

## Harlow Happenings

By Sheri Tuchscherer - 466-2632

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Helen Arnold enjoyed a long weekend with Ann and Bill Linden. They arrived in Esmond Thursday and were able to stay until Sunday. Holly Arnold and Annika Biegler came Saturday to see everyone. Helen always enjoys spending time with her family and, of course, the more the merrier.

Weather permitted Dorothy Brown to make her weekly trek to Devils Lake Thursday to get her hair done and groceries bought. Daughter Jerrilyn Coglan came Friday night. Often when Jerrilyn comes, that means Dorothy is likely going to be doing something different and fun. Saturday, the two of them moseyed on over to Harvey to do some shopping. On second thought, Jerrilyn is a get-it-done kind of person. So maybe they didn't mosey on over to Harvey but simply drove there. Anyway, they took in St. Cecilia Catholic Church's annual winter rummage sale. A big rummage sale like that is not only a fundraiser but a social event. Besides checking out everything to see if anything catches your eye, you are going to run into people you know. That usually means taking the time to visit and catch up. Gotta love small towns. It was a quick trip for Jerrilyn. With a storm coming in later in the evening, Jerrilyn headed back home Saturday. Dorothy's son and daughter-in-law, Mark and Kathy Brown of Colorado, came home over the weekend. Dorothy's grandson Matt arrived Sunday.

Karen and Roger Hill's darling daughter Rachel Cunningham visited them with the purpose of setting them up to watch a game online via YouTube. The Benson County (Maddock/Leeds) girls basketball team was playing LaMoure-Litchville/Marion in Jamestown. Lacie Fautsch, daughter of JoLynn Hill and stepdaughter of Alecz Hill, was playing on the Benson County team. It certainly is nice to be able to watch these games online if you can't make it to the game in person. Espe-

### Club to meet

The Esmond Golden Age Club meets the second Tuesday of each month at 2 p.m. at the Esmond Fire Hall. The next meeting is February 10.

### GFWC Timely Topics meets

GFWC Timely Topics gathered at the Senior Center in Minnewaukan for the January 28 meeting. The program topic was "Ask Shelley." Roll call was answered by six members asking Benson County Public Health Nurse Shelley Aabrekke medical questions. She answered our many questions and concerns on several medical issues. Jeanne Schlenker was hostess. The next meeting will be February 25 with a program on historic schools.

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## Sunshine from Sheyenne

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After church at St. Boniface Saturday night, Connie and Kenny Keller stopped in to see Connie's mom, Alice Wack. Besides visiting, they got into a card game called Garbage. I've never heard of that one before. Hmm. Sounds interesting. I might have to learn to play that one.

Last fall, Loren Preuss was intrigued how there were a couple of ducks that seemed to always hang out around the same spot in the coulee way south of Esmond. Well, guess what? They are still there and they aren't going anywhere. Later in the fall, Loren's curiosity got the best of him and he had to check them out. Turns out they were decoys and now they are frozen solid in the coulee waiting to be retrieved in the spring.

I am not too bad at remembering names. However, there are days that it happens, as you will see. As I have written before, here at St. Aloisius we have happy hour from time to time. I enjoy going to it. Not to have an adult beverage, but to socialize. It's fun to visit with all sorts of people. If you haven't noticed through the years, we Rieger kids like to visit. Something we definitely inherited from our parents. Anyway, at the last happy hour, Esmond's former postmaster, Laurie, was there to visit a friend. It was good to see her. Notice I didn't say Laurie's last name? It is stuck in my head somewhere and it is not coming out. I know exactly when I will remember it -- after this newspaper goes to press. I saw Judge Hager at a recent church service here. I didn't get a chance to visit with him, though. If you don't know who Judge Hager is, he is from our neck of the woods. My parents knew him well. If they ever mentioned his name, it was always Judge Hager. Let us not confuse him, though, with EHS class of 1973 Judge Donald Hager, Presiding Judge, Chambers: Grand Forks NECJD #1, State of North Dakota Courts.

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My sister Cindy Wilhelm came to visit Thursday. So glad she did. I needed it. She had me laughing for sure as she described her latest battle . . . Cindy vs. the squirrels. There is a bird feeder not too many feet from the kitchen window. It is easy to observe and it is fun to watch all the birds that visit it. But then there are the squirrels. They like to visit it, too, but aren't exactly welcomed guests. One morning, maybe with a coffee cup in hand, Cindy looked out the window and the bird feeder had been taken over. I know exactly when I will remember it -- after this newspaper goes to press. I saw Judge Hager at a recent church service here. I didn't get a chance to visit with him, though. If you don't know who Judge Hager is, he is from our neck of the woods. My parents knew him well. If they ever mentioned his name, it was always Judge Hager. Let us not confuse him, though, with EHS class of 1973 Judge Donald Hager, Presiding Judge, Chambers: Grand Forks NECJD #1, State of North Dakota Courts.

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Super Bowl Sunday is on the horizon with all its fanfare. Super Bowl parties are being planned across the country. The gaming is important, but the food is right up there with it. I can't say I am a big fan or that I will be tuned in to watch it. Living in North Dakota where the vast majority of people are Viking fans, I am wondering who you Viking fans will cheer for this year. The Seahawks or the Patriots? My sister Yvonne said she is cheering for the Seahawks because she really likes their colors. Not really, but she has always liked a lime green, navy color palette. She actually knows more Seahawk fans than Patriot fans. Why? There are a lot more native North Dakotans in Washington state than in New England. Many of them love their Seahawks and probably still have a soft spot in their hearts for the Vikings.

But for this game, Yvonne will join the former North Dakotans' Seahawk fan club. Have a great weekend, everyone, and may your favorite team win . . . or the one you have the most money bet on.

The afternoon will focus on practical, up-to-date information for both new and experienced producers. The workshop is organized by Traci Trostad, NDSU Extension agriculture and natural resources agent in Nelson County, and Bailey Schroeder, NDSU Extension agriculture and natural resources agent in Walsh County.

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## Maddock school menu, events

Feb. 5: Mini French toast; chicken burger, green beans, mixed fruit.

Feb. 6: Yogurt; hot ham and cheese, peaches, peaches.

Feb. 9: Sweet roll; crispitos, cheese sauce, corn, tropical fruit.

Feb. 10: Breakfast bagel; chicken pasta supreme, peas, pineapple.

Feb. 11: Sausage and pancake bites; pulled pork, bun, baked beans, pears.

Feb. 12: Omelet w/hash browns; teriyaki chicken, rice, broccoli, mixed fruit.

Feb. 13, 16: No school.

All breakfasts served with cereal, toast, juice, fruit and milk. All lunches served with salad bar and choice of milk.

Feb. 5 CTE day for juniors/seniors in Devils Lake; V/JV/JH boys BB at North Prairie 4:30 p.m.

Feb. 7: JH boys BB at TGU 11 a.m.; V/JV girls and boys BB at TGU 1 p.m.

Feb. 9: DOT safety presentation for PK-12; V/JV/JH boys BB vs. St. John at Leeds (senior night)

Feb. 10: School board meeting 7 a.m. (retreat to follow)

Feb. 11: ASVAB for juniors; Hoops for Heart in gym 12:20 p.m.; Mathcounts 12:30 p.m.; kindergarten visits Memorial Home; parent/teacher conferences 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Feb. 12: Parent/teacher conferences 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.; V/JV/JH boys BB vs. Warwick at Maddock 4:30 p.m.

Feb. 13, 14, 16: Girls BB district tournament at Maddock.

Feb. 14: Boys region wrestling.

## Apply for water resources scholarship by April 15

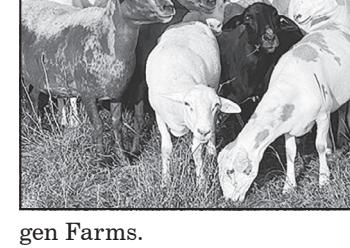
The ND Water Education Foundation's (NDWEF) deadline for applications for the Dushinske and Jamison Water Resources Scholarship is April 15, 2026. Four \$1,500 scholarships will be awarded to qualified students.

The NDWEF, family, friends and colleagues of Russell Dushinske and Warren Jamison have established a scholarship endowment in their memory. The Dushinske and Jamison Water Resources Scholarship Endowment recognizes their distinguished service, dedicated leadership and lifelong devotion to water development in North Dakota. The Dushinske and Jamison Water Resources Scholarship Endowment will provide scholarships to four deserving students who currently attend or plan to attend a North Dakota college or university. Preference will be given, but scholarships are not limited to, students studying a water-related field or whose families have had an active role in North Dakota water management.

"This endowment is a testament to the commitment and effort both these water leaders gave to water projects and water organizations in North Dakota," says Dani Quissell, NDWEF's executive director.

Scholarship applications are available by calling the NDWEF office at 701-223-8332, emailing [editor@ndwater.net](mailto:editor@ndwater.net) or visiting [www.ndwater.org/scholarships/](http://www.ndwater.org/scholarships/) and clicking on the scholarship application link.

Contributions to the endowment can be made to the NDWEF at PO Box 2254, Bismarck, ND 58502.



## Sheep producer workshop is Feb. 28 near Brocket

Area sheep producers and anyone interested in learning more about sheep health and production are invited to NDSU Extension's sheep producers workshop Saturday, Feb. 28 at Lillehaugen Farms near Brocket.

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