

## Johnson Staffer To Hold Yankton Outreach Day

SIoux FALLS — Sen. Tim Johnson (D-S.D.) has announced that Shad Christman of his Sioux Falls office will hold a Constituent Case Day in Yankton on Wednesday, June 5. He will hold office hours from 11 a.m.-noon at Muggsy's Sub Galley.

"Many South Dakotans are unable to travel to my offices in Rapid City, Aberdeen or Sioux Falls. Outreach Days help me remain in touch with the concerns of South Dakotans," Johnson said. "South Dakotans are my number one priority, and I want to make sure that everyone regardless of where they live has the opportunity to meet personally with my staff."

Johnson has always encouraged South Dakotans to call, write or visit his Service Offices in Rapid City, Aberdeen, Sioux Falls or Washington, D.C. to share their concerns. South Dakotans may also call Johnson's office toll-free by dialing 1-800-537-0025 or e-mail at <http://www.johnson.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?p=ContactForm/>.

## Water

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"Plus, we're giving some of that additional revenue to another water utility. What we're trying to wrestle with is, are we just paying their debt service and increasing our own debt service?"

John Lichter asked why the proposed collector well isn't being built closer to the treatment plant in order to save money.

"When you look at locations closer to the plant, you hit gray shale and 40 or 50 feet, so you can't get the quantity of water you are looking for," Goodmanson responded. "When you go down to Paddle Wheel Point, you go down more than 100 feet before you hit shale."

The commission was asked by Mike Dellinger, president of Yankton Area Progressive Growth, about how the proposed increases in water costs would affect Yankton's standing among other South Dakota communities.

"As we know, it's important for us from a growth perspective for the future for industry and population," he said.

Viereck said Yankton's water rates are currently in the middle of the state's 10 first-class cities.

"There are currently three different cities that are looking at large projects, also," he added. "If we adopt any of these (proposed options to pay for the water system upgrade), we're going to be pushed toward the higher end of Class One cities, but we probably still won't be as high as two of the three cities that are experiencing the same thing we are once they adopt and go forward."

If the city can't ensure a steady water supply to potential businesses, Nelson said Yankton will fall behind in the future.

"We've got to be able to tell these people who come in that, 'Yes, we can provide the water you need now and in the future,'" she stated.

Dellinger said his membership has not expressed much of an opinion on the possibility of increased water costs yet, but he expects the issue will come up at the

organization's June 10 meeting.

After the meeting, Wenande said she was disappointed more people didn't show up for the meeting, but was pleased with how it went.

"I thought the questions were great this evening," she said. "They covered a lot of areas that Kyle and Al hadn't covered in their presentations."

Goodmanson detailed the plans for building a new collector well at Paddle Wheel Point and constructing a new water plant during his presentation, while Viereck focused on the options for funding the projects.

The commission is currently favoring a mixture of a surcharge and usage rate increases to fund the improvements, rather than a property tax opt-out or just a surcharge.

"None of these proposals are easy," Viereck said. "All of them are expensive. But if we're going to move forward with this project, we have to raise \$1.5 million annually."

In closing, Viereck presented a gallon of bottled water he bought at a local store for \$1.29. He pointed out that there was also a special where customers could get four gallons from a bulk tank for \$1. In other words, the cost of water in the latter scenario would be 25 cents a gallon.

"Currently, the average (City of Yankton water) customer that uses 5,000 gallons per month pays slightly less than half a penny a gallon for our water," Viereck said.

If the city approved a funding option that mixes a surcharge and increased water usage rates, the average residential user would pay \$37.02 monthly.

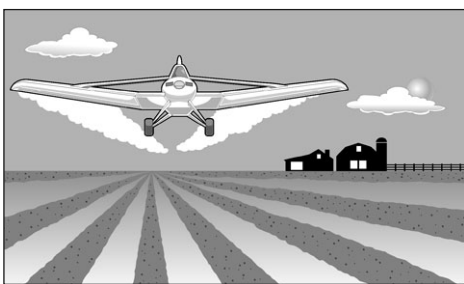
"Nobody can minimize the effect of that increase, but put it in perspective for what you are paying when you go to the store and buy a gallon of water," Viereck stated. "We take it for granted so much when we turn that little silver handle and clean water comes out. We think we run a fairly efficient water system, and when you put it in perspective of what it costs to buy it retail, we do a really good job."

You can follow Nathan Johnson on Twitter at [twitter.com/AnInlandVoyage](https://twitter.com/AnInlandVoyage)

# June Is General Aviation Appreciation Month

Governor Dennis Daugaard signed an executive proclamation on May 20 setting June as General Aviation Appreciation Month in South Dakota.

General Aviation and community airports play a critical role in the lives of our citizens, as well as in the operation of our businesses and farms. South Dakota Department of Transportation has 72 public-use airports across the state, serving 2,247 pilots and over 1,000 general aviation aircraft. The aviation industry as a whole supports over 7,000 jobs and \$250 million in wages. Agriculture is the largest industry in the state, and agricultural spraying supports more than 300 jobs, and over \$10 million in income. South Dakota is home to 16 charter flight companies, 15 repair stations, and two flight schools operating nine aircraft and providing 27 jobs. In addition, there are 37 fixed-based operators in the state, and two major aviation education programs in South Dakota, one at the South Dakota State University in Brookings



and the other at Lake Area Technical Institute in Watertown. General Aviation accounts for \$303 million in total impact in the state, or \$401 per capita.

The state of South Dakota has a significant interest in the continued vitality of general aviation, aerospace, aircraft manufacturing, educational institutions and aviation organizations and community airports and airport operators. General aviation contributes to the state's economy and medical care, transports goods to the state's Indian

reservations, supports forest fire fighting, and boosts economic development for small communities. General Aviation is integral to the state's response to emergencies and natural disasters, as well as a key component of business at South Dakota's commercial airports.

Organizations like the South Dakota Pilots Association, South Dakota Airport Managers Association, South Dakota Aviation Association, four chapters of the Experimental Aircraft Association, SD Wing of Civil Air Patrol, the Alliance for Aviation Across America, National Business Aviation Association, National Association of State Aviation Officials, and National Air Transportation Association recognize and promote the interests and importance of aviation in South Dakota and throughout the world.

Governor Daugaard's executive proclamation recognizes that communities within South Dakota depend heavily on general aviation and community airports for the continued flow of commerce, tourism, and visitors to our state.

## Boys State Announces Election Results And Award Winners

WATERTOWN — The 350 high school boys between their junior and senior years, who were delegates to the 71st Annual Session of The American Legion Boys State of South Dakota held their general election for state officers on Thursday, May 30.

The candidates for Governor and Lt. Governor of both parties, Nationalist and Federalist, were subjected to questions during mid-morning assembly in the Johnson Fine Arts Center on the campus of Northern State University. All delegates returned to their respective cities prior to lunch to cast their ballots.

After lunch, election results were announced by Boys State Executive Officer Todd Otterberg of Spearfish.

Tyson Mitzel of Westport, who will be a senior this year at Aberdeen Roncalli High School in Aberdeen, was elected as Governor.

Elected as Lt. Governor was Matthew VanBeek of Aberdeen who will be a senior this year at Aberdeen Central High School.

Lucas Bartl of Mitchell and Joseph Morgan of Mitchell were selected as the two delegates to represent South Dakota at The American Legion Boys Nation in Washington, D.C. in July. Ryan Hinrichs of Blunt and Daniel Duffy of Rapid City were selected as Alternates for Bartl and Morgan, respectively.

Nicholas Bien of Brookings was selected as the 2013 recipient of the Samsung, American Legion Scholarship of \$1,000. Bien is now a national finalist and is eligible and entered into competition for an additional scholarship from The American Legion.

Other election results were John Vargo of Rapid City for Attorney General; Rocky Fields of Custer for Secretary of State; Connor Bushman of Rapid City as State Auditor; Carl Gaspar of Sioux Falls as State Treasurer; Jacob Oberpriller of Hot Springs as Commissioner of School and Public Lands. Elected as members of the Public Utilities Commission were Levi Butts of Watertown, Trent Hofer of Hitchcock and Cade Larson of Ft. Pierre.

In non-political elections, the delegates also elected six justices to serve on the Supreme Court. Elected as Supreme Court Justices were Ryan Hinrichs of Blunt, David Mikhayelyan of Sioux Falls, Tyler Wilson of Sioux Falls, Devon Camp of Sioux Falls, Bin Huang of Aberdeen and Logan Ammons of Kadoka. John Morgan of Chancellor was subsequently selected as the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

Bogan Anton of Sioux Falls was selected as President Pro Tem. Hayden Houdek of Highmore was selected as the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Kofi Gunu of Valley Springs was selected as the Nationalist Party Chairman and Logan Ammons of Kadoka was the Nationalist Party Keynote Speaker. The Federalist Party

chose Christian Bedard of Sturgis as their Party Chairman and Mason Wenzel of Mitchell as their Keynote Speaker.

Kofi Gunu of Valley Springs captured the honors of Outstanding Speaker. Bogdan Anton of Sioux Falls was selected as the Outstanding Boys State Citizen.

The Chandler L. Beach Memorial Scholarship, which recognizes the Boys State Delegate who best exemplifies the purpose of American Legion Boys State of South Dakota, was awarded to Deric Denning of Mt. Vernon.

Jamez McNutt of Doland was selected as the Editor of the Boys State Daily Newspaper, the *Sunshine Scribe*. The Walter S. Travis Memorial Scholarship winners are Cole Hlinz of Westport and Conner Kneip of Jefferson.

American Legion Boys State of South Dakota was held on the campus of Northern State University in Aberdeen, May 27-31, 2013, under the direction of Boys State Director Eugene Opbroek of Pickstown. Over 60 volunteer staff members from local, county and state government along with members of the SD Army National Guard, colleges and universities, and associations in South Dakota assisted The American Legion in presenting the program.

### MARRIAGES

#### MARRIAGE INDEX FOR MAY 1-31, 2013

Anthony Hochhalter, 48, and Renee Hochhalter, 45, both from Lesterville, were married on May 3, 2013.

Aaron Tucker, 28, and Jana Nohr, 22, both from Yankton, were married on May 3, 2013.

Michael Freeman, 41, and Jamie Larson, 42, both from Yankton, were married on May 4, 2013.

Michael Plautz, 26, and Cassandra Dohn, 26, both from Yankton, were married on May 4, 2013.

Jay Schroeder, 39, and Tara Hagen, 31, both from Yankton, were married on May 4, 2013.

Charles McGhee, 48, and Lori Jackson, 50, both from Norfolk, Neb., were married on May 10, 2013.

Jerrold Daisy, 22, and Elly Smith, 22, both from Minot, N.D., were married on May 11, 2013.

Bryan Woods, 26, and Jennifer Pietrok, 23, both from La Barge, Wyo., were married on May 18, 2013.

Sean Zimmerman, 24, and Hannah Stenstrom, 24, both from Yankton, were married on May 18, 2013.

Michael Benedict, 42, and Julia Rivers, 47, both from Yankton, were married on May 21, 2013.

Trent Van Essen, 27, and Nicole Hovland, 23, both from Yankton, were married on May 25, 2013.

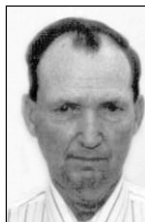
William Wysuph, 52, and Tina Sanders, 45, both from Yankton, were married on May 25, 2013.

Robert Hecht, 26, and Eva Draper, 23, both from Vermillion, were married on May 26, 2013.

### OBITUARIES

#### Larry Oien

Larry D. Oien passed away at the Wakonda Heritage Manor on June 1, 2013 in Wakonda, SD at age 70.



Oien

Larry was born to John and Clara (Johnson) Oien in Yankton, SD on January 26, 1943. Larry lived the majority of his life with his parents in Mission Hill, SD.

He was baptized and confirmed at Vangen Lutheran Church in Mission Hill. He attended grade school in Mission Hill. He then moved to Yankton with his parents and attended middle school.

Larry was a member of the Army National Guard and was honorably discharged on July 7, 1964. In 1966, he went to work for the Yankton County Highway Department. He later worked for the City of Yankton. He also farmed for some time with Jerome and Allen Sylliaasen. Larry enjoyed mowing lawns for people along with mowing the cemetery in Mission Hill. Larry retired as custodian from the University of South Dakota in Vermillion and

received high honors as a valuable employee. In the winter months, Larry looked forward to visiting his sisters, Phyllis Nelson and Jeanette (Marlin) Hirzel of Mesa, AZ.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents, brothers: Clayton and Henry Oien, brother-in-law Arvin Nelson, sister-in-law Sherry Oien and nephew Raymond Oien.

He is survived by brothers; Robert (Norma) Oien of Volin, Orvin (Marie) Oien of Volin, Kenneth (Louise) Oien of Yankton, Gene (Mary) Oien of Machesney Park, Ill., sisters; Jeanette (Marlin) Hirzel, Mesa, AZ and Phyllis Nelson, Mesa, AZ, sister-in-laws; Bonnie Oien of Yankton, Norma Oien of Topock, AZ together with many nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be 2:30 p.m., Thursday, June 6, 2013 at Vangen Lutheran Cemetery at Mission Hill with Rev. Lance Lindgren officiating. Lunch will follow at the Vangen Lutheran Church at 300 West 3rd Street in Mission Hill.

For obituary and online condolences visit [hansenfuneral-home.com](http://hansenfuneral-home.com)

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#### Chester 'Chet' Sorensen

Chester "Chet" Sorensen, 87, of Freeman passed away Sunday at the Tieszen Memorial Home in Marion. Funeral Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, June 6 at Bethany Mennonite Church of Freeman with burial at the Turkey Valley Cemetery of rural Irene. Visitation will begin at 5 p.m. on Wednesday at the Walter Funeral Home in Freeman with the family present from 7-8 p.m.

Chet is survived by his sons; Tim of MN, Keith (Deloris) of WI, Sam (Linda) of Freeman, and David (Peggy) of Yankton, daughter; Mary Ann (Stuart) Preheim of Marion, 17 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild, brothers; James (Carolyn) Sorensen of TX, Kenneth (Bev) Sorensen of Irene, sisters; Alice Peterson of Pierre, Phyllis (Louie) Smith of Yankton, Carol Jensen of WI, brothers-in-law; Gaylord (Beezie) Mayor of KS and Richard (Jeanette) Mayer of NE.

He was preceded in death by his wife Marjorie, infant daughter Julie Ann, grandson Jamie, and brother Howard.

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