

## REGION DIGEST

### Wenande Turns In City Commission Petition

Yankton City commissioner Nancy Wenande has turned in her petitions and will be a candidate for re-election in April.

Wenande filed her petitions with the City Finance Office Monday morning.

She had originally announced that she was undecided about seeking re-election, but committed to the re-election bid earlier this month.

The deadline for city candidate filings for the April election is Friday, Feb. 25.

### LifeServe Blood Drive To Be Held Tuesday

The LifeServe Blood Center, formerly known as the Siouxland Community Blood Bank, will have a mobile unit at the following dates, locations and times:

• Tuesday, Feb. 22 — Yankton, Avera Sacred Heart Hospital/Benedictine Center, noon-6:30 p.m.

Schedule a blood donation appointment online at [www.siouxland-bloodbank.org](http://www.siouxland-bloodbank.org) or call 800-798-4208.

To be eligible to donate blood individuals must be at least 17 years of age; however there is no upper age limit as long as the donor is in good health. In addition, donors need to weigh at least 110 pounds and have not donated whole blood in the past 56 days. A photo I.D. is required at the time of registration.

### Reminder: Put Out Garbage Before 7 a.m.

The City of Yankton would like to remind residents to have their garbage placed by 7 a.m. on the day of their scheduled pickup.

Two 33-gallon containers with lids and handles are allowed per household.

### Vermillion Bully-Proof Workshop Scheduled

VERMILLION — Girl Scouts of Greater Iowa will host a "Bully-Proof Workshop" at the Vermillion National Guard Armory on Saturday, Feb. 26. The workshop runs from 1-5 p.m.

This will be an interactive workshop to equip and inspire girls to develop healthy friendships and relationships. Participants will learn what to say and what to do when faced with relational aggression (bullying). This event is for all girls in grade 5.

For more information, contact Kristin Hunter at 515 278-2881 or [khunter@gsiowa.org](mailto:khunter@gsiowa.org), or visit <http://www.girlscoutsiowa.org/>.

### Walk MS Event Set For Yankton April 16

The North Central States Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Society will hold its annual Walk MS event in Yankton on Saturday, April 16. Online registration is now open at [www.myMSwalk.org](http://www.myMSwalk.org).

Walk MS is the rallying point of the MS movement, a community coming together to raise funds and celebrate hope for the future.

Walkers are expected to come out and help raise the goal of more than \$16,000. Dollars raised help generate awareness and funds to support critical MS research and provide programs and services for people affected with MS. The North Central States chapter supports more than 8,000 people living with MS and their families.

Plans are already under way for the 2011 Walk MS Yankton event. Walkers will enjoy a scenic route this year along with great rest stops and support along the way. Check-in will open at 8 a.m. and the walk will begin at 10 a.m. Join Walk MS by participating, volunteering, and/or recruiting others. Walk MS is a simple, but incredibly powerful way for the MS community to come together and to be together.

To register visit [www.myMSwalk.org](http://www.myMSwalk.org), call 605-336-7017 or e-mail [amanda.nielsen@nmss.org](mailto:amanda.nielsen@nmss.org)

### 2011 Polar Plunge Planned For April 17

The 2011 Polar Plunge fundraiser will be held at the Lewis and Clark East Midway Boat Ramp west of Yankton on Sunday, April 17. Registration is from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., the costume parade starts at 1 p.m. and the plunge begins at 2 p.m.

Participants can plunge individually or as a group. There will also be a "kiddie plunge" in a special pool.

Those who don't wish to plunge but want to raise funds for the Special Olympics can also be involved.

For more information, contact Sheri Duke at 665-660-0574 or Barb Clayton at 605-661-0524.

### BGC Chili Cookoff To Be Held Saturday

The Boys & Girls Club of Yankton is hosting its inaugural Chili Cookoff on Saturday, Feb. 19, running from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at The Center, 900 Whiting Drive.

This is a major fundraiser for the Boys & Girls Club of Yankton, and also the Before & After School Program and Just for Kids, held at each of the five elementary schools in Yankton.

There will be a total of 12 booths, measuring 8 X 10, available at The Center. The fee is \$100 per booth and will be available to any individual, group, or business, on a first come first pay basis. Teams will be required to prepare 10 gallons of chili. There will be chili-tasting judges that will determine the Best Chili in town.

There will be three areas of judging: People's Choice, Best Booth, and the Judge's Award. The public is encouraged to attend and help determine the People's Choice Award. Once you have purchased a bowl, you will be able to sample any and all of the different chilis that will be available. Once you determine your favorite chili, you will be able to cast your one vote by placing a token at the booth of your choice. The booth with the most tokens will be crowned the "Champion of Chili."

Organizers want teams to decorate their booths with a theme and have fun.

The Chili Cook-Off is being held in conjunction with the South Dakota Amateur Hockey Association's State Pee Wee B Tournament, being held at the Yankton Kiwanis 4-H Ice Center, across the street from The Center.

For further information, contact J.D. O'Grady, Director of Operations, Boys & Girls Club of Yankton 1804 Broadway, 605-661-5406

The Boys & Girls Club of Yankton is a non-profit organization that depends on the generosity of the community to help enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their potential as productive, caring responsible citizens.

■ Get Updates At Yankton Online ([www.yankton.net](http://www.yankton.net))

## Band Set For Yankton Performance To Appear On Leno

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A headliner for one of Yankton's 150th anniversary concerts will gain additional national attention this week.

The Grammy-nominated Christian band RED will perform tonight (Wednesday) on "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno." The NBC show airs at 10:35 p.m. on area television stations KDLT in Sioux Falls and KTIV in Sioux City.

RED will perform at 9 p.m. June 4 in Memorial Park in Yankton, preceded by Kory and the Fireflies at 7:30 p.m. and Janitor Bob and the Armchair Cowboys at 6 p.m.

The show is part of a week-end packed with concerts marking Yankton's sesquicentennial.

The "Tonight Show" appearance will give local viewers a preview of what to expect from RED at the Yankton concert. The band's performance on Wednesday's late-night show is

just the latest in its string of successes.

RED is coming off last week's appearance on "Conan" featuring TBS late-night host Conan O'Brien. And "Until We Have Faces" by RED is number 2 on Billboard's Top 200 Albums, and number 1 on Billboard's Top 100 Rock Albums.

In addition, RED has sold out its concerts in the coming weeks, according to its website.

The timing couldn't be better as part of promotion efforts for RED's upcoming local concert in June and Yankton's sesquicentennial in general, said city manager Doug Russell.

"We are definitely excited that RED will be performing in Yankton at the time they are receiving such a positive response in album sales and national media exposure," Russell said.

The schedule for Yankton's sesquicentennial concerts is being finalized, Russell said.

The performers for the June 2



COURTESY PHOTO

Anthony Armstrong, Randy Armstrong, Michael Barnes and Joe Rickard make up the band "RED" which will be playing at Yankton's 150th anniversary celebration in June. The band will perform on Jay Leno tonight (Wednesday).

concert, held at the Summit Activities Center theater, have not been announced.

The line-up for the June 3 concert, held at Memorial Park, so far features Boring Daylights with Sarah Benck at 6 p.m., the Nadas

at 7:30 p.m. and headliner Big Head Todd and the Monsters at 9 p.m.

Concert updates can be found at [www.cityofyankton.org/150/](http://www.cityofyankton.org/150/) schedule.

## Ten-Digit Dialing Begins In 402 Area Code Feb. 26

LINCOLN, Neb. — Beginning February 26, 2011, local phone calls in Nebraska's 402 Area Code must be dialed using the area code plus the local seven-digit phone number. The option to dial local numbers using only seven digits will no longer be available.

Telephone numbers assigned and in service in the 402 Area Code will remain the same. New numbers will continue to be assigned from remaining 402 Area Code numbering resources until the available numbers are depleted at which time new numbers will be assigned from 531 Area Code resources.

In implementing Nebraska's new 531 Area Code everyone placing local and long distance calls, in the geography served by the 402 Area Code, will be required to dial 402 or 531 plus the local seven digit phone number to complete calls. Long distance calls that currently require dialing a 1 prior to the 10-digit number will continue to require dialing 1 plus the area code and local number as has been done in the past. The commission warns consumers that dialing 1 plus the local 10-digit number may result in a long distance charge on their landline phone bill.

In addition to changing the way local calls are dialed, all services including automatic dialing equipment or other types of equipment that are programmed with a seven-digit number will need to be reprogrammed to adapt to the new ten digit dialing procedure. Some examples are life safety systems, fax machines, Internet dial-up numbers, alarm and security systems, security

gates, speed dialers, call forward settings, voicemail services, and similar functions.

While some changes are being introduced, the following will not change as a result of the addition of the new 531 Area Code:

- Currently assigned telephone numbers in the 402 Area Code will not change.

- The price of a call, local and long-distance calling areas, and other rates and services will not change.

- Local calls currently dialed with seven digits will remain local calls even though 10-digit dialing is required.

- Placing local calls to communities included in local calling areas that are outside the 402 area code will also require dialing 10 digits (Example: dialing Council Bluffs from Omaha will require adding the 712 area code before the seven-digit local number).

- Three digit numbers such as 211, 511, 711, 811, and 911 will not be impacted by the new 10-digit dialing requirement.

Customers should receive letters from their local telecommunications provider with further details. More detailed information on the relief plan is available from the Commission's home page at [www.psc.nebraska.gov](http://www.psc.nebraska.gov) by clicking on the Area Code 402/531 Relief Plan link on the lower right side of the page. The Commission can also be reached through our Consumer Hotline (1-800-526-0017) or in the Lincoln area by dialing 402-471-3101.

## LIMITS

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its) up to the first meeting in December rather than be circumvented and bring this whole discussion out that didn't mean a thing."

Moore had asked that during a one-year trial period higher weight limits be allowed on the shortest routes from major highways to elevators and fertilizer dealers in Yankton and surrounding communities in the county. Slower speed limits should be set for heavy loads, he argued. However, a majority of the commission rebuffed the idea, saying research on the topic showed that slower speeds do not reduce road damage done by large weights.

In other business Tuesday, the commission got legal direction regarding water service to the new highway shop that will be built north of Yankton this year.

"I want to make sure we're going through the right process

there," Commissioner Mark Johnson said. "Are we going to request that we utilize only (City of Yankton) water, or are we going to continue to use B-Y Water, which we already have out there? Can we request that we use only city water and not use B-Y Water?"

Yankton County State's Attorney Rob Klimisch said that legally B-Y Water has the first option to supply water to the shop because of its location within the rural water district's service boundary. Even if B-Y decides it cannot provide fire protection to the facility, it could still choose to provide domestic water service if it can provide the capacity required for the project. The county would then have to get a separate water line for fire protection from the City of Yankton.

"The concern I have is, our mechanical engineer who designed the project has placed in a two-inch service line," Johnson added. "I'm 99 percent sure we only have a one-inch service line currently. We'll probably need to go back to our designer and have him explain why we need this much water

and see if B-Y can supply that to us. If they can't, then we may have to put in a separate service tap or a new one from them."

If the county is forced to put in two lines — one from B-Y for domestic water and one from the City of Yankton for fire protection — Johnson said it would seem "extremely wasteful."

"There's not a lot we can do about it," Jensen said. "The only way is if they cannot service us."

Klimisch said he would contact B-Y's engineering firm this week to determine what water service can be provided for the project.

Also Tuesday, the commission:

- was told by Yankton County resident Ann Horton that she believed her mailbox was knocked over by a county snowplow, which resulted in her mail being strewn across the road. She asked that plow operators at least make some attempt to notify residents if such an incident occurs. The commission said it will work to develop a policy for plow operators to follow if a mailbox is struck;
- was informed by Sheriff Jim Vlahakis that cracks are developing in the material used to cover the surface of the Yankton County Jail ceiling. During construction,

the commission expressed concern because cracks developed in the material and the manufacturer worked to fix the situation and reassure the county of the quality of its product. The commission decided to again speak with the manufacturer and try to rectify the situation; and

- was asked for monetary assistance by the Volin Fire Department, which is finding it difficult to raise enough money to purchase the necessary safety equipment for its volunteers. The commission said it would try to find money at the end of the year or work the request into its 2012 budget. In the meantime, the commission agreed to check with other county agencies for equipment they might have no use for that could be utilized by the Volin department.

## OBITUARIES

### Joseph Hirocke Jr.

Joseph C. Hirocke Jr. passed away on Sept. 7, 2010, in Orlando, Florida.

He was born Dec. 29, 1960, in Vermillion, SD. Growing up, Joe attended school in Burbank, SD and Elk Point, SD, graduating from Vermillion High School in 1979, where he set records in track and cross country.

After graduation, Joe joined the Marine Corps, stationed at Camp Pendleton in California. He was privileged to serve at our American embassies in several countries as a guard.

After serving, Joe returned to Vermillion, SD, and staying until

the passing of his mother in 1998. He then traveled to Florida, where he lived until his untimely passing.

Survivors include his sisters: Nadine Burow of Yankton, SD, JoAnn Mentzer of Ponca, NE, Rose Hirocke of Vermillion, SD and Ella Hirocke of Gayville, SD; two brothers: Raymond and Michael Hirocke, both of Massachusetts, and three generations of nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Joseph C. Hirocke Sr. and Helen (Oakie) Hirocke, brothers Clifford and Les Hirocke, Gorden Horn Eagle and sisters Debi Buschelman, Delores "Tiny" Drappeau, and a nephew Mark.

A memorial service will be held for Joe at a later date. People may inquire with family members if you would like to attend.

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Hirocke

### Mary Fries

LUCKEY, Ohio — Mary Louise Fries, 85, lifelong resident of Luckey, Ohio, and mother of Barbara (Rev. Ralph) Egbert of Gayville, died Tuesday (Feb. 15, 2011) at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton.

Memorial services will be held in Luckey and burial will be in the

Weaver Cemetery, Bloomdale, Ohio.

A prayer service will be held at the Gayville Lutheran Church, Gayville, at a later date.

Local arrangements are under the direction of the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Yankton.

To send an online message to the family, visit [wintzrayfuneralhome.com](http://wintzrayfuneralhome.com).

## IN REMEMBRANCE

### David Opfer

10:30AM, Wednesday  
Trinity Lutheran Church  
Hartington

### Marge Highland

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