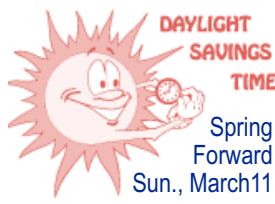


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Judith Oliver and Daniel Sheldon in their basement art studio in their home and gallery called Prairie Artists Workshop. Their dog Willie, is their small helper.

Prairie Artists Workshop works to find the beauty in everyday life

by Garrick Moritz

Some of the art you will see at the 2012 Faulkton Area Arts Council's Hats Off to the Artists Show will come from Prairie Artists Workshop of Cresbard. It is the work of Daniel Sheldon and Judith Oliver, both South Dakota natives who live and ply their art from Cresbard.

Sheldon is originally from Aberdeen and Oliver is originally from Yankton.

"We both play the old time fiddle," said Sheldon. "And that's more or less how we got to know each other."

"We had seen each other at gatherings and contests many times over the years," said Oliver. "Often times we'd be playing against each other for first place in a contest. Sometimes he'd win, and sometimes I'd beat him."

"I didn't know much about her, save for that she was a pretty girl who could really play," said Sheldon. "It may seem strange that we have talent in art and

music both, but it's often that those two things can run together. I've never been worth a hoot in math. All my life I've been dabbling in creative arts, and that has evolved into drawing and then painting. Judy, I found, was interested in these things too."

"When we first started to get acquainted," Oliver said, "we saw pretty clearly that we needed to become even better acquainted. Moving here to Cresbard was the ultimate result."

"Back in 2000 I went to a 4th of July gathering in Faulkton, and on my way home I came through Cresbard, and saw a for sale sign. I was looking for a good place to retire, and so I became a Cresbard homeowner. After that, when Judy and I began our relationship and our artistic collaboration we moved here and have really gotten a feel for the place. The two of us paint in oil mostly, though we've both reached out into different mediums. Judy most recently

has played in watercolor. We like to do a lot of plain air painting, like this one I did out by Cresbard Lake. We started our art studios as most artists do with still life and scenic portraits, though we've done many other

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RECORD NOTES

Weather			
	H	L	P
Tues., Feb. 28	37	22	.40
	4-6" of snow		
Wed., Feb. 29	28	20	.01
Thurs., March 1	37	20	
Fri., March 2	29	11	
Sat., March 3	34	12	.02
Sun., March 4	39	18	
Mon., March 5	47	19	

Tom Bartholomew, Observer
 The total amount of moisture in 2012 is 1.10. Total moisture to date in 2011 was 3.20.
 For current weather conditions:
climate.sdstate.edu/awdn/current/realtime.asp

Trash collection, sewer public meeting main topics at city hall

The city council of Faulkton met in regular session Monday night. The meeting was brief, as there was less business than usual and all issues were conducted speedily.

Jerod Raethz began with the maintenance report:

First he reported that the four inch water sleeves he mentioned to the council at the last meeting would remain in his inventory. After speaking to other cities in the area he found little interest in them so his opinion was that the city should hang onto them for the present.

Raethz reported that all the bidding for city streets would be done this March and that snow removal had been concluded from the recent storm, a lot of it melted that day. The council complemented Raethz and the city crews for the good fast work they had done on clearing the city streets of snow the previous week.

Next, the council accelerated into their new business, and spoke with Gary Reuer of Reuer Sanitation, contractor for the city's waste disposal.

Reuer said that looking through his records that the last meeting he attended of the city of Faulkton was back in 2007. Then the council agreed to raise his rates to \$11.45 per home. Today he was here with a new proposal, to make that charge \$13.05 per home. The increased cost he said was mostly to cover the rising costs of fuel and the digging fee increases for his landfill.

The council agreed that the in-

crease was reasonable and voted to accept it.

Afterward there was some talk about issues that had come up previously in council about perhaps creating trash removal sites to spare city streets. Reuer said he was willing to help the city in any way he could, but Raethz commented that in his opinion such measures wouldn't be necessary this year.

Next the council talked about the surplus items discussed at the last meeting, namely the spare picnic tables and old tables from the city hall meeting room. Finance officer Raethz suggested that the picnic tables wait until Jerod could set the picnic tables up for public viewing next month but that the old city hall tables could be appraised and sold off at once. The council set a price for \$10 per table for the old tables to be sold at a first come first serve basis.

The council then discussed setting a date for a public meeting regarding what is to be done with the city's sewer system.

Lisa Raethz proposed Monday, April 23 as a possible date. The city will contact Helms and Associates to see if that day works for their presentation.

The city reviewed and approved for publishing the 2011 Annual Report.

Next the city discussed approval to enter the engineering agreement with Helms and Associates for the Airport Taxi Lane Improvement. This would improve the streets between the

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Special licenses available to military

Gov. Dennis Daugaard signs SB 81, introduced by District 23 legislators Corey Brown and Justin Cronin. It was a bill to allow not just veterans, but also active duty military members to get special license plates for their vehicles. From the left are Steven Senyak (Gettysburg High School student shadowing Sen. Brown for the day), Sen. Brown, Gov. Daugaard, Rep. Cronin, and Justin Smith (Sioux Falls).