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# Clay County Adopts Wheel Tax

BY ALAN DALE

Vermillion Plain Talk

VERMILLION — The Clay County Commission unanimously voted to adopt Ordinance #2015-01 — the county wheel tax — Tuesday at its meeting held at the Clay County Court-house.

The adoption will now be followed by to publications of the ordinance on March 12/13 and March 19/20.

The effective date of the wheel tax is set for April 9 where it would then become ready for collection on Aug. 1.

This wheel tax will be imposed on all licensed vehicles with wheels registered in Clay County at a rate not to exceed \$4 per wheel on all such automobiles.

The total vehicle tax may not exceed \$16 per vehicle.

Commissioners have continually expressed a need for this wheel tax after discussion with state legislators and literature in a pending state house bill — HB1 — indicated that counties which do not have a wheel tax in place will no longer receive any additional tax revenues that could go toward road improvements.

Clay County has voted down wheel tax adoptions twice before and is one of the last counties to not have one.

A total of 421 registered, county, voters (5 percent) must sign a petition to ask for a referendum for a vote on the ordinance for such an action to take place.

• Despite misgivings from John Robertson and Cherry Street Grille, the county will continue forward with its Jail Meal agreement with Roadhouse Vermillion.

Last week, Robertson told the board that they had not followed 'Robert's Rules of Order' and felt the commissioners had acted "inappropriately" in changing the original bid from Cherry Street Grille to the Roadhouse.

"This is not law, you understand that," States Attorney Teddi Gertsma told commissioners as she held up a copy of 'Robert's Rules'. "It's a guide-book to run your meeting in an orderly fashion."

On Feb. 3 the board voted 4-1 to agree to exit out of a verbal contract agreed upon the previous week with Cherry Street Grille and accept a lower jail meal bid by Roadhouse Vermillion once representatives of both businesses agreed to allow for the latter's

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## UND Concert Choir To Present Tour Concert

On Sunday, March 15, the University of North Dakota Concert Choir will present a concert at 7:30 p.m. in Bishop Marty Chapel in Yankton. The concert is free and open to the public; a freewill donation will be taken.

Additionally, the choir is in need of host families to provide lodging for the night of March 15. The Yankton Arts Association is organizing homestays; if you are interested and able, please,

contact Julie Amsberry by calling the GAR Hall at 665-9754 or emailing yaa@iw.net.

The University of North Dakota Concert Choir, conducted by Director of Choral Activities Dr. Joshua Bronfman, will present several concerts throughout the region on their spring tour, March 13-20. The concert will include works by Claudio Monteverdi, Ola Gjeilo, Johannes Brahms, North Dakota composer Christopher Gable, and others.

The UND Concert Choir is the premier choral ensemble at the University of North Dakota. The ensemble consists of the most talented vocalists at the University, and performs a wide repertoire of music from pre-Renaissance era to contemporary compositions. With a sixty-year tradition of excellence, the UND Concert Choir has performed and toured nationally and internationally to great acclaim. Recently, the Concert Choir was

awarded the American Prize in Choral Excellence, received high praise for their most recent album "Of The Valley," and has performed at the Regional ACDA Conference in Madison, Wisconsin. The choir's thorough preparation, concentrated discipline, commitment, and careful coaching result in performances of the highest caliber, and a thoughtful musical experience for both audience and ensemble.

## Crane-Youngworth Updates To Be Addressed

From P&D Staff Reports

The results of a study of Crane-Youngworth Field, the home of Yankton Bucks Football, will be discussed during the upcoming Yankton School District Board meeting set for Monday at 5 p.m.

The board, which meets at the administration building located at 2410 West City Limits Road, will also hear a fine arts proposal, consider bids on the student-constructed house and sheds, and take action on some resignations.

## City To Name Equalization Board

From P&D Staff Reports

During Monday's meeting of the Yankton City Commission, the board will review and approve the Mayor's appointments to the Consolidated Board of Equalization.

The city has also formally announced that there will be no municipal election on

April 14, meaning incumbents David Carda and David Knoff will remain on the commission while newcomer Nathan Johnson will replace Pauline Akland who opted not to run for reelection.

The commission meets at the Technical Education Center at 7 p.m. Monday.

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## Author Ben Mikaelson To Speak At Presentation March 9 In Vermillion

VERMILLION — Award-winning and nationally-recognized author Ben Mikaelson will present "Finding the Heart of the Story" at the Edith B. Siegrist Vermillion Public Library at 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 9.

Mikaelson will share the challenges faced in creating his books. The presentation will allow a wonderful view inside Mikaelson's research as he tries to uncover the "soul of a story." These experiences include raising a 700-pound black bear, living with the homeless, working with Dolphins, attending Space camp, going undercover with



Drug Enforcement Agents and living with the Maasai in Africa. The diversity of Mikaelson's writing and research is what has made his books so appealing to readers.

Earlier in the day, Mikaelson will be working with middle and high school English classes in writing workshops.

His visit is sponsored by the Siegrist Fund, the Vermillion Public Schools, and the Edith B. Siegrist Vermillion Public Library.

There is no cost for this library event, but you should arrive early for the best seats.

The Edith B. Siegrist Vermillion Public Library is located at 18 Church Street in Vermillion. For more information call the Library at 605-677-7060.

## OBITUARIES

### Naomi Hale

Naomi Lorraine Hale was born October 28, 1932 in Springfield, South Dakota.

She was born to Charlie and Jennie Odens. She was one of eight children, five other brothers including Frank Odens of Springfield, S. Dak. Phil Odens (Deceased) of Springfield, S. Dak. Darrell Odens of Avon, S. Dak. Chuck Odens of Iowa, and Delbert Odens (Deceased in infancy). She had two sisters, Char (Odens) Mudder (Deceased) from Avon, S. Dak. and Carol (Odens) Ferwerda (deceased), from Springfield, S.Dak.

She graduated high school and went to Southern Teachers College, became a teacher of over forty years. She mostly taught elementary grades in S. Dak. and California. She received her Masters Degree while in CA. The last twenty plus were in the Groveland, CA area. She loved teaching all those years.

Naomi was married to Freddie C. Hale (Deceased). They had one daughter, Kathy M. Osborn, of San Jose, CA. Naomi has 3 grandchildren, Sheila D. (Klidies) Dinubilo, of Thornton, CA, Richard C. Klidies of Sonora, CA and Jason F. Klidies of Sonora, CA. Naomi had eight great-grandchildren, including Clayton Smith, Kayla Klidies, Jessica Smith, Zachary Dinubilo, Harmony Luttrull,



Hale

also is a member of CA Retired Teachers Association. Naomi is also a member of the CA Antique Car Association. She has been a resident of Avalon Care Facility for over three years, due to illness, in Sonora, CA.

She passed suddenly on Feb. 2, 2015 at Avalon Facility, Sonora, CA. Naomi L.

Shelby L. Klidies, Alexis Dinubilo, and Chase R. Klidies, all of CA.

Hale was 82 years old.  
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### Emil Tejral

Mass of Christian Burial for Emil J. Tejral, age 92, of Spencer, Nebraska, will be 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 10, 2015, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Spencer. The Rev. Doug Scheinost will be Celebrant, with burial in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Spencer.

Visitation will be Monday from 5-8 p.m. at the church, with a 7 p.m. Wake Service.

Brockhaus Funeral Home in Spencer is in charge of arrangements.

Emil died Thursday, March 5, 2015, at Butte Healthcare Center in Butte, Nebraska.

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