

State Rules Review Committee To Meet

PIERRE — The interim Rules Review Committee, chaired by Sen. Jean Hunhoff (R-Yankton), will meet at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 14, in Room 414 of the State Capitol in Pierre and via the Dakota Digital Network at the following locations: Northern State University, 1200 S. Jay St., Room Lib 116, Aberdeen; Department of Human Services, 2361 Dakota Ave. S., Huron; Mitchell Technical Institute, 1800 E. Spruce, Room TC 155, Mitchell; S.D. School of Mines & Technology, 501 E. St. Joseph St., Room CB 109, Rapid City; University Center, 4801 N. Career Ave., Room FADM 145, Sioux Falls; and Department of Transportation, 1306 W. 31st St., Yankton.

The committee will review the rules proposed by the Bureau of Administration; Department of Agriculture; Animal Industry Board; Department of Game, Fish and Parks; Department of Education; Board of Education and State Library Board; Department of Environment and Natural Resources; Water Management Board; Department of Labor and Regulation; South Dakota Board of Accountancy; Department of Public Safety; Office of Weights and Measures; and the Department of Transportation; Aeronautics Commission.

The agenda is available on the South Dakota Legislature's web site at http://legis.state.sd.us/interim/2012/meetings.aspx. Copies of the proposed rules may be obtained without charge by contacting the department, board or commission.

In addition to Sen. Hunhoff, committee members are Rep. R. Shawn Tornow, Vice Chair, (R-Sioux Falls); Sens. Angie Buhl (D-Sioux Falls) and Mike Vehle (R-Mitchell); and Reps. Peggy Gibson (D-Huron) and Roger Hunt (R-Brandon).

The public is invited to attend.

Rummage Sale Set For Vermillion Aug. 16-17

VERMILLION — The Main Street Center in Vermillion will host a rummage sale Aug. 16-17 at 320 W. Main St. Hours are 1:30-5:30 p.m. Aug. 16, and 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Aug. 17.

For more information, contact Barb Baisden at 605-624-8072 or 320center@vyn.midco.net.

RTEC To Host Virtual Welding Games Aug. 16

Yankton's Regional Technical Education Center (RTEC) will hold the 2012 Virtual Welding Games on Thursday, Aug. 16, running from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at 1200 W. 21st St., Yankton.

The Virtual Welding Games will consist of five special competition categories: middle school, high school, men, women and celebrities. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded in each category.

This event is free for all competitors and spectators.

For more information, contact RTEC at 605-668-5700 or visit www.rtecedu.org.

S.D. Farmers Union Meeting Slated For Aug. 18

ARMOUR — The District 1 South Dakota Farmers Union meeting will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 18, at the D&D Bowl and Lounge, Armour.

Guest Speakers will be Joe Schultz, USDA Farm Service Agency executive director for Charles Mix County, and Roger Barrick, agronomy specialist for Agland Cooperative in Armour, Delmont, Ethan and Parkston. They will be speaking on managing the 2012 drought.

The public is welcome to attend.

Farmers Asked to Avoid Irrigation Overspray

PIERRE — For safety reasons, the South Dakota Department of Transportation is asking farmers to try to keep their field irrigation systems from spraying water onto state highways.

Irrigation overspray can cause a dangerous driving situation for motorists by creating a slippery road surface and limiting visibility for drivers.

Such conditions can be especially dangerous for motorcyclists who may unexpectedly get hit with a spray of water — leading to potentially serious or fatal accidents.

The annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally is approaching, and the number of bikers on South Dakota roads will be much higher than normal for the next several weeks.

OBITUARIES

Marvin Barington

Anchorage resident Marvin E. Barington, 79, passed away Sunday evening at Alaska Regional Hospital of natural causes.

A burial will be held at Fort Richardson National Cemetery, Friday, August 10, 2012 at 12:00 noon.

Mr. Barington was born in Scenic, South Dakota on December 18, 1933.

Mr. Barington came to Alaska in 1972 while in the Air Force, which he served for 20 years. He did numerous tours in Vietnam.

Mr. Barington continued to serve his country he loved so much after retirement, being very active in all the veteran organizations, serving in the American Legion, VFW, and Disabled Vets.

His family wrote, "Mr. Barington 'Grandpa' loved to play pool. He was an active outdoorsman, loved to hunt or fish the Kenai River. He loved to laugh and had a contagious smile, he will be greatly missed by all who knew him."

Survivors include his wife of 59 years Shirley A. Barington; daughters Deborah A. Cargill and Evelyn R. Barington; son-in-law Norman Hatcher; grandson David Cargill; granddaughter Katrina Hatcher-Barington; great grandsons Hunter and Austin Cargill all of Anchorage, Alaska; sisters Beverly Huber and Diana Spence; and brother Melvin Barington of South Dakota.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to American Heart Association.

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Timothy 'Tim' Mueller

BLOOMFIELD, Neb. — Timothy "Tim" G. Mueller, 53, of Bloomfield, Neb., and formerly of Crofton, Neb., died Wednesday,

Aug. 8, 2012 at Spearfish Regional Hospital, Spearfish, as a result of an accident.

Arrangements are pending with Wintz & Ray Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Yankton.

Dorothy Mumm

Graveside inurnment services for Dorothy R. Mumm, 81 of Bloomfield, Neb., are at 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 13, 2012, at Bloomfield City Cemetery with Pastor Tim Koester officiating.

Brockhaus Funeral Home, Bloomfield, is in charge of arrangements.

Dorothy died Friday, Aug. 3, 2012, at Avera Creighton Hospital, Creighton, Neb.

Joseph Leighton Jr.

MARTY — Joseph Michael Leighton, Jr., 3, of Marty died Monday, Aug. 6, 2012, at the Community Memorial Hospital, Wagner, the result of an accident.

Funeral services are at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Boys and Girls Club Gym, Marty. Burial is in St Paul's Catholic Cemetery, Marty.

Wake services began Wednesday at the Boys and Girls Club.

Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home, Wagner, is in charge of arrangements.

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Southeast Job Link celebrated its GED Graduation July 28. Shown are graduates Carrie Felton, Dustin Muilenberg, Carolyn Roubideaux, Daniel Stibral, Chelsey Lynde, Garret Northrup, Lisa Magee, Leif Stundal, Misty Peters, and Lawrence Langley.

Southeast Job Link Holds GED Graduation Ceremony

Southeast Job Link celebrated GED Graduation on Saturday, July 28, 2012 at the Technical Education Center Community Room. Twenty-six students earned their GED credentials from July 2011 to June 2012 through the Adult Education and Literacy Program of Southeast Job Link.

Of the 26, 10 attended in the graduation ceremony along with over a hundred family members and friends who were there to show their support.

The ceremony included presentations by two of the gradu-

ates, Misty Peters and Daniel Stibral.

The key-note speaker was Mr. Paul Rehfuss of Yankton, South Dakota, who offered words of encouragement to the graduates. Mr. Rehfuss encouraged graduates to continue their education, to find a career that they love not just a job, to be willing to change, and to always work hard and do your best.

Southeast Job Link offers congratulations to all the students who completed their GED this year.

Website Updates Link South Dakotans In Need To Benefits

A valuable resource for families and individuals in difficult economic circumstances, the Bridge to Benefits website (www.sbridgebenefits.com) has been just updated.

Developed by South Dakota Voices for Children in partnership with the Children's Defense Fund of Minnesota, the site now includes the latest eligibility requirements for benefit programs.

Research that shows poverty as the single greatest threat to children's well-being prompted development of the Bridge to Benefits site. Living in poverty can contribute to social, emo-

tional and behavioral problems among children as well as poor physical and mental health. Risks are greatest for children who experience poverty when they are young and/or face deep and persistent poverty.

On the other hand, economic security, safe, affordable housing, health care, nutrition and quality education all help children to flourish. Tax credits and benefit programs were created as a step toward helping children and their families out of poverty. The South Dakota Bridge to Benefits website can improve the well-being of many families and indi-

viduals by linking them to assistance programs that include

- Energy Assistance, • Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly food stamps), • School Meal Program, • Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), • Child Care Assistance Program, • Earned Income Tax Credit, • Sales Tax on Food Refund Program, • WIC (Women, Infants, Children) Nutritional Program.

It's easy for anyone to see if they or someone else may be eli-

gible for support programs and tax credits by going to sbridgebenefits.org and clicking on the "start" button. Benefit eligibility is determined by answering a few simple questions. The screening process is easy, confidential and free; names and Social Security numbers are not required. The site can be accessed from any computer, including those at public libraries throughout the state.

The mission of South Dakota Voices for Children is to improve the lives of children through policy and program advocacy.

Wall

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seriously and they submitted really great goals. That's what makes this project so meaningful."

Jane Brown was a sponsor of the project, and did attend Thursday's kick-off. She said the "Before I Die" wall was something unique that she wanted to be a part of.

"I love street art, and this is something that everybody can take part in, whether they are from Yankton or just passing through," she said. "A few of us had been discussing what we wanted to write on the wall for

the whole afternoon. We're very excited to see it come together."

Sharon Koller made a donation at the kick-off event, and said she did so because art is something she believes should be encouraged in Yankton.

"It's very artistic and very unusual," she said. "It's great to be able to see it and enjoy it, and to see others enjoy it. I'm very impressed with the whole project and hope a lot of people come down to write something."

Some of the thoughts now written on the "Before I Die" wall include, "play with my grandkids," "learn French," "visit all Major League Baseball stadiums," "step foot on every continent," "see us come together as a country" and "travel to Easter Island."

Miner was proud to bring the

global art project to Yankton, and said it was special to her to bring the project to South Dakota.

"We're little tiny Yankton, and we know we're the first entity in South Dakota to participate in this project," Miner said. "It's a global art project that has been seen in Europe, all around the United States and in many urban areas. There's something cool about Yankton doing this."

Miner was also happy with the turnout at Thursday's event.

"I knew it was going to be good," she said. "Seeing other people's reaction to the wall reaffirms why we wanted to work hard to do this project — the wall is almost completely full after just the first night. This is just the beginning of the new adventure."

Water

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usage was down significantly.

In related news, the city Finance Department released figures Thursday showing just how historic water usage was in the community during July.

Residential water sold during the month of July was up 171 percent compared to a year ago. The Finance Department issued bills for 69,511,000 gallons of water last month, compared to 25,656,000 gallons the previous July.

Total water consumption for the July billing period was 134,302,000 gallons, the second highest usage month in the past 25 years.

The department said that the highest usage month during that period was August 2002, when 140,620,000 gallons were consumed.

You can follow Nathan Johnson on Twitter at twitter.com/AnInlandVoyage

Money

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with those paid at public universities in nearby states. Another \$3.2 million would be divided among the universities based on each school's success in graduating more students, retaining more students between their freshman and sophomore years and increasing research activities.

An extra \$2.3 million in state funding is being sought to maintain campus buildings and other facilities.

Those requests will help hold down tuition and fee increases that otherwise might be used for the programs, regents said.

"Our goal is to stem the tide of the cost shifting to students as a result of declining state support," Regents President Kathryn Johnson said.

In its budget request to Gov. Dennis Daugaard, the regents also asked the governor to make salary increases for all state workers the highest priority

when he submits his budget to the Legislature. The 1 percent faculty salary increase in the board's budget request would be in addition to the pay raise all state employees receive.

Other priorities identified by the board include more scholarship aid for students and increased support for agricultural research.

Regent Harvey Jewett said he believes an increase in money for maintenance and repair is needed to keep campus buildings in good shape. The quality of dormitories, science labs and other buildings plays a big role in recruiting students to the universities, he said.

The regents are seeking \$2 million in state money to create a doctoral program in physics at the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology and the University of South Dakota. South Dakota is one of only two states that have no doctoral degrees in physics, but the program is needed to support the underground science lab at the former Homestake mine in the Black Hills, they said.

"We think the time has come

now, particularly with the lab being in an advanced state," Regents Executive Director Jack Warner said.

The budget request also seeks \$2.6 million to expand the education of doctors and physician assistants at the University of South Dakota Medical School. The number of entering medical school students would be increased by 11 a year over four years, and the number of physician assistant students would be increased by five a year over three years.

In addition, the regents want nearly \$447,000 for teacher education programs at five universities to help produce more teachers for high schools on American Indian reservations.

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