

2010 Legal and Public Notices

Action No. 2012-223
Moved by Williams and seconded by Fitzgerald to approve the Yankton Elementary School Handbook as amended with the following voting Aye: All. Greenway absent. Motion carried.

Action No. 2012-224
Moved by Fitzgerald and seconded by Williams to accept the changes to the YHS student handbook to include student rules for cell phone and electronic devices for the 2012-2013 school year with the following voting Aye: All. Greenway absent. Motion carried.

Action No. 2012-225
Moved by Williams and seconded by Fitzgerald to adopt an agreement for a school drug counselor at YHS/YMS with Lewis & Clark Behavioral Health Service with the following voting Aye: All. Greenway absent. Motion carried.

Action No. 2012-226
Moved by Ailts and seconded by Williams to adjourn the meeting at 6:07 pm, with the following voting Aye: All. Greenway absent. Motion carried.

Chris Specht, Vice-President

School Board
Attest: Jason L. Bietz
Business Manager

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Academy

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Roberts had spent Friday morning attending a meeting of Gov. Dennis Daugaard's workforce development committee, part of the South Dakota WINS program.

"This (Daugaard) administration wants to make it known that they want you to stay in South Dakota, to begin your career in South Dakota and to live your life in South Dakota," Roberts said. "We emphasize that you should finish high school, then go on to technical school or college and then employment."

Besides attaining job skills, the academy participants showed the initiative to invest in their future, Roberts said.

"You have committed two weeks of your summer, and you really show what it takes," she told the students. "What you have done for the last two weeks really matters."

Roberts backed up her statements about a robust South Dakota economy with statistics from the state's latest jobs report. After bottoming out at about 8,000 job listings in 2008-09, the state Department of Labor (DOL) currently has listings for 10,725 job openings that can be found at sdjobs.org.

The state's unemployment rate of 3 to 4 percent is half the national average of 8 percent, she said. In some states, the jobless rate has hit double digits.

"There are tons of openings," the labor secretary said. "And if you are looking for summer jobs, we can help you."

The value of the two-week Yankton academy is reflected in the strong demand for nursing and manufacturing skills, Roberts said.

The state labor department has 288 CNA openings ranging in starting pay from \$8.50 to \$14 an hour. Another 526 nursing jobs are open statewide, offering entry-level wages of \$12.75 to \$27.57 an hour.

In addition, the DOL has listings for 1,387 jobs in fields such as welding and as-

sembling, offering starting wages of \$9 to \$28 an hour.

"The demand is there. And we are talking about starting wages. With experience, you can make more money," Roberts said.

The secretary said she welcomed the invitation to speak at Friday's ceremony.

"Events like this make my job fun. I am eager to come here and speak about the opportunities for your future and training," she told the graduates. "The students who attended this academy (received) actual workforce experience that will pay off."

With their success, the graduates reflect well on their families and communities, Roberts said.

"I am so proud of the kids who participated in this program. They try to make things better in their lives by learning skills in the workforce," she said. "They are getting their first step, and this will prepare them well for the future."

At Friday's ceremony, certificates were presented to 25 Yankton High School students and five Wagner High School students who attended the manufacturing academy. Certificates were also presented to the 10 CNA graduates from Yankton, Little Wound, Lennox and Centerville high schools in South Dakota; Cedar Catholic High School in Hartington, Neb.; and Mount Marty College.

By successfully completing the two-week academy, the students earned credit not only from their high schools but also from Black Hills State University of Spearfish and from Mitchell Technical Institute (MTI).

GETTING THE JOB DONE

Friday's ceremony at RTEC also featured remarks from Marc Mooney with First Dakota National Bank of Yankton and SFC Mark Roberts with the South Dakota National Guard (SDNG).

When students begin the academy, they are asked their plans after high school, Mooney said.

"If it's a two-year degree, there are a lot of great-paying jobs and careers. The state has fine two-year institutions," he said, adding he attended a two-year school before completing his degree at South Dakota

State University in Brookings.

The Yankton training session provided hands-on experience, Mooney said. "At the academy, you are given the opportunity to see how things work," he said.

That could result in a good job or even a new career path, Mooney said. "It could mean a business you own, or you could be the next person with a million-dollar idea," he said.

Workforce training benefits more than just the individual, Mooney said.

"If there aren't opportunities, there aren't jobs. If there aren't jobs, there aren't people. And if there aren't people, there isn't a community," he said.

SFC Roberts said he brought maintenance skills to the academy, while Staff Sgt. Chasity Oswald brought computer skills.

While wearing his SDNG camouflage uniform at Friday's ceremony, SFC Roberts emphasized he dressed in civilian clothes during the academy and didn't promote the military. Rather, he represented the SDNG's commitment to personal and workforce development.

"I'm not here to actively recruit. I'm here to help," he said.

SFC Roberts, who teaches career classes, noted some of the academy participants needed training in workplace performance. In that respect, the students learned life skills as well as job skills, he said.

"There were 30 percent of you that I wouldn't have hired at first, but then we turned on the heat," he told the manufacturing students. "By the end of the second week, there aren't any of you that I would be afraid to hire and put to work."

HELPING HANDS AND HEARTS

During Friday's program, CNA Institute instructors Helene Hegge and Becky Wolff said it was their first experience teaching the course but found it rewarding.

The CNA candidates all passed their skills test and will soon learn the results from their written test, Hegge said. She predicted a bright future for those who enter nursing.

"You have jobs that last a lifetime. We have people with a life span of 100 and 103

years (who need care)," she said. "You have job security right now, and you will never be out of a position. You can be a CNA or further your careers to whatever you want to be."

However, becoming a CNA means more than a paycheck, Hegge said.

"You are the eyes and ears for the nurse. You are the first to recognize if a patient isn't eating, has a fever, or has problems with mobility that could threaten their safety," she said. "You will also notice if the family is going through a rough time. You get to make a difference and make it better for the patient and family."

At the start of the two-week course, the CNA students pointed to desirable nursing traits such as providing a safe place for patients; being respectful, caring and knowledgeable; and carrying a positive attitude.

"I couldn't say it any better, those are all core traits," Hegge said. "It comes from these communities where you were raised. You can't teach it."

The CNA students also dealt with the need for providing compassion and helping others deal with grief, Hegge said.

"In an age of technology, you do not become dependent on technology," she said. "Become dependent on caring and relationships with the patient. That is the most important thing."

Wolff said she noticed a change in the CNA students during the two-week course.

"They have grown from, 'What have I gotten myself into?' to becoming very excited and enthusiastic, especially once they got into the clinical setting," she said.

"It can be an intense experience, working with disease, pain and medical emergencies. During this two-week institute, they learned to empathize."

RTEC general manager Josh Svatos noted a similar personal growth among the academy participants.

"They show up for work on time and are productive. They show drive and desire," he said. "It's all about 'attitude, aptitude and appetite.'"

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Syria Observer Chief Says Violence Derails Mission

BY BASSEM MROUE AND DIAA HADID
Associated Press

BEIRUT — The head of the U.N. observers in Syria said Friday a spike in bloodshed is derailing the mission to monitor and defuse more than a year of violence, raising questions about how effective the unarmed force can be in a conflict that every day looks more like a civil war.

The troubles facing the observer mission are the latest sign that an international peace plan for Syria is disintegrating. Western powers have pinned their hopes on the plan, brokered two months ago by special envoy Kofi Annan, in part because there are no other options on the table. There is little support for military intervention, and several rounds of sanctions have failed to stop the bloodshed.

"Violence over the past 10 days has been intensifying willingly by the both parties, with losses on both sides and significant risks to our observers," Maj. Gen. Robert Mood told reporters in Damascus, the Syrian capital.

Mood also said there was a concern among the states providing observers that the risk is approaching an unacceptable level — suggesting the violence could prompt the nearly 300 observers to pull out of the country at some point. He did not provide further details.

Mood's comments were the clearest sign yet that Annan's peace plan is falling apart. The regime and the opposition have ignored a cease-fire that was supposed to go into effect April 12.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights called on the observers to "either work on stopping the killings or leave." The group said the observers' role has become to "witness the killing in Syria" rather than implement Annan's six-point plan.

It was the harshest criticism of the observers by an activist group since they started their work in April.

Some analysts say that even if the number of observers increased by tenfold, it still would be very difficult for them to report and investigate acts of violence throughout the country.

"Even 3,000 observers will not be enough," said Hisham Jaber, a former Lebanese army general who heads the Beirut-based Middle East Center for Studies and Public Relations.

Still, the presence of the observers is considered critical to understanding the conflict in a country where the government prevents reporters from operating independently.

Mood said all the observers are frustrated because the violence has not only persisted but actually increased over the past few days.

"We would like to see last week, yesterday, not tomorrow, next week a different situation where those who have their fingers on the triggers, whomever they are, make the decision to take their fingers off the triggers and give the Syrian people a chance to move forward," he said.

On Friday, the Syrian regime kept up a ferocious offensive on rebel areas around the country in one of the most serious escalations in violence since Annan brokered the nominal truce.

An activist in the northern city of Aleppo said troops backed by helicopters and tanks were engaged in "raging battles" several miles (kilometers) away in the rebel-held town of Anadan, and in other towns in the district.

Elsewhere, activists said Syrian troops heavily shelled the central city of Homs, which has come under attack for days.

The violence did not stop thousands of Syrians from taking part in demonstrations against President Bashar Assad on Friday, marching from mosques, gathering in town squares, chanting, singing and dancing against the regime.

"Even if I die, I will still be a rebel," sang the leader of a demonstration in the northern city of Idlib, according to amateur video. "Oh Bashar, you will flee."

Tabor

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public that means everybody can sing and everybody can play an instrument. It's true. Almost every person can do something; we're very musical people."

Laddie said one of the more unique events his family attends is the annual Polka Mass at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church.

"When you get that many people singing together for their religion, singing songs and celebrating through music, you get to the hearts of people," he said. "All these people will overwhelm the church and they enjoy being a part of it. When you get your faith and your heritage all

bound together, it really bonds the people and the community."

One of the best parts of the festival for Schiferl is seeing the costumes, she said.

"My mother actually had the idea to have a prince and princess of Czech Days," Schiferl said. "The award was given to the best-dressed girl and boy, but now the children have started becoming more elaborate and it's impossible to choose based off of that, so they have to draw. That was one reason the costumes have started becoming more beautiful year after year. It gets passed down from generation to generation."

Kreber used to help prepare for the celebration when she lived in Tabor, she said. Now, she likes to focus on taking her grandchildren to the events.

"I spend most of the time get-

Russell

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tion that he had accepted the job came in April. In order to ensure a smooth transition for the city, Russell agreed to stay in Yankton through mid-June.

"Doug has been a great leader during his time in Yankton," Mayor Nancy Wenande said. "He was able to get things accomplished within the community that we had been dealing with for years without making much headway. His biggest success was opening up the retail sector on the north end of town. Yankton will continue to reap the benefits for years to come."

"Doug's ability to work hand-in-hand with all of our partners at the state and federal level has helped keep Yankton in the forefront of their minds," she added. "The Meridian Bridge conversion is another project that will bring people and tax dollars into the community."

Encouraging commissioners to look at things in a new way and educating them about what is happening in other communities around the country was another positive attribute Russell brought to the city manager's office, according to Wenande.

The willingness of the commission and other community leaders to be progressive wasn't

lost on Russell.

"One of the most exciting characteristics of my time in Yankton was being part of the movement toward new methods and looking toward the future, versus trying to repeat the past," Russell said. "With as rapidly as society is changing, communities are going to be challenged to be innovative, which is not always the easiest thing to accept."

One area Russell said he wishes he had more time to work with is the development of a business improvement district. So far, hotel owners in Yankton have not been able to agree on an acceptable use of the revenues that could be generated by a \$2 fee on hotel room stays within the city.

"I think there is considerable opportunity for a dedicated revenue stream that can be earmarked for community amenities and promotion," Russell said.

Departing for Kalispell, Russell said he is looking forward to new situations and opportunities to deal with professionally.

"Local government is facing a wonderful opportunity to re-define itself and its impact upon the community as we provide municipal services," he stated. "Growth in technology is changing service delivery processes, which places local government in a position of innovation to maximize its efforts."

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ting my grandkids ready to put them in the kiddie parade and then we go to the big parade," Kreber said. "I sit on the street and I run out with the grandkids and help them catch candy. I also take them on rides and go to the fireworks. I love eating dumplings and sauerkraut — that's my favorite thing."

Kreber used to help with the preparation of the food for Czech Days, and said her mom used to lend a hand as well.

"My mom would make 90 dozen kolaches at a time to help out, and I used to help as well," she said. "Now that I don't live in Tabor anymore and don't belong to the church, I don't do as much."

John Ranek, of Sioux Falls, grew up in Tyndall, and actually played in the band for the second annual Czech Days parade.

Ranek has been back once in the past since his involvement in the second celebration, and said he has been enjoying the events this year.

"There were a lot of people then and I remember a lot of big carnivals," Ranek said. "I don't remember too much more about it except for the crowds and the people."

Ranek and his family were back in town for the events on Friday, and said he also planned on seeing some of the evening events.

David said the music, color, tradition and history of Czech Days are important to the celebrations, and ties everyone together.

"It ties us to our past, to our ancestors and it ties us all together here for this celebration," he said.

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west of the Discovery Bridge, according to the findings of his cell phone company.

Paulsen said Potts cashed a check at Shop-EZ in South Yankton, Neb., Saturday. He then visited at least three drinking establishments in Yankton and possibly more.

According to police reports, Potts was allegedly involved in the assault of a man at an establishment in the 100 block of East Third Street at 8:19 p.m. Saturday. The victim was transported to the emergency room.

The pickup truck that Potts was driving was found parked near the establishment where the alleged assault took place. It has since been towed for violating the downtown parking ordinance.

After being removed from the Upper Deck in the 300 block of Broadway Avenue, it is believed that Potts headed south.

"We had dogs out Wednesday," Paulsen said. "They were

alerted to the west side of the Discovery Bridge, and then they lose the trail. At this point, we believe we are dealing with a recovery. The phone hasn't been used since 1:45 a.m. Sunday, and there is no activity on his bank account. He is not somebody that has a ton of cash."

Potts was last seen wearing a light-colored T-shirt, blue jeans and a baseball-style hat. He is approximately 6 feet tall and weighs about 175 pounds.

Potts has been known to suffer from short-term memory loss and is not in possession of needed medication.

If Potts is not located in the next few days, Paulsen said Nebraska and South Dakota authorities would meet again Tuesday to discuss the investigation.

If you have information regarding the case, the Yankton Police Department can be contacted at (605) 668-5210, or via Crime Stoppers at (605) 665-4440.

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