

GUEST

## Let them try something new this year

BY KYRIE DAUENHAUER



This past year has been a year of trying new things in the Dauenhauer home – especially for my daughters Peyton and Myleigh. You may be surprised at what's out there to do for children.

Peyton has been involved with Carrington Gymnastics since she was a tiny tot, literally. We started doing Parent-Tot classes with Tammy back in 2023 when Peyton was 2 years old.

Jump ahead three years and Peyton is now in an Intermediate class and loving every minute of it, and she was even asked to help “coach” alongside Tammy during her now-2-year-old sister Myleigh's class.

However, she was looking to try something new this school year.

So, we decided to check out dance during the off-season of gymnastics, November through March. Knowing how much she enjoyed gymnastics, it was clear that she would love to do dance as well. So we got her registered, as well as Myleigh, for the upcoming season.

Myleigh joined the youngest dance group – the Tinys – which consists of dancers ages 2-3 This age group performs during at least one basketball game and at the Spring Show.

Peyton, on the other hand, was placed with the Level 1 dancers, for girls ages 4 to kindergarten. This group performed at three basketball games, as well as the Spring Show.

Forever Dance's Level 2 includes students in grades 1-3 and Level 3 is for grades 4-6.

This winter, Peyton's “Uncle Jesse” convinced her to try out wrestling with Carrington Pit Crew with her cousin Luke. She was wary about it at first, but now enjoys it.

In fact, Peyton attended her first-ever North Dakota USA Wrestling Folkstyle State Tournament this past weekend. Just last week alone, she has had three wrestling practices, in addition to gymnastics, sometimes with practices back-to-back. She also was one of the five Wrestlers of the Week named from the beginner's practice Monday night.

Our weeks may get chaotic from time to time – especially this one with four evenings full of practices in Carrington – but seeing the happiness on my children's faces makes up for that every day.

I encourage you to let your kids try something new this year – a new sport, a new hobby, etc. The opportunities are endless.

Here are just a few activities that your children can get involved with at a young age in New Rockford and Carrington:

### Summer ball with New Rockford Park District

New Rockford Park District offers a youth baseball and slow-pitch softball program during the summer. Teams include T-ball (ages 5-6), Coach Pitch (ages 7-8 with separate girls and boys teams), Pee Wee (ages 9-10), Cal Ripken (ages 11-12), Babe Ruth (ages 13-15) and Slow-pitch Softball (ages 9-13). The age cut off for T-ball, Coach Pitch, Pee Wee, Cal Ripken and Babe Ruth is April 30, 2026. The cutoff for Slow-pitch Softball is Jan. 1, 2026. Follow the New Rockford Park District on Facebook, as the registration night is yet to be determined.

### Carrington Youth Baseball and Softball

Carrington offers a youth baseball and fast-pitch softball program every summer. Baseball – specifically T-ball, 10U, 12U and Babe Ruth – is for children ages 5 to 15 as of April 30, 2026. Girls ages 8-12 by August 31, 2025 can sign up for the Fast-pitch Softball team. Follow Carrington Youth Baseball and Softball on Facebook to register before the deadline of Friday, May 1.

### Carrington Soccer Club

CHS 2023 alum Jack Paulson started the Carrington Soccer Club back in 2023. Children ages 4-8 can join, and the practices work around the Carrington summer ball practices. The official registration date will be announced on their Facebook page. Follow Jack Paulson (Carrington Soccer Club) on Facebook for more information.

### Carrington Gymnastics

A recreational gymnastics class is offered twice a year – during the spring and fall. Classes include Parent-Tot, Preschool, Beginner, Advanced Beginner and Intermediate. Follow Carrington Gymnastics on Facebook for more info.

### Forever Dance in Carrington

Dance runs from November through the beginning week of March. Dancers can start as young as 2 years old and up to sixth grade. Follow Forever Dance on Facebook and keep an eye out for their next dance registration.

### New Rockford Youth Basketball Association

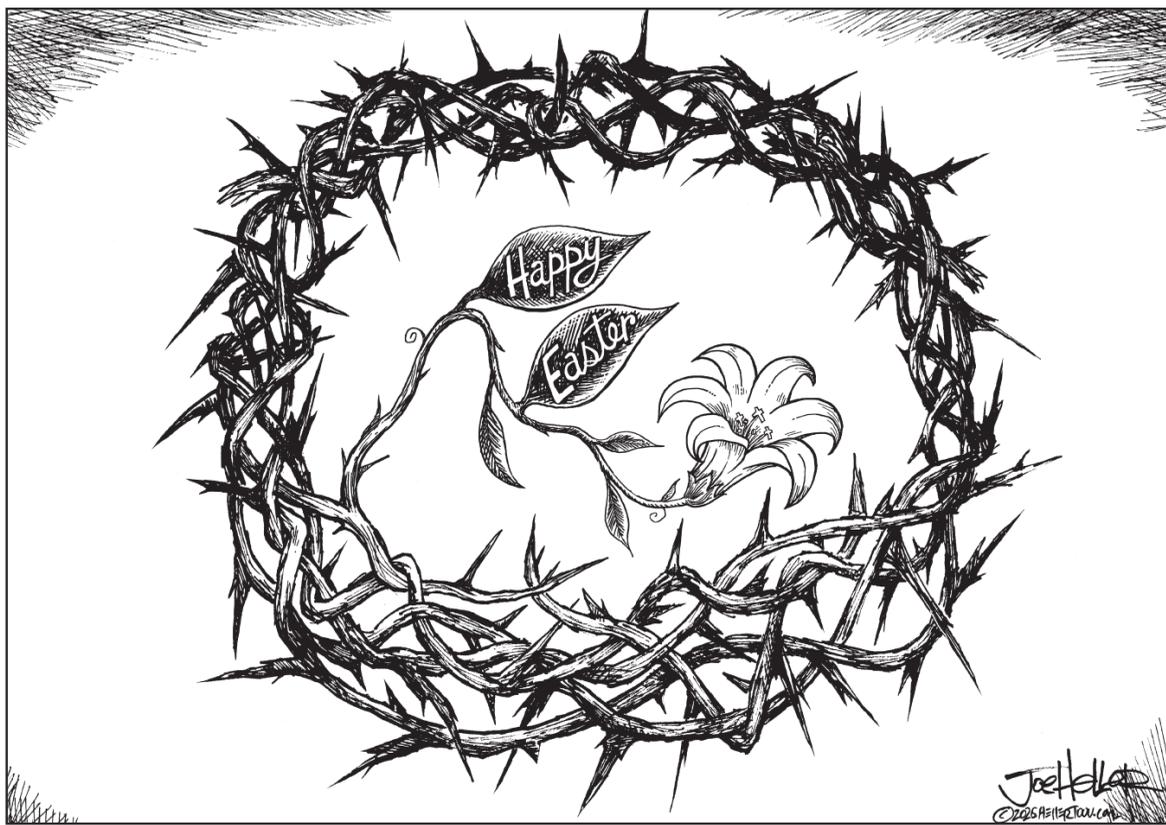
Children in grades 1-5 can participate in this. Practices are held on Saturday mornings, and the kids will play during halftimes of the junior varsity and varsity basketball games. The season runs from the end of November through February. Follow New Rockford Youth Basketball Association on Facebook for more information.

### Carrington Pit Crew Wrestling

This is a great program for boys and girls in grades K-6. Practices run from January to April. Follow Carrington Wrestling Club on Facebook and keep an eye out for next year's registration.

Both the New Rockford and Carrington communities also have youth football programs as well as youth volleyball programs.

There are many opportunities available for your child or children to get active this year. Let them try something new. They – and you – may end up enjoying every moment of it.



UPSIDE DOWN UNDER

## North Dakota's ports of entry are critical to commerce

BY MARVIN BAKER

North Dakota's ports of entry are critical to commerce.

Most of us are aware that North Dakota has 18 ports of entry with three of those ports open 24 hours per day. And when we look at statistics, we see that Pembina is the busiest, followed by Portal, then Dunseith. The following 15, with reduced hours, have ebbs and floes regarding traffic patterns.

Those of us who live near the international boundary are quite familiar with our surroundings as well as those on the immediate opposite side.

Once in a while, there will be illegal activity, but it is certainly the exception, not the rule. And in my entire journalism career of 31 years, I've dealt with only a handful of cases that involved law enforcement.

In one situation, a man from Winnipeg dressed up in camouflage crossed the border without going through a port of entry, and was holed up in the woods near Pembina. He was later arrested and evaluated to see if he had the mental capacity to stand trial.

During my years in Ken-

mare, there was a man from Alaska who kidnapped a child in Alaska, crossed the Canadian border into Yukon Territory,



drove all the way through Yukon, British Columbia and Alberta before crossing the border at North Portal, Saskatchewan and into North Dakota. He was allowed to pass with the child, but law enforcement was immediately alerted and he was arrested before he got to Bowbells.

In another situation, a Canadian husband and wife had an elaborate scheme of transporting immigrants, but this was to get them into Canada. The wife would often drive from Regina to Minot, pick up immigrants and take them to a point just short of the border. They would walk across and the husband would pick them up and take them to Regina, for a fee, of course.

In one situation, an agent of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police surveilled the woman picking up nine aliens at a Minot hotel. He followed them to a desolate

spot near Northgate, where all nine got out, crossed into Saskatchewan and the RCMP picked them up.

That's what I've witnessed in my career.

On the other hand, the commerce that crosses into and out of North Dakota continues to strengthen. Although tourism and the Canadian dollar have all but dried up in our border towns, there is still a lot of cross-border commerce.

Every day hundreds of Canadian Pacific railcars cross the border both ways carrying everything from grain and lumber to fertilizer and medical equipment.

Tens of thousands of heavy trucks cross those 18 ports every year. Most of that is grain, but we also see a lot of farm machinery going north toward Portal. Trucks from Edmonton and Calgary often carry John Deere equipment to dealerships across Alberta.

There's also been a marked increase in heavy trucks from British Columbia driving through North Dakota. We don't always know what the cargo is as we watch it pass, but the trailers are scanned at the border. Most of us think they are only

passing through and headed to Toronto and Montreal, or returning back to Vancouver.

It seems like an awful lot of traffic, but if you think about the logistics, Calgary, Edmonton and Vancouver are three of the largest cities in Canada and many of those trucks cross at Portal, travel down U.S. Highway 52 to Minot and then either go south to Bismarck or east to Grand Forks.

At the very least, they have to pay a transport tax to use North Dakota's highways. That in and of itself is commerce, at least for the state's coffers.

There's also the retail trade that, although it has tapered off considerably, still exists. Occasionally, we'll see a pickup truck with Saskatchewan license plates heading toward the border with a load of drywall or a refrigerator, or maybe other supplies. That spending helps Minot, Grand Forks and Williston, but is absolutely critical for the border towns.

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## - Weekly Crossword -

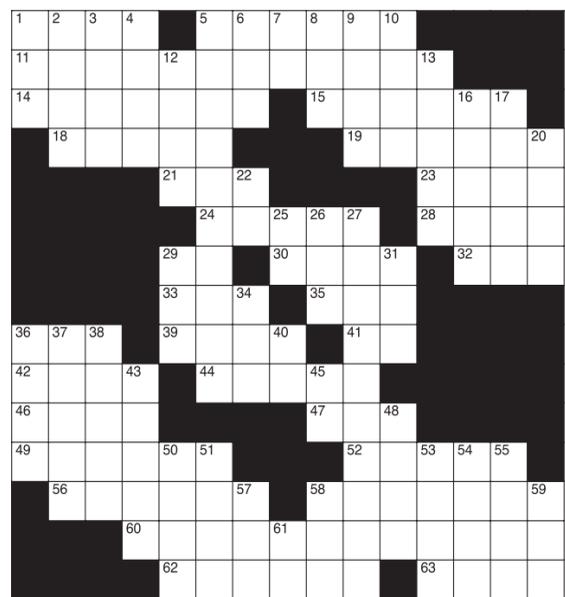
### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Absence of difficulty
- 5. Preserve a dead body
- 11. Gratitude
- 14. The act of coming together again
- 15. More cushy
- 18. Visionaries
- 19. Large fish-eating bird
- 21. Indicates near
- 23. Former CIA and CIA critic
- 24. Icelandic poems
- 28. Pop
- 29. Hammer is one
- 30. Selfs
- 32. Thyroid-stimulating hormone
- 33. Nowhere to be found
- 35. Electronic data processing
- 36. Drivers' licenses and passports are two
- 39. Snake-like fishes
- 41. Air Force
- 42. Popular personal computers
- 44. Stages in ecological succession
- 46. Wings
- 47. In the center
- 49. Pleasantly smooth
- 52. Jeweled headdress
- 56. In slow tempo

- 58. \_\_\_ Falls
- 60. Reiterations
- 62. Eras
- 63. Hyphen

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Body part
- 2. Mimics
- 3. Expel or eject (variant sp.)
- 4. Sea eagle
- 5. Taxonomic category
- 6. Chinese languages
- 7. Mr. T's "A-Team" character
- 8. Consumed
- 9. Chinese dynasty
- 10. NFL legend Randy
- 12. Ireland
- 13. Palm trees with creeping roots
- 16. Fungal disease
- 17. Tall, slender-leaved plants
- 20. Affirmative! (slang)
- 22. It says who you are
- 25. Atlantic coast state
- 26. Grow older
- 27. Associations
- 29. Woman (French)
- 31. Sunscreen rating
- 34. Brew
- 36. Leader
- 37. Indigo bush genus



- 38. Burn with a hot liquid
- 40. Junior's father
- 43. Mackerel genus
- 45. Morning
- 48. Straight line from side to side (abbr.)
- 50. Type of molding
- 51. Small, thin or twisted bunch
- 53. Worn by exposure to the weather
- 54. Mars crater
- 55. Humanities
- 57. Relating to the ears
- 58. "To the \_\_\_ degree"
- 59. Residue when something is burned
- 61. It cools a home

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