

## 2010 Legal and Public Notices

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4. The Joint Vermillion/Yankton Solid Waste System is examining its recycling program. A majority of city commissioners have indicated they would like the organization to adopt a single-stream recycling program. Do you agree with this, and is it important enough to contemplate raising the cost of service?

I believe in recycling! With the cooperation of everybody, we can make it work.

5. The City Commission is working on a partnership with other organizations to conduct a housing study for Yankton. Do you think this is a good idea? Why or why not?

The housing study is this our tomorrow. We will need housing if we want to move forward. In the late 1970's and earlier, the Farm Home Administration funded low-income housing and low-income apartments to low income families. They can't this time, the federal government has a hard time paying their own salary, let alone pay to build housing. But if we want families to come to Yankton to live and work, we need a plan.

Any closing thoughts?

If I am elected, I will do my best to work for everybody.

## Jackley

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Legislature was able to give law enforcement the tools they needed so that people can no longer buy synthetics over-the-counter."

He added that he's sure some people still buy the synthetic drugs under the table or on the Internet, but he thinks because it is now a felony to possess the drugs, this problem may be subsiding.

"The problem of synthetic drugs is not only a criminal problem, but also a public health problem," Jackley said. "Use of the drugs can lead to addiction, suicidal tendencies, an accelerated heart rate and kidney failure."

Also Wednesday, he spoke about Senate Bill 70, which attempts to address public safety concerns in the state and the overcrowding of state prisons.

"The big point of the bill was geared towards non-violent criminals, which make up about half of the state prison population," Jackley said. "The bill protects lower-level criminals, particularly those with addictions and property crimes, and places a heavy hammer on manufacturing and distribution of drugs."

A 10-year felony, for example, became a 25-year felony on those individuals stealing more than \$500,000.

The bill also addresses chronic alcohol users and DUI offenders.

"This addresses addiction issues, including through 24/7 monitoring, drug and DUI courts, which we've had really good success with so far in the state," he said. "However, prosecutors are still the gatekeeper on whether an individual goes to drug court."

Jackley touted the success of the Northern Hills drug court. He said possession of drugs used to be an automatic jail sentence, but now taxpayers save money through the drug court program.

"Drug court addresses addiction," he said. "We want to continue to expand the concept, and not just have there be a revolving door of prosecution and jail."

The program has led to re-offender rates dropping significantly, he said. Some studies show this rate dropping by more than 50 percent.

"This needs to stay as an offender-pay program, and certain aspects of it won't work if it's run by the Department of Corrections (DOC)," Jackley said. "It needs to be run by sheriffs and police. We couldn't be more happy with the positive results it's had."

He added that there will always be situations of offenders trying to cheat the system, but emphasized how much re-offender rates have dropped since the program started.

"The program hasn't cost taxpayers a dime since it's went over to an offender-pay model," Jackley

said. "It's dealt with addiction crimes and is not a situation where we've been easy on crimes."

One of the other topics Jackley spoke about Wednesday was the issue of gun control this legislative session.

He said at this past winter, all 50 Attorneys General got together in Washington to meet with Vice President Joe Biden, who's son, Bo, is the attorney general of Delaware.

"This year, Joe Biden came to us to strictly attempt to address gun control," Jackley said. "He laid out the Obama's vision for gun control policies."

Jackley noted that he is a "Second Amendment attorney general," and has been given an "A" rating by the National Rifle Association (NRA).

"I understand the issue of public safety, but also appreciate the right to bear arms," Jackley said. "So I'll be watching very closely to how this all unfolds."

One of the aspects on the gun control legislation calls for universal background checks on those who try to purchase guns.

"On the surface, universal background checks don't sound bad," he said. "But, what does it mean for private sales? What happens with guns that are passed down through a family? Are background checks a wise use of federal resources? These are all questions that need to be answered."

Biden also called for 30,000 additional police officers. Jackley

said he does not know the full details of the proposal, including who would pay for the officers.

However, he said he was able to get an additional DCI agent for the Northern Hills because of the rise of crime experienced there due to the influx of North Dakota oil workers.

"They've seen two to three times more crime there, and the number of rapes has gone up in that area from one to 12 this year," Jackley said. "I was able to justify the need through statistics and showed the benefits of the agent."

One of the more controversial laws passed by the Legislature this winter was the sentinel bill, which allows districts to have an individual trained to carry a weapon during the school day.

"This is still in the early stages, but I anticipate proposing a two-week training period for those who are school sentinels," Jackley said. "One week of training will be on firearms, including shooting about 1,600 rounds, which is similar to what law enforcement personnel shoot during their training. The other week will deal with training on the use of force in various situations."

He added that the Legislature didn't appropriate money for the training, so it's up to the district or individual to fund it.

In recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Month, Jackley has also been explaining the importance of a new program being introduced across the state.

The Period of Purple Crying is a new way to help parents understand that the emotional and stressful early days during a newborn's life is a normal part of their development.

"It's a time frame from about 2 weeks old to 6 months that every child goes through with a period of crying," Jackley said. "It begins slowly and consistently increases until the crying peaks. It typically lasts about 35-40 minutes and takes place during the evening."

The project came to fruition through South Dakota medical professionals, but Jackley is involved because he often has to deal with child abuse situations where a parent shakes their child, resulting in death or injury.

"We want to let parents know that this is what will happen and they need to be prepared for it and not act inappropriately when it takes place," he said. "When a new parent comes in and has a child, before their child is discharged, they'll get a brochure and watch a 10 minute video about the Period of Purple Crying."

The goal of the program is to educate parents and to diffuse instances in which parents could overreact and harm their children.

"We will roll out the program even more later on this month," Jackley said. "We're hoping to be at the front end and be proactive to help solve this problem."

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## Theatre

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"Reindeer Monologues."

However, the time came to revive full stage productions, Carl said.

"Everybody was away long enough (from the stage)," he said. "Finally, last August, we decided we needed something."

As president of the theater company, Carl found the greatest stumbling block to a stage production was finding a director. Previous directors had become too busy, and he couldn't find anyone willing to take the reins.

Then, he discovered a willing candidate — himself.

"I said I would be the director, but I needed help," he said, recruiting Olsen as his co-director.

With the commitment made toward a production, the theater board embarked on selecting the right play, Carl said.

"We ordered a whole bunch of scripts for the theater board. We

decided which ones we liked and whittled it down to three," he said. "When we got to 'Drinking Habits,' we went online to see it, and it seemed funny. As director, I said, 'I like that!'"

Carl knew he was on the right path when it came to casting the lead role.

"I had somebody in mind for Mother Superior. Then, she read it herself and said she would like to do that role," the director said.

Carl admitted he was concerned about putting together a cast after four years without a major stage production. However, he received an unexpectedly strong response thanks to cyberspace.

"It was very easy to get people. What helped a lot is Facebook," he said. "We have the Hartington community page. I just put out the casting call, and if anybody was interested, they should send a private message. I got lots of response, including from people that I never thought would be interested and would never have contacted."

The Facebook page really connected with the younger generation, Carl said.

"Mostly, it reached kids under 30. We had them as young as 24 years old," he said. "We have some who performed just in high school and a couple who did it in college for fun. Others did speech. Most everyone did (theater) in high school and enjoyed it."

With the cast in place, the real work began in launching the spring production, Carl said.

"We had it all cast by mid-December so we could hand out books and start learning. We started rehearsal Jan. 7," he said. "There are eight in the cast, and only three have been in a play before."

The cast includes: Roni Lamers, Maggie Fleming, Nathan Arens, Lynn Kathol, Chris Collier, Amber Collier, Racheal Folkers and Scott McCaw.

Audiences should enjoy the rollicking comedy, Carl said. The play contains several twists and turns, including a great deal of mistaken identity and misunderstandings.

As the play opens, only three nuns remain in the convent for the Sisters of Perpetual Sewing.

"To raise money and to keep the convent open, two of the nuns resort to selling wine to the

townsfolk but not letting Mother Superior know," Carl said. "The nuns win an award and a half-million dollars. Two reporters want to see who is anonymously making the wine."

Paul and Sally, the two reporters and former fiancées, are hot on the nuns' trail. The plot becomes further complicated because of the reporters' past relationship.

"She left him at the altar because there was some (news) story that was breaking," Carl said. "If you're a good reporter, you have to do the story first, and they never got married."

In checking out the convent, the reporters go undercover as a nun and priest. In the meantime, a telegram from Rome announces the decision to shut down all insignificant convents and churches.

When the reporters arrive, Mother Superior thinks they aren't like a nun and priest. Their presence, combined with the addition of a new nun, spurs paranoia throughout the convent that spies have been sent from Rome to shut them down.

Wine and secrets are inevitably spilled as everyone tries to preserve the convent and reconnect with lost loves.

Carl believes this week's production will provide a major stepping stone to other Cedar County Theatre productions and projects.

The Hartington-based troupe is seeking to bring the Missoula Children's Theater in spring 2014 and may also continue its fundraisers with the Friends of the Library.

For now, though, Carl anxiously awaits for the curtain to rise on "Drinking Habits."

"It's nice having (the play) in the city auditorium," he said. "It's gone well. Everyone has been really nice and has gotten along together. It's been fun."

Advance tickets are available at *D&J Variety in Hartington*, or tickets may be purchased at the door the evening of the performance. For more information about Cedar County Theatre, visit MySpace, Facebook and YouTube.

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## Candidate

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at the July 2, 2007, meeting that would be the last of his two-year term, the Rapid City Council unanimously approved a resolution thanking Schumacher for his service:

"WHEREAS, Mike Schumacher has provided the citizens guidance and leadership during his tenure serving on a variety of committees during the past two years; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Rapid City, on behalf of the citizens of Rapid City, takes this opportunity to express their appreciation to Mike Schumacher for his commitment to public service."

In fact, Schumacher wasn't on hand for most Rapid City Council meetings after its April 16, 2007, session.

According to an account in the *Rapid City Journal*, during that meeting, "Alderwoman Deb Hadcock blasted fellow council member Michael Schumacher... for failing to publicly own up to an email critical of her that he sent to the council in December using a phony name."

Hadcock accused Schumacher and then-Alderman Sam Kooiker, who is now the Rapid City mayor, of being involved with the email. While Schumacher admitted involvement, Kooiker did not. Schumacher stated that he sent the email under an alias to avoid a discussion with Hadcock.

"It was told to the council and other people that they did this because they thought it was funny," Hadcock said, according to the *Rapid City Journal*. "There's two of the council members who disapprove me very much playing these games with people and thinking it's funny. I think when people are on this council, they should show leadership."

Hadcock had traced an email critical of council members and the city's purchase of Christmas lights back to Schumacher's personal account.

He had been confronted by the entire council during an executive session in March 2007 and was encouraged to make a public apology for the email sent to councilors and the mayor.

However, Schumacher had not taken the opportunity to apologize during two council meetings, and Hadcock decided to go public with the matter.

Schumacher told the *Journal* that he had apologized to the council twice and planned to

make a public apology but changed his mind when Hadcock talked to the media about what transpired during the executive session.

"Between that apology and the decision to apologize publicly, what happened in executive session had been fed to the media," Schumacher told the *Journal*. "That breach of trust led me to reconsider those actions. It didn't seem an apology was what was being sought."

Schumacher left that April 16 meeting before Hadcock made her statement due to not feeling well.

According to the minutes of the Rapid City Council, he would go on to arrive at the meetings of May 7 and May 21 after they had already gotten under way. Schumacher was completely absent from the meetings of May 16, June 4, June 8, June 18, June 28 and the final meeting of his tenure held on July 2.

Less than a year later, Schumacher resurfaced in the headlines of the *Journal* when he admitted to impersonating Rapid City Mayor Alan Hanks in posts on "South Dakota War College," a political blog.

By February 2008, when the story was reported, Schumacher had moved to Yankton and was working as the economic development director in Randolph, Neb.

The *Journal* described how Schumacher had used Hanks' email address, but not his name, in a "profane" post.

"I wanted (Pat Powers, the operator of "Dakota War College") to see that somebody could post in under somebody else's email address and make any statements they want," Schumacher told the *Journal*.

Powers pointed out that Schumacher used Hanks' email address for at least 10 posts within a month's time.

"That isn't a mistake. That's a pattern," Hanks told the *Journal*. "(Schumacher) deserves every bit of criticism he's going to take over this, and I'm not so sure if he doesn't deserve to have people look into it to see if what he did is criminal."

The Randolph mayor at the time, Neil Kliver, dismissed the incident in an interview with the *Norfolk (Neb.) Daily News*, saying he wanted the community to focus on the future and the strengths Schumacher was bringing to the economic development position.

"If you look into it, it was just a blog," Kliver said. "Nobody uses their name on it. He apologized and the apology was accepted. I'd like to see it a dead issue."

However, Schumacher's employment with Randolph didn't last long after that incident became public. He began as economic development director on Jan. 14, 2008, and his employment ended March 26, 2008.

Randolph City Administrator Cinda Jones declined to discuss with the *Press & Dakotan* anything beyond the dates in which Schumacher worked for the community.

During two recent candidate forums and a candidate questionnaire filled out for the *Press & Dakotan* (which will be published Friday), Schumacher has not mentioned any of his past experience with city government in Randolph and Rapid City.

Because he has chosen not to discuss that experience and the aforementioned incidents with the *Press & Dakotan*, we are left with the public in speculating why.

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## Show

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products in many areas, including construction, windows and doors, gutters and siding, floors, lighting and electrical, heating and cooling, sunrooms, fencing and decks, closet and garage organization, fireplaces and finances.

"We're getting the vendors out in front of people so they can see what is out there," Frohreich said. "They can come to one spot and talk to a multitude of different people and businesses in the community and around the area to see what they have to offer."

He added that the show has picked up numerous vendors compared to the last few years,

which he attributed to recent economic recovery.

"I think you have more people that are comfortable where they're at financially," Frohreich said. "They're looking at their houses and wondering, 'What can I do to my house to make it better?' or, 'Do I want to build new?'"

In addition to having more home improvement vendors, this year's Home Show will offer a new area containing items such as children's books, jewelry and purses, said LCHBA executive officer Judy Studebaker. Members of the South Dakota Housing Development Authority and the South Dakota Attorney General's Office will also be on hand to answer consumers' questions, she said.

"I'm really excited because we have so many people coming this year," she said.

Several door prizes will be given away at the Home Show, including a pond from NatureScaping Designs in Yankton as the grand prize.

Admission for the event will be taken at the door. Those who bring a non-perishable food donation for the Yankton Food Pantry will receive \$1 off the admission price.

Frohreich encourages everyone to attend the show and to take advantage of a rare opportunity to talk to several experts at once.

"Rather than having to go to Sioux City or Sioux Falls or Norfolk or Mitchell, you can come here and see all the new things that are out there and get some ideas," he said.

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