

Tabor Drinking Water Project Receives \$1.53M

PIERRE — Gov. Dennis Daugaard announced today that the state Board of Water and Natural Resources has approved a \$1.53 million low-interest loan from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund to Tabor for drinking water distribution system improvements.

The loan includes \$700,000 in principal forgiveness, which leaves \$830,000 for loan repayment.

"These funds will help Tabor make needed upgrades to its drinking water system to improve service to the city's residents," the Governor said.

The project involves replacing 6,200 feet of cast-iron water line with PVC pipe, rehabilitating a pump station, and conducting a leak-detection survey.

The funding package will cover the estimated cost of the project. Loan terms are 3 percent for 30 years.

The Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program provides low-interest loans for public drinking water system projects. Principal forgiveness is a subsidy option that results in a reduced loan repayment amount for the borrower.

The board met Wednesday and Thursday in Pierre.

Yankton Co. Republicans To Meet Monday

Yankton County Republicans will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 1, at the GOP Headquarters at 314 Walnut.

County Chairman Roger Meyer said, "All Republicans are encouraged to attend the meeting to discuss the upcoming Lincoln Day Dinner plans. Former Gov. Mike Rounds will be the featured speaker at the dinner on April 13."

Spaghetti Feed Set For Tues. At Trinity Lutheran

The annual Troop 102 "All You Can Eat" Spaghetti Feed will be held Tuesday, April 2, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 403 Broadway in Yankton. Dinner is served from 5:30-7 p.m.

Tickets are available from any Troop 102 Scout or at the door. Proceeds help Scouts earn their way to Summer Camp.

For more information, call 605-665-4392.

Game Night In Vermillion Slated For April 4

VERMILLION — Bunco and Pitch will be played at the Main Street Center, 320 W Main, Vermillion, on Thursday, April 4, for Game Night.

For more information, contact the center at 605-624-8072 or sr-center@vyn.midco.net.

Extension Encourages Use Of High Tunnels

BROOKINGS — Due to South Dakota's short growing season, vegetable growers and gardeners have to wait until mid- to late-May to plant warm season vegetable crops to avoid frost injury.

High tunnels may be a way to get an early start says, Geoffrey Njue, SDSU Extension Specialty Crops Field Specialist.

"Although the danger for frost damage is very great in April and May, the day length is increasing and the sun angle is also getting higher. The increasing day length and sunlight provides optimum conditions for plant growth and development," Njue said. "High tunnels provide growers and gardeners a way to capture the light and heat from the long days for crop growth. They enable growers to start tender and warm season crops in an environment that is easier to protect from frost."

WHAT IS A HIGH TUNNEL?

By definition, high tunnels are unheated or minimally heated plastic covered structures which are relatively inexpensive, in which crops are grown in the soil. High tunnels are ventilated by rolling the sides up or down as needed using a roll bar that is operated manually or by an electric motor, as well as end-wall vents. They are covered with a single or double layer of 6-mil greenhouse grade plastic that is left on the structure year-round and lasts 3-4 years.

"The benefits of using double plastic verses single plastic include; increase in average daily temperature, which is important if you grow vegetables in early spring and late fall and also more wind resistance," Njue said.

Frost protection in the spring and in the fall can be provided by use of propane heaters or oil burners. Because high tunnels trap solar energy in the structure that warms the air and soil in the spring and in the fall, they provide many benefits to growers, including:

- High tunnels extend the production season: In years when the season is late high tunnel production is always early, dependable and the yields are greater and of better quality. High tunnels allow the growers to grow an early crop in the spring and also a later crop in the fall; thereby extending their production season.

- High tunnels increase crop yield: High tunnels provide optimal growing environment and the crops grow more vigorous than in the field. The potential yield in high tunnels is therefore much higher than in field production - two to four times greater depending on the crop. In high tunnel

production the grower can control water, fertility and temperature. With optimal growing environment in the high tunnels, the crops can produce to their full genetic potential.

- High tunnels reduce the use of pesticides in crop production: Because of the protected environment provided by the high tunnel, there is reduced occurrence of insect and mite pests. The protected and controlled environment in the high tunnels makes it less ideal for disease organisms. This reduces the occurrence of plants diseases. The reduced occurrence of insect and disease damage means there is less use of pesticides in high tunnels compared to field production. High tunnels increase profitability for growers: Due to earlier planting, extended production period and better growing environment, the growers who sell their produce are able to provide good quality produce to the market for a longer period of time. By providing good quality produce early and later in the season the grower is able to get premium prices at the market.

TYPES OF HIGH TUNNELS

The most commonly used high tunnels are the quonset and the gothic shaped structures. They are constructed of metal bows which are attached to metal posts driven into the ground. There are various designs of each with different advantages and disadvantages.

- Quonset style: The Quonset style high tunnel has been popular for a long time due to its simplicity. However the circular shape of the structure limits the height at the sides which limits the production of tall or trellised crops. The Quonset style is also not very strong and may not be able to support a lot of snow load which may require the plastic to be removed before winter.

- Gothic style high tunnel: The gothic style high tunnel has a peaked design which allows for greater height along the sides. This results in increased usable space than the quonset style and is more useful for growing crops including tall or trellised crops. The gothic style is also structurally stronger and sheds snow-fall better than the quonset style. The peaked roof also allows for better escape of hot air from end wall vents, an important feature since high tunnels can very quickly become overheated, even when outside air temperatures are relatively cool.

To learn more and view photos of the different types of high tunnels, visit iGrow.org/gardens.

United Way Welcomes New Faces

The United Way & Volunteer Services of Greater Yankton (UWVS) held its annual meeting on Feb. 19 in the Mount Marty College Boardroom. President Brad Dykes presided over the meeting, which all United Way partner agencies, as well as the general public, were invited to attend.

The Board of Directors welcomed new board members Marc Bies, Yankton Public Schools; Ric Compton, SD Human Services Center; Aaron Hansen, Home Federal Bank; Bernie LeCates, Vishay Dale Electronics; Lori Lincoln, Mount Marty College; and Betty Viau, Lewis & Clark Behavioral Health. Additionally, Executive Committee members were approved.

The 2013 Executive Committee includes Officers: President, Sr. Denette Leifeld, Sacred Heart Monastery; Present Elect, Larry Young, Wells Fargo Bank; Past President- Brad Dykes, Community Representative; Campaign Chair, Jeff May, Kolberg-Pioneer; Allocations Chair, Lindsay Hovden, Johnson, Miner, Marlow, Woodward & Huff; and Finance Chair, Barb Olson, First Dakota National Bank.

Partner agency presentations were made by Boy Scouts, Consumer Credit Counseling, Contact Center, Girl Scouts, Homeless Shelter, Parents as Teachers, Red Cross, Senior Companions and Special Olympics. The spokespeople detailed their agency's statistics for 2012, as well as sharing many heartwarming success stories.

President Dykes thanked all of the agency representatives for their work in meeting the needs of the community, expressed apprecia-



SUBMITTED PHOTO
The United Way & Volunteer Services 2013 Executive Committee are, from left: Barb Olson, Jeff May, Larry Young, Sr. Denette Leifeld, Brad Dykes and Lindsay Hovden.

tion of the board committees and volunteers working on the campaign and of the UWVS staff. Retiring board members Denny Fleer, Baldwin Filters; Dr. Will Eidsness, Yankton Medical Clinic; and Pam VanMeeteren, S.D.

Human Services Center were recognized for their years of dedicated service. Newly elected President, Sr. Denette Leifeld, concluded the meeting by thanking Dykes for his successful year leading the organization.

OBITUARIES

William (Bill) Barta

William (Bill) Rodger Barta, 77, of Gayville, passed away Wednesday, March 27, 2013 at Avera Sister James Nursing Home in Yankton, following a brief stay. Memorial Service will be 10 a.m. Saturday, March 30, 2013 at Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Chapel in Yankton, with Rev. Dave Fulton officiating.

Visitations will begin one hour prior to the service. Burial of cremated remains will be at a later date.

Bill was born January 23, 1936 in Lesterville, SD to Sylvester and Lillian (Pettit) Barta. He attended school in Meckling, SD. During Bill's high school years, he was an avid sports fan, earning most valuable player honors in football in 1953, which carried over to his lifelong love of the Oakland Raiders. He married Jeanne Marie Burton on October 29, 1954 in Ft.



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Lee, VA. Bill was in the United States Army from 1954 through 1975, and retired as Master Sgt. E-8. He served time in the States, Okinawa, Ethiopia, and Vietnam traveling the world during his military career, earning numerous medals of honor. Upon Bill's retirement from the military, he and Jeanne moved to the Napa Valley, CA where they managed the resort "Spanish Flats" at Lake Berryessa until retirement, which led to their move back to South Dakota in 2004. In recent years Bill had his favorite chair placed near the window so he could enjoy the many birds and squirrels that found his deck their favorite feeding spot.

Bill will always be remembered for his wonderful sense of

humor, storytelling ability and jokes. He could always put a smile on your face.

He is survived by his brother, Robert Barta of Gayville; sister, Marjorie (Rex) Smalie of Virginia Beach, VA; brother-in-law, Gary Groves of Gayville; many nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews; and great-great nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Jeanne on March 8, 2013, his parents, brother, George Barta and sister, Jean Groves.

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Lillian Meyerhoff

Lillian Meyerhoff, 67, died March 3, 2013 Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls.

A Memorial Service will be held on Monday, April 1, 2013 at 10:30 a.m. at Peace Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls.

Lillian Vera Meyerhoff was born to Edward H. and Vera (Duplic) Pullman on December 17, 1945 at Yankton.

She graduated from Yankton High School in 1964. She married Terry Hartwick in 1964. She graduated from Nettleton College of Business in Sioux Falls in 1974.

Lillian married Carl Meyerhoff on May 22, 1987 at Tea. She worked for Home Federal Savings for 12 years. Lillian then had an in home daycare for 14 years, retiring in March of 2008. She was a member of her church's WELCA and Alter Guild groups and an alumnus of Yankton High School. She served on the Booster Board of Roosevelt High School and was active with the Roosevelt Marching Band and the Festival of Bands.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Lillian is survived by her husband Carl of Sioux Falls; 2 sons Terry (Michele) Hartwick, and Duane Hartwick; 3 daughters Kimberly Koeningfeld, Jillian (Justin) Kent and Kayla Meyerhoff all of Sioux Falls; a step-daughter Jaimi (Tom) VerHey of Sioux Falls; a brother Bob (Sylvia) Pullman of Lee's Summit, MO; a sister-in-law Linda Schneckloth of Sioux Falls; 9 grandchildren; her mother-in-law Betty Meyerhoff of Viborg; and other relatives and friends.

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Edward Vacek

Mass for Edward L. Vacek, 88 of Lake Andes, will be held 10:30 a.m. Monday, April 1, 2013 at St. Mark Catholic Church in Lake Andes. Burial will be in the parish cemetery, rural Lake Andes, with military honors.

Visitation will be at the Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home in Wagner Saturday from 3-5 and Sunday from 9-11. Visitation will continue at the church from 5-7, followed by a rosary/wake service.

Edward Louis Vacek, son of James and Mary (Sternhagen) Vacek, was born March 29, 1924 on a farm near Avon, SD. He died peacefully at his home on Wednesday, March 27, 2013.

Ed graduated from Avon High School. He entered the Army Air Force on April 27, 1943 and served during World War II in France, Germany, Holland, Belgium and Czechoslovakia. Ed was honorably discharged on September 4, 1945.

After Ed's discharge, he attended Coyne Electrical School in Chicago. He worked as a surveyor at the Corps of Engineers for the Fort Randall Project. Ed later worked as a power house shift operator for the Corps of Engineers Power Plant for many years. Ed married Dorothy Bambas on June 10, 1947 at Tyndall. Six children were blessed to their union. Ed and Dorothy enjoyed many things in their life together. In 1977, they purchased an acreage one mile east of Pickstown and built their home. Dorothy died September 29, 2010.

Ed was a member of St. Mark



Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus, where he served as financial secretary for 24 years. He also had life time memberships in the Ft. Randall Castle American Legion Post #282 and the VFW Post #3239 in Lake Andes.

Ed will be remembered for his love of Lawrence Welk and polka music, caring for his trees and lawn and his involvement with the American Legion Baseball - both as coach and an umpire. He enjoyed collecting coins and watching the Minnesota Twins and Vikings. Ed's greatest joy was time spent with this children and grandchildren.

Thankful for having shared his life are his six children and five grandchildren: Robert and wife Jana of Sioux Falls and their children Travis and Tyler Vacek; Patty Arneson and husband Mark of Arlington, TX and their daughter Stephanie Decker; Linda Vacek of Memphis, TN; Rita Vacek of Lake Andes and her sons: JR and Auston Parker; Richard of Lake Andes; and Sherrie Vacek of Prescott, AZ; two great grandchildren; and many relatives and friends.

Ed was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy; his parents; a brother Laddie; and two sisters: Mary Ann Zacharias and Kathy Vacek.

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