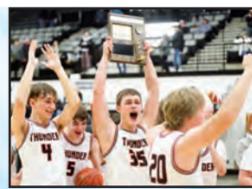




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# Soothing our furry friends

Coppertop Therapy in the business of keeping animals feeling relaxed —

BY ERIK GJOVIK

helped her immensely in her therapy approach.

“It gives me an understanding of how animals react to certain situations or lifestyles, and what therapies will benefit them the most,” said Becker. “It’s also what’s driven my passion for animals, and keeping them feeling top-notch.”

Amy Becker’s extensive background in agriculture, and her sense of empathy and an everlasting love for animals, has inspired her to get into massage therapy for our four-legged companions.

Coppertop Therapy provides services for cattle, horses and dogs, and is an option for anybody who notices pain in their animal, or desires to provide them with increased range of motion and other health benefits.

“Animals of any age can benefit from therapy sessions,” said Becker. “That can range from improved mobility, reduced inflammation, increasing lymphatic and blood circulation, relieving stiffness and aches, and improving muscle tone. It’s very comparable to some of the benefits we, as humans, would notice from massages.”

Becker began her pursuit of the field in October, 2021, by taking a hands-on course in South Dakota to become a Certified Equine Massage Therapist, which carries over into other species.

When she decided to name her business, a friend told her to consider her dyed-red hair, and the Coppertop name was born.

“I wanted something to include more than just equine species in the name, and also wanted to stray from including my initials as a lot do,” she said.

She says that her ag background has

“ [My agriculture background] gives me an understanding of how animals react to certain situations or lifestyles, and what therapies will benefit them the most. It’s also what’s driven my passion for animals, and keeping them feeling top-notch.

Amy Becker

Becker notes that her work doesn’t replace proper veterinary care, farrier needs or nutritional care, but it does serve its purpose in allowing animals to be more relaxed.

She typically starts a session with familiarizing the animal to her touch, usually in places familiar to them.

“That way, it keeps them more relaxed, and I’ll also ask the owner questions about the animal and their activities, or any lameness concerns,” Becker says.

From there, Becker begins a hands-on, slow and steady acupressure and deep tissue massage technique from top to bottom and side to side, and from the front of the animal to the back.

At the end point of the session, she helps the animal with basic stretches, of which the owner can utilize in between appointments.

“Throughout the session, my main focus is on the animal to read the cues their body is telling me, if specific trigger

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Top photo: Amy Becker works her magic of massage on a horse’s leg. Her business, Coppertop Therapy, focuses on therapeutic services for equine, bovine and canine clients. Becker is able to service animals throughout the state, without charging extra for mileage.

Left: This dog feels the touch of Becker’s healing hands, and enters a state of relaxation and contentment.

(Courtesy photos, Amy Becker)

Check out our National Ag Week section in this week’s edition, pages 8-9!

# Council to hold public meetings for restaurant tax

BY LEASA A. LURA

In a very-short meeting last week, the Carrington City Council ran through the agenda in 25 minutes.

During the meeting held on Monday, March 13, Mayor Tom Erdmann reported that the state has approved the wording of the ordinance for the proposed restaurant tax.

It states that all revenues raised, collected, and interest earnings upon vote of the city council, shall be utilized for the Carrington Visitor’s Promotion Capital Construction Fund.

The Carrington Chamber and Economic Development Corporation, or

any other local marketing/visitor’s organization as the City Council shall direct, shall serve as an advisory committee to the City Council who shall administer the fund.

The funds shall be used generally for tourism or the purchase, equipping, improving, construction, maintenance, repair, and acquisition of buildings or property consistent with visitor attraction or promotion.

He said the CVB (Carrington Convention and Visitor’s Bureau) will hold

at least two public meetings on the tax before they vote, but none have been scheduled yet.

In other business: • Erdmann reported that the newly hired administrative assistant, Jill Edinger, has tendered her resignation. Committee Reports

**FIRE:** • Jason Wolsky of the Carrington Fire Department reported that they

had no calls since the last council meeting and nine firemen attended fire school.

### FINANCE & LEGAL:

• The council talked more about the electronic time clock for city employees.

He said they are hoping to have it up and running by June 1.

### CCEDC:

• The CCEDC minutes

were presented.

Director Laurie Dietz shared information on which N.D. communities have the restaurant tax and what each of those communities do with the funding.

Erdmann explained to the CCEDC board the pros and cons of implementing the tax.

• The CCEDC is looking to fill a position on the board.

### CVB:

• The CVB held a discussion on the size of the

building and changes to the layout on the Rainbow Gardens property.

The building has been moved to the front of the block with gardens to the north and west.

• The OK Tire Car Show will be held on July 29 on Main Street.

• With the success of The Market and other happenings in the City Park, they discussed if the Park Board would be interested in installing electrical out-

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## CVB/CCEDC Annual Meeting set March 27

It’s time for the Annual Meeting of the Carrington Convention & Visitors Bureau and the Carrington Chamber & Economic Development Corporation. The theme is “Emerging Entrepreneurs.”

This year the event will be held Monday, March 27 at Cross-Roads Golf Club with a social beginning at 5 p.m.

A delicious meal catered by Prairie Inn restaurant will be served at

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# School board talks buses, business

BY AMY WOBBERMA

Transportation was the primary topic of conversation at the Carrington School Board meeting on Tuesday, March 14.

District buses have experienced electrical issues that are expensive to fix, board member Kevin Wolsky said. This is mostly due to the cost of labor to diagnose the actual problem each time, which in some cases has taken eight hours or more. Then the bus needs to be taken to Bismarck to repair and left there for a period of time. Also the company requires damaged or defective parts to be sent back for warran-

ty coverage, which is also an expense to the district.

“I don’t think there is a solution, and it isn’t just one bus,” Wolsky noted.

The challenge of getting new buses is also weighing on board members. The timeline for a new route bus from order to delivery is 15-7 months. One is needed now, board members said, so they plan to include the cost in the 2023-24 budget and get the wheels rolling. The committee recommended trading in Bus 10 for the new route bus. As for the new activity

bus the district set aside funds in the current budget to purchase, the quest to get bids continues. Supt. Janelle Helm has received a bid from I State Truck Center and awaits a second from Harlows. A special meeting will likely be needed to review the two bids once the second one is received.

The build date for the new mini bus is Sept. 2023, and it was ordered last July. When the board approved the \$99,000 bid with a \$15,000 trade-in allowance on July 11, 2022, they were told they could expect a spring

delivery.

The board also considered a request from the Legion and Babe Ruth baseball teams for use of a district-owned bus to transport players and coaches to games this summer. Helm researched the practice with other districts, and found that they do allow buses to be used in this way.

The school district has the authority to give “permissive use” to any entity for buses, Helm said. If Carrington wants to continue growing their baseball program and encourage increased partici-

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## NDSU sunflower production update March 21

Sunflower producers, crop advisers and others interested in sunflower production management updates are encouraged to participate in the 2023 Getting-it-Right in Sunflower Production Conference on Tuesday, March 21 from 8:30 a.m. to noon. This online-only conference will be hosted on Zoom.

The program will be conducted by North Dakota State University (NDSU) Extension and is supported by the National Sunflower Association.

The conference is free to attend, but pre-registration is required at <https://www.ndsu.edu/agriculture/ag-hub/getting-it-right>, this site also has video links to the previous sunflower production meeting. Those who preregister will receive instructions via email on how to connect to the Zoom meeting.

"The 2022 sunflower cropping season resulted in record yields for both



Topics for the Getting-It-Right in Sunflower Production conference will include hybrid selection, the importance of getting an optimum plant population, plant nutrient and soil management, and updates for weed, disease and insect management. (NDSU photo)

the oil and confection sunflower," says Hans Kandel, NDSU Extension agronomist and co-organizer of the conference. "Sunflower is a deep-rooting crop and although part of the 2022 season was dry, the sunflower plants were able to tap into the stored soil moisture, resulting in the

record farm yields." Topics during the sunflower production meeting will include hybrid selection, the importance of getting an optimum plant population, plant nutrient and soil management, updates for weed, disease and insect management, combine fire prevention

and sunflower marketing. Participants are encouraged to ask questions via the Q&A Zoom function and speakers will answer these questions.

Attendees will receive a list of several pertinent Extension sunflower production resources as reference materials supplemental to the presentations. The presentations will be recorded and archived.

"During the fall of 2023, researchers, Extension staff and consultants will again conduct an intensive survey of North Dakota sunflower fields in order to evaluate agronomics, weeds, diseases, and insect and bird damage as part of the National Sunflower Survey," says Greg Endres, Extension agronomist and co-organizer of the conference. "Trends based on previous field surveys will be woven into several of the presentations."

Certified crop adviser continuing education credits will be available for meeting participants.



Travis Wong accepts the Carrington Lions pin from Vice President Heather Carr.

## Lions Club March news

Speakers at the March Carrington Lions meeting were Ellen Roundy and Brittney Moravec. They presented a program on The Market, which is held in the Carrington Park every other week starting July 11 through September 19. Each speaker was given a Lions pin.

Since its beginning it has grown from nine vendors to 23. They are hoping it will keep growing and hope to add more food vendors. Each market also features a special program, which is usually picnic tables are available. Another speaker was Travis Wong. He spoke about funding for a Fourth of July fireworks show. The Lions have agreed to help with this project. Hopefully, they can bring back the show as there wasn't a fireworks display last year.

The Lions club donated the money raised at the Fallout Shelter to the following organizations: Carrington Fire Department, Healthy Communities Kids Experience, Carrington Youth Center, and the Carrington Backpack program.



Ellen Roundy, Brittney Moravec and Lion Vice President Heather Zink.



## Ambassadors cut ribbon at High Plains Equipment ...

The Carrington Chamber and Economic Development Corporation (CCEDC) Ambassadors made an appearance at the new High Plains Equipment building on Highway 52-200 Tuesday morning, March 14. Participating in a plaque presentation and ribbon cutting ceremony were, left to right: Ambassadors Vern Anderson and Chad Hoornaert; Tyson Pffingsten of CNH Capital; Ambassador Kimberly Cook; Tom Haarstad and Bill Stansbery of Case IH; High Plains Equipment Owner John Swenseth (holding scissors); Ambassador/Mayor Tom Erdmann; CCEDC Director Laurie Dietz; Ambassador Bob Lipetzky; Bob Hatten of Bremer Bank; and Ambassadors Scott Buchholtz and Chris Bichler.



## ... and at Retzlaff Seed & Supply, LLC

Later that afternoon, the Ambassadors helped to initiate Retzlaff Seed & Supply, LLC (formerly Swanson Seeds) into the Carrington business community. On hand with scissors, ribbon and plaque were CCEDC Director Laurie Dietz, Ambassadors Bob Lipetzky and Scott Tweed; Retzlaff Seed & Supply owner Doug Retzlaff; and Ambassadors Vern Anderson and Tom Erdmann.

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## THERAPY —

points need more attention, then I will focus on that until we get a desirable result."

Becker notes that the animals will often show different forms of tension release, such as yawning, lip licking and head drooping.

"It's extremely rewarding to watch this during the appointment," she says.

One benefit she notes that some animals exhibit following therapy is increased water intake, as they're releasing toxins that the body has been holding.

A new discipline Becker is offering is "cupping." While not a standalone service, it is an additional option for animals if deemed necessary.

"It requires a lot of ultrasound gel and medical grade cups, that I have in two different sizes to accommodate different muscle

groups and species."

She also has added a fascial blade, also known as a Gua Sha blade, which offers a different form of assessment and touch to the technique she already uses.

"The blade can also be a partial, standalone treatment just to encourage the movement of stagnant fluids," said Becker.

Bovine and equine sessions cost \$100 each, and canine sessions run \$60. If cupping is needed, it will be at an extra cost depending on the muscle groups and situation.

"I travel to clients across the state, and am not local only to Carrington," she said. "There is no additional mileage charge. I'll also attend barrel races, rodeos, and other events."

Becker highly recommends to let the animal relax for a 24-hour period after appointments, so their bodies can self-adjust to the treatment.

To reach out to Becker at Coppertop Therapy, give her a call at (701) 307-0376, or message her via Facebook.

## MEETING —

6:00 p.m., after which we will hear reports from each of the organizations on their activities over the past year and updates on new happenings in our community.

We will feature booth space for businesses or projects that are of interest to the community. Please contact the Chamber office if you are interested in having booth space. There is no charge.

This is a great opportunity to come out and hear what is happening in Carrington.

## CITY —

lets on the west side of the Carrington City Park. There is a possibility of grants to help cover the cost.

## AIRPORT:

- Wolsky reported that the new AWOS (Automated Weather Observation System) was installed at the airport.

## POLICE:

- It was reported that the police committee discussed hiring more officers.

## PUBLIC WORKS:

- Wolsky said the public works department has been busy moving snow.

- He also said the main lift station at the lagoon is in need of repairs; the armory has had heating issues and the city hall has also had some heating issues.

## BUILDING OFFICIAL:

- Wolsky said one building permit was issued in February.

- Finally, Erdmann reported that the city board of equalization meeting will be held at Carrington City Hall on Tuesday, April 4 at 6:30 p.m.

## SCHOOL —

pation by youth, it makes sense to allow summer use by those same students, she reasoned.

She recommended drawing up a Memorandum of Use, which explains that the organization using the bus would be responsible for the costs of fuel and must hire their own driver.

The caveat is that liability for the people occupying the bus is not covered by the school district's insurance policy. The school's insurance would only cover damage to the bus itself if an accident occurred while in use by an outside entity.

Therefore, the baseball program must ensure that they have adequate liability coverage in place for this use and indemnify the school district in the event of an accident.

Business Manager Kimary Edland asked about use of seat belts and how that would be handled. Helm replied that the baseball program should recommend seat belt use, as they will be liable if students get hurt while riding.

Board members discussed that the alternative is to have teenagers driving themselves to sporting events, or have parents transporting their kids with their personal vehicles.

Helm concluded, "I would rather have these kids traveling on a bus." The district will draw up a Memorandum of Use for review and approval by both entities.

Reading Month activities are well underway in the elementary, principal Jenna Helseth reported.

Graphic novels are popular right now, and Librarian Claudia Park wrote a grant to get more in the library. The month's event will culminate with Black out Reading on March 30 and the final assembly on the 31st, where she may get a pie to the face again if students meet their reading goal.

Helseth is closely watching the kindergarten enrollment numbers. Kindergarten Roundup is set for Monday, March 20, and her best guess is that there will be somewhere between 47 and 54 in next year's

class. When/if the number hits 51 enrolled students, Helseth will advertise for a third teacher. This year there are two kindergarten classrooms, each with a full-time teacher and para.

The sound system for the stadium is expected to come in on Wednesday, March 22, and the end of the third quarter is Friday, March 24.

High school principal Connor Weber reported that all the new weight room equipment would be arriving later in the week. The room got a new coat of paint, and a mural was painted by the students.

"The kids are super excited," Weber said. The school will offer a zero hour weight lifting class.

There are 13 students in grades 9-12 interested in the six-week trial program in April and May.

President Joel Lemer led the board through the Superintendent Helm's Summative Evaluation. Helm was harder on herself than the board was on her, Lemer noted.

The board gave her particularly high marks in human resources and public relations. Among the recommendations for improvement was a plan to take a deep dive into school district policies and get them up to date, which Helm has committed to do this summer. He also encouraged her to visit the elementary school more often and resume the monthly on-air time with KDAK radio after each board meeting.

"We had high expectations when we hired you . . . to me you've blown those out of the water" Lemer concluded.

In other business, the board approved a \$24,400 purchase of new furniture for the administrative offices at the high school. Rough Rider Industries will build, deliver and install the new furniture, with installation expected in June. Since the purchase was not in the 2022-23 budget, the cost will come from the building fund, Helm said.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 12 at 4 p.m., due to a conflict with the regular Tuesday afternoon time slot.



The cast of 'The Fox on the Fairway,' from left to right: Jon Johnson, Tessa Hartl, Nick Hovey, Hallie Brown, Elliott Schwab and Erin Greiner. Photo by Jenna Lee Photography.

## 'The Fox on the Fairway' premieres on DPRCA stage March 31

BY AMY WOBBERMA

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

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

All of the action happens smack dab in the

middle of an interclub golf tournament hosted at Quail Valley Country Club.

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

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

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

Rated PG-13 for mild

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

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

Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$15 for students or \$10 for youth 10 and under. Book today by phone or text to (701)

399-9634 or reserve your seats online at [dprca.com](http://dprca.com)!

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

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

## A Chance to Snoop



Nicole Wischnak of Job Service North Dakota assists Carrington student Nevaeh Stegeman in experiencing a career through the Career View Virtual Reality goggles on Friday, March 3. Photo courtesy of Vickie Becvar.

## Students explore careers using virtual reality

BY ELISE WILDE

Students from Carrington High School had a chance to experience 24 skilled trades on Friday, March 3.

Representatives from Job Service North Dakota, Heather Hovland and Nicole Wischnak, brought virtual reality goggles that showed students videos of careers they would like to try.

The Career View Virtual Reality goggles were created by Fargo-based company Be More Colorful.

Nicole Wischnak, representative of Job Service ND in Fargo, said, "Be More Colorful reached out to us directly to discuss their new product and how we could work together." When asked how the career goggles came to be and when more videos might be available, she said, "Be More Colorful is currently looking to add 40 more videos, but they did not go into detail what the types of careers would be. They said they are working on it throughout the year, and are booked out into 2024."

There are only two sets of these goggles, one each

at the Fargo and Bismarck Job Service ND offices.

In other virtual reality goggles, you usually see a box with a video, much like looking at a screen in real life, but you can't see the surroundings in the screen.

However, with Career View goggles, students can see the surroundings, making them feel like they are actually in the video.

One of the many career videos offered was respiratory therapy. Looking through the goggles, students could see the respiratory therapists monitor a patient's breathing in a hospital room. The therapists were talking to the patients, but you couldn't hear them.

The video showed an emergency, where the therapist was required to use C.P.R.

They also performed tests to determine if a patient had asthma or other breathing problems.

The short videos, each less than 10 minutes long, made students feel like they were actually in the room with the professionals.

## Pre/post-natal class for couples

A free webinar called "Family Foundations," sponsored by NDSU Extension, will be held via Zoom for couples expecting a baby from May to September of 2023.

The first session covers pre-natal topics and will be held Wednesday, March 2 - April 26 from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

The second session covers post-natal topics and will be held Wednesday, October 11 - November 11 from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

To register call 701-845-8528 or go online at [bit.ly/3ZKAT0h](http://bit.ly/3ZKAT0h).

## Prescription drug Take Back event held March 21

A prescription drug Take Back event sponsored by Foster County Public Health will be held Tuesday, March 21 at the Carrington Senior Center from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Any unused or expired medications will be accepted. Liquids, needles or syringes will not be accepted.

If you are unable to attend this event, proper disposal receptacles are located at Carrington Police Department, Carrington Drug and Central Pharmacy.

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## North Dakota Around the State...

BY LEASA A. LURA FOR THE INDEPENDENT

The counties and cities within the state of North Dakota hold many interesting news stories.

Here are just a few of the feature stories that others are reading in communities around the state.

### 4 Bears Casino & lodge adds hotel tower

4 Bears Casino and Lodge recently announced it will begin a major renovation, adding a seven-story hotel tower. The property is located on the western shore of Lake Sakakawea between Minot and Williston in New Town, N.D.

The original 4 Bears Motor Lodge began in the 70s with 40 rooms. In 1993, a casino was added, followed over the years with various expansions and improvements, including restaurants, an event center, marina, RV park, water park, convenience store/car wash/liquor store and River Willow gaming boat.

The overall \$95 million project includes an 18,000-square-foot demolition of the existing two-story hotel, 108,000 square feet of new construction and 20,200 square feet of renovation. Upon completion, 4 Bears Casino and Lodge will have 264 rooms.

The new hotel tower will add 90 guest rooms, gaming, offices and a 3,100-square-foot 1st-floor sports bar with dining room and gaming stations. The extensive project also features a 7th-floor, 2,500-square-foot ballroom, meeting rooms and a fine dining steakhouse with glass-surround dining.

The addition will also include a new Sakakawea Spa with couples' massage, a gift shop, fitness room, and a hair, nail and pedi salon. The project also upgrades the property's entrance lobby and 1st floor kitchen, and dedicated glass-backed elevator to the 7th-floor suite.

(Story taken from the Mountrail County Promoter)

### Williston Bistro is damaged

An as-yet-identified driver took out the entry doors to Basil Sushi Bar and Asian Bistro in downtown Williston early on February 27.

The Williston Police Department is investigating the hit-and-run crash, said Heather Cook, public information officer.

Although the restaurant did not have a video camera set up the night of the crash, owner Simon Chan, 45, said nearby businesses do have camera footage of the vehicle.

"I don't have the footage for the crash, but I went to two banks here, one across the street and one on the corner of Main and Broadway, and fortunately they do," Chan said.

Chan estimated the damage at "maybe about \$50,000." In addition to the doors, one of the walls at the entrance sustained severe damage.

(Story taken from The Journal, Crosby)

### Law Enforcement update on shooting incident

Statement from the Watford City Police Department: On Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2023, at approximately 5 p.m., the Watford City Police Department began an investigation into a shooting that had occurred in the 500 block of 2nd St. NE. Over the course of the last two weeks during the investigation juvenile and adult suspects were identified and it was discovered a second shooting had occurred on Feb. 14, also.

At approximately 4:09 p.m., the first shooting occurred at the roundabout at Wolf Den Parkway and Fox Hills Parkway S. During this incident, at least one round was fired and struck a vehicle. The shot that was fired at this shooting would have been in the direction of the Watford City High School, Fox Hills Elementary School and Fox Hills Village.

At approximately 4:59 p.m., North Dakota State Radio dispatched the Watford City Police Department to the 500 block of 2nd St. NE for the report of a shooting. During this shooting, three rounds were fired at a residence. No one was injured and no damages were done.

Charges related to the shooting have been filed against three juveniles. Further charges against adult suspects may come forth later.

(Story taken from the McKenzie County Farmer)

### Maintenance man charged in property theft

A Watford City man has been charged with three felonies following theft of property from an apartment complex garage.

Two families living in the Pheasant Ridge apartment complex went to their garages on January 21, and found them completely emptied of their belongings. The two couples share an apartment, but each rented its own garage. Upon finding all of their belongings missing, they contacted the Watford City Police Department (WCPD) to report their missing property.

Upon arrival, officers saw that both garages had been completely emptied and began an investigation to locate the missing property.

The property manager was contacted and it was found that no one had authority to use those garages, so maintenance worker Todd Allen Foster was asked to empty both garages and put all the items into garage 114, a separate garage for a standard 30 day hold.

Foster told officers that he put all of the valuable items into 114, and threw the rest away into various dumpsters around the property. When asked, he said he kept two plastic totes that he emptied to use for work.

In a follow up visit with officers, the property manager said she assisted the victims in locating and retrieving their belongings from garage 114 and the dumpsters around the facility, but some items were still missing.

Upon canvassing the area, officers found Foster's vehicle and could see a number of the mission items located inside.

Foster was charged with three Class C felonies.

(Story by Kristen Jones, the McKenzie County Farmer)

### Tioga hosts first ankle replacement surgery

The Tioga Medical Center made history last month when its operating room hosted the first ankle replacement surgery in western North Dakota.

The Feb. 4 procedure marked the first time a patient received an artificial ankle joint in any hospital west of Bismarck in North Dakota.

"This is a big deal because this is a surgery that is usually in bigger centers. Fargo and Bismarck. Minot right now doesn't even do them," said Dr. Tyson Williams, the foot surgeon who performed the surgery in Tioga. "We're looking at the only place in western North Dakota that right now does these, as far as I'm aware of."

The total ankle replacement is a proven solution to severe ankle arthritis these days, but it's only in the last few years that it's become commonplace as the preferred method.

(Story by Jacob Orledge, the Tioga Tribune)

OATS

## Workforce issues in the ag industry

BY NATHAN PRICE



Nathan Price

The American workforce shortage has been covered extensively since the onset of COVID-19 in 2020, which literally brought the U.S. and global economies to a standstill.

Ever since, workforce shortages are still impacting every industry despite significant economic growth – and agriculture is no exception.

Here in central North Dakota, where agriculture is the life blood of the local economy, local businesses and operations are struggling to find help.

“Labor is a huge, huge thing for any sector of the economy, especially ag,” said Jeff Schafer, a local rancher and owner of Roughrider Feeds.

“I don’t know of anybody that isn’t looking for help,” he added. “They just had on the radio today: if the right person came to you and was looking to help, would you create a position for them? and the answer was yes.”

Regarding himself, Schafer said they’re always short on help and on the lookout for qualified workers.

“I don’t want to take anything away from the employees we have, but when you’re as diversified as we are, you’re always looking for extra people, extra hands,” he explained.

Schafer said he could use help with anything from grain farming to the livestock and feedlot side of things, and he isn’t the only one on the market for workers, nor is the worker shortage in agriculture limited to ranching and feeding operations.

Jeff Barton, owner of Barton Meats in Carrington, also said they’re on the lookout for some additional help. He added, however, that much of the battle is also about keeping their existing workers. Barton said he’s had to increase salaries and take other steps in order to keep the workers they’ve got.

For now, he said they’re getting by with what they’ve got, and simply have to adjust their workload for the amount of help they have on hand – but more workers would certainly help them out. Currently, he said they’re backed up about a year when it comes to filling beef orders.

Both Barton and Schafer encouraged anyone looking for work to reach out and ask about the opportunities and positions available.

Meanwhile, one of the causes believed to be impacting the worker shortage, is a general decrease in interest in agriculture among younger people. And some businesses are taking an active role in reversing that trend.

For example, Leading Edge Equipment – a John Deere dealership based out of Michigan, N.D. – has been promoting unique ways to get the younger generation involved with agriculture.

High school students are offered internships, co-op opportunities, part-time work and even job shadowing, all in the name of building interest in the agricultural industry at a young age.

In January of 2022, members of the integrated solutions team at Leading Edge talked to NR-S students about opportunities at the dealership, and were even allowed to operate their combine simulator.

Leading Edge has also partnered with the North Dakota State College of Science to offer a 2-year associate of applied science degree program.

According to their website, “With \$20,000 in scholarships and \$20,188 in tuition reimbursement, \$40,188 of your education could be covered – 100% of the costs! You’ll get paid for your training time at the dealership. And when you graduate, you’ll have a career ahead of you at Leading Edge Equipment.”

Such programs are helping students all across the Midwest get involved in agriculture, and hopefully realize the potential careers that could be ahead of them.

## DAKOTA DATEBOOK

### North Dakota Flag

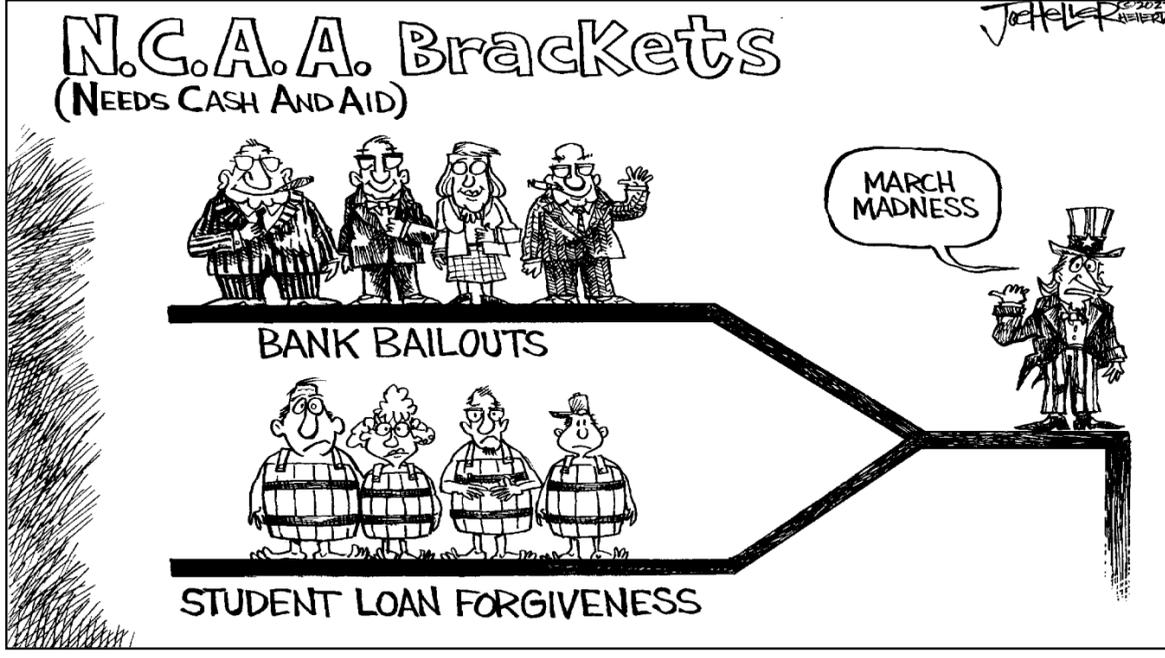
The North Dakota state flag was adopted by the North Dakota Legislative Assembly on March 3 in 1911. The resolution to adopt the flag was brought forth on January 21, 1911 by Colonel John H. Fraine.

Fraine urged the assembly to adopt a flag that would resemble the flag carried by the North Dakota infantry members in the 1898 Spanish-American War and the 1899 Philippine War. Therefore, upon its adoption, the flag took the color, size, and form of the North Dakota regimental flag. The only difference was that a red scroll was added to the base of the flag bearing the name of the state.

Featuring a large open-beaked eagle, the flag contains many references to the original thirteen colonies, including thirteen stars and stripes. In fact, in 1953 a bill was introduced to change the flag because of its uncanny resemblance to the United States Coat of Arms, but the bill was quickly defeated.

Dakota Datebook written by Jayme L Job.

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UPSIDE DOWN UNDER

## It’s a Canadian invasion . . .

BY MARVIN BAKER

Anyone who travels U.S. Highway 52 anywhere between Portal to Minot and beyond is fully aware of the number of semi-trailers that are coming from western Canada.

I’ve written about this in the past and before retiring, sometimes counted those trucks to have statistics to back up the articles. The last time I did that was December 2019. Since the first of this year, however, there seems to be quite an uptick in the number of semis.



It used to be a fascination to me that so many from western Canada, with most coming from Calgary and Edmonton, would use a highway in western North Dakota to get from point A to point B.

But now, it seems as if it is becoming a bit dangerous. So many people are in a hurry and because U.S. 52 is a two-lane road, some are passing in questionable spots. Thank goodness there haven’t been any major accidents for several months, but that can change in a heartbeat.

To some of us who live in the northwest, this is preaching to the choir. But most people in North Dakota aren’t even aware that this Canadian invasion is taking place. The good news is those trucks have over-the-road permits to haul across our state. The bad news is U.S. 52 is getting much too congested.

Unofficially since Jan. 1, each time I’ve been on U.S. 52 and it doesn’t

matter what portion of the highway, for every 10 trucks, you’ll see four from Saskatchewan, three from Alberta, two from North Dakota and one from British Columbia, as an average.

Those numbers will turn around, but in no circumstance since Jan. 1 have I seen more than four from North Dakota for every 10 I’ve counted.

For a while in late 2022, there was quite an influx of trucks from British Columbia. That’s tapered off and most are now coming from the prairie provinces, Manitoba included.

If you don’t believe this, schedule a trip from Minot to Bowbells or Velva to Kenmare and count the number of trucks with Canadian license plates.

We all know that Portal is one of three 24-hour ports of entry into North Dakota. Apparently, it is getting used a lot more than it once did, simply because of the volume of truck traffic. I doubt it will ever challenge the Pembina crossing since that’s a main thoroughfare between Winnipeg and Kansas City.

But Portal is busy and so is U.S. Highway 52 and Saskatchewan Provincial Highway 39.

The North Dakota Department of Transportation has approved a plan to widen U.S. 52 from Portal to Jamestown, but that’s going to take several years.

Some of us who were concerned about this as far back as 2017, formed a committee with U.S. and Canadian members on that committee to get the highway four-laned from Portal to U.S. Highway 2 west of Minot.

That didn’t happen. Instead, the DOT decided to put in passing lanes at critical locations to mitigate the risk of accidents. It wasn’t what we wanted, but it was a compromise nonetheless.

For Canadians truckers, this is an easy route. Anyone traveling east across the Trans Canada Highway, exits at Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan onto a diagonal highway taking them to the U.S. border, gets checked at a 24-hour port and picks up another diagonal highway nearly all across the state of North Dakota.

It’s hard to say what the cargo is, but it’s safe to assume that a number of those trucks are hauling grain and we’ve seen them as far southeast as St. Cloud, Minn., while taking our trips to Mayo Clinic.

All this poses an interesting question. What if the number of these trucks continues to ramp up over the next couple of years? That’s when construction is going to be taking place building the passing lanes. If those numbers are anything like they’ve been since Jan. 1, it’s going to be a mess.

Thank goodness for those of us who live in the northwest, we have some alternate routes. That’s no 100 percent, but there are options.

For those Canadian truckers, it might be a good idea during construction to cross the border at Sweet Grass, Mont., Dunseith or Pembina to avoid delays in getting to their destination.

(Marvin Baker is a news writer for the Kenmare News and formerly Foster County Independent.)

GUEST

## To drive or not to drive . . .

BY JASE GRAVES

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



According to recent surveys, around 20% fewer teens of driving age are getting their driver’s licenses as compared to the glorious 1980s. Much to the relief of my insurance premiums, our youngest daughter, who recently turned 16, is one of these vehicular agnostics.

Speaking of the 1980s, the nano-second I turned 16, I raced like a scalded ape (wearing embarrassingly snug Ocean Pacific shorts) to the local DPS office for my license. I then wanted my dad until he took me to a used car lot to pick up the coolest vehicle ever to leak antifreeze into the front passenger floorboard – a sleek, black 1985 Oldsmobile Calais. Yes, I literally drove it until it bled to death.

My two older daughters were also enthusiastic to begin testing our credit limits as soon as they were eligible to drive. We bought both of them very nice pre-owned Nissans,

which have become grave threats to street curbs and parking blocks throughout the State of Texas. They also have developed acute phobias of car washes, and they only clean their vehicles when I threaten to curtail their Starbucks privileges.

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

When I first took my reluctant youngest daughter out to see what it was like to sit behind the wheel, I did my best to create a non-threatening experience for her. I chose an empty Baptist church parking lot for our practice session, praying that the Lord would bless our time together and that there wouldn’t be an impromptu covered-dish supper that day.

I actually thought the practice went pretty smoothly. There was very little screaming or crying – and my daughter remained fairly com-

posed, as well. Our good old Expedition even behaved throughout the ordeal – saving the major engine failure for the drive home.

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

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

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

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

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Spring Wheat	7.93
Feed Barley	5.00
Flax	15.00
Canola	24.75
Soybeans	13.88
Corn	5.89

## WEATHER

March 8.....15	.....4	.....0.02
March 9.....22	.....14	.....0.13
March 10.....26	.....17	.....0.09
March 11.....26	.....19	.....0.40
March 12.....19	.....4	.....0.62
March 13.....16	.....14	.....0.87
March 14.....28	.....6	.....0.00

## CALENDAR

## Kiwanis Club

The Carrington Kiwanis Club meets the first and third Wednesday of the month at 12 noon at the Chieftain.

## Al-Anon

Al-Anon meetings are every Monday at 8 p.m. at the Foster County Courthouse in the Community Room.

## South Central Transit Public Transportation Carrington, N.D.

Transportation is available to citizens of all ages, and for all purposes (medical appointments, errands, shopping, employment, etc.) on the following days:

**Local transportation (Cgtn.)**  
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday - 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

**Out-of-Town Transportation**  
First Wednesday & Third Tuesday: Fargo - \$15.00 round trip  
First, Third, Fourth Fridays & Second Wednesday: Rural Foster County into Carrington - \$5.00 (round trip)  
Third Wednesday: Bismarck - \$15.00 (round trip)  
First, Second, & Fourth Tuesday and Fourth Wednesday & every Thursday: Jamestown - \$8.00 (round trip). Please call the office at 652-3257 before scheduling Jamestown appointments if possible.

Fargo & Bismarck appointments should be scheduled between the hours of 10:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m. if at all possible.

**It is necessary to sign up in advance**, if at all possible by calling: 652-3257.

## Lions Club

The Lions board will meet the first Wednesday of the month at 4:30 p.m., at the Chieftain followed by general meeting at 5:30 p.m. Recycle your old glasses by dropping them off at Family Vision Center, Bremer Bank, Carrington Drug, Leavers Foods, Carrington Health Center, Evans Funeral Home or Dakota Central.

## Veterans Service Office

The Veterans Service Office, located at Foster County Courthouse, will be open Tuesdays from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Appointments may be scheduled as needed; 652-2170.

## Fire Department

The Carrington Fire Department's regular meeting is held the first Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Fire Department training meetings are held the fourth Monday of every month at 7 p.m.

## Web site Addresses:

Carrington Chamber of Commerce: [www.cgtn-nd.com](http://www.cgtn-nd.com)

## AFS Exchange Students

Help to build bridges of intercultural understanding by sharing your home and daily life with an AFS high school exchange student or teacher. Hosting is exciting and rewarding! Our community has students and teachers arriving year round. Please call AFS to learn more about hosting, or how you can volunteer. Call Alena at our St. Paul office at 1-651-647-6337 or 1-800-876-2377 or visit [www.afs.org/usa](http://www.afs.org/usa)

## Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus Council 4951 meets the second Monday of the month for business meetings in Sept., Nov., Jan. and March through May. Rosary at 5:40 p.m., followed by Mass, social, supper and meeting at Sacred Heart Church, Carrington.

## American Legion Aux.

The American Legion Auxiliary will meet at 4:30 p.m., the second Tuesday of the month at the Community Room of Carrington City Library from September to May.

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## Police Web site

Visit Carrington's Police Web site at <http://www.carringtonpolice.com>

You will find the Amber Alert Streamer, Federal, State, County and other local links for informational and educational information for you and your family. Also, visit the educational fun links for kids including McGruff the crime dog.

Featured on this Web site is

an **anonymous tip box** (tips and concerns) and sign up for Foster County **emergency alerts** (link on home page) with your mobile phone, and/or home phone.

## Carrington's Daily Bread

Carrington's Daily Bread (formerly Foster County Food Pantry) will be open 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. It is located at 875 Main Street (next to Chamber office.) To call, phone number is 652-2333, leave a message.

## Airport Board

The Airport Board meets the 1st Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall.

## Addiction Counseling

For families in need of drug or alcohol addiction counseling, Narconon Arrowhead can help. Narconon offers free counseling, assessments and referrals to centers nationwide. Please call us at 800-468-6933 or log onto [www.stopaddiction.com](http://www.stopaddiction.com) for answers today.

## Carrington City Library

Library Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 10:30 - 5:00; Wednesday: 10:30 - 7:00; closed Friday; Saturday: 10:30 - 1:30. Storytime is Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m. Morning Book Club will meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month, at 9:30 a.m. Evening Book Club will meet the first Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Call 701-652-3921 if interested in joining book clubs.

## Head Start

Give your child a Head Start on life! Community Action Head Start is now taking applications for the upcoming program year! Community Action Head Start is a FREE comprehension early childhood program providing educational services for eligible children in the Eddy/Foster County area. Classroom, home visitor and a combination of both services are available. For more information, call 1-800-726-8179.

## Piecemakers Quilt Guild

The Piecemakers Quilt Guild will meet every third Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m., at Designer Fabrics.

## Foster County Comm.

The Foster County Commission meets every first and third Tuesday of the month at 3:30 p.m., at the Foster County Courthouse. For more information, see the county website at [fostercounty.com](http://fostercounty.com)

## Arrowwood NWR Visitor Center

The Visitor Center is open year-long Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4 p.m., excluding Federal holidays. The Refuge trail system is open daily sunrise to sunset.

## Foster County Historical Society

The Foster County Historical Society will meet the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. They will meet at the museum.

## Foster County Museum

Call Cathy (653-5054), Mike (650-1392), Kim (660-0271), or Janice (650-1850) to make an appointment to visit museum.

## Carrington Park Board

The Park Board District will meet the 2nd Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Carrington Armory.

## Surgery Support Group

The Surgical Weight Loss Support Group will meet via Zoom the first Tuesday of the month. Preregistration is required. Contact Jessica Miller at [jessica.miller@primecare.org](mailto:jessica.miller@primecare.org) or leave a message at 701-530-5189.

## Carrington Garden Club

The Carrington Garden Club will present "Planning Your Vegetables Garden" on Monday, March 13 at 5:00 p.m. in the Carrington City Library Community Room. Everyone is Welcome. Contact Dennis Swanson (652-1108) or Jane Rosenau for more information.

## LEPC Meeting

The Local Emergency Planning Committee will meet at the Community Room, Foster County Courthouse, in Feb., May, Aug., and Nov. at 4:30 p.m., on 2nd Thursday of month.

## Healthy Communities

Healthy Communities Coalition meets the third Thursday of each month at Noon at Carrington City Library Community Room (87 8th Ave. N). All are welcome. Contact [healthycarrington@gmail.com](mailto:healthycarrington@gmail.com) with questions.

## AA

Alcoholics Anonymous will hold their meetings on Wednesdays at 8 p.m., at the Foster County Courthouse basement.

## Central Prairie Social Service Board

The meetings for the Central Prairie Social Service Board will be held at 9:30 a.m., at the Social Services offices in Wells, Foster or Eddy County on the last Wednesday of the month.

## Soil District Meeting

The Foster County Soil Conservation District will hold their next meeting on Monday, March 13 at the Farmer's Grill in Kensal, from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

## Compassionate Friends

In-person meetings suspended until spring of 2023. For any questions, please call Cindy Willey at 701-650-1110.

## Foster County Public Health Schedule

701-652-3087  
881 Main Street  
Carrington, ND  
Office Hours are 8:00 a.m. to 12 Noon and 1-4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday.

Services Offered: Immunizations for all ages, COVID Testing, COVID Vaccinations, Tobacco Cessation Services, WIC, Blood Pressure Checks, Family Planning, Health Tracks Screenings, Car Seat Installation/Education, Wellness Screens for Individual, Onsite Business Wellness Screens.

Flexible Scheduling. Appointments to fit all schedules. Call for appointments (652-3087). Immunizations are available every day by appointment or walk-ins. Footcare services are available. Covid Testing, Monday - Friday, 8 to 9 a.m. Please call to schedule. Call 701-252-8130 for Family Planning. Call 866-274-2316 to schedule WIC.

Mon., March 20 - Immunizations

Tues., March 21 - Footcare, 1-3, Immunizations, Family Planning

Wed., March 22 - Office Clinic McHenry & Glenfield, Immunizations

Thurs., March 23 - Health Tracks, Immunizations  
Fri., March 24 - Immunizations  
Mon., March 27 - Immunizations

Tues., March 28 - Footcare, 1-3, Immunizations

Wed., March 29 - Footcare, 10-12, Immunizations

Thurs., March 30 - Health Tracks, Immunizations

Fri., March 31 - Immunizations

Nurses  
Lisa Hilbert, RN  
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## Calendar

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## MEALS ON WHEELS

## MARCH CARRINGTON

All meals served with Milk, Coffee, Bread & Butter, Dessert  
Mon., March 20 - Tater Tot Hotdish, Wax Beans, Coleslaw, Sauce - Pool - Bridge & Open Cards

Tues., March 21 - Ham Balls, Mashed Potatoes, Creamed Peas, Bar - Pinochle

Thurs., March 23 - Cube Steak, Baked Potato, Creamed Corn, Cake - Whist

Fri., March 24 - Lasagna, Garden Salad, Prince Edward Vegetables, Garlic Toast, Sauce - Mexican Train Dominoes

Sat., March 25 - Public Cards Pinochle Tournament, 1 p.m. All ages welcome.

## GRACE CITY, MCHENRY GLENFIELD

Mon., March 20 - Oven Chicken, Potatoes, Green Beans, Cake w/Frosting

Wed., March 22 - Hamburger on a Bun, Calico Beans, Macaroni Salad, Peach Sauce

Fri., March 24 - Oven Fish, Potato, Peas, Rice & Raisin Pudding

## FROM THE PAST

## Short, Fossum crowned March 14

Master Mason.

According to North Dakota Mason, publication of the N.D. Masonic Grand Lodge, North Dakota, led the nation in allowing those under 21 to become members of the lodge. Several lodges in the state have members under 21 receiving work in Masonry, but none have reported anyone being raised to Master Mason degree.

Carrington cattle breeder Lloyd Becker was the recipient of an appreciation award from N.D. Junior Shorthorn Association made at the Association's meeting at the N.D. Winter Show in Valley City.

Craig Schander of Cathay has been awarded the \$200 scholarship given annually by Tri-County Electric Cooperative to an outstanding junior in the School of Agriculture, N.D. State University.

## 25 Years Ago March 23, 1998

Kerri Short was crowned Miss Carrington 1998 along with Sherri Fossum, Miss Central Dakota Saturday night, March 14.

Tough-T Manufacturing in Glenfield added on due to business expansion. Jerry Tuft, owner, hopes the addition will be finished and in use by May. The plant will more than double in space and add several new employees.

Renae Utke, Glenfield, joined All That Jazz, the main street hair salon owned and operated by SanDee Glaser.

Jimmy Stewart, from Carrington, was responsible for mixing the batter for the pancakes that served some 600 persons during the annual Kiwanis Pancake Day last Tuesday.

Brent Bruderer, M.D., a new surgeon, will begin his full-time practice at Carrington Health Center on April 6.

Fifty-one blue ribbons, twenty-seven red ribbons and six white ribbons were attained by the Carrington FFA at the North Dakota Winter Show last week.

Carrington Sports Booster Fun Night will be held on Thursday, March 26 at the high school. Some of the activities taking place will be the wrestlers taking on their parents and coaches in a volleyball game, and also the varsity boy's basketball team taking on their parents and coaches. There will also be a fundraiser being held that night.

Funds will go toward weight equipment, uniforms, and support of all athletic youth activities.

Area births - boy to Matthew and Tiffany Paulson, born March 12. Girl born to Mark and Chelee Finch, March 17. Boy born to Corey and LeAnn Hart Chaseley, March 2.

Area Deaths - Lillian Scheen, 56, Bordulac; Dennis Bonderud, 50, Carrington; Edmund Brost, 84, New Rockford; Clifford Erman, 74, McHenry.

Jill Vigessaa, District Manager for the Foster County Soil Conservation District has been appointed to North Dakota Ag Classroom Council.

Joel Gussiaas, Carrington, was the winner of the outdoor cooker given away by Erickson Implement.

Over 400 guests attended the annual John Deere Day at Rosenau Equipment last Wednesday. Rosenau had drawings for Rosenau's employee Katie Homes. Prizes were won by Norma Gussiaas, a go-cart; Luverne Albrecht, \$350 service special; and Vernon Morlock, dinner for four at the Vet's Club.



Renee Hopkins

## 75 Years Ago March 18, 1948

Defeating a determined Bordulac team 34-28, the Dawson High School girls' team won the state championship Saturday night in the final game of the 1948 state tournament played in the Carrington School gymnasium. Members of the Bordulac team are Janet Linde, Caroline Reimers, Delores Bauer, Marilyn Zink, Delores Pedersen, Patty Wolf, Theresa Wolf, Dorothy Sabinash, Virginia Wolf and Mary Jane Sabinash, with Louis V. Lund as coach.

Beverly Bort, secretary to the county agent's office, was a flying heroine in her home community of Rosehill-Haven townships last Friday evening when she chartered a plane to spend the weekend at home for the first time in six weeks. When neighbors who had been snow-bound for two or three weeks heard that Beverly was making the trip by air, they kept the telephone line to the county agent's office busy with calls asking for delivery of mail and groceries. The postmaster made up a special package of mail.

Winning samples in the Foster County Seed Conference held in Carrington last month made a creditable showing at the Winter Show at Valley City last week. Ed Myers, Sykeston, who won first place with feed barley at the county conference, also won first place with the same sample at the Winter show. Another winner here was John Willey, with alfalfa. He took third place with the same sample at Valley City.

Henry and Art Lies had their Chester Whites in the show and sale at Valley City last week. They won third place in the state competition, repeating last year's placing.

Attention is called by Hagen Biloff, farmer near the Hawksnest Game Refuge, to the plight of game birds and deer this winter. He declared they are starving to death or suffering from lack of feed.

## 50 Years Ago March 21, 1973

A basketball game will be played Sunday, April 1 at 2:30 p.m. in the Grace City school gym by a team from the Crippled Children's School of Jamestown and a group of adult men from Grace City. The game, to be played in wheelchairs, will be sponsored by Grace City Livestock 4-H Club with proceeds to go to the Crippled Children's Home.

Carrington High School senior Lori Paulson has been named a winner in the 1973 "Ability Counts" writing contest sponsored by the Governor's Council on Human Resources. Miss Paulson's essay, dealing with the abilities and contributions of the handicapped, was awarded fourth place in the state.

Rhonda Kahl, also a CHS senior, received honorable mention in the contest.

Tom Bronaugh, Carrington High School junior, was named to the North Star All Conference basketball team. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Bronaugh.

Andrew R. Caylor of Carrington may be the first person in the U.S. under 21 to be raised to the Sublime Degree of



## Getting paid as a family caregiver

by Jim Miller

Dear Savvy Senior, I have been taking care of my elderly father for over a year and it's taking a toll on my finances because I can only work part-time. Are there any resources you know about that can help family caregivers get paid?

Seeking Support

Dear Seeking,

Caring for an elder parent can be challenging in many ways, but it can be especially difficult financially if you have to miss work to provide care. Fortunately, there are a number of government programs and other tips that may be able to help you monetarily while you care for your dad. Here are some options to explore.

## Medicaid Assistance

All 50 states and the District of Columbia offer self-directed Medicaid services for long-term care. These programs let states grant waivers that allow income-qualified individuals to manage their own long-term home-care services. In some states, that can include hiring a family member to provide care.

Benefits, coverage, eligibility and rules differ from state to state. Program names also vary. What's called "consumer directed care" in one state,

may be called "participant-directed services," "in-home supportive services" or "cash and counseling" in another. Contact your state Medicaid program to ask about its options or to start the sign-up process.

## Veterans Benefits

If your dad is a military veteran, there are several different VA programs he may be eligible for that provide financial assistance to family caregivers, including:

- **Veteran-Directed Care:** Available in most states, this program provides a needs-based monthly budget for long-term care services. (VA.gov/geriatrics/pages/Veteran-Directed\_Care.asp)
- **Aid and Attendance or Housebound benefits:** These programs provide a monthly payment to veterans and survivors who receive a VA pension and who either need assistance with activities of daily living (i.e., bathing, dressing, going to the bathroom) or are housebound. (VA.gov/pension/aid-attendance-housebound)
- **Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers:** This provides a monthly stipend to family members who serve as caregivers for veterans who need assistance with daily living

activities because of an injury or illness sustained in the line of duty. (Caregiver.va.gov/support/support\_benefits.asp)

## Other Options

If your dad has some savings or other assets, discuss the possibility of him paying you for the care you provide, or talk to your siblings to see if they can chip in.

If they agree, consider drafting a short-written contract that details the terms of your work and payment arrangements, so everyone involved knows what to expect. A contract will also help avoid potential problems should your dad ever need to apply for Medicaid for nursing home care.

Also, check to see if your dad has any long-term care insurance that covers in-home care. If he does, in some cases those benefits may be used to pay you.

## Tax Breaks

There are also tax credits and deductions you may be eligible for as your dad's caregiver that can help.

For example, if your

dad lives with you and you're paying at least half of his living expenses, and his gross income was less than \$4,400 (in 2022) not counting his Social Security, you can claim him as a dependent on your taxes and get a \$500 tax credit.

If you can't claim him as a dependent, you may still be able to get a tax deduction if you're paying more than half his living expenses including medical and long-term care costs, and they exceed 7.5 percent of your adjusted gross income. You can include your own medical expenses in calculating the total. To see which medical expenses you can deduct, see IRS Publication 502 at [IRS.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p502.pdf](http://IRS.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p502.pdf).

Or, if you're paying for in-home care or adult day care for your dad so you can work, you might qualify for the Dependent Care Tax Credit which can be worth as much as \$1,050. To claim this credit, you'll need to fill out IRS Form 2441 (IRS.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f2441.pdf) when you file your federal return.

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



Miller

## OBITUARIES



### Muriel Ringerud

Muriel Jean Ringerud passed away on March 8, 2023, at the age of 91, at CHI St. Alexius Health, in Carrington, N.D.

Muriel's visitation will be Thursday, March 23, from 1:00-7:00 p.m. with family present from 5:00-7:00 p.m., at Evans Funeral Home, Carrington.

Her funeral service will be held Friday, March 24 at 10:30 a.m., at Trinity Lutheran Church, Carrington, with Pastor Paul Cross officiating. Her burial will be at the Carrington Cemetery.

Honorary pallbearers will be Muriel's grandchildren, Jessica, Daniel, Kyle, Kelly, Connor, Tanner, Ava and Alex.

She was born July 26, 1931, on the family farm in Greenfield Township, Traill County, North Dakota, to Oscar and Ella Kjørness.

Muriel was honored and most fulfilled in her roles as a beloved wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was a gifted pianist, piano teacher, music teacher and choir accompanist.

She grew up a farm girl in Greenfield Township in Traill County, driving vehicles on the farm at age 12. Muriel attended Mayville High School where she was very active in school activities, including playing trumpet in band, singing in choir, writing for the school newspaper, a member of the tumbling team and FHA, and valetorian of her class.

Muriel earned a Bachelor of Science in Education degree in May of 1953 from Mayville State Teachers College. Her majors included commerce and vocal music, with a minor in social science.

Muriel met Olaf J. Ringerud while both were attending Mayville State. And as they say, "the rest is history."

The couple was married July 17, 1953, while Olaf was home on leave from his army service. Muriel taught school one year at Starkweather, N.D. A year later, after Olaf completed his military service, they moved to Anamoose, N.D. for two years. From there, they lived and worked in Westhope, N.D., for three years. In 1959, the family moved to Carrington where both Muriel and Olaf were involved in music education.

Family was extremely important to Muriel. Together, Muriel and Olaf raised five children (Ona, Jenny, Mark, Peter and John).

Muriel was active in the local Trinity Lutheran Church where she was pianist for the Senior Choir which Olaf directed. Muriel taught piano lessons out of her home for over 20 years and to hundreds of students. She taught music in the elementary and junior high schools for a couple years and was a substitute music teacher for many years. She was a piano accompanist for many students for their high school music contests and for many of the high school musicals.

She and Olaf enjoyed traveling, as well as game nights and endless hours of Whist. Spending time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren were among her greatest joys.

She supported her children in their many endeavors. She was always the rock behind their successes, dreams and challenges. Her wit, intelligence and open-mindedness set an example for us all.

Muriel is survived by her five children, Ona Stoertz of Gross Lengden, Germany, Jenny (Todd) Grill of Plymouth, Minn., Mark (Sarah) Ringerud of Columbia, Maryland, Peter (David Hill) Ringerud of Fargo,

N.D. and John Ringerud of Carrington, N.D.; grandchildren, Jessica (Kristofer) Stoertz-Larsen, Daniel (Erin) Stoertz, Kyle (Melissa) Grill, Kelly Grill, Connor (Erin) Grill, Tanner (Jaime) Greening, Ava (Eric) Roberson and Alex Ringerud; and great-grandchildren, Esmeralda and Elia Grill, Layla Grill, Linnea Stoertz-Larsen, Miles Greening and one on the way.

Muriel was preceded in death by her husband, Olaf; her parents, Oscar and Ella Kjørness; brothers, Amos and Maynard Kjørness; sister, Beatrice Green; and son-in-law, David Stoertz.

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



### Doris Wolsky

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

Doris' visitation was Monday, March 13 from 1:00-7:00 p.m., with family present from 6:00-7:00 p.m., followed by a prayer service at 7:00 p.m., all at Evans Funeral Home, Carrington, N.D.

Funeral service was held Tuesday, March 14 at Grace Lutheran Church, Carrington, N.D., with Pastor Richard Biberdorf officiating. Scott Beumer sang "Mansion Over the Hilltop." Congregational hymns were "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" and "The Old Rugged Cross." Burial was at the Carrington Cemetery.

Doris Ann was born on February 27, 1937, in Fairville Township in Wells County, N.D., to Tannes and Hanna (Gudmestad) Gedrose. Doris attended the Fairville #4 rural school house. She lived on the family farm northeast of Cathay, N.D. Doris attended school until the eighth grade. She worked on the family farm.

She later started working at the Carrington Hospital as a CNA and loved this job, because she loved taking care of people.

She met Wayne "Tuff" Partlow and they married on January 9, 1959, in Carrington. They had two children, Tim and Sheryl.

Doris later worked at Seaburg Drug and Central Pharmacy for years and loved that job. She loved helping people pick out that perfect gift and also enjoyed going on the buying trips for the store.

She enjoyed playing cards having coffee with friends, and playing board games with her grandchildren. But what she enjoyed the most was her family. Getting together with brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews and all extended family was the BEST for Doris. She really enjoyed a good prank every chance she got. Tuff passed away in 1982.

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

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

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

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



### Jim House

Jim House passed away at home on Monday, March 6, 2023.

He was born on February 24, 1952 in New Rockford, N.D. His parents were Tommy and Deloris House of Grace City, N.D. He graduated from Grace City High School and attended Williston State College.

Jim was drafted into the US Army during the Vietnam War. He served his time in Germany playing basketball for the Army.

Jim married Connie Graham and together they had two children, Jason and Kristin. Later in life, they decided to get divorced. Jim has three grandchildren.

Jim worked for the Burlington Railroad for many years until he sustained a back injury.

Jim and Becky Alley have been together several years. They enjoyed playing cards and traveling to Mahanomen for concerts together.

Jim never met a stranger; he had a great sense of humor and loved to laugh. He was an excellent card player with a great memory. Jim was found to be lucky and loved to have fun.

Recently, Jim and Becky, along with his two brothers, his sister and their families had a three-day family get-together in Las Vegas. They shared many laughs between one another throughout the weekend. The trip included many card games, that involved razzing one another.

Jim is survived by his life companion, Becky; his son, Jason; his daughter, Kristin; three grandchildren; his sister, Beverly; two brothers, Donnie and Alan; as well as his nephews and nieces.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Tommy and Deloris House; and his brother, Larry.

Jim's wishes were to be cremated and his life will be celebrated at a later date.

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

ray, Fargo, N.D.; son, Tom Bailey, Carrington, N.D.; and his grandchildren, Bailey and Wyatt McMurray, Sydney, Cayden, and Kylee Bailey.

Robert was preceded in death by his wife, Arlene; his parents; and brothers, John, David, Ralph, and Merlin.

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



### Ben Eide

Ben B. Eide, 86, Bowdon, N.D., passed away Wednesday, March 8, 2023, at St. Aloisius Nursing Home, Harvey, N.D.

A memorial service was

held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, March 18, 2023, at Bowdon Lutheran Church, Bowdon, N.D. Bev Vollmer and Pastor Shirley Teske officiated and burial was in the Bowdon Lutheran Cemetery, rural Bowdon, N.D. Visitation was one hour prior to the service at the church.

Bennie B. Eide was born on November 23, 1936, to Ben, Sr. and Deborah (Lund) Eide in Carrington, N.D. He lived in Bowdon for a few years before moving to the family farmstead north of town in the summer of 1943. He attended rural Bowman school as a third grader in the fall of 1941, and in 1950 continued his high school years in Bowdon until graduating in 1954.

After graduating high school, he enrolled at NDSU for a short time before returning to the farm to help tend to the livestock and farming duties.

Ben had a love for animals, especially cattle. He was very active in 4-H where he showed Angus cattle both at the county fair and North Dakota Winter Show. His dedication led him to be a 4-H leader for many years.

Ben was a faithful member of the Bowdon Lutheran Church. He took great pride in being a caretaker of the Bowdon Lutheran Cemetery. Ben was a member of the Bowdon Lions club.

In May of 1986, he married Linda Neuman and in April of 1987 they had their one and only child, a girl, Laura Beth. Ben continued to farm/ranch until 2014 when he and Linda moved to Bowdon.

In his "retirement," he loved his time with his granddaughters and trips out to the farm to help where he could or to just see what was going on.

Ben is survived by his wife, Linda (Neuman) Eide; daughter, Laura (Bryce) Monson; two beautiful granddaughters, Anna and Ellie; brother, Donald "Punce" (Fritzi) Eide; and many nieces and nephews who loved him dearly.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ben, Sr. and Deborah; brother, Bobby; and many beloved pets.

Arrangements by Nelson Funeral Home, Fessenden, North Dakota.



### Robert Bailey

Robert "Bob" Bailey, age 85, of Carrington, N.D., died Friday, March 10, 2023, at the Fargo Veterans Medical Hospital, Fargo, N.D.

His visitation will be Wednesday, March 22 from 1:00-7:00 p.m., followed by a prayer service at 7:00 p.m., all at Evans Funeral Home, Carrington.

Robert's funeral service will be held Thursday, March 23 at 10:00 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, Carrington, N.D., with Rev. Paul Cross officiating. Teresa Edland is pianist and Darwin Solberg is soloist. His burial will be at the Veterans Cemetery, Mandan, N.D.

Casket bearers will be Terry Dockter, Larry Dockter, Wynn Bailey, Troy Bailey, Durwin Power, James Hanson and Ryan Bailey.

Honorary bearers will be Lucinda Bailey, Valerie Hanson, Roy Poppe, Carol Poppe, Cheri Klingenstein and David Dockter.

Military honors will be conducted by North Dakota Funeral Honors Team.

Robert Boyd Bailey was born on November 19, 1937, on the farm three miles east of Wilton, N.D., the son of Orva and Agnes Hilda (Lind) Bailey.

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## CHURCH DIRECTORY

### The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

**Jamestown Ward**  
~Wesley Wintch~  
435-554-1867  
2237 2nd St. SE  
Jamestown, ND 58401  
Sunday Sacrament service, 10:00 a.m.  
Young Men's, Young Women's, Activity Days, Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.  
For information, 701-554-1867.

### First Lutheran Church New Rockford

~Pastor Amy Kippen~  
Sunday Worship, 10:00 a.m.  
KDAK Radio Broadcast, 10:00 a.m.  
Wed. Worship, 6:00 p.m.

### Lutheran Home of the Good Shepherd New Rockford

~Chaplain Paula Loewen~  
Wednesday, 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship Service - call for schedule.

### Carrington Federated United Methodist United Church of Christ

~Pastor Rick Loewen~  
Office Phone: 652-2288  
Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 11:00 a.m. with live streaming on Facebook. KDAK radio broadcast at 9:30 p.m. on Sundays.

### KDAK Message

Listen to a Message from Pastor Rick Loewen on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. on KDAK.

### Kvernes Lutheran Church of Rural Carrington

~Pastor Rick Loewen~  
Sunday Worship, 9:00 a.m.

### Bethel Assembly of God, Carrington

Web site: [www.ndbethelag.com](http://www.ndbethelag.com)  
Sunday Services, 10:30 a.m.  
Sermons available on Facebook page. Kids church and nursery are also available.  
Mondays, Women's Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesdays, Youth Group, 7:00 p.m.

### Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Carrington

~Rev. Terry Dodge~  
Mass Schedule - Sat. Evening, 5 p.m.; Sun., 9 a.m.; Penance Schedule - Sat. Evening, 4:00 until 4:45  
Weekday Mass - Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 7:30 a.m.

### New Rockford Evangelical Free Church

~Pastor Joe Greiner~  
[nrefreechurch.org](http://nrefreechurch.org)  
Sundays: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.; Fellowship, 11:30 a.m.  
Wednesdays: Lifesaver Club, 3:30 p.m.; Community Youth Group, 7:30 p.m.

### St. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, McHenry

~Father Reese Weber~  
1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday - 10:30 a.m.  
2nd & 4th Sunday - 8:30 a.m.

### Our Savior's Lutheran Church McHenry

Worship - 1st & 3rd Sunday of the Month, 10:30 a.m.

### Redeemer Lutheran Church of Woodworth

~Rev. Robert Hill~  
Phone - 435-2873  
website: [www.stpaulwv.org](http://www.stpaulwv.org)  
Sunday Worship - First and Third Sunday - 8:30 a.m.

### Our Savior's Lutheran Church of Pettibone

~Rev. Robert Hill~  
Phone - 435-2873  
website: [www.stpaulwv.org](http://www.stpaulwv.org)  
Sunday Worship - Second and Fourth Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

### St. Paul's Lutheran Wimbleton

~Rev. Robert Hill~  
Phone - 435-2873  
website: [www.stpaulwv.org](http://www.stpaulwv.org)  
Sunday Worship - First and Third Sunday, 11:00 a.m.

### St. Paul's Lutheran Kensal

~Rev. Robert Hill~  
Phone - 435-2873  
website: [www.stpaulwv.org](http://www.stpaulwv.org)  
Sunday Worship - Second and Fourth Sunday, 11:00 a.m.

### Kensal United Methodist Church

~Pastor Jeanne Sortland~  
Phone - 435-2636  
Sunday Worship - 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.

### First Congregational Church of New Rockford

~Pastor Mindy Meier~  
Phone: 947-5221

Sunday Worship, 10 a.m.; Sunday School, 11:00 a.m.  
Ladies' Fellowship is every third Thursday at 2:00 p.m.

### Faith Baptist Church of Carrington

~Pastor Corey Pepple~  
Sunday Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service, 6 p.m. 2nd Sunday of month, Service with Bible Assembly, 1:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening Service/Master's Club for children (4 yrs. - 6th grade), 7:00 p.m.  
Listen to our Sunday service on 1600 AM, KDAK every Saturday beginning at 9:00 a.m.  
Services are livestreamed at [visitFBC.com](http://visitFBC.com).  
If you ever need spiritual help or more information, please call 652-2557 (church).

### New Life Fellowship RURAL HAMAR

Wednesdays - 8:00 p.m. Adult Prayer Meeting  
1st Saturday - 8:30 a.m. breakfast cooked by the men, Men's Bible Study and Women's Bible Study.  
Sunday - 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School; 10:30 a.m. Worship Service and children's church followed by coffee and fellowship. Dinner every second Sunday.

### Calvary Baptist Church of Carrington

~Pastor Keith Hurlbut~  
Phone: 652-2162  
e-mail: [Calvary@daktel.com](mailto:Calvary@daktel.com)  
Sunday - Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.

### St. Elizabeth Catholic Church of Sykeston

~Rev. Terry Dodge~  
Sunday Mass - 11:00 a.m.  
Tuesday Mass - 7:00 p.m.  
Penance second Tuesday of the month, 6:30 p.m.

### Bowdon Community Church of God

~Pastor Dale Peaslee~  
Sunday - Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:15 a.m.  
Singspiration, 7:00 p.m., the last Sunday of the month.

### Seventh-day Adventist Church

You are welcome to worship God with us at:  
**BOWDON COUNTRY**  
Saturday - Sabbath School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11:10 a.m.

### NEW HOME

Saturday - Sabbath School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. Everyone is welcome.  
"It is Written," Sunday, 9:30 a.m., Channel 10

### Woodworth Lutheran Church PINGREE

Sunday - Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m.

### WOODWORTH

Sunday - Worship, 9:00 a.m.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.

### Faith Evangelical Free Church of Grace City

~Pastor Bruce Dick~  
David Fix, Pastor of Rural Care  
Ben Luethy, Pastor of Equipment

A video venue partner with Bethel EFC of Devils Lake Sunday - Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.; Worship Service, 10 a.m.  
Faith Evangelical Free Church is an interdenominational church where the word of God is preached and Jesus Christ is glorified. Everyone is welcome.

### Prairie Faith Glenfield

Church Office - 785-2219  
Website: [www.prairiefaith.org](http://www.prairiefaith.org)  
[www.facebook.com/prairiefaith](http://www.facebook.com/prairiefaith)  
Wednesdays - PACK Youth Group, 6 p.m.; Men's and Women's Prayer Group, 8 p.m.  
Sundays - Prairie Kids, Adult Ed, 9:30 a.m.; Worship - 10:30 a.m.

### Tri-County Ministry

~Deacon Tara Ulrich~  
Lay Ministers: Marla Larson, Truly Trautman, Marvin Goplen, Gilbert Black  
**MARCH**  
**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, BINFORD**

Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays: Lenten Worship, 5:30 p.m., with supper following

### GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH, GRACE CITY

Sunday Worship - 8:30 a.m.

### Grace Lutheran Church of Carrington

~Rev. Richard Biberdorf~  
Wednesdays: Sunday School, Confirmation, 5:30 p.m.; Soup Supper, 6:00 - 6:45 p.m.; Lenten Worship, 7:00 p.m.  
Sunday Worship, 8:30 a.m., Holy Communion, 1st & 3rd Sunday; KDAK Broadcast, Sundays, 8:30 a.m.

### Trinity Lutheran Church of Carrington

~Pastor Paul Cross~  
Mon., March 20 - quilting/Nal-binding/Knitting, 1:00 p.m.  
Wed., March 22 - Soup Supper, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.; BLAST/Confirmation, 6:30 - 6:55 p.m.; Worship, 7:00 p.m.

Sun., March 26 - Worship, 9:30 a.m.; Coffee Hour, 10:30 a.m.; Bible Study, 10:30 a.m.

# N.D. editor promotes 'news' for kids

## Aims to boost literacy, cultivate newspaper habit —

**BY MICHAEL STANDAERT**  
North Dakota  
News Cooperative

After several years of declining scores, only one third of fourth graders in North Dakota are proficient in reading. Seeing that stark slide prompted one local newspaper publisher to act by providing a newspaper kids can call their own.

Currently around 30,000 of the Kid Scoop News newspapers are being distributed to 70-80 schools in the western half of North Dakota.

Hopes are, by the end of 2023, the paper could reach most schools in the state, according to Cecile Wehrman, owner of Journal Publishing in Crosby, which publishes the Journal of Crosby and Tioga Tribune. Wehrman has spearheaded the effort since last May.

The main aim is boosting declining student literacy, Wehrman said, through something fun and accessible to elementary school kids.

"When people hear the current proficiency rates for reading, they're alarmed," said Wehrman.

Reading proficiency data from the Nation's Report Card, a tool developed by the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) to track math, reading, science and writing skills at fourth and eighth grade levels, quantifies that alarm.

In the NAEP data, only 31 percent of fourth graders score at or above the reading proficiency level, down from 34 percent in 2019 and 38 percent in 2002. By that tally, 69 percent of fourth grade students in the state do not read at what is considered proficient, slightly worse than the current national average of 68 percent.

"We're talking about a majority of our students not being able to read well, and that not only doesn't bode well for newspapers, but it also doesn't bode well for employers, or governments or any part of our society that requires citizens to be literate and knowledgeable about the world around them," Wehrman said.

**Making reading exciting**  
Judging by the reception Robert Kastner gets when he drops Kid Scoop News off at schools, he can tell students are excited about the paper. Kids take his photo, send him thank you cards, and group around when he brings the paper to their schools. Wehrman jokes that Kastner is becoming something of a "rock star."

Kastner, manager of

Greater Northwest Publishing Inc. in Minot, helps to distribute papers to schools and newspapers from Belcourt to Bismarck to Dickinson, along with a partner printer in Garrison. He tells the story of one school librarian who is elated the resource is at her school.

"She said she was always trying to get the kids to read the daily paper, but they didn't take any interest," Kastner said. "When she started bringing Kid Scoop in, she said they all really got excited about it."

Newspapers across the western half of the state have also been a vital cog in distribution, delivering papers to local schools and interacting with students in a way many never have.

"They're making the contacts for the most part with their individual schools. They're helping to deliver the papers," Wehrman said.

Schools are free to decide what to do with Kid Scoop News once they receive it. While many simply send the paper home with kids, others are actively incorporating the publication into their classes.

Faith Anderson, a 3rd grade teacher at Mohall-Lansford-Sherwood public schools north of Minot, started working Kid Scoop into her curriculum last September.

"At the beginning of every month we can look through to see what types of activities or information is in each one and generally there's usually some stories that connect with concepts that we've already been teaching throughout the months," Anderson said.

Anderson mainly uses the paper with science and social studies, but also for general reading, or sometimes for a take home assignment.

"It's kind of nice to have something like that instead of always using technology like an iPad or something," Anderson said.

At Kenmare Elementary school in Kenmare and Sunnyside Elementary in Minot, all elementary classes are using Kid Scoop News to supplement their curriculum.

"We use it as an independent reading source. They love the articles, topics presented and puzzles," Peggy Balvitsch, a teacher at Kenmare, said. "As second graders, I want them to develop a lifelong interest in reading newspapers as a source of current events and entertainment."

Each issue of Kid Scoop News lays out the educational standards addressed on every page, making it easier for teachers to decide how to fit it into their classes, Wehrman said.

"We use most of the articles with our language arts curriculum," Terese Schmidt, a 5th grade teacher at Kenmare said. "Whether that be writing cause and effect, summarizing, or vocabulary, the students are engaged."

**Expanding news literacy**

Kid Scoop News, developed by as a non-profit in California to promote literacy, is now being used in classrooms across the country. Wehrman connected with the group a year ago with a similar literacy goal in mind and secured grants to help pay for the cost of printing and distribution.

A recent \$100,000 grant from the grantmaking organization the Bush Foundation administered by StrengthenND, a non-profit that focuses on rural community development, is helping expand that distribution beyond schools in the northwest corner of the state. The paper now reaches 95 percent of schools in western North Dakota.

Each issue includes interesting sections and facts about animals, the world, history, financial literacy, and news literacy.

News literacy is an important component for Wehrman, since most kids may have never picked up a newspaper before.

"Establishing the expectation that quality information comes on news print, we hope, will have a huge impact on students' future interactions with media along with skills to evaluate whether trust of a particular news product is warranted," she said.

More support is needed however to expand the program to cover the whole state, Wehrman said.

Local support in some areas already comes from American Legion and VFW clubs, which goes "hand in hand with their efforts to encourage good citizenship," she said. Since many have gaming activities where revenue is required to go toward educational ventures, it should be "a natural fit" if similar groups are looking to donate in other communities.

Disclaimer: Cecile Wehrman is a board member of the North Dakota News Cooperative.

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## OBITUARIES

He graduated from Wilton High School in 1956. That upcoming fall, Robert joined the Air Force for four years. He was called for Alert Duty in Guam, Alaska and England. His home base Dyess AFB was in Abilene, Texas.

He returned to Wilton in 1960 upon his discharge. Robert worked odd jobs and spent one year building a dam in Ft. Thompson, S.D. In 1963, he was hired on at Northern Pacific Railroad. He retired after 37 years of duty in 1999.

On April 3, 1965, Robert was united in marriage to Arlene Hanson in Turtle Lake, N.D. They were married for 52 years before her passing in July of 2017.

Robert enjoyed hunting and fishing; as well as wood and leather working. He thoroughly enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren. He also enjoyed traveling on bus tours after retiring.

He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Carrington.

He is survived by daughter, Marilyn (Dean) McMurray, Fargo, N.D.; son, Tom Bailey, Carrington, N.D.; and his grandchildren, Bailey and Wyatt McMurray, Sydney, Cayden and Kylee Bailey.

Robert was preceded in death by his wife, Arlene; his parents; and brothers, John, David, Ralph and Merlin.

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



### Dale Thorstenson

Dale Thorstenson, 93, Bismarck, N.D., passed away on March 10, 2023.

A funeral service will be held at 12:00 p.m., Friday, March 24, at First Lutheran Church, 800 N 7th St., Bismarck. A link to view the service livestream will be available on the funeral home website.

Visitation will be held from 5-7:00 p.m., Thursday, March 23, at Parkway Funeral Service, 2330 Tyler Parkway, Bismarck. A prayer service will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Interment will be held at 3:00 p.m., Friday, March 24, at the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery, Mandan.

Dale Oscar Thorstenson was the first son born to Katherine and Oscar Thorstenson in Bowdon, North Dakota. Dale was raised on a farm outside of Bowdon and had two brothers, Chuck (Bub) and Kenny (Uncle Bill). His memories of the farm were hard due to many years of the Depression and the Dust Bowl, but he loved Bowdon, the community and all sports, especially basketball and baseball. He was one of the stars of the team and often recalled those exciting games!

Dale attended college at

Valley City State, graduating with a bachelor's degree in education, biology and phy ed. His first job was in Litchville, N.D., where he taught all the high school sciences and coached. Dale loved to coach!

He then served in Japan during the Korean war and returned to teach at Arthur, N.D., for a period, but soon transitioned to Bismarck High School. He taught sophomore biology for years, and he coached football and track.

After attaining his Master's Degree in Counseling, Dale became a guidance counselor and rose to become Director of Guidance Counseling at BHS until his retirement in 1991. Dale kept his passion for sports his entire life, so he could be seen at many games, refereeing, working the game clock or keeping the statistics.

Dale married Vivian Paulson (of Devils Lake, N.D.) on June 5, 1958.

They met on a blind date connected by mutual friends. June 5, 2023, will be their 65th wedding anniversary. Dale and Vivian had three children, Rene, Linda and Craig and raised them on North Bell Street. They lived in that home for 63 years!

Dale and Vivian loved to garden, with a large vegetable garden in the back and several flower beds. Dale also was a beekeeper for many years, and one memory the children have is of the neighborhood kids all gathering in the yard to eat balls of honey wax after the honey was harvested.

Dale and Vivian were lifelong members of First Lutheran Church, serving on the board and singing in the choir. They attended for decades until it became difficult in their later years, but they remained dedicated to the church community.

Hunting was one of Dale's favorite activities. He hunted deer and game birds until he was 80 years old. He also enjoyed the peacefulness of fishing on a lake. He loved that time with his friends and brothers. He also loved his dogs, Duke and Jake, both Labrador retrievers. He had a soft spot for dogs his whole life.

He was a wily card player who loved a good game of cribbage and pinochle. Another lifelong hobby was music. He often played old time hymns on the family piano and to the very last days had a harmonica ready to play "You are my Sunshine."

Dale was a man with a gentle, quiet way, and he always showed up. He was there for his children's games and concerts. He showed up for his grandchildren. Ben (grandson) was an athlete in Bismarck, and his grandparents rarely missed a game. His granddaughters, Marit and Jessie grew up in Seattle. Dale and Vivian were sure to attend their big events, from musicals to cheer competitions and graduations. Dale was devoted, loyal and cherished his family above all else.

He is survived by his wife, Vivian; children, Rene (Chuck) Murry, Linda (Tod) Kringstad, and Craig (Robin) Thorstenson; grandchildren, Ben (Jill) Kringstad, Marit (Josh) Murry-Aguilar

and Jessie Murry; and his great-grandchildren, Ella Rae and Avery Kringsstad. Dale is also survived by his brother, Kenneth (June) Thorstenson; nephews, Rod, Steve, Tad and David Thorstenson and their families; nephew, Tim Thorstenson; and his niece, LeeAnn (Paul) Short.

Dale was preceded in death by his brother, Chuck Thorstenson; sister-in-law, Lori Thorstenson; and parents, Katherine and Oscar Thorstenson.

The family would like to express their deep appreciation to the Baptist Health Care Center for the excellent care they provided for Dale during the time he lived there.

The family also requests that any donations be made to Carrie's Kids or First Lutheran church in lieu of flowers.

Arrangements by Eastgate & Parkway Funeral Service, Bismarck, N.D.



### Mark Nevland

Mark Nevland, age 68, of Bottineau, N.D., passed away on Thursday, March 9, 2023, at his home in Bottineau.

Services will be planned at a later date.

Mark Nevland, a son of Fred and Helen (Harding) Nevland, was born on March 6, 1955, in Carrington, N.D. He was raised there and graduated from Carrington High School in 1973. He moved to Williston in the early 1980s.

On July 3, 1983, he married Barbara Velo. Later that same year, their daughter Bonnie was born. Even though this marriage later ended, they continued to co-parent.

In Williston, Mark worked at the Super 8, Valley Truck & Marine, Wal-Mart and Morningstar. In 2007, he moved to Bottineau and worked at Wal-Mart and Theels. After a short retirement, he went to work at Auto Valu.

Mark enjoyed fishing, working on cars and playing on the computer. He loved spending time with his family and his dog.

Mark is survived by his daughter, Bonnie Nevland (Brooks Hawkins) of Westhope, N.D.; grandchildren, Destiny, Dalton, Dayton and Dixon Hawkins; sister, Marilyn (Gary) Suckut of Summerset, S.D.; sister-in-law, Chris Nevland of Las Animas, Colo.; several nieces and nephews; and ex-wife, Barbara (Thayne) Pope and his dog, Rascal.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Martin and Dena Nevland; maternal grandparents, George and Alma Mae Harding; and brother, Virgil Nevland.

Arrangements with Nero Funeral Home in Bottineau, N.D.

## Southeast District Court

**Feb. 1 – Feb. 28, 2023**

### Criminal

Cole Michael Hendrickson, Carrington, N.D.: DUI – .16% or greater - 1st offense. Condition: Complete recommended treatment. Comply with payment agreement. Electronic monitoring. Evaluation already completed. Notify court of address change. Unsupervised probation. Violate no criminal laws. Fees: criminal admin. fee: \$125; defense/facility admin. fee: \$100; fine/state: \$750; victim-witness fee, \$25. Confinement: Agency: Alternative Corrections, Inc. Term: 10 days, suspended: 8 days.

Michelle Dawn McFadden, Fargo, N.D.:  
• Possession of CS- Methamphetamine – 2nd offense. Condition: Comply with payment agreement. Not possess or own fire arms. Notify court of address change. Set up payment schedule. Unsupervised probation. Violate no criminal laws. Fees: criminal admin. fee: \$400; defense/facility admin. fee: \$100; fine/state: \$250; indigent defense application fee: \$35; victim-witness fee: \$25. Confinement: Agency: agency unknown. Term: 30 days, suspended: 20 days. Concurrent with counts 2, 3 and 4.

• Unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia – use-SI, SII, SIII – 2nd offense. Condition: Comply with payment agreement. Not possess or own fire arms. Notify court of address change. Unsupervised probation. Violate no criminal laws. Fees: fine/state: \$250. Confinement: Agency:

agency unknown. Term: 30 days, suspended: 20 days. Concurrent with counts 1, 3 and 4.

• Violations of restricted licenses. Condition: Not possess or own fire arms. Notify court of address change. Unsupervised probation. Violate no criminal laws. Confinement: Agency: agency unknown. Term: 30 days, suspended: 20 days. Concurrent with counts 1, 2 and 4.

• Driving while license privilege is suspended. Condition: Comply with payment agreement. Not possess or own fire arms. Notify court of address change. Unsupervised probation. Violate no criminal laws. Fees: fine/state: \$250. Confinement: Agency: agency unknown. Term: 30 days, suspended: 20 days. Concurrent with counts 1, 2 and 3.

Daniel Jack Rosenau, Carrington, N.D.: driving under the influence of intoxicating liquors. Condition: Chemical dependency evaluation. Complete recommended treatment. Comply with payment agreement. Notify court of address change. Set up payment schedule. Unsupervised probation. Violate no criminal laws. Fees: criminal admin. fee: \$125; defense/facility admin. fee: \$100; fine/state: \$500; victim-witness fee: \$25.

Jesse Donavan Heck, Bowdon, N.D.: theft – take – \$1,000-\$10,000. Condition: Comply with payment agreement. Deferred imposition of sentence. Not possess or own fire arms. Notify court of address change. Set up payment schedule. Unsupervised probation. Violate no criminal laws. Fees: criminal admin. fee:

\$400; defense/facility admin. fee, \$100; indigent defense application fee, \$35; restitution, \$500; victim-witness fee, \$25.

**Feb. 1 – Feb. 28, 2023**

### Traffic

Misty Kay Speldrich, Carrington: speeding, \$19; open container – driver, \$50

Nicholas Patrick Triandos, Harvey, N.D.: care required, \$30; driving without liability insurance – driver, \$150

Paige Marie Adams, Carrington, N.D.: driving without a license, \$20; driving without liability insurance – driver, \$150

Joe Lee Dadisman, Horse Cave, Ken.: speeding, \$20

Miguel Angel Delgado, Houston, Texas: speeding, \$20

Ralph G. Dyrness, Valley City, N.D.: speeding, \$20

Jeffrey Mark Hamre, Leonard, N.D.: speeding, \$20

Cindy Louise Hewitt, Carrington, N.D.: speeding, \$15

Valerie Gail Hulbert, Carrington, N.D.: disregarded stop sign, \$40

Conrad Lee Hust, Minot, N.D.: failure to display number plates, \$20

Derek Justin Lynch, Watford City, N.D.: speeding, \$20

Rick Alan Nysted, Carrington, N.D.: speeding, \$70

Kristi Ann Swearingen, Minot, N.D.: failure to display number plates, \$20

Lisa Ann Bayley Neurauter, Valley City, N.D.: violation of registration provisions – driver, \$20

Jordan Lee, Becker, Sykeston, N.D.: speeding, \$20

Tanner Scott Dolan, Roches-

ter, Minn.: speeding, \$65

Dean Ekren, Kensal, N.D.: speeding, \$65

Levi James Kouba, New Rockford, N.D.: failure to display registration tabs, \$20

Tyrell James Larsen, Carrington, N.D.: violation of registration provision – driver, \$20

Jackson Jerome Nordby, Fargo, N.D.: speeding, \$35; violation of registration provisions – driver, \$20; driving without a license, \$20; use or possession of tobacco by minor, \$25

Cody Kent Eugene Otto, Grace City, N.D.: speeding, \$45

Victoriano Robles Perez, Edinburg, Texas: speeding, \$35

Trudell Lynn Starr, Devils Lake, N.D.: speeding, \$11; failure to wear seat belt, \$20

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## NORTH DAKOTA AGRICULTURAL OVERVIEW

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

## Proposed legislation would relax N.D.'s corporate farming rules

BY NATHAN PRICE

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

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

Currently, state law prohibits LLCs and corporations from engaging in the business of farming or ranching, and from owning or leasing land for the same.

However, if passed in the Senate and signed by Gov. Burgum, HB 1371 would open the door for corporations and LLCs to have some ownership in dairy and feeding op-

erations for cattle, poultry and hogs. Anti-corporate farming laws regarding crop production, meanwhile, would remain unchanged.

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

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

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

At the 2023 North Da-

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

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

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

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

"We need to increase our agricultural economy in our state," he said, "especially when we have

everything going so well for us in crop production, and yet in animal agriculture we're just so far behind our neighbors."

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

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

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

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

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## Ag Day Essay Contest Winner

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

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

Timothy Hill's winning essay is printed below.

### Growing a climate for tomorrow: How American agriculture does it every day

**Timothy Hill, Orlando, Fla.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## HB 1371 —

floor of the House of Representatives.

“The only thing we know, if we pass this bill, is you are opening it up for corporations from other states to come to the state of North Dakota to buy farmland and build animal operation facilities ...,” said Holle. “But what we don’t know is the effects that will have on our current family farms in North Dakota.”

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

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

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

“It’s one more tool in the toolbox to allow ex-

pansion of the livestock enterprises within the state of North Dakota,” he said, adding that the Stockman’s Association is supporting the bill in its current form.

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

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

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

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

- ALF entities are subject to the same reporting and enforcement standards as existing family farm corporations or LLCs;

- Family farmers or ranchers must own 75 percent of an ALF corporation and 51 percent of an ALF LLC;

- ALF entities are

prohibited from producing crops or grazing livestock;

ALF entities are limited to 10 shareholders;

- Foreign entities, including subsidiaries of foreign companies, are prohibited from investing in ALF entities;

- Officers and directors of an ALF corporation, or managers and governors of an ALF LLC, must be actively engaged in the operation;

- An ALF entity is limited to 160 acres of land, and no individual shareholder may hold an interest in ALF entities that own a combined total of more than 640 acres; and

- An ALF entity must generate at least 65 percent of its gross income from the poultry, dairy or swine production.

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

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

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

Rep. Nelson also mentioned the important

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

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

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

Those interested are encouraged to reach out to their state senators and representatives, whose contact information can also be found on the legislature’s website. The Senate has not voted on the measure. District 29’s Senator, Terry Wanzek, can be reached at (701) 763-6544, or via email at [tmwanzek@ng-legis.gov](mailto:tmwanzek@ng-legis.gov).

## FIT FOR A QUEEN



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

## Jozey Retzlaff named Junior Queen at N.D. Winter Show —

BY ERIK GJOVIK

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

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

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

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

Retzlaff said there is also a modeling competition and pageant.

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

Retzlaff’s inspiration going into the Winter Show came from the lyrics of one of her favorite country artists, Cody Johnson.

“If you have a chance, take it; if you have a dream, chase it.”

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

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

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

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



Luke Nelson oversees a herd of cattle in the pen at the NDSU Feedlot on Highway 281 north of Carrington. Photo submitted by Brittany Nelson.



Wyatt Stickel feeds a pig on the family farm southwest of Carrington. Photo submitted by Heather Hallwachs-Stickel.

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REGION 3 BOYS' BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT, JAMESTOWN



**Adam McClellan**, center, holds the Region 3 championship trophy aloft as he celebrates with his M-P-B Thunder teammates following their one-point win over Ellendale Thursday night, March 9, in Jamestown.

## BISMARCK-BOUND

Wanzek's late shot gives M-P-B one-point win, 57-56, and State B berth —

BY ERIK GJOVIK

The closing line of 1980 Team USA Olympic hockey coach Herb Brooks' fabled speech in "Miracle" to his team before they took on the Soviets rang true for the Medina/Pingree-Buchanan Thunder.

"This... is your time. Now go out there and take it."

Sawyer Wanzek's three-pointer from the left wing with three seconds remaining, and a defensive stop on the following possession, triggered bedlam on the floor from M-P-B players and supporters as they executed an improbable 57-56 win over favored Ellendale in the Region 3 Boys' Basketball Tournament at the Jamestown Civic Center Thursday night, March 9.

The Thunder earned a trip to the State Class B Tournament at the Bismarck Event Center March 16-18 with the win, their first under the M-P-B co-op agreement. It will be the first appearance for Pingree-Buchanan since 2006 as the P-B-K Rebels, and for Medina since 1981.

"This year, we had an up-and-down year, but battled through all the adversity and played our

best basketball at the end," said an almost-shocked Thunder Coach Bob Young. "And now, we're on our way to Bismarck."

After falling to the Cardinals twice earlier in the season (results later overturned by forfeit due to the Cardinals playing an ineligible player), M-P-B knew they had to take the tempo to Ellendale right away.

They did so with a 5-0 run to the start the game, but EHS came back with a run of their own to pull within one. A three-point play by Josh Moser at the first-quarter horn put M-P-B up four, 14-10.

Young's charges kept up the pace in the second quarter, keeping Ellendale from making any statement runs. It looked as if the Thunder were going to go into halftime up by two, but Rylen Wick was fouled on a buzzer-beater attempt from 30 feet.

The junior forward hit all three free throws, and M-P-B went in with momentum and a 31-26 lead.

In the third quarter, Ellendale decided to take a more aggressive and direct approach to the basket,

making use of their speed off the dribble to go to the rack for numerous layups.

It was also an opportunity for Mason Molan to heat up from the outside. Molan would hit three of his four trifectas in the third quarter, giving Ellendale a 20-10 advantage in the period and a five-point lead at 46-41.

"Our game plan was to guard them with the matchups that we thought could best benefit us," said Young. "We were going to live with them making tough, contested threes, and hold them to one shot."

"It seems like everytime we've played them, we're down 10 to start out, and we wanted to run our best stuff to prevent that, and it worked."

Down the stretch, junior Gage Magstadt hit five key points, including a three, and Wick had two three-pointers during the comeback.

Wick would finish with 20 points (four three-pointers) and Moser 11, and Young had praise for their play as team leaders.

"They make our entire team better every day. If not

for their performances, we wouldn't be where we're at, but because of their teammates, we've been able to develop as an entire group.

Riley Thorpe had 17 points to lead Ellendale, who had just three losses on the court this season but finished at a 14-10 official record. Molan had 14 points, and Anton Geller and Levi Reis scored nine and eight points.

One of the Cardinals' glaring weaknesses at the end was their foul shooting. They went just 3-for-8 at the line in the second half (5-for-11 in the game), including a few crucial misses that could have helped them pull away.

"We didn't really make many adjustments, we just made certain that we were boxing out and holding them to one shot," said Young. "When [Ellendale] did make their runs, we wanted to have offensive possessions that made their defense work harder, instead of panicking and taking quick shots. It ended up playing into our favor."

In postseason honors, Thorpe was named the Region 3 Senior Athlete of the Year. Coach of the Year went to Kevin Strobel of E-K-M.

**Nowhere to go but up**  
Wanzek's heroics to give M-P-B the stirring one-point win, and the team effort it took to reach the pinnacle, were just one small part of the story.

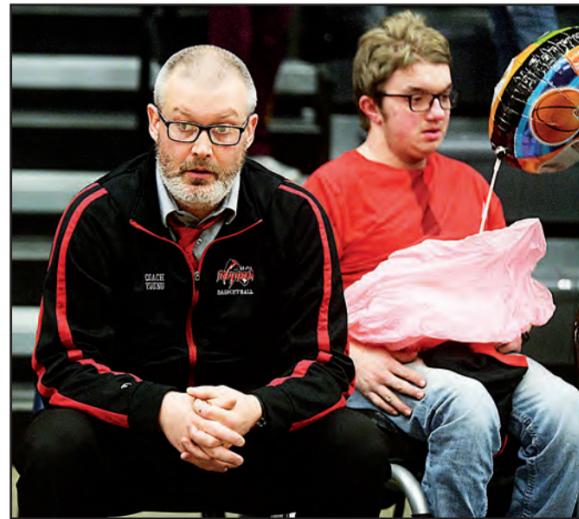
To fully appreciate the momentous occasion of M-P-B's first trip to the State 'B', it helps to remember the journey on which they've traveled.

Just four years prior, in 2019, the Thunder had just slogged through a winless 0-20 season, won just two games the year before in 2018, and were mired in a 29-game losing skid before breaking through with a 59-56 double-overtime win over Carrington on January 4, 2020.

"Four years ago, we were largely a junior high team, with only four guys 9-through-12, and it was really tough," Young said. "I was starting two junior high players, and bringing one off the bench."



Sawyer Wanzek takes a shot in the lane past Ellendale defender Riley Thorpe (4). Wanzek hit a three-pointer with three seconds remaining to give the Thunder their final margin of victory.



M-P-B Head Coach Bob Young has a look of equal parts shock, relief, and trying to process and reflect on what just happened, along with Payton Wanzek, brother of Sawyer.

That victory started Young's program back on the road to respectability, and they would finish at 7-15 in both 2020 and 2021, and rebounded for a 15-7 campaign the following year before the 21-4 breakthrough in 2023.

"[That 2019-20 team] had three seniors we lost to graduation, but they really helped to change our cul-

ture, even though we were still small and young," the coach said.

In the nine years of the M-P-B co-op's existence, the boys have achieved 72 total victories, with 36 of those coming in the last two seasons.

**Next up: Beulah**

M-P-B (21-4) was placed

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Mark Thomas guards Ellendale's Jack Bommersbach as he dribbles the ball in the frontcourt. Thomas had two three-pointers in the championship game.

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Chris Ormiston bowled a perfect 300 game at Central City Lanes in Carrington February 9.

## Rolling to perfection

Ormiston gets first 300 game at Central City Lanes —

BY ERIK GJOVIK

As a police officer by profession, Chris Ormiston spends one night weekly at Central City Lanes to unwind from a job that provides its own special level of stress and anxiety.

On the evening of February 9, however, those feelings came to Ormiston at the bowling alley, with the prospect of the sport's biggest individual thrill staring at him in the form of the 10 pins 60 feet away from the foul line, spread in width just under 42 inches.

The third ball of the 10th frame spun down the polished hardwood, and the ball connected.

Ormiston had just rolled his 12th and final consecutive strike for a perfect 300 game, and the tension that had gripped him for the previous few frames released.

"It was a totally euphoric moment," he said.

Previous to that, his personal mark for strikes in succession was just seven.

The Casselton native has been bowling for most of his life, starting "since about first grade," and did league bowling until graduating from Central Cass High School in 2008.

As a member of the Randy's Pro Shop team in the Ten Pins League, Week 17

of play started well for Ormiston.

"I bowled a 192 in the first game, which is above my average, and that kind of got me going," he said. "Once that second game started, I hit that first strike, then the second came, and then the third."

A few more frames in, with the pocket [gap between the head pin and 3-pin for a right-handed bowler] looking bigger and bigger, Ormiston admitted to himself that it might just be his night.

"That intrusive thought came to me," he recalled. "What if this is the game I get a 300?"

His first sign of being rattled came in the eighth frame, when his ball missed the pocket entirely, crossing just in front of the head pin and hitting the left-hand pocket. That kind of strike is known in the sport as a "Brooklyn."

"When I got that one, I said to myself, 'Okay, the bowling gods are with me,'" he said with a laugh.

The ninth went by with another X on the scoreboard, and the three-ball final frame loomed.

"On that one, I had to back off a little bit because the nerves were really starting to get to me," he admitted.

His 10th roll was good,

though he said the 11th felt a bit off. Into the 12th ball, Ormiston said, "I felt like I could barely stand up."

"I just kept telling myself, 'Don't drop it behind you,'" he said, "and just let it roll."

Even a few feet from the pins, he knew his aim was true.

Bingo.  
"It just felt awesome," Ormiston said.

Bowling on the same team as local sport standout Randy Peterson also helped, in a way, to focus Ormiston on the task at hand.

He admitted that with Peterson's extensive resume of 300 games (19 at last count), it gives him a bit more respect for the accomplishment.

"It's almost like just another game [to Peterson] sometimes, the way he handles them," said Ormiston.

With a few weeks to reflect on it, he says he has a new bucket list item to pursue.

"I was talking to my dad about it, and I said my next goal is to hit a hole-in-one," he said.

Ormiston has been employed with the Carrington City Police since August, 2019, and served as the city's interim chief between the tenures of Chiefs Nathan Kruse and the late Brandon Sola.

## N.D. Game & Fish offers wildlife seed

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department will again offer free seed for the upcoming growing season to landowners interested in planting wildlife food plots for pheasants.

Rather than a traditional corn or sunflower food plot, this seed mix provides increased plant diversity, including flowering plants from spring through fall, which will attract insects, the major diet component of pheasant chicks. Additionally, the mix will provide needed cover during spring and summer, as well as a winter food source. Other wildlife species will also benefit from this mix.

Department private land section leader Kevin

Kading said most Game and Fish food plots are part of the department's Private Land Open To Sportsmen program.

"This food plot campaign does not require a PLOTS contract, but we are asking participating landowners to allow reasonable public access, which could mean simply providing access permission to hunters from time to time, putting up 'Ask Before You Enter' signs around the area, or not posting the surrounding land," Kading said. "Landowners participating in this promotion cannot charge a fee for hunting."

The department will provide enough seed to cover up to a maximum 5-acre planting at no cost

to the landowner.

Landowners interested in receiving the food plot seed must sign up online by April 1. Seed will be available in April at Game and Fish offices in Bismarck, Jamestown, Devils Lake, Harvey, Dickinson, Williston and Riverdale.

Game and Fish private land biologists can provide technical assistance on food plot location and site preparation.

Landowners interested in additional financial incentives may be considered for the PLOTS program as well. More information is available by contacting a private land biologist at any Game and Fish office in the state, or email ndgf@nd.gov.

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## THUNDER —

Next up: Beulah

M-P-B (21-4) was placed in one of the three random draw slots for non-seeded teams as part of the 2023 Class B boys' tournament field.

The others are surprise Region 4 qualifier Warwick (19-6), a sixth seed in that tournament making their third-ever state tournament appearance after eighth place showings in 1989 and 1996, and Powers Lake/Burke Central (19-4) out of Region 8.

The Thunder faced the third-seeded Beulah Miners, the Region 7 champions, in the second first-round game of the day on Thursday, March 16.

Coach Jeremy Brandt's Miners, 20-4 this season, took a 65-55 win over Bowman County at Region 7 to advance, and are making their 14th state tournament in Class B (champions in 2012). They had an additional Class A appearance in 2000.

"I just know that they're very well coached, have great playmakers on the perimeter, and two big kids that can score and rebound down low," said Young of Beulah. "They can play a number of different styles and every player on the floor can score, so we're going to have to play our best basketball. I think we can find ways to match up with them, and give them a battle."

The Miners have three wins over teams in the state tournament field, those coming against PL/BC, 71-60, on December 27, Des Lacs-Burlington, 51-41, on January 3, and a 51-46 victory over Shiloh Christian 10 days later.

Other first round games matched up second-seeded Shiloh Christian (20-4) against PL/BC in the opener, top overall seed and undefeated Central Cass (23-0) versus Warwick in the first game of the evening session, and the #4/#5 game featured Thompson (17-7) taking on DL-B (19-6).

### Region 3 Boys' Basketball Tournament, Jamestown Championship

M-P-B 57, Ellendale 56

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M-P-B 14 17 10 16 57

M-P-B: Rylen Wick 20, Josh Moser 11, Sawyer Wanzek 11, Mark Thomas 6, Gage Magstadt 5, Adam McClellan 4. Totals: 21-46 FG, 7-10 FT, 12 fouls. Three-pointers: Wick 4, Thomas 2, Wanzek, Magstadt.

Ellendale: Riley Thorpe 17, Mason Molan 14, Anton Geller 9, Levi Reis 8, Jack Bommersbach 6, Cole Saylor 2. Totals: 22-46 FG, 5-11 FT, 13 fouls. Three-pointers: Molan 4, Thorpe 3.

### M-P-B Additional Stats

Rebounds: Wanzek 10, Moser 8, Magstadt 6, Thomas 2, McClellan 1.

Assists: Wick 5, Moser 3, McClellan, Thomas and Wanzek 1.

Steals: Moser 3, Wick 2.

Blocks: Magstadt and Wanzek 1.

### Ellendale Additional Stats

Rebounds: Geller and Reis 8, Molan 5, Thorpe 3, Bommersbach and Kade Schimke 2.

Assists: Reis and Thorpe 2, Geller 1.

Steals: Bommersbach 4, Geller, Molan and Reis 1.

### Region 3 Senior Athlete of the Year

Riley Thorpe, Ellendale

### Region 3 Coach of the Year

Kevin Strobel, E-K-M

### State Class B, Bismarck Thurs.-Sat., March 16-18

First Round - Thursday

Game 1: #2 seed Shiloh Christian (20-4) vs. Powers Lake/Burke Central (19-4)

Game 2: #3 seed Beulah (20-4) vs. M-P-B (21-4)

Game 3: #1 seed Central Cass (23-0) vs. Warwick (19-6)

Game 4: #4 seed Thompson (17-7) vs. #5 seed Des Lacs-Burlington (19-6)

**Dakota Recreation Report**  
by Patricia Stockdill

### Outdoor notes:

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

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

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

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

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

\*March 25: Kidder Co. Pheasants Forever banquet, Stele, Pifer's Auction Center, 5 p.m.

### Fishing:

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

\*Stump Lake elevation: 1,449.42 MSL.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Downhill skiing (conditions can vary):

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

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

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

### Snowmobile N.D. (conditions can vary):

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Numbers to know:

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

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The Carrington High School Choir and Band, both under the direction of Kristina Schuh, performed in the Region V Large Group Music Contest. The competition, which also featured musical ensembles from NR-S, Midkota and Pingree-Buchanan high schools, was held Tuesday afternoon, March 14, in the West and East Gyms at Carrington Public School.

Top left: **Mrs. Schuh** directs the **CHS Choir**. The accompanist is **Teresa Edland**.

Top right: **Brian Saylor** of Bismarck High School, one of the two choir session adjudicators, makes a point to the choir.

Bottom left: Adjudicator **Dareien Lund**, band director at Jamestown High School, gives the **CHS Band** some post-performance pointers.

## Region V Large Group Music Contest



### North Dakota Outdoors

By Doug Leier  
N.D. Game & Fish

## Proper release of a fish important any time

If you don't fish, what I'm about to say won't sound logical: Catch-and-release isn't always the best choice for fishing.

What? The short answer is when you catch and release a fish and the fish doesn't end up surviving, then releasing a fish back into the water can do more harm than good.

Stay with me. For most situations, catch-and-release remains a tried-and-true approach to long term fisheries conservation. The practice of catching the fish, followed by a quick and healthy release, will keep the fish in the population while allowing anglers to continue fishing.

But what if you catch a fish and don't realize some injuries or biological changes may result in the fish dying. This misunderstanding can add up.

The unintended results of fish mortality spread out over the entire angling community over the course of years can be reduced if anglers intentionally assess the entire catch-and-release philosophy and practice.

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department, no matter the time of year, recommends that anglers do not release fish caught in 30 feet or more of water because fish reeled in from those depths have a greater chance of dying if released.

Fish caught in deep water may not survive because of the extreme change in water pressure, which causes the swim bladder to expand. When that happens, fish can no longer control their balance in the water column.

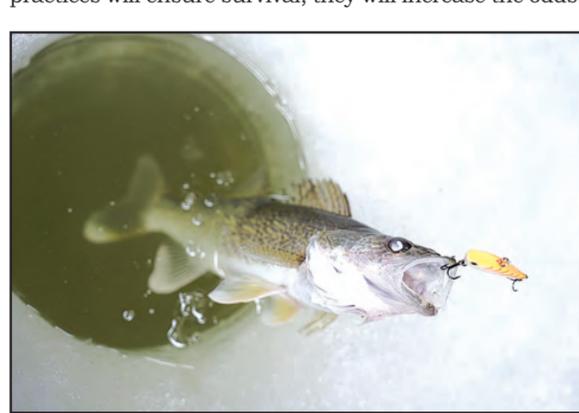
Other internal injuries, such as rupturing of organs and bleeding, are also possible for fish caught from deep waters.

Devils Lake ice anglers commonly catch yellow perch in 30-45 feet of water during the winter months. Game and Fish does not discourage anglers from fishing at those depths, but the agency does ask anglers who target fish in deeper water to make a commitment to keep what they catch. And once they reach their limit, anglers should stop fishing at that depth to avoid killing more than their limit of fish.

Here are a few pointers and tips for proper catch-and-release in general:

- Land the fish quickly and don't play it to exhaustion.
  - Set the hook quickly to reduce the likelihood the fish will swallow the bait.
  - Don't put your fingers in the eyes or gills.
  - Avoid removing mucous or scales.
  - Get the fish back in the water as quickly as possible.
- In winter, subfreezing temperatures are an injury factor in addition to lack of oxygen intake when fish are out of the water.
- If the hook is deep within the fish or cannot be removed quickly, cut the line close to the fish's mouth.
  - Back the hook out the opposite way it went in.
  - Use needle-nose pliers, hemostats or a hook-out to remove the hook and protect your hands.
  - Try to resuscitate an exhausted fish by moving it back and forth to force water through its gills.

Anglers want to enjoy their fishing while at the same time implementing the best practices for efficient catch and release. Releasing a fish that will not likely survive defeats the purpose, and while there's no 100% guarantee these practices will ensure survival, they will increase the odds.



Proper release of a fish is important any time of year.

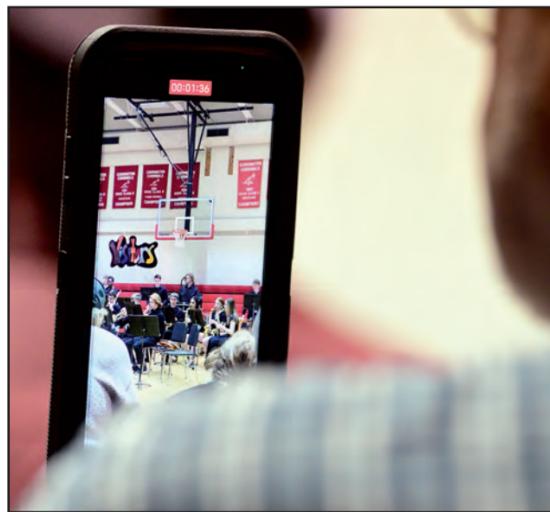
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## A Night at the Pops

One day before stepping back onto the risers and taking their seats in front of the music stands, the Carrington High School musical groups, along with their junior high counterparts, held their yearly Pops Concert Monday night, March 13.

The concert was originally scheduled for Tuesday, February 28, but was pushed back due to basketball-related scheduling conflicts.

Junior high and senior high musicians entertained the crowd with their wide array of popular standards, ranging from movie scores to modern rock and pop, and even a piece, "Baba Yetu," a 2011 Grammy-winning song which was originally commissioned for the video game Civilization IV.



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Another special thank you to La Nette for taking me to Bismarck all those times and sitting with her Uncle Bud. And a big thank you to Joanna for all the support she has given me. It was not easy.

Thank you to the funeral home for all the help they had given us getting the funeral all ready. I hope I have not forgotten anyone. Thank you Matthew Woods, Pastor Mike Pretzer, Melea and Greg Boles for the beautiful music.

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Irene Duursma  
Cory Morlock

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For more information or to get an application, contact Foster County Soil Conservation District office, USDA Service Center, 6720 Hwy 200, Carrington, ND 58421, or call 701-652-2551 ext 123, or email: [easton.brown@nd.nacdnet.net](mailto:easton.brown@nd.nacdnet.net)

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#### Shower

April 1, 2023

#### Wedding

July 8, 2023

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### BABY REGISTRY

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### 2023 Township & City Equalization of Assessments Meeting Dates as follows:

DATE	CITY/TOWNSHIP	TIME	LOCATION
Tues., Apr. 4	City of Carrington	6:30 PM	City Hall
Tues., Apr. 11	City of Glenfield	6:30 PM	Glenfield Com. Center
Tues., Apr. 11	City of Grace City	8:00 PM	Schoolhouse Café
Tues., Apr. 18	City of McHenry	5:30 PM	McHenry Fire Hall
Mon., Apr. 10	Carrington Township	8:00 AM	Courthouse
Mon., Apr. 10	Wyard Township	9:00 AM	Courthouse
Mon., Apr. 10	Haven Township	10:00 AM	Courthouse
Mon., Apr. 10	Rosehill Township	11:00 AM	Courthouse
Mon., Apr. 10	Melville Township	1:00 PM	Courthouse
Mon., Apr. 10	Nordmore Township	2:00 PM	Courthouse
Mon., Apr. 10	Birtsell Township	3:00 PM	Courthouse
Mon., Apr. 10	Bucephalia Township	4:00 PM	Courthouse
Mon., Apr. 10	Estabrook Township	4:30 PM	AgCountry Farm Credit
Mon., Apr. 10	Longview Township	6:30 PM	Dennis Montgomery
Mon., Apr. 10	Bordulac Township	7:00 PM	Bordulac Town Hall
Thurs., Apr. 13	Rolling Prairie Twp	8:00 AM	Glenfield Com. Center
Thurs., Apr. 13	Florence Township	9:00 AM	Glenfield Com. Center
Thurs., Apr. 13	Eastman Township	10:00 AM	Glenfield Com. Center
Thurs., Apr. 13	Larrabee Township	11:00 AM	Glenfield Com. Center
Thurs., Apr. 13	McHenry Township	1:00 PM	Glenfield Com. Center
Thurs., Apr. 13	Glenfield Township	2:00 PM	Glenfield Com. Center
Thurs., Apr. 13	McKinnon Township	3:00 PM	Glenfield Com. Center
Wed., June 7	Foster County	6:00 PM	Courthouse
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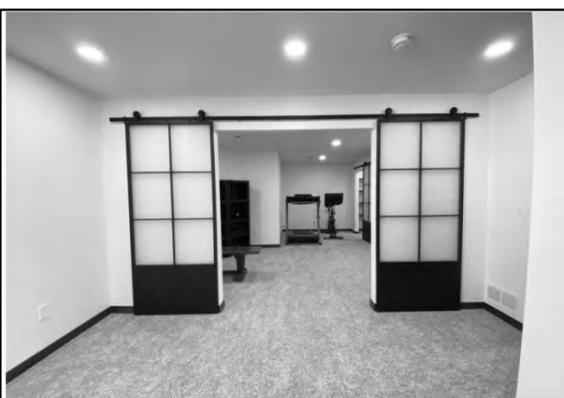
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FOSTER COUNTY INDEPENDENT

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF FOSTER COUNTY FEBRUARY 1, 2023

At 8:00 am, Chairman Scanson called the Foster County Commission Special meeting to order. Roll call included Commissioner Becky Hagel, Commissioner Alan Scanson, Commissioner David Utke and Commissioner Scott Beumer via phone. Also present was Interim Auditor Ellen Roudy, Public Health employees Lisa Hilbert, Colleen Sweet, Lisa House, Robin Simonson, Cassie Ness and Kristin Larson.

Interim Auditor Roudy presented the BOCC with a resolution: Public Health District

WHEREAS, Section 23-35-02 of the North Dakota Century Code requires that all land in the state must be in a public health unit before January 1, 2001;

WHEREAS, A local public health district will provide population-based service to residents of Foster County; and

WHEREAS, The mission of public health is to:

- Prevent epidemics and the spread of disease
- Protect against environment hazards
- Prevent injuries
- Promote and encourage healthy behaviors
- Respond to disasters and assist communities in recovery and
- Assure the quality and accessibility of health services

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Foster County commissioners have established a local public health district at a special meeting on February 1st, 2023.

Be it further resolved that the name of the district shall be the Foster County Public Health.

Be it further resolved that the following persons are appointed to the initial board of health on staggered terms.

Dr. Jay Bauer, one-year term  
Dr. Michael Page, one-year term

Brigid Glennen, RN, two-year term

Holly Ziemann, RN, three-year term

Jacqui Nelson, PAC, four-year term

Becky Hagel, BOCC, five-year term

The resolution was made by Commissioner Hagel and seconded by Commissioner Utke. Discussion was had on including the word "District" in the name. Lisa Hilbert, Public Health Administrator stated that it would be costly and time consuming to change the name adding the word district. All voted nay and the motion failed.

Commissioner Utke motioned to approve Resolution 2023-01 with the removal of District in the name, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. This would make the name of the district in the above resolution Foster County Public Health. All voted aye and the motion passed.

With no further business, Chairman Scanson adjourned the meeting at 8:14 am.

## REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 7, 2023

At 3:30pm, Chairman Scanson called the Foster County Commission meeting to order. Roll call included Commissioner Scott Beumer, Commissioner Alan Scanson, Commissioner Pat Copenhaver, and Commissioner David Utke. Also, present were Interim Auditor Ellen Roudy, State's Attorney Kara Brinster, Foster County Independent Reporter Leasa Lura and Road Superintendent Nate Monson.

The meeting began with approval of the minutes for January 17th, 2023, regular meeting, January 19th, 2023, special meeting, January 20th, 2023, special meeting and February 1st, 2023 special meeting. Commissioner Utke had one change to the February 1st, 2023, minutes and Commissioner Beumer made a motion to approve all the minutes with the change, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Commissioner Beumer made a motion to approve the bills, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Bills: 34977, Amazon Capital Services, Inc., \$25.88; 34978, Arrowwood Prairie Co-op, 2,274.81; 34979, Auto Value Parts Store, 6.48.

34980, Becky Hagel, 45.00; 34981, Berts Truck Equipment of MHD, Inc., 171.80; 34982, Bes-sette Motors, Inc., 236.19; 34983, Brigid Glennen, 45.00; 34984, Brinster Law, P.C., 139.06; 34985, C&J Oil Company, 11,098.44; 34986, Carrington Motors, Inc., 582.97; 34987, Central Business Systems, 99.27; 34988, Central City H2O+, 92.00; 34989, CMF, 2,000.40.

34990, Computer Express, 1,508.97; 34991, Computer Express, 1,377.99; 34992, Craig Wiesz, 9.17; 34993, D&E Supply Company, 23.29; 34994, Dakota Dust-Tex, Inc., 104.20; 34995, Department of Transportation, 2,938.82; 34996, Dr. Jay Bauer, 45.00; 34997, Dr. Michael Page, 45.00; 34998, EAPC Architects Engineers, 14,252.70; 34999, Foster County Independent, 1,560.74.

35000, Foster County Treasurer, 688.30; 35001, Holly N. Ziemann, 45.00; 35002, Jacqui Nelson, PAC, 45.00; 35003, Justin Johnson, 119.88; 35004, Kevin J. Bahm, 129.99; 35005, Midstates Equipment & Supply, 18,498.17; 35006, NAPA Auto Parts, 320.83;

35007, NAPA Auto Parts, 13.29; 35008, Nathan Monson, 48.75; 35009, ND Association of Counties, 620.50.

35010, ND Association of County & Tribal VSO, 170.00; 35011, ND Clerks Association, 100.00; 35012, ND County Records Association, 200.00; 35013, ND SACCHO, 500.00; 35014, NDSU Extension Service, 10,869.44; 35015, Newman Traffic Signs, 2,651.71; 35016, ODP Business Solutions, LLC, 162.71; 35017, Office of Attorney General - 1250, 370.00; 35018, Patriot Fuels, 52.84; 35019, Pipestem Alcohol & Drug Network, 105.00.

35020, Randy's Electric, 696.68; 35021, RDO Equipment Co., 1,869.44; 35022, Running's Supply, Inc., 445.69; 35023, Sherman Plumbing & Heating, 425.00; 35024, Software Innovations, 750.00; 35025, Software Innovations, 10,100.00; 35026, Stutsman Co. Correction Center, 2,175.00; 35027, Tony's Repair, 509.99; 35028, USPS, 114.00; 35029, Vanguard Appraisals, Inc., 1,100.00; 35030, William J. Gale, 48.47.

Commissioner Utke asked to add Water Manager Handbook under commissioner discussion. Commissioner Copenhaver made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition, seconded by Commissioner Beumer. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Old Business  
No new business reported for the gravel pit.

New Business

Nate Monson, Road Superintendent, approached the BOCC with an update from the Road Department. There has been little snowfall with wind being the biggest factor in road conditions. Monson asked for approval to set the date and time for bid opening for work to be completed on McHenry highway. Commissioner Beumer motioned to set the bid opening date and time for March 7th at 2:00 PM in the commissioner room, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed. The Road Department received two pallets of crack seal material. Discussion was had on how to advertise and promote the open equipment operator position the Road Department has.

Lisa Hilbert, Public Health Administrator, presented a lease for the printer/copy machine at public health. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to approve the lease, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed. Hilbert stated the Board of Health main contacts during the transition period will be Dr. Bauer and Holly Ziemann. The BOCC and BOH will more then likely have meetings to work through items of public health becoming a district.

Justin Johnson, Foster County Sheriff, informed the BOCC that the Ford F150 vehicle he had ordered for their office was cancelled. He worked with Bessette's and received an estimate for a Chevrolet pickup. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to approve the change from the original Ford F150 to a Chevrolet, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. Roll call vote included:

- Commissioner Beumer – aye
- Commissioner Scanson – aye
- Commissioner Copenhaver – aye
- Commissioner Utke – aye

Ellen Roudy, Interim Auditor, presented the BOCC with two raffle permits. Commissioner Copenhaver motioned to approve the raffle permits for Caring-ton preschool and for FFA, seconded by Commissioner Beumer. All voted aye and the motion passed. Roudy asked to designate Danielle Koepplin as the Superintendent of Schools for Foster County. There is an Attorney General opinion that creates a conflict of interest to have the auditor be the superintendent of schools. Roudy spoke with NDACo Executive Director, Aaron Birst, and there is a bill that would eliminate this, but, to designate someone in the meantime. The BOCC will also have designate five individuals to be on the school re-organization board. Commissioner Copenhaver motioned to designate Danielle Koepplin the Superintendent of Schools, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed. Roudy asked to clarify that there will need to be a transition period from Public Health breaking away from the county and becoming their own district. There are some funds that need to be cleaned up and other financial items that need to be tied up. Commissioner Utke spoke on the building for public health and that they will need to come with an agreement, and it will take some time. The BOH was able to negotiate terms to keep Hilbert as the Administrator. The new EM, Darlene Thomas, asked about reimbursement for travel time and mileage. Roudy spoke with State's Attorney Kara Brinster, and Chuck Horter, NDACo HR Coordinator. Horter recommended if travel to the county was only going to be once or twice a month to look at reimbursing her time. Brinster stated that the IRS is clear on the mileage reimbursement and that Carrington is considered her "home" for work, however, her time could be reimbursed. There is enough of a distinction with the EM position and other positions within the county to justify it. The county was having trouble filling the position so had to expand their search. Commissioner Copenhaver motioned that due to the

difficulty filling the position and the distinction between the EM and other positions in the county to approve to reimburse travel time to the county when necessary, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed. Arrowwood has a propane tank lease for the Chairman to sign. Commissioner Utke motioned to approve Chairman Scanson to sign the lease, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed. Lastly, Roudy presented the BOCC with the NDDOT Project BRC-BRS-0099(008) Bridge inspection/load rating certification. Commissioner Copenhaver motioned to approve signing the certification, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Kara Brinster, Foster County State's Attorney, asked the BOCC to motion to approve to join the opioid settlement with Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walgreens, and Walmart. Commissioner Copenhaver motioned to join the settlement group, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Commissioner Utke asked the BOCC if they would like a physical copy of the Water Manager Handbook. The board agreed it would be good to have a physical copy and a copy with the States Attorney and Auditor. Commissioner Utke motioned to purchase seven copies of the Water Manager Handbook, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed. Commissioner Beumer motioned to appoint Commissioner Becky Hagel to the Central Prairie Zone Board, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed. Roudy stated that they did not receive the security grant for the door system. She is working on getting quotes from two other businesses and will update the BOCC once received. Commissioner Utke stated that two addendums on the drawings have been sent out. These are not changes but specifications to the drawings. Commissioner Utke has spoken with EAPC and their involvement with the State Historical Society. EAPC has contacted the State Historical Society and is in a good position to work with them as an EAPC employee is on the State Historical Society board. EAPC will continue to work with the county and the State Historical Society on the project. Commissioner Utke met with the ambulance board, they are working with the corporate level on the proposed agreement. Commissioner Scanson is going to look into the history of the ambulance building. Commissioner Utke updated the BOCC that Darin Anderson resigned from SIRN 20/20 and is the new director for the state radio. Commissioner Utke may try and get a meeting here in the next few months. The BOCC went over items for February and March on their calendar.

With no further business, Chairman Scanson adjourned the meeting at 4:39pm.

## SPECIAL MEETING FEBRUARY 9, 2023

At 8:30 am, Chairman Scanson called the Foster County Commission Special meeting to order. Roll call included Commissioner Scott Beumer, Commissioner Alan Scanson, Commissioner David Utke and Commissioner Pat Copenhaver. Also present was Interim Auditor Ellen Roudy and Foster County State's Attorney Kara Brinster.

Interim Auditor Roudy updated the BOCC that Foster County has two AA Felony murder cases charged since September 2022. Both cases are being actively prosecuted with trial preparations. The Attorney General's Office, who normally aids in these situations, is currently understaffed and unable to provide additional resources at this time. The current State's Attorney position is part time and not staffed to handle these major criminal cases simultaneously. The Foster County State's Attorney has reached out to former Pembina County State's Attorney, Rebecca Flanders, for assistance. Brinster stated she would work thirty-two hours a week and we would offer her six thousand a month in wages. This position would not be benefited as it is not a regularly funded position and under limited duration. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to approve the States Attorney to hire the temporary help for her office, seconded by Commissioner Utke. Roll call voted included:

- Commissioner Beumer – aye
- Commissioner Scanson – aye

Commissioner Copenhaver – aye

Commissioner Utke – aye

that should've been phased out in 2016. The Dickey County Auditor uses the same software program and has been helpful with providing information and assistance when needed and has offered to come up for a day or two to work through cleaning up the funds. Roudy asked the BOCC if we would be willing to pay for her mileage as she is doing Foster County a favor. Commissioner Beumer made a motion to approve the Dickey County Auditor to travel to Foster County if needed and to reimburse what is necessary, seconded by Commissioner Utke. Commissioner Utke stated they do not want to step on any toes and would want to make sure that their BOCC is aware of her time helping. All voted aye and the motion passed.

With no further business, Chairman Scanson adjourned the meeting at 8:42 am.

## REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 21, 2023

At 3:30pm, Chairman Scanson called the Foster County Commission meeting to order. Roll call included Commissioner Becky Hagel, Commissioner Alan Scanson, Commissioner Pat Copenhaver, and Commissioner David Utke. Also, present were Interim Auditor Ellen Roudy, State's Attorney Kara Brinster, Foster County Independent Reporter Leasa Lura, Deputy Auditor Hailey Bachmeier and Road Superintendent Nate Monson.

The meeting began with approval of the minutes for February 7th, 2023, regular meeting and February 9th, 2023, special meeting. Commissioner Hagel made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Commissioner Copenhaver made a motion to approve the bills, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Bills: 35053, Avid Hawk, LLC, \$35.00; 35054, Berts Truck Equipment of MHD, Inc., 27,663.00; 35055, Briss Oil Company, 224.00; 35056, Central Business Systems, 125.00; 35057, Central City Lumber, Inc., 2,482.79; 35058, Computer Express, 1,939.00; 35059, Computer Express, 1,903.00.

35060, Corean Swart, 207.45; 35061, Darlene Thomas, 10.50; 35062, Dr. Michael Page, 1,850.00; 35063, Information Technology Dept., 1,263.45; 35064, Maertens Welding and Machine Company, 9,305.40; 35065, Matthew Bender & Co., Inc., 47.43; 35066, ND Dept. of Environmental Quality, 330.00; 35067, ND State Radio Communication, 16,743.28; 35068, NDACo Resources Group, 1,222.30; 35069, North Dakota Water Education Foundation, 210.00.

35070, ODP Business Solutions, LLC, 58.06; 35071, Software Innovations, 750.00; 35072, Tracey Adkins, 13.94.

Commissioner Utke asked to add tablets under commissioner discussion. Commissioner Copenhaver motioned to approve the agenda with the addition, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Old Business

No new business reported for the gravel pit.

New Business

Nate Monson, Road Superintendent, approached the BOCC with an update from the Road Department. There has been minimal snowfall of around 3.0" since February 7th. The winds have made travel and road conditions unfavorable. The boiler was inspected in the shop and there is potential for repairs. Commissioner Utke made a motion to approve Monson to line up the necessary work to repair the boiler, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. Roll call vote included:

- Commissioner Hagel – aye
- Commissioner Scanson – aye

Commissioner Copenhaver – aye

Commissioner Utke – aye

Commissioner Copenhaver – aye

9. Commissioner Utke motioned to appoint Darlene Thomas, EM, as the floodplain administrator, approve and sign the flood plain application seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. Discussion was had on the project and how to help Thomas in the process. Commissioner Hagel provided Stutsman County's EM contact information to Thomas for reference. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Kara Brinster, Foster County State's Attorney, updated the BOCC on the opioid settlement agreement with Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walgreens, and Walmart required 70% of the funds to go to future opioid mediation, 30% could be kept for past mediation.

Commissioner Utke spoke to the BOCC regarding tablets for county use. He reached out to the county's IT for quotes. Commissioner Hagel has been in contact with NDACo GIS services about re-drawing the lines for ambulance districts. The line must follow geographical lines. Commissioner Utke and Commissioner Scanson will plan to set up a meeting with all parties involved to review boundaries. Commissioner Hagel also spoke on the parcel mapping project. Commissioner Hagel motioned to designate Karen Evans, Tax Director, the authority to work with NDACo GIS Division on the parcel mapping project, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed. Lastly, Commissioner Hagel updated the BOCC on some 9-1-1 addressing that will need to be updated. Interim Auditor Roudy will contact previous EM, Aaron Devereaux, on the addresses in question. Commissioner Hagel would like the BOCC to send the letter to the residents as it could be controversial, however, the next generation 9-1-1 is requiring this. The BOCC discussed legislative topics. They are appreciative of the work and receptiveness received by Senator Terry Wanzek. Nothing new to report for the door security system. Commissioner Utke updated the BOCC on the building projects. No bids were received for the basement project. In speaking with EAPC this is not uncommon, and they referenced manpower as a main factor. Chris Thomas, Project Manager recommended to Commissioner Utke to extend the bid opening by two weeks. Commissioner Utke motioned to extend the bid opening to March 7th, 2023 at 1:00 PM at the courthouse, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. All voted aye and the motion passed. Commissioner Utke also stated that EAPC will look at the Public Health building and old county shop and provide proposals for the BOCC to review. No update on the ambulance building. Commissioner Scanson will have a planning and zoning meeting and NDSU meeting before the next regularly scheduled commissioner meeting. Commissioner Hagel has a Human Service Zone meeting in the morning. She plans to speak with the director on temporary relocation of staff if the basement project moves forward. Commissioner Utke stated that they are hoping to have an LEPC meeting in March. The main agenda item will be SIRN radio program. Discussion was had on items for the BOCC to look at in February and March.

With no further business, Chairman Scanson adjourned the meeting at 5:28pm.

## SPECIAL MEETING MARCH 3, 2023

At 9:00 am, Chairman Scanson called the Foster County Commission Special meeting to

order. Roll call included Commissioner Scott Beumer, Commissioner Becky Hagel, Commissioner Alan Scanson, Commissioner David Utke and Commissioner Pat Copenhaver. Also present was Interim Auditor Ellen Roudy and Deputy Auditor Hailey Bachmeier.

Commissioner Beumer made a motion to offer Garrett Matteson \$30.00/hour for the equipment operator position, seconded by Commissioner Hagel. Discussion included making an adjustment to the entire road department. The BOCC will have to look at potentially increasing blade rates for townships or removing the yearly credit to help cover some of these costs for the following year. Commissioner Hagel stated that this will put these employees between steps 8 and 9 and they will sit at that until the COLA catches up to where they are at on the scale. Options the BOCC can do are to move all employees, adjust the scale, or move some employees. There was discussion that if other employees questioned this that Commissioner Beumer and Commissioner Scanson would be available. Commissioner Utke believes that the BOCC will have a responsibility to look at all positions and all departments come budget time. Commissioner Beumer stated that if they cannot fill the open equipment operator position that they would have to look at contracting out in the private sector. Roll call vote included:

- Commissioner Beumer – aye
- Commissioner Hagel – aye
- Commissioner Scanson – aye

Commissioner Copenhaver – aye

Commissioner Utke – aye

Commissioner Copenhaver – aye

# DAKOTA DATEBOOK

## N.D. Winter Show history

March 8 marks the anniversary of the very first Winter Show, which was held in Valley City March 8-11, 1938. A 1938 editorial in the *Valley City Times-Record* described it as an educational, non-profit event to "bring together the best in the state in livestock, farm crops, manufactured products, Homemakers, 4-H Clubs and Future Farmers of America exhibits combined with high-class entertainment." It is now the Dakotas' longest running agricultural show.

The founders chose the month of March, because farmers and ranchers were less busy but were also planning ahead for spring planting. They also had the winter to better prepare the livestock they wanted to exhibit or sell.

A 1937 membership drive gathered together about 125 farmers and businessmen who were urged to buy memberships at \$10 apiece. Storeowner Herman Stern bought five and called on fellow downtown merchants to match whatever came from other sources. His move raised \$4,000.

That was just the first hurdle, though. In 1948, M. J. Connolly, the Show's first secretary, described what happened that first year: "...there was a time several weeks before the show opening when the directors did not know if they would have any livestock. Several officials threw up their hands at the lack of response by livestock breeders to the letters of invitation, (but) veteran county agent, T. X. Callan...got on the long-distance telephone. When Tom finally hung up...Barnes County had a toll bill of more than \$100, but," he wrote, "Tom had the promise of leading livestock men of the state that they would exhibit."

The exhibitions included 84 head of cattle from 21 herds, including Holsteins, Guernseys, Brown Swiss, Jerseys, Hereford, Angus, Shorthorns and Milking Shorthorns. There were also 30 horses and 35 hogs exhibited. In the ring, 31 bulls, 18 breeder sows and 12 sheep sold for about \$5,000.

By the time the show was over, it boasted a net profit of \$1,500. One of the expenses was \$100 for liability insurance, which turned out to be well worth the cost... during one event, a bull got loose and jumped into the bleachers - and those bleachers didn't turn out to be too sturdy.

Entertainment turned out to be top notch, including the likes of Minnie Pearl, the Hoosier Hotshots, Grandpa Jones and Guy Lombardo. Peggy Lee, one of the state's most successful musicians, came home to perform in 1950, and despite the cold March weather, a parade took place down Central Avenue, with Peggy waving to friends and fans from an open convertible. She also awarded the purple ribbons to the junior futurity winners, telling them that when she was in 4-H as a child, her project was a Guernsey calf.

Governor Langer officially opened that first Winter Show by saying, "(This) is something which belongs not only to Valley City and this county, but to North Dakota as a whole, and the people throughout the state will become increasingly proud of this event."

He was right. Because the decision was made to grow slowly and carefully, the Winter Show has ended up a hugely successful annual event. The only year that had less than usual activity was 1945, when restrictions due to World War II caused the planners to cancel all exhibits except the livestock sales. But the Show itself isn't the only thing to improve over the years; in 1956, Nelson Crow, publisher of livestock journals in Los Angeles and Denver, wrote, "The North Dakota Winter Show has become one of the nation's widely recognized livestock events, because... the state's breeders and stockmen continually come out with better and better animals."

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 Wed., March 22  
 4:00 p.m.  
 Foster Co. Courthouse  
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**Florence Township**  
**Annual Meeting & Election**  
 Tues., March 21  
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**Glenfield Township**  
**Annual Meeting & Election**  
 Tues., March 21  
 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.  
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 Keith Johnson, Clerk

**Longview Township**  
**Annual Meeting & Election**  
 Tues., March 21  
 6:00 p.m.  
 Dennis Montgomery  
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 Dennis Montgomery, Clerk

**McKinnon Township**  
**Annual Meeting & Election**  
 Tues., March 21  
 10:00 a.m.  
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The Foster County Weed Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids, including the right to waive irregularities.

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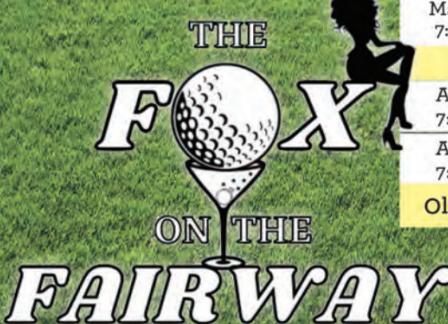
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**1 p.m.** Join us for a Sprayer Service Clinic presented by Case-IH & High Plains Equipment sprayer specialists.

### CARRINGTON >> Tues., March 14

**10 a.m.** Sprayer Service Clinic

**1 p.m.** Agronomist, Jason Hanson, will cover questions on the 2023 crop season. Crop input, weeds, chemicals, fertilizer rates for the upcoming growing season.

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