

OBITUARIES

Perry Penniston

Perry P. Penniston, 83, of Muscatine, Iowa, and formerly of Yankton, died Friday, July 10, 2015 at his home, from complications of multiple myeloma. Memorial visitation will be held on Saturday, July 18, from 11 a.m.-noon, with memorial service immediately following at the First Presbyterian Church, Wilton, Iowa. Inurnment will take place at the Garden of Memories, Yankton, at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to Doctors without Borders, in his memory. Bentley Funeral Homes, Inc., Durant, Iowa, is overseeing arrangements. Online remembrances and condolences may be left at www.bentleyfuneralhome.com.

Raymond Hatfield

Pastor Raymond Hatfield, 42, of Lake Andes died unexpectedly on Thursday, July 9, 2015 at his home in Lake Andes. Memorial Services will be 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 15, 2015 at the Lake Andes Baptist Church at 296 Ave. S. in Lake Andes. Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home in Wagner is in charge of arrangements. He was born March 6, 1973.

Ernest Aune

Ernest C. Aune, 92, of Yankton, formerly of Irene, passed away Monday, July 13, 2015, at Avera Yankton Care Center. Arrangements are pending with the Hansen Funeral Home in Irene.

Edith Weisz

Edith M. Weisz, age 84, of Yankton, SD passed away unexpectedly, Saturday, July 11, 2015 at Sister James Care Center, Yankton, SD. Memorial services will be 11:00 a.m., Thursday, July 16, 2015 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Yankton, SD with Rev. Dave Gunderson officiating. Burial of her cremated remains will be at approximately 2:15 p.m. Thursday afternoon at Grace Hill Cemetery, Tripp, SD. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church. The Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, SD is assisting with service details. Online condolences can be sent at www.opsahl-kostelfuneralhome.com. Edith Munkvold was born on September 4, 1930 on the family farm southeast of Menno, SD to Ed and Marie (Gran) Munkvold. At the age of 17, she married Floyd C. Weisz from the Kaylor area and recently,



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June 25, 2015, they celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary. During her lifetime Edith was a farm wife, nurse's aide, Avon and Tupperware representative. She also helped her husband haul water and drive a semi hauling livestock. Edith enjoyed fishing, cross stitch, word search books and she made the best dill pickles ever. She enjoyed spending time with her family, grandchildren and brothers and sisters. She is survived by her husband, Floyd; daughters, Lois (Larry) Faller of Clarkfield, MN and Deborah (Donald) Pederson of Viborg, SD; four grandsons: Myron (Stephanie) Faller and family, Eric (Christine) Faller, all of Clarkfield, MN, Mark (Jeannie Lawler) Pederson and family of Sioux City, IA and Terry

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on Wednesday at the church with a time of sharing at 6:30 p.m.

Theodore Hofer

Theodore "Ted" Hofer, 62, of Freeman passed away on Sunday at the Freeman Hospital. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, July 16, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Freeman. Visitation with family present will be from 4-7 p.m.

Lance Karstens

Lance A. Karstens, age 46, of Omaha, Nebraska and formerly of Yankton, South Dakota, died Sunday, July 12, 2015 at Clarkson Hospital in Omaha. Funeral services are 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 16, 2015 at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton

(Carrie) Pederson and family of Sioux Falls, SD; three brothers: Roy of Scotland, SD, Edward (Helen) of Menno, SD and Oliver (Jeanette) of Lesterville, SD; nine great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild; five sisters: Alice Evenson of Yankton, SD, Audrey Holupka of Tyndall, SD, Iona (Elmer) Fischer of Yankton, SD, Joyce (Kenny) Kloucek of Scotland, SD and Connie (John) Knodel of Menno, SD. She was preceded in death by her parents, in-laws, three brothers, one sister, one granddaughter, Angela Faller and one son, Randall LeRoy. Sympathy messages may be sent to Floyd Weisz, 2903 Douglas Avenue, #121W, Yankton, SD 57078.

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with the Rev. Steve Weispenig officiating. Burial will be in the Garden of Memories Cemetery in Yankton.

Tunnel Tours Event Set Near Mission Hill

LaMOURE, N.D. — Northern Plains Sustainable Ag (NPSAS) and South Dakota Specialty Producers Association (SDSPA) will be hosting two high tunnel tours near Mission Hill on Monday, July 20, from 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Attendees will tour two kinds of high tunnels at Chris and Cindy Nelsen's farm and at Hebda Produce. Attendees will also view a small fruit orchard, a farm market, a commercial kitchen and the NRCS rainfall simulator. They will learn about food hubs and marketing through CSAs, farmers markets and direct sales. SDSU Extension Service will provide production-related training. Registration will take place at Nelsen's farm, 30723 444th Ave., Mission Hill, from 9:30-10 a.m. Lunch will be provided at Hebda's farm from 11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. followed by the tour of Hebda Produce. Registration is free if pre-registered by Thursday, July 16, or \$10 at the door. RSVP to the NPSAS office at 701-883-4304 or jhnpas@drtel.net. For directions or more information about this or other summer events, view the NPSAS website at www.npsas.org. For more information about SDSPA events check them out on Facebook; www.facebook.com/sdspa. Northern Plains Sustainable Ag is a nonprofit organization that promotes sustainable food systems through education, research and advocacy.

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the use of our portables and we can't find parts to repair (them). Commissioner Charlie Gross asked why the radio system is not operable under the state's radio system. "The key is interoperability," Paulsen said. "We have areas in our community that our radios would not work if we were (only) on the state radio system." The city would like to achieve 95-98 percent coverage, which would not be obtainable relying solely on the state system, according to Paulsen. The state system would provide regional coverage, but there would be issues inside buildings, areas of high infrastructure and less dense areas.

Additionally, utilizing only the state system would not totally eliminate expenditures, as noted by Duane Johnson, local videographer. "Most of the communities that have switched over to state radio have invested in tower infrastructure," he said. "The numbers we've been told roughly for tower construction is about \$250,000 per tower." Commissioner Jake Hoffner asked Paulsen why the city could not look to the state and area counties for guidance and expertise rather than hiring a consultant to assess the system. "I've talked with Bon Homme and Vermilion and they are not interested in giving up their radio systems, boards or their dispatch, for that matter," Paulsen said. "It's more about combining everybody and realizing that the city-run dispatch, bringing on all the entities within the county, is really the best value for the dollar."

Also, hiring the consultant would result in acquiring radio frequencies the city may currently lack. Mayor David Carda asked if the life expectancy of the new systems would offset the expenditures to complete the project. "Quite honestly, I'm not sure the equipment won't last, but technology is going to change so much," Paulsen said. Added Johnson, "I think the other factor will be that we've really seen a change in electronics where our existing portables and mobiles were designed to last an extended period of time and most of the electronics anymore are a much shorter lifespan." Whether the city decides to implement a dual system or rely on the state system, Johnson said that the city must continue to keep up with the new technological advancements and demands. The commission unanimously approved the base contract to hire the consultant to proceed

in the upgrade. In other business Monday, the commission: Approved Kasey Hofer and Daniel Preadable to the volunteer firefighter list. Announced retail revenue for the month of June was up due to special events, pending final calculations. Approved a restricted parking request made by Avera and Yankton Medical Group on 9th Street between Redmond and Jackson Street. Also, awards were presented to: NFAA on the successful 2015 World Archery Youth Championships (WAYC). Stuart Bass, Bryan Davis and Levi and Martin Rohde on their heroic involvement in saving a young man's life on the river. Follow @alyssasobotka on Twitter.

Corridor

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County, and 4,000 live out there (by the lake)," he said. "That's 20 percent of Yankton County's population. That (4,000 residents) is the size of an awful lot of towns in South Dakota - and we don't have a sewer system out there." The needs could expand even more in the future, said Highway 52 task force member Carl Kretsinger. "That (lake area) population is really going to grow, and so is the economy," he said. In turn, the lake area growth would benefit the city of Yankton, Kretsinger told the Press & Dakotan. "It will help the town, too," he said. "(Yankton) will see economic growth. People will spend money (in the city), and think how many times a dollar turns over." Lewis and Clark Lake could see even more tourism potential, Garrity said. The lake draws one million visitors a year and has become even more popular in recent years, particularly with out-of-state tourists, he said.

The corridor study would help provide orderly growth and protect the scenic beauty of the Lewis and Clark Lake area, Garrity said. "We've got one of the best views there is, and we need to keep it," he said. The Lewis and Clark Lake area has expanded over the years with very little orderly growth, Garrity said. "In the 1940s, that area was (populated by) goats and cattle. Then, we made a lake," he said. "Now, it's one of the most valuable resources we've got - and it's not organized." Monday's discussion stressed the importance of promoting economic development in the lake area. The corridor overlay and the sewer district were cited as key tools in attracting a wide variety of businesses. In another area, the audience expressed concern about the aesthetics of some of the current businesses in the lake area. Current businesses are grandfathered under any future county plan, Garrity said. "Zoning isn't meant to tell people how to do business, but we can suggest a facade or landscaping," he said.

The proposed corridor plan would take into account the changing styles of commercial signs and lighting, Garrity said. "Technology changes, and we're changing with it," he said. With a sewer system and other upgrades, the Highway 52 corridor could see a number of changes in the businesses located along the stretch, said Yankton realtor Dennis Breck. Those changes could come from both current business owners and new developers as they make investments on the sites, he said. Highway 52 task force member Jeff Gudahl noted the lake's powerful draw, and not only for seasonal and tourist-related ventures. "We have a lot of people talking about putting businesses out there," he said. Butch Becker of the Yankton County Planning Commission expressed long-term concern about Lewis and Clark Lake itself. In turn, the lake's future - or lack of it - would have a major impact on Yankton's recreation, economy and way of life, he said. "They predict the lake will be full of siltation," he

said. "In 30 short years, it will be 50 percent full of sediment. And 50-60 years after that, (the lake) will be like a stream." The Missouri Sedimentation Action Coalition (MSAC) has played a key role in bringing awareness to the problem, Becker said. He encouraged the public to join MSAC and other organizations fighting the sediment issues. While not directly part of the corridor study, traffic safety concerns emerged as a major concern among audience members. They noted the crucial role that tourism plays for Yankton's economy and the multitude of recreational opportunities. But they also noted the increasing problems associated with growing traffic. Garrity described the congestion during the 4th of July weekend, with bikers and pedestrians waiting 20-30 minutes to cross Highway 52. The traffic hazards were further congested by the large number of boats and campers using the highway, he said. During Monday's open house, Garrity outlined the overlay corridor and the process for putting it in place. The overlay corridor

could be implemented by resolution, he said. The Planning Commission would need to approve any plan and then forward it to the Yankton County Commission for final approval. "We would like the language in place by the end of this year," he said. "The overlay could happen as soon as the end of 2015." On the other hand, the sewer district would be "very long term," he said. Yankton County has looked at sewer districts in other South Dakota counties, including financing. When it comes to the corridor and sewer districts, public input will play a key role in moving forward with either proposal, Garrity said.

Some audience members indicated at Monday's open house that it's too late to solve some issues. However, Garrity emphasized the importance of taking the first step to resolving both short- and long-term planning. "It's better to start now than never," he said. When it comes to economic development and other lake-related issues, Yankton County needs to act now rather than let opportunities slip away, he added. "We may not get a second chance," he said. Follow @RDockendorf on Twitter.

Accident

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Highway Patrol says the driver of the jeep, Corey Sestak, tried to avoid a collision, but could not. Sestak, 32, and the passenger, Katherine Sestak, 30, both of Sioux Falls, received serious non-life threatening injuries. Both were taken to a Yankton hospital. Katherine Sestak was eventually transported to a hospital in Sioux Falls. The investigation continues. The Highway Patrol says no charges are pending and alcohol does not appear to be a factor. Other agencies at the scene were the Yankton County Sheriff's Office, Yankton Fire Department, Yankton Ambulance and Yankton County Emergency Management.

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