

NDSU Extension to host grant writing workshop in Devils Lake April 14 and 28

North Dakota State University Extension will host the Beginner's Guide to Grant Writing, a two-part interactive workshop for grant writers of all skill levels on how to prepare and submit a professional proposal. The events will be held April 14 and April 28 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. CST at the Chautauqua Gallery at Lake Region State College in Devils Lake, N.D.

The event is geared toward agricultural producers and those who work

or volunteer for nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, community clubs or local government units and departments.

Participants will learn how to develop ideas for winning grant proposals, identify and work with funding sources, and advance their understanding of the proposal development, submission and review process.

"Grants can be a powerful tool for bringing new projects and opportunities

to our communities," says Sara Laite, NDSU Extension family and community wellness agent in Ramsey County. "This workshop will help participants understand the process and leave with the foundation of a proposal they can submit"

On April 14, participants will come to the workshop with an idea and leave with a proposal outline and all resources needed to expand their outline into a full proposal. On April 28, partic-

ipants will return with a draft proposal ready for peer review.

The cost to participate is \$150, including all materials, lunch and snacks both days. Devils Lake Chamber of Commerce members will receive a \$25 discount. Class size is limited. Registration is required by April 7. To register, visit nds.edu/grant-writing26.

For more information, contact Laite at sara.laite@nds.edu or 701-662-7027.



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.

Charges brought against caregiver

Antonio Jerome Cook, 41, former employee of Life Skills and Transition Center (LSTC) in Grafton, has been charged with simple assault for allegedly punching a vulnerable juvenile in the face.

Though working at the LSTC, Cook's address is listed as Camden, Ark., in the arrest affidavit.

He has been charged with a Class C felony for allegedly striking a vulnerable juvenile in the face multiple times.

According to the arrest affidavit, on March 18 at 7:30 a.m., the Walsh County Sheriff's Department was dispatched to the LSTC in Grafton on a call of abuse of a vulnerable juvenile.

According to the report, a second caregiver for the juvenile witnessed the incident. He informed Sgt. John Vetsch that he walked into the juvenile's room, which was closed, and witnessed Cook allegedly punching the juvenile with a closed right fist. The punches were landing on both sides of the juvenile's face, left leg and lower right abdominal area. This allegedly took place on the juvenile's bed with his legs pinned down by Cook.

It was further reported that an in-house medical evaluation was completed with LSTC nurses and one of the nurses said they believed the contusions on the juvenile's body were caused by what they believed to be the physical confrontation that occurred between the juvenile and the defendant.

(Story by Todd Morgan, the Walsh County Record)

Fatal shootings in McKenzie County

Two fatal shootings by law enforcement in McKenzie County in 2025 were the first such incidents in the county since 1993 and the only recorded homicides in the county for the year.

The first occurred at a residence about 3 miles south of Watford City, when a sheriff's sergeant fatally shot a man who claimed to have a gun and aggressively approached deputies. Investigators later ruled the use of force justified.

Then another incident involving an armed, suicidal adult male brought deputies to a residence in East Fairview, where a man armed with a handgun outside of the residence was fatally shot, also by a sheriff's sergeant.

The county has experienced just eight shootings by law enforcement overall in the past 30 years. The previous six were all nonfatal.

(Story taken from the Mountrail County Promoter)

Here comes Fjord Folk Fest

The announcement in late January that the 2025 Norsk Høstfest was the final one left many North Dakotans stunned and disappointed. The festival had been an annual highlight for countless attendees over its nearly 50 years and its discontinuation was going to leave a big gap.

But rather than sitting back and feeling sad, one longtime Høstfest devotee and 2007 Miss Norsk Høstfest took action.

Amber Grause of Lincoln, N.D. initially started a Facebook page urging concerned members of the public to come together and save the festival. Now she's deep into organizing a new event, Fjord Folk Fest. This year's Fjord Folk Fest is set for Friday and Saturday, August 21-22 at the Minot Municipal Auditorium.

Getting Fjord Folk Fest off the ground involves "a lot of moving pieces," Grause acknowledges. But foremost, she was determined to build the festival under a nonprofit organization. "I want transparency and longevity for this festival, so connecting with someone who has nonprofit knowledge, finding board members and creating the North Dakota nonprofit Uffda Foundation was one way of ensuring this. I want it to be something the community can help us build and support for generations to come."

(Story by K.L. Glover, the Benson County Farmers Press)

Medora street project wins legislative approval

The North Dakota Legislature's Budget Section has approved a slate of Flexible Transportation Fund grants recommended by the North Dakota Department of Transportation, including a \$10.1 million award to the city of Medora that drew dissent from some lawmakers.

Under state law, any Flex Fund grant exceeding \$10 million requires Budget Section approval. NDDOT Director Ron Henke said the department received hundreds of application requesting far more funding than was available and used a scoring process developed with input from local governments and industry groups to rank projects. The program is designed to support transportation improvements on and off the state highway system and strengthen connectivity statewide.

Among the projects requiring approval was a major street improvement effort in Medora, which was scored the highest by the committee that reviewed the grant applications.

The project is tied in part to anticipated tourism growth from the planned opening of the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library and museum nearby. The total cost of the work is estimated at just over \$15 million with construction slated to begin in 2027.

(Story taken from the McKenzie County Farmer)

North Dakota Angus University Feed-Out to begin in May in Carrington

Cattle producers will have an opportunity to see how Angus-sired cattle from their operation perform in a feedlot during the North Dakota Angus University calf feed-out program in the upcoming summer and fall of 2026.

North Dakota State University's Carrington Research Extension Center is partnering with the North Dakota Angus Association to sponsor the North Dakota Angus University Feed-Out. This is the 15th year of the program.

"Feed-out projects like North Dakota Angus University are a great way for producers to learn more about their calves' performance compared to other

herds," says Karl Hoppe, NDSU Extension livestock systems specialist at the Carrington Research Extension Center.

Ranchers can consign steers to the program by contacting the Carrington Research Extension Center. Consigned steers must be at least 50% Angus genetics and weigh between 900 and 1,100 pounds at delivery. Consigned cattle will be delivered to the Carrington feedlot on May 26-29, 2026.

Ranchers who consign cattle pay the feeding costs for their pen of cattle plus veterinary costs and a modest yardage charge. The Carrington Research Extension Center will carry the feed, veterinary and yard-

age costs until the cattle are marketed. After the cattle are marketed, costs and all applicable fees are deducted from the sale price without interest. Consigners of the program must also be NDAA members.

Participants in the North Dakota Angus University will receive periodic progress reports on their calves' performance, as well as a final report on overall performance, efficiency and carcass traits of their calves.

In the 2025 NDAU feed-out, calf performance was measured during a 133-day feeding study. Steers had an average daily gain of 4.14 pounds. Shrunken live weight at harvest averaged 1,484 pounds, and carcass weight

averaged 932 pounds. The cattle graded 97% USDA Choice or better, with 51% meeting Certified Angus Beef specifications and 19% Prime quality grade.

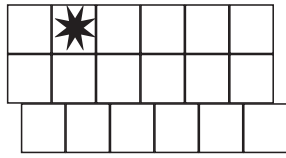
The NDAA offers \$1,500 in prizes to the top three carcasses at the end of the feed-out.

More information is available at nds.edu/ndaau-enroll-26.

For further information or to consign a group of cattle, contact Hoppe at 701-652-2951 or karl.hoppe@nds.edu, or Sydney Glasoe Caraballo, NDAA Feed-Out program chair at 678-989-7189.

Sheyenne

by Patti Clifton



Eloise Ploium and Nadeley Buehler served lunch and coffee with fellowship at Calvary Lutheran Church in Oberon following the last Lenten service on last Wednesday.

Saturday evening, Jeff and Denise Labrenz attended the 1964 Beatles Tribute Band concert at Spirit Lake Casino. The concert was excellent and there were a fair amount of others from the Sheyenne and New Rockford areas in attendance also.

On Sunday, April 12, a soup and sandwich fundraiser will be held at Open Season Lodge and Event

Center, serving from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Soup menu features: knoephla, chicken tortilla, hamburger macaroni and potato with ham; sandwiches: egg salad, chicken salad, ham or turkey; homemade bars and coffee. Free-will offering is for furnace maintenance and upkeep at the Lodge.

So far, Sheyenne residents who purchased New Rockford Park District Spring Raffle tickets have been fairing well. Bob Hanson, Colleen Benson and Jake Perleberg have won.

The Credit Union Chapter for the North Central group met at the Sheyenne Senior

Center for their quarterly supper meeting on March 26. Jan Loe, Dianne and Bob Hanson, Diane Karlsbraaten, Kathy Albrecht and Patti Larson served the roast beef meat with desserts by Laurie Westby and Darlene Kolstad.

First robin of spring was spotted near the senior center on Thursday. Many area residents have new calves and some foals on the ground.

Dianne Hanson called bingo, and Kathy Albrecht and Bob Hanson sold cards for Sheyenne Civic bingo on Saturday night. Patti Larson served lunch. No bingo April 4. Blackout will be \$250 in 60 numbers on April 11 when Sheyenne GRIT hosts.

Lots of pancakes and sausage were served at the annual fire department fundraiser at Ostby Hall on

Sunday. Great visits, great food, great cause. People from all around came to support the Sheyenne Volunteer Fire Department we are so lucky to have serving our community.

Congratulations to Braylon Alfstad and Layton Jacobson for qualifying for nationals in archery. Good luck at the tournament in Sandy, Utah, April 23-25.

The beautiful day Sunday found lots of Sheyenne residents outside. Kids were playing, neighbors were visiting on the berm, dog walkers and bicyclers all enjoyed the sunshine.

At the Sheyenne Oberon Area Ministries Palm Sunday worship service at First Lutheran, 15 Sunday Schoolers waved Palms and sang three songs, accompanied by Deb Zieman.

NOTICE

Wells County Weed Control Board is accepting bids for spraying Wells County State Highway and county highway right of ways for 2026 spring and fall season.

Required equipment will have the capability of a minimum of 35 feet and a smaller ATV/UTV for spot spraying.

All chemical and surfactants provided by the Wells County Weed Control Board.

Bids should be submitted on per hour basis on approximately 300 miles, more or less.

Applicator must be commercially licensed right of way sprayer and insured for a minimum of two million dollars.

If you have any questions, contact Dale Schmitz 701-693-6099.

Bids must be submitted by April 17, 2026 to:

Wells County Weed Control Board
PO Box 2
Fessenden, ND 58438

The Wells County Weed Control Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.



Huge thank you for all the wonderful people who did good things, visited from New Rockford and took me out to eat while I was under treatment at Roger Maris.

Sharon Dunigan

EDDY COUNTY 2026 TAX EQUALIZATION ASSESSMENT MEETINGS

Township	Time	Date	Location
City of New Rockford	9:00 AM	20-Apr	City Hall, New Rockford
City of Sheyenne	6:00 PM	20-Apr	Ostby Hall, Sheyenne
Hillsdale, Bush, Gates, Grandfield & Eddy Twps.	5:00 PM	20-Apr	Ostby Hall, Sheyenne
Tiffany, Sheldon, New Rockford & Munster Twps.	9:00 AM	22-Apr	Eddy County Courthouse
Pleasant Prairie, Superior & Rosefield Twps.	10:00 AM	22-Apr	Eddy County Courthouse
Paradise, Cherry Lake, Columbia & Lake Washington Twps.	9:00 AM	23-Apr	School House Café, Grace City
Freeborn Twp.	5:00 PM	23-Apr	Hamar Hall, Hamar
Colvin Twp.	6:00 PM	23-Apr	County Shop, Colvin Twp
Eddy County	9:00 AM	2-Jun	Eddy County Courthouse

EACH TAXPAYER has the right to appear before such board for a review of his/her assessments as determined by the office of the County Director of Equalization.

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