

Registration open for suicide prevention training webinars Aug. 14, Sept. 17

Addressing the wellness needs of those working in agriculture or related areas will be the focus of two upcoming Question, Persuade, Refer suicide prevention webinars sponsored by North Dakota State University Extension.

The webinars are scheduled for August 14 at 1 p.m. and September 17 at 10 a.m.

Each webinar, which will address the concerns of high stress levels and the toll on mental and emotional well-being, consists of a 90-minute training course and conversation related to

suicide prevention. Research indicates the suicide rate is significantly higher for those working in agriculture. The QPR training will provide participants with skills to recognize warning signs of a mental health crisis or suicidal thinking and to respond in an appropriate and supportive way.

“Ongoing farm and ranch stress affects health, including mental and emotional well-being,” says Sean Brotherson, NDSU Extension family science specialist. “We say, ‘Sometimes you

need help; sometimes you are help.”

The QPR webinars will be facilitated by NDSU Extension agents Katie Henry (Cavalier County) and Jill Sokness (Cass County), and Madeleine Smith, NDSU Extension pesticide specialist.

The webinars will include training and a question-and-answer session. Although the training will focus on people in and around agriculture, anyone interested in the topic can register. There is no cost to attend the training. It is support-

ed by a grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Attendance is limited to the first 30 registrants.

Anyone interested in attending is urged to register early. Visit ndsu.ag/qpraugust for the August webinar and ndsu.ag/qprsept for the September webinar.

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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.

Library brings special prom experience to Stanton

Last month, around two dozen people came out to the Stanton Civic Center to relive a special evening from their growing-up years.

On June 21, the Stanton Public Library hosted an Adult Prom event and fundraiser at the civic center from 8 p.m. until midnight, with couples and individuals able to enjoy good snacks and get out on the dance floor if they wanted.

“The idea came about one day when I was thinking about how to get more adults involved for the library,” Veronica Judd with the Stanton Public Library said. “We do a lot of different things for kids, but not much for adults, and we wanted to change that.”

The Adult Prom used an “Enchanted Forest” theme, with decorations donated for the event by Dodie and Arliss Maas from Found Events + Rentals in Hazen. Judd estimated that around 25 people came out for the evening, with this year being the first year that the event was held.

“My impression of it was that it went over well for the first year,” Judd said. “We have been asked by many there and many people that could not make it if we would do it again next year.”

Judd added that she does plan to do it again next year, but is considering whether to do it at a different time of year, as there were multiple people who told her they would have liked to come, but were already busy with other summer and family events.

(Story by Daniel Arens, the Hazen Star)

Tokio woman sentenced to federal prison for involuntary manslaughter and child neglect

Acting United States Attorney Jennifer Klemetsrud Puhl announced today that Tierra Lynn Scott, age 31, of Tokio, N.D., was sentenced before Chief Judge Peter D. Welte, United States District Court for the District of North Dakota, to 168 months in federal prison – the statutory maximum of 96 months for involuntary manslaughter and 24 months consecutive on each of the three child neglect counts in Indian country. Judge Welte also sentenced Scott to serve three years of supervised release following her incarceration and to pay restitution for funeral-related expenses.

On Aug. 17, 2024, law

enforcement responded to a residence in Fort Totten, N.D., where an adult male was later pronounced dead. The investigation revealed the man had been struck and run over by a motor vehicle driven by Scott. Scott had no driver's license and was under the influence of intoxicating liquor and in possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia, and 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.

“In August 2024, a man lost his life due to the negligence of Tierra Scott,” said FBI Minneapolis Special Agent in Charge Alvin M. Winston Sr. “She also placed three minor children at risk, driving with them while under the influence of alcohol and in possession of drugs and drug paraphernalia. The FBI will work together with our law enforcement partners to ensure our community is safe for all, especially for children.”

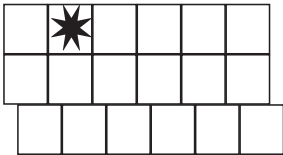
“This was an entirely preventable death which was tragically witnessed by others, including children who were in and outside the defendant’s vehicle, all

who have no doubt been traumatized,” said Acting U.S. Attorney Jennifer Puhl. “Sadly, in recent years law enforcement has responded to increased incidents of alcohol-impaired driving deaths on the Spirit Lake Reservation. I hope this sentence serves as a reminder of the severe legal consequences for individuals who choose to drive under the influence and will deter that behavior.”

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

Sheyenne

by Patti Clifton



After substantial rain in Sheyenne (over 2 inches) on Friday night and really thick fog Saturday morning, the sun came out and July 19 turned into a beautiful afternoon to celebrate 140 years at Grandfield Lutheran Church. Extended families, friends and neighbors joined the parishioners for a church service. Liz Anderson welcomed everyone.

Jeff Halvorson opened with prayer. Special music included Mary Ellen Rue on the organ and soloist Tyson Rost, as well as an impromptu choir. Kent Myhre presented the church history followed by an open forum for attendees to speak.

After the service everyone gathered outside in front of the church for a group photo as cupcakes and ice cream waited to be served.

Sharing stories and special memories continued over coffee. The small congregation should be commended for their efforts leading up to the anniversary celebration. The cemetery and church looked so nice with all the sprucing up, including the church's new roof, siding and windows.

The Open Season Lodge (former Sheyenne School) is doing a fundraising raffle. If you would like a chance to win over \$700 in prizes while supporting the Lodge,

contact Tara Hanson, Renae Alfstad or Karen Rieger before August 16. Winners will be announced at the Sheyenne Stampede. Need not be present to win. Proceeds are to help with furnace repair expenses.

Dianne Hanson and Patti Larson visited Stan and Marilynn Kruger on Monday. Freshly picked raspberries went home with them.

Plans are underway for the annual Sheyenne Sidewalk Market. Vendors will be set up all along Main Street with everything you can imagine ... crafts, flea, produce, free stuff, stampede store and more. Rummage sales city-wide so far include Charlotte Franks-Erickson, Linda Wright, Dean and Shirley Alneson, Kim Brown, Kathy Albrecht, Dave and Diane Karlsbraaten, Laurie Waldner, Lisa and Ashley Howard, Donna Wilcox, Sarah Gratton and others. A complete list will be available

at the Ostby Hall, where homemade caramel rolls and lunch will be served. Something new this year: the first 50 kids (12 and under) to stop at the Hall will receive \$5 to spend. The event is Saturday, Aug. 2 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The large multi-party rummage sale in the gymnasium will have extended hours from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday. As before, look for free stuff on curbs.

First Lutheran Church in Sheyenne is getting new shingles. The crew started last week and have much of the south side done, working between rain showers. Drive through the alley to see the nice work.

Diane Hanson called bingo for Sheyenne Civic on July 19. Bob Hanson and Patti Larson sold cards. Darlene Kolstad served lunch. Blackout was \$200 in 58 numbers when Civic hosted again on July 26.

Sheyenne Sidewalk Street Market on August 2

by Charlotte Franks-Erickson

Put your walkin' shoes on, cuz we're puttin' our shingles on in Sheyenne.

That's right, it's time for Sheyenne's annual Sidewalk Market Day and city-wide rummage sales.

Join us Saturday, Aug. 2 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the rummage sales, farm produce, baked goods, flea markets and vendors, along with all kinds of delicious items at Ostby Hall on Main Street available for breakfast or lunch.

Yes, the homemade caramel rolls will be back.

In addition to all of that, the first 50 kiddos under

the age of 12 who check in at Ostby Hall will receive \$5 to spend. Now you can't beat that.

The little town of Sheyenne will be overflowing with rummage sales, free stuff, flea markets, etc. and several within walking distance of main street. How convenient is that?

Open Season Lodge will also feature a two-day multi-party rummage sale in the gym.

So grab a map and bite to eat at Ostby Hall on Saturday, Aug. 2 and get shopping.

Let's kick off this last month of summer with some good deals, food, fun and free stuff in Sheyenne.

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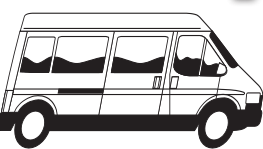
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