

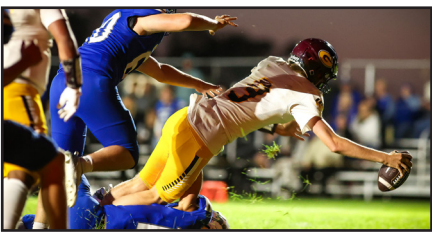


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CITY OF GRAFTON

Lessard Avenue residents' appeals denied by city council



Photo by Todd Morgan

Many of the residents on Lessard Avenue attended last Thursday's special Grafton City Council meeting to protest their specials for the new street, which is costing many residents upwards of \$48,600.

City to move forward with Blue Line bonds

BY TODD MORGAN

GRAFTON—Lessard Avenue residents got a lesson in public notices, the workings of government and public servants at a special city council meeting held last Thursday for the purpose of confirmation of Special Assessment List for Street Improvement District No. 8-24. Also on the agenda was the public hearing on the issuance of facilities revenue bonds under the Municipal Industrial Development Act of 1955 (Grafton Blue Line Club, Inc. project). Many residents of Lessard Avenue

**'Not to mention I received a \$48,600 assessment for a street I don't even drive on. My house and garage face 15th Street so I don't even drive on it to get to my house, whereas Mr. Kieley who lives on the south-end of Lessard Avenue isn't assessed and he has to drive on Lessard to get to his house.'**

Kelly Desautel Home owner in Zone 8-24

were present Thursday to listen and learn how they were blindsided by a bill for specials on their street, many of them getting billed \$48,600 with little or any notice. Previously the city had been presented with a list from Lessard residents protesting their assessments and three individuals protested their assessments individually on top of that. Those three were given permission to speak. J.R. Steele was the first to speak on behalf of the residents of Grafton and he expressed his dismay that the only notice he and the residents on his street got from the city was when they were mailed the bill. City attorney Rob Fleming said the

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GRAFTON PARKS AND RECREATION

Rebuilding outdoor pool under review by park board

Project could cost \$4.5 million or more

BY TODD MORGAN

GRAFTON—Grafton Parks and Recreation had a facility board meeting last Wednesday, Aug. 20, to discuss the next step in its pool project. Grafton Park Board had a couple of options on the table. One, they were exploring a regional aquatic wellness center and two, renovating the current pool at Leistikow Park. One of the key pieces to possibly going forward with having an aquatic wellness center built was corporate sponsor-

ships, ideally from a large medical provider. According to Kristi Wilfahrt, who has been doing some consulting work for GPR, changes in Medicaid and Medicare funding have put these major medical providers on notice. "Until all this shakes out with Medicare and Medicaid and how that is going to affect these hospitals any large sponsorship and/or partnering on large scale projects like this has been put on hold," she said. "I think with the current environment right now, getting any of those large medical providers on board will be a

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WALSH COUNTY COMMISSION

Commission continues to debate State Radio

Board members weigh cost savings

BY TODD MORGAN

COUNTY—Walsh County Commission has been looking closely at the office of dispatch, not only for a cost savings measure, but also as a staffing issue. During the Aug. 19 meeting of the commission those

discussions continued. Kristle Kjemhus, the interim emergency, manager was present to answer questions and help lead discussion. The topic of saving money would be brought about by going to State Radio, this would lead to the elimination of up to four positions at dispatch. Currently the county is looking to add a

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SOYBEAN HARVEST

High quality, local feel

Remington Seeds prepares for their busy season

BY STEPH CRONJE

REGION—For farmers in the Red River Valley and surrounding areas, the busy months run from approximately middle of April till November. The number of outside factors that contribute to the length of the season is innumerable, from weather-related to mechanical difficulties. However, there are many agricultural entities that contribute to the farming game and their seasons are a little bit different. Remington Seeds is a world-renowned company, their reputation having made them one of the top third party seed producers in the world. Damon Johnson, Remington Seeds location manager in Grafton, is in his 11th year with the company. Originally from Langdon, Johnson comes from a potato and carrot production background but has enjoyed being immersed in soybean production. Johnson says that Remington is a short month away from entering their busy season. "We are probably about a month out of our contract seed production. We are just about ready to



Photo by Jackie L. Thompson

While it is still a bit early to tell, by all indications this year's soybean crop looks good. The hope is the bushels will make up for the approximately \$10 a bushel farmers are expected to receive for new crop soybeans.

check fields and I think we have a really great crop out there, so we are looking at what to expect and getting things ready for the season." Looking at the differences between the average growing season and what Remington considers

their busy season, Johnson says it tends to be the opposite. "We are kind of the opposite. When it's showtime for the growers, it's quiet here. As soon as harvest is done and we evaluate the crop quality, it's an order-based

business in our world so we will be busiest between early October and the end of March. Once the seed starts getting in the ground again for 2026, it gets busy again. Summers for us are slow, versus for growers they are busy – kind of

opposite." For those who are not familiar with what goes on at Remington Seeds, Johnson explains: "We partner with customers who don't want to spend money on the brick and

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