

# Max

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Week-end activities in Max include a baby shower for Ivan Scott, son of Heather and Scott, of Benedict. This will be held at Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Max this coming Saturday, June 19th, at 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Sunday is Father's Day and also Max's Fourth Annual Summer Solstice. This will be held in the Max City Park, starting at 6 p.m. There will be a potluck, BBQ, picnic with meat, buns, plates, cups and utensils being provided. Bring your favorite salad or dessert to share. Also bring your own beverages and chairs.

The Max Library Partners will have a Board Meeting June 21st, Monday, at 7 p.m. at the Max Community Library. Any Max Library Partners may attend.

Friday, June 25th, the June Potluck and meeting of the Max Senior Citizens will be held at their center on Main Street. The potluck begins at 6 p.m., with the meeting following. Everyone is welcome.

July 17th at 1 p.m. a Demolition Derby will be held on the old Golf course at Max.

The Max Alumni Association will hold their next meeting on Sunday, July 11th at 2 p.m. Tentative location will be the Max Civic Center. The group is still in need of people to help on committees and be chairpersons of committees. At the last meeting was the consensus that if we do not get more people to attend the meetings and volunteer to assist with the activities, the event may be very streamlined. At this point, confirmed activities are Friday Night Entertainment, a meal for Saturday night, Saturday parade and a booklet. If you can help, please let us know and we hope there will be more attending the next meeting. Kathy Huetl is one you may contact if you are interested in helping in any way. Her number is 679-2499. I'm sure you won't have to be a Max Alumni to help out! You will enjoy that week-end of activities - help out now to make it the best ever!

## Mountain runoff increases

What a turnaround a couple of months can make. Just a few weeks ago mountain snowpack was as much below the annual average.

Fast-forward to the end of May: late season snow in the mountains, rain over much of the upper basin and wet soil conditions combined to push runoff into the Missouri River reservoirs to 77 percent of normal in May. The runoff increased reservoir levels 1 to 2.4 feet, according to information in this month's U. S. Army Corps of Engineers newsletter.

"Both Garrison and Oahe reservoirs remain in their annual flood control zones with only Fort Peck well below normal," said Jody Warhat, chief of the Corps' Water Management Office in Omaha. Reservoir storage is currently 0.8 million acre feet. We've not seen that high since 1999," she added.

Garrison reservoir rose nearly two feet in May, ending at elevation 1841 feet, 3.5 feet above the

The Bible Study met on Wednesday at Lila Fannik's home for lunch and Keith Kaynor led the devotions. On Thursday evening at the Senior Center in Max, everyone enjoyed dinner and fellowship time, with Missionary Keith and Marilyn Kaynor. People came from Max, Minot, and Washburn.

The Kaynors cooked and served dinner at Lila Fannik's home on Friday evening. Those attending were Norval and Cary Semchenko, Michael and Agnes Dobowey, LaVonne Fannik, and Lorna Sambor. The Kaynor's left from Bismarck for their home in Michigan, on Saturday morning.

Fourteen pelicans were seen recently on the west end of a slough that is adjacent to the trailer court. What a beautiful sight. In flight, their wing span is outstanding!

Sunnyslope Homemakers met last week at Linda Krueger's home in Minot. One of their adopted Grandma's recently passed away, Lucina Kabanuck, so they adopted Marge Scurlock of Garrison. Their other Grandma is Martha Rovenko of Minot. This type of adoption is wonderful and actually individuals could adopt Grandparents too. How wonderful for the 'Grandparents'.

On Sunday at the Douglas Senior Center there was a bridal shower for Shawna Fannik. She and Jesse Schroeder will be married August 14th. Shawna is Dennis and Karla Fannik's daughter.

Swap Shop on the Max website has two requests: One individual is looking to buy a used pressure cooker. Another individual is wanting raspberry bushes; they will dig them up. She also wants to know if there are any Juneberry bushes that they may pick from. Contact Tamra Huesers if you can help fill any of these requests. Her phone number is 679-2030 and her mailing address is P.O. Box #15, Max, N.D. 58759.

*"The elevator to success is out of order. You'll have to use the stairs.....one step at a time: Joe Girard"*

base of the annual flood control zone. Releases averaged 14,500 cfs during the month. The long-term average is 20,800 cfs. The reservoir is expected to rise 1.5 feet in June, ending at 1842.5 feet. It is currently eight feet higher than a year ago.

Fort Peck releases averaged 6,000 cfs in May. They are currently at 4,500 cfs and will be gradually increased to 6,500 cfs this month to conserve water in the reservoir while providing irrigation water below the dam. The average release rate in June is 9,700 cfs. The reservoir rose 2.4 feet in May, ending at elevation 2227.4 feet. It is expected to climb nearly a foot in June, ending at elevation 2228.1 feet, 5.9 feet below the base of the annual flood control zone. It is currently 9.8 feet higher than last year at this time.

Runoff for 2010 is currently forecast to total 28.5 MAF, 115 percent of normal.

## Max City Council minutes

The Max City Council met Monday, June 7, 2010 at 7pm. Mayor Gullickson and council members Swanson, Haynes and Adams were present; Krebsbach absent. Also in attendance were Tammy Johnson, City Maintenance, Galen Scheresky and Teresa Sundsbak with North Prairie Rural Water, John McElwain, Cody Swanson, Steve Eberle, Ackerman-Estfold Engineering and Ray Iverson, Park Board.

Meeting called to order. Haynes moved to dispense with reading minutes from the April 27th Equalization meeting, the May 3rd regular meeting and the May 18th Equalization meeting, Swanson second, all voting aye, MC.

Council heard from Teresa Sundsbak and Galen Scheresky regarding NPRWD projects; pump stations are being updated. Council concerns discussed; cloudy water that the city experienced last month could have been caused by a break in the line that was fixed but can then cause problems down the line. Council also voiced concern about the pressure/flow of water coming into the city; the City has been operating on demand. Sundsbak stated that she will request that John Mehush, NPRW Operations Manager, look at the City's system and meet with Johnson regarding the issue. Water Tower project discussed; Sundsbak will ask that Mehush also review the water tower and recommended contacting our State Legislators. Council directed auditor to request that our State representatives attend the July council meeting.

Council heard opposition from John McElwain regarding vacating of the proposed sections of Flower and Hill Street discussed at the May meeting. McElwain is opposed to vacating this section of Flower Street because it would potentially cut off access to his property that lies to the west. If a right of way easement could be established in the area where he currently enters his property, through the property known as the rodeo grounds, owned by the school, then he would have no objection. McElwain recommended not vacating the section of Hill Street as the main North Prairie water line into the city is located in this easement. Additionally, McElwain and Council member Swanson viewed the location of the cook shack building and noted that it is entirely on the campground property belonging to the Park Board. Council consensus determined that the proposed section of Hill Street will not be vacated. City will request a right of way easement from the school district. Mayor Gullickson and Council member Swanson will attend the next school board meeting.

McElwain also reported concerns regarding gate valves in the city, which are in need of updates. Council noted concern; an estimate for updates to gate valves has been included in an overall water department project plan that was completed by the City Engineer at the same time as the water tower project plan.

Council heard from Cody Swanson regarding the vacating of the proposed section of Flower Street. Swanson indicated his understanding of the concern raised by McElwain but hopes that another solution can be found.

Council heard from Eberle; a preliminary report was provided to Edwin Schmidt for the Housing Authority, there was continued discussion regarding a zoning ordinance, topic tabled to next meeting.

Iverson reported on Park Board business. Park board will be having a dough boy fundraiser, details to follow, any help will be appreciated. Summer Solstice party will be held in the park on Sunday, June 20th.

Council discussion of Water department planning; auditor met with Audrey Boe Olson from NDRWSA. Olson will work with the auditor to detail suggestions for the water department. Olson could meet with the Council at a future meeting; auditor instructed to request that Olson attend the next council meeting.

Council held discussion with Johnson regarding maintenance items. Johnson has requested another mower as the Schweiss mower is not workable; Haynes moved to purchase another lawnmower, Adams second, all voting aye. Council reviewed information on some options for which the city has received bids; Swanson to research further.

Council held discussion regarding culvert at corner of Main and 4th that is clogged. City received an estimate

from A-1 Septic to clear this, Council instructed Johnson to get an additional estimate, discussion tabled to next meeting.

Council held discussion regarding the city mowing ordinance. Reminder: Property owners in the City of Max are required to mow weeds or grass, before they exceed eight (8) inches tall, under Ordinance B-107 of the City of Max Ordinances. When the tall weeds or grass on a property are determined to be in excess of eight (8) inches tall and notice has been sent, such weeds or grass will be cut by the City of Max. The cost of such work, if not paid by property owner prior to, will be assessed against the property at a rate of \$100.00 per hour, one hour minimum, per lot. Additionally, if when mowing is completed by the City, there is any damage to the equipment used, the cost to repair or replace the damaged equipment, if not paid by property owner prior to, will be assessed against the property.

Adams moved to approve Liquor Licenses for Johnny's Bar and DJ's Centennial Lounge for the period July through December 2010, Haynes second, all voting aye, MC.

Haynes moved to designate the McLean County Independent as the City of Max Official Newspaper, Adams second, all voting aye, MC.

Council discussion regarding offer from Gaffaney's for repair of the city copier. Swanson moved to approve repair of the city copier by Gaffaney's; Haynes second, all voting aye, MC.

Swanson moved to approve the financial report, Adams second, all voting aye, MC.

Council advised auditor on handling of delinquent water accounts.

Swanson moved to approve appointment of Karrie Boedicker to the Max Community Library Board, Haynes second, all voting aye, MC.

Next council meeting will be the Organization meeting held on Tuesday, June 22, 2010 at 7:00pm.

Adams moved to adjourn, Swanson second, meeting adjourned.

Jody Gullickson, Mayor  
Tonya Balaban, Auditor  
(June 17, 2010)

### NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

relating to closing the metrology laboratory, determining corridor size, letters of intent, and requests for jurisdictional determinations in energy conversion and transmission facility siting cases, standardizing the content and format of annual reports tracking renewable electricity and recycled energy, implementing the requirement that the commission's wind farm decommissioning rules address present and future natural resource development, and repealing inconsistent language regarding practice before the Commission.

### Public Service Commission

will hold a public hearing to address proposed changes to the N.D. Admin. Code.

Commission Hearing Rm.  
12th Floor  
State Capitol  
Bismarck, ND  
Wed., July 14, 2010  
1:30 p.m.

A copy of the proposed rules may be obtained by writing the Public Service Commission, 600 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept. 408, Bismarck, ND 58505-0480 or by calling (701) 328-2400, toll free 1-877-245-6685 or Relay North Dakota TTY: 1-800-366-6888. This information is also available to view on our web site at [www.psc.state.nd.us](http://www.psc.state.nd.us) under Formal Actions/Case Search. Also, written comments may be submitted to the Public Service Commission at the above address, until July 26, 2010. If you plan to attend the public hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the Public Service Commission by telephone or by writing to the address above at least 24 hours prior to the public hearing.

Tony Clark, Commissioner  
Kevin Cramer, Chairman  
Brian P. Kalk, Commissioner

## Public notice of formal hearing

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
Falkirk Mining Company  
Case No. RC-08-640  
Revision 13, Permit NAFK-9601  
Approval  
NOTICE OF FORMAL HEARING  
May 12, 2010  
Preliminary Statement

On August 1, 2008, the Falkirk Mining Company applied for a permit revision to change the post-mining land use on lands within Permit No. NAFK-9601 for the Falkirk Mine near Underwood. Revision No. 13 changes the post-mining land use to recreational use on 428 acres surrounding Coal Lake located in the W 1/2 of Section 25, SE 1/4 of Section 26, and N 1/2 NE 1/4 of Section 35, all in T146N, R82W, McLean County. A written agreement has been executed to transfer these lands to the North Dakota Department of Transportation to eliminate the No-Mow areas within the rights-of-way of state highways in McLean County. On March 10, 2010, the Public Service Commission conditionally approved Revision No. 13 to Permit No. NAFK-9601 subject to the right of any person with an interest that is or may be adversely affected to request a formal hearing. On April 9, 2010, the Commission received a request for a Formal Hearing in the matter from the Dakota Resource Council about the change in post-mining land use on 86 acres previously approved as cropland.

Notice of Formal Hearing Notice is hereby given that the captioned matter is set for a Formal Hearing, commencing at 9:00 a.m. CDT, on July 1, 2010, in the Public Service Commission's Hearing Room, 12th Floor, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota.

If you require any auxiliary aids, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials, please notify the Commission, at (701) 328-2400, or Relay North Dakota TTY: 1-800-366-6888 at least 24 hours prior to the hearing.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
Tony Clark, Commissioner  
Kevin Cramer, Chairman  
Brian P. Kalk, Commissioner  
(June 17, 2010)

## Benedict City Council minutes

City of Benedict

A public hearing was held on June 7th 2010 at 7 p.m. at the Benedict City Hall. The purpose of the hearing was to review the performance of the City of Benedict in carrying out its Community Development Block Program, particularly regarding the lift station repair project for which CDBG funds will be provided.

Council members present: Mayor Ron Barrette, Scott Lee, Randy Tomlinson, Blaine Chilson, Teresa Barrette and Lee George. Also in attendance was Allen Tomlinson.

Motion by Blaine, 2nd by Scott to accept the block grant for the City of Benedict to do repair on lift station.

Motion by Teresa, 2nd by Randy to approve minutes from previous meeting and treasurers report as reported. Motion by Teresa, 2nd by Scott to approve treasurers report.

The following bills have been paid: Farmers Union Oil Co., \$77.71, BHG, Inc., \$44.19, Otter Tail \$367.52, McLean County Elevator \$94.60, Circle Sanitation \$472.50, Paul Barrette \$35.00, F.D.H.U. \$18.00, sewer account \$350.00, Port Construction, Inc., \$3019.50 to repair broken water service line and Royce Tomlinson street repair \$375.00.

Motion by Teresa 2nd by Blaine to purchase metal detector for city use. Discussed housing fire truck for Max Fire Department.

Mayor Ron Barrette appointed Randy Tomlinson city maintenance man.

No other business, motion to adjourn by Randy, 2nd by Blaine.

Meeting was adjourned.

Lee George, Auditor  
(June 17, 2010)

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