



Commissioners talk 911 addressing

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Adams County Commissioners Dustin Laufer, Kevin Pagel and Steven West worked on agenda items during the regular Tuesday Sept. 9 meeting. There were no community members in attendance to present any issues during the public comments section of the meeting, and no one brought any concerns during the budget hearing. The 2026 budget was adopted as presented.

Commissioners are taking the first steps to start moving on an agenda item of unfinished business. Adams County addresses for emergency services aren't updated according to the North Dakota Century Code. Chairman Laufer expressed concern with costs and potential inconveniences with forwarded mail at a previous meeting, but after more discussions with the group, commissioners are in

agreement to reach out and get community input. The plan as it stood at the end of the meeting was to pull together a few survey questions and construct a mailer to ask for input throughout the county on the topic. Leaders discussed the potential of a mailing, and additional access to the survey online and maybe copies on hand at locations for people to secure and complete. Commissioner Pagel and Auditor Krista Faller discussed the potential of waiting to do anything until after the upcoming election in the new year. It was decided that some of the process should be started and then depending on timelines and costs, this may or may not be a feasible undertaking to change every address and street or road sign. Commissioners agreed that getting cost estimates and asking for input would be the place to start and then a plan can be developed after they have this information garnered.

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Flying in for the firemen's pancakes

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The ninth annual fly-in pancake breakfast took wings early Saturday morning as firefighters from the Hettinger Fire Department prepared to feed hundreds of guests. The event was sponsored at the Hettinger/JB Lindquist Regional Airport located one nautical mile northwest of the city of Hettinger. The breakfast was served from 7 to 10 a.m. with free-will donations going to help fund the local fire department.

Firefighters appeared in good spirits working through the brisk morning hours as they prepared for the fall annual pancake feed. One fighter said they typically do not use as much pancake batter for this event as they do for the Fourth of July pancake breakfast because this fall fundraiser is more of a random weekend event.

Their advertising for the event was the banner displayed on the fire and rescue truck and trailer, but high winds kept causing issues with the banner. The dedicated fighters all have their own careers and make time to raise funds and fight fires with Hettinger Fire Protection District Fire and Rescue. One of the

firefighters explained that the trailer that the banner hangs on for advertising is loaded with life-saving equipment for responding to rescues.

Firemen kept the sausage, eggs, and pancakes coming for the line of people throughout the morning. Once again, they continued to sport the "Spot On Dakota Heat" smoked salt seasoning as an option for "more perfect" scrambled eggs. The special seasoning was created by one of the firemen who has been a firefighter on their team for over ten years.

Parking for those arriving in vehicles was getting harder to find mid-event. Parking remained favorable for planes as their arrival times and departures times were more spaced out and had to be cleared for landing or take off. One pilot commented, "There was a bit of a wind up there." The weather may have been a deterrent for some pilots. The early morning "feels like temperature" was 29 degrees. Temperatures rose to be within the mid 50's as serving time concluded. Indoor and outdoor seating was available.

The Mayor of the City of Hettinger, James Lindquist, was on hand

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Flag plaza to get upgrades

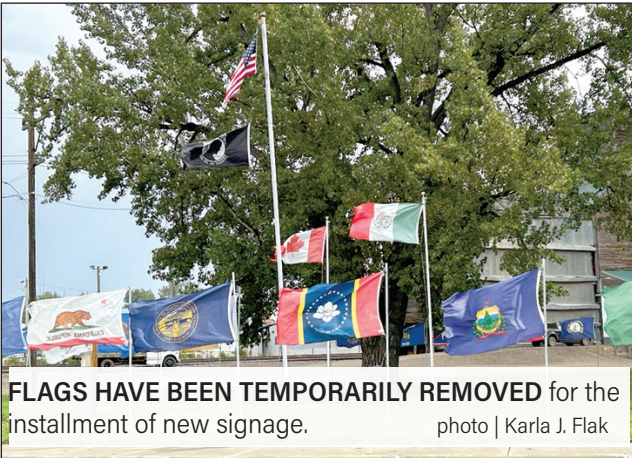
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Hettinger Park District Board members voted to team with a local Boy Scout to help purchase improved weather durable signage for the flags that are located at the flag plaza at Mirror Lake Park. Flags were removed on Sunday Sept. 14 and will be returned with

signage for all 50 state flags. At least one youth that is working towards becoming an Eagle Scout will be working with this community project of having the sign labeling and graphics completed. Quotes for the signage have been received, and the most cost-effective price was \$40 per sign quoted by Graphic Attic in Hettinger. Discussions were held that at some point the poles and the footings for the poles will need to be addressed but at this time when the funding was being sought, the name plates were the only part of the plaza beautification being worked on by this youth. The Hettinger Flag Plaza at the lake was a project that was started and owned early on by Richard Wyman but when health issues no longer allowed for Wyman to take care of the plaza others stepped in. The local Boy Scouts have been assisting with the plaza as a public service project. They took on the maintenance of the area. They remove battered flags for replacement,

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FLAGS HAVE BEEN TEMPORARILY REMOVED for the installment of new signage. photo | Karla J. Flak