

Wagner, Andes Central Choose New Faces For School Board

From P&D Staff Reports

Wagner and Andes Central voters chose all new board members while Viborg patrons returned two incumbents to office in Tuesday's school board elections.

In Wagner, a record may have been set even before the first vote was cast.

The 11 candidates may have been the largest field in a Wagner school board election, said school business manager Lory DuFrain.

A new member was guaranteed, as incumbent Joe Hall — the board president — did not run for re-election. Craig Link and Jan Coleman were the other incumbents up for re-election.

Winning three-year terms were Greg Krcil with 363, Chad Kreeger 217 and Bruce McCoy 205.

The rest of the field consisted of Craig Link 184, Richard Sully 144, Jan Coleman 124, George Langdeau 107, Ray Cournoyer Sr.

82, Jody Zepher 53, Andrew Stirling 29 and Tim Arcore 10. The election drew 521 of 2,198 voters for 24 percent turnout, which DuFrain said was high for Wagner school elections.

In Andes Central, newcomers Tammy Swanson and Julie Stirling won the two three-year terms with a respective 168 and 100 votes. Incumbent Russell Gall and newcomer Kristin M. Dvorak were next with 79 and 57 votes, respectively.

Gall has served on the board since 1992. Another incumbent, John Brooks, did not run for re-election.

The election saw 208 ballots cast for 14.4 percent turnout.

In Viborg, incumbents Jim Larsen and Wayne Larsen won re-election with a respective 171 and 140 votes. The third candidate, challenger Rochelle Rasmussen, finished with 107.

Jim Larsen is currently serving as president, while Wayne Larsen serves as vice president.

SDHSAA AWARDS

Beilby Among State Service Honorees

Freeman's Stern, Marion's Nelson, Yankton Native Schooley Also Lauded

PIERRE — Seventeen distinguished individuals from across the state of South Dakota have been selected to receive the South Dakota High School Activities Association (SDHSAA) Distinguished Service Award for the 2010-11 school year. Following a nomination process, the recipients of the Distinguished Service Award are selected by the SDHSAA Board of Directors.

Distinguished Service Awards recipients are individuals whose contributions have had an impact on high school activity programs. The Distinguished Service Award is presented to honor administrators (principals, superintendents and athletic/activity directors); Board of Education members; athletic and fine arts activities coaches & directors; contest officials for fine arts and ath-

letic activities; and contributors to statewide high school activities. The recipients of this award have given outstanding service to the youth of the state through the high school athletic and fine arts activities programs.

The following individuals are the 2010-11 SDHSAA Distinguished Service Award recipients:

• **ADMINISTRATORS:** Jack Broome, Burke — former Superintendent of Schools at Burke; Doug Schooley, Watertown — former member of the SDHSAA Board of Directors and Athletic Director at Watertown; Bob Sittig, Baltic — Superintendent of Schools at Baltic and former member of the SDHSAA Board of Directors

• **BOARD OF EDUCATION:** Curt Hart, Alexandria — former member of the SDHSAA Board of Directors and member of the Hanson Schools Board of Education

• **COACHES & DIRECTORS:** Karen Bossman, Watertown — volleyball coach; Jim Connor, Sioux Falls — oral interp coach, one-act play director, and speech activities judge; Dennis McDermott, Aberdeen — band

director and All-State Jazz Band Festival site chair; Ron Nelson, Marion — volleyball coach; Sally Pies, Brookings — oral interp coach and former advisory committee member; Deb Rothenberger, Brandon — high school newspaper and yearbook advisor

• **CONTEST OFFICIAL:** Joe Drab, Rapid City — volleyball, football, basketball, and wrestling; Dr. Corliss Johnson, Brookings — All-State Band and All-State Orchestra selection judge; Keith Kusler, Aberdeen — basketball, football, and track; Jim Phillips, Deadwood — basketball and football; Gillas Stern, Freeman — basketball; Buck Timmins, Mitchell — basketball, football, track, and SDHSAA Football and Basketball Officials Coordinator

• **CONTRIBUTOR:** Dr. Robert Beilby, Yankton — longtime supporter of Yankton Public School activities

The Distinguished Service Award recipients will be presented their awards throughout the 2010-11 school year at the various SDHSAA state athletic and fine arts events.

REGION DIGEST

Crest Road To Be Closed Today For Project

The road that crosses Gavins Point Dam, also known as Crest Road or the spillway, will be closed from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. today (Wednesday) to conduct maintenance on the dam. Motorists should seek another route.

USD Law Student To Receive Pro Bono Honor

VERMILLION — Andrea Rosenberg, a student at The University of South Dakota School of Law, will be presented with the 2010 William F. Day, Jr. Law Student Pro Bono Award during the 78th meeting of the State Bar of South Dakota on Friday morning in Rapid City.

Presented by the State Bar of South Dakota and the state pro bono program, Access to Justice, Inc., Rosenberg, from North Tonawanda, N.Y., will receive a plaque and a cash stipend funded by donations from members of the State Bar of South Dakota and substantial donations made by the Lynn, Jackson, Shultz & Lebrun and Day Morris Law Firms. Cheryl Hanna, Access to Justice Director, will present the award.

The William F. Day, Jr. Law Student Pro Bono Award is an annual award created in 2008 in honor of William F. Day, Jr., the state's first pro bono coordinator. The award recognizes the dedication and motivation of a law student who most enhanced the delivery of quality legal services to indigent people and underserved communities in South Dakota while as a student at The University of South Dakota School of Law.

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FLOOD

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week's Czech Days celebration that brings thousands of visitors to Tabor, Vavruska said.

The creek running through Tabor should drop by the end of the week, he said. However, Czech Days visitors should still use caution, he added.

"(Flooding) will impact some parking areas near the creek that may not be accessible because they are too soft," he said. "People also need to be careful when they go near the creek. Wherever there is running water, there is danger."

Crops also remain under water, Vavruska said. "If the weather turns warm, hopefully we will get cooperation with the wind (in drying things out)," he said.

In northeast Nebraska, a flood warning was issued for Ponca Creek at Verdel in northwest Knox County. The creek stood at 12.7 feet Tuesday morning but is expected to fall below the flood stage of 12 feet.

The National Weather Service (NWS) has issued a hazardous weather statement for Knox and Cedar counties. Strong to severe storms will be possible tonight (Wednesday) when a moist, unstable environment envelops the region, and again Thursday as a cold front moves into the region.

The weather advisory follows a week of heavy rainfall in northeast Nebraska.

A railroad bridge collapsed into the flooded Elkhorn River near Norfolk Tuesday, and rescue officials were searching for a missing railroad worker as waters continued to rise near the city.

According to the NWS, the June totals through last Saturday included 6.62 inches at O'Neill, 5.89 inches at Pierce, 5.60 inches at Stanton, 5.36 inches at Crofton, 5.24 inches at Wakefield, 4.67 inches at Randolph, 4.66 inches at Norfolk and 3.53 inches at Bloomfield.

Record flooding is occurring along the Elkhorn River from Ewing downstream through Pilger. High water on the Elkhorn River led Tuesday to voluntary evacuations in low-lying areas around the city of Norfolk.

The rainfall records through Tuesday afternoon include Ewing at 13.3 feet (the old record stood at

11.3 feet), Neligh 14.7 feet (old record 13.37 feet in 1995) and Norfolk 15.7 feet (old record 13.05 feet in 1995).

Statewide, conditions of municipal water supplies are being watched. Stanton issued a Boil Water Order (BWO) due to losing their well field transmission main that runs under the Elkhorn River.

The Missouri River continues to run high. Besides the flooding near Springfield, the Missouri River at Niobrara, Neb., stood at 20.56 feet Tuesday morning. The river at Niobrara reached 22.16 feet Saturday, exceeding the 21-foot flood stage and marking the second highest reading behind the record 22.5 feet.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has increased Missouri River flows in response to the flooding.

Releases from Gavins Point Dam near Yankton were increased Monday night to prevent water from flowing over the emergency spillway gates. This leveled the elevation of the reservoir at a record 1,209.7 feet, just 0.3 feet from the top of the emergency spillway gates.

Gavins Point releases were increased from 30,000 cubic feet per second (cfs) to 33,000 cfs at 8:45 p.m. Monday, according to Jody Farhat, chief of the Corps water management office in Omaha. Releases through the spillway are not anticipated at this time.

"Releases will be held at 33,000 cfs until flooding begins to subside downstream," Farhat said. "We have accumulated a significant amount of water in the large Missouri River reservoirs, and we will be looking at options for evacuating that storage as downstream conditions permit."

With forecasts for only light rain over the central Missouri River basin for the next several days, the high Missouri River flows are expected to begin falling later this week. The additional releases from Gavins Point will slow the decline but not add to the crest.

The Missouri River is above flood stage from Plattsmouth, Neb., to its confluence with the Mississippi River north of St. Louis. Nearly all the tributary rivers that flow into the Missouri are also above flood stage.

Public safety remains the number one priority around flooding, Corps officials said, calling on the public to take extra caution.

Darlene Babb

WAKONDA — Darlene Eunice Campbell Babb died on June 14, 2010 at Sanford Hospital in Vermillion, SD.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, June 18, 2010 at the Wakonda Irene High School Gymnasium. Darlene was born on June 21, 1926 in Onida, SD. She graduated from Centerville High School in 1944 and attended nursing school in Rochester, MN for one year before marrying Ronald A. Babb on July 25, 1946.

Darlene spent several years raising a family, and then attended Mt. Marty College for two years. After that she enrolled at USD where she graduated in 1964 with a degree in secondary education. She also earned a Masters Degree in English Literature from USD. She taught for one year at Centerville High School and from 1965 until 1985 at Wakonda High School. While at Wakonda Darlene taught English, Drama, and was the librarian, she also coached golf. Darlene loved to travel and after retiring took many trips with friends Odile Babb and Germaine Hanson. Upon her grandchildren's graduation from high school, she treated them to a trip and accompanied them to their choice of locations which included Hawaii, Scotland, New York City, Oregon & Washington. Darlene and Ronnie also spent many wonderful winters together in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

Darlene was a member of First Lutheran Church in Wakonda, Wakonda Legion Auxiliary, Glenridge Golf Club, Eastern Star, and a lifetime member of SDEA. She also participated in or directed many community projects.

Those left behind to cherish her memory are her husband, Ronald Babb of Wakonda, son Jim (Lee Ann) Babb of Berezford, SD a daughter Jane (Charlie) Johnson of Meckling, SD and son Jack (Beth) Babb of Sioux Falls, SD 10 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren, and her brother, Roger (Doris) Campbell of Brandon, SD, and step-sister Sherree Schmiidt of Centerville, SD. Her parents precede her in death.

Online condolences and obituary: hansenfuneralhome.com. Yankton Press & Dakotan June 16, 2010



Babb

Dorothy Jacobsen

Dorothy "Dolly" Mae Jacobsen, 87, passed away peacefully on Thursday, June 10th with family by her side. Dolly was born January 20th, 1923 to Nicholi and Anna Helgerson in Lesterville, SD. She was given the nickname as a baby by her brother who told their mother that she looked just like a little doll. While growing up on the family farm she was a very active and energetic young woman. At Irene High School she participated in many activities including choir and band but perhaps one of her fondest memories was playing on her dad's Midway baseball team. On July 15th, 1944 she married Paul Jacobsen of Yankton, SD in a military ceremony in Monterey, CA. After brief Army assignments in Texas and Colorado, they settled back in Yankton, SD where they lived for almost fifty years. In 1993, upon retirement, they moved to Surprise, AZ. In Yankton, Dolly served as Yankton County Deputy Clerk of Courts, Assistant Treasurer of Yankton Savings and Loan and was active in local real estate. At Trinity Lutheran Church she was active in Adult and Youth Choirs and enjoyed playing the organ. Aside from her church and family, music was a very big part of her life. Then in her mid 50's she discovered golf. Playing golf and watching The Golf Channel gave her hours of enjoyment. One

of her personal achievements was a hole in one at age 85. She is survived by three loving children: Don (Linda) Jacobsen of Austin, TX, Paula (Rick) Jensen of Safford, AZ and Deb (Glen) Gabrielson of Scottsdale, AZ. She had eleven grandchildren — Michelle, Jeff, Brad, Jill, Nikki, Michelle, Adam, Josh, Ben, Matt and Sam. She also had fourteen great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, brother (Casper) and sister (Myrtle). A Memorial Service will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, June 24th at the American Lutheran Church of Sun City (17200 N. Del Webb Blvd., Sun City, AZ) with a reception to follow the service. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be directed to Hospice of the Valley/Sherman Home, 5801 E. Mayo Blvd., Phoenix, AZ 85054. Yankton Press & Dakotan June 16, 2010

OBITUARIES

Elsie Johnson

LAUREL, Neb. — Elsie M. Johnson, age 80, of Laurel, Neb., entered into rest on June 14, 2010 at the Faith Regional Health Services in Norfolk, Neb. A Christian service is planned for 1:30 p.m. Thursday, June 17, at the Laurel City Auditorium, Laurel, Neb. Officiants will be Stanley Morrison and Jana Jelinek. Visitation will be Wednesday 5-8 p.m. at the Hasemann Funeral Home in Laurel with family present. Honorary pallbearers are Elsie's grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Pallbearers are LeRoy Heller, Lonnie Heller, Ross Hansen, Jesse Block, Erik Roberts, Seth Johnson and Trent Johnson. Interment will be in the Laurel Cemetery, Laurel, Neb. Hasemann Funeral Homes is in charge of arrangements. Elsie Marie Johnson was born March 5, 1930 at Ireton, Iowa to Albert and Rena (VanGronigen) DeRaad. She attended Ireton Public School. Elsie married Allan Johnson on December 29, 1950 at Vermillion, SD. They farmed southwest of Laurel.

Elsie is survived by four sons, Duane (Pat) Johnson of Clarkson, Troy (Joni) Johnson of Wausa, Earl (Vicki) Johnson of Laurel, and Emmett (Renea) Johnson of Bloomfield; four daughters, Jane (Eugene) Heller of Pine River, MN, Susan (Dale) Hansen of Wakefield, Sally (Jim) Block of Hoskins, and Teresa (Matt) Roberts of Elkhorn; twenty-two grandchildren; fourteen great-grandchildren; two brothers, Marlin DeRaad of Columbus and Donald (Betty) DeRaad of Sioux Falls; one sister, Leona Meyers of Worthing, SD; nieces and nephews. Elsie was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Allan in 1998; grandson, Kenneth Heller in 2000; sister-in-law, Verena DeRaad, and brother-in-law, Harry Meyers. Yankton Press & Dakotan June 16, 2010

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