# **AROUND THE AREA**

# **Carrington Community Thanksgiving Dinner continues 24-year tradition**

Carrington's 24th Annual accomplishes every year. Community Thanksgiving This year's theme is Dinner will be served on Thursday, Nov. 28, at the Calvary Baptist Church building located at 725 Main Street in Carrington.

Shirley Fritza, Betty Montgomery and Linda Schuster are carrying on a tradition started more than two decades ago by Helen and Gary Rosenau, Becky and Lynn Schroeder, and Caroline and Jeff

"Together." Linda Schuster says, "We are truly blessed to have a community that pulls together in times of trial and comes together to celebrate.

In-house meal service will begin at noon. Deliveries are available, and take-out meals can be ordered by contacting Betty Montgomery at 701-652-5034.

Golz. They are witness to number of gluten-free Gluten-free desserts will be what a volunteer army meals will be available. served separately on yellow

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Two turkeys will be roasted separately on Wednesday at the church building with no flour in the roasting bag. Broth from those turkeys will be held separately to make gluten-free gravy. Mashed potatoes, corn, sweet potatoes, coleslaw, cranberries and pickles have always been glutenfree, but extra care will be taken to isolate cooking and serving utensils to protect New this year, a limited the integrity of those foods.

Turkey, dressing and all the trimmings will be served at noon at Calvary Baptist Church, 725 Main Street in Carrington, on Thursday, Nov. 28. Everyone is welcome! The meal is free, but a free-will offering will be accepted to offset expenses and continue this friendly community custom.

Questions about Carrington's Community Thanksgiving Dinner should be directed to Linda Schuster at 701-653-6028.

# Sheyenne

## by Patti Clifton

Saturday, Nov. 9, Marge Anderson, Patti Larson, Neil and Laurie Westby and many residents of Sheyenne, Minnewaukan, New Rockford and Devils Lake communities attended the funeral service for Myron Jury.

Besides his superintendent role in our schools, he also was very active in each community in which he lived. As recent as this summer, Patti visited with Myron about the stone pit restoration project in Sheyenne. An experienced stone mason, he was more than willing to share his expertise. Sheyenne offers condolences to Mary and the Jury family.

Patti Larson visited Sandy Hanson Wednesday evening, Nov. 13. She brought her the garden bench that was used for staging decorations at the house GRIT had for sale. Since the closing took place, Patti emptied the final few things out of the house and garage.

Sheyenne looks forward to welcoming Larry and Marta Sweeten, new owners of 337 Sheyenne Ave. Larry owns and operates Sweeten Drywall. Marta is currently teaching.

surprised Patti and Peter on the year-end financial Larson with a frozen 20 lb. report for Strengthen ND. turkey he brought over to The December GRIT board

for a good reason to stop over for a visit.

It was shirt sleeve weather last Friday afternoon when Matthew Joseph and crew formed the concrete footings for the garage at 301 Pleasant Ave. The last piece is now in place for the Seastrand house to be set on the new foundation.

So many projects are wrapping up while the weather is good. The three new shop buildings on 3rd Street are close to done before winter. Some Christmas lights and decorations are getting put up. Corn harvest is mostly done.

Rockets fans cheered on the New Rockford-Sheyenne/Maddock football team in the Dakota Bowl last Friday at the Fargodome. Congratulations to the 9-man State Champions!

Sheyenne GRIT board met Tuesday, Nov. 12, at Ostby Hall. Joanna Larson, Tara Hanson, Patti Clifton, Sharon Whitmer, Laurie Westby and Patti Larson started the meeting celebrating the sale of 337 Sheyenne Ave. for the asking price of \$77,000.

Other business included ongoing projects, new grant opportunities and upcoming events. Patti Uncle Doug Cudworth Clifton, treasurer, is working

field trip last Thursday in Marketing/Sheyenne Region 3. Six possible site Brand, Sharon Whitmer; locations were looked at to be considered for the development of a large outdoor art installation.

Our region spans six counties, including Eddy, Benson, Ramsey, Cavalier, Rolette and Towner. Patti Larson visited the two possible sites closest to Sheyenne, one north of Warwick and one near Tokio. Go to artsacrosstheprairie. nd.org for more information.

Patti Clifton kept an appointment at Carrington Wednesday morning. She made a few stops in Carrington and New Rockford before returning home to Sheyenne.

Sheyenne GRIT community meeting on Sunday started with a taco bar at noon at the Sheyenne Senior Center. Sandra Larson had prepared a slideshow that ran on the TV showing volunteers and contractors getting things done in Sheyenne over the past year. Patti Larson started the meeting after lunch with a summary of the over \$300,000 investments in the community from eight grants. Work was completed at Ostby Hall, Hendrickson Park, 301 Pleasant Ave., 201 Richter Ave., 102 Riverside Ave. and Route 281. Other projects are ongoing. The community is invited

to contact GRIT board members with ideas or to volunteer on projects they are passionate about. Areas of focus and corresponding board member to reach Ostby Hall/Events, Joanna Larson; Main Street Upgrades, Patti Clifton; and Playground / Childcare / Kids Activities, Tara Hanson. Patti acknowledged that volunteers are what make grants possible.

Many volunteers worked on the house project, bingo, Sidewalk Market and tree planting, community garden and stone pit restoration. New volunteer opportunities will be available on the next house project - landscaping, Health Center last cleaning, painting, taking up carpet and removing wallpaper border - to name a few.

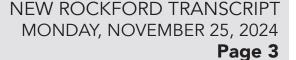
The next GRIT community meeting will be after the new year. It will be an open house at 301 Pleasant Ave.

GRIT plans to have luminaries on Main Street again this year on Saturday, Dec. 21, to help brighten the longest night. We will meet at the Sheyenne Senior Center and hopefully the weather cooperates.

Cameron Gilley came home to Sheyenne for his birthday on Sunday. He got in on several projects to do before it snows!

Last Saturday, Deanna Erickson picked up Patti Clifton and they went on to Devils Lake. They did several shopping stops and enjoyed a bite to eat before returning home.

Jan Loe and Steph were in Grand Forks last Saturday where they met Jim and Marjean Woodrow and Pam Hill for a visit and noon lunch at Olive Garden. On





#### Rolette County commissioner arrested, charged with felony

Rolette County Commissioner Craig Poitra has been arrested and charged with corruption of a minor, a Class C felony punishable by at least one year in prison. Poitra, accused of engaging in or soliciting sexual acts with a minor aged 15 to 17, was detained in Bottineau County. He is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Following his arrest, Poitra's case was classified as "restricted," limiting access to court records to involved parties and their attorneys. Assistant Attorney General Kathleen Murray is handling the case due to potential conflicts of interest with the Rolette County State's Attorney. Murray declined to comment, citing the court order restricting the case. Legal experts note such measures often aim to protect a minor's identity.

Poitra, a former director of social services in Rolette and Benson counties, has not publicly addressed the charges. He recently ran unsuccessfully for Turtle Mountain Tribal Associate Judge and works as a support specialist for the Turtle Mountain Tribe.

The arrest led Poitra to resign from the Turtle Mountain Housing Board, though he did not attend a subsequent county commission meeting. North Dakota law prohibits convicted felons from holding public office during incarceration or for a period afterward.

Details about Poitra's next court appearance remain undisclosed due to the case's restricted status. The charge, if proven, carries severe penalties, but the sentence could be reduced if no substantial steps were taken to meet with the minor.

(Jason Nordmark, Turtle Mountain Star)

**Ukrainian family happy to be in Bottineau** Volodymyr (Vova) and Lilia Bystrov, along with their four children, have found safety and hope in Bottineau after fleeing the war in Ukraine. The family left Cherkasy, a central Ukrainian city of over 269,000 residents, where drone and missile strikes had made life perilous.

The Bystrovs' journey to the U.S. was facilitated by the Bottineau Area Christian Ministerial Association (BACMA), led by Pastor Beth Kelsey of United Parish, as part of the Ukraine Project. After more than a year of navigating paperwork, the family arrived to find a welcoming community, a furnished house, and gifts

"We are happy to be here," said Vova. "The people are very kind, and it is peaceful." Lilia echoed the sentiment, praising the town's hospitality: "Everyone greets you with smile. We feel safe here, no worries of war.

Vova has begun working in construction and is determined to learn English and provide for his family. His son Oleh, 14, who studied English in Ukraine, has been a great help. Vova shared his surprise at the differences in driver's license renewals between Ukraine and the U.S.

The Bystrovs are the third Ukrainian family BACMA has helped resettle in Bottineau. Their story highlights the community's generosity and efforts to support those displaced by conflict. "We would like to stay," said Vova. "It's a brighter future for our children."

(Scott Wagar, Bottineau Courant)

### Hendrickson-Holmes contractor demands \$2.5M

A difference of opinion regarding cancellation of a proposed water and sewer infrastructure project in Crosby could end up in court and potentially cost the city more than \$2.5 million in damages. City council members and city attorney Seymour Jordan

spent a good portion of the Nov. 4 council meeting talking about what's next in response to a letter from Joshua Welle. Welle, a Minneapolis-based attorne represents BEK Consulting, Dickinson, the low bidder on the nowcancelled Hendrickson-Holmes sewer and water project slated for the north side of Crosby.

their home last Thursday, meeting will be held at the out to: Housing Rehab Monday, Jan and Steph kept Nov. 14. He had won it at an house on 301 Pleasant Ave. event at Cankdeska Cikana Community College. It made conducted a site scouting Investment, Laurie Westby;

Tokio woman indicted for

Arts Across the Prairie

and Demo, Patti Larson; appointments in Fargo and Business Enhancement/ Jamestown.

Talk of the

Town

by Charlotte Koepplin

Congrats to the Rockets on

Jimmy Indergaard was

the big season and big win.

a visitor and supper guest

of Mervin Indergaard and

Vicki Magill Wednesday, and

Saturday found him a visitor

and supper guest at the Andy

Last Monday Tim Hartl

and Shirley and Calvin

Packard were among those

who took in the Veterans

Day Breakfast served by the

American Legion Auxiliary

at the Eagles Club in New

Margie Anderson enjoyed

Friday Karen Koepplin and

Charlotte Koepplin were in

Carrington where Charlotte

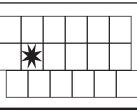
had a medical appointment.

a Sunday visit from her

brother Doug Cudworth.

Rockford.

and Ruth Braaten home.



After, they enjoyed a soft serve treat from the Hi-Way Drive-In.

Sunday visitor at the Ken and Marvis Holte home was daughter Amanda Bickett. Saturday Marvis enjoyed a phone chat with her sister Penny Sorrells from Minneapolis.

Calvin Packard and mom Shirley were Carrington shoppers Tuesday. They enjoyed lunch at the Prairie Inn before returning home.

Sunday visitors at the Candy Jensen home were son Jerrod and Angie Holte.

Saturday found Ken Holte enjoying a conversation over coffee with Lester and Val Ellingson and Alan Lange at the Chieftan.

In a nutshell, Welle's letter dated Oct. 3 states that the city breached a proper contract when the council moved to cancel the project and rescind the award of BEK's base bid of nearly \$10.5 million.

While acknowledging the city has a right to withdraw from a contract, Welle's letter states BEK should not be held liable for out-of-pocket costs associated with bid preparations, nor should they be expected to lose out on overhead and anticipated profits the company would have gained had they performed the work as bid. In conclusion, Welle, on behalf of BEK, asked for more

han \$2.5 million.

City auditor Alexa Kruger said BEK's demand compared to documented costs associated with bid preparations is astronomical.

(Story by Brad Nygaard, the Journal, Crosby)

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involuntary manslaughter and child neglect United States Attorney was Mac Schneider announced dead. The investigation that on Oct. 16, 2024, Tierra revealed the man had Lynn Scott, age 30 from been struck and run over Tokio, N.D., made her initial appearance and was arraigned in federal court. The United States District Court for the District of North Dakota unsealed an a controlled substance and Indictment revealing that a federal grand jury indicted Scott for involuntary manslaughter and three counts of child neglect in Indian country. Scott was

detained and trial has been

scheduled for Dec. 10, 2024.

case is not evidence of guilt.

The defendant is presumed innocent unless or until

proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt at trial.

On Aug. 17, 2024, law

a residence in Fort Totten,

N.D., where an adult male

The indictment in this

later pronounced by a motor vehicle driven by Scott. The indictment alleges Scott was under the influence of intoxicating liquor and in possession of drug paraphernalia. Scott was backing and otherwise driving recklessly, and without due care for the rights and safety of others. The investigation further revealed Scott had three minor children in the vehicle with her at the time.

This case is being investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation with assistance from the Bureau of Indian Affairs and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States enforcement responded to Attorney Lori H. Conroy.

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# Senior Meals

### November 25 - 29

Monday: Crispy chicken, meatballs, mashed potatoes sauce.

Tuesday: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, coleslaw, bread and fruit cocktail. Wednesday:

sweet potato, low sodium and gravy, green beans, bread vegetable, bread and peach and fruit crisp with topping. Thursday: Happy Thanks-

giving! No senior meals today. Friday: No senior meals

Porcupine due to Thanksgiving holiday.



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