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New SHS Teachers Announced

Sacred Heart School of Yankton has announced its new teachers for the 2014-15 school year:

STEPHANIE HUNHOFF

Stephanie Hunhoff will be teaching second grade at Sacred Heart School. She is originally from Osmond, Nebraska. She attended Mount Marty College and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education. She previously taught at St. Rose of Lima School in Crofton, Nebraska, for three years. She is married to Robert Hunhoff and has a daughter named Annabelle. She enjoys reading, gardening and playing the piano.

ISAURA SOLIS

Isaura Solis was born in Los Angeles but lived in Yankton since age 8. She attended the University of South Dakota from 2004-2010. Last year, she taught High School Spanish at Wagner Community School in Wagner. She will be teaching K-8 Spanish and grades 5-8 Art at Sacred Heart School. This is her second year of teaching, and she said she is very excited and looking forward to a great year. Daughter of Pedro and Elena Nino, she is the second



Submitted photo
Pictured are the new teachers at Yankton's Sacred Heart Elementary School, from left: Stephanie Hunhoff, Kryisia Kjerstad, Ashley Olsen and Isaura Solis-Lopez.

of nine children. She and her husband, Francisco Solis-Lopez, have three children: A daughter, Nivia, who 9 years old and two sons: Francisco Jr., 3, and Jordan, 2. Solis enjoys traveling and spending time with her family.

KRYISIA KJERSTAD

Kryisia Kjerstad recently graduated from the University of South Dakota. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Element-

ary Education and will begin her teaching career as the sixth grade Reading/Language Arts and Middle School Computer teacher at Sacred Heart.

Prior to attending USD, she obtained an Associate Degree in Marketing from Southeast Technical Institute. Kjerstad was one of the teaching candidates to complete the first pilot year of a full year student teaching experience. She completed this experience working with

Michelle Andrews in 8th grade English-Language Arts at Yankton Middle School.

Kjerstad enjoys biking, snowmobiling, shopping, traveling, and spending quality time with family and friends. She and her husband, Quincy, are looking forward to welcoming their first child in late September.

ASHLEY OLSEN

Ashley Olsen is the third grade teacher at Sacred Heart Elementary School. She is originally from Elkton, but moved to Plankinton where she graduated in 2009. She attended the University of South Dakota for two years before transferring to Dakota Wesleyan University in Mitchell where she graduated with a B.A. in Education.

After student teaching last fall, she worked as a Special Education Assistant in Harrisburg School District at Journey Elementary.

She was married this summer on Aug. 9 to Travis Olsen, who is a graduate assistant at the University of South Dakota as a Certified Athletic Trainer. She and Travis spend a lot of time playing/watching sports, spending time with their families and spending time with nieces and nephews.

YHS Parade Entries Being Accepted

Entries are currently being accepted for the 2014 Yankton High School Pioneer Days Homecoming Parade, which will be held at 2:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19.

Advance registration is required and the entry deadline is Sept. 5. Registration forms may be found at www.yhsd.k12.sd.us or picked up at Yankton High School.

Veterans Day At Fair Slated Aug. 28

PIERRE — At the request of the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs, Gov. Dennis Daugaard has proclaimed Thursday, Aug. 28, 2014, as Veterans Day at the South Dakota State Fair, calling on all South Dakotans to honor those men and women who fought bravely for our freedoms.

At 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 28, the South Dakota State Fair will host a "Salute to Veterans" program. The program will be held on the Northwest Energy Freedom Stage (Recreation Avenue). The program will include remarks delivered by Larry Zimmerman, secretary of the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs.

"Whether you are a veteran or currently serving, South Dakota wants to thank you and your family for the sacrifices you have made for this country and the citizens of South Dakota," said Zimmerman. "This is a wonderful opportunity to say thank you to a group of veterans who have not heard it often enough over the years."

SDDVA staff will have an Operation RAV (Reach All Veterans) booth set up near the Freedom Stage. All veterans are encouraged to stop by the booth and learn more about the benefits available to them.

Representatives from the Veterans Service Organizations and the county and tribal veterans service officers will have an informational booth in the Veterans Building on Flag Avenue. This booth will be staffed throughout the span of the fair and will give veterans an opportunity to talk to experts about benefits and programs available to them as well.

Drive Safe Labor Day Weekend

Labor Day weekend is coming up. To celebrate, you may be boating with your family or you might even be grilling out with your friends.

The South Dakota Highway Patrol Motor Carrier Services want you to have a safe summer no matter what you're doing. If you drink, make sure you have a safe and sober ride home. Remember, buzzed driving is drunk driving.

Farmer's Union To Meet Aug. 28

The Yankton County Farmer's Union will hold its monthly meeting at 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 28, in the Fry'n Pan Restaurant.

The meeting will be an informal debate/discussion between Rep. Bernie Hunhoff and challenger Matt Stone.

The public is invited to attend. For more information, call Al Novak at 661-7667.

Mount Marty Seeks Club Members

Mount Marty College recently kicked off its annual membership drive for the Gregorian and Lancer Clubs. Following record-setting membership and dollars raised in 2013-14 the MMC Advancement department is excited for this kick-off.

Memberships in the Gregorian Club benefit all students involved in the fine arts at Mount Marty College. Last year the Gregorian Club provided support and funding for new instruments for the band, sponsored "Messiah Sing" and "Haydn's Creation" outreach performances, purchased new equipment for the college's graphic design lab, implemented a LED lighting system for the theatre, provided a stereo system for the newly renovated Bede Art Gallery, and provided four fine arts scholarships. Membership levels range from \$50-\$1,000 and come with different benefits at each level.

Memberships in the Lancer Club benefit all students involved in the sixteen intercollegiate athletic programs on campus. Last year, the Lancer Club provided support and funding for two highly sophisticated treadmills to be used in training by all student-athletes, portable tents for away meets and matches, and yearly Lancer Club awards totaling \$1,000 to each program's scholarship fund. Membership levels range from \$75-\$1,000 and come with different benefits at each level. The top two membership levels receive access to Lancer Landing during games in Cimpl Arena. There are also membership options for current student-athlete parents and those who simply desire a fitness membership for use of MMC facilities.

For more information on the Gregorian Club and the Lancer Club, visit www.mtmc.edu/gregorian and www.mtmc.edu/lancerclub or contact the Mount Marty College Office of Advancement at 605-668-1542.

Parks Advisory Board To Meet Sept. 5

The City of Yankton Parks Advisory Board will meet at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 2, at the Technical Education Center, 1200 West 21st St. This is an open meeting.

Meridian Plaza Bid To Be Discussed

BY ROB NIELSEN
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When Yankton city commissioners meet Monday night, they'll be contemplating the lone bid from Well Construction for the Meridian Bridge Plaza.

City manager Amy Nelson said the bid was somewhat over the engineer's estimate. "The engineer's estimate for the master plan is \$468,000," Nelson said. "One bid came in at \$475,800 and that was from Well Construction."

Construction would be set to begin in the fall, with completion in the spring of 2015.

Parks and Recreation Director Todd Larson said some of the work for the final two phases of the three-phase project will be done by in-house entities - only

contracting out when needed.

In other business:
• The commission will consider Payment Service Network's (PSN) online bill paying services.
• The commission will discuss establishing Sept. 8 to hold a public hearing for the city's proposed \$55,697,495 budget for 2015.

• Commissioners will debate selling some city land for retail development.
• The wastewater treatment plant's outfall construction will be discussed.

The City Commission is set to meet at 7 p.m. at the Technical Education Center.

You can follow Rob Nielsen on Twitter at twitter.com/RobNielsenPandD/. Discuss this story at www.yankton.net/

OBITUARIES

Paula Jones

Paula Jones, 70, of Yankton died Friday, Aug. 22, 2014, at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton.

A memorial service will be 10:30 a.m. Monday, Aug. 25, at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton. Burial of the urn will take place in the Sacred Heart Cemetery in Yankton.

A gathering of friends and family will be from 5 to 8 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 24, at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home with a prayer service at 7 p.m.

To post an online sympathy card, visit wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

Ellenora Bartunek

Ellenora Bartunek, 93, of Sioux Falls, formerly of Avon, died Thursday, Aug. 21, 2014, at South Ridge Health Care Center in Sioux Falls.

Funeral services are at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Aug. 25, at the First Baptist Church in Avon. Burial is in the Trinity

Presbyterian Cemetery, rural Avon.

Visitation is 5-7 p.m. Sunday at the church with the family present.

Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Chapel in Avon is in charge of arrangements.

Veronica Lillie

Veronica C. Lillie, 99, of Yankton died Friday, Aug. 22, 2014, at the Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton.

Funeral services are at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 26, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Yankton, with the Rev. Robert Wullweber officiating. Burial will be in the Sacred Heart Cemetery, Yankton.

Visitations begin at 5 p.m. Monday, Aug. 25, at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, with a rosary at 7 p.m. followed by a Scripture service at 7:30 PM.

Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

National Publication Ranks USD School Of Law 'Best Value' For Fourth Year In A Row

VERMILLION — The University of South Dakota School of Law has been ranked as the fifth "Best Value" law school in the nation for the fourth consecutive year by preLaw magazine, a National Jurist publication.

In addition to bar passage, the magazine's rankings take into account in-state tuition, debt and the percent of graduates employed nine months after getting their degree. The top 20 list is featured in the August issue of preLaw magazine and is dominated by public law schools, including the top five schools on the list.

"Being ranked a 'best value' demonstrates the commitment our institution has to providing a quality, reputable legal education at an affordable cost.

Receiving this recognition four years in a row, even during this time of rising educational costs, further demonstrates our faculty and administration's dedication to keep legal education accessible while preparing our students for a successful career after law school," said Tom Geu, dean of the USD School of Law.

Criteria used to identify the "Best Value" law schools, according to the magazine, were based on a two-year average for both first time bar pass rate and percent of students employed. A complete list of "Best Value" law schools and additional information about the rankings can be found at www.nxtbook.com/nxt-books/cypress/prelaw_2014backtoschool/#/32/.

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it's time to honor their

memory, the gift they

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