

Patrol Trooper Applications Due Aug. 14

PIERRE — There is still time to apply for trooper positions with the South Dakota Highway Patrol. The application deadline is Thursday, Aug. 14. To become a trooper, applicants must be a U.S. citizen, be at least 21 years old and possess or be able to possess a South Dakota driver's license. There are also physical qualifications as well. As part of the application process, a written examination must be scheduled and taken prior to the Aug. 14 deadline. The written test can be scheduled at any South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation office. Applicants who are certified South Dakota officers do not have to take the written test.

Highway Patrol officials expect to have several trooper positions open within the next year. The application and hiring process is starting now because training for troopers takes several months.

"Joining the South Dakota Highway Patrol is not an easy process and it shouldn't be," says Col. Craig Price, superintendent of the Highway Patrol. "The Patrol's standards are high and the training is rigorous. Only those men and women who can meet those requirements qualify to be a trooper."

A \$3,000 bonus is being offered to those hired as troopers who are either current certified law enforcement officers, from either inside or outside of South Dakota, or who are reciprocity eligible and who pass the reciprocity exam and skills test.

For information on how to apply, visit the Bureau of Human Resources at <http://bhr.sd.gov/workforus/law/hp/default.aspx>

"We are looking for men and women of honor, integrity and high moral and ethical character," says Price. "Being able to serve the citizens of South Dakota as state troopers is not only an honor, but a responsibility."

People with questions can contact the Highway Patrol on Facebook or Twitter or call Highway Patrol Lt. Randi Erickson at 773-2231.

The Highway Patrol is part of the South Dakota Department of Public Safety.

Members Sought For Boards

LINCOLN, Neb. — The State Board of Health is seeking members to serve on several health care boards. Professional boards are responsible for granting license privileges to health care providers. Terms are five years long and run through Nov. 30, 2020, and then members would be eligible for reappointment to a five-year term.

The following boards have vacancies:

- Board of Advance Practice Registered Nurses: Clinical Nurse Specialist, Physician
- Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling: Alcohol & Drug Counselor Only, Public
- Board of Audiology & Speech-Language Pathology: Audiologist, Speech-Language Pathologist, Public
- Board of Chiropractic: Chiropractor
- Board of Cosmetology, Electrology, Esthetics, Nail Technology, and Body Art: Cosmetology Instructor, Salon Owner, Tanning Salon Owner
- Board of Dentistry: Dental School Faculty, Dentist
- Board of Funeral Directing and Embalming: Public
- Board of Medical Nutrition Therapy: Public
- Board of Mental Health Practice: Certified MFT
- Perfusion Committee: Perfusionist
- Board of Pharmacy: Pharmacist
- Board of Physical Therapy: Physical Therapist
- Board of Podiatry: Public
- Board of Psychology: Public (partial term)
- Board of Registered Environmental Health Specialists: Public

- Board of Respiratory Care: Respiratory Care Practitioner
- Board of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery: Veterinarian

People interested in serving on a board can get an application by contacting the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public

Health, Licensure Unit/RPQI, P.O. Box 95026, Lincoln, NE 68509-5026; by email at monica.gissler@nebraska.gov; or by phone at (402) 471-6515. Completed applications must be received by Aug. 17. Interviews will be conducted on Sept. 20 in Beatrice and on Oct. 25 in Lincoln.

OBITUARIES

Zack Mains

Zackary Nicholas Mains died peacefully Friday, August 7, at Cook Children's Hospital, Fort Worth, Texas, with his parents at his side. He was born July 26th. His parents are Nick and Jessica Mains. Though with us such a short while, he touched the hearts of many.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at the Lakeside Baptist Church, Granbury, TX.

He is survived by his parents and sisters Mikayla and Maci. Grandparents are Bill and Mary Lynn Mains, Yankton, SD, and John and Judy Fowler of Granbury, Texas. Great grandparents are Marga-

rette Schuurmans of Wagner, SD, and Wesley and Kathryn Schubert of Gram, Texas. Aunt Heather (Pastor Mark) Orf, Anchorage, AK, and uncles JD, Jake, and Joe of Granbury, Texas. There are also many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his great grandparents Dr. M.A. Schuurmans, Ray Mains, Bud and Irene Muller, Edwin and Bonnie Fowler.

Wiley Funeral Home, Granbury, is handling the arrangements. Online condolences can be posted at www.wileyfuneralhome.com.

Teddy bears were collected to give to Cook Children's Hospital in memory of Zack.

We Want To Hear Your Opinions On The Next BIG Idea!

By Onward Yankton Committee

This week we are breaking structure a little bit and having an open discussion about the final six ideas of Onward Yankton. We want to hear what the community thinks about the ideas and which ones they want to see implemented. We would just like to clarify that we are not a part of the Onward Yankton team and have no vote in the final decision.

Next week we will hear from Brienne Maner about the acceleration program in Downtown Sioux Falls.

Thank you to every-

one who continues to support 1MCYKN. Please help us to continue to spread the word and get the people who should be in the room here. Also if you know anyone who we should be contacting to present let us know!

We think this causal, free, weekly meeting will be a spark for our business community and I hope you'll show up to support it when you find the time. We meet at the Pavilion at Avera Sacred Heart at 9 a.m. sharp. You'll be done by 10 a.m., and you're welcome to leave early if you have to.

Launch of Missouri River Friends Group And National Park Service Centennial Anniversary

The newly established Friends of the Missouri National Recreational River (FOMNRR) is extending an open invitation to the public to attend their kickoff event Monday, Aug. 17, at Riverside Park in Yankton.

The group along with the National Park Service will host an open house from 2:30 - 7 p.m. at Riverside Park, with informative presentations to be given at 3p.m. and 6 p.m. for guests. Refreshments will be served. In the case of inclement weather, the event will be held indoors at the Territorial Capitol building also located in Riverside Park.

FOMNRR is made up a diverse variety of invested stakeholders who share a common respect and concern for the river today and into the future. The mission of the Friends of the Missouri National Recreational River is to build awareness,

enhance and advocate for the scenic, recreational, fish and wildlife, ecological, geological, cultural/historical values and economic and recreational opportunities of the Missouri River, a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System and a unit of the National Park Service.

Several goals have been outlined by the organization to include:

- Develop and maintain partnerships to enhance The Missouri National Recreational River and the adjacent middle Missouri River corridor for the betterment of people within the region, as well as, the United States.
- Enhance the quality of the visitor experience making The Missouri National Recreational River a national tourist destination.
- Provide leadership in developing a shared vision and a unified voice for

Missouri National Recreational River stakeholders.

- Build an active constituency and raise funds to support The Missouri National Recreational River resource stewardship.

- Increase the public's awareness of The Missouri National Recreational River.

- Facilitate efforts to enhance The Missouri National Recreational River and specifically the "Missouri National Recreational River Outstandingly Remarkable Values."

- Promote and coordinate volunteer activities of The Missouri National Recreational River.

For more information about the FOMNRR or this event, contact Superintendent Rick Clark of the Missouri National Recreational River at 605-665-0209, Ext. 22.

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the \$400,000 Yankton Middle School. All of which included gymnasium, bathroom and classroom space improvements in 2009.

This new study will include enhancements, transportation, space utilization, academic needs and infrastructure. Because most of these buildings have a very long history, there may be several improvements suggested to keep up with government standards and keep the learning atmosphere applicable.

"I think this will be great for the school district to get a plan and prioritize what we need to do moving forward, especially when you look at the years on some of those buildings," said School Board member Frani Kieffer.

The last of the RFP responses will be received by Sept. 8. Throughout the rest of Sept., the administration will review the RFPs and interview with selected firms. In the October School Board meeting, Turner and Superintendent Wayne Kindle will recommend firm options to the school board.

"The proposal will not cost the district anything un-

til we get down to one firm," Turner said. "At that time, we will find out how much it will cost for the assessment what their fees will be going forward."

Once a firm is selected, the studies of each building can take place. Those of which may not happen until after a decision on the firm is made in a future school board meeting.

"Right now, I'm sitting at about five firms that have already shown interest," Turner said.

Considering that the RFP will review the firm's fee for providing the assessment as well as the cost for architectural services in completing the possible recommended projects, this will be another huge expenditure for the school board to approve.

"The board always has the option to walk away if these firms come in with too large of a number," Turner said.

If many improvements must be made to protect the future infrastructure, administration must prioritize improvements in order to stick to the capital outlay fund. Any improvements that will not fit into the budget for the year will help the board plan for future year's budget.

"We can't prioritize until we see their recommendations," Turner said. "Obvi-

ously, education will be on the forefront."

Another addition brought before the school board is a technology contingency plan. This plan, presented by Information Technology Supervisor Warren Brenner, outlined a set of instructions in the event that a technological difficulty would occur within the building while Brenner is absent.

With the added importance technology in the classroom, any problems that arise can seriously slow down class time and productivity. The fact that district's classrooms are supplied with more than 400 laptops makes the learning opportunities are more digital than ever. Now, the problems can be solved quickly while the supervisor is not present.

Some other items in Monday night's agenda included making decisions

on several options that were discussed in July's meeting. These included the new teacher evaluation model, improvements to the employee handbook and the request from the Gayville-Volin school district to have stops in Yankton, similar to last year.

This meeting resulted in all those items being approved by the entire board.

The board also officially appointed standing committees for the new year. They are:

- Personal Negotiations: President Matthew Pietz and Kathy Greenway
- Finance: Vice President Sarah Carda
- Building and Grounds: Jim Fitzgerald and Frani Kieffer

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