

Local students attend Eco Ed day

New Rockford-Sheyenne and Warwick students traveled to Camp Grafton South, just 15 miles east of New Rockford for the annual Eco Ed day, which is put on by the Eddy County Soil Conservation District.

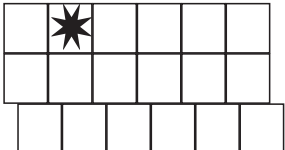
At right: A group of students learn about the animals that often inhabit wetlands in North Dakota. The students were able to see and pass around pelts of various animals such as an otter, mink, red fox and much more.

The groups of students in grades 5 and 6 rotated stations throughout the morning, spending 30 minutes learning about ecology, including soil, wildlife and wetlands. Photo by Nathan Price.



Sheyenne

by Patti Clifton



Dean and Shirley Arneson broke ground on their new building on Sunnyside Avenue last week. That is the 4th new "shop" built on 2nd and 3rd Streets recently in Sheyenne.

Fall is definitely in the air after Labor Day. The wheat harvest is wrapping up. Honey producers are packing up the hive boxes from the rural locations to move south.

Sandra Larson was home for the long weekend. While here, she helped water the new trees around town and worked on grant writing. After working remotely on Tuesday, she headed back to Minneapolis avoiding the heavy Labor Day traffic on Monday.

Monday afternoon, Sandra and Patti Larson got together with David and Karen Anderson and Shelley Rigsby out at the Anderson farm.

Sheyenne City Council met on September 1. All council members, Brian Rieger and Patti Larson attended.

Grace Ivesdal, Community Forestry Specialist from the North Dakota Forest Service at NDSU, Fargo, was at Hendrickson Park on Wednesday doing a tree inventory. Sheyenne will have a digital record of tree size, variety and location mapped for future planning reference. All 20 new trees planted last year are doing well.

Gavin Brown and Leben Masonry from Devils Lake

formed the concrete pad and sign pillar in front of the Sinclair station on Wednesday. Dave Brown continued to do skid steer dirt work to the north of the building.

Eddy County road crew was in town Wednesday filling in potholes in the streets.

Community Quilters were pleasantly surprised when Stella Papacheck of Devils Lake showed up to join them. After reading about the Sheyenne quilting group in the Sheyenne news, she decided to join in the fun. Stella has a connection in a couple of ways, she is a shirttail relative of Dwain Brown and was a neighbor to Barb Eversvik. It took no time to layer and tie the first quilt with Randy Keller, LaRhae Dodds, Karen Birkeland, Barb Eversvik and Stella around the table. Patti Larson sewed around the binding, completing one quilt before she had to leave for a field shuttle run. Stella shared what her Devils Lake quilting group does to make piecing the top easy. They use 1/2 blocks to start every other row, staggering the seams like brickwork. Several more tops were laid out and planned while Barb sorted some more of the blocks by color. Everyone enjoyed visiting over coffee around 3:30 p.m.

The Open Season Lodge gym had a large photo and memento display of the life of

Chuck Novotny, who started Chuck Novotny Construction in Sheyenne in 2020, at his funeral service Wednesday evening. Family, friends, neighbors, employees and customers mourn his passing. Sheyenne extends condolences to Ashley.

A cold wind moved in on Thursday, but it didn't stop the crew that was scheduled to clean the Sheyenne water tower.

Saturday morning, Sheyenne GRIT board members met at the senior center. All but Sharon Whitmer attended. Sharon joined by phone. A playground committee update, grant progress and other old business was discussed. New business included allowing Strengthen ND to use Sheyenne GRIT as a case study (this will involve video and interviews later in October); Sheyenne GRIT becoming an AmeriCorps host site; and a community-wide GRIT

meeting Friday, Sept. 26, at 7 p.m. at the senior center was scheduled.

Dianne Hanson called bingo for Sheyenne Civic Association on September 6. Bob Hanson and Kathy Albrecht sold cards and Darlene Kolstad served lunch. Blackout was \$275 on September 13 when Sheyenne GRIT hosted.

With a full moon, clear sky and no wind Saturday night, frost found its way into some gardens and fields around Sheyenne.

Patti Larson's cousin Diane Yri stopped by on Saturday to cut some flowers ahead of the frost. Diane has taken flower arranging classes in Hawaii and Okinawa, both places she has lived being a military family.

Monday afternoon, Patti Clifton dropped off birthday greetings to Cindy Hegland.

Jan Loe and Steph were in Jamestown on Monday for medical appointments.

IMMEDIATE OPENING

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We're seeking a Customer Engagement Specialist for our downtown Carrington newspaper office. This frontline staff person will communicate with customers by phone, through email and in person; manage office supply inventory and deliver custom orders; process legal notices, community calendar submissions and obituaries; maintain our subscriber database and complete postal paperwork.

This is a great opportunity for someone looking for a position that coordinates with the school schedule, as our office hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays. Benefits include supplemental insurance, six paid holidays and paid time off.

Experience is not necessary, as a self-motivated person with a positive attitude, commitment to customer service and strong work ethic can be trained to succeed.

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701 Rundown

by Leasa A. Lura

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.

Shroud of Turin comes to Fargo

The Shroud of Turin is a centuries-old linen cloth that bears the image of a crucified man. A man that millions believe to be Jesus of Nazareth. Is it really the cloth that wrapped his crucified body, or is it simply a medieval forgery, a hoax perpetrated by some clever artist? Modern science has completed hundreds of thousands of hours of detailed study and intense research on the Shroud. It is, in fact, the single most studied artifact in human history so we know more about it today than we ever have before. And yet, the controversy still rages.

A replica of the Shroud was on display at St. Mary's Cathedral in Fargo, Aug. 24-31.

The exhibit presented the results of a comprehensive scientific, historical and forensic study with numerous photographs and illustrations. The exhibit was the work of the Center for the Study of the Passion of Christ and the Holy Shroud and Monsignor Giulio Ricci and other scientists, who spent more than 25 years researching the Holy Shroud.

Part of the uncertainty as to the authenticity of the Shroud arises from its historical record. Of course, the Shroud is believed to be the burial cloth used by Joseph of Arimathea to wrap the body of Jesus for burial. Documentation shows that the Shroud indeed was displayed in the cities of Jerusalem, Edessa (500) and Constantinople (1092). King Louis VII of France venerated the Shroud in Constantinople in 1147. In August, 1203, Robert de Clari, a French crusader, reported seeing the Shroud in Constantinople.

(Story taken from the Walsh County Record)

Reelin' in a special opportunity

This year, four middle school boys on two teams of two represented the state at The Bass Federation's 2025 Junior World Championship in South Dakota, compared to the norm of one team.

Ironically, both teams (and all four young fishermen) from North Dakota hailed from Hazen.

"It was pretty fun," Hank Mettler said. "It was the first time for any of us."

Hank and Easton Owens made up one of the teams. The two fished together as a team last year as well but did not place. This year, however, the team won the Nelson Lake Junior Tournament on May 4, allowing the boys to qualify for the national competition.

On June 7, a second state fishing contest was held at the Spiritwood Junior Tournament. The winners of the second tournament: Jackston Schiferl and Max Juntunen, also both from Hazen.

"We also fished in the Nelson Lake Tournament," Max said. "We got third place."

"We didn't really think that we had a big chance, 'cause we were new," Max said. "We didn't know that we would do that good. But when we started pre-fishing, that's when we started to figure it out."

While the two groups remained separate teams, all four Hazen boys found themselves making their way to South Dakota July 30-Aug. 1 for the Junior World Championship on Lake Oahe. A total of 69 teams competed in the championship, with Jackston and Max finishing 45th and Easton and Henry 53rd.

(Story by Daniel Arens, the Hazen Star)

Hatton city sets deadline for chickens to fly the coop

Residents in Hatton running afoul of the city's chicken ban have been given a Jan. 1, 2026 deadline to close down their coops or risk receiving a heavy fine from the city.

Mayor Stu Letcher reminded members of the Hatton City Council that the city's updated ordinances allow the city to issue fines up to \$1,000 to residents who violate the city's ban on chickens and other livestock.

Earlier this summer, city council members approved a new ordinance book, filled with model ordinances from the North Dakota League of Cities, banning chickens, cattle, sheep, goats and other animals not considered pets.

City council members moved to crack down on chicken ownership inside city limits, although they agreed to provide a grace period until January 1 for violators to come into compliance with the ban.

(Story by Cole Short, the Hillsboro Banner)

Johnson prepares for life as a nun

When she was a young girl growing up in Crosby, JoBeth Johnson thought that nuns were something from the past, not people that still existed.

Now, at 24, Johnson is preparing to become one.

This month, Johnson will be joining the Order of the Monastic Sisters of Bethlehem of the Assumption of the Virgin and of Saint Bruno, in upstate New York.

The Sisters of Bethlehem is a cloistered religious order dedicated to prayer.

"A lot of their day is lived in silence, not for silence's sake, but to foster continual prayer," Johnson said.

Johnson describes the decision to join the Sisters of Bethlehem as a calling, one that she first felt as a teenager.

Although Johnson will join the community on Sept. 15, she will not become a nun right away. The process from entering a religious community to taking final vows is a long one.

"All in all, it's like seven to 10 years."

(Story by John Bayer, the Journal, Crosby)

Persistent pest causes power outage across region

On Tuesday morning, Sept. 2, a squirrel caused a disruption at the Harvey substation, resulting in a power outage that impacted several surrounding communities, including Anamoose, Drake, Fessenden, Harvey, Manfred and Martin.

The Otter Tail Power Company electric grid allowed power to be rerouted and crews were able to begin restoring electricity within the hour. Power was returned to Anamoose, Drake and Martin, while Fessenden and Manfred saw service restored roughly an hour later.

The Harvey community remained without power until just before midnight due to the location of the damage and the complexity of the necessary repairs. Many businesses shut down midday with no available power source.

The outage was caused by a squirrel.

"Witnesses near the substation may have seen a bright electrical arc caused by the squirrel's contact with the equipment."

This is not the first time an animal has caused a major outage in the region. Following a similar incident in 2021, the utility company installed several preventative measures to deter wildlife.

(Story by Anne Ehni, the Herald-Press, Harvey)

Resources for Veterans

by Julie Shrock, Eddy County VSO officer

How about a lift?

Veterans in highly rural North Dakota counties can get free transportation to VA-authorized medical appointments through the Highly Rural Transportation Grant (HRTG), administered by the North Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs (ND-DVA). Eddy County Veterans Service Office has been working with the head of North

Dakota's DVA Transportation to provide options for free transportation to VA medical appointments in Fargo or Grand Forks, as well as other locations. We will be working collaboratively with other rural counties to meet this need in Eddy County. Please call Julie at (701) 302-8087 for more information and to arrange VA transportation.

HELP CONTROL NOXIOUS WEEDS

Cost-share assistance available to Eddy County landowners

The Eddy County Weed Board reminds all landowners that state law requires the control of noxious weeds.

4.1-47-02 Control of noxious weeds

1) Each person shall do all things necessary and proper to control the spread of noxious weeds

2) No person may distribute, sell or offer for sale within this state, a noxious weed

The Eddy County Weed Board is offering a cost share program for chemical for control of noxious weeds on qualifying land. Cost share rates are as follows:

- 80% cost share for Tordon up to 10 gallons
- 50% cost share for 2-4D up to 20 gallons
- The 2-4D must be tank mixed with Tordon at 2:1 (2 parts 2-4D to 1 part Tordon)
- 80% cost share for Plateau (or the generic version) up to 4 gallons
- 50% cost share for Milestone up to 5 gallons

In order to receive reimbursement, you must submit:

- (1) Invoice or receipt to prove purchase of chemical
- (2) A copy of the maps with sprayed areas highlighted
- (3) **The legal description of the land sprayed**

They can be mailed to Eddy County Weed Board, 205 3rd St SE, New Rockford, N.D. or dropped off at the Eddy County Extension office or emailed to eddywco@outlook.com. **Requests for reimbursement must be received at the weed board office by no later than Nov. 1, 2025. Sorry, no exceptions!** If you have questions contact Donna Young at (701) 954-9910.

NOTE: Each invoice submitted must have the requestor's name printed on it. We will NOT accept an invoice with the husband/dad's name on it and then it whited out and the son's/wife/daughters name written over the top or something to that affect. If you want to take advantage of the full reimbursement limits, plan ahead when you are buying the chemical. DO NOT expect us to try to fix it a few months later.

The reimbursement submission must have all (3) requirements listed above; or it will be discarded. Any requests submitted after Nov. 1 will also be discarded. Spraying is generally wrapped up in Sept. or Oct. at the latest. That is plenty of time to get them in by Nov. 1. Your cooperation is appreciated.