

City To Consider School Resource Officers

From P&D Staff Reports

The Yankton City Commission will consider Monday whether it wants to pursue a grant opportunity for two school resource officers.

The police department is interested in working with the Yankton School District and Lewis and Clark Behavioral Health on a grant to help pay for one officer each at Yankton High School and Yankton Middle School.

In other business Monday, the commission will consider a base salary adjustment and step plan for employees, a bid award for golf carts at Fox Run Golf Course and a contract for water meters, among other agenda items.

The meeting gets under way at 7 p.m. in the City of Yankton Meeting Room, located at the Technical Education Center, 1200 W. 21st St.

Business Plans Grand Opening Tuesday

MW Towing & Automotive Services will hold a grand opening Tuesday to celebrate its new ownership.

The business, located at 114 Douglas Avenue in Yankton, is inviting the public to check out their store, eat popcorn and enter a chance to win prizes.

The celebration runs from 11 a.m.-1p.m. Tuesday. MW Towing & Automotive Services will give away \$250 in Yankton Bucks and a \$50 certificate for use at the business.

For more information, call (605) 668-9177 or (605) 260-6TOW.

Exhibit Features USD Student Artists

VERMILLION — “People on People on People,” an exhibition created by six B.F.A. students from the University of South Dakota, will be featured Dec. 10-14 at the John A. Day Gallery in the Warren M. Lee Center for the Fine Arts.

Taylor Eilers of Brookings and Maggie Jacobsen of Springfield will showcase their graphic design pieces while Audrey Flatgard of Arlington, Donald Trimble of Sioux City, Iowa, and Alyssa Whear of North Sioux City will display their paintings. Taylor Barstow of Omaha, Neb., will present her mixed media pieces in an installation for the exhibit. All six students will graduate from USD this month.

A reception for the artists of “People on People on People” is from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 14. The reception and exhibit are free and the public is welcome to visit the exhibition at the John A. Day Gallery on the USD campus between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For additional information, contact Alison Erasmus, director of University Art Galleries, at (605) 677-3177 or email [Alison.Erasmus@coyotes.usd.edu](mailto:Alison.Erasmus@coyotes.usd.edu).

Overeaters Anonymous To Meet In Viborg

Overeaters Anonymous will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11, at Viborg Church of Nazarene, 226 N. Main St. Viborg.

For more information, contact Marcia at 605-760-3972.

Library Hosts ‘Ugly Sweater’ Contest

The Yankton Community Library, 515 Walnut, will be hosting an “Ugly Sweater” contest on Wednesday, Dec. 12.

Participants of all ages are encouraged to visit the library on Wednesday wearing their favorite ugly sweater. Staff will judge the entries and a winner will be announced and presented with a fabulous prize.

For more information, contact the library at 668-5275.

OBITUARIES

Michael Hento

Michael Hento, age 53, of Avon, SD passed away Thursday, December 6, 2012 at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton, SD.

Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. Monday, December 10, 2012 at the Emmanuel Reformed Church, Springfield, SD with Rev. Dave Reck officiating. Burial will be in the Menno Cemetery, Menno, SD at approximately 1:15 p.m. Monday afternoon.

Visitations will be from 3-6 p.m. Sunday, December 9, 2012 at the Opsahl-Kostel Memorial Chapel, Tyndall, SD. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Michael was born March 8, 1959 in Yankton, SD to John and Agnes (Novak) Hento. He grew up on his parents’ farm and wanted to be a farmer since he was a child. He was the proud owner of John Deere equipment and treasured all of it. He was a hard working business man who worked off the land, loved his cows and they loved him. He liked to laugh, joke around, play practical jokes, and loved playing games with his grandchildren.



Hento

children. He was very giving and a good friend to all that knew him. His accomplishments were: Gold Key John Deere Tractor (this year), a carpenter (built his own house), handy with his hands, liked being a self-made man and being his own boss.

Michael is survived by his special friend, Candy Cota of Avon, SD; sons, Scott (Lynda) Hento of Ipswich, SD, and Tanner Hento (Sara Boyum-Fiance’) of Vermillion, SD; daughter, Amy (Eric) Schofield of Sioux Falls, SD; grandchildren: Devin, Klase, Grace and Callen; and his mother, Agnes Winckler of Spray, OR.

He was preceded in death by his dad, John Hento.

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[www.opsahl-kostelfuneralhome.com](http://www.opsahl-kostelfuneralhome.com)

Vincent Wright

Vincent E. Wright, 47 of Wagner died Thursday, Dec. 6, 2012, in a fire in St. Charles, Minn.

Funeral arrangements are pending with Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home, Wagner.

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**MORNING COFFEE**  
WEEKDAYS MONDAY-FRIDAY

**Monday, December 10**  
7:40 am Yankton City Manager (Al Viereck)  
8:20 am Yankton School Board (Chris Specht)

**Tuesday, December 11**  
7:40 am The Center (Christy Hauer)  
8:20 am Family Visitation Center (Lyndsay Evans)  
8:45 am Dakota Museum (Crystal Nelson)

[www.yankton.net](http://www.yankton.net)

COOKIE TIME



KELLY HERTZ/P&D

Carole Bartunek of Yankton picks out a few of the dozens of cookies that were on sale during the annual Yankton CookieWalk, held Friday in the lobby of the Dakota Theatre in the downtown district. The sale was held as a fundraiser for the Yankton RiverWalk project.

Yankton College Holiday Open House Slated Dec. 14

Yankton College alumni, friends and volunteers are invited to attend a Holiday Open House, Friday, Dec. 14, running from 1-3 p.m. at the Yankton College office located at 1801 Summit, Door No. 9, the north entrance of the Summit Activities Center.

A special invitation goes to local students who received financial aid from a Yankton College scholarship.

New preservation methods

using archival materials to encapsulate the Yankton College Historical Collection of commencement, athletic and fine arts program booklets dating back to the late 1800s will be on display.

Yankton College apparel and accessories with Greyhound motif will be available. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, call (605) 665-3661 or visit [www.yanktoncollege.org](http://www.yanktoncollege.org).

Gertsema

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we staff and fund our schools.”

Gertsema added that YSD’s two failed attempts to get a property tax opt-out passed did not affect his decision to resign from the school district.

“I realized a long time ago that the school district belongs to the school district patrons,” he said. “Ultimately, the people will decide what kind of school we’re going to have here in Yankton.”

Gertsema said that by announcing his decision now, he believes the school board will have ample time to find his replacement.

“Obviously I wish them well,” he said. “Whoever is hired here, I want them to succeed, and I want them to continue this great tradition.”

Gertsema has two years remaining on his three-year contract.

He said he will pursue other educational opportunities, including another superintendent position or college-level instruction, but has no specific plans at this time.

“My passion for the students and education has not at all diminished,” Gertsema said. “I believe the students of our district and the students across the nation are our greatest resource, and I’m really committed to doing whatever I can to make sure that they get a quality education.”

During Monday’s meeting, the school board will also discuss state aid revenue projections for the 2012-13 budget and beyond, consider amending the long-term suspension or expulsion policy and hear a report about the anti-bullying program at Webster Elementary School. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. at the YSD Administration Building located at 2410 West City Limits Road.

You can follow Derek Bartos on Twitter at [twitter.com/d\\_bartos](https://twitter.com/d_bartos)

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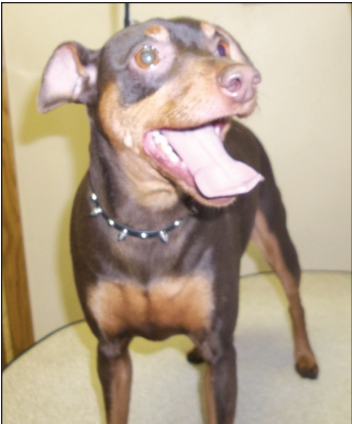
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If interested in becoming the owner of Indy, contact Dakota Animal Rescue at (605) 661-4519, or (605) 661-3121 after 4 p.m. You can also visit [www.luvissavinganimals.com](http://www.luvissavinganimals.com).

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