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MAYOR'S MESSAGE:

Mayor Jerry Landcastle

Spring has arrived, the clocks have moved forward with little if any impact on anyone except the people that have to reset all the clocks in their house and cars. Car clocks seem to be the biggest nuisance, at least for me, I have two vehicles and they both require that I find the instruction book. With all the technology we have today the clocks should be able to take care of themselves. We really do have more important things to discuss in this issue such as the number of construction project that are on the drawing board for the City.

A number of volunteer efforts are underway and we hope to have even more participation from residents to help complete preparation of the new soccer fields. Two fields are under construction near the ConocoPhillips Sport Complex at the south end of Second Avenue. There is also a major irrigation project connected with the recreation fields and surrounding area. There is also a Pioneer Park gravel path project that could use some enthusiastic volunteers. If you are interested we would love to hear from you. We are working on the projects every Saturday (not in the rain). Starting time is just before 9 a.m. and continues throughout the day or as long as you can help. Come on out and enjoy the camaraderie of your fellow citizens, while at the same time doing a terrific service to your community.

Construction projects: There are a number of construction projects underway in the Community which are or will be causing traffic delays. This is an unwelcome but necessary evil when working in the road rights of way. There will be some detours this summer during the "high construction season".

There will be a great deal of work done in the area of Vista Drive, Third Avenue, Washington Street and on to the High School via Golden Eagle Drive. Be aware of the dangers and delays when approaching the road and infrastructure work areas and thanks for being careful.

The **Southwest Interceptor Sewer project** is scheduled to be completed by end of May. Another street and infrastructure project is the installation of utilities, new curb, gutters and side walks on **Third Avenue from Vista Drive to Washington Street to the High School** to replace a very old waste water line.

The improvement of **Main Street to Church Road** is approved and we are preparing for bidding that project hopefully in 2007 for work to begin in 2008. Beyond that street projects include the improvements to Church Road from Main Street to Thornton Road, an extension of Church Road south of Main Street to connect to Douglas and South Church Roads. There are a couple of new residential subdivisions in that area that will accommodate a connection for many of the residents that live in the residential areas north of Main Street and west of Church Road.

We are rapidly approaching our first hundred years as an incorporated City. A Centennial Committee is putting together some recommendations for the City Council to recognize the first hundred years and how we might support the Citizens for the next hundred. I invite all citizens to share their ideas or comments with this Committee. Please feel free to send comments to me at City Hall snail mail or e-mail will work just fine. If you would rather talk to me please do. I make my self available every day at 384 4302.

The baseball season is in full swing, lots of young people and their parents are active in the schools and the Sports Complex areas. Stop by and watch a great game of baseball. The Golden Eagles are having a great season. The Sports Complex is nearly fully booked and leagues and tournaments take up the evenings and weekends. There is a concession facility for family and friends to help out with snacks and light meals. The local restaurants are willing and able to accommodate any number of participants. The need for more fields is evident and there is consideration to expanding the sports complex and locating other areas for new fields. Of course all we need is time and money to make all that happen.

Speaking of sport fields; there are two new soccer fields under construction at the ConocoPhillips Sports Complex (you know the great complex at the end of Second Avenue) The fields have been tilled and we need help to remove the rocks. Lots of buckets are on site. Stop by fill a bucket leave them where you fill them. We will pick it up and dump the rocks in a rock pit and put the buckets back where you can fill them again. It is a very good community service project. Yes, I know I have mentioned this twice. It is important lets all turn out for a Saturday or three this summer and fall to work on parks projects.

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