

City Planning Commission To Meet Mon.

The Yankton City Planning Commission will meet at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 11, in Room 114 of the Technical Education Center, 1200 W. 21st St., Yankton. This is an open meeting.

SDHDA Hosting Meetings On Housing

PIERRE — The South Dakota Housing Development Authority (SDHDA), in partnership with the Governor's Office of Economic Development, will be hosting four public comment meetings around the state to solicit comments on the 2015 Annual Action Plan of the Consolidated Plan and the allocation plans for the HOME, Housing Tax Credits and Housing Opportunity Fund Programs.

The Consolidated Plan is a five-year housing and community development planning document that includes how the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) program funds will be allocated. The goals of these programs are to develop viable communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanded economic opportunities to low- and moderate-income persons.

Annually, the state of South Dakota receives approximately \$9 million from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to support the CDBG, ESG and HOME programs. As a prerequisite to receive funds from HUD, South Dakota must have an approved Consolidated Plan and annual action plans.

The Housing Tax Credit Program is a tax credit incentive to construct, acquire and/or rehabilitate housing for low-income households through the Internal Revenue Service. SDHDA receives approximately \$2.6 million annually to allocate through this program.

The Housing Opportunity Fund (HOF) Program was created through Senate Bill 235 during the 2013 legislative session. HOF Funds can be used for rental housing, homeownership, land trusts and homelessness prevention activities.

The public meetings are an opportunity for the public to provide their comments, suggestions and ideas prior to drafting the 2015-2016 plans. The public will have another chance to provide written comments once the draft plans have been released in the fall.

Persons interested in making suggestions for changes to the existing plans may do so by appearing at one of the public meetings scheduled for Rapid City, Aberdeen, Sioux Falls and Pierre, or by sending written comments to SDHDA, PO Box 1237, Pierre, SD 57501, by 5 p.m. CDT, Aug. 22.

In the southeast region a public meeting will be held in Sioux Falls at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 13, in the Oak View Library/Meeting Room 1 & 2, 3700 E. Third St.

For more information contact Lorraine Polak at 605.773.3181 or Lorraine@sdhda.org.

Boys & Girls Club Registration Open

It's 3 p.m. — where are your kids?

The Boys & Girls Club of Yankton has a safe, positive place for ALL youth kindergarten through 12th grade. The Academy is a licensed program located in school sites with before and after school hours (5:30-8 a.m. and 3:20-6 p.m.). The traditional site, located at 1804 Broadway Avenue, serves teens (6-12 grade) after school until 7:30 p.m., with later hours on Friday. Each of these programs focus on three priority outcomes for all activities: academic success, healthy lifestyles, and character/leadership. Youth will be safe, engaged, learning and having fun.

Registration is now open for both programs. To register, pick up an application at any of the club's sites or visit www.greatfuturessd.org. In order to start when school starts, youth need to be registered by Monday, Aug. 18.

This fall, the club's public school sites are being organized to one site at Stewart Elementary, and the club will maintain its St. Bens site to make it possible to do the following:

- A higher quality level of programming for the youth
- To be able to create more opportunities for fourth and fifth graders
- The club and the school agree that this is a more sustainable way to run the Academy program and together we could make the combined sites an even better experience for kids and families
- To be able to recruit and retain high quality teachers with specialties (arts, fitness, etc.)
- Academy leadership will now be available and at the site for parents to reach, to talk with and there for staff and youth support when needed.

Stewart Elementary principal Jerome Klimisch said: "I am excited for the after school consolidation. The kids really enjoyed meeting students from the other schools during last year's morning program. The programming offered by The Academy will be able to be delivered to even more kids."

The Academy morning program will continue to be held at Stewart School in the New Gym at 5:30 a.m., utilizing the North Entrance. Following breakfast public school youth will be transported to their school at 8:10 a.m.

Academy Fall Parent Open House will be Monday night, Aug. 25, at 6 p.m. Fall open house will be Thursday, Aug. 21, at 6 p.m. at Stewart Elementary school.

In the past year, more than 654 kids were served, more than 2,300 community service hours were logged by youth and more than 42,000 healthy snacks were served. All of these things and more are made possible by the investment of community members in its youth and the club.

The Boys and Girls Club of Brookings Corporation serves Brookings, Moody County and Yankton. The mission of the club is to inspire and enable all young people, especially those that need us most, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible, and caring citizens. The before/after school programs, summer programs, and other camps provide fun, educational activities and opportunities for all youth at a very affordable cost.

To get involved with the club in any way, visit www.greatfuturessd.org or call 605-692-3333.

Fordyce

Residents Hear Postal Proposal

BY LINDA WUEBBEN

P&D Correspondent

FORDYCE, Neb. — Fordyce residents were given an opportunity to make comments about the U.S. Postal Service's (USPS) Post Plan and the future window service hours for the Fordyce Post Office at a town hall meeting with USPS officials Wednesday.

The survey sent out to the customers served by the Fordyce office allowed comments about how the Fordyce Post Office would operate now that it has been reduced to a four-hour window service each weekday. In the last three years, the USPS has been reviewing the revenue generating success of the bottom ten percent of post offices nationwide. The first decision was to close them across the board,

"Communities roared," Dawn Bayer, area manager for USPS, present for the meeting said. "We went back to the drawing board." In many of the post offices which fell in that category, it was determined there wasn't eight hours of work anymore. Customers had stopped coming in, stamp sales had dropped and it wasn't cost-effective to keep them open. The Internet was more fun for shopping, talking to family and many times an easier tool for paying bills.

The USPS sent out 237 surveys in the Fordyce area and 103 were returned which was average Bayer said. Of those returned, 92 voted to realign post office hours as opposed to forming a Village Post Office option. Comments were also made for consideration of window service hours.

Attendance at the meeting was very

small but Bayer was pleased about that. It meant the current postmaster Bonnie Jansen was doing her job answering questions about the future of mail service to the area.

At the town hall meeting, the interested patrons present were given the opportunity to set the new window hours. The surveys had indicated an 8 a.m.-noon weekdays and 8:30-9:30 a.m. Saturdays were the suggested hours, but the small number of patrons present voted the hours to be 9 a.m.-1 p.m. weekdays and 9-10 a.m. on Saturday.

The implementation of these hours will be determined by Jansen, who has been offered a retirement package. When a Post Master Relief replacement is found and Jansen leaves, the new hours will go into effect.

Iraq

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on a mountain without food and water. The Yazidis, who follow an ancient religion with ties to Zoroastrianism, fled their homes after the Islamic State group issued an ultimatum to convert to Islam, pay a religious fine, flee their homes or face death.

Mindful of the public's aversion to another lengthy war, Obama acknowledged that the prospect of a new round of U.S. military action would be a cause for concern among many Americans. He vowed anew not to put American combat troops back on the ground in Iraq and said there was no U.S. military solution to the crisis.

"As commander in chief, I will not allow the United States to be dragged into fighting another war in Iraq," Obama said.

Even so, he outlined a rationale for airstrikes if the Islamic State militants advance on American troops in the northern city of Irbil and the U.S. consulate there in the

Kurdish region of Iraq. The troops were sent to Iraq earlier this year as part of the White House response to the extremist group's swift movement across the border with Syria and into Iraq.

"When the lives of American citizens are at risk, we will take action," Obama said. "That's my responsibility as commander in chief."

He said he had also authorized the use of targeted military strikes if necessary to help the Iraqi security forces protect civilians.

Obama spoke following a day of urgent discussions with his national security team. He addressed the nation only after the American military aircraft delivering food and water to the Iraqis had safely left the drop site in northern Iraq.

The Pentagon said the air-drops were performed by one C-17 and two C-130 cargo aircraft that together delivered a total of 72 bundles of food and water. They were escorted by two F/A-18 fighters from an undisclosed air base in the region.

The planes delivered 5,300 gallons of fresh drinking water and 8,000 pre-packaged meals

and were over the drop area for less than 15 minutes at a low altitude.

The president cast the mission to assist the Yazidis as part of the American mandate to assist around the world when the U.S. has the unique capabilities to help avert a massacre.

In those cases, Obama said, "we can act carefully and responsibly to prevent a potential act of genocide."

Officials said the U.S. was prepared to undertake additional humanitarian airdrops if necessary, though they did not say how quickly those missions could occur.

Administration officials said they believe unilateral U.S. strikes would be consistent with international law in part because the Iraqi government has asked for Washington to take military action. They also said Obama had the constitutional authority to act on his own in order to protect American citizens.

Still, there was no guarantee that the president's threat of military strikes would actually be followed by action. He similarly authorized strikes in Syria last summer after chemical weapons were deployed,

but those attacks were never carried out, in part because of domestic political concerns and also because an international agreement to strip Syria of its stockpiles of the deadly gases.

The president has also faced persistent calls to take military action in Syria on humanitarian grounds, given that more than 170,000 people have been killed there.

Critics, including some Republicans in Congress, have argued that Obama's cautious approach to Syria has allowed the Islamic State group to flourish there, growing strong enough to move across the border with Iraq and make swift gains.

Republican Sens. John McCain of Arizona and Lindsey Graham of South Carolina praised Obama's proposed actions Thursday night but said much more will be necessary.

"This should include the provision of military and other assistance to our Kurdish, Iraqi, and Syrian partners" who are fighting the militants, airstrikes against the militants' leaders and forces and support for Sunni Iraqis who seek to resist the extremists, they said in a statement.

USD

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"It's been a little disappointing, being so close to USD and seeing the town dominated by Jacks fans," Amber said with a chuckle, referring to the Yankton Jackrabbit Club, which supports South Dakota State.

To that end, developing the Yankton area was a key interest for the USD administration, according to David Williams, senior associate athletic director for External Relations.

"It's an extremely important area for us, for season tickets, for an alumni base, for the Howling Pack," Williams said. "We want to put the effort in to pay those people back."

In response, USD administrators and coaches have already made two appearances in Yankton, and are scheduled for more in the future. Saturday will mark the first time Coyote players will appear at a Yankton-based function since the chapter's start.

The first Howling Pack gathering came last fall when the full gauntlet of the USD athletic department — administrators, coaches, Charlie Coyote, cheerleaders, etc. — drove over for a social at Minerva's.

Then, in February, the USD football coaches came to Yankton for an official National Signing Day event to discuss the 2014 recruiting class.

The goal, naturally, was to impress the USD administration with the Coyote fan base 25 miles down Highway 50, according to Jeremy Kudera.

"When they saw the turnout, I think it really opened some eyes," said the former Coyote men's basketball standout and member of the Coyote Athletic Hall of Fame.

Sure enough, it did, Williams said.

"Those solidified that Yankton is one of the initial chapter cities," he said. "We always thought it would most likely be one of the four."

Holding Saturday's event at the marina is an example of what Yankton can provide to Coyote fans, according to Jeremy Kudera.

"Each demographic has specific characteristics," he said. "It might be tough to have certain events at certain places, but I think it's easier to get people excited this way."

With each chapter having the freedom to organize its own events, local Coyote fans have a great sense of belonging in the process, according to Jennifer Kudera. Plus, she added, it alleviates some headaches from the USD administration.

"It allowed Yankton to say, 'This is what works for us,'" Jennifer said.

That's exactly the idea in developing chapters, Williams said.

The main Howling Pack will continue to serve as the umbrella organization for each chapter, but all four will have autonomy to organize their own events, he said.

"The key is to make sure there's a ton of consistency from chapter to chapter," Williams said. "We'll let each individual area have autonomy to keep the excitement around South Dakota athletics."

As Williams added, and as Jennifer Kudera also pointed out, the USD staff had to support the decision to attend events in Yankton — particularly when it involves bringing over an entire football team, like Saturday.

"The relationship we have with the administration is so good," Jennifer said. "They know our family, and there's a real connection. It's never been that way before."

Saturday's event will hopefully foster that connection, she added.

The event begins with a boat parade at 3 p.m., followed by games and inflatables at 4 p.m. A tailgate meal will be served at 5 p.m., with the Coyote football players arriving by 6 p.m. — after their

second practice of the day, they will hop in two charter buses.

Coaches and players will then mingle with fans, with head coach Joe Glenn giving a short speech. The team will then be sent off at 8 p.m.

A rare occurrence to have the full USD football team at a fan function, it's an opportunity fans should embrace, Rob Ness said.

"The chance to be able to stand next to or take a picture with some of those athletes is a pretty big deal," he said.

"Growing up, the chance to meet a D-I athlete, or a big-time athlete, that was a big deal."

The event is open to the public, with free-will donations going toward the USD Howling Pack, which provides scholarships for student-athletes. A South Dakota state park pass is not required to enter the marina area, according to Jennifer Kudera.

The general idea of hosting such an event is simple, Jeremy Kudera said, adding that the goal is to bring in a couple of hundred fans.

"It gets people to feel involved over here," he said. "And to feel like they're making a difference."

That's all fans have asked for, Amber Ness said.

"The people are definitely here, it's just a matter of getting them all together," she said.

You can follow Jeremy Hoeck on Twitter at twitter.com/jhoeck. Discuss this story at www.yankton.net.

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Join us in Welcoming Dr. Sana!



Dr. Sana graduated from Creighton University in Omaha. He completed three year training at Siouxland Medical Education Foundation. He lives in Sioux City with his wife and enjoys hiking, working out at the gym, reading, and the Iowa Hawkeyes. Dr. Sana practices family medicine and is involved with everything from OB to geriatrics, emergency and preventative care.



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OBITUARIES

Joyce 'Jo' Hoopes

Memorial services for Joyce M. "Jo" Hoopes, age 74 of Norfolk, Nebraska, will be 2:00 p.m. Saturday, August 9, 2014, at Brockhaus-Howser-Fillmer Funeral Home in Norfolk. Pastor Matt Fowler will officiate, with burial in the Mission Hill Cemetery at Mission Hill, South Dakota.

Visitation will be two hours prior to services, from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Saturday at Brockhaus-Howser-Fillmer Funeral Home in Norfolk.

Jo died Monday, August 4, 2014, at Countryside Home in Madison, Nebraska.

Joyce "Jo" M. Hoopes, daughter of John and Georgia (Stewart) Heick, was born September 15, 1939, near Crofton, Nebraska. Jo grew up in the Crofton area, where she attended Crofton High School, graduating with the Class of 1956. On July 4, 1959, Jo was married to Gordon Hoopes in El Paso, Texas. Gordon and Jo were blessed with four children: Cindy, Mary Jo, Terry, and Linda.

Jo was very proud of her husband Gordon's service to our country and as a devoted military wife, she enjoyed moving wherever he was stationed. Gordon and Jo lived and raised their fam-

ily in such places as El Paso, Texas; Washington state; and Jo's favorite, Okinawa, Japan. Following Gordon's retirement from active duty in the mid 1970's, the couple moved Norfolk, Nebraska. After Gordon's death, Jo continued to reside in Norfolk until her death on August 4, 2014, at the age of 74 years, 10 months, and 20 days.

Throughout Jo's lifetime, she had many hobbies including crafting, playing cards, garage sales, and taking bus trips. While these past times brought her much enjoyment, spending time with family was most dear to her. Jo was a loving mother, grandmother, wife, and sister, and will be dearly missed by all that were fortunate enough to have her as a part of their life.

Jo is survived by her

daughters, Cindy Voichoski of Norfolk, Nebraska, Mary Jo Halverson of Scotland, South Dakota, Terry (Mark) Daggett of Tea, South Dakota, and Linda (Curt) Adrian of Parker, South Dakota; sisters, Shirley Mischke of Crofton, Nebraska, and LaVonne Koehler of Wausa, Nebraska; 13 grandchildren; 39 great-grandchildren; and 19 nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Gordon; brothers, Vernon, Donald "Lee", Wayne, Lloyd, and Darrell Heick.

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Wallace 'Ray' Strunk

Wallace "Ray" Strunk, 87,

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