (PCN) 3:41; Pinned Riley Weeks (Ryan) 1:43; Pinned by Reinke (Lis) :46; Pinned Moore-Hicks (Graf) :25

127: Kolby Zink - 8th 1-3; Pinned by Charlie Irwin (NSA) :20; Pinned by Kaden Phillion (Min) 2:54; Bye; MedFor to Brady Peterson (CC); MedFor to Ryan Olson (Lis)

133: Gabe Clifton - 3rd 2-1; Bye; Pinned Simon Schneider (CC) 1:45; Decd by Brock Freer (PCN) 8-4; Decd Bryce Schneider (Nap) 3-2

139: Nic Garber - 2nd 3-1; Pinned Roen Werner (Min) :39; MajDecd Zeke Symington (PCN) 9-0; Pinned Isaac Navarro (Graf) :32; Decd by Griffin Greenley (Lis) 9-4

145: Corbin Clifton - 2nd 3-1; Pinned Logan Feist (Nap) 1:49; Pinned Hunter Parisien (CC) :26; Pinned Jordan Dick (Lis) :32; Decd

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NR-S alumni Johnny Grann (left) and Nathan Holzwarth (right) were recognized at the University of Jamestown Football Banquet on Thursday, Dec. 7. Submitted photo.

Grann, Holzwarth recognized at UJ Football Banquet

Rocket football alumni John Grann (NR-S Class of 2021) and Nathan Holzwarth (NR-S Class of 2020) were recognized at the University of Jamestown Football Banquet held Dec. 7 at Club 1883 in Jamestown. Grann, a junior majoring in Mechanical Engineering, was chosen by his teammates to receive the Offensive Most Valuable Player Award. Holzwarth, a senior majoring in Biochemistry, received his four-year Letterman Jacket.

WOODCHUCKS OUT-SCORE ROCKETS

-NR-S fall to 2-5 overall with loss to St. John at home

By Kyrie Dauenhauer

On Tuesday, Dec. 12, the New Rockford-Sheyenne girls' basketball team hosted the Region 2 competitors, the St. John Lady Woodchucks.

The Rockets recently met up with the Woodchucks at the CNDC tournament in Rugby on Dec. 2, where the Rockets came up short 45-50.

The Woodchucks are heavy shooters from beyond the arc, so the Rockets needed to play their best defense.

The Lady Woodchucks were the first on the scoreboard, but it wasn't long until the Rockets were ahead 8-7.

This was until the Woodchucks began swishing three-point shots.

At the end of the first quarter, the Woodchucks led 14-12.

NR-S junior Kaiya O'Connor swished a 3-pointer to start off quarter two for the Rockets. And this kick started the Rockets momentum.

Swish. Nothing but net from Ava Peterson from beyond the arc. Not even seconds later, O'Connor dropped another 3-pointer in.

However, the Woodchucks weren't going to give up. Aubree Jeanotte was left wide open by the Rockets and was able to pop in a 3-pointer.

And another 3-pointer for the Woodchucks, yet again by Jeanotte.

The Rockets and Woodchucks were tied up 25-25 before Emmie Belquist took her chance at a drive to the basket to score her first points of the night.

Older sister, Kelsie Belquist, stole the ball in the next play to zoom down to the basket to score two more points for the Rockets.

The Woodchucks just couldn't keep a handle on the ball. Another steal from Kelsie Belquist gave the Rockets two more easy points.

But Jeanotte answered with a wide open 3-pointer.

At the half, the Rockets led 31-28.

Quarter three started with a long two by NR-S senior Katie Allmaras.

And back-to-back 3-pointers were made by the Woodchucks - one from Alani Morin and one from Jeanotte.

The Woodchucks' fire was burning brighter and brighter after taking a 38-35 lead over the Rockets.

Another 3-pointer by O'Connor tied the game up 38-38.

But the Woodchucks couldn't allow that so Kadence DeCoteau took her chance at a 3-pointer, which brought the Woodchucks ahead 41-38.

The Rockets began to fall apart in the fourth quarter, with most shots missing the basket, unlike the Woodchucks.

Peterson was able to finally make a 3-point shot to bring the score to 41-47.

With five minutes left on the clock, the Rockets had to start working even harder.

After a missed free-throw attempt by the Woodchucks, Kelsie Belquist took the opportunity to drive to the basket to score two.

But the Rockets were in foul trouble, sending the Woodchucks to the free-throw line



Above: NR-S junior Kaiya O'Connor leaps to block St. John junior Kennely Davis as she goes for a layup under the rim. Photo by Amy Wobbema.

Right: NR-S senior Lora Wobbema looks for a passing opportunity during the Rockets' game against the Woodchucks on Tuesday, Dec. 12. Photo by Amy Wobbema.



multiple times.

Allmaras was able to sneak in a 2-point shot for the Rockets.

The Woodchucks still held a 7-point lead over the Rockets with 1:55 to go.

Who would win this Region 2 matchup?

Another point for the Woodchucks, 54-45.

And a point by Kelsie Belquist. The Rockets brought the Woodchucks lead back down to seven points.

But the Woodchucks scored another two points to lead 56-47.

Emmie Belquist was sent to the line to shoot two, but the Woodchucks walked away victorious with a 57-49 win.

Top scorers for the Rockets were Kelsie Belquist with 18, O'Connor with 13 and Peterson with 11.

As for the Woodchucks, Jeanotte and Morin tied for 16 points, followed by Kaycee Desjarlas with 10.

The Rockets junior varsity team also came up short 40-46. Top scorers for that game were Camebria Engels with

11 and Jaida Schumacher with 10.

The junior high girls defeated the Woodchucks 27-26.

The Rockets next game will be on December 28 at the Minot Auditorium with the junior varsity girls starting at 1:30 p.m.

O'Connor 3, Peterson 2. St. John: Aubree Jeanotte

16, Alani Morin 16, Kaycee Desjarlais 10, Kennely Davis 6, Eliza Slater 5, Kadence DeCoteau 3, Laney Albertson 1. Totals: 20 FG, 10-16 FT, 16 fouls. 3-pointers: Jeanotte 5, Slater 1, DeCoteau 1.

Region 2 Girls' Basketball NR-S 49, St. John 57 Tuesday, Dec. 12 in New Rockford

NR-S: 12 19 7 11 - 49 St. John: 14 14 14 15 - 57

NR-S: Kelsie Belquist 18, Kaiya O'Connor 13, Ava Peterson 10, Katie Allmaras 4, Emmie Belquist 4. Totals: 19 FG, 6-11 FT, 16 fouls. Fouled out: Peterson. 3-pointers:

Junior Varsity NR-S 40, St. John 46

NR-S: 8 13 6 13 - 40 St. John: 7 11 12 16 - 46

NR-S: Camebria Engels 11, Jaida Schumacher 10, Emmie Belquist 6, Tillie Swart 5, Isla Jacobson 4, Bailey Baumbach 2, Addysen Fandrich 2. Totals: 18 FG, 2-4 FT, 14 fouls. 3-pointers: Engels 1, Schumacher 1. St. John: Stats unavailable.

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REGION 2, DISTRICT 4 GIRLS' BASKETBALL STANDINGS

	District 4	Region 2	Overall
May-Port-C-G	0 0 2	0 4	0 0
Hatton-Northwood	0 0 1	0 3	1 1
Benson County	0 0 1	2 4	3 3
Griggs/Midkota	0 0 0	0 3	2 2
New Rockford-Sheyenne	0 0 0	2 2	5 5
Larimore	0 0 0	2 1	4 4
Warwick	0 0 0	1 0	4 4
Nelson County	0 0 0	3 0	6 6

UPCOMING (12/18 - 12/30)

December 18

NR-S vs North Prairie (A,B,JH) at Rolette @ 4:30

December 28

Minot Shootout (A,B) @ 1:30

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

Dakota Recreation Report

by Patricia Stockdill



Outdoor notes:

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

*Dec. 21: West Canada Goose Zone closes.

*Dec. 25: Have a wonderful Christmas.

*Dec. 29: Missouri River Canada Goose Zone and light goose seasons closes.

Fishing:

*Devils Lake elevation, Dec. 12: 1,449.23 feet above mean sea level (MSL).

*Stump Lake elevation: 1,449.16 MSL.

*Lake Sakakawea elevation: 1,839.55 MSL; 17,200 cubic feet per second average (CFS) Garrison Dam daily releases.

*N.D. Game and Fish Dept. Dist. game wardens: No reports from Devils Lake or area lakes.

*Devils Lake, Ed's Bait Shop, Devils Lake: Anglers walking off the Woods-Routen Road onto East Bay and finding some nice perch success. Use extreme caution when walking down off the rocks.

*Devils Lake, Woodland Resort, Devils Lake: Wind opened the main part of Devils Lake last week but some back bays are iced over with walk-on walleye activity around the norther feeder lakes and 6-Mile Bay on Devils Lake itself.

*Foster County area lakes, Dry Dock, Carrington: Some walk-on activity on area lakes but test ice depth along the way.

*Jamestown Reservoir, Pioneer Bait & Tackle, Jamestown: No reports from area lakes.

*Jamestown Reservoir, Sooper Stop, Jamestown: Smaller area lakes improving for perch with walk-on access recommended. Look for a mix of perch, walleye and pike from Pipestem Reservoir. No reports from Jamestown Reservoir with marginal ice. Use caution on all area lakes.

*Lake Ashtabula, Bayshore, Valley City: Main part of Lake Ashtabula remains open with no activity and dangerous ice along shorelines.

*Lake Sakakawea, Cenex Bait & Tackle, Garrison: Weather permitting a few anglers continue boat fishing for walleye around Deepwater Bay on Lake Sakakawea and west in the midsection. Some walk-on activity for walleye on the east end of Lake Audubon but ice conditions can vary. Use extreme caution, testing ice depth along the way; Try jigs and minnows.

*Lakes Audubon and Sakakawea, Hwy. 83 Lawn & Leisure, Garrison: No activity on the east end of Lake Sakakawea, including in any of the back bays with open water. Some walk-on activity on the east side of Lake Audubon for walleye but use extreme caution. Try the coal veins and stumps from boats on the Missouri River below the tailrace for walleye.

*Lake Sakakawea/Lake Audubon/Missouri River, Scott's Bait and Tackle, Pick City: Missouri River producing small walleye during the day, boat access permitting off the ramp if it's not iced in. Also try the chutes at night, 0 but overall angler numbers are light. Lake Sakakawea quiet with open water.

*Lonetree WMA area lakes, Harvey: No new reports.

Hunting:

*Predators: Snow cover improving predator hunting success.

*Upland: Pheasant numbers remain good in the north-west and along some areas in central and west-central N.D.

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 and Fish Department, Jamestown office: (701) 253-6480.

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

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(NSA) :58; Pinned by Emma Schneider (CC) 2:46; Pinned by Madilyn Jerome (Graf) 1:05

136: Khendra Garcia - 2nd 2-1; Pinned Rachel Doll (Nap) 1:08; Pinned Faith Ratajczak (PCN) :16; Decd by Grace Lemar (CC) 1-0

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155: Nevaeh Sorenson - 3rd 1-2; Pinned Ava Kemnitz (PCN) 3:35; Pinned by Emma Johner (Graf) 1:57; Pinned by Cheyenne Helland (CC) :42

170: Karlee Lesmann - 2nd 1-1; Bye; Pinned Nevaeh Hip-sak (CC) 1:08; Pinned by Ava Gulleason (CC) 2:33

190: OPEN
250: Ashley Lindberg - 1st 2-0; Pinned Jaelyn Forrey (PCN) :23; MedFor over Forrey (PCN)

Junior High Girls' Results
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LARSON-

by Ethan Maier (NSA) 3-1 SV-1

152: Vinnie Ruppell - 10th 0-5; Pinned by Eli Lyons (Lis) :33; Pinned by Kaden Kraft (Min) :35; Pinned by Robert Rodriguez (Graf) 5:34; Pinned by Francis Dunor (Graf) 1:39; Pinned by Scott Triplett (Min) :50

160: OPEN
172: Max Ciubotareanu - 3rd 4-1; Pinned by Noah Bledsoe (Min) 1:45; Pinned Jacob Hinrichs (Car) 3:08; Pinned Aiden Werner (PCN) 1:17; Pinned Clayton Heins (NSA) :37; Pinned Madden Schwab (Lis) 2:51

172: Jacob Hinrichs - 9th 1-4; Pinned by Heins (NSA) 2:35; Pinned by Werner (PCN) 5:38; Pinned by Ciubotareanu (Car) 3:08; Pinned by Bledsoe (Min) :32; Pinned Matthew Franciere (NSA) :23

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Public Notice

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, IN
DISTRICT COURT, COUNTY OF
EDDY, SOUTHEAST JUDICIAL
DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF DARLENE AUDREY
DAUGHERTY A/K/A DARLENE A.
DAUGHERTY, DECEASED.
Case No. 14-2023-PR-00010
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that Gregory J. Schaefer has
been appointed Personal Repre-

Dated: November 30, 2023
Gregory J. Schaefer,
Personal Representative
Douglas W. Murch,
ND ID #05983
Conny Feste Ltd.
406 Main Avenue, Suite 200
PO Box 2686
 Fargo, ND 58108-2686
Telephone: (701) 293-9911
Email: dmurch@connylaw.com
ATTORNEYS FOR PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE
Published Dec. 11, 18 & 25,
2023

MINUTES OF REGULAR
MEETING NEW ROCKFORD
CITY COMMISSION
NEW ROCKFORD,
NORTH DAKOTA,
NEW ROCKFORD CITY HALL
DECEMBER 4, 2023

President Richter called the
meeting to order at 7:01 pm
at City Hall with Commission-
er McKnight, and Commission
Belquist via phone were present.
Also, present was Public Works
Superintendent Hirschert and At-
torney Peterson.

McKnight made a motion to
approve the agenda. Richter sec-
onded. All in favor. Motion car-
ried.

Belquist made a motion to ap-
prove November 6, 2023, Regu-
lar minutes and the November
6, 2023, Public Hearing minutes.
McKnight seconded. All in favor.
Motion carried.

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

Richter made a motion to ap-
prove the November bills. McK-
night seconded. In a roll call vote,
Richter, McKnight, and Belquist
voting "aye". No nay votes. Mo-
tion carried.

- BCBS.....16,845.71
NDPERS.....2,887.22
Adnan Aldayel.....2,209.84
Amanda Fandrich.....1,437.58
Billie Jo Caulfield.....744.79
Calvin Foster.....2,428.02
CCU.....2,234.37
David & Gail Roberts.....968.23
David Anderson.....1,117.19
David Clawson.....1,861.97
Eddy County Auditor.....16,667.47
Eddy County SCD.....4,468.75
First Cong. Church.....1,117.19
Frank & Georgianna Walker.....1,489.58
Franklin Erickson.....1,489.58
George & Nancy Ritzeke.....1,489.58
Gisi Family Living Trust.....1,861.97
Harry & Mary Pieterick.....1,489.58
Heskin Grain Processing.....437.78
James & Fern Schuster.....1,117.19
JoAnn Gaffrey.....1,489.58
Joseph Schmaltz.....372.39
Kent Brown.....937.51
Larry & Debra Larson.....669.65
Larry Arendt.....716.53
Lee & Amy Simon.....1,489.58
Log Cabin Liquors.....1,861.97
Marilyn Gedrose.....1,489.58
Marjorie & Robert Lies.....834.75
Marjorie Wright.....2,085.41
Marlyns Fleming.....744.79
Melanie Homelvig.....744.79
Neal & Deb Rud.....1,936.46
Peterson Law Offices.....4,468.74
Rachel Anderson.....744.79
Reed & Jenna Weisenburger.....1,489.58
Richard & Victoria Ryan.....1,117.19
Richard Anderson.....2,249.26
Robert & Cheryl Janzen.....1,171.89
Robert Lies.....1,489.58
Ronald & Mary Schaefer.....967.45
Ronald & Orié Wilms.....2,055.62
Steve & Sharon Weisenburger.....3,392.39
Timothy & Amy Perleberg.....2,085.41
Timothy Allmaras.....2,085.41
Verle Marsaa.....761.90
WBI Energy.....119.31
Anthony Bush.....200.00
Cash & Carry Lumber.....2,199.85
CenDak Cooperative.....1,852.20
Duchscherer Supply.....94.14
Eddy County.....13,397.00
Environ. Equip. & Services.....93.30
Hach Company.....158.14
Mick's 281 Service.....1,717.18
Mid-Amer Res. Chem.....2,004.38
MDU.....713.38
One Call Concepts.....16.35
Dakota Dust-Tex.....32.10
Leading Edge Equip.....1,248.70
Northern Plains Electric.....49.70
Transcript Publishing.....271.00
CenDak Cooperative.....492.15
Central Plains Water Dist.....30.00
Interstate Powersystems.....1,312.96
4th Corporation.....95.00
Butler Cat.....237.08
Close Construction Co.....671.25
Elan Financial Service.....648.53
Gowan Construction.....1,310.25
Grand Forks Utility Billing.....52.00
Interstate Billing Service.....642.60
Napa Auto Parts.....256.04
NDTC.....435.82
Otter Tail Power Co.....4,490.64
Share Corporation.....939.56
State of ND.....18.54
Eddy-NR Library.....800.00
US Postmaster.....210.00
NR Park District.....10,740.05
NRABC.....15,723.10
Dillon Hewitt.....692.63
Justin Ystaas.....692.63
Kelly McKnight.....692.63

Stuart Richter831.15
James Belquist.....692.63
Bank Forward.....39.10
EFTPS.....596.66
Susie Sharp.....1,814.66
Floann Lund.....60.40
Bruce Hirschert.....3,336.11
Jason Munson.....2,635.28
Andrew Presnell.....3,095.95
Richard Swenson.....2,567.81
NDPERS.....2,238.52
EFTPS.....3,986.64
BCBS.....7,247.43
AT&T.....279.23
Waste Management ...16,881.00
Public Works Superintendent
Hirschert was present with a re-
port. All generators have been
serviced and are in good con-
dition. 3 out of the 4 nuisance
houses have been taken down.
The highway Christmas lights
have been put up; the downtown
Christmas lights are on hold un-
til Ottertail Power Company gets
parts in for the lights. Hirschert
requested that the commission ap-
prove a price of \$18/yard for the
crushed concrete at the landfill
to sell. Richter made a motion to
approve the selling price of \$18/
yard for the crushed concrete.
McKnight seconded the motion.
All in favor. Motion carried.

Richter made a motion to ac-
cept the report as given. Belquist
seconded. All in favor. Motion
carried.

Interim Auditor Presnell gave
a report. The application for the
Water Plant Apprenticeship Program
through North Dakota Rural Wa-
ter has been submitted. The con-
tract between the City and Aqua
Pure for chemicals, cleaning,
and monitoring has been signed
by both parties. The 2024 USDA
budget has been submitted, and
the Quarter 3 report for the USDA
is showing a deficit. Presnell is
working with the Midwest Assis-
tance Program on this report. Per
USDA requirements, there cannot
be a deficit so the city will have
to transfer in money to the water
works account from the general.
The nuisance vehicle list given to
the Eddy County Sheriff's Office
has had 2 out of 9 papers served
as of December 1, 2023.

Belquist made a motion to ac-
cept the report as given. Richter
seconded. All in favor. Motion
carried.

OLD BUSINESS:
Commissioners will have a
special meeting at a later to dis-
cuss employee evaluations.

NEW BUSINESS:
Belquist made a motion to ap-
prove a gaming raffle for the Dis-
trict 5NE Lions. Richter second-
ed. All in favor. Motion carried.

Derek from AFLAC was present
to discuss options for the city for
insurance through AFLAC. Rich-
ter made a motion to approve
Derek to talk with city employees
about offering insurance to the
employees as a separate cost to
the employee. McKnight second-
ed. All in favor. Motion carried.

Belquist made a motion for
President Richter to sign a letter
of support to NRABC for a grant
application for a city resource
center. McKnight seconded. All in
favor. Motion carried.

Richter made a motion to au-
thorize a transfer of funds from the
general fund to the water works
fund to cover the deficit found in
the USDA quarter 3 report in the
amount between \$55,000.00 to
\$65,000.00. Belquist seconded.
In a roll call vote, Richter, McK-
night, and Belquist voting "aye".
No nay votes. Motion carried. In-
terim Auditor Presnell will let the
commissioners know the final
number once he has heard from
the USDA of the amount needed
to transfer.
Delinquent Utility accounts
were discussed that have curb
stops that are broken or don't
work. Attorney Peterson advised
currently that the city can certify
the unpaid balance as a lien on
the property taxes once a year in
November.
Richter suggested moving the
time of commission meetings to a
time in the morning. Interim Au-
ditor Presnell will check with the
League of Cities to see what other
cities do.
With no further business, the
meeting was adjourned at 7:38
p.m.
The next regular meeting will
be January 2, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.
at City Hall.

**MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO
APPROVAL AT NEXT SCHED-
ULED CITY COMMISSION
MEETING**
Stuart Richter,
President
Andrew Presnell
Interim Auditor
Published Dec. 18, 2023

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Notice is hereby given that
sealed bids will be received for
the 50' x 60' Eddy County Shop
Building, EC22-03-027.03, in
Sheyenne, North Dakota. Bids
will be received by the County
Auditor, at the office of the Audi-
tor at 524 Central Avenue, New
Rockford, ND 58356, until 10:00
A.M. on January 2, 2024 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 down-
loaded by selecting this project
from the "Bid Documents" tab
and by entering Quest Project
Number 8843144 on the "Search
Projects" page. For assistance
and free membership registra-
tion, contact QuestCDN at (952)
233-1632 or info@questcdn.com.
Paper copies of the Bidding Doc-
uments may be obtained from
Interstate Engineering, located
at 1903 12th Avenue SW, James-
town, 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 Daren Peterka at (701)
320-4292.

The project will consist of the fol-
lowing approximate quantities:
468 LF of Concrete Foundation
& Footing, 8,739 sf of Concrete
Interior Floor, a Floor Heating
System, 5,016 sf of Concrete Ex-
terior Pads, a 50'x60' Building, In-
terior Walls and Finishes, Plum-
bing, 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 designat-
ed that the bid is for the "50' x
60' Eddy County Shop 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, execut-
ed 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 accord-
ance with the terms of the prin-
cipal's bid and any requirements
and conditions of the OWNER.

A Contractor's Bond, as re-
quired by Section 4801.2-10 of
the North Dakota Century Code,
shall be included with the exe-
cuted Contract Documents. The
Bid Security shall be as required
in Section 4801.2-05 of the North
Dakota Century Code.

All bidders must be licensed for
the highest amount of their bids,
as required by Section 430705 of
the North Dakota Century Code
and a copy of the license or cer-
tificate of renewal thereof issued
shall be enclosed in the required
bid bond envelope.

No bid will be read or consid-
ered which does not fully com-
ply with the above provisions as
to Bond and Licenses, and any
deficient bid submitted will be re-
sealed and returned to the Bidder
immediately.

The OWNER retains the right to
reject any or all of the bids sub-
mitted and to waive any informal-
ity in any bid and to hold all bids
for a period not to exceed thirty
(30) days from said date of open-
ing 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 suc-
cessful bidder ten (10) days in ad-
vance of the start of construction.
The Contractor will be required to
commence construction, and in
an approved sequence, complete
the project by October 15, 2024.

By order of Eddy County, North
Dakota

Dave Gerhzt,
Commission Chair
Dated this 31st day of October,
2023.

Published December 4, 11 &
18, 2023

MINUTES OF EDDY COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS MEETING
EDDY COUNTY COURTHOUSE
NOVEMBER 7, 2023, 8:30 A.M.

The meeting was called to or-
der by Dave Gehrtz, Chairperson.
Also present were Commission-
er Glenda Collier, Commissioner
James Allmaras, Auditor Patty
Williams, States Attorney Ashley
Lies, and Amy Wobbema, New
Rockford Transcript.

Glenda Collier made a motion
to approve the agenda, and it was
seconded by James Allmaras.
The motion carried.

Glenda Collier made a motion
to approve the minutes of the
October 3 and October 30, 2023
meetings. Dave Gehrtz seconded
the motion, and the motion car-
ried.

After review of the financials
and expenditure and revenue
budgets for the month of Octo-
ber 2023, a motion was made
by Dave Gehrtz 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 All-
maras. Roll call vote: Collier, Geh-
rtz, and Allmaras voted aye.

- Aflac298.82
Kathy Anderson.....172.92
Jesse Anderson.....15.00
CenDak Cooperative.....6,874.78
Cole Papers.....234.40
City of Sheyenne.....110.10
Lyle Dahl.....650.90
Evans Funeral Home.....1,050.00
Tiffany Harr.....375.40
Info. Tech. Dept.....894.85
Interstate Engineering.....988.70
Jon Klabo.....1,014.30
LRDHU.....16,659.00
LR Law Enforcement.....160.00
Roger Langley.....1,149.45
Linde Gas Equipment.....794.25
NDPERS.....22,121.00
NDSU Ext. Service.....8,233.30
ND State Radio Comm.....120.00
NDTC.....868.82
Nodak Electric Coop.....54.49
North Dakota One Call.....1.30
Northern Plains Electric.....241.00
Thomas Olson.....179.13
Otter Tail Power Co.....871.25
Linderman Cons.....1,700.00
Perleberg C-Store.....227.00
Pitney Bowes.....91.29
Rockin Fitness.....500.00
Travis Steele.....1,964.92
Stutsman Co Corr Ctr.....2,250.00
Summit Fire Protection.....377.00
Superior Township.....15,120.00
Uniform Center.....685.91
Warren Implement.....105.20
Payroll.....61,398.45
AT&T Mobility.....582.37
Elan Financial Services.....226.95
Central Plains Water Dist.....330.38
Cenex Fleetcard.....439.34
Elec Fed Tax Pay Sys...19,498.61

- Aflac214.88
NDPERS.....13,775.54
Colonial Life.....461.25
Ameritas Life Ins Corp.....229.48
Pitney Bowes Bank500.00
David Allmaras1,096.00
Kathy Anderson.....39.72
Bank Forward.....27.30
Tami Beckley28.00
Border States Paving ...2,368.14
Burnn Boiler & Mech ...4,260.40
Butler Machinery Co.....2,591.61
Cash & Carry Lumber...6,925.72
Central Business Sys ...1,263.32
Central City H2O17.00
CenDak Cooperative.....6,169.83
Chenze Construction...10,200.00
Cole Papers.....379.13
Computer Projects.....300.00
City of Sheyenne.....552.00
City of NR.....17,724.85
NR City Park Dist.....3,091.02
Dakota Dust-Tex.....160.00
Dauenhauer Diesel.....450.09
Do It Best.....99.94
Eddy Co. Council on Aging.....382.16
Eddy Co. Treasurer.....2,495.00
Zach Fleming.....859.10
Garrison Div Cons Dist.....335.88
Michelle Gilley.....878.73
Great Plains Towers.....5,700.00
Haley Auto Repair.....425.03
Tiffany Harr.....125.76
Hireclick.....396.00
Kim Johnson.....125.00
LR Law Enforcement...3,280.00
Leaf.....219.50
Linde Gas Equipment.....84.62
Meehan Machine.....226.03
Messner Gravel.....550.00
Micks 281 Service.....910.75
MDU.....355.07
NDACo Res. Group1,487.66
NDEMA.....50.00
NDPERS.....22,121.00
Newman Traffic Signs.....105.71
NR Utility Services.....259.90
Kristy O'Connor.....426.41
Office of Attorney Gen.1.,105.00
Otter Tail Power Co42.86
Pitney Bowes Bank500.00
Quill Corporation57.99
Radisson Hotel Bis.....577.80
Rick's Wholesale Tire805.00
Running Supply.....76.45
Dakota Prairie School...1,196.25
NR-S School.....9,093.15
Softchoice Corp.....291.51
Soil Conservation561.08
State Treasurer.....140.49
Stutsman Co Corr. Ctr..2,325.00
Transcript Publishing.....304.20
Township Payouts.....22,837.78
The Village Family Serv. Center...1,500.00
West Fargo PD499.00
Glenda Collier made a motion
to approve the transfer of funds
from County General to County
Agent in the amount of \$14,500.
James Allmaras seconded the
motion, and the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:
Todd Weber, Road Super-
intendent, discussed an issue
with a culvert on County Road 4
that a landowner contacted him
about. He was directed by the
Commission to contact the Eddy
County Water Board and to do a
culvert cleanout to see if it helps
the problem. Todd will be getting
quotes for wheel packers for the
other two blades.

The new County shop in Shey-
enne will be rebid with a bid
opening date of January 2, 2024.

Material Testing Services, LLC
was selected to perform the ge-
otechnical exploration of Coun-
ty Road 10, Brantford Highway.
They will prepare a preliminary
engineering report with their re-
commendations for repair of the
road.

Ashley Lies, States Attorney,
presented the Resolution to sell
Lot 21, Block 19, Original Town-
site to the New Rockford-Shey-
enne School. Glenda Collier
made a motion to approve the
resolution, and it was seconded
by James Allmaras. The motion
carried.

NEW BUSINESS:
Kevin Johnson, Central ND
Steam Threshers, attended the
meeting to discuss the shared
costs of water and mowing at
the fairgrounds. Glenda Collier
made a motion that the County
pay Central ND Steam Threshers
\$1500 for mowing and Central ND
Steam Threshers pay the County
\$500 for water. James Allmaras
seconded the motion, and the
motion carried.

The Commissioner-hosted em-
ployee Christmas appreciation
supper will be held on December
12, 2023. James Allmaras made
a motion to give employees a \$100
service award in the form of New
Rockford Chamber bucks. Glen-
da Collier seconded the motion,
and the motion carried.

Glenda Collier made a mo-
tion for the County offices to be
closed November 23 and Novem-
ber 24, 2023, for Thanksgiving
and a half-day on December 22
and all day December 25, 2023,
for Christmas. Dave Gehrtz sec-
onded the motion, and the motion
carried.

Glenda Collier made a motion
to approve the fairgrounds lease
agreement with Kristy O'Connor
for July 29, 2024, through August
5, 2024, for a wedding reception
and dance. James Allmaras sec-
onded the motion, and the motion
carried.

Glenda Collier made a mo-
tion to approve the Joint Powers
Agreement for Purchasing, Reso-
lution of Acknowledgement, with
the ND Association of Counties
for collection and distribution of
911 fees. James Allmaras sec-
onded the motion, and the motion
carried.

Dave Gehrtz made a motion
to approve the 2024 Liquor and
Beer Licenses for the New Rock-
ford Golf Club. James Allmaras
seconded the motion, and the
motion carried.

Dave Gehrtz, Chairperson,
read through letters received from
3rd graders of the New Rock-
ford-Sheyenne School express-
ing their concerns and ideas for
improvements in the community.
Stuart Richter, President, New
Rockford City Commission, and
Troy Georgeson, Airport Authori-
ty member, attended the meeting

to ask for a support letter for the
proposed airport runway project.
Stuart also requested that 3 mills
be added to the County's mill levy
for 15 years for the airport. No
decision was made and it will be
discussed again at the next Com-
missioner's meeting.

Dave Gehrtz, Chairperson, ad-
journd the meeting at 10:00 A.M.
The next regular meeting will be
December 5, 2023, at 8:30 A.M.

Dave Gehrtz,
Chairperson
Patty Williams,
Auditor
Published Dec. 18, 2023

NEW ROCKFORD-SHEYENNE
PUBLIC SCHOOL
DISTRICT NO. 2
REGULAR SCHOOL
BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 9TH, 2023
AT 7:00 P.M.

Members present: Todd All-
maras, Mike Schaefer, Eric Perle-
berg, Mike Jacobson (via Zoom),
Mary Kay Price, Kyle Alfstad. Pati-
ti Larson. Others present: Dr. Jill
Louters, Superintendent; Natalie
Becker, Principal; Dave Skogen,
Business Manager.

President Allmaras called the
meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Approval of the Agenda
It was moved by Price and sec-
onded by Schaefer to approve the
agenda as presented with the
removal of Item B Recommendation
to Hire - Jennifer Whitman -
Elementary.

Approval of the October 9th
Regular Meeting Minutes
It was moved by Schaefer and
seconded by Alfstad to approve
the minutes of the October 9th
regular meeting minutes as pre-
sented. Motion carried unani-
mously.

Approval of the
Consent Agenda
It was moved by Schaefer
and seconded by Perleberg to
approve the consent agenda as
presented. Motion carried unani-
mously. The consent agenda con-
sisted of the business manager
report, and the bills - general fund
of \$53,680.95 the building fund
of \$16,627.75, the school lunch
fund of \$15,127.23 and the activi-
ty fund of \$5,054.16.

Monthly Committee Reports
There was a building commit-
tee meeting just prior to tonight's
meeting. Board members Larson
and Alfstad noted an update on
the summer ADA project as well
as a discussion on the bus barn
was held.

Principals' Reports
Elementary Principal Becker
presented her report to the board.
Parent-Teacher conferences were
recently held. Staff were pleased
with the turnout especially in the
elementary. Lots of profession-
al development work continues
in the areas of PBIS, weekly ad-
ministrative meetings, title ix, and
cognia. Work also continues in
the areas of attendance and dis-
cipline as plans are being creat-
ed to address concerns in each
area. Finding substitute teachers
continues to be a challenge. A
minimal number of substitutes in
the area has led to constant re-
arranging of sub schedules when
morning calls occur. Lastly, ob-
servations and evaluations con-
tinue as formal evals are due by
December 15th for staff in their
first three years.

Superintendent Report
Superintendent Louters shared
her report with the board. Ongo-
ing work with the second gym
committee has led up to tonight's
presentation. A new DPI appren-
tice partnership will give the dis-
trict the opportunity to identify
teaching candidates and Mayville
State and UND, as well as the
potential to aid in fully funding a
teaching degree for non-certified
staff. Teacher observations are
ongoing as the semester contin-
ues. Vape detectors have been
installed in the building. Lastly,
work continues in the areas of
student intervention and the at-
tendance committee.

Teacher Report
There was no teacher report
this evening.

Student Report
There was no student report
this morning.

Second Gym Project
Foundation Executive Commit-
tee Members Elliott Belquist and
Reed Weisenburger presented
to the board where the second
gym project currently sits. The
presentation gave the board a
look at where it started, went
during covid, and now as new
options have emerged where it
sits and hopes to go. On hand
to assist with the presentation
was Shannon Humbert of Leg-
acy Builders. Legacy Builders
features a different type of facility
that could cut the project cost by
over half. Shannon presented and
answered questions from board
on materials, other projects, and
technical aspects of the pro-
posed plan.

Recommendation to Hire
'24-'25 Year - Genesis Ang -
Secondary Science
It was moved by Larson and
seconded by Price to approve the
Hire of Genesis Ang for the
'24-'25 school year as presented.
Motion carried unanimously by
roll call vote.

Recommendation to Hire
'24-'25 Year - Ellen Lagunzad -
Secondary ELA
It was moved by Jacobson and
seconded by Larson to approve the
Hire of Ellen Lagunzad for the
'24-'25 school year as presented.
Motion carried unanimously by
roll call vote.

Open Enrollment/
District Tuition Agreement
It was moved by Schaefer and
seconded by Alfstad to approve
the Open Enrollment and District
Tuition Agreements as presented.
Motion carried unanimously by
roll call vote. Agreement is for one
fifth grader coming from the Car-

lington School District.
Policy AAC -
Non-Discrimination and
Anti-Harassment - Second
Read

It was moved by Price and sec-
onded by Jacobson to approve
the first read of Policy AAC -
Non-Discrimination and Anti-Har-
assment Policy. Motion carried
unanimously. This policy clarifies
citations between the proposed
language and NDCC to ensure
state and federal alignment. Also,
policy updates information re-
garding which district staff, by
position, are to be contacted re-
garding the complaint process.

Review Pledge of Securities
It was moved by Larson and
seconded by Price to approve the
review of the pledge of securi-
ties as presented. Motion carried
unanimously by roll call vote. On
a quarterly basis the district re-
views the pledge that guarantees
all balances over and above FDIC
insurable limits.

Long Range Strategic Plan
It was moved by Alfstad and
seconded by Price to approve
the first read of the Long Range
Strategic Plan. Motion carried by
majority roll call vote six votes to
one. Previous board action hire
Schatz Consulting to lead the
district through the planning pro-
cess this past summer. After three
meetings, a writing team has met
twice to consolidate the infor-
mation provided by the planning
team into the format provided by
Mr Schatz.

Superintendent Evaluation
It was moved by Jacobson and
seconded by Schaefer to approve
the formative evaluation of Super-
intendent Louters as Satisfactory.
Roll call vote carries by majori-
ty, six yes votes to one no vote,
motion carried. Board members
completed their own individ-
ual evaluation of Superintendent
Louters using an online format
from Rocky Mountain Evalua-
tions. Each area of evaluation was
score on a 1-4 basis. Each sec-
tion was reviewed, and a roll call
vote was made for each section.
Each section presented carried a
satisfactory score. A roll call vote
was held for each section to ap-
prove the score calculated; ap-
proval of each section was unani-
mous. Roll call votes as follows,
Area A. Goal and Vision Setting;
Roll call vote unanimous, Area A
rated as satisfactory with seven
S votes. Area B. Board Relations;
Roll call vote unanimous, Area B
rated as satisfactory with seven S
votes. C. Human Resource Man-
agement; Roll call vote carries by
majority vote, Area C rated as sat-
isfactory with six S votes to one U
vote. D. Curriculum and Student
Support Services; Roll call vote
carries by majority, Area D rated
as satisfactory with six S votes to
one U vote. Area E. Community
Relations; Roll call vote carries
by majority, Area E rated as sat-
isfactory with six S votes to one
U vote. Area F. Operations and
Resources Management; Roll
call vote carries by majority, Area
F rated as satisfactory with six S
votes to one U vote.

Executive Session -
Negotiation Strategy
It was moved by Price and
seconded by Mike Schaefer to
move into executive session as
per NDCC Section 44-04-19.1(9).
Motion carried by unanimous
vote. Executive Session was en-
tered at 9:00 pm and exited at
9:24.

Announcements
Next Regular Meeting: Mon-
day, December 11th, 2023, at
7:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria.

Adjournment
The board meeting was ad-
journd at 9:25 pm.

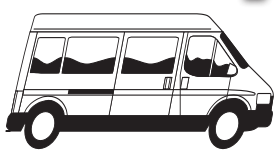
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Airgas USA23.42
Aj's TS & Engraving150.00
BSN Sports1,068.48
Cash & Carry Lumber.....710.32
CenDak Cooperative.....481.23
Central Bus. Sys.....4,298.96
Colepapers.....1,615.07
Dakota Dust-Tex.....252.05
East Central CFEC ...136,183.21
Eddy Co. Treasurer.....7,355.41
Educator Software Sol.....800.00
EduTyping.....1,078.00
Expressway Suites.....192.60
Flair Boutique.....618.96
G & R Controls.....816.20
Hager, Laura.....235.45
Horace Mann Co.....631.96
Imagine Learning.....297.00
Insure Forward-NR.....377.00
Johnson Controls.....2,891.19
Johnson, Kim500.00
Leaf.....521.34
Lift Learning.....8,000.00
Meehan Machine.....3,487.29
Micks 281 Service.....3,207.90
Miller's Fresh Foods759.23
MDU1,955.39
NAPA Auto Parts552.60
ND Ctr for Dist. Edu.....22,671.00
NR Utility Services.....1,043.09
ND Safety Council.....45.00
Pearce Durick, PLLC.....596.25
Purchase Power.....202.43
Remind1011,320.00
Rockford Plg & Htg.....476.68
Schulz Plg, Htg & A/C.....152.00
Source of Strength.....6,000.00
South East Edu. Coop.....550.00
Time Management Sys.....253.00
US Foods120.14
Verizon.....107.71
Welk, Shannon.....1,550.00
Widmer Roel.....21,508.98
Wong, Travis.....50.00

CAPITAL PROJECTS:
G & R Controls.....5,041.60
SCHOOL LUNCH:
Bakers Dozen1,137.50
Dept. of Pub. Inst.....1,103.17
Meadow Sweet Dairy ...3,097.43
Miller's Fresh Foods210.38
US Foods1,275.95

STUDENT ACTIVITY FUNDS:
Fenworks.....1,155.00
Myhre, Sara.....208.77
Northern Bottling.....278.80
Rogers Athletic Co.....3,629.00
Scholastic Book Fairs...1,553.97
Dave Skogen,
Business Manager
Todd Allmaras,
President

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Eddy County Transportation



MONDAY-FRIDAY
September – May,
7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
June – August,
8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

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Chris Bichler
Carrington & New Rockford
701-652-2627



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Public Notice

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY Proposed Flood Hazard Determinations for Eddy County, North Dakota and Incorporated Areas

The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency has issued a preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), and where applicable, Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report, reflecting proposed flood hazard determinations within Eddy County, North Dakota and Incorporated Areas. These flood hazard determinations may include the addition or modification of Base Flood Elevations, base flood depths, Special Flood Hazard Area boundaries or zone designations, or the regulatory floodway. Technical information or comments are solicited on the proposed flood hazard determinations shown on the preliminary FIRM and/or FIS report for Eddy County, North Dakota and Incorporated Areas. These flood hazard determinations are the basis for the floodplain management measures that your community is required to either adopt or show evidence of being already in effect in order to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. However, before these determinations are effective for floodplain management purposes, you will be provided an opportunity to appeal the proposed information. For information on the statutory 90-day period provided for appeals, as well as a complete listing of the communities affected and the locations where copies of the FIRM are available for review, please visit FEMA's website at https://www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/BFE_Status/bfe_main.asp or call the FEMA Mapping and Insurance eXchange (FMIX) toll free at 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627).

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SHEYENNE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 4, 2023

Mayor Hanson called the regular meeting to order with Thumb absent. Minutes of November 1, 2023 meeting were read and approved. Motion Ames, second Hoffner, motion carried.

B. Rieger, Facilities Operator-New curbs stops will be ordered to replace what was borrowed from New Rockford. Hydrants were flushed and basket was cleaned within the past month.

All city residents will be receiving in the mail a survey from AE2S regarding the Lead Pipe Project that the City needs to complete by October 2024. This letter will be asking for residents to identify the type of pipe they have in their residence where city water comes in their home. If any residents have any questions please talk to the mayor or city council. Motion Hoffner, second Ames, motion carried to hire AE2S to complete the application for the ND Flexible Transportation Fund Program that is due December 31st. Snow guard on the Ostby Hall roof will be fixed by Dean Wallace. Motion Ames, second Labrenz, motion carried to approve 2024 alcohol permit to Rindy's.

Treasurer's Report: Motion to accept Treasurer's Report Hoffner,

second Labrenz, motion carried. Meeting adjourned. Next regular meeting to be held Wednesday, January 3rd, at 6:00 pm.

GENERAL FUND:

Otter Tail645.86
MDU52.99
NDTC41.87
Eddy Co. Auditor2,483.00
Double M Sanitation3,485.00
IRS275.40
K. Brown192.00
One Call2.25
Transcript42.00
R. Hoffner135.00
Job Service70.20
Jacobson507.93

WATER & SEWER:

Otter Tail248.91
MDU77.45
NDTC43.81
Northern Plains37.00
Newman Signs475.90
City of McVie1,839.00
City of Fargo14.00
Rieger578.90
Jacobson507.92

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF EDDY COUNTY, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

In the Matter of the Estate of Robert Backman, Deceased. Probate No. 14-2023-PR-00009
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned have been appointed co-personal representatives of the above estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to Amanda Croegaert, personal representative of the estate, at 7309 Sandstone Drive, Bismarck ND 58503; or Neil Backman, personal representative of the estate, at 422 10th St N., New Rockford, ND 58356; or filed with the Court. Dated this 30th day of November, 2023.

Amanda Croegaert, Personal Representative
7309 Sandstone Drive,
Bismarck ND 58503
Neil Backman,
Personal Representative
422 10th St N.,
New Rockford ND 58356

Peterson Law Offices, P.C.
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Attorneys for Personal Representative

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Saturday, January 13, 2024

SOUP & CHILI FEED

5:00 p.m. until gone

Door prizes and raffles throughout the evening

There will be additional raffle tables

Drawings start at 6:00 p.m.

\$5⁰⁰ ADMISSION

50.00 Ticket	Eagles Gun Raffle #2923 Cont'	50.00 Ticket	Eagles Gun Raffle #2923 Cont'
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Eagles Club opens at 5:00 p.m.

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Dr. Page has new Clinic Hours

Dr. Michael Page will be scheduling patients from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday starting in January of 2024.

Dr. Page will also be adding in the 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th Wednesdays to his clinic schedule, seeing patients from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. starting January 10.



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HOMESTEAD TAX CREDIT AND RENTER'S REFUND

You may be eligible if you are:

- 65 years of age or older in the year for which the application is made.

-OR-

- Permanently disabled (proof of total disability must be established).
 - Live at and have interest in the property.
- Not have an income that exceeds \$70,000 for the calendar year preceding the assessment date (including the income of your spouse and any dependents).

DISABLED VETERANS PROPERTY TAX CREDIT

You may be eligible if you are:

- A disabled veteran of the United States Armed Forces with an armed forces service-connected disability of 50 percent or greater in the year for which your application is made.
- You must have been discharged under honorable conditions or be retired from the armed forces of the United States.
- You must reside on and have an interest in the property, a of the assessment date.

Application deadline is February 1st, 2024.

Eddy County Tax Equalization
Kristy O'Connor, Director of Equalization
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Eddy County Soil Conservation Year Review

2023 Totals:

- Aerator 110 acres
- No Till Drill..... 55 acres
- Tree planting..... 57,499 feet
- Weed Barrier laid..... 60,599 feet
- Trees sold 4,029
- Trees Planted 6,421
- Hand Planted trees..... 217
- Tree Tubes sold..... 73
- Staples sold 1218 each
- Rolls of Weed Barrier sold 6
- Flags sold..... 50
- Excess trees..... 327

Purchased Product for 2023:

- Purchased trees for 2023..... 10,994
- Staples..... 55 boxes
- Weed Barrier..... 95 rolls
- 6-foot Tree Tubes..... 50

Events, trainings, meetings, and projects:


- Wild training workshop
- Annual State Audit
- Water testing training
- CPR training (Life Savers)
- 2 Reviews with Britsch and Associates
- Pesticide Training
- Soybean and Corn Expo (SCD Booth setup)
- Water testing on the Sheyenne River April through October. 2-year testing project.
- CTA for Forestry Tree Renovation.
- Arbor Day/Tree City USA Celebration.
- School tree handout project.
- Eco Education Day.
- Covers and Cows tour.
- Attended 8 Employees meetings, trainings.
- 9 Monthly Board Meetings.
- Convention to celebrate our county achievement winner, Chans Price.
- NDEQ public outreach meeting.
- Aera 1 meeting.
- NRCS meetings for program trainings.
- Tree site checks and survivability.
- Achievement winner Chans Price.
- Nursery stock survivability report.
- Grant wrote for Education. Funds used during tree celebration.
- Purchased storage unit for supplies.

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701-650-7097
Mike Yri, Owner




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Eddy County Soil Conservation District
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Dr. Nicolai will be out of the office Dec. 22-Jan. 1; back Jan. 2
Dr. Weber will be out of the office Dec. 23-Jan. 2; back Jan. 3
Limited office staff Dec. 26-29



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— Luke 2:14

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

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

Hallelujah!
Lutheran Home of the Good Shepherd
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Merry Christmas!

We're so grateful for your support and loyalty throughout the year. Wishing you a joyful holiday season!



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Happy Holidays!



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Carrington

SEASON'S GREETINGS

Time to say thanks to all of you who have made this past year a joy for us!

We appreciate all of you, our loyal customers and friends.



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With Greetings & Gratitude this Holiday Season!

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

HAPPY
Holidays



North American Bison, LLC
South of New Rockford on Hwy. 281
701-947-2505

*Wishing you
Happy Holidays*

One of the best parts of our business is people like you. Your support means the world to us! We wish you the best this holiday season and throughout the coming year.

Evans Funeral Home
New Rockford • Carrington
www.EvansFuneralHomeND.com

Merry Christmas

Sending warm holiday wishes to our good friends and customers all around town!

ALAN'S FURNACE SERVICE
New Rockford
701-947-2874

With Our Thanks!

May your holiday be trimmed with peace, joy and goodwill.

We sincerely appreciate the kindness you've shown us as customers, neighbors and friends. Thank you for making 2023 a great year for us. We look forward to seeing you again next year!

Closed December 25 and January 1

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As the holiday season approaches, there is no better time to say "Thank You." Wishing you and yours a happy holiday season and a prosperous new year.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS!

As another year comes to a close, we want to take a moment to express our deepest gratitude for your support of our business. We look forward to helping you in the future and wish you a Merry Christmas.

RAZOR NUTRIENTS
N P K
New Rockford

Wishing you the merriest of Christmases!

We want to thank you for your support over the last year. We're grateful for the opportunity to serve you and wish you a joyous Christmas season.

~Closed Dec. 25 & Jan. 1~

NAPA Do It Best

NAPA (701) 947-5101 6 1st St. S New Rockford
Do It Best (701) 947-5155 16 8th St. N New Rockford

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

Merry Christmas

Thank you to our members for your friendship and support this year.

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Merry Christmas

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We want to wish you all.....

Season's Greetings!

May the warmth of Christmas spread throughout your home this holiday season.

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CLEAN LITTLE BOY SOAPS

Thanks for all the soap-ort over the past year! May your Christmas be filled with love, joy, peace & soap... I mean hope!

Merry Christmas

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM US TO YOU!

Monday - CLOSED
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Summary of Responsibilities

- Process payments of vouchers and claims
- Assist in the annual audit process
- Develop, monitor, and/or revise budgets
- Prepare correspondence and reports to assist in administration of contracts
- Ensure of proper financial policies and procedures

Qualifications

- Bachelors of Accountancy or Business Administration with Accounting emphasis required
- Previous experience in accounting or related field required
- CPA designation or working towards obtaining preferred

To learn more, a full position description can be found at www.garrisondiversion.org.

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Garrison Diversion Conservancy District (GDGD) is committed to securing a stronger future by providing a reliable, high quality and affordable water supply to benefit the people of North Dakota.

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Join Our Team
www.garrisondiversion.org

Merry Christmas

We're so excited to share the season with great folks like you. Thanks for making us feel at home here.

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-Now accepting applications-

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Preference is given to those intending to return to the Carrington Medical Center service area.

Applications are now available at Carrington Medical Center Administration Offices (701-652-7166) and online at www.chistalexiushealth.org/carrington/meadows-memorial-fund

Application Deadline: Monday, Feb 12, 2024
Postmarked to: Attn: Becky Pretzer, 800 N 4th St, PO Box 461, Carrington ND 58421