

### Commercial Driver Licensing Regulations

PIERRE — Several changes in South Dakota Commercial Driver Licensing (CDL) regulations become law today (Wednesday).

The new or changing restrictions were approved by this year's Legislature. Jane Schrank, the director of the state's Driver Licensing program, says the new changes were needed.

"We thank lawmakers for approving the bill because if the measure had not passed, South Dakota could have been found out of compliance with federal regulations," she says. "Non-compliance could have meant a loss of millions of dollars in categories such as federal highway funds and Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program funds."

"The state also could have been decertified from issuing commercial driver's licenses. That would have meant that South Dakota residents would have had to obtain a CDL from another state."

Among the major changes today is that the minimum age for applying for a CDL is increasing from 16 years old to 18 years old. There is also a 14-day waiting period from the date a commercial learner's permit is issued to the date the driver is able to take a CDL driving test.

New or changing restrictions (with letter codes) added to commercial learner's permits or licenses issued after June 30, 2015, are:

- L — May not operate a vehicle equipped with air-brakes (new);
- Z — May not operate a vehicle equipped with full airbrakes (new);
- E — May not operate a vehicle with a manual transmission (new);
- O — May not operate a tractor trailer (this was formerly a corrective lens restriction);
- M — May not operate a Class A passenger vehicle (formerly J)
- N — May not operate a Class A or B passenger vehicle (formerly K); and,
- K — May operate intrastate only (new)

Schrank says there are other several changes as well. For more information, check out the website at [http://dps.sd.gov/licensing/driver\\_licensing/commercial\\_info.aspx](http://dps.sd.gov/licensing/driver_licensing/commercial_info.aspx).

The Driver's Licensing Program is part of the state Department of Public Safety.

### 'Her Voice' Seeks Recipe Submissions

Do you have a tried and true recipe you'd like to share with others? "Her Voice" magazine is currently accepting recipe submissions to be included in future issues.

Send your recipes to Tera Schmidt via e-mail at [teraschmidt@yankton.net](mailto:teraschmidt@yankton.net) or mail to 319 Walnut Street, Yankton, SD 57078. Please include your name, address and contact number with all submissions.

### Don't Drink And Drive This Fourth Of July

The Fourth of July is a time to celebrate your freedom, not lose it. Make this special holiday a blast ... not a bust. If you choose to drink and drive this Fourth of July, you will get caught.

Officials with the South Dakota Highway Patrol Motor Carrier Services want you to have a safe holiday. Make sure you have a sober ride home. Drunk driving. Over the limit. Under arrest.

### Sobriety Checkpoints Planned for July

PIERRE — Sobriety checkpoints will be conducted by the South Dakota Highway Patrol in 17 counties during July.

The monthly checkpoints are done as a way to discourage people from drinking and driving.

July checkpoints will be done in the counties of Beadle, Brookings, Butte, Clay, Codington, Day, Davison, Gregory, Hughes, Kingsbury, Lawrence, Lincoln, Meade, Minnehaha, Pennington, Roberts and Walworth.

During June, the Highway Patrol scheduled DUI checkpoints and saturation patrols in all 66 South Dakota counties.

### Safety Regulations For The Fourth Of July

OMAHA, Neb. — With the upcoming holiday, rangers at U.S. Army Corps of Engineers recreation areas across the Missouri Basin want to remind the public about a few rules and policies to help prevent fires, drowning, protect public safety and make for overall enjoyable recreation experiences during the holiday weekend and in the future.

The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks asks state park visitors to leave fireworks at home.

"Combining fireworks and large numbers of people creates a dangerous situation," said Doug Hofer, South Dakota state parks director. "We appreciate it when visitors do their part to help keep the parks safe and fun."

Additionally, it is unlawful to possess or discharge fireworks of any kind on USACE property. Some locations have special fireworks displays that have been coordinated with USACE and local authorities.

Despite recent heavy rain in some areas, other locations are experiencing drought conditions. Visitors are reminded that fires are only allowed in designated fire rings, fire places, grills or facilities specifically designated for this purpose. Local project offices will have detailed information regarding local fire bans or restrictions.

Visitors are reminded that camping is limited to 14 days in a 30 day period and visitors must occupy their campsite daily.

Wear life jackets when on or near the water to include boating, bank fishing, dock fishing and other water recreation.

Lastly, be aware of concerns and laws related to preventing the spread of invasive species.

### NDEAM Seeking Award Nominations

Yankton's local National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) committee is seeking nominations for the awards of Outstanding Employer of the Year and Outstanding Employee with a Disability. NDEAM is acknowledged nationally and in South Dakota each October.

The employer award is offered for outstanding achievements in improving employment opportunities for people with disabilities. The employee award is given to an employee with a disability in recognition of outstanding achievements in competitive employment by overcoming a disability as well as providing inspiration for other individuals with disabilities.

If you would like to nominate a person or business from the Yankton area for either of these awards, email Division of Rehabilitation Services District Supervisor Jennifer Trenhaile at [Jennifer.Trenhaile@state.sd.us](mailto:Jennifer.Trenhaile@state.sd.us) to have a nomination form forwarded, or call her at 605-668-3050 to request a form be sent through the mail.

All nominations must be submitted by Aug. 31.

### County Republican Party Meeting Set

The Yankton County Republican Party will hold its monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday, July 6, at the party headquarters at 314 Walnut St. The public is welcome.

### Parks Advisory Board Meeting Set

The City of Yankton Parks Advisory Board will meet at 5:30 p.m. Monday, July 6, at the Technical Education Center, 1200 West 21st St. This is an open meeting.



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## Remembering A Great American Cowboy

A map of cattle trails and a life-size statue of James A. "Tennessee" Vaughn astride a horse dominate the Founders Room at the High Plains Western Heritage Center in Spearfish.

Cattlemen like Vaughn were significant in developing the open range and cattle operations in South Dakota and Wyoming.

The High Plains Western Heritage Center will celebrate the Great Western Cattle Trail Event and the National Day of the American Cowboy on July 3-5 with a Western art show, saddle displays and American cowboy displays. The Western Heritage Center is participating in the Great Western Cattle Trail Project, part of a nine-state effort by the Great Western Cattle Trail Association to identify the general route of that trail. The Great Western Cattle Trail ran from Texas to Dakota, Montana and Wyoming territories. Concrete markers on the High Plains Western Heritage Center's grounds identify the trail's route and an extensive floor display at the museum tells the trail's story. Call the Western Heritage Center at (605) 642-9378 for more information about the Great Western Cattle Trail Event and the National Day of the American Cowboy.

In the years after the Civil War, from the 1870s to the early 1890s, Texas cattle outfits drove their herds north to summer pasture to finish them for eastern markets. According to historian and author Paul Higbee of Spearfish, the land in Texas was overgrazed and the High Plains area offered outstanding grass.

Economics were also a factor, he said. The cattle were used to satisfy federal contracts on the reservations.

As a trail boss, Vaughn was credited with bringing more longhorns up the trail than any other trail boss. One of Vaughn's responsibilities would be to advance the herd to determine grass and water sources and report back to the drovers to set up night camp. A trail boss was responsible for the safety of the cattle and had to be skilled in working with both cowboys and the owners of the cattle outfits.

The usual trail drive formation was made up of 11 positions of riders. Some cowboys were in charge of the herd of horses from which cowboys selected their mounts. There was also a cook.

It took an average of 90 days to travel from Texas to the forks of the Grand River in South Dakota's Perkins County.

While most cattle herds on the trail numbered 2,500, Vaughn sometimes trailed twice as many.

Vaughn was born on July 22, 1851, in Lebanon, Tenn. He went to Texas in 1866, at age 15, and was hired as a cowboy by the Ellison Brothers outfit at Lockhart, Texas.

Vaughn made the first of his nine trail drives in about 1873, driving cattle for the Driskill Cattle Company from Texas to Wyoming. He would be with the Driskill outfit for 18 years before working for A.J. "Tony" Day, general manager of the Turkey Track. Both the Driskill and the Turkey Track were large cattle outfits that had operations in western South Dakota. Vaughn later drove horses to Canada.

Vaughn married Ella Bacon Dorsett in Idaho on Christmas Day, 1887. The newlyweds moved to the Spearfish area, living with Ella's adoptive parents, David and Amanda Dorsett. In 1904, the Vaughns moved into a house in Spearfish. They raised seven children.

His obituary stated that "Mr. Vaughn had the reputation of being able to take a herd of cattle over the long trail and have them arrive in better condition than any other trailboss on the range."

An Old Timers' Annual Picnic was started in 1925 as a way for cowboys to get together. Ed Lemmon wrote that Vaughn attended the Old Timers' Picnic at Bixby, near the present-day town of Bison, in 1932 and called him an "outstanding figure." Lemmon was an early-day cattleman after whom the town of Lemmon is named.

Vaughn was active in the Oddfellow Lodge, the Spearfish Social Club and the Congregational Church in Spearfish. He died at his home in Spearfish on Jan. 8, 1934.

"The present generation can scarcely conceive the life that these heroes of the plains lived and loved," wrote Vaughn's son, Ernest, in a 1976 article that appeared in Black Hills area newspapers. "Though ever flirting with danger, they blazed the trail, they opened the way and led the men ever on toward better things."

This moment in South Dakota history is provided by the South Dakota Historical Society Foundation, the nonprofit fundraising partner of the South Dakota State Historical Society at the Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre. Find us on the web at [www.sdhf.org](http://www.sdhf.org). Contact us at [info@sdhf.org](mailto:info@sdhf.org) to submit a story idea.



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## SD Advocacy Services Announces New Staff

Tim Neyhart, Executive Director of South Dakota Advocacy Services (SDAS), is pleased to announce the addition of two new staff members.

Cole Uecker, Pierre, and C.J. Moit, Ft. Pierre, have recently accepted the Client Assistance Program (CAP) Director and Protection and Advocacy Vote Act (PAVA) Program Director, respectively. Uecker and Moit are located in the Pierre office and will work with people throughout South Dakota.

South Dakota Advocacy Services is South Dakota's gubernatorial designated protection and advocacy (P&A) system. P&As are mandated under various federal statutes to provide legal representation and other advocacy services to eligible persons with disabilities. These services are provided through a variety of methods: individual representation, educating policy makers, advocacy for groups, information and referral services, rights education and self-advocacy training.

The fundamental mission of the P&A system is to respond to allegations of abuse, neglect, and violations of the rights of individuals with disabilities, including discrimination based on disability. P&As devote considerable time and resources to develop and enhance the capacities of individuals with disabilities, ensuring full access to inclusive educational programs, financial entitlement programs (e.g., Medicaid and Social Security), health care, accessible housing, and productive employment opportunities.

Moit comes to SDAS with a wealth of experience and knowledge in the disability arena. Prior to coming to SD Advocacy, she was the Birth-to-Three Service Coordinator in the Central South Dakota area for 13 years. As PAVA Program Director, she will work closely with the SD Secretary of State office and county auditor to assure all polling places are accessible to all voters. The PAVA program was established in 2003 as part of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA). Under this program, P&As have a mandate to help ensure that individuals with disabilities participate in the electoral process through voter education, training of

poll officials, registration drives, and polling place accessibility surveys.

Moit is a member of the Oahe Child Development Policy Council; coached CASA soccer, and is involved in Habitat for Humanity. Moit has four children and five grandchildren. Moit explained she likes "helping an individual because it can impact the system. Helping others now will help mold the future."

As the CAP Program Director, Uecker will provide assistance and advocacy to clients and applicants of the vocational rehabilitation systems. CAP was established by the 1984 Amendments to the Rehabilitation (Rehab) Act. Services provided by CAPs include assistance in pursuing administrative, legal and other appropriate remedies to persons receiving or seeking services from state rehabilitation agencies under the Rehab Act.

Uecker received his undergraduate education from the College of the Desert in Palm Desert, CA and at Black Hills University in Spearfish, ultimately receiving a BS for Political Science. He then went to Vermillion, SD to earn his Juris Doctor from the University of South Dakota in Vermillion School of Law. Uecker is a combat veteran with two tours to Iraq with the United States Marine Corps. He is a year 2000 graduate of T.F. Riggs High School in Pierre, holds a 2nd degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do, is married and has two sons.

Uecker says "I am exceedingly and excited for the opportunity to use my education and experiences to help people in South Dakota pursue their educational and professional aspirations." He noted he hopes that by fostering positive communication between individuals and various agencies, barriers can be overcome. "Thus opening avenues for people to attain their own maximum degree of independence and happiness." Uecker encourages anyone with a disability to contact him or SDAS with any questions or concerns that he may be able to assist them with in his capacity as Director for SDAS CAP Program.

### OBITUARIES

#### Arlene Vielmette

Arlene V. Vielmette, 88, died peacefully on Tuesday, June 30, 2015 at Good Samaritan Luther Manor in Sioux Falls.



Vielmette

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, July 2, at Miller Funeral Home-Downtown, 507 S. Main Ave.

Funeral service will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, July 3, at Hansen Funeral Home, Irene, with interment at Hansen Cemetery near Irene.

#### James Klunder

James Klunder, 70, of Vermillion passed away Thursday, June 25, 2015, at the Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls.

Memorial services will be held at a later date. Visit [HansenFuneralHome.com](http://HansenFuneralHome.com).

## Votes

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care regulations in Vermillion.

With a count of 629-567 the day-care ordinance was adopted. (A yes vote adopted the day-care ordinance; a no vote repealed the day-care ordinance.)

The following is how the wards voting broke down.

Northwest Ward: 126-Yes, 72-No

Northwest Ward: 120-Yes, 179-No

Southeast Ward: 336-Yes, 255-No

Total Votes: 1196

Turnout for the special election was close to 24 percent with 1,206 voters casting their ballot.

A complete story on the results of the Vermillion Special Election will be in Thursday's *Press and Dakotan*.

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**IN REMEMBRANCE**

<p><b>Karen Mae Cihak</b> 10:30 AM, Wednesday St. Benedict Catholic Church Yankton</p>	<p><b>Sr. Yvonne Duppong, OSB</b> 10:30 AM, Thursday Bishop Marty Memorial Chapel Yankton</p>
<p><b>Sr. Stephanie Weber, OSB</b> 10:30 AM, Thursday Bishop Marty Memorial Chapel Yankton</p>	<p><b>James Michael Spottedbear</b> 1:30 PM, Thursday Avera Yankton Care Center Yankton</p>

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