

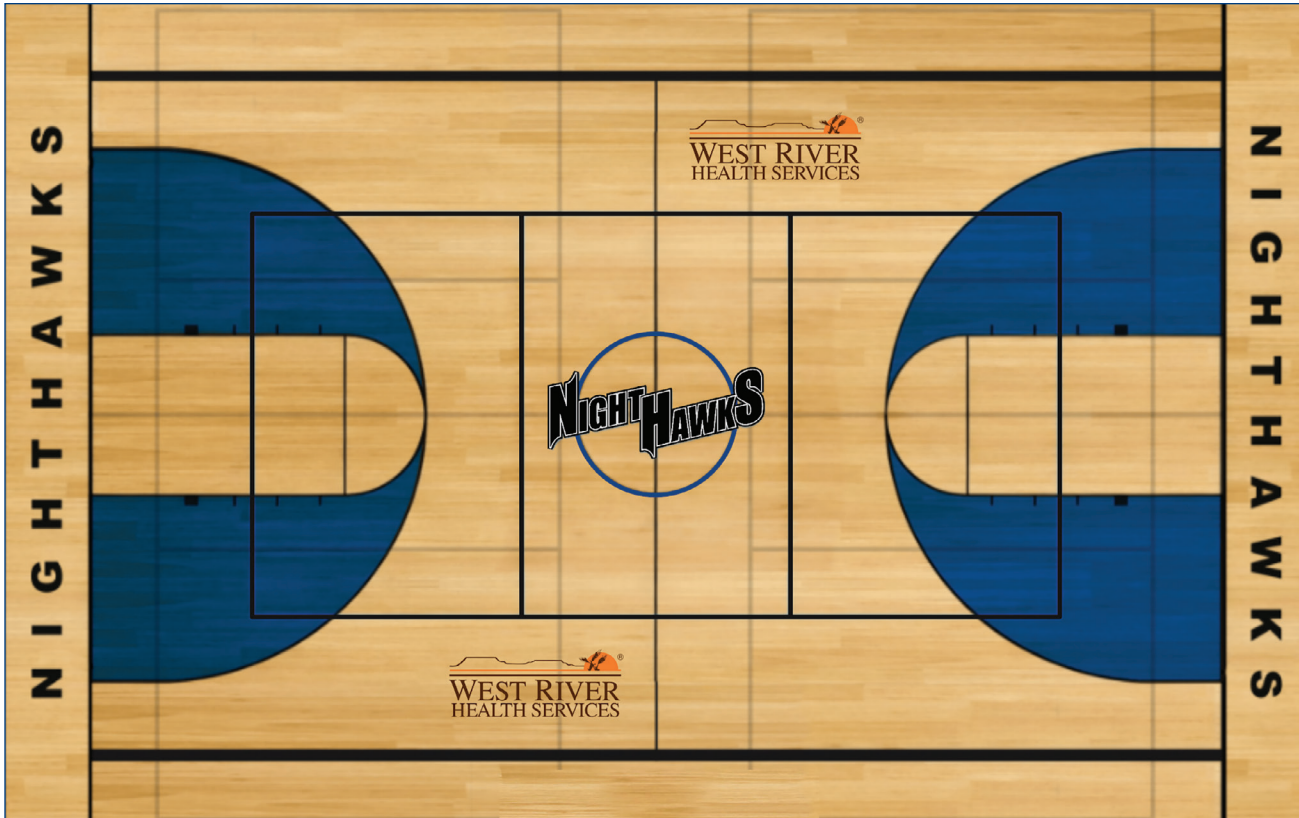
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HETTINGER PUBLIC SCHOOL is in the process of re-painting the gym floor to give it a fresh new look. West River Health Services will have their logo included due to a substantial contribution to refinishing the project.

Gym floor gets an upgrade

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“This gymnasium floor has had excellent care over the years. Your janitors have done a good job taking care of it,” said Pete Derksen of Derksen Flooring in Rapid City, SD.

Hettinger Public School board had not planned doing new graphics at this time on the John Butterfield floor in the Roberts-Reinke gymnasium, but when they called to set the date with Derksen Flooring, they had these two weeks open and were booked for the rest of the summer. Mr. Derksen was 19 years old, in 1983, when he helped lay a brand new floor. Superintendent Darin Seamands explained Mr. Derksen pulled up a board to check the condition of the wood and informed Mr. Seamands the floor is in excellent condition, probably lasting through another 2 or possibly 3 sandings. Derksen’s have seen

gymnasium floors last 40 years but this floor will exceed that by many years.

The floor was sanded down to the wood 14 years ago when the Night Hawk graphic was put down. It has been approximately seven years since John Butterfield’s name was placed on the floor.

West River Health Services will fund the majority of the re-do at a cost of \$37,500 allowing their name and logo on the floor. John Butterfield’s name will go back into the gym but not on the floor – at the entrance doors. With the addition of the Butterfield name and other graphics, the school will need to put in another \$10,000.

This past week the floor was sanded down to the wood and the artwork process started. The stain went on the inside of the 3-point area. This week the

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Hettinger City Council proclaims Arbor Day, HHA full occupancy

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Mayor James Lindquist, Council members Randy Burwick, Michele Gaylord, and Carl Ebert, along with City Auditor Krista Faller met Wednesday, April 8 at 7 a.m. in the Conference Room at the Hettinger Armory for their April regular meeting. Council member David Parrill was absent.

The minutes were approved as presented with a couple additions to the agenda – Daniel Schwarz about funding grants and Andy Roehl.

With no questions on the financial statement it was approved as presented.

The received correspondence included information on the City’s new employee, an explanation on the closure of the Corona Virus Recovery program closure, a map of bowling alley property lines, a request from Aspen Lenning of the City’s Tree Board asking the Council to make an

Arbor Day Proclamation and a Critical Structure Report. There was more discussion on the new employee, the bowling alley property lines and the Critical Structure Report later in the meeting.

Krista explained the City received Corona Virus Recovery money which they used to buy water meters. There is quite a bit of reporting which needs to be done with this money including quarterly reports and then finally annual reports which have all been completed and now the account can finally be closed out.

Andy Roehl was present to address the rumors, some of which could be considered slanderous according to Roehl. He stated he has been told it has been said in Hettinger that he supposedly damaged the KMM building by turning the heat off. He also addressed that he received an approximate \$200 water bill dated after January 15 which is

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Scammers becoming more deceptive

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With all the great advances in technology that we appreciate, it’s important to remember that there is always some ‘bad’ with the ‘good’ in almost everything we enjoy. Con-artists and scammers also use that same technology to try and steal from people: their money, account information, and even their identity.

There are many types of frauds and scams, such as ‘undeliverable packages’ texts, imposter scams (where

scammers pretend to be someone you would normally trust, like family members, government officials or tech support agents), social media marketplace items that don’t actually exist, and false claims of lottery or sweepstakes/prize winnings, just to name a few. People may be manipulated through fake websites and links, or phishing emails, phone calls, and texts. The types and methods of scamming are so numerous that there are too many to list, and they are constantly increasing.

With all of the de-

ception out there, there are still ways to prevent being scammed.

The Federal Trade Commission website states some ways to avoid a scam: “Block unwanted calls and text messages, don’t give out your personal or financial information in response to a request that you didn’t expect, resist the pressure to act immediately, know how scammers tell you to pay, and stop and talk to someone you trust.”

A recent text message circulating demonstrates how scammers are using increasingly ‘official’ looking lan-

guage to deceive the individual. Many use fear tactics to scare the recipient into giving out information. The message also has a strange looking website, which is often a red flag in any message or email.

When looking to verify this message on the NDDOT website, they had this posted at the top: ‘NDDOT is aware of fraudulent text messages and emails that are asking for payment of fees or fines. Do not reply or click any links. Report it as spam and/or delete it immediately.’ So when in doubt on an email or text message,

do not give out personal or financial information and contact the company or source separately to find out if it’s legitimate.

If you believe you have been scammed and given out financial information, contact your bank or credit card company immediately and let them know. The FTC website also has more complete steps available to take in the case of compromised personal or financial information and can be found at <https://consumer.ftc.gov/articles/what-do-if-you-were-scammed>.