

REGION DIGEST

Crohn's And Colitis Group To Meet Tonight

There will be a Crohn's and Colitis support group meeting at 6:45 p.m. tonight (Tuesday) at the Avera Sacred Heart Campus Pavilion, 409 Summit, Yankton.

This meeting is for patients with Crohn's or Colitis, and their families and friends.

For more information, call Kathy Ryken at 665-8667.

Siouxland Blood Bank Open On Friday

The Yankton Community Library, 515 Walnut, will host the Siouxland Blood Bank on Friday, Aug. 20, running from 8 a.m. to noon.

All persons 16 and older are invited to donate. To make an appointment in advance of the day, go to www.donorsaves.org, or call 800-798-4208.

The Blood Bank is always in need of donations to build their supply. With the Labor Day holiday approaching, the shortage could become a real concern. Donating one unit of blood can save up to three lives.

For further information, call the library at 668-5275.

Yankton Library To Close For Riverboat Days

The Yankton Community Library will close at 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 20, and will be closed all day Saturday, Aug. 21, in order to give the library staff time to volunteer at and enjoy Riverboat Days.

The library will reopen at 10 a.m. Monday, Aug. 23.

Bridge To Be Closed For Riverboat Days

The City of Yankton reminds the community that the Meridian Bridge is still closed to the general public and will be closed during the Riverboat Days celebration Aug. 20-22.

The Riverside Park Trail, under the Meridian Bridge, will still be closed and citizens should not enter the construction zone areas as these areas are blocked off by fences and barriers.

For the safety of everyone, the blocked off areas should not be entered by the general public.

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Health Department Is Encouraging CITY
Whooping Cough Immunizations

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PIERRE — Whooping cough cases are on the rise and state health officials are urging parents to make sure young children get immunized and adolescents get a booster dose. Several states are reporting large outbreaks of whooping cough, also known as pertussis. In South Dakota, cases are up 29 percent over the five-year median, with 22 cases reported through July.

"This is a serious illness that causes uncontrollable coughing, rib fractures, pneumonia, loss of consciousness and even death," said Colleen Winter, director of Health and Medical Services, Department of Health. "It's especially serious for very young

children, with two-thirds of those under age 1 who get it needing hospitalization."

The department provides free whooping cough vaccine for children, with doses recommended at 2 months, 4 months, 6 months, 15-18 months, and 4-6 years. Children need the complete series to be fully protected. A booster dose is also recommended at 11-12 years as immunity begins to wane but just one in five South Dakota adolescents has received that booster. The department provides that booster dose free as well.

Winter said vaccinating middle school students protects them from illness and increases

the ring of protection around vulnerable infants. Because whooping cough is highly contagious and spreads easily in the school setting, immunizing the older age group also helps decrease the likelihood of outbreaks.

Parents can contact their usual vaccine provider to request the vaccine. Once school is under way, some schools will also be scheduling clinics to offer the whooping cough vaccine along with the seasonal flu vaccine. As such clinics are scheduled they will be posted at <http://doh.sd.gov/WhoopingCough/>.

"A (COLA discussion) came up every year, but it was always, 'Well, it's a tight budget, and we can't give ourselves a raise,'" said Commissioner Bill Ellingson, who has served on the commission for many years. "But we should. It's a lot more involved than our bi-weekly meeting. Commissioners are spending a lot of their time on different meetings, and they should be compensated for it."

The commission agreed that the possibility of tying a COLA in with the rest of the city employees should be considered.

Discussion was also held about a new comfort station in Riverside Park that would be closer to the ball fields, the playground equipment and some of the picnic shelters on the east side.

"I think the restrooms are too far away from the shelters and playground equipment where people need them," Knoff said.

The location of the comfort station is also complicated by the fact that, if placed in the lower area of the park, wastewater will have to be lifted to the sanitary sewer system. That will add expense to the project.

Commissioners also discussed whether it should be a plain block structure or have a little bit more aesthetic consideration given the importance of Riverside Park during major events like Riverboat Days.

"I'd like to know a little bit more about the costs," Commissioner Judy VanDerhule said.

City Manager Doug Russell said he would modify the budget to put in some design funding, which could give commissioners some options to consider.

While discussing the Community Development Department, the commission asked whether a full-time employee could be utilized for nuisance abatement. An employee was hired to work for a portion of 2010 to focus on such problems, and Community Development Director Dave Mingo said there has been no shortage of work.

Knoff said that most complaints related to him by citizens revolve around nuisance ordinance violation issues.

Russell said that nuisance abatement could easily take up the hours of a full-time employee, but he added that he is reticent to hire any full-time employees given the current economic climate.

Also Monday, the commission discussed issues varying from keeping its water, wastewater and solid waste budgets afloat with fee hikes, to limiting funding for outside agencies and conserving money in its bed, board and booze tax fund for economic development activities.

Commissioners will finalize the budget in September.

Man Arrested After Assault And Chase

From P&D Staff Reports

A Yankton man was arrested Saturday after allegedly threatening a woman with a knife and then fleeing the scene.

Guillermo Ramirez-Lorenzo, 29, was charged with simple assault, aggravated eluding, hit-and-run, driving under the influence, vehicular battery and two counts of simple assault. He was also placed on a hold for the Immigration and Naturalization Service because it is suspected

he is not a legal resident of the United States.

According to Yankton Police Chief Brian Paulsen, an officer pursued Ramirez-Lorenzo after a report was received Friday that he had threatened a woman with a knife.

Driving a 1999 Plymouth Breeze late Friday night, Ramirez-Lorenzo was observed hastily leaving the parking lot in the 2800 block of Broadway Avenue where the assault was alleged to have taken place.

He was pursued at a distance and collided with another vehicle driven by a female along Douglas Avenue just south of 25th Street. The woman had to be transported to the hospital, and her vehicle received an estimated \$5,200 damage.

Ramirez-Lorenzo's vehicle came to a stop at Douglas and Murphy Lane, and he had to be forcibly removed from the vehicle. He was not injured during the accident near 25th Street.

OBITUARIES

Lawrence 'Larry' Becker

Lawrence "Larry" J. Becker age 83 of Yankton, SD and formerly of St. Helena, NE died on Saturday, August 14, 2010 at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, NE.

He is survived by his nine children and their spouses, Barbara and Ray Goeden of Yankton, SD, Carolyn and Roy Logan of Loveland, CO, daughter-in-law Renee Wragge of Laurel, NE; David and Susan Becker of Yankton, SD; Bradley and Jane Becker of Norfolk, NE; Mark and Shelley Becker of St. Helena, NE; LeRoy and Kimberly Becker of Tea, SD; Angie and Don Boeckman of Wynot, NE; Dale and Joyce Becker of St. Helena, NE; Connie and Loren Boeckman of Wynot, NE; 25 grandchildren; 23 great grandchildren; 1 great great grandson; special friend Mary Lou Pfister of Newcastle, NE; 1 brother Marvin and wife Ellen Becker of Yankton, SD; 2 brothers-in-law Virgil and Betty Schmidt of Wakonda, SD, Clifford and Linda Schmidt of Great Falls, Montana; 1 sister-in-law Betty Schmidt of Banks, Oregon.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Vivian on Oct. 8, 1995; two sons Terry and Josephine (Boehmer) Becker. He grew up in the St. Helena area and went to Elementary School in St. Helena. Lawrence married Vivian Arlene Schmidt on May 10, 1949 in St. Helena, NE. Vivian died on October 8, 1995 at the age of 65 years. Lawrence worked as a master carpenter for most of his life and retired in 1990. He moved to an apartment in Yankton in 2006.

Lawrence was a member of Holy Family (Immaculate Conception) Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus, and



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the Yankton Senior Center. He loved deer hunting, fishing, throwing horse shoes, playing cards, camping, and dancing to Kenny Carlow.

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James (Jim) L. Moses

James L. Moses, 65, of Yankton, SD passed away suddenly Friday, August 13, 2010 at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital. His wife, daughter, and sister were by his side.

Visitations will be from 4 to 8 p.m. with a rosary at 7:00 and a scripture service at 7:30 on Monday, August 16, 2010 at Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton, SD. Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday August 17, 2010 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Yankton with Reverend Mark Lichter officiating and celebrated by Reverend Mark J. Stoll, Jo Ann's nephew. Burial will be in the Yankton Cemetery.

Pallbearers are Kent Lethcoe, Mark Lethcoe, Salvador Licata, Steven Prunty, Matthew Prunty, and Lon Licata, all nephews of Jim. Honorary pallbearers are Jim's nephews, Mitchell Licata and Michael Prunty, and very close friends, Wayne Rempp, Brian Engebretson, and Don Kehrwald.



Moses

Jim was born to Orville and Marie (L o c k m a n) Moses on February 2, 1945 in Yankton, SD. He graduated from Yankton High School in 1965. He worked in the Yankton Public Schools as a Custodian for 39 years, with 37 years of service at Stewart Elementary. He retired in 2005 due to health. He married his wife Jo Ann (Muth) on June 29, 1974 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Akron, IA. He had one daughter, Kay, who was his pride and joy from the second she was born.

Jim was a lifetime member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, the Yankton Moose Lodge for 42 years, and the Yankton Elks Lodge for 23 years. He was also a member of the CEASD (Custodial Engineers Association of South Dakota) for many years, was awarded Custodian of the Year in 1992,

and achieved Lifetime Membership in 2005. He served as a delegate on the CEASD board from 1992-2006.

In his spare time Jim enjoyed watching Yankton Bucks football, Denver Broncos football, and Minnesota Twins baseball games. He also enjoyed photography and playing pinocle and sheephead whenever possible.

Jim is survived by his wife, Jo Ann, daughter Kay of Fargo, ND, sisters Joan Licata of Northglenn, CO, and Jean Lethcoe of Yankton, SD. Marilyn Pates of Yankton, SD, his cousin, has been a sister to Jim. He has twelve nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sister Betty Prunty, and brothers-in-law Thomas Prunty, Lonnie Licata, and Dale Lethcoe.



Online condolences at: www.opsahl-kostelfuneralhome.com

Jean Wilkinson

Jean Lavore Wilkinson, 86, of Yankton died Friday (Aug. 13, 2010) at Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton.

Funeral services are at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 24, at Wintz & Ray Funeral Home, Yankton, with the Rev. Oliver Omanson officiating. Burial will be in the Sacred Heart Cemetery in Yankton.

Visitation is one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. To post an online sympathy

message, visit wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

Alvin Guthmiller

Alvin Guthmiller, 92, of Yankton died Sunday (Aug. 15, 2010) at the Tripp Good Samaritan Center, Tripp.

Funeral services are at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at St. John's Lutheran Church, Yankton, with the Rev. Steve Weispfennig officiating. Burial will be in the Garden of Memories, Yankton.

Visitations is 5-9 p.m. Wednesday at Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, with a Scripture service at 7:30 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

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