

REGION DIGEST

School Board To Discuss Preliminary Budget

From P&D Staff Reports

A preliminary report on the 2010-11 general fund budget will be heard during the regular meeting of the Yankton School Board, set for 5:30 p.m. Monday at the Technical Education Center.

The board will also consider the recommended terms for teaching contracts for the 2010-11 school year and hear a strategic planning report on high school reform.

Monday's meeting is open to the public.

YHS Music Presenting 'Jazz Among Friends'

The Yankton High School Music Department will present "Jazz among Friends" at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 16, at the Yankton High School Theatre.

This concert will feature the choirs of Yankton High School under the direction of Angela Larson. The Second Edition Jazz Band under the direction of Ted Powell will perform, as well as the Pioneer Jazz band under the direction of Todd Carr.

Admission will be charged.

Facebook Class To Be Offered At RTEC

Whether you are a Facebook fanatic or you would like to learn how to get started, you'll want to sign up for RTEC's newest class, "Facebook 101." It will be held from 6:30-8 p.m. on Mondays, March 22 and March 29. Class will be held at RTEC, 1200 W. 21st St. in Yankton.

During this two-part class, students will learn:

- How to set up a Facebook account;
- What a status is and how to do links, videos and pictures;
- The difference between a page and a profile;
- How to accept and deny friends;
- Who can — and does — read what you've posted;
- And other details relating to safety and etiquette.

Contact RTEC at (605) 668-5700 for more information or to sign up.

Czech Days Queen Candidates Announced

TABOR — The Tabor Chamber of Commerce has announced candidates for 2010 Czech Days Queen.

The candidates are: Shannon Souhrada, daughter of Scott and Priscilla Souhrada of Tabor; Gabrielle Kachena, daughter of Ron and Deb Kachena of Yankton; and Ginger Martin, daughter of Alex Martin and the late Mary Martin of Mitchell.

The girls will be competing in talent, costume and interview categories on Friday, June 18, during the Czech Days celebration.

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National Search Started For Area Woman

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VERMILLION — The Clay County sheriff's office continues monitoring the Missouri River and has also launched a nationwide search for a missing Vermillion woman.

Barbara Zenk, 52, was reported missing after her car was recently found unattended along Highway 19. The vehicle was found on the northbound lane's shoulders, north of the Vermillion-Newcastle bridge on the South Dakota side.

Authorities continue a regular sweep of the site but have found no further clues, said Clay County Sheriff Andy Howe.

"We are very thoroughly searching the area where the car was found. We have also put it out on a nationwide teletype," Howe said Friday afternoon.

Zenk has been entered into the NCIC computer system nationwide, and an Endangered Person Advisory was issued for her by the State of South Dakota. A copy of a missing person poster is available at the State of South Dakota home page at www.sd.gov and at the Clay County Sheriff's home page at www.claysheriff.org.

The nationwide search may help in locating Zenk or finding someone with knowledge about her disappearance, Howe said.



Zenk

"People saw her car along the road, parked there," he said. "We would be interested in what time they saw the car or any other information."

On Wednesday, the Clay County Sheriff's Office continued searching the area where Zenk's vehicle was found. Efforts were assisted by the Codington County Search and Rescue Team, which has capabilities for cold water diving and bloodhounds.

Three dogs were used to search the area along the highway and Missouri River in the area where the car was found, as well as out on the ice covering the Missouri River, Howe said. Conditions were too treacherous to permit a diver to go under water in the strong current and freezing temperatures.

Additional efforts at the scene produced no result or indication Zenk is in that area, Howe said. Another extensive ground search is not planned, he said.

"What we are dealing with is either a drowning or somebody who has completely left the area," he said. "If that's the case, we want to keep people talking (with new information)."

The clues found at the scene have created questions for authorities, Howe said.

"The car had the keys in it. The car was functional, and the cell phone and wallet were left on the seat," he said. "That's what's puzzling. Why would somebody leave their cell phone, wallet and credit cards, and the vehicle unlocked?"

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ANDY HOWE

Zenk's body could be found in the river, Howe said. However, an underwater search will not be undertaken until the ice breaks, he added.

The inclement weather and upstream flooding has created additional challenges in monitoring the river, Howe said.

"The snowmelt is raising the river levels, which is a big concern for us. That's why we're monitoring the ice melt so closely," he said. "We are above the mouth of the Vermillion (River), but we get the flow from the James (River) upstream."

The sheriff said he remains worried not only about the missing woman but the safety of those

searching for her.

"One concern is if people go down and self-deploy," he said. "The area where they search could be unstable. We discourage people from walking around on the ice."

If Zenk is not in the river, the investigation takes on a whole new dimension, Howe said.

"At this point, she could be anywhere in the world," he said. "We are working on the fact that she may not be in South Dakota."

Anyone with information regarding Zenk's vehicle or her whereabouts is encouraged to contact the Clay County Sheriff at (605) 677-7100.

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OBITUARIES

William Pishek

MANKATO, Minn. — William H. Pishek, age 94, of Mankato, died on Tuesday, March 9, 2010 at Hillcrest Health Care Center.

William (Bill) was born on December 10, 1915 to William and Mary (Nedved) Pishek in Tabor, S.D. He moved to Mankato in the 1940's and was employed at Minneopa Concrete until his retirement. He was a resident at Cedar Haven in Mankato until December 2009.

William is survived by his sister, Helen Ripple of Yankton, S.D.; two nieces, Gladys Macoy of Clermont, FL and Ruth (Paule) Ehmcke of Woodbury, MN; one nephew, Richard (Eve) Hubacek of Sandy, OR; six great-nieces and nephews, and extended family.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Clara (Harry) Johnson of Mankato and four brothers, Louis of Mankato, and Edward, Ernest, and Henry Pishek.

A memorial service will be held on Monday, March 15, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. at Landkammer-Johnson-Boman Funeral Home in Mankato with visitation prior to the service from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

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Edward Zephier Jr.

MARTY — Edward Zephier Jr., 76, of Marty died Thursday (March 11, 2010) at his home in Marty.

Funeral services are at 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. Paul's Catholic Church, Marty. Burial is in the church cemetery.

Wake services are at the Community Center, Marty.

Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home, Wagner, is in charge of arrangements.

John Olson

John Olson, 75, of Yankton died Friday (March 12, 2010) at his residence.

Arrangements are pending with Wintz & Ray Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Yankton.

Dorothy Olson

Dorothy E. Olson, 85, of Yankton died Friday (March 12, 2010) at the Wakonda Heritage Manor, Wakonda.

Funeral services are at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Wintz & Ray Funeral Home, Yankton, with the Rev. David Gunderson officiating. Burial will be in the Martinus

Cemetery, rural Uta.

Visitation with the family present is 4-7 p.m. Sunday, at Wintz & Ray Funeral Home, Yankton.

To post an online sympathy message, visit wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

Duane Mackey

VERMILLION — Duane H. Mackey, "Waktaya Naji," 71, of Vermillion died Thursday (March 11, 2010) in Lincoln, Neb., from pulmonary fibrosis.

Funeral services are at 10 a.m.

Saturday, March 20, at the Oyate Oyanke Community Center, Santee. Burial will be in the L'Eau Qui Court Cemetery, Niobrara, Neb., with graveside military rites.

Visitations are 2-5 p.m. Wednesday at Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton, with a 7 p.m. prayer service. Visitations/wake will continue Thursday and Friday at the Oyate Oyanke Community Center, Santee, Neb., with a prayer service each evening at 7 p.m.

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Thank You

The family of Bev DeLozier would like to extend a sincere thank you to family and friends for their generosity and kindness during our time of sorrow. The visits, prayers, cards, letters, phone calls, Caring Bridge messages, flowers, gifts and compassion are so greatly appreciated. To those who traveled during bad weather to be with us and to those who served as honorary urn bearers, as special thank you.

Special thanks to Dr. Farver and Dr. Villanueva, the Yankton Medical Clinic Staff, Avera Yankton Care Center staff, Avera Sacred Heart Hospice staff, Pastor Dave Wildermuth, and so many others. Thank you for your compassion and tender care of our Mom and wife and our whole family during her illness.

Thank you to the VFW Ladies Auxiliary for serving lunch and to those friends and family members who so graciously prepared salads.

Thank you also to Tammi Keller and Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home, your services were top notch during this difficult time.

"Remembering you is easy, we do it every day. It's the heartache of losing you that will never go away."

Jerry DeLozier -- Denise and Troy Telthoester and family
DaNell and Joe Tucker and family -- Darrick and Theresa DeLozier and family

Heartland Psychological Services Welcomes

Doreen Ronning, MA

Heartland Psychological Services (HPS) is pleased to announce the addition of Doreen Ronning, LPC to their clinical staff. Doreen received her MA in Educational Psychology and Counseling from the University of SD in Vermillion, SD in 1992. She worked as a clinical therapist at Woodfield Center prior to coming to Heartland. Doreen enjoys creativity, humor, and talking with people of all ages. Appointments to see Doreen can be scheduled by calling HPS at (605) 665-0841.

Doreen will be joining the following staff at our office in Yankton:

Joe Blackinton, PhD
Mary Sternhagen, LPC-MH
Tonja Koenigs, LCSW-PIP
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