

Lingo from Leeds & York

A Fundraiser for the Destination ImagiNation Program
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Dean and Sandy Johnson received so much appreciated help with harvest this weekend. Sean Oscarson of Fargo arrived Thursday and was joined by Wendy Johnson Oscarson and children Laramie, Larissa and Kase, and Scott and Ivy Deutsch, Cadence and Braxton, all of Fargo. The families all pitched in for the Labor Day weekend and ran combine, hauled grain and did fall work. Sean remained through Tuesday while the others returned to Fargo late Monday afternoon.

Zoë Lauckner spent Sunday evening and Monday with grandparents Clinton and Ellen Huffman at their farm. They gardened, baked cookies and checked out new puppies born the week before.

Ardith Straabe, Lisa Lauckner and Jerome and Delores Bokn of Devils Lake attended the service for Maxine Straabe Monday at the Leeds Lutheran Church.

Receives degree

Nancy (Waagen) Stute of Mercer, formerly of Bottineau received a degree in social work from the University of Mary in Bismarck April 28.

Stute is the great-granddaughter of former Benson County residents Gordon and Joan Waagen. Her parents are Steve and Barb Waagen of Bottineau and Carolyn Sime of Dickinson.

Maddock School menu, events

Sept. 5: Caramel roll or cereal; chicken strips, mashed potatoes with gravy, peas, carrots, cantaloupe, whole grain bread stick.

Sept. 6: French toast sticks with sausage patty or cereal; pepperoni pizza, lettuce, baby carrots, pineapple, Rice Krispies bar.

Sept. 7: Rolls or cereal; grilled cheese sandwich, tomato soup, vegetables with ranch dressing, peaches, Goldfish crackers.

Sept. 10: Breakfast pizza or cereal; sub sandwich on whole grain bun, lettuce, tomato slices, peas, baby carrots, ranch dressing or mayonnaise, mandarin oranges.

Sept. 11: Scrambled eggs with sausage patty or cereal; roast turkey, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, pineapple, whole grain dinner bun.

Sept. 12: Caramel roll or cereal; burrito, lettuce, corn, green peppers, tomatoes, salsa, ranch dressing, black beans, tortilla chips, grapes.

Breakfasts served with juice, toast and milk. Lunches served with milk and bread.

Sept. 6: A/B/C/JH VB vs. Rolette-Wolford at Leeds 4 p.m.; elementary GBB vs. Carrington in Maddock 4:30 p.m.

Sept. 7: FB vs. Drake-Anamoose at Drake 7 p.m.

Sept. 8: Varsity VB tournament at Northern Cass; JH VB tournament at Carrington.

Sept. 10: JH/JV FB vs. North Prairie at Leeds 4:30 p.m.; elementary GBB vs. Fessenden at BC Events Center 4:30 p.m.

Sept. 11: A/B/C/JH VB vs. NR-Sheyenne at Maddock 4 p.m.



Their art is traveling

The 2012 North Dakota Traveling Student Art Show is on exhibit at the Cando Art Center Gallery on 4th and Main in Cando. Students of art instructor Susan Braun at Leeds who have art in the show are, back row, left to right, Blayne Anderson, Shelby Follman, Zoë Lauckner and Caitlyn Blazer. Front row: Carson Tracy and Brock Hansen. Not pictured are Dillon Parent and Ryan Wangler.

The show runs through September 14. Hours at the gallery are 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays or an appointment may be made by calling 701-968-3655.

Weather report

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Official US Department of Commerce weather report for the 24 hour period prior to 8 a.m. each day at the Minnewaukan City Water Plant.

Date	High	Low	Prec.
Aug. 27	75	54	
Aug. 28	82	57	.14
Aug. 29	No data available		
Aug. 30	95	49	
Aug. 31	82	56	
Sept. 1	89	65	
Sept. 2	81	47	

Farmers Union fly-in to DC to focus on farm bill

The annual fall fly-in sponsored by the National Farmers Union will be held in Washington, DC September 9-12. Fly-ins allow Farmers Union members to gather in the nation's capital and help acquaint members of Congress with the challenges family farmers and ranchers currently face across rural America. These visits provide an opportunity for producers to tell lawmakers firsthand how current government policy impacts them and others in their area. Fly-in participants can share a personal story and put a

Mini-grants available for Ag in the Classroom program

Approximately \$12,000 is being offered as mini-grants to projects involving agriculture, units and lessons used for school-aged children by the ND Ag in the Classroom Council. This is the ninth year for the program, which has provided over \$70,000 worth of support to classrooms, 4-H groups, libraries, teachers and individuals in the

past. The mini grants will fund hands-on activities that will develop and enrich understanding of agriculture as the source of food and/or fiber in society. Individuals or groups such as teachers, 4-H leaders and others interested in teaching young people about the importance of agriculture in North Dakota are welcome to apply.

Grant funds can be used for supplies, curriculum, printing, materials, food-based projects, equipment, etc.

For a copy of the rules and an application, please call Beth Bakke Stenehjem at 701-471-5004 or go to www.ndaginclassroom.org/ and click on Mini Grants. The deadline for applying is Sept. 7, 2012.

human face on how decisions in Washington, DC affect both producers and consumers across the US.

The main priority this fall will be to discuss the 2012 farm bill and attend a series of events and meetings. The National Farmers Union is expecting over 200 members from throughout the country. Participants will visit the office of every member of Congress in two and a half days. Members will hear from White House officials, elected officials from the House and Senate along with USDA leadership.

According to ND Farmers Union President Elwood "Woody" Barth, "Congress needs to listen to our family farmers and ranchers. Farmers Union wants congressional members to focus on passing a farm bill with a strong safety net and permanent disaster protection."

He went on to say that farmers meeting face-to-face with policymakers is important to ensure the voices of Farmers Union members are heard. "As the discussions about the 2012 farm bill move forward, Farmers Union members and staff will have to continue to drive home the message that we need a strong safety net in order to allow farmers and ranchers to continue in their business of providing an abundant and safe source of food and fuel for the country and world."

All Farmers Union members will be advocating for a farm bill to protect farmers and ranchers during times of need. A farm bill rally will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 12 in downtown Washington, DC, steps away from the Capitol.

Isabel Investigations

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Correction: In last week's news Josh Backstrom should have been identified as the son of Carol Backstrom, not as her son-in-law. The classmate who used to pick up Jim and Shirley Swanson and Janice Kopp with horses and a sleigh during the winter was Daniel Garman.

Jim Swanson and Barbara Liudahl of Fargo and Shirley Smith met with staff at the Lutheran Home of the Good Shepherd in New Rockford Tuesday to discuss the care of their mother, Norma J. Swanson.

Reuben and Shirley Smith had Saturday dinner at the Esmond Café and were among those who had coffee, ice cream and cake in honor of Arlene Lybeck's 80th birthday. Darlene Erickson, Arden and Margaret Toso and Duane Stadum were also among the residents of Esmond and the surrounding area who helped Arlene celebrate.

Sunday Alice Engkvist, Janet and Lyndon Olson, Rita and Dean Sorlie and Erling Karlsbraaten, all of Maddock, and Milton and Darlene Erickson, Myrt and Henning Jacobson and Reuben and Shirley Smith were among those who attended an open house for newlyweds Mark and Jessica Woyen and Peter Woyen and his fiancée, Laura Helder at the Maddock Community Center. Family members in attendance included Travis and Beata Woyen and Evan, Chad Woyen and Mark's father, Aaron Woyen of Bismarck.

Weekend house guests of Edward and Karen Woyen were Peter Woyen, Laura Helder, Travis and Beata Woyen and Evan, Kristi Tangelin, Brent Zimbelman and Chad Woyen. Claudine Knatterud, Mark and Jessica Woyen and Aaron Woyen were Sunday supper guests.

Shirley Smith was in Maddock Wednesday and stopped at the Maddock Memorial Home to pick up Norma J. Swanson's mail.

Karen Smith and Kristen were Sunday callers of Reuben and Shir-

ley Smith. Megan Olson visited her grandparents, Milton and Darlene Erickson Saturday and helped Grandpa Milton with some tasks.

Rick and Beth Olson and Megan hosted a Labor Day block party dinner. Guests included Kenadi Lee, Milton and Darlene Erickson, Kenny Erickson, Gordon Smith, Reuben and Shirley Smith, Gregg and Karen Smith, Jordan and Kristen, Bob and Sherri Engkvist and Gannon, Eric and Val Karlsbraaten, Sandy and Erling Karlsbraaten, Paula Duren and Brooks and Riaan Preterius of South Africa.

Sherri Engkvist participated in a "Blue Moon" 10K run Friday night. She was joined by Bonita Knatterud, Erin Hagemeister and Jennifer Hagen on the 10 p.m. run. They had a unique beer sampling afterward to celebrate their accomplishment.

Myrt and Henning Jacobson were in Rugby Thursday, where he kept a therapy session for his hand. They visited Pearl Mueller at the Heart of America Long Term Care Unit.

Saturday Kory and Colette Boehmer and Wil of Devils Lake helped Myrt and Henning Jacobson with yard work on their farm. Iris Vetsch and Vera Risovi stopped by after attending a bridal shower in Maddock. The Boehmers and Lane Jacobson were supper guests.

Sunday Gordon Smith visited Veloy Vallier at the Heart of America Long Term Care Unit in Rugby.

Dawn and Gary Halvorson and Jozi and Kandace Johnson, Emily, Ethan and Jordan, all of Red Lake Falls, Minn., Jaren Toso and Jessica Fraggott and Lilly of Grand Forks and Jason and Kayla Toso and Grason of Clarksville, Tenn. spent the weekend between the homes of Arden and Margaret Toso and Todd and Janice Toso and Wyatt. They attended a football game in Harvey that Wyatt played in on Saturday and spent Sunday at Arden and Margaret's farm.

Janet and Glen Peterson of Jamestown were weekend visitors at the home of Faye and Perry Glover and Kelly Glover.

Megan Olson was a Saturday visitor of Kenny Erickson.

Sunday visitors at the farm home of Jerry and Bonnie Johnson and Caleb were Darrell Johnson, Lanny Johnson, Merwyn and Barb Johnson and their daughter, Tracy of Menomonie, Wisc. and Tom Wiegner of Seattle, Wash.

Earl and Norma Schmidt of Fergus Falls, Minn. were weekend visitors of Victor and Arlene Lybeck.

Susan Zabel of Spring, Texas and Alan and Cindy Lybeck, Clara, Andrew and Adam of Minneapolis, Minn. were Thursday to Sunday visitors at the homes of Arlene and Victor Lybeck and Paul and Linda Lybeck and Kaylee.

Many family and friends helped Arlene Lybeck celebrate her 80th birthday Saturday at the Esmond Café. The birthday cake was made and decorated by Deloris Wentz. The Eric Lybeck family of Idaho Falls, Idaho phoned with birthday wishes later that day. Gary Stadum was a visitor at the Lybeck home after the party.

The Evening Stars Homemakers Club held its September meeting at the home of Perky Backstrom Monday. The promptness prize was won by Karen Woyen. She picked up Shirley Smith and Darlene Erickson en route to the meeting. The next meeting will be held at the home of Janet Olson. Perky served lunch after the meeting.

Janice (Kopp) Smith and David Arnold were Friday callers at the home of Reuben and Shirley Smith. Janice will travel by airplane from Bismarck to her home in Columbus, Ind. She plans to meet Carol (Breuer) Grenz at the Bismarck airport for a visit before leaving.

Date changed for council meeting

The Leeds City Council has changed its regular monthly meeting in September due to the Labor Day holiday. Instead of meeting the first Monday of the month, the council will meet Wednesday, Sept. 5 at 6 p.m.

Former Iranian captive Saberi to speak in Rugby

Prairie Talks, a speaker series started by North Dakota native Kristi Rendahl, will feature Roxana Saberi at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 7 at the Eagles Club in Rugby.

The series was started to connect common sense people in north central North Dakota with common sense people from around the world. Rendahl was born and raised in Benson County and is a graduate of Rugby High School.

Fargo native Roxana Saberi is a journalist, author, speaker and human rights advocate. She moved to Iran in 2003 to work as the Iran correspondent for the US-based Feature Story News. She filed reports for organizations such as NPR, BBC, ABC Radio and Fox News and was working on a book about Iranian society when she was arrested Jan. 31, 2009.

Saberi was later sentenced to eight years in prison on a trumped-up charge of espionage. In May 2009, an Iranian court suspended the sentence, and she was released. Saberi's book, *Between Two Worlds: My Life and Captivity in Iran*, was published by HarperCollins in March 2010. A limited supply of her books will be available for purchase and autographs.

Saberi will speak about her experiences in Iran as well as about Iranian society, human rights and current events.

Prairie Talks events are intended to engage, challenge and inspire conversation. Talks are free of charge, but donations are welcome to help defray expenses.

This event is sponsored in part by the North Dakota Humanities Council.

Additional information can be found at www.prairietalks.org.



Roxana Saberi

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Sept. 7: Bus goes to Minot.
Sept. 10: Bus goes to Rugby.
Sept. 11: Bus goes to Devils Lake.
Sept. 12: Bus goes to Grand Forks.
Sept. 19: Bus goes to Minot.
Sept. 21: Bus goes to Bismarck.
Sept. 26: Bus goes to Fargo.
Sept. 28: Bus goes to Grand Forks.

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