

Memory Lane

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Four big days of clean education, entertainment, and humor are in store for the people of McClusky and vicinity when the Chautauqua arranged for by the businessmen of the city will be here. The dates are June 16,17,18, and 19.

The program for the first day will open with the evening entertainment only, but the remainder of the programs will consist of matinees each afternoon beginning at 2:30 p.m. with the evening program beginning at 8:30 p.m. There will be a change of program twice daily. Following are some of the features to be presented to the people: “Her Temporary Husband,” “Our Good Bad Boys,” “Across the Street,” and “Within the Law.”

The price of admission to the entire program will be \$1 for children and \$1.75 for adults. Singel admission will be 25 and 50 cents for each entertainment. Now is the time to buy your tickets to assure you of a fine seat. By purchasing a season ticket for the seven entertainments it will cost you the small sum of 25 cents for each entertainment,

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The foregoing information pertaining to the election law of this date was given out by Geo. Thom, Jr. of Denhoff.

A law was passed by the last Legislature that will be of special interest to voters and judges of elections in his county.

The new law provides that “any elector, who declares to the Judges of election that he or she “cannot read the English language” or is unable to mark his or her ballot by reason of blindness or other disability, may, upon request, be assisted in so marking the ballot by his or her “father, mother, husband, wife, brother, sister, son or daughter, or by both Judges of Election.”

There was much complaint last year against the law then in force as many had no relative that could assist them in marking their ballots, and judges of election were not permitted to assist. The voter ask the two Judges to assist him under his new law.

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The Denhoff baseball team, defending Central State league

champs, served notice in the last two encounters with Lopp opposition, that they are determined to retain the title this season.

The Denhoff club walloped Cathay by a score of 27-0 on May 28, after dropping the opener May 21 to Heaton by a score of 6 to 2. On Sunday afternoon, Denhoff drubbed Hurdsfield 10-4 for the second league win in three starts.

Tommy Carley was Denhoff’s starting pitcher for all games. In the opening fracas, Heaton had a 6-2 lead when Eddie Oswald went in to check the uprising, but Denhoff was unable to overcome the lead. Carley also was a starting pitcher against Cathay and Hurdsfield, with Eddie finishing both games in great style.

Denhoff will meet Sykeston at Denhoff Sunday afternoon, June 11, in a Central State Loop headliner. Oswald & Co., have a score to settle with Sykeston and this should be win No. 3 for Denhoff.

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Problems concerning the use of the McClusky baseball diamond were brought to the attention of the City Council at its meeting Monday night. It was reported that conflicts occur between the Legion baseball team and men’s and women’s softball leagues regarding game and practice schedules.

Mrs. Allan Klein and Mrs. Bruce Reierson, representing the Women’s softball league, complained that the Legion Squad had been claiming priority in use of the ballpark and had not cooperated with the softball players in forming a workable schedule.

Bob Bauer, representing the Legion baseball organization, said the Legion team had been saddled with the clean-up and maintenance of the diamond with o heal from the other teams He also claimed that Legion and Babe Ruth baseball should have priority as a builder of sportsman ship and said the program has been sponsored for several years by the American Legion, Merchants Association, Lions Club, and previously by the Jaycees.

After discussion all representatives agreed to meet to formulate a master schedule or games and practice sessions.

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The McClusky Community Band will meet and rehearse on Thursday, June 19, at 8 p.m. in the Legion Quarters. The band is open to anyone from the 8th grade through adults.

The band will be performing on June 27 in the Old Settler’s Day parade, June 28, for a concert uptown, July 24 at the North Dakota State Fair, and a few Thursday evenings up town.

The Summer Music Program started on Monday, June 9. Anyone interested in taking private instrumental or voice lessons should call 2690. This is open to students Grade 5 through 12. The Summer Program will run for 4 weeks

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Carl Peterson, retired hardware store owner in McClusky, was the proud recipient of one of the first Polar Ware products in McClusky.

At the May 31 reception held by the Sheridan County Economic Development Corporation to introduce Polar Ware’s people and products to the community, Carl asked Walter Vollrath, president and CEO of the Polar Ware Co., if they made bed pans.

“Yes, we do,” Vollrath told him, “The bright, shiny, cold stainless-steel ones.” He added that he would make sure Carl got one. The presentation was made shortly thereafter

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Children and adults pitched in on the major work product at the Sheridan County Community Party Monday evening at McClusky Park, petunia planters for Sheridan County business places. Unfavorable weather held off for the party, which was sponsored by SCiPY, Sheridan County 4-H Leaders Council, Sheridan County Extension Service and Region VII Children’s Services Coordinating Committee. The Community Party Monday evening in McClusky Park drew about 138 people. Many stuck around for entertainment for the “Happy the Clown” troupe from Garrison. The Clown known as M& M was helped by Ethan Bender, Fritz Hirschkorn, Brandon Whitmire and Cody Crimmins.

AARP North Dakota Scams

Toll Road Scams

If your phone’s been lighting up with messages saying you owe a road toll, you’re not alone. Criminals are blasting out fake texts pretending to be from government agencies or toll services. Their goal? To scare or rush you into clicking a link, handing over personal info or making a payment.

Here’s what you need to know: legitimate toll agencies don’t collect payment via

text message, and they won’t threaten you over a missed toll.

If you get a message about unpaid tolls, do not respond or click on any links—even if it looks legit. Instead, check your account using the state tolling agency or transponder company’s legitimate website or phone number—not information from the message.

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

The impact of elder financial abuse is profound. While abuse can come from known perpetrators like caregivers or family members, scams carried out by strangers are also a major threat. In fact, the Federal Trade Commission estimated that criminals stole as much as \$61.5 billion from adults age 60 and over in 2023 alone. With World Elder Abuse Awareness Day coming up on June 15, it’s a timely reminder that we can take steps to prevent the financial exploitation of older adults.

Encourage older adults in your life to add a trusted contact to their financial accounts.

This person won’t have access to make transactions but can be notified if there’s suspicious activity or if the account holder can’t be reached.

Freezing credit is an important way to prevent unauthorized accounts from being opened in their name. Additionally, help reduce exposure to phone-based scams by setting up robocall and text message blockers through their mobile carriers or reputable apps.

Small actions like these can go a long way to protecting the financial well-being of older adults and ourselves.

Medicare Fraud

To protect yourself, protect your Medicare number. Don’t share it with anyone who contacts you out of the blue. Be wary of offers for free medical equipment or services that you are told Medicare will cover. The only equipment or services Medicare will cover are

those that are prescribed by your doctor.

Review your Medicare statements regularly and report anything suspicious to your medical provider. If your concern persists, contact Medicare at 1-800-MEDICARE.

Travel Scams

Travel scams are heating up just in time for summer, from bogus deals to fake booking sites and other schemes. Here is how to spot some of the most popular vacation scams.

Scammers often create fake vacation rental listings, then pressure you to pay upfront through wire transfers, gift cards, or other hard-to-trace methods. If a host asks you to pay outside the platform, it’s a scam.

Be skeptical of steeply discounted offers and use a credit card for stronger fraud protection. If something feels off, take the time to verify before making any payments. Also, learn about any new-to-you travel site before booking by searching the company’s name along with the word “scam” or “complaint” or “review” to read about other people’s experiences.

Learn how to spot and avoid scams with AARP Fraud Watch Network™. Suspect a scam? Call our free helpline at 877-908-3360 and talk to one of our fraud specialists about what to do next.

JDA needs two new members

By ALLAN TINKER

With two of the JDA, now officially under the trade name “City of McClusky Job Development Authority,” meeting city council members, that left just one JDA member. Representing the City with JDA are Mayor Bryon Belile and Council member Brandi Baker. Amanda Gessner remains as chair of JDA and the lone JDA board member.

Minutes for the June 2 meeting were recorded by temporary city auditor Marlo Clark. “City of McClusky Little Hearts” daycare is now under the state-registered trademark for that name, according to the Special Meeting held on May 22.. They will manage their finances under that name as well. June 1st was the first deposit made under that name.

A clear timeline concerning the state’s disbursement

of sales tax money to the three recipients includes the Park Board, JDA and McClusky Cemetery. (Prior to that, A county board, Sheridan County Economic Development Inc. a not-for-profit corporation .handled community development of jobs, oversight of economic plans and business ventures. SCEDC did not receive city sales tax money.)

Clark is doing in-depth look, with assistance from board and city members, to find a clear financial record trail. She also suggested seeking the services of a forensic Certified Accountant for an audit. She also suggested that the city freeze the accounts within a certain time frame and that could be addressed at the next city meeting on June 9th. Black Mountain handles the water bills and that portion if okay.

Zach Holen was present and

stated a wrong box checked in the application for SNAP and WIC certification is still holding the final process up. According to Baker, a check on the process shows approval of the applications and certification “pending.”. He also noted that McClusky Grocery had cleared its first net profit.

Aubrey Majors will work at Little Hearts daycare and a replacement will be found for her position at McClusky Grocery. Zach also said that using a distributing company may help get in the Frito Lay products.

Present for the JDA June 2 meeting were, listed above, and Jerri Van Sandt. The May 5th meeting had been called to order at 6 p.m. with some confusion as to whether the June 2 meeting was to start at the same time or at 6:30. The meeting waited for the members to show up.

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