

## Harlow Happenings

By Sheri Tuchscherer - 466-2632

Yippee, February is here along with temperatures above zero degrees. Of course we have not seen the end of that minus sign, snowstorms or icy roads, but we are getting nearer to saying “goodbye” to them for the year. We have trudged through the snow and dragged our sleds to the top of the hill and now we are beginning our awaited descent into spring. Here is wishing all of us a pleasant, smooth, fun-filled ride. Even though I gripe about the downside of winter, I am very happy that we live in a part of the country where we get to experience four seasons. The weather within each season offers us a vast range of experiences. We are blessed.

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 Coghlan 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 Alec 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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cially if great-grandchildren are playing.

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. Hmmm. 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. Whew! Even though Don grew up just a few miles down the road from him. I don't know why they always called him Judge Hager. I vaguely remember my dad telling us how Judge Hager got that nickname. “Vague” being the keyword here. I do know his first name, but at the moment it is stuck in the same spot in my head as Laurie's last name. Uff-dah!

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

by a trio of squirrels. Cindy, in her robe, took off outdoors to chase them away. Good ride-dance. This wasn't the first time they had raided the bird feeder. It had been going on all winter. Yes, our winters are harsh and little creatures need food. But these squirrels are downright roly-poly fat. There is no starving going on there. It didn't take long before the squirrels were back. This time they had recruited another to join their army. Once again, Cindy came flying out of the house yelling and chased them away. She figured she could fix the problem by throwing out fruit and vegetable scraps for them to eat. They did come back and they loved the fruit and vegetable scraps. Cindy was happy she had solved the problem. But had she? The next time she looked out the window, there they were. Up in the bird feeder again. Those little pigs! My goodness, they can pack away the food. Thrice again, Cindy came charging out of the house to chase them off. Hoping by this time, those fat little rodents had eaten enough and would not return so the birds could get some food. You all know where this is going, don't you? The next time Cindy looked out the window, those little buggers were back again. Crapola! The heaviest and porkiest of them all was laying in the feeder eating. The nerve of that little creature. For the fourth time, a still-robe-clad Cindy was back outside shouting at the oblivious we-could-care-less squirrels. Having become so frustrated with these little villains, several expletives escaped her mouth. At that point Cindy realized that her battle with the squirrels had all been captured on cameras on the farm. Expletives, robe and all. (I'd like to see those video clips sometime.) Cindy gave up and retreated back into the house, knowing the battle would continue another day. By that point, those chunky little varmints likely knew they had won and were laughing their furry little heads off. They better watch out, though. It wouldn't surprise me at all if all the skinny, hungry birds were tired of their food being stolen and were making a plan to dive bomb and attack those selfish, food-hoarding squirrels. If so, those squirrels are in for a battle they can't win. They will learn not to mess with angry hungry skinny chicks!

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.

## Sunshine from Sheyenne

By Patti Clifton - 996-2481

Brandon Kolstad Memorial Coyote Hunt is coming up. This year, the time frame is extended to a 24-hour hunt on March 6-7. Registration is 5 to 6 p.m. at Wild Things Taxidermy, Main Street, Sheyenne, March 6. A meal will be served and cash prizes awarded Saturday evening, March 7, 6 p.m. Call Matt (740-1052) or Taylor (302-0223) for information.

Sheyenne Stampede kick-off event offers discount Stampede 2026 tickets at the New Rockford Eagles Club February 21. Chili and fry bread at 6 p.m., silent auction and gun raffle, followed by live music at 8 p.m. A great event to get together and support the rodeo club.

Cheryl Logan spaghetti benefit is Sunday, Feb. 22, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Ostby Hall. Free-will offering will help with medical/travel costs as she battles lung cancer and is doctoring in Fargo. Thrivent support helps with expenses. To volunteer to help, contact Dianne at 996-4721.

Laurie Westby, Patti Larson and Josslyn Hager attended the murder mystery dinner theatre production by the Fort Totten Little Theatre titled “Murder at the HOA” at the KC Hall in Devils Lake last Thursday. Several other Sheyenne residents also enjoyed the performance which included four actors with Sheyenne connections: Kim, Ramsey and Gavin Brown, as well as Cambree Blegen.

First Lutheran held its annual meeting February 1. After worship, the council hosted a lunch of barbecues, potato chips, pickles and desserts for everyone to enjoy. After dishes were done, council president Matt Ystaas called the meeting to order. Irene Cudworth, secretary, read the minutes of the 2025 annual meeting. The council slate of officers will remain the same for the coming year: Matt Ystaas, president; Diane Karlsbraaten, vice president; Irene Cudworth, secretary; Dianne Hanson, financial secretary; Bob Hanson and David Karlsbraaten, council members. Old and new business were discussed. There was acknowledgement of Mary Ellen

Rue for 30 years of sharing her gift of music with the congregation. Going forward, Bonnie Deegan and Randy Keller will play for church services at First.

Jan Loe recently visited with LouAnn Nyhusmoen and David Donaldson at LHGS in New Rockford.

Grace Lutheran's annual meeting is Sunday, Feb. 8. Everyone is welcome to the potluck following 11 a.m. worship. Annual meeting takes place after lunch.

NDSU Extension is offering a couple of learning opportunities for area gardeners. Field to Fork webinars start February 11 and continue every Wednesday, 2 to 3 p.m., through April 15. Register to watch at home or join the watch party at the Eddy County Extension office in New Rockford. Topics vary each week from planting to food preservation. Watch for more on gardening information in the other series called Spring Fever Garden Forums. Call Eddy Co. Extension office for more information, 947-2454.

Sheyenne GRIT met last Wednesday evening at the senior center. Goals to work on for the upcoming year were discussed, as well as current grant opportunities. The next meeting was set for February 11.

Jan Loe and Steph met Jim and Marjean Woodrow, Brian and Pam Hill for lunch and a visit at Olive Garden in Grand Forks Saturday.

The big news for Sheyenne was the topic of the special meeting of the city council February 1. Clint Haman and Mark Lange, two of the partners of Sheyenne Bar, LLC, along with James Rindy, current owner of Rindy's Sheyenne Bar, attended the meeting to receive approval for the transfer of permit upon successful transfer of ownership. Last week, the State Historical Society of ND announced that the Sheyenne Bar was one of two North Dakota sites listed this year in the National Register of Historic Places. A school in Harvey was the other place designated to have historic significance.

## 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.

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.

“This will be a great chance for producers to visit with specialists, ask questions and see a working operation,” says Trostad. “We want folks to go home with ideas they can put to work right away in their own flocks.”

The program will begin at noon in the farm garage with a lamb-based meal catered by Dee Lillehaugen. The meal is provided at no cost to attendees due to sponsor support.

Following the meal, Luke Lillehaugen will share the history and overview of Lillehau-



gen Farms.

Dr. Jake Galbreath, NDSU Extension veterinarian, will provide updates on sheep health and veterinary issues. Lacey Quail, NDSU Extension livestock management specialist, will present on lambing preparation. Kelly Froehlich, American Sheep Industry Association education program developer, will discuss sheep dystocia. Travis Hoffman, NDSU Extension sheep specialist, will help facilitate discussion and questions throughout the afternoon.

The workshop will wrap up with a tour of the farm at 3 p.m.

Register at [ndsu.ag/sheep-prod-26](https://ndsu.ag/sheep-prod-26). For more information, including directions and registration details, contact the NDSU Extension offices in Nelson or Walsh counties.

Lillehaugen Farms is located at 5427 115th Ave NE, east of Brocket.

## Maddock school menu, events

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

Feb. 6: Yogurt; hot ham and cheese, peas, 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, 16: No school; President's Day break.

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/](https://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.

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