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Senior Tea

Submitted by Emily Tescher-Schmaltz



The annual Woman’s Club “Senior Tea” was held April 23 at Oak Valley Lutheran Church. The club hosts the annual tea for all girls graduating in the Velva area. Woman’s Club Members Joan Hansen and LaDonna Finnicum presented the program “Take Life One Sip at a Time.” The duo gave a skit portraying themselves as podcasters from a coffee shop. They gave advice for graduating seniors and discussed the various trails and tri-

als one might encounter. After the program the Senior ladies and their guests were served cake tea and other beverages.

The GFWC Velva Woman’s Club was established in 1913 and is a volunteer organization dedicated to improving our community through volunteer service and advocating for various causes. Anyone interested in joining the Velva Woman’s Club can contact Emily Tescher-Schmaltz at 701-721-3675



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ANAMOOSE DRAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION:
Call 701-465-3258. Bring a copy of birth certificate and immunization record to school. Students must turn 5 years old by July 31, 2025.

PUBLIC LIBRARY HOURS:
School hours and Wed. nights until 6:30pm.

VELVA COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY:
2025 Dates: May 20, June 17, July 15, Aug. 19, Sept. 16, Oct. 21, Nov. 18, Dec. 16. 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.

VALLEY VIEW MANOR MEN’S COFFEE CLUB:
Inviting area men to the Valley View Manor “Men’s Coffee Club”, every Thurs. at 9am, in the Valley View Manor dining room. Stay connected with friends and neighbors.



Can I see your license and proof of insurance please?

Reporter Heather Tudor

The Velva City Commission met on Monday, April 21st, 2025, at 7:00pm at the Velva City Hall. Commissioners present were Dave Keller, Mary Liz Davis, Gene Jensen, and Ben Zietz. Representing Public Works was Kelly Jemtrud and Schad Prellwitz. Representing the City Engineers was Brian Julius from Ackerman Estvold, and City Auditor Jenny Johns. Guests in attendance were Lonnie Sather, Brad and Tracy Christianson, as well as Mark Johnson and Connie Bryant representing Farmers Union Insurance, Mark Johnson Agency

and Commission President, Mike Schreiner. The first item on the agenda was approval of meeting minutes. There was a regular meeting on March 17th as well as special meetings schedules on April 8th and 9th. Commissioner Keller made a motion to approve meeting minutes on said dates. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion, motion carried. Next item on the agenda was approval of payroll and bills. The total amount for payroll and bills came to \$36,212.85. Commissioner

Davis made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$36,212.85. Jensen to second the motion, motion carried. Then Mark Johnson and his office manager Connie Bryant were given the opportunity to speak to the Commission. For years the City Commission has been with Ihry Insurance out of Towner to cover claims if need be. Mark Johnson addressed the commission and asked them to reconsider keeping business local and looking into his Farmers Union Insurance policies. Johnson assured the commission

that his policies are exactly the same as Ihry Insurance as well as his premiums and if they were not, he would make them comparable if the city would reconsider going with Farmers Union Insurance instead. Commissioner Keller made a motion to switch the city insurance to Farmers Union Insurance with Mark Johnson. Jensen to second the motion, after some more discussion, motion carried. Another topic at the table was the speed bump issue on Central Avenue East going out of town

towards Karlsruhe. The city had previously placed a speed bump in hopes to slow traffic down leaving and coming into town. Then the city placed a radar sign close by making those traveling that road aware of what their speed is, also getting them to slow down before they get to the speed bump. People aren’t slowing down for the speed bump and individuals are taking the speed bumps at 35 - 40+ mph or else trying to drive around them, which means they are now driving