

4-H'ers donate to Hunger Free Food Pantry



Eddy County 4-H'ers gathered Sunday, Oct. 12, at the NDSU Extension Office in observation of National 4-H Week. The youth organized a food drive, in which 331 pounds of non-perishable food items were collected from community members and donated to the Hunger Free Food Pantry at the First Lutheran Church.

At left: The 4-H youth who participated with donated food for the Hunger Free Food Pantry after their food drive over National 4-H Week. Courtesy photo.

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CULVERTS—

result of little-to-no elevation change.

Langley had requested the county conduct a stream crossing study to determine whether the existing stream crossing meets state standards, but the county rejected that request late last year.

He was instead told that he could hire a private land surveyor to conduct a study at his own expense, and that's exactly what he did.

According to a drainage report conducted by Daniel V. Fischer of Fischer Land Surveying & Engineering, "the current configuration of Eddy County Road No. 4 has changed the natural drainage pattern."

Fischer's report also notes that the area only has a slope of 0-2%, which contributes to the slow drainage, but ultimately concludes that changes should be made to culverts near Langley's property.

"The culverts in the two field approaches should be removed to return the drainage pattern to original conditions before the man-made ditch on the west side of Co. Rd. 4 changed the drainage pattern, and a culvert should be installed ... under Eddy Co. Rd. 4," states the drainage report.

After acquiring this report, Langley also retained J. Bruce Gibbens of Gibbens Law Office out of Cando, N.D., who wrote a letter to the Eddy County Commission suggesting the county follow through on the findings of Fischer's drainage report.

"Eddy County has a duty under [N.D. Century Code] to construct the road and ditches so that the water follows the natural course according to the original surface and terrain," writes Gibbens in his letter.

"The construction by Eddy County of the west ditch has altered the natural flow of the water and allowed it to flow south flooding acreage owned by my client."

Eddy County State's Attor-

ney Ashley Lies wrote a letter in response not long after, signaling a willingness to consider the proposed changes, but only if several conditions are met first.

However, she also argues in the letter that making the proposed changes - namely removing two existing culverts and adding a new one to allow for better drainage - would only benefit Langley himself, and not other landowners in the area.

"Per Fischer's own report, the current crossing meets the required standards set forth in the North Dakota Century Code and the North Dakota Administrative code," states Lies in her response. "To allow the proposed changes your client is requesting would only benefit him."

She also adds that the county's engineer - Interstate Engineering, Inc. - is "not sure" if there would even be any drainage improvements accomplished by adding the culvert under Eddy County Road 4.

Nevertheless, she says there are actions Langley could take to potentially sway the county's position.

"The County is not completely unwilling to consider these changes but more information is necessary to evaluate its impacts to neighboring landowners," states Lies, who goes on to list several actions the county would require Langley to take. That list includes the following:

- Survey the property to the east of this location to determine the impacts to the property of the added culvert.
- Evaluate additional impacts to backwaters if the approach culverts were to be removed.
- Evaluate any impacts to the south of the approach if the culverts were to be removed.
- Acquire professional engineer-stamped calculations that the proposed culvert would meet N.D. Century Code and N.D. Administrative Code requirements.

• Complete solicitations to help assure there are no agency considerations that would need to be addressed or considered - namely the identification of wetlands and the possible impacts on wetlands.

"Once all of this information is obtained and found acceptable by the county, the county would then require easements from impacted landowners to help assure acceptance with the proposed improvements," states Lies in her response.

As of press time on Oct. 16, the county had not yet received a response to Lies' letter.

Langley, meanwhile, told the Transcript that it appears he and the county are at an impasse. However, he is waiting for a response from his attorney before determining what further action he may take.

CONFLICTS—

der consideration in pending litigation," she added.

There are currently four lawsuits pending in district court, filed by Eddy County residents regarding several grievances they've expressed on numerous occasions, including alleged conflicts of interest, lack of public input and adopting wind energy regulations they feel aren't strict enough.

Eddy County has retained an attorney from the N.D. Insurance Reserve Fund to handle the lawsuits, and no official response from the county has been filed as of press time.

Despite not having an AG's opinion and four lawsuits pending in district court, Eddy County State's Attorney Ashley Lies said she doesn't expect any delays in permitting for Flickertail Wind.

Paul White of PRC Wind, the company developing the proposed wind farm, has said permits could be coming to townships as soon as this month, followed shortly by the permit applications to Eddy and Wells counties.

At that time, Lies said zoning commissioners and county commissioners will have to disclose any conflicts of interest they have, which would include any commissioner with a "personal and pecuniary interest" in the Flickertail Wind project.

However, such a conflict of interest doesn't automatically preclude commissioners from voting.

N.D. Century Code instead requires the full board to take a vote on whether a commissioner with a conflict of interest can still have a vote, or must recuse themselves from voting on that topic. Therefore, it will be up to the Eddy County Zoning Board and the Eddy County Commission to decide whether their conflicted commissioners can vote.

BUS—

contracted bus driver ahead of this school year, as well as approving a 2025-26 budget that was over \$200,000 in the black.

The accepted bid was for a new 2025 Chevy Collins 14-passenger yellow school bus, costing the district \$99,900.

The bus will have a 2025 or newer chassis, a 6.6L gas engine with a block heater and hydraulic brakes, among several other comfort and safety features.

Unlike their most recent purchase of an activity bus - which took years to be delivered - board member Mike Schaefer said this one is expected to be delivered within days, potentially as soon as October 23 or as late as October 28.

In other business from Tuesday's meeting, the school board also accepted bids to wrap up the interior of their new bus barn, and will be advertising for bids for a heating unit for the building.

The school district's next regular meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 10.

Community Calendar

COMMUNITY ROLLERSKATING HALLOWEEN PARTY on Friday, Oct. 24 at the Brown Memorial from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wear your costumes! \$3 to skate, free to watch.

EAGLES HALLOWEEN PARTY on Saturday, Oct. 25 from 6-11 p.m. Join us for live music by DJ Howling Horse, free-will spooky snacks, games and pumpkin painting.

FIRST LUTHERAN FALL DINNER & BAKE SALE on Sunday, Oct. 26 at Ostby Hall in Sheyenne from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. To-go plates available.

NR LIONS CLUB TRUNK OR TREAT on Friday, Oct. 31 from 5-7 p.m. at the Brown Memorial Building. Contact Kristi Swenson (701) 302-0155 or Jodi Hirschert (701) 302-0070 if you want a table to hand out candy.

EDDY COUNTY ROD & GUN CLUB range will be open on Saturday, Nov. 1 and Sunday, Nov. 2 for non-members to sight their guns from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you are interested in becoming a member, you can call Adnan at (701) 947-2091.

SPAGHETTI DINNER BENEFIT for Nick Thompson on Sunday, Nov. 2 at Ostby Hall from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

FALL TURKEY SUPPER at First Lutheran Church in New Rockford on Sunday, Nov. 9 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Delivery available for \$5 fee from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Call (701) 947-2478 after 3:30 p.m. on November 9.

SHEYENNE VFW meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Sheyenne VFW Post 2696.

BINGO at Ostby Hall in Sheyenne every Saturday at 7 p.m. Last bingo of the year is October 25. Winter break four months. Bingo resumes March 7, 2026.

OCTOBER ITEM OF THE MONTH at the Eddy County Hunger Free Food Pantry is stuffing mixes to include in the Christmas boxes for families that participate in the "Share the Joy" project. Donations can be dropped off at First Lutheran Church, 436 1st Ave. N, New Rockford.

EDDY CO. VETERAN SERVICE OFFICER Same day appointments available. Please call (701) 302-8087.

RELAX & RETREAT MASSAGE now offering massage therapy through VA Community Care Program. For more information, call (701) 302-0325.

TOPS 370 is a weight loss support group. Meetings are on Mondays at 5 p.m. at First Lutheran Church in New Rockford. For more information call (701) 947-2138.

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

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

FOOT CARE CLINIC every third Wednesday of the month at Eddy County Public Health. Call (701) 947-5311 for appointments. Cost is \$25.

EDDY-NEW ROCKFORD LIBRARY BOARD meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 5 p.m.

NEW ROCKFORD POST OFFICE has a new phone number, (701) 505-8842. The office is open 9-11 a.m. and 12:30-4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

SHEYENNE POST OFFICE also has a new phone number, (701) 404-1149. Open 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Monday - Friday.

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

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