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## CPKC dispute may go to mediation

Sheriff donates cruiser to county —

BY NATHAN PRICE

During their regular meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 2, Foster County commissioners shared a brief update on their discussions regarding Canadian Pacific Kansas City railroad (CPKC).

Commissioner David Utke began by telling commissioners he reached out to North Dakota legislators as directed after their special meeting on August 18.

“When I contacted legislators, the recommendation was instead of trying to get a meeting of our whole board with their whole board, that this board designate one or two individuals and ask for a meeting with one of their commissioners,” said Utke.

At the August 18 special meeting, the board had originally decided on trying to schedule a time for the full board of county commissioners to meet with the N.D. Public Service Commission (PSC) in a special meeting.

If only a few delegates are chosen instead of the full boards, a quorum wouldn’t be established by either com-

mission and the meeting would not have to be opened to the public or publicly noticed.

However, commissioner Alan Scanson, who was directed to contact the PSC to schedule the meeting, said the PSC isn’t interested.

“Their statement was ... they feel they are not mediators and probably would not have any reason to be involved in this,” said Scanson.

The PSC is an agency that has varying degrees of statutory authority over several utilities in North Dakota such as electric and gas, as well as railroads.

Scanson said he then reached out to District 29 Representative Terry Wanzek of the North Dakota legislature who recommended that there are mediation services the state has used with companies in the oil patch.

Wanzek was also asked about contacting the N.D. Governor’s Office by Scanson, but wanted to make some phone calls before the Foster County Commission

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## R3 Meats opens at Barton location

BY ERIK GJOVIK

(Editor’s Note: This is the third and final article of a three-part series focusing on recent Carrington business ownership changes.)

Tyler Ingebretson worked his way from the ground up to know what there is to know about meat processing.

“I knew absolutely nothing about cutting beef [when I started],” Ingebretson admitted. “I could process wild game, deer, elk, moose, antelope, and did some ducks and geese locally.”

His 10 years of experience built up since then at Barton Meats have now led to him and his wife, Kylee, purchasing the business from Jeff Barton on August 25 and opening R3 Meats.

The Ingebretsons will continue a tradition that began when Barton started the business in November 1999.

A 2006 CHS graduate, Tyler began working at NDSU Carrington Research Extension Center (CREC) soon



Tyler and Kylee Ingebretson are the new owners of the former Barton Meats business, which will now be known as R3 Meats. The two assumed ownership on August 25. Photo by Erik Gjovik.

afterward as a livestock research technician, and was there for nine years.

“I always had an interest in livestock and hunting, and the start-to-finish methods

of processing the animal,” he said.

Tyler went to work for Barton in 2015, and got an on-the-job education in how to create an appealing

product that would please the discerning tastebuds.

“When I first started, I really didn’t know there was

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## Celebrate Recovery group starts at Bethel

BY ERIK GJOVIK

At their Sunday service on Aug. 24, Bethel Assembly of God in Carrington brought forward a husband-and-wife team to speak about a ministry devoted to delivering troubled souls battling all forms of addiction to the healing power of Christ’s love.

Jessica Whitaker, Women’s Program Director at North Dakota Adult and Teen Challenge, and survivor mentor for 31:8 Project, along with her husband,



Celebrate Recovery

A CHRIST CENTERED Recovery Program

Noah, talked to Bethel parishioners about Celebrate Recovery, founded in 1991.

Carrington is starting a Celebrate Recovery support group, which plans to meet Thursdays at 6:30 p.m., with the exception of holidays, at Bethel.

“There’s a lot of sin and pain in our lives,” Jessica said, citing Ephesians 5:8, “For at one time you were darkness, but now you are in the light of the Lord. Walk as children of the light, for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and

true.”

She, along with Noah, the North Dakota Celebrate Recovery representative and Men’s Counselor at North Dakota Adult and Teen Challenge, spoke to the congregation.

Jessica talked of growing up in an environment of her parents constantly fighting, leading to her feeling like she was a burden when she was young.

“Once I started to have the awareness, I just remembered

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## IT’S PASTA FEST TIME!

BY AMY WOBHEMA

The 8th Avenue and Main Pasta Fest is back! With the support of Dakota Growers Pasta Company, we’re hosting a potluck pasta party in downtown Carrington.

This year, the Foster County Independent is partnering with the FCCLA chapter at Carrington High School. Two members, Briley Carr and Alexis Harris, will be organizing the 8th Avenue & Main Pasta Fest as their STAR project. You may have read in the newspaper that these two young girls won gold awards at the National FCCLA Confer-

ence this past summer. Now they’re putting the skills they’ve learned to work to put the Pasta Fest together.

Save the date for Thursday, Oct. 9. Pasta Fest runs from 4-6:30 p.m., and the winners will be announced prior to the Fall High School Music Concert at CHS, which takes place at 7 p.m. that evening.

There are plenty of opportunities for local businesses and individuals to take part. Host a team, sponsor a page in and submit a recipe for our pasta cookbook, or simply show up to sample the dishes and vote for your favorite(s).



## City Wide Yard Sales Sat., Sept. 13

The fall edition of Carrington’s City Wide Yard Sales will be held Saturday, Sept. 13, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., and is sponsored by Carrington Chamber and Economic Development Corporation (CCEDC).

Be sure to check the ad on page one of this week’s PLUS section for featured shopping places.

A complete site listing will be available on Friday, Sept. 12, at the Cenex C-Store, at the CCEDC Facebook page and at the Independent’s web page at fosterconews.com.

### INDEPENDENT STAFF REPORT

Sept. 1 marked one year since the Foster County Independent introduced some changes to better serve readers.

The most notable change was the price increase, as readers said they would pay more to keep the newspaper coming each week. We also prioritized our e-newsletter based on community feedback and launched our annual Pasta Fest event, which was so successful last year that we’re bringing it back this October.

“The result has been encouraging, and yet there’s still so much more to do,” publisher Amy Wobbema said.

“This is the beginning of the news industry needing help from the public, not the end,” said Teri Finneman, a Hazen, N.D. native who is a journalism professor at the University of Kansas and author of “Reviving Rural News.” Finneman circulated a survey and conducted focus groups in the Central City last summer, which led

to several changes at the local newspaper.

Even with the price increase last September, the newspaper is still one of the most affordable products available locally. North Dakota subscribers pay \$78 per year to have it delivered to their door each week, which is a mere 21 cents a day.

Can you spare a quarter a day to have a dozen pages or more of locally-produced content and photos delivered to your home each week?

Put a quarter in a jar every day for the next year, and then use that money to buy a subscription to the local newspaper.

After all, what can you buy for a quarter at any other local business? You can put it in a vending machine and get a few pieces of candy or a gum ball. Even a sucker at the local convenience store costs more than that, as the price on the least expensive one was 29 cents last week.

Out at Runnings, a quarter will get you a few screws or bolts. They have a 30-pack of 6 X 1/2 flat head Phillips wood screws for \$2.39,

which amounts to three screws for a quarter. Over in the bulk bins, the cheapest machine screws cost 9 cents each.

At Leever’s Foods, the least expensive piece of fruit

is a banana. At last week’s sale price of 75 cents per pound, employee Sheila Harrington said it was likely a person could purchase one

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Very few items can be purchased for a quarter, but that can help pay for continuing local news. Photo by Erik Gjovik.



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