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of YAPG; Rob Stephenson, past chairman of YAPG; City Commissioner David Knoff; City Manager Amy Nelson; Mayor Nancy Wenande; Yankton Area Chamber of Commerce President Marcy Moser; Chamber Vice President Dan Somsen; and Allen Sinclair, an at-large member who also happens to be on the Yankton County Commission and the YAPG board.

"I think it's time again, after five years, to go back and look at the job description (for the economic development director)," Johnson said. "Is there something that needs to be added or deleted?"

"From the city's perspective, it has acquired some property that could be used for retail development," he continued. "Do we add some duties and responsibilities in that job description that would encompass assisting in retail development?"

The subject of retail development in relation to the office of economic development has been an ongoing one. In the past, it was decided that role would not be a good fit and the director should focus on primary jobs, such as those in the manufacturing and technology sectors.

City officials have pressed the issue, in part because they have land for sale designated for retail use, and

because sales taxes are a major source of income. Meanwhile, YAPG, a non-profit economic development corporation, is committed to using its resources for primary job development.

According to Johnson, the city provides \$212,500 to the Office of Economic Development, while YAPG covers the remainder of the approximately \$282,000 budget. In addition to primary job recruitment, the director's duties include serving as president of YAPG and executive director of the Chamber.

"I think now, in the midst of hiring someone new, we will again look at whether the job duties and time allocation for the office should be structured differently so we can meet the economic development goals of the entire community," Wenande said. "That would include primary job recruitment, as well as some retail."

"(Retail development) could be done through the economic development office, or maybe the city manager needs additional staff to handle it," she stated. "We just know that somebody needs to be working it. Through these discussions, we are trying to figure out if the economic development office is the right venue for it."

Wenande said an idea being pondered is whether the office needs two employees — one who focuses on primary jobs and the other on retail development. Another scenario being evaluated is one wherein the economic development director would work directly for the city, rather than as a contracted service.

"Is that right for Yankton? I don't know," she stated.

"It's something that needs to be discussed further with the EDC. I do think that office should have more direction, communication and collaboration with the city than it has in the past."

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PAM REZAC

Wenande said consultants have suggested Yankton's economic development efforts should take the shape of a spear, wherein one organization serves as the tip.

"What entity is the group that everyone else falls in line behind so that everybody's goals and missions are the same and taking the community in the same direction?" she asked. "I don't know if a group exists right now that could say, 'Yes, we're the tip.'"

Whenever someone is departing from an organization, Rezac said it is wise to pause and reflect on what has worked and if there are some opportunities for changes. The community has had

two successful economic development capital campaigns in the last five years and is now constructing a new industrial spec building.

"In Yankton, we have had some great accomplishments," Rezac said. "We need to build on those and not deviate too far from the map we've laid out. However, I'm always interested in if there is anything we can do that will optimize our efforts."

Johnson and Rezac said they anticipate the EDC will seek out the services of a national search firm to find a new economic development director.

"That worked well for us (last time)," Rezac said. Added Johnson, "I think they provide us with some expertise and give us access to clients on a greater level."

He believes the hiring process could take up to four months, and the salary range for someone with experience similar to Dellinger's could fall in the \$100,000-\$125,000 range.

In the meantime, Nelson has offered her assistance to the office of economic development and YAPG for projects that are ongoing.

"Ultimately, what I would like to see is a continuation of the partnership between the city and YAPG, where the city contracts with YAPG or EDC for economic development services," Johnson said.

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Safety Tips For Rotating Tires, Changing Oil

BY TOM AND RAY MAGLIOZZI
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Dear Tom and Ray:

Am I putting my 24-year-old daughter in harm's way by teaching her to rotate the tires and change the oil on her car? She is strong, capable and willing. I would take it very hard if anything were to happen to her as a result of this endeavor. — Joe

RAY: Well, everything has some risk attached to it, Joe.

TOM: For instance, if she weren't changing the oil on her car, she might be hanging out with Bernie, the nursery-school dropout down the street, in his van, looking at his etchings. And that's riskier.

RAY: So while there is some risk associated with car repair, the jobs you've selected for her are relatively low-risk, if done correctly.

TOM: So that means when rotating the tires, you don't want her using the jack that comes with the car. Those are notoriously flimsy, in our opinion, and really only for use in roadside emergencies — if that.

RAY: So if she's going to be yanking wheels off a 3,000-pound car, you want to buy her a real, hydraulic floor jack and a set of four jack stands.

TOM: After securing the car on flat ground, she'll jack up the rear end and put two jack stands under the frame there, and let the back of the car rest on the stands. Then she'll do the same in the front. At that point, she can push and pull all she wants and rotate the tires diagonally, and the car shouldn't go anywhere.

RAY: When she changes the oil, you'll show her how to unscrew the drain plug and filter



CAR TALK

Tom and Ray Magliozzi

without pouring hot oil down her arm and giving herself a tattoo in the shape of the River Nile.

TOM: But the greatest danger she'll face is the risk of having a car fall off its jack. So that should be the focus of your paternal risk-management program, Joe. But with some reasonable care, and the right tools, she'll impress the heck out of all the boys (hope that doesn't cause you to reconsider, Joe).

Wait! Don't buy another car without the mechanic's checklist that's included in Tom and Ray's pamphlet "How to Buy a Great Used Car: Secrets Only Your Mechanic Knows." It will help you get a good used car and avoid the clunkers. Send \$4.75 (check or money order) to Used Car, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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Garden

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donations to the garden project. Many evenings have had church members gathering to move dirt, build berms and paths, haul rocks and create a variety of accent areas. Accents like granite benches, large rocks, driftwood, bird baths and statues have made the garden truly a relaxing area.

Two large structures have been added to the garden area. Both buildings were built by church member Collin Kemp during Shop class at Bloomfield High School with the assistance of his instructor, Richard Eisenhauer.

The first building was a garden shed, reminiscent of

the white country church, the former Good Shepherd building which burned years ago. Now this past school year, Kemp spent three-fourths of the school year building a gazebo. Just a week ago a group of volunteers, ages seven to 60 years old, arrived in the garden after the gazebo had been moved in on a haymover and stained it.

"I really learned a lot about board lengths and construction while working on the two bigger buildings," said Kemp who will be a junior this fall. "And I enjoyed doing it for the church."

He agrees finding a project to follow the gazebo will be a little difficult but his mom may have some ideas.

So many donations have been "in memory" or "in honor of" a special loved one said Ermels. Much of the

funds which have been raised were used when items needed to be purchased like statues. The donations of time and labor have been invaluable as the garden grows.

There is still a wish list for future projects for the Shepherd's Garden. Ermels envisions an area with three crosses on the northwest corner and an American Flag and pole would be a great accent in the red, white and blue accents and flowers berm. A Children's Garden is being planned for the west end of the garden but its completion may have to be put on the back burner until next year.

Still, there are several challenges with moving the project forward. Typically weeding proves to be a big obstacle along with watering. Completing the path-

ways as the garden develops takes a lot of labor-intensive work and the project depends daily and weekly on the gracious appearance of volunteers. Of course, continuing to raise funds for all the improvement expenses is a challenge also.

The Good Shepherd congregation is planning its annual Pie and Ice Cream meal on Sunday, July 28, at 4 p.m., and hopes to share with everyone the Shepherd's Garden that evening.

"One frustration of the prayer garden is the reality that not a lot of people see it; it is so well-hidden by the church," said Ermels. "We invite everyone to please take time to venture to the west side of the church to take a little peak or a tour through the garden."

SCHOLASTICS

AUGUSTANA COLLEGE

SIOUX FALLS — Four hundred and thirteen students participated in the Augustana College Commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 25, at the Elmen Center.

The following areas students received degrees from Augustana College:

- Spencer Hopewell from Yankton, SD (Bachelor of Arts, cum laude)
- Gabrielle Kachena from Yankton, SD (Bachelor of Arts, cum laude)

The ceremony's speakers included:

- Dr. Peter Schotten, professor of Government and International Affairs and Social Science Division Chair. Schotten has received several honors while teaching at Augustana, including the Orin M. Lofthus Distinguished Professorship, the Frederick Kohlmeyer Distinguished Teaching Professorship and the Burlington Northern Excellence in Teaching Award.

- Molly Kokesh, class of 2013. A native of Scotland, Kokesh is a German and Government/International Affairs major, Political Philosophy minor, and a Civitas honor student. While at Augustana, she served in the student senate; was co-president of Augie Green, the campus environmental group; an All-American track athlete and member of Augustana's Cross Country team; and traveled to Norway in 2012 as a Peace Prize Forum Scholar.

ELIZABETH FIEDLER

DES MOINES, Iowa — Elizabeth Fiedler of Yankton has been named to Drake University's President's List for the Spring 2013 semester. Students must achieve a grade-point average of 4.0 to receive this honor.

Drake is a private, independent university in Des Moines, Iowa, with an enrollment of approximately 3,400 full-time undergraduate stu-

dents and 1,900 graduate students from 49 states and 50 countries. Drake University's mission is to provide an exceptional learning environment that prepares students for meaningful personal lives, professional accomplishments, and responsible global citizenship. The Drake experience is distinguished by collaborative learning among students, faculty, and staff and by the integration of the liberal arts

and sciences with professional preparation.

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA AT KEARNEY

KEARNEY, Neb. — One hundred eighty-seven students will graduate July 26 at University of Nebraska at Kearney's summer commencement exercises. Candidates for graduation include 82 baccalaureate and 105 graduate degree candidates.

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50th Anniversary Celebration

Mr. & Mrs. Arland Paltz

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Greetings may be sent to 104 E Jones Ave, PO Box 26, St. Helena, NE 68774. The couple requests no gifts.

Happy Anniversary Meganne

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Love Gus

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