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# Velva *area* Voice

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## Word on the Street

### SPRING VENDOR CRAFT SHOW:

Saturday, May 2nd, 9am to 2pm, Velva American Legion.

### FOOD PANTRY:

May 19, June 16, July 21, August 18, September 15, October 20, November 17, December 15  
The food pantry is open from 5:45-7:15pm in the Fellowship Hall of OVLC, Main Street. The pantry is short of these items: canned meats, canned fruit, personal hygiene products and laundry pods and can be dropped off at OVLC Mon.- Fri. 9am-3pm.

### PURDY GOOD OL BAND:

If you're interested in joining the Purdy Good Ol Band for the Velva 4th of July, please call Carmen at 340-9513 or Marlowe at 6261724.



## Are your Ash Trees sick with ash borer insects?

Reporter Heather Tudor

City Auditor, Jenny Johns wrote a grant to the NDSU Forest Service last fall, and the city of Velva was awarded it. The grant is to replace 25 infected Ash trees within the community that are infected with the Ash borer insect.

The emerald ash borer insect is an invasive metallic green beetle that kills ash trees by feeding on their inner bark and disrupting nutrient flow.

The adult emerald ash borer is a small, metallic green beetle about a half an inch long with a coppery-red abdomen visible when the winds are spread. Larvae are cream colored, flat and feed beneath the bark, creating distinctive S-shaped galleries that girdle the tree. D-shaped exit holes in the bark indicate adult emergence. The Emerald Ash borer has a one – to – two-year life cycle depending on climate, tree health, and timing of egg-laying. Females lay eggs in bark crevices, and larvae feed on the phloem and outer sapwood, disrupting the tree's nutrient and water transport. Adults emerge in late spring to early summer, feed on

ash leaves for about a week, mate and continue the cycle. Adult beetles are most active during warm sunny days and can fly to spread naturally while human movement of infested firewood or nursery stock contribute to long distance spread.

Infested trees may show thinning leaves in the upper canopy, dead branches, vertical bark cracks, and increased woodpecker activity as birds feed on larvae. Without intervention, entire forests and urban areas can lose mature ash trees, causing ecological and economic damage.

The city of Velva has been instructed to contact the property owners and see if they would like their infected tree marked, taken down, hauled away, and replaced with a healthy ash tree.

Keep in mind that an Ash borer insect has been identified in Fargo and in Jamestown, ND, which has been doing extensive damage already. Once this insect is in the community, most if not all the Ash trees will become infected and dead within a couple of years. So, this collaboration with the city of Velva and the NDSU Forest Service is

a chance to try to get ahead of the infestation a little bit.

*"The city has already potentially identified twenty-five trees, now we are just waiting on the permission from the property owners to confirm they would like them replaced. Then the next step is to cut down, then replace, and finally the last step is to maintain the new trees that are planted!" explained Johns.*



If you have any Ash Trees on your property and have seen larvae or beetles around your property, please contact the City Hall to let them know and see what the next steps are moving forward. You can call them at 701-338-2660 or you can visit the City of Velva website and click on the contact us tab and fill out the form.

## It Was Front Page News

Submitted by Kathy Holte

April 7, 1960

### Construction Begins for Laundromat Service

General construction work was begun on Monday, April 4, on the new laundromat service, soon to be made available to patrons of the area by Dick Kirchoff, Minot. Kirchoff, a registered pharmacist employed by Central Pharmacy of Minot, was in Velva Monday morning attending to details pertinent to the facilities. Bids for completion of the new business, which be housed in one building on Velva's Main street, formerly occupied by Blackstead Implement Company, were awarded to the following: Fors Construction, Drake, general construction; Selzler Electric, Velva, electrical contract; Borreson Heating and Plumbing, Velva, contract for the heating system.

### Velva Reports 1959 North Dakota Sales and Use Tax Collections

McHenry county retailers and consumers paid \$163,856.95 for the 1959 North Dakota Sales and Tax collections. This represents gross sales of \$8,192,84.50 (actual print in The Velva Journal) on which the tax was paid. Of these amounts, Velva retailers and consumers paid \$46,723.78. Other McHenry County cities listed in the report and their totals included Anamoose, \$15,310.12; Drake, \$26,015.20; Towner, \$29,122.75.

### Voters Numbering 326 Exercise Their Right

Velva voters, numbering 326, went to the polls Tuesday, April 5th, at the World War Memorial Building, and elected the following city officials: For city commis-

sioner – Ivan G. (Jack) Cowles, and Ernest M. Sandes. The official tally reported was as follows: Otto Gackle 77, Ivan G. Cowles 150, Erick F. Anderson 96, Ernest M. Sands 188, Wm. Thompson 110. For park commissioners Fred F. Dettling and Bill Rauschenberger. Wm. Notman was elected justice of the peace. H. M. Busta was elected police magistrate. All terms are of four-year duration. The proposal "Shall the Velva Park Board levy an additional three mills, over and above the four mill levy, for the purpose of operating and maintaining the Velva Park?" was passed with 181 "yes" votes and 142 "no" votes.

April 14, 1960

### Scottish Rite Masons of Velva to Attend Easter Week Services in Minot

Many Scottish Rite Masons Velva are planning to attend the Maundy Thursday services at the Masonic Temple in Minot. At this time the ceremony of extinguishing the lights will be exemplified. In addition to the ritualistic ceremony an address will be given by Rev. Forest B. Sharkey. Scottish Rite Mason the world over assemble at this time in observance of the Feast of the Passover, and in memory of all members of the Rite who died during the years. Vernon Shipman of Granville and Howard M. Peterson of Velva are listed as among those who passed to the Great Beyond in 1959.

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