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On the subject of the Second Amendment, you ought to know the following. The Supreme Court has ruled — Castle Rock v. Gonzales (2005) — the police have no duty to protect any individual. Instead, they are responsible only for deterring crime by their occasional presence and for investigating crime after it occurs. Ponder that! Or look it up and study it as I did.

“It is astounding to me that Democrats (and squishy RINOs) can get in front of television cameras and demand gun confiscation while insisting on taxpayer-funded security details, armed with guns, for themselves”!

What’s up with “grants” by government entities? I looked it up and the first concerning false fact presented was that the funding source is the government. Wrong! You and I are the funding source. It is our money that mostly unelected bureaucrats subjectively dole out that can result in winners and losers. The next false fact found in my research is, “grants are a critical funding source for nonprofit organizations”. For-profit businesses also receive grants. Please understand readers, just because I point things out like this doesn’t mean that I am opposed to the topic. With grants for example, the first thing that should be presented when a grant is announced is where the money came from and who authorized it. Who means the name of the individuals and not just the bureaucracy that they hide behind.

A new subscriber to The Cavalier Chronicle, from a purple state on our southern border, called me the other day. Much older than I, and easily much wiser, he and I had a long and pleasant conversation. One of his comments about my writing was, “sometimes what you write is dripping with sarcasm and other times it is just a mist”. Most folks appreciate good sarcasm unless they are the recipient.

Compliments to the area farmers on the topic of transportation. When behind your trucks I notice that there are plenty of lights such as blinkers, brake lights and clearance lights and they all work if the operator uses them and most of them do though there is the occasional idiot without lights on at critical times. Speaking of idiots, I was about to pull out of my driveway the other morning as the sun was just beginning to rise. With a look to the west, even though still a bit dark, I could plainly see no one was coming but in looking to the east with the sun peeking over the horizon it was difficult to verify that there was no traffic coming my way. I could see a few miles down the road that vehicles were coming with their lights on but none close, being extra cautious in my old age I rolled the window down to have a better look. I still couldn’t see anything coming but with the window down I heard a vehicle coming. Sure enough, along comes an idiot in a minivan with no lights on. Come on people, those lights aren’t just so you can see. Lights on may be the deciding factor whether you are seen by other drivers. Turn them on. Same thing at the end of the day folks, with that sun going down behind you. Smart drivers have headlights on always. Many of the farm trucks have lights on even during a sunny day. It doesn’t cost anything. Turn those lights on and you will be “seen” as a smart and defensive driver.

Potato harvest is complete, culminating with a last minute scurry for storage as a better yield than expected emerged from that black Red River Valley topsoil. Wheat yields were good. Soybeans now being harvested appear to be yielding well and the corn is expected to be a bumper crop. How is that possible with our lower than average rainfall this season? It is scientific fact that crops require less moisture with increased CO2 and plants also produce more with higher CO2 levels. The peak CO2 level in the year 2025 was 430 parts per million (ppm) compared to 280 ppm two hundred years ago. The atmosphere that we breathe is 78% nitrogen and 21% oxygen! Do the math, that leaves only 1% for the remaining micro component parts that make up our atmosphere such as the trace elements of neon, helium, methane and carbon dioxide. Ponder how much 430 ppm CO2 really is, it isn’t much.

Our children are being indoctrinated with false “climate change” theory. Who is leading the charge on this scam anyway? Children need to be reading the story of Chicken Little and equate CO2 to the acorn that fell on her head. The sky is not falling. Our current sky with just a tiny bit more CO2 is actually helping feed the additional folks on the planet Earth.

Sugar beet harvest is under way and there have been accidents out on the highway with the additional traffic and it is not always the fault of the big farm truck. A small car can cause a big accident. Clyde at Stokesville 701-202-5000

Take Steps To Prevent Type 2 Diabetes With Free Lifestyle Program

PARK RIVER, N.D. — The Walsh County Extension Office is offering the National Diabetes Prevention Program (NDPP), a CDC-approved, year-long lifestyle change program that helps individuals at risk for Type 2 diabetes prevent or delay the disease through small, sustainable lifestyle changes.

Participants learn practical strategies for healthy eating, increasing physical activity, managing stress, and maintaining motivation. Benefits of the program include weight loss, improved health, and a reduced risk of developing diabetes.

The program will meet at the Walsh County Extension Office, located at 101 Co Rd 12B, Park River, ND, from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. Participation is free of charge. The NDDP program is designed to support participants with 16 weekly meetings and six follow-up core sessions to complete the year. Scheduled meeting dates to date: November 12, 19, 24, December 3, 10, 17,

22, 29. (Future sessions, yet to be determined, will likely be held on Wednesdays.)

To qualify, participants must meet all of the following: be 18 years or older; have a BMI of 25 or higher; not be diagnosed with Type 1 or Type 2 diabetes; and not be currently pregnant.

Participants must also meet one of the following: diagnosed with Prediabetes; previously diagnosed with Gestational Diabetes; received a high-risk result on the Prediabetes Risk Test.

To see if one qualifies for the program, visit the CDC’s Prediabetes Risk Test online to learn more at <https://www.cdc.gov/prediabetes/risktest/index.html>.

Questions about the program can be directed to Katie Thompson at (701) 284-6624 or Kari Helgoe at (701) 265-8411. For those that qualify and wish to register, please go to <https://ndc3.org/class/2275-2/>.

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Mayor’s Corner

From Lacey Hinkle, Mayor of Cavalier



Matt Ford

Greetings!

It has been a busy fall season, and the months are flying by; I hope everyone is getting through harvest, new routines, and busy activity schedules.

As mentioned in August, the council held their final budget hearing on Thursday, September 11, at 7:30 a.m. No changes were made to the preliminary budget, and the final budget for 2026 was approved at 45.13 mills, totaling \$184,988.00. If anyone has questions about the 2026 budget, please contact Auditor Blair at 265-8800.

Chief Osvoild is still accepting applications for two city police officers and has recently traveled to the Lake Region Police Academy to recruit new prospects. Chief Osvoild has all the information regarding these positions. Please contact him if you are interested or know someone who may be interested. In the meantime, I’d like to thank the Pembina County Sheriff’s Department again for stepping in to ensure the City of Cavalier has full police coverage while we are short-staffed.

The council accepted the resignation of Library Director, Marie Petry. Marie was an outstanding director, and she will be missed, but we wish her well in her future endeavors. Her position has been advertised over the past few weeks. The council did approve the hiring of Lisa Wells as the new library director. Unfortunately, Lisa declined the position. We will continue to search for a library director.

The council had a special meeting on Monday, September 22, to discuss the opportunity to purchase some of Marion McKechnie’s land. Marion’s attorney and family have given the City of Cavalier the first opportunity to make a purchase. The council was required to go into executive session for this meeting because bids were being proposed. Once out of executive session, the council approved having Attorney Fleming put together a proposal for land acquisition. No further action will be taken until we hear back from the McKechnie family attorney.

At the regular October meeting, the council discussed setting a price on the 19 acres of land the city owns just south of town. There has been some interest in the land recently; the council agreed to a price of \$7500 per acre. We are hopeful for new economic development and growth in that area.

The council approved a partnership with the Cavalier Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourism for a Christmas Lights Contest. The contest will begin on November 29th and end on December 19th. It is open to all CMU businesses and homeowners. The prizes include a \$250 credit on the winners' CMU bill for electricity. There will be one business winner and one home winner.

I’d like to thank the residents of Cavalier for their patience and understanding during the power outages in September. I know it was inconvenient; unfortunately, Mother Nature can’t be controlled. The Minnkota Power substation transformer that feeds electricity to the City of Cavalier failed due to a lightning strike on September 11th. Linemen from Minnkota Power installed a portable substation to keep power operating in Cavalier. This was a temporary fix that unexpectedly failed on Friday, September 12th. Thankfully, Minnkota was able to fix it as soon as possible. A large crane was needed to install a new, permanent transformer, which happened on Monday, September 22nd. Again, I know this was an inconvenient process, but your patience and understanding have been greatly appreciated.

Through this process, we got information out to as many people as possible. Social media helped, but we realized not everyone uses it. The City of Cavalier has its own city app for cell phones, which was used to inform people of the situation, as well as its website. If you do not currently have the city app, please download it to your cell phone to stay informed on all city information. Scan this link-

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As always, if anyone has any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me (265-4914) or any of your council representatives. Have a great day and #createthelifeyouloveincavalier

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