

Hettinger Public Golf Course offering “Learn A Little About Golf Night” on May 8th

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HPGC Board of Directors

Everyone can play golf, right? Well, golf is a four-letter word, no doubt about it. And it can be frustrating to hit it straight and the right distance. And we’re all trying to get a 1.68 inch diameter golf ball into a 4.25 inch diameter hole about 150 to 500 yards away from where we started! They do let us set our ball on a tee for our first shot on each hole -- but that’s about the only advantage we get. Let the club do the work! Right! But, wouldn’t it be great to learn the basic fundamentals (grip, stance, swing)? And maybe play a sport that is always outdoors in the fresh air and one of the few sports you can play for the rest of your life?

After all, most sports like basketball, football, baseball, volleyball, wrestling and track, are absolutely over for most of us, after our high school years. A few, very few, might continue to play one of these sports in college. Even fewer yet play in the professional ranks. Therefore, golf is the answer for most all of us – as a sport at least, post high school.

And, there are 38,864 golf courses all over the world! Approximately 15,000 in the USA alone! Closer to home, there are 141 golf courses in North Dakota, 154 in South Dakota! So, most everywhere you could possibly live, has a golf

course – or at least one nearby. Well, maybe not in Antarctica! But, you know what we mean.

Our current golf course track has been here since 1961, when Joe and Hazel Manning turned a few of their strips of farmland and shelterbelts into a nine hole “sand green” golf course. Prior to that, the local 9 was up behind the Western Horizons Care Center by Shelf Rock. Thanks to a sensational group of people (led by Dennis Freed) who got together back at the turn of the century (1998-2000), we now have a beautiful public, nine-hole, “grass green,” golf course, just south of Hettinger. And we need to keep improving it!

Back to the article -- To draw more people out to the Hettinger Public Golf Course, south and a little east of town about 4 miles (just go to the end of Hettinger’s Main street, head east past The Gutter bowling alley, keep going on the pavement past Evenson’s Ranch, over the railroad tracks, around the curve by Larson’s, and south on the pavement another couple miles to the top of the hill), we are hosting one of our first-ever “Learn A Little About Golf Night” on Wednesday, May 8th, anytime between 5-7pm.

We need everyone from the area who does not know anything about “playing golf” to come see us. Maybe

only for 30 minutes or an hour or so. Or maybe you know a little and would like to learn a little more about the correct fundamentals. If you have golf clubs, bring them. If not, don’t worry about it. We’ll have clubs, tees, balls, etc., to get you started. We’ll also have 6-8 local volunteer instructors available at the driving range to give you a little direction with your grip, stance and swing. And you’ll even get to take a whack at a few range balls! So, if nothing else, come see us to take a little stress out of your life!

If you want, bring your kids. If not, that’s ok too. Just in case, we have clubs, tees and balls for our area youth too. And we can help teach them the basic fundamentals as well.

Why wouldn’t ya? It’s a fun outing. It’s free. You can bring your kids. Or not. This game and leisure activity just might be the thing you need to enjoy this summer. Maybe you’ll join a women’s or men’s league or maybe a mixed league? Or play in a fun scramble golf tournament? Or maybe your kids will join our Youth Golf Camp, Youth Golf Friday Mornings and play in our Youth Golf Tournament?

Plus, we are thinking we should provide you with a beverage on this night – just for coming out to see us and learning a few fundamentals of golf. Or maybe you just want to scout our

place out for a possible class reunion, bachelorette party, your wedding or a family gathering. No matter -- the first beverage of your choice is on us, at least for this night.

If you’d like to come, please call or text Ted Uecker at 701-567-3666 with 1) your name, 2) how many of you will be attending, and 3) whether you have golf clubs or not. To prepare for your arrival, we must get an idea of how many clubs, tees, balls, instructors, etc. After all, we want this to be a positive night!

We look forward to seeing you at our “Learn A Little About Golf Night” at the Hettinger Public Golf Course on Wednesday, May 8th, 5-7pm. If nothing else, you’ll get a free beverage, learn a little about golf, maybe find a new spot for a gathering, get your kids interested in golf or meet some terrific people who are donating their time to help build our membership and our activity at Hettinger Public Golf Course.

The Hettinger Public Golf Course has always been (and still is) interested in everyone in our area community. We need you to make this idea work. Come see us. Why wouldn’t ya? It’s nice out here. And everyone’s welcome.



Editorial

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The word “election” is often met with a sigh and eyeroll.

I get it. I’m not a fan of politics.

I don’t like all the back-handed “shmear campaign” tactics that go along with the national elections.

I want to know why you think you are the best person for the position. What ideas would you like to implement to make the country, county, city, or school board run more efficiently? Are you passionate about making whatever office you are running for be the best and serve the people in the best possible fashion?

I am not seeing any national candidates take the high road and explain why they are the best person for the job.

That makes me dislike politics even more.

However, just because I dislike politics, doesn’t mean that gives me a free pass to not try to pay attention to what is going on in the world and do my civic duty as a citizen vote.

It is my responsibility to try to muddle through all the information that is funneled to me and do my best to make an educated decision.

It’s been happening for years, but this year in particular, I have noticed so many local county, city, school board, and park board positions without candidates.

I don’t know the reason, other than people don’t want to get involved, because serving in that capacity is not always glamorous or fun... but it is very important.

Volunteering to serve on community boards is important because it empowers individuals to actively engage in community development, represent diverse voices, participate in decision-making, network with others, develop skills, find fulfillment, and continue learning and growing.

Our communities need passionate, energetic people to step up and take on these roles to ensure we continue to thrive and grow as communities.

Without passionate people filling these roles, we have nearly vacant boards who will struggle to make progress.

It’s a commonly heard phrase, “If you want something done, ask a busy person...” However, it’s not fair that these roles continue to be placed on the shoulders of those who already wear so many hats.

There are many people within our communities who may have specialized knowledge or expertise, or even an interest in a learning and growing on a board.

I encourage everyone to think about what expertise they could contribute and consider serving on a local board to help continue to make the community prosper.

RUSTY'S >> From Pg. 1

one of the best burgers I've ever had...same with the fries. The place is very, very clean!"

Another young client of Rusty's had no words, not intentionally as they had just crammed their entire burger into their mouth.

Reviews from locals not only highlight the quality of the food, but the prices as well, not to mention the soda and sides that come with every sandwich.

The Gonders look forward to serving the community with mouthwatering delights and anticipate more offerings in due time, including the addition of a game room complete with arcade favorites.

You can keep up with Rusty's updates and

additions online through their Facebook page; "Rusty's Burgers and Ice Cream"

For any questions, you can e-mail the Gonders at Rustysburgersnd@

gmail.com or stop in at 105 3rd Street South in Hettinger and grab a bite to eat, Monday through Saturday 11am-9pm (Closed Sundays).

CALL FOR BIDS NEW DOORS AND HARDWARE AT DOOR C ENTRANCE AREA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Hettinger School Board will receive bids for replacement of the external doors located at Door C and the internal doors located in the same area. This bid is for the doors/glass and all hardware needed for operation of said doors.

All bids must be submitted to the Hettinger Public School Business Manager's Office in a sealed envelope marked "Hettinger Public School Door C door replacement" on or before 3:00 pm, May 13, 2024. Bids will be opened at 6:20pm, May 15, 2024, in the HPS Board Room. Final bids may be awarded at a later date. Interested parties may contact HPS Superintendent, Darin Seamands at 701-567-4502 to obtain additional information.

The Hettinger School Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Heather Ebert, Business Manager

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CALL FOR BIDS

MOWING OF CITY OWNED LOTS CITY OF HETTINGER, NORTH DAKOTA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Hettinger City Council will receive bids for mowing and trimming of city owned lots and Hettinger Housing Authority for 2024.

All bids must be submitted to the City Auditor's Office in a sealed envelope marked "City of Hettinger- Mowing Bid", on or before May 3rd, 2024. Bids will be opened at 7:30 AM, May 8th, 2024 at the Hettinger Armory Conference Room.

Interested parties may contact City Auditor Office to obtain a copy of the Bid Form.

The City Council reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

BY ORDER OF THE HETTINGER CITY COUNCIL.
Krista Faller, City Auditor

ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO REVISE ADMINISTRATIVE RULES
RELATING TO STATE FUNDING FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION

TAKE NOTICE that the **North Dakota Department of Public Instruction (NDDPI)** will hold a public hearing to address proposed changes of N.D. Admin. Code 67-23, Special Education; at

9:30 AM on Wednesday, June 5, 2024, in the Peace Garden Room at the State Capitol, 600 E. Boulevard Ave., Bismarck, ND 58505.

The proposed rules may be reviewed at the NDDPI Office of School Approval and Opportunity, ND State Capitol, 600 E. Boulevard Avenue, Bismarck, ND 58505-0440. A copy of the proposed rules may be requested by writing to the above address, to the attention of Jim Upgren, emailing jimupgren@nd.gov, or calling 701-328-2244. Written and oral comments may be sent to the above address or telephone number until 5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 17, 2024.

For individuals seeking to attend who will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the NDDPI at the above telephone number or address at least five days prior to the public hearing.

Dated this 19th day of April, 2024.
Jim Upgren, Assistant Director
Office of School Approval and Opportunity
North Dakota Department of Public Instruction