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YSD Board To Hold Special Meeting Monday

From P&D Staff Reports

The Yankton School District (YSD) school board will hold a special meeting Monday at noon to enter into executive session to discuss personnel matters.

The meeting will be held at the administration building located at 2410 West City Limits Road.

City Commission Seeks Public Input Monday

A special meeting of the Yankton City Commission is set for 7 p.m. Monday, June 3, in the City of Yankton Community Meeting Room located at the Technical Education Center, 1200 W. 21st Street, Room 114.

The purpose is to gather citizen input for the proposed water improvement projects and rate increases.

The public is encouraged to attend.

LifeServe Recognizes High School Graduates

DES MOINES, Iowa — LifeServe Blood Center is recognizing the 2013 high school graduates who donated one gallon before graduating from high school.

Those recognized from Yankton High School include Casey L. Mier and Olivia Christopher.

In order to become a Gallon Grad, students had to make eight whole blood or four double red cell blood donations before graduation. Achieving this milestone required a large commitment from these students who took time from their busy schedules to give blood at their high school blood drives, at community blood drives, or at a LifeServe donor center. Each of these students made a significant contribution to their community by helping to save the lives of approximately 24 different hospital patients.

Juanita Helmer

Juanita Grace (Gutsch) Helmer was born May 16, 1929, on a farm southwest of Burdick, Kansas in Morris County. The second of five children, Juanita was born to Carl and Dorothea (Peddycord) Gutsch.

Soon after, the family moved to a farm east of Antelope, Kansas, and Juanita lived there until she married. She started school in Grapes School District #54, walking two miles from the farm to school. In 8th grade, Juanita attended Lincolnville School to join her siblings. She attended high school there until her senior year, and then graduated from Marion High School in 1947.

After graduation, Juanita attended Emporia State Teacher's College for two months and taught at Youngstown School District #61, with all eight grades and 18 students for two years. She also taught a year at Elk and one year at Antelope. In 1950, she met and married William (Will) Helmer. They settled in Marion, Kansas, where they raised four children.

Juanita worked at the ASCS office, helped run a family business for eleven years, serving ice cream treats, and then finished her work-

ing career with 24 years in the Marion County District Court, retiring in December 1993.

Juanita spent her spare time working together with her husband on numerous projects. They remodeled houses (their own and their kids) and she loved to spend time together with Will cooking and gardening. After her husband died in May of 2000, Juanita volunteered each week to visit shut-ins from Valley United Methodist Church in Marion, Kansas. She called this her mission for Christ. Soon loneliness led to a decline in Juanita's health and after a short stay at Marion Assisted Living Center, she went to live with her oldest daughter, Ginger, under her care, until she suffered a stroke in May 2009. This resulted in a move to Salem Nursing Home in Hillsboro, Kansas. Her final years were spent at the St. Luke Living Center in Marion, Kansas, where many knew and loved her. On May 30, 2013, she entered peacefully into eternal rest.

Survivors include: a son, Galen Helmer, Marion, KS, two daughters: Greta Smith of Marion, Gena (Merle) Brandt of Yankton, SD, a brother, John (Sue) Gutsch, Lincolnville, KS, seven grandchildren:

Nicolas, Natali, Trevor, Tyler, Garrett, Gavin, Garner, five great-grandchildren, and a multitude of extended family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Will, her daughter, Ginger, her parents, two brothers, Bob and Charles, and her sister, Linda.

The funeral was held Saturday afternoon at the Valley Methodist Church and the interment was in the Marion Cemetery.

A memorial has been established with the Church Education Dept. in care of Zeiner Funeral Home, 205 Elm, Marian, KS 66861.

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Gloria Schoenberger

RAPID CITY — Gloria R. Schoenberger, former resident of Yankton, passed into her final rest on Wednesday, May 29 at the Rapid City Regional Hospital Auxiliary Hospice House.

Survivors are her husband Rick of Rapid City, two daughters, Tamara and Kayla, sister Linda Doherty of Okotoks, Alberta, Canada, brother-in-law, Greg Doherty, her brother Glen Salls of Calgary, Alberta, Canada, three nephews, a niece and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins in Canada, also her

mother-in-law Mary Ann Schoenberger of Yankton, as well as a sister-in-law and brother-in-law, all of Yankton.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, June 2 at 2 p.m. at the Rapid City SDA Church (4703 South Canyon Road) with Pastor C. Melvin Walgren officiating.

In lieu of flowers a memorial has been established. All cards and condolences may be sent to 2700 Jackson Blvd., Rapid City, SD, 57702.

Her online guestbook is available to sign at www.osheim-schmidt.com.

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Robert Winstead

Robert S. Winstead, 57, Rapid City, died Thursday, May 30, 2013, at the Rapid City Regional Hospital Hospice House.

Committal services will be 9:30 a.m. Monday, June 3, 2013 at the Black Hills National Cemetery with Pastor John McKnight officiating. Military honors will be presented by the Sturgis Veterans Honor Guard.

Robert was born July 12, 1955 at Sioux Falls, to Howard E. and Helen A. (Reese) Winstead. Robert served his country honorably in

the US Army from 1973 until 1976. Following his discharge he was a self employed commercial wall covering installer for 30 years. He lived in Rapid City from 1985 until the time of his death.

Survivors include his wife Cathy Winstead, Rapid City; brothers, Doug (Jenny) Winstead, Yankton, Don Winstead, Rapid City; sister Ellen (Steve) Sylliaasen, Rapid City.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.kinkadefunerals.com.

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Kathleen 'Kay' Bruna

Kathleen "Kay" Bruna, 69, of Lesterville, passed away early Friday, May 31, 2013 at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton.

A Memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, June 5, 2013 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Lesterville. Burial of the cremated remains will be in the parish cemetery. Visitations will be one hour prior to the services at the church. The Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory is in charge of arrangements.

Delmont Receives Grant For New Fire Hall

From P&D Staff Reports

DELMONT — The Douglas County community of Delmont has been awarded a \$257,500 grant to construct a new fire hall, Gov. Dennis Daugaard announced Friday.

Daugaard awarded Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) to four communities in South Dakota for community and infrastructure improvements.

Bonesteel, Delmont, Dupree and Wolsey will receive a combined \$1.5 million to assist with improvements totaling more than \$4.7 million in total project costs.

Delmont's current fire hall is not large enough to accommodate the department's vehi-

cles and equipment, according to a news release. The new facility will be built on a donated lot on the town's main street.

The other three CDBG recipients are using their funds in the following manner:

- Bonesteel, awarded \$515,000, will make improvements to its water and wastewater systems.
- Dupree, awarded \$427,450, will make improvements to its wastewater system.
- Wolsey, awarded \$309,000, will construct a new fire hall.

"These kinds of projects go a long way when it comes to community development," Daugaard said. "Whenever we can allocate funds to make the quality of life better in South Dakota

communities, I'm pleased to do so."

CDBG is a reimbursement program, and communities will receive funds as work is completed.

The CDBG program provides communities and counties with financial resources to address a wide range of unique development needs. Past grants have been used for improvements and construction of community buildings, water systems, and sewer systems.

The federal Department of Housing and Urban Development funds the CDBG Program, and the Governor's Office of Economic Development administers it.

OBITUARIES

S. DeChantal Garcia, OSB

S. DeChantal Garcia, OSB, 104, died on Friday, May 31, 2013 at Sacred Heart Monastery in Yankton.

A wake service will be held on Monday evening, June 3, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. and the Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 4 in Bishop Marty Memorial Chapel. Burial will be in the Monastery cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Yankton.

Gabriela Garcia was born on August 7, 1908 in Gardner, Colo. to Catedra and Manuelita (Martinez) Garcia. She was the ninth child in a family of thirteen children, four of whom became vowed religious. Her parents valued education so much that her mother moved to Walsenberg, CO, with the children



Garcia

so they could attend Catholic school, while her father remained on the farm. There she was taught by the Benedictine Sisters of Mt. St. Scholastica in Atchison, KS. She later attended school in Gardner Benedictines. Led by their example she came to Yankton to become a sister in 1924 at the age of 16. There was concern that she should not be admitted to the community because of poor health. She obviously has proved that thought wrong by living to be 104. She first attended Mount Marty High School, and became a novice following her high school graduation in 1928. First Monastic Profession was in 1929 and Final Profession

in 1935. She attended college in elementary education at Northern State Teachers College (Abbeville) and Mount Marty College.

S. DeChantal taught in elementary schools for over forty years in South Dakota, North Dakota, Nebraska, Colorado, Bogota, Colombia, and San Pedro Carcha, Guatemala. One of her favorite projects, using her artistic ability, was designing the backdrops for school plays. As Spanish was her mother tongue, she was active in Sacred Heart Monastery's mission work in Colombia and Guatemala in the 1960's.

After retiring from teaching, she did pastoral ministry in Pueblo and Canon City, CO for 17 years, and also cared for her mother, who lived to be 99. Back in Yankton since 1990, she enjoyed playing cards and doing crafts. She was known as the "Butterfly Sister" because of the hun-

dreds of butterflies she made from liter pop bottles. Friends and family came from five states to celebrate her 100th birthday.

She is survived by her Benedictine community, including her niece, Sister Jane Frances Garcia, and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and twelve siblings.

To send an online sympathy message, please visit www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

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Online condolences at:
www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com

Jerry Kurtzhals

Jerry Kurtzhals, 41, of Gayville, died from a stroke on Thursday, May 30, 2013 at Sanford Medical Center in Sioux Falls.

Memorial services are 2 p.m., on Monday, June 3, 2013 at St. Benedict's Catholic Church in Yankton, with Reverend Ken Lulf officiating. Inturnment will be at the Garden of Memories Cemetery in Yankton at a later date.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to the memorial service at the church.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Yankton.

Jerry, son of Robert and Carol



Kurtzhals

in Yankton most of his life. Jerry loved fixing and tinkering with his truck. He was a kind and helpful man who gave back as much as he took. Later in life, Jerry became interested in cooking. He always treasured the time spent with his

(Welton) Kurtzhals, was born August 25, 1971 in Seattle, Wash. He was baptized into the Catholic faith in Seattle. Jerry grew up in Yankton and graduated from Yankton High School in 1990. He worked and lived in Yankton most of his life. Jerry loved fixing and tinkering with his truck. He was a kind and helpful man who gave back as much as he took. Later in life, Jerry became interested in cooking. He always treasured the time spent with his

family and friends. As a final act of kindness, with the support of his family, Jerry gave the gift of eye and tissue donation. This precious gift will result in many life changing events for other people and their families.

Jerry is survived by his mother, Carol Kurtzhals of Gayville; six brothers and sisters: Catherine Hanson of Federal Way, WA, Molly Herpy of Norfolk, NE, Teresa Miller of Olalla, WA, Lola Kling of Kent, WA, Clair Thoenes of Omaha, NE and Robert Kurtzhals of Federal Way, WA; and many nieces and nephews.

Jerry was preceded in death by his father, Robert "Bob" Kurtzhals.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Sanford Foundation for Critical Care, Sanford USD Medical Center, PO Box 5039, Sioux Falls, SD 57117-5039.

To send an online sympathy message, please visit www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

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Thank You

Humble and sincere thanks for the cards, comforting words, prayers, masses and memorials sent to our family at the time of our mother Anna Dietsch's death. Special thanks to Rev. David Fulton and Deacon Sylvan Thoenes for officiating at the funeral mass, Marsha Wuebben and Saints Peter and Paul choir for the music. Jana Eickhoff and the Altar Sodality ladies who donated food and served lunch, and Wintz Mortuary staff who conducted and organized the service and burial. We are so grateful to the staff of Riverfront, Sister James Care Center for the excellent care and love given to Anna over the past years.

Your intentions will be included in the memorial masses offered for Anna. God's blessings to you all as she rests in peace.

Donna Dietsch Sudbeck & family
 Fred & Kathy Dietsch & family
 Francis "Bud" & Doris Dietsch Heine & family
 Shirley Dietsch Schwartz & family



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Thank you

The family of **James Watembach** would like to thank everyone for the cards, memorials, calls, food, words of comfort and expressions of sympathy during the time of our loss. Thanks to Avera Yankton Care Center CNA's, Nurses, and Staff for their loving care. Words cannot express our appreciation for all the support we received during the loss of Jim. Special thanks to Father Ken Lulf, the choir and lunch committee at St. Benedict's Church. We appreciate the comfort and respect of Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home. May God Bless.

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