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The extent of the damage to North Central Farmers Elevator following Friday's explosion will not be determined until an insurance investigation is completed. Damage viewed here shows where a window was blown out and structural damage along the roof line. Below also shows upper wall damage on the west side of the office.

One injured in Friday's explosion at the North Central Farmers Elevator

An employee of North Central Farmers Elevator was injured following an explosion early Friday afternoon, Jan. 6. The explosion occurred at approximately 1:20 p.m. by the structure's office area. Calls went out to 911, the Faulk County Sheriff's Office, Faulkton Fire Department and Ambulance.

Seven people were evacuated and accounted for. Six were evaluated and one was treated in Faulkton, airlifted to Aberdeen and then airlifted to Hennepin Burn Center in Minneapolis, Minn. "The latest update on him was that he is making progress as best as can be expected," said Faulkton's NCFE manager Marvin Hutchinson.

The State Fire Marshall was contacted and was at the scene. He found no visible problems. The cause of the explosion is yet to be determined.

Hutchinson said a temporary office will be set up at the Faulkton location. Temporary phone contact can be made with Faulkton NCFE personnel by calling Marv Hutchinson 380-1814, Kathy Biedenfeld 216-2656 or Kevin Stark 216-0292.

The main office computer was



untouched and all company records remain intact.

"NCFE and our employees would like to thank the Faulk County Sheriff's Dept., Emergency Management, Faulkton

Fire Department and the Faulk County Ambulance for their quick response and Faulkton Area Medical Center for all the medical help we needed," Hutchinson said.

Board approves senior class trip, discusses alternative plans to four day week schedule

The school board of the Faulkton Area Schools met in regular session Monday night.

The board began with an executive session on a personnel matter. They recessed that session and then began their regular meeting.

They examined and then voted to pay the December bills.

Next, superintendent Joel Price was asked if there was anyone that he wished to recognize before the board, and he re-

sponded by presenting the board with a certificate of appreciation of the Faulkton Area School's Board from the School Board Association, as January is School Board Appreciation Month.

The board then recognized Shannon Schilder and Cortney Hardie of the FHS 2012 senior class.

Schilder presented to the board their plans for this year's senior class trip. The trip as proposed would be from March 16 to

March 19. The students have planned to travel to the Black Hills. Their first night they planned to see a Rapid City Rush hockey game. Then it was off to Terry Peak, staying at Aspen Lodge for a day of skiing. Next would be a day at the new Watiki water park. On Monday the 19th they would return home, and Schilder requested that be the day the board excused the senior class from school. The board only briefly dis-

Airport and election are council meeting topics

Faulkton's City Council covered this month's regular business in 20 minutes on Monday night before closing the doors for an executive session.

Possible work at the airport received most of the attention. City maintenance chief Jerod Raethz updated the council on possible work to be done. Due to a big year of hangar construction at the facility, Raethz would like to see the addition of two gates to facilitate construction access. The present access road may also need to be moved to along the fence if more planned construction takes place. Raethz had been in contact with engineers from Helms and Associates about these possible changes. It is possible that the improvements can be tacked on to other work at the airport under federal funding. If not Raethz thought the cost of the fencing project would be about \$6,000.

Further discussion will be held at future meetings regarding these airport changes.

It is also election time and the council set the election date as Tuesday, April 10. Those whose terms expire this year are Mayor Tim Bormann, Ward I Councilman David Hadrick, Ward II Councilwoman Kathy Biedenfeld, and Ward III Councilman Slade Roseland. Remaining on the council are Ward I Steve Wanner, Ward II Gene Traver and Ward III Bill Kalkman.

The council also agreed to hold the election in cooperation with Faulkton School if both entities have election races. That saves money and encourages voter participation.

Other business included:

- The bid for road grader tires was awarded to WW Tire of Pierre.

- Raethz reported few city maintenance problems, thanks largely to the mild winter. Their was a water problem on 9th Ave. and Highway 212 (north of Lowe's C-Store). That problem was fixed at no cost to the City as

it was warranted by Dahme Const. The street where the work was done will be fixed this spring.

- It was reported that there were no water project change orders and a Certificate of Substantial Completion for Dahme Const. was approved.

- A resolution restricting parking on the northwest ½ block of Highway 212 between 8th and 9th Avenue, Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. was approved. Restricted parking signs will be placed at the affected area.

Following the executive session the following action was taken: city employee raises for 2012 were: 50¢ hourly increase for Jerod Raethz, Nancy Grunewaldt and Duane Kwasniewski; Lisa Raethz, 3% salary raise.

All council members, Mayor Bormann, Finance Officer Lisa Raethz and J. Raethz were in attendance.

RECORD NOTES

Weather

	H	L	P
Tues., Jan. 3	57*	13	
Wed., Jan. 4	54	29	
Thurs., Jan. 5	65*	31	
Fri., Jan. 6	47	19	
Sat., Jan. 7	40	17	
Sun., Jan. 8	44	26	
Mon., Jan. 9	53*	30	

Tom Bartholomew, Observer

The total amount of moisture in 2012 is .00. Total moisture to date in 2011 was .54.

*: All new record highs.

Record has a new on-line presence

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Martin Luther King Day closings listed

This Monday, Jan. 16 is Martin Luther King Day. Government agencies including the Post Office, Faulkton City Office, Faulk County Offices and Ag Service Agency offices will be closed. There will be no school at Faulkton Area Schools.

Most businesses will remain open. The Faulk County Record asks that those correspondents and advertisers using the mail to send us their copy do so one day early for inclusion in next week's paper . . . or drop the copy off at the Record on Monday.

School Board

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