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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF YANKTON
IN CIRCUIT COURT
FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
PRO. NO. 14-48

Estate of Ella Kennedy, also known as Ella M. Kennedy, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is given that on August 5, 2014, Nancy S. Strait and Lola Harens, whose addresses are 1415 West 4th St., Gillette, WY 82716 and 711 East 14th St., Yankton, SD 57078, were appointed as co-personal representatives of the estate of Ella Kennedy.

Creditors of decedent must file their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or their claims may be barred.

Claims may be filed with the co-personal representatives or may be filed with the clerk, and a copy of the claim mailed to the co-personal representatives.

Dated August 12, 2014.

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In The Matter Of The Estate Of

DOROTHY A. PASCO

Deceased.

Pro. No. 14 - 51
NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Notice is given that on the 11th day of August, 2014, Jeffrey Pasco, whose address is 735 Wagner Street, Hutchinson, MN 55350, was appointed as Personal Representative of the Estate of Dorothy A. Pasco.

Creditors of Decedent must file their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or their claims may be barred.

Claims may be filed with the Personal Representative or may be filed with the Clerk, and a copy of the claim mailed to the Personal Representative.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids will be received by the City Commission of the City of Yankton, South Dakota, at 416 Walnut Street Yankton, South Dakota, at the office of the City Finance Officer of said City until 3:00 P.M. or may be hand delivered to the place of opening at 3:00 P. M. on the 11th day of September, 2014, at which time they will be publicly opened and read in the Second Floor Meeting Room of City Hall, Yankton, South Dakota. Disposition of said bid will be held on the 22nd day of September, 2014, at 7:00 P.M. in the City of Yankton Community Meeting Room located in the Technical Education Center at 1200 W. 21st Street, Yankton, South Dakota.

Bids will be received on the following:

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT SLUDGE REMOVAL

THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Copies of the specifications may be obtained at the Wastewater Treatment Facility, 700 Levee Street, Yankton, South Dakota 57078 or by telephoning (605) 668-5274.

All bids must be submitted on forms provided by the City of Yankton.

The City of Yankton, South Dakota reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities therein to determine which is the best and most advantageous bid to the City.

Kyle Goodmanson
Director of Environmental Services

City of Yankton, South Dakota

Dated: August 19, 2014

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Library

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events for teens and tweens. Moore would also like them to make recommendations for additions to the young adult collection.

"We want members of the Student Advisory Board to volunteer to be a part of the library and talk about what they want to see at the library and then put those ideas into action," Moore said.

She said that the board would meet once a month at the most to plan ahead for future events and activities.

"I want the teen activities to be more frequent. At least

Obama Tamps Down Prospect Of Strikes In Syria

BY JULIE PACE
AP White House Correspondent

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama tamped down the prospect of imminent U.S. military action in Syria on Thursday, saying "we don't have a strategy yet" for degrading the violent militant group seeking to establish a caliphate in the Middle East.

The president spoke shortly before convening a meeting of his national security advisers to discuss a range of Pentagon options for confronting the Islamic State group. The U.S. is already striking militant targets in Iraq, and administration officials have said the president was considering similar action in neighboring Syria.

Obama's decision to speak on the matter Thursday appeared aimed at clarifying the speed with which he planned to decide on expanding the U.S. military response. While some officials have indicated the process would be fast-moving, the president suggested a longer time-line Thursday.

"We don't have a strategy yet," the president said. "I think that's not just my assessment, but the assessment of our military, as well. We need to make sure that we've got clear plans, that we're developing them."

The statement appeared certain to open up Obama to criticism from Republicans who have complained for months that the president lacked a broad strategy for confronting militants in Iraq and Syria. White House officials quickly sought to clean up after the president, insisting that he was only talking about a lack of a clear military strategy in Syria, not a more wide-ranging approach to degrading the Islamic State.

But Obama's critics said it was both shocking and concerning to hear the president equivocate. House Intelligence Committee Chairman Mike Rogers, R-Mich., said the lack of urgency demonstrated that Obama still doesn't understand the extent of the threat



Obama

posed by the Islamic State. "It just confirmed what we've been talking about really for almost two years: There has been no real strategy," Rogers said.

Obama outlined the beginnings of what he called a "regional strategy" that could involve other nations and focus on political as well as military solutions. In blunt terms, the president said it was time for Middle Eastern nations to "stop being ambivalent" about the aims of extremist groups like the Islamic State.

"They have no ideology beyond violence and chaos and the slaughter of innocent people," Obama said, alluding to the group's announcement last week that it had killed American journalist James Foley. The militants also have threatened to kill other U.S. hostages in Syria.

The president said he was dispatching Secretary of State John Kerry to the Middle East soon to discuss the matter with regional partners. Obama will also meet with world leaders in Europe next week during a NATO summit.

The heightened threat from the Islamic State comes at a time of instability elsewhere in the world that has challenged Obama's desire to keep the U.S. out of military conflicts. Russia has escalated its threatening moves in Ukraine, with Ukrainian officials accusing Russia on Thursday of entering its territory with tanks, artillery and troops.

Despite the increased tensions, Obama ruled out any military options in Ukraine and proposed no shift in an American-led strategy that has yet to convince Moscow to halt operations against its far weaker neighbor.

In outlining his strategy for confronting the Islamic State, the president said his top priority remains rolling back the militants' gains in Iraq, where he has

said they pose a threat to U.S. personnel in Erbil and Baghdad.

"Our focus right now is to protect American personnel on the ground in Iraq, to protect our embassy, to protect our consulates, to make sure that critical infrastructure that could adversely affect our personnel is protected," he said.

Some of Obama's top military advisers have said the Islamic State cannot be defeated unless the U.S. also goes after the group inside Syria. The president didn't rule out that possibility, but said that if he were to expand the military mission, he would consult with members of Congress, who are due to return to Washington in early September.

However, the president did not commit to seeking a vote from Congress if he were to decide to proceed with military action. One year ago, Obama was on the verge of taking strikes against the Syrian government in retaliation for its use of chemical weapons, but abruptly shifted course and decided to seek congressional approval.

The surprise move threw his policy into chaos. Congress balked at Obama's request for a vote, contributing to his decision to ultimately scrap the strikes. The White House said it also abandoned plans to take military action after Syria agreed to give up its chemical weapons stockpiles.

This time, with the midterm elections just over two months away, lawmakers may be even less inclined to take a politically risky vote on military action.

"I see no reason to come to Congress because, if he does, it'll just become a circus," Rep. Steve Cohen, D-Tenn., said this week.

Still, some lawmakers are calling for Obama to put military action in Syria to a vote. Republican Sen. Bob Corker of Tennessee, a frequent critic of the administration's foreign policy, has said Congress should "certainly" authorize such steps. Tim Kaine, a Virginia Democrat and White House ally, has also called for a vote on the president's broader strategy for going after the Islamic State.

ACT

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students for life after high school.

"We are working with our students to prepare them for the test," Johnke said. "It is important because the ACT test is used to determine which students need to take remedial courses in college. Yankton High School is sending our students more prepared to be successful contributors to the community after they graduate."

Johnke said she couldn't be prouder of the work being done by the school's staff.

"Our teachers are doing a phenomenal job preparing our graduates for college and career readiness — no matter what path the student chooses," she said.

This year's score is a full point higher than what YHS students were scoring just five years ago.

"Five years ago, in school year 2009-2010 we scored a composite 22.7," Johnke

said. "What I am just as excited about is that when you look at the subtest scores they are among the highest we have ever achieved."

Johnke said:
• in the English subtest, the school composite was a 23.0, the highest ever;
• in math it was a 22.5, the second highest ever;
• in reading it was a 23.5, the highest ever;
• and in science it was a 23.1, the second highest ever.

Pointing to additional student preparation as the key to improving the scores, Johnke said that in the last few school years, YHS has implemented a new training program for the ACT test. The teachers are reviewing topics tested on the exam in the classroom and having refresher nights at the school.

"Four evenings in the spring, we have times where the students can come in and take refreshers," Johnke said. "Then, a few weeks before the actual April test, we have a practice test. The students come in on a Saturday and take a practice test in

the same location as the actual exam. It helps get the jitters out of the way and put them at ease."

Johnke stressed that it is not just the top students taking the test skewing the numbers to look stronger.

"We had 133 of 184 of the graduating class of 2014 take the test," she said.

Statewide, nearly 78 percent of the 2014 graduating class participated in the exam.

"We are pleased that such a high percentage of our students choose to take the ACT and perform well. Sometimes when you have that many students participating, it can bring your average down," said Secretary of Education Dr. Melody Schopp in a press release. "The high number of test-takers also indicates students desire to attend some sort of postsecondary schooling, which is critical in today's workforce. But we also know that of the students who enter our public universities in South Dakota, about one in four will need to do some remedial coursework."

According to Schopp, high quality standards in English and math provide the foundation for a solid educational experience at all grade levels. A rigorous course of study, as laid out in the requirements for the South Dakota Opportunity Scholarship, further supports students who are fully prepared for coursework at the postsecondary level.

Johnke said that the district has had many students qualify for the South Dakota Opportunity Scholarship, although exact numbers for this year were not available.

"When you look at our students, many of them are taking the education they have received at YHS and are able to earn scholarships, which help them in the future," she said. "That is what we are always striving for: to provide the best education at YHS to give our students the opportunity to succeed after they graduate."

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once a month if not weekly," she said.

Moore would also like to see the board help with volunteer work. Some of the work would include helping kids with reading activities, count kids reading minutes, running the library prize store for the younger kids along with other library activities.

"It would be a great resume builder. There are leadership, responsibility and volunteerism aspects of being on the board that would all look good on a resume."

Application forms are available at the library and, when completed, can be returned at the circulation desk or to Moore. For more information on this new

program, contact the library at 668-5276.

"We need input from the teenagers to know what to do. If it's possible, we'll do it."

ONLINE TECHNOLOGY SURVEY

The library is also ready to update its technology.

To determine its needs, the library encourages its patrons and the general public to take an online Impact Survey to determine how the computers are being utilized.

"It's time for us to update our technology plan. Every three to five years we do strategic planning and technology planning," said Kathy Wibbels, Yankton Community Library director. "It's time to update that plan."

The information will help

the library improve its technology services and communicate the value of providing this technology to the community.

In July, the library had 1,797 uses of the computers. The public used the computers for 1,104 hours. Wibbels said that this was an average month for the library's computer usage.

"The survey will tell the library how the computers are being used during this time. It will tell if people are using them for social media, gaming, research," said Wibbels. "It will just tell us what people are doing. By understanding that, we will be able to write our technology plan."

The library hopes to update its plan in mid

November.

The survey is anonymous and is available in English and Spanish. It takes 10-15 minutes to complete.

The Impact Survey is coordinated by the University of Washington Information School with support from Bill and Melinda Gate Foundation.

You can take the survey on the library computers or from the library website, <http://www.cityofyankton.org/yankton/library/index.php>, through Sept. 13.

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well and the people who work here. I was very happy to have the opportunity to move here."

Moore said one of the first orders of business was to change the position title to help bring in a wider audience.

"We recently changed the title — it was the 'children's librarian' before," she said. "I think 'youth services librarian' is a better name for the position because in a library of this size, the librarian who works with kids usually has kids from birth through high school. When you're called the 'children's librarian,' the teens may think there's nobody here for them. But by calling it a youth services librarian instead, it kind of covers that whole age range."

She said one of the major distinctions between her position and that of a normal librarian was the focus on kids.

"The nature of the programming is specifically for kids," she said. "The collec-

tions I work with are specifically for kids and teens."

Additionally, Moore said her position goes beyond just reading.

"I think it's just a huge service to the community and we really want everyone to know the benefits of it and take advantage of it," she said. "We not only offer thousands of free books and materials for people to come and use and check out, but there's (also) programming aspects too."

One program Moore highlighted was a story time for toddlers.

"We're going to have story time, starting in a week or so, for toddlers that involves a lot of music and movement as well as reading some stories," she said. "It gets the parents involved and it gives us the opportunity to model for parents how to interact with their children, how to choose good literature for them and how to read it with enthusiasm and excitement to get kids hooked on books and

loving books and stories in the library."

Moore also cited a preschool program that helps kids get ready for school.

"We continue that with preschool story time where, again, there's music and movement, longer books so they're learning to sit still and pay attention longer," she said. "We also involve a craft activity which helps them get ready for school and gives them something they can take home and talk about and retell the story, which is a very important literacy skill."

She added that elementary school and teen programs are also available and being expanded upon.

"This year we're adding after-school programs for elementary school-aged kids," she said. "We had a wonderful summer reading program with lots of activities and lots of participation, and we wanted to continue that into the school year to keep the kids coming to the library, checking out books and introducing them to some new au-

thors or maybe old classic ones that they haven't looked into before."

Moore said her goal with the position and the programs it entails is to show youth living in an age of electronic stimulation that books are still exciting.

"I think the story times and the after-school programs that we're going to have show them that the books and the stories do have a lot to offer," she said. "I'm kind of old-fashioned in my story times where I don't use screens. We're not going to be doing things on an iPad or use videos because I think they need to know just a plain old book really has a lot to offer."

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