

Walsh County explores use of sales tax for jail project

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BY MATT HENSON WDAY

GRAFTON, N.D. -Walsh County officials

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Thursday, May 22

speaker meeting), United

Presbyterian Church, 302

2nd Ave. SE (alley door).

TOPS ND 312, St. Paul's

1000 5th Ave. NE (east

door); weigh-in, 8 a.m.;

James River Alcoholics

Anonymous, noon (open,

topic) and 8 p.m. (closed,

Big Book), AA Clubhouse,

Woodcarving Club, 6-8

p.m., Hansen Arts Studio.

Great Plains Food Bank

stops: Harold Newman

Arena, 1002 7th St. NE, 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.; in

Valley City, Epworth United

Methodist Church, 680 8th Ave. SW, 1:45-3:15 p.m.

mobile food pantry

Jamestown Public

Works, Police and Fire

committees, 4 p.m., City

meeting, 9 a.m.

518 10th Ave. SE.

Woodchippers

United Methodist Church,

Buffalo City Group

AA, 7:30 p.m. (open,

Brownsville

94° / 78°

CALENDAR

Hall, 102 3rd Ave. SE, or access by phone at 1-701-566-9575, conference ID 309 820 829 #

-2 Low, 3-5 Moderate, 6-7 High

8-10 Very High. 11+ Extr

Jamestown Public School Board and Jamestown

are exploring how to ceed after voters approved a sales tax increase, but rejected a property tax hike, in last week's special election to fund a new \$42 million jail in Grafton.

Both tax measures needed to pass for the project to move forward, but with only the sales tax approved, there was uncertainty over whether the funds could still be used.

Sheriff Ron Jurgens told the County Commission on Tuesday, May 20, that the Walsh County state's attorney believes the sales tax revenue can legally be used for jail construction or improvements to the sheriff's office.

"We are fairly confident we can utilize the sales

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The HOME program

would have provided

grant dollars for one-

development projects.

third of the infrastruc-

ture costs for residential

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Walsh County's 50-year-old jail is considered beyond repair and could be forced to close within a year.

tax revenue as long as it is for the state purpose of constructing the jail and/ or sheriff's office," Jurgens said.

The half-cent sales tax is expected to generate about \$11 million. One

option being considered is the construction of a holding cell, especially as the state is expected to soon shut down the current aging facility.

"We will discuss what, if any, options we have

with the funds that we do have available to us," Jurgens added.

County commission members declined further comment until election results are finalized next week.

agreements for residential lot development would be between the city of Jamestown and the developer

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One birth was reported Wednesday by Jamestown Regional Medical Center.

Administrators negotiations session,

4:30 p.m., District Office conference room, 207 2nd Ave. SE.

Jamestown Public School Board strategic planning meeting, 5:30 p.m., District Office Conference room, 207 2nd Ave. SE.

Friday, May 23 **Jamestown Overcomers** Narcotics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m., Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1201 4th St. NE.

James River Alcoholics Anonymous, noon (closed, topic) and 8 p.m. (open, speaker meeting) AA Clubhouse, 518 10th Ave. SE.

Overeaters Anonymous,

5:30 p.m. Regular weekly step meeting; phone meeting only. Call 701-320-2386 before meeting time to get information on calling into meeting.

BIRTH

May 21, girl, 7 pounds, 11 ounces, to Elizabeth and Jed Hasenwinkel, Glenfield, N.D.

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The local political subdivision and the developer of the residential lots would have each provided one-third of the costs for residential development projects.

The revised housing program is structured similarly to the HOME grant program. The revised housing program will fund 50% of the infrastructure costs for new residential development while the developer pays 50% of those costs.

A minimum of five residential lots would need to be developed and the

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