

Dakota Attitude

Edna (Entzi) Weispfenning

Interview: June 10, 2011 County: Logan City: Fredonia

Hard Work and Longevity

Edna Weispfenning was born in 1929 on a farm just south of Fredonia. Growing up on the farm, work began at a young age. She was picking rocks when she was six or seven years old, and the daily routine never varied. “Half a day sometimes, and then we went home for dinner and then had to go again.” During wheat harvest, Edna’s days were spent helping with the crop. “I wasn’t very old, and the neighbor always said that they shouldn’t have me out there. I think I was only seven years old.” After working the field all day, Edna and her sister had to go home and milk the cows. If it was raining, the others would help with the milking; otherwise Edna and her sister milked 15 cows each.

Edna began her education

in a county school about a mile away. Until the children married, Edna’s family spoke only German. Edna’s first educational challenge, therefore, was to learn English. The teacher, who was also German, was tolerant so learning English didn’t take long. “You could learn fast if you wanted to,” Edna says. Edna’s formal education ended when she graduated from eighth grade. I asked why she did not go on to high school. She responded, “Well, because my folks didn’t let me! They were very strict about it, saying, ‘You got to stay home, and you got to work at home.’ Nobody went to high school.”

Edna married Milton Weispfenning in 1948. They have four children. Milton died of leukemia in 1978. “I needed income. I did it all. I worked



for some people for 31 years. I painted a lot of houses. Inside and out. “We all had to work.” It was all hard work, but Edna thinks it’s the secret of her longevity. “I worked hard. That’s why I’m still here, because I worked hard. A lot of people of my age or younger ache. I don’t know what that is, ‘to ache.’ I always worked. I don’t have aches.”

(Editor’s Note: The following profiles of North Dakota residents were collected by author James Puppe between 2004-2018, covering 617 subjects and 113,000 miles. He has given permission for his book to be serialized in North Dakota Newspapers at no charge. To find out how you can read the entire collection of Dakota Attitude profiles go to dakotaattitude.com.)

How to play free indoor games

Hide and Seek classic game where one person hides while others search for them

- **Charades:** Players act out words or phrases for others to guess.
- **Simon Says:** A leader gives instructions, and players follow only if the instruction begins with “Simon Says”.
- **Freeze:** Players dance or play until someone calls “Freeze,” then they must hold a silly pose.
- **Pictionary:** Players draw while others guess what they are drawing.
- **Musical Chairs:** Players dance around chairs until the music stops, and one player is out.
- **Broken Telephone:** Players whisper a word or phrase down a line of people, and the final person says what they heard.
- **Hot Potato:** Players pass a ball or potato around while

music plays, and the person with the object when the music stops is out.

- **Scavenger Hunt:** Players follow clues to find hidden items.
 - **Obstacle Course:** Create a course with household items for kids to navigate.
- Outdoor Games:*
- **Tag:** Players try to “tag” each other and become the new “it”.
 - **Splat:** Players try to “splat” each other with a water balloon or other soft object.
 - **Red Rover:** Two teams hold hands and try to catch players from the other team who are running across the line.
 - **Capture the Flag:** Two teams try to steal each other’s flags.
 - **Hopscotch:** Draw a hopscotch board on the sidewalk and follow the rules to jump and win.

Legals

Notice of County Equalization Meeting

The Sheridan County Equalization Meeting will be held at 2:00 p.m. June 3, 2025 in the County Commissioners room of the Courthouse. Each taxpayer has a right to appear before the County Board and petition for correction of their assessment.
Shirley A. Murray, Sheridan County Auditor
(May 22, 2025)

JDA Special Meeting Minutes

5-22-2025
Amanda Gessner Called to order 6:32pm
Attendees: Marlo Clark (acting Auditor) Brandi Baker, Bryon Belile, Amanda (Gessner via Phone) Zac Holen, Rachel Vetter, Nathan Rhoads
Accounts Daycare-
JDA has been approved by the Secretary of State for their trade name City of McClusky Job Development Authority
Little Hearts has been approved by the Secretary of State for their trade name The City of McClusky Little Hearts
Brandi Baker makes a motion to add Marlo Clark, Bryon Belile, and Amanda Gessner as signers on the City of McClusky Job Development Authority Bank Account, Bryon Belile seconded, Motion Carried
Brandi Baker makes a motion to add Marlo Clark, Bryon Belile and Amanda Gessner as signers on the City of McClusky Little Hearts bank account, Bryon Belile seconded Motion Carried
Brandi makes a motion for a debit card to be issued for City of McClusky Little Hearts (Karleigh Baker) debit card. Bryon seconded Motion Carried.
Vice president: Bryon Belile nominates Brandi Baker, Brandi Baker seconded motion Carried
McClusky Grocery-
Not a revolving line of credit, need 10% minimum possible wage cut
Motion to adjourn by Brandi Baker
Bryon Belile seconded. 7:06 PM Motion Passed.
(May 20, 2025)

Legals

Board Members Needed

The Park District of the City of McClusky and the Job Development Authority of the City of McClusky are looking for board members. Please contact the city of McClusky if interested. (701) 363-2345. Please Leave a message if no one answers.
Clean-Up Week starts May 19 through May 23. Please leave any items you would like to have taken to the city dump at the front of your property, \$25 charge for refrigerators or freezers. This collection service does not include common household garbage. Contact the City for questions, (701) 363-2345. The City Dump will be open on Thursdays from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. starting May 17, 2025, and will be open every third Saturday of each month, weather permitting.
The City of McClusky is Hiring!
City Auditor position is open
Please submit resume to City of McClusky
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NOTICE FOR SCHOOL BUS BIDS

The School Board of McClusky-Goodrich Public School District Number 29 in Sheridan County, State of North Dakota is requesting sealed bids for one gas-powered conventional seated, 14-passenger school bus with hydraulic brakes and automatic transmission.
Please email the school Business Manager, Faye Hagen, at faye.hagen@K12.nd.us for detailed specifications. All units must meet the North Dakota School Bus standards (North Dakota Century Code 39-21.27.1) and the National Minimum Standards for School Buses.
Submit bids in a sealed envelope with the words “Bus Bid” clearly printed on the front. Address bids to Faye Hagen, Business Manager, 219 Ave D W, PO Box 499, McClusky, ND 58463. The board will open bids on Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at 7:00 pm in the Home Ec Room of the High School Building. Delivery will be FOB at McClusky, ND 58463. The school board reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.
Dated at McClusky, North Dakota, this 13th day of May 2025 by order of the McClusky-Goodrich Public School Board.
Faye Hagen, Business Manager