

Draft Available For Public Review

LINCOLN, Neb. —The proposed Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for Fiscal Years 2015 thru 2018 is available for public review and comment at www.transportation.nebraska.gov/STIP/, according to the Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR). Copies are available from each of the eight district offices.

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) require each state highway agency to develop a STIP. The STIP must list all highway and transit projects that will be using federal funds, as well as all regionally significant transportation projects using non-federal funding sources. It covers a period of four years and in Nebraska is updated every year on Oct. 1.

Federal law requires that all citizens and other interested parties in the state's transportation planning process be given reasonable opportunity to comment on the proposed STIP and on any proposed amendments to an approved STIP. NDOR uses statewide news releases and an automated email subscription management system called GovDelivery to inform the public and advise them of the means and time period to comment on STIPs and any amendments. All comments will be addressed and those responses reported to the FHWA and FTA.

A public comment period ends at 5 p.m. CDT on Sept. 1. These comments will be incorporated into the final document which will be posted on the Nebraska Department of Roads' website after approval by the FHWA and FTA.

Comments may be submitted online at www.transportation.nebraska.gov/STIP/ or sent to: kendall.tonjes@nebraska.gov.

City Reminds Owners To Check Property

The City of Yankton reminds property owners to check their property for weeds and tall grass.

Overgrown grass and weeds aren't just unsightly; they're a violation of city ordinance. Grass should be maintained at 8 inches or lower and yards free of noxious weeds.

For more information visit cityofyankton.org or call 605-668-5251.

SDHSAA Wades Into A New Era

BY BOB MERCER
State Capitol Bureau

PIERRE — Results presented Thursday from a voluntary survey showed Sioux Falls was the top pick for the South Dakota High School Activities Association to hold a state competition.

Sioux Falls received 52 percent of the first-choice votes while Rapid City and Aberdeen got 15 percent apiece. Among students the first choices were Sioux Falls 43 percent, Rapid City 20 and Aberdeen 11.

Another question asked whether a state tournament should stay in the same location every year. No was the top answer at 46 percent, followed by no-opinion at 30 percent. Yes came from 23 percent.

There were 5,419 surveys completed. Anyone could participate via the Internet. They identified their roles in a school district: 9.8 percent of the results came from students, while parents comprised the largest group at 41.57 percent.

The survey was conducted by the Lawrence and Schiller marketing company for Dana Dykhouse, the chief executive officer for the First Premier banking company.

The SDHSAA board of directors received the report Thursday. The board selects state event sites.

Friction intensified during the past year between the process used by SDHSAA staff and some communities that have hosted state events.

In response the board established a site-selection committee that would have three directors and representatives from the five communities that have hosted most of the state events.

On Thursday the board's president, Rick Weber of Flandreau, chose two new directors, Roger Bordeaux of Todd County and Linda Whitney of Sanborn Central, and himself to serve in the three board slots on the committee.

Weber said he would be the panel's chairman. He said the three present a geographic cross-section of small- and medium-enrollment schools.

The board selected the five community representatives during a previous meeting.

They are school officials Mark Meile of Sioux Falls, Darren Paulson of Rapid City, Gene Brownell of Aberdeen, Terry Rotert

of Huron and Randy Marso of Brandon Valley.

Weber said the panel would meet before Oct. 1. The first round of site locations will be for the 2018-2019 school year.

There was some contentious discussion Wednesday among some of the directors whether they will automatically accept the site-selection committee's report each year or the board will continue to vote on the choices.

Four of the eight directors are new and were serving their first meeting this week. They are Sandy Klatt of Brandon, Steve Morford of Spearfish, Whitney and Bordeaux.

Two more will be new next summer succeeding Weber and Todd Trask of Wall. The two other directors are Jason Uttermark of Aberdeen through June 2017 and Dan Whalen of Pierre through June 2018.

Directors are selected to specific slots for five-year terms by the member schools across South Dakota.

Whitney is filling a vacancy for the rest of a term through June 2016 and Klatt is serving the remainder of a term through June 2018. The terms of Bordeaux and Morford run through June 2019.

Alcoholic Beverage Shipping And Distribution Interim Committee To Meet

PIERRE — The Alcoholic Beverage Shipping and Distribution Interim Committee will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 2, in Pierre. The meeting will be held in Room 413 of the State Capitol, beginning at 10

a.m. This will be the third meeting for the committee. The public is invited to attend.

The Alcoholic Beverage Interim Committee will hear remarks concerning

potential legislation for the 2015 Legislative Session. The committee will also discuss the committee mission statement, and prepare a report for the Executive Board. There is no public testimony

currently scheduled, but if you have testimony to share with the committee, please contact Roxanne Hammond at the Legislative Research Council at 605-773-3251 before Friday, August 29.

OBITUARIES

Richard A. "Dick" Steffen

Richard A. "Dick" Steffen, 64, of Hartington, Nebraska died on Wednesday, August 27, 2014 at Monarch Hospice Center in Lincoln, Neb. after a battle with cancer.

Mass of Christian Burial will be on Saturday, August 30, 2014 at 10:30 a.m. at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Hartington with the Rev. Jeffery Loseke officiating. Burial will be at St. Michael's Cemetery in Hartington. Visitation will be on Friday, at church, from 4-8 p.m. with a vigil service at 7:00 p.m. Visitation will continue on Saturday at church one hour prior to services. Arrangements are under the direction of the Wintz Funeral Home in Hartington, Neb.

Pallbearers will be Roger Koch, Carly Christensen, Rob Miller, Dan Kathol, Don Noecker, Matt Weinandt, Don Hoelsing and Ed Lammers.

Richard Andrew Steffen was born on January 7, 1950



Steffen

in Yankton, South Dakota to Andrew and Rita Marie (Wortmann) Steffen. He grew up in the Constance, Neb. area and attended grade school there.

He graduated from Cedar Catholic High School in Hartington in 1968. Dick then graduated from UNL with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration. He married Joan G. Kathol on September 30, 1972 in Hartington. He and Joan moved to Quincy, Illinois where he worked as a credit manager. They moved to Lincoln where he worked in insurance sales for Fidelity Union Life for a short time. Dick then started a new position with the Burroughs Corporation as a programmer and software salesman in Kearney, Neb. A job at GEM Enterprises with Ritch Miller brought Dick and Joan back to Hartington in 1976. In 1980, Dick began SpecSoft Inc., a custom software

company providing business support systems. Two of his sons, Christopher and Kyle joined the firm and continue to operate the business.

Dick was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church where he participated in Perpetual Adoration, the choir and the Knights of Columbus. Through the years, he was also very active with Cedar Catholic High School as a member and officer of the Blue Ribbon Committee, the Alumni Association, CCHS Booster Club, the Cedar Development office, and emcee for many galas. He participated with the planning and fundraising committee to build the Monsignor Werner Activity Center. Dick was also fondly known as "the bleacher statistician".

Dick is survived by his wife Joan of Hartington; five children and their families, Christopher and Julie Steffen of Lincoln (Gabe, Rylie, Neko), Kyle and Jen Steffen of Lincoln (Xanthe, Jude, Oliver), Brooke and Clay

Kleinschmit of Hartington, Aubrey and Joel Sookram of Omaha (Aidia, Leela, Ivan), Broderick "Brody" Steffen of Lincoln; mother Rita Steffen of Hartington; eight brothers & sisters and spouses, Diane and Ron Hochstein of Bow Valley, Cynthia Steffen of Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota, Sheila and Gary Eckmann of Lindy, Fred and Karen Steffen of Crofton, Ray and Elaine Steffen of Menominee, Cheryl and Mike Smyth of Crofton, Pam and Dan Berendsen of Crofton, Pat and Julie Steffen of Fordyce; many nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death was his father, Andrew and brother, Dan Steffen.

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Michael Treftz

Michael "Mike" Mark Treftz, 48, of Wetonka, SD, went to rest with the Lord on August 25, 2014, at his home after a long courageous battle with a rare lung disease called Alpha 1.

His funeral service will be 11:00 a.m. Friday, August 29, 2014, at Schriver's Memorial Mortuary & Crematory, 414 5th Avenue NW, Aberdeen, with Pastor Sammy Allen officiating. A luncheon and time of fellowship will immediately follow the service at Schriver's Memorial Fellowship Center. Burial will take place at Green Mound Cemetery in Leola, SD.

Visitation will be 5-7 p.m., Thursday, August 28, 2014, at the mortuary.

Mike was born on August 13, 1966, to Albert and Ida (Nitschke) Treftz in Ipswich, SD. He grew up on the family farm southwest of Leola, where he also attended grade school and high school.

Even in his debilitating health the last few years, Mike found creative ways to continue his passions in life: gardening, fishing, and deer hunting and passing on these skills to his sons he dearly loved, Landon and Lukas.

Mike will always be remembered for his talents in



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the kitchen whipping up homemade soups, canning his vegetables, stuffing his homemade sausage or baking his delicious cookies, all of which gave him great joy passing on to his family, friends and neighbors. He loved watching old Westerns, collecting deer antlers and was always quick to make one laugh. Always at his side was his faithful black lab companion, Wally.

Mike is survived by his sons: Landon Treftz, of Rapid City, SD and Lukas Treftz, of Yankton, SD; one brother, Glenn Treftz of Wetonka, SD; three sisters: Brenda (Michael) Thompson of Amarillo, TX, Cheryl (Bruce) Martin of Mina, SD and Sandi (John) Hall of Amarillo, TX; eight nieces and nephews; and six great-nieces and great-nephews.

He is preceded in death by his father, Albert; his mother, Ida; his sister, Bonnie, (who passed away from the same lung disease); and his paternal and maternal grandparents.

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Rob Marchand

Rob Marchand, 59, of Mitchell, SD passed away peacefully surrounded by his family, on Tuesday, August 26, 2014 at Avera McKennan Hospital, Sioux Falls, SD.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday, August 30, 2014 at Holy Spirit Catholic Church with burial at Calvary Cemetery, Mitchell, SD.

Visitation will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at Holy Spirit Catholic Church with a wake service beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Will Funeral Chapel.

Rob Marchand, son of Bob and Edith "Toots" Marchand was born July 24, 1955 in Webster City, IA. At the age of five, Rob moved to Yankton, SD where he attended Yankton Public Schools. While at Yankton High School, Rob excelled in golf and basketball.

After graduating from Yankton High School in 1974, Rob attended Yankton College where he was a member of the Greyhound golf team. He later transferred to the University of South Dakota where he graduated with a



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degree in Park and Recreation Administration.

Rob was united in marriage with Mary Helgeland on August 11, 1979 in Yankton, SD. Rob and Mary moved to Mitchell in 1980. At the time of his passing, Rob was the Director of the Mitchell Recreation Center.

Rob was a proud father and grandfather and cherished spending time with his daughter Kate, son Jay, Jay's wife Karmin, and grandson Dax. Rob spent countless hours traveling, supporting and coaching his children in their many activities.

Rob also valued his extended Mitchell family. Rob touched countless lives through his work at the Recreation Center, coaching high school golf, participating with the You'll Never Walk Alone/Band of Brothers organization and his support of Mitchell High School activities.

Rob received many honors in his lifetime. Some of which he was most proud

was his induction into the Yankton College Hall of Fame as a Greyhound Great, KORN Radio/Tom Maxwell 2013-2014 Coach of the Year and Mitchell Booster Club 2013-2014 Fan of the Year, which he was named with his wife, Mary.

When Rob was diagnosed with cancer five years ago, he was determined to live every day to its fullest. Even in the toughest of days, Rob still chose to fight, live and love.

Grateful for having shared his life are his wife Mary Marchand; son Jay (Karmin) Marchand and their son Dax, Sioux Falls; daughter Kate Marchand, Sioux Falls; his mother, Toots Marchand and sister Pam Marchand, both of Yankton. Rob is also survived by his in-laws, Pat Helgeland, Sioux Falls, Jeff and Deanna Branaugh, Yankton and their daughters Leah and Molly Branaugh, and Dave and Patty Helgeland, Brookings and their children Maggie and Matt Helgeland.

Rob was preceded in death by his father, Bob Marchand and his in-laws, Les and Irma Helgeland.

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Norma Moeller

Funeral services for Norma L. Moeller, 87, of Bloomfield, Nebraska, are at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 31, 2014, at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Bloomfield. The Rev. Tim Koester will officiate, with burial in the Bloomfield City Cemetery.

Visitation will be one hour prior to services at the Church in Bloomfield.

Brockhaus Funeral Home of Bloomfield is in charge of arrangements.

Norma died Thursday, Aug. 28, 2014, at Golden Living Center in Neligh, Nebraska.

Enid Sejnoha

Enid Dorraine Sejnoha, 85, of Yankton died early Thursday, Aug. 28, 2014, at the Avera Yankton Care Center, Yankton.

Graveside services are 11:15 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 2, at the Czech National Cemetery, Tyndall.

Visitations are 5-7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 1, at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, and then one hour prior to the graveside service at the Opsahl-Kostel Memorial Chapel, Tyndall.

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The family of **Donald D. Thompson**, a former farmer in the Volin, SD area, wishes to express our gratitude. We were blessed by Dad's life for nearly 92 years and so we, as well as neighbors and friends, are missing his humor, music, and integrity. The cards from you, his beloved friends, family and neighbors were quotes such as "Don sang at our wedding," or "Don sang at Mom and Dad's funeral," echoed over and over.

We understand and appreciate your sincerity in all your well wishes for Mary Fran and his family. Thank you.

We want to thank those of you who were able to attend the prayer service and/or funeral and those for their generosity in supporting the Trinity Lutheran Yankton, SD Organ Fund or your ministry preference. Thanks so much for the food and lovely flowers that helped make it a celebration of dad's life. We wish to thank the staff at Sister James for Dad's understanding care. Wintz & Ray Funeral Home for guiding us through a complex but made simple process. Also, last but not least, the gals in the kitchen that graciously served our lunch at Trinity Lutheran Church after the service. How does the continuance of a life best exemplify a loved one's passing but by living to glorify God, and giving Him the thanks and praise.