

City okays new air compressor space and costs

By ALLAN TINKER

The McClusky City Council moved to allow a 3,5000 PSI compressor space in the city hall building and to be billed electrical cost for the fire department's compensation, as requested by Eric Blumhagen in a non-agenda item presented at the beginning of the February 11th month city meeting.

Being able to refill tanks for McClusky as well as Goodrich departments will result in cost savings for the current travel and time of traveling to other facilities to refill.

Blumhagen stated the space where the compressor will be stored will be locked and closed off.

Auditor Amanda Saueresig reported there was a loss showing on the books when the audit was complete.

Net operating income on the city's current profit and loss report showed a minus-\$14,778.66 balance, She stated some expected checks had not yet been included in this report.

Past due water bills totaled \$3,285.50.

The 2025 annual report from the Sheridan County Sheriff's department showed 113 civil processes served, 13 warrants, and 126 crime reports. Revenue was \$4,080.71.

McClusky calls for service totaled 754, Goodrich 84, Martin 21, Rural Sheridan County 690, Other 54, and Jurisdiction not specified 32, for a total of 1,635.

The projected increase for water, sewer, and maintenance and costs, along with minimum bill with garbage \$88; minimum without garbage, \$63. The projected monthly total increase, including specials of \$80,000, is \$303,722.

Seven households paid for

dog and cat licenses in 2025, and licenses were issued for eight dogs and two cats.

Cecil Wehrman, North Dakota Newspaper Association executive director spoke on the possible loss of the local newspaper, the McClusky Gazette, with Allan Tinker current owner and publisher.

Tinker has served the community for 25 years in her job as editor and supervisor, and now publisher-owner. Age and health are issues indicating time to retire.

Wehrman outlined the consequences of a newspaper closure on the community, outlined what it takes to run a local newspaper, and addressed the potential for another group or individual to take over the newspaper. She invited questions from those present.

The risks if the paper closes is the loss of the postal permit, loss of official newspaper status, redirection of local public notices to outside of the community, loss of local news, land a loss of advertising vehicle for businesses and events.

Wehrman gave an example of Tioga not finding a new owner and that paper continued to issue a newsletter but without the legal status of an official newspaper.

Wehrman outlined what it takes to operate a local newspaper: a kitchen table and a laptop; good English skills, curiosity about the community, dedication to reporting fairly and accurately, and community support.

Ownership can be private, a not-for-profit board, a community or city owned venture.

A public meeting will be scheduled in March to answer any questions on the sale and/or possible loss of the newspaper.

City Park board readies for summer months

By ALLAN TINKER

The McClusky City Park board met for their February meeting on Wednesday the 12th.

Present were Board President Tracy Stein, Melissa Lauer, Vice President Shirley Murray, Samantha Roubal, and Auditor Amanda Saueresig.

Last meeting's minutes and financial report were approved and there were no additions to the agenda.

A helper will be needed for Cameron Touchette at the McClusky Cemetery.

Tammy Nordquist plans to help for Memorial Day observances but then will go to working part time.

Stein reported there was

no call back from Innovative Basements.

Positions open for the summer include pool manager, Certified Pool Operator, life-guards and park maintenance and a helper for the cemetery after Memorial Day.

A visitor offered to fill the park position and A motion was made to hire visitor Tyler Krueger and he accepted the job for the summer.

The Garrison Diversion matching grant needs to be done by March 2nd.

The Heart Park gazebo need for a person for roof repair will be advertised again.

Meetings were moved back to the first Wednesday of the month at 4:30 p.m. Motion on that issue made and passed.



Memory Lane

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Sheridan County's interest in the Independent state convention waned considerably when news came that J.E. Davis of Goodrich was not the independent choice for Governor. James N. Hanley received the gubernatorial nomination, the formal vote of the Devils

Lake convention Wednesday evening being Hanley 214, Davis 157, Hyland 54 and Carr 18.

The results of the independent convention were received over the radio here Wednesday night. Following the nomination of a candidate for governor, the remainder of the state ticket was picked.

That Davis was a strong candidate for the nomination was evidenced by the applause received when Fank Ployhar of Valley City, and others spoke on his behalf and even when his name was mentioned at other times. "The little giant of North Dakota" was the phrase one enthusiastic speaker gave Mr. Davis in supporting him on the convention floor.

Slim Barry's office in Goodrich, located in a building owned by Mutschler, was completely destroyed by fire at 3 o'clock Tuesday morning. In spite of the prompt service of the firemen, nothing was saved.

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Proceedings of the North Dakota House of representa-

tives was carried on in German for awhile Saturday but without great success.

In making a motion to recess until Monday, Rep. Walter Bubel of Center spoke in German. Red. Ben Wolf, Zealand, seconded the motion and speaker Leo Sticka called for a vote, all in German.

Sticka declared the motion had failed "for lack of understanding" and the proceedings were repeated in English. Then the house adjourned.

Arliss Suckert and Lorriane Axt of McClusky and Laurence Hoepfer of Martin have made the honor roll at Minot State Teachers college for the fall quarter, according to announcement made recently by the registrar's office.

Realistic characterization was displayed by the McClusky senior play cast in a fine presentation of the "Mummy and the Mumps" Friday evening in the school auditorium under the direction of miss Arlene Swenson.

Participating in the play were Ronald Reiswig, Robert Neff, Grace Wahl, Marvel Britton, Lois Stewart, Ruth Kessler, Wesley Wahl, Walter Hausauer, Marlys Van Vleet, and Wayne Kluck.

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Many temporary rivers and puddles appeared on McClusky streets during Monday's 50-degree heat wave. The warm weather meant sloppy

work for Marvin Richter, McClusky maintenance chief, who chopped away with a pick to open drainage routes. But most residents thoroughly enjoyed the fine eater and where is this place California, anyway? The temperature almost set a record, but not quite. It was 52 degrees on February 23, 1958.

The Sheridan County Social Service Board received congratulations for its Food Stamp Program administration and operation from Mr. T.N. Tangedahl, Executive Director of the North Dakota Social Service Board.

North Dakota is the only state in the United States completely withing the tolerance of nationally established error rates for the Food Stamp program. The tolerance levels are 3.0 per cent of the caseload for eligibility determination and 5.0 percent for issuance errors.

In ordinary language, this means the vast majority of people using food stamps were indeed eligible to receive them and they were receiving the correct amount and paying the right price.

The Sheridan County Social Service Staff who do the work are Linda Redmann, Eligibility Determination and Outreach Activities; Rose Jenner, Records and Sales; and Marian Branson, Reporting. Royce Roberson is the County Director.

JDA moves forward with changes

By ALLAN TINKER

At their monthly meeting on February 4, JDA members Bryon Belile, Brandi Baker, Trish Pladson and Kelli Bopp discussed the newest community changes with Zach Holen contributing on behalf of McClusky Grocery.

The Little Hearts Day Care has openings for new users and is holding their own and enjoying the completion of the security system, which can allow seeing who is asking to enter the premises before the door is opened.

The Little Hearts Daycare policies final draft was approved, with copies available

to new applicants for work as well as parents for enrolling their children.

Zach Holen reported on McClusky Grocery in particular rules regarding selling alcoholic beverages to either an intoxicated person or someone under 21 on the premises.

If a minor is sold alcoholic beverages the punishment can be up to one year in prison and a fine up to \$3,000. It is usually seen as a Class A Misdemeanor, according to Parents Lead.org.

Costs to repair the till and sign was \$1,500

Holen indicated that a grant is in the planning stages and

will be available when final details are approved by the organizers. Belile told him to apply for the top amount available for renovation of existing grocery facilities, which is \$150,000.

Another smaller grant by "Anonymous" sources may also be available but no information was currently available.

The next meeting of the North Central Co-op is March 4th in Velva. Contact Holen at 363-2224 for further information.

Currently eight or nine grocery stores are involved in the projects.

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The early years are especially important. Habits formed young often last a lifetime. When children are taught virtue with care and consistency, they gain a strong moral compass. That foundation helps them make wise choices, build healthy relationships, and grow into people of character and integrity.