

OBITUARIES

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. Reverend Doug Scheinost will be Celebrant, with burial in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Spencer.

Visitation will be Monday from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the church, with a 7:00 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.

Emil Joseph Tejral, son of Albert and Tonie (Maly) Tejral, was born October 25, 1922, at Spencer, Nebraska. Emil attended Spencer Schools until the ninth grade.

On May 26, 1952, Emil was united in marriage to the love of his life, Camilla McAllister. Nine children were born to them.

Emil lived in Spencer his whole life. He worked at the Sieler Motors/Ford Garage until 1967. He then was a custodian at Spencer Public Schools for three years. Emil worked for Chuck Luedke at the gas and service station, which he later purchased from Luedke. He operated Emil's 66 until he retired. Emil was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and



Tejral

Amber Johnson

Amber E. (Janda) Johnson, age 56, of Menominee, Nebraska, died on Friday, March 6, 2015 at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton, South Dakota putting up a good fight against cancer but her body couldn't take anymore.

Memorial services are 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton with Reverend Dani Jo Ninke officiating.

The family will receive friends from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 10 at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton. There will be a time of sharing and video tribute at 7:00 p.m.



Johnson

1959 in Yankton, South Dakota to Emil and Leona (Diede) Janda. She graduated from Yankton High School in 1978, like many teenagers, she had a part-time job at Gurney Seed and Nursery in Yankton. After a brief stay in California, Amber moved back to Yankton and worked at Star Tree Service in Hartington, Nebraska. It was there she met

The family will also receive friends one hour prior to the memorial service on Wednesday.

Amber was born January 22, 1959 in Yankton, South Dakota to Emil and Leona (Diede) Janda. She graduated from Yankton High School in 1978, like many teenagers, she had a part-time job at Gurney Seed and Nursery in Yankton. After a brief stay in California, Amber moved back to Yankton and worked at Star Tree Service in Hartington, Nebraska. It was there she met

Mark Johnson and they were united in marriage on October 24, 1980. After their marriage, they lived in Hartington until 1992 when they moved to an acreage by Menominee, Nebraska area. Amber worked at various retail and manufacturing companies, often two or three at a time. Her main love was the Black Cat Costume Rental business which she started, first running it out of the upstairs of their home. The business grew rapidly and in 1995 Amber and Mark had to build a garage to include her amazing collection of costumes. She was constantly acquiring costumes and accessories at every rummage sale she could get to and

was known by many as The Costume Lady. Her free time was spent camping and enjoying time with friends and family. One of the most important things in her life was her many cats.

Amber is survived by her husband, Mark Johnson of Menominee; three sisters: Delight Paulson of Yankton, Crys (Charlie) Archer of San Diego, CA, and Bonnie (Jeff) Knoll of Yankton; one brother, Aaron Janda of Yankton; and six nieces and nephews: Sean Archer, Tim Paulson, Carly Knoll, Megan Archer, Olivia Janda, and Chance Janda.

Amber was preceded in death by her parents and niece, Brianna Knoll. Memorials may be di-

rected to the Yankton Women's and Children's Center and the Heartland Humane Society.

To send an online message to the family, please visit www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

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he was also a member of the Spencer Fire Department for over 35 years.

Emil enjoyed spending time with his family. He loved to fish, watch baseball games, play cards, garden, and spend time playing with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Emil is survived by his children, Dorothy (Rob) Winchell, Yankton, South Dakota, Don (Debra) Tejral of O'Neill, Nebraska, Mary (Randy) Lihs of O'Neill, Roberta (Frank) Kleinschmit of St. Helena, Nebraska, Ronnie Tejral (partner Johnny Pitts) of Greenville, South Carolina, Larry (Debbie) Tejral of Sargent Bluff, Iowa, Deb Tejral of Spencer, Nebraska, Bill (Amy) Tejral, of Crofton, Nebraska, and Bob Tejral (friend Rhonda Wesslen) of Crofton; 38 grandchildren; 33 great-

grandchildren; sisters, Emma Gehlsen of Lynch, Nebraska and Helen Birger of Yankton.

He was preceded in death by his parents; beloved wife, Camilla; granddaughter, Bonita Kleinschmit; and grandson, Joseph Kleinschmit.

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Gladys Fleener

Gladys I. Fleener, 97 of Coleridge, Nebraska, died Sunday, March 8, 2015, at Park View Haven Nursing Home in Coleridge.

Funeral Services will be on Thursday, March 12, at 2 p.m. at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Coleridge with the Rev. Debra Valentine officiating. Burial will be at the Coleridge City Cemetery.

Visitation will be one hour prior to services on Thursday at the church.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Wintz Funeral Home of Coleridge.

Kathy

Hoebelheinrich

Kathy Ann Hoebelheinrich passed peacefully from her earthly life at the family home in rural Menominee, Nebraska, at age 49 on March 7, 2015.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Monday, March 16, at St. Boniface Catholic Church, Menominee, with the Rev. Jim Keiter officiating. Burial will be immediately afterwards at St. Boniface Cemetery.

Visitation with family will be 5-7 p.m. Sunday, March 15, at the Opsahl-Kostel Fu-

neral Home and Crematory, Yankton, with a prayer service and rosary at 7 p.m. Visitation will resume at one hour prior to the service at the church.

All those attending services are encouraged to wear Husker red.

Milo Sheldon

Milo Sheldon, 74, of Yankton passed away Monday, March 9, 2015, at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton.

Funeral services are pending with the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton.

Violet Waters

Violet E. Waters, 92, of Yankton died Sunday, March 8, 2015, at Avera Sister James Care Center in Yankton.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. on Friday, March 13, at First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Ron Johnson officiating. Burial will be in the Tyndall Cemetery in Tyndall.

Visitation is from 5-8 p.m. Thursday, March 12, at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton. Visitation will resume one hour prior to the funeral on Friday at the church.

To send an online message to the family, visit www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

Virginia Peterson

Virginia L. Peterson, 69, of Wakonda passed away Sunday, March 8, 2015 at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton.

Funeral arrangements are pending with Kober Funeral Home of Vermillion.

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and they don't even have that."

She gave the commission an example of just how much the program means to seniors in the community.

"Just the other day, we had a couple come in to sign up for our commodities program and these two seniors are living on \$800 per month," she said. "When we gave them that box of food, they were just elated. It was like they won the lottery."

Hauer said The Center provides 47,000 total meals per year with 17,000 going to seniors that are home-bound.

She added that The Center intends to make it more than a Community Champions Week, though.

"It's Community Champions Week and we're making it a Community Champion's

Month — the whole month of March we're creating awareness," she said.

One way The Center is looking at creating this awareness is a Rock-a-Thon which has taken place throughout the month of March and is set to culminate in a "Battle of Rockers" on March 17. Each "rocker" — a number of community figures including Mayor Carda — competes to raise the most money for March for Meals.

Commissioner Charlie Gross was absent from Monday's meeting.

In other business Monday, the commission:

- approved the purchase of a new pickup truck for the fire department.
- had a first reading for ordinances pertaining to water meters and downtown parking for hotels.

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Athletes

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determinant of a student's sexual identity is the sexual identity noted on the student's certificate of birth.

"If no sexual identity is noted on the student's certificate of birth, the sole determinant is the sexual identity noted on the South Dakota High School Activities Association Physical Exam Form that is completed by a health care professional at the student's physical examination."

The House of Representatives approved the legislation 51-16 on Feb. 10. The prime sponsor is Rep. Jim Bolin, R-Canton. His only co-sponsor is Sen. Ernie Otten, R-Tea.

The policy adopted by the association came from the national association of which SDHSAA is a member. The policy is on pages 30-31 in the board's June 2014 meeting minutes at <http://www.sdhsaa.com/Portals/0/PDFs/Board-ofDirectors/2013-14/JuneMinutes.pdf>.

Basically a person who believes she or he is transgender must apply for participation approval through the local high school. In turn the application goes to a SDHSAA review board.

The policy doesn't provide for annual approvals of transgender status, meaning that once an athlete chooses to participate as a member of the opposite gender, that status will remain through the end of the high school years.

"This is a very important issue to a lot of people across the state," Greenfield said.

Sen. Deb Soholt, the committee's chairman, said approximately three and one-half hours were spent over two days hearing two bills aimed at blocking the SDHSAA policy.

Senate Democratic leader Billie Sutton of Burke said the transgender bills received "a full and a fair hearing."

But Sen. Bill Van Gerpen, R-Tyndall, spoke in support of Greenfield. Van Gerpen said the Senate rules specifically provide for the smoke-out maneuver that Greenfield was attempting.

"This issue is huge," Van Gerpen said, calling for "a full-scale Senate debate."

School

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has used those restrooms realizes they are grossly inadequate."

As for the field itself, Eisenbraun and Associates were brought in to do a typography and analysis of the turf

"We have estimated that bringing that back to a safely crowned football field could cost as much as \$180,000," Turner said. "We currently spend \$25,000 per year in field maintenance."

Most of this money comes out of general funds.

Maintenance on a turf field would cost approximately \$5,000 annually.

"It is \$25,000 a year right now to maintain the grass field that we have," Kindle said. "In over a 12-to-15-year period (which is approximately the life of turf), we will spend anywhere between \$300,000 and \$375,000 of district money to maintain a grass field. And so one way or another, we are going to invest at least half of the \$800,000 in some form of playing field."

Kindle said that he would like to take on the project of working with a committee to see if it can raise the money for the turf. He said that he has been approached by some individuals interested within

the community to help provide dollars as part of a fundraising effort.

"We now have soccer to think about," Turner said. "You can't play soccer on a severely crowned field. The ball would just roll off. If we had a flat field, it would be usable to the soccer program. A flat, synthetic field would be able to be used for football as well."

Turner's proposed improvements at Crane-Youngworth Field would cost a total of \$1.9 million.

"These are really rough numbers — but it's a starting point," Turner said. "Bells and whistles will add or subtract off of that."

Turner said he was asked by Kindel what would need to be done if the field was relocated to Williams Field adjacent to the high school.

"Obviously any of the improvements that we do at Crane-Youngworth Field would also have to be done over at the high school," he said. "We would have to have a new grandstand, and we would have to have more restrooms. The synthetic turf is going to be a nice requirement if we are going to incorporate soccer over there as well."

Turner also pointed out the scoreboard, lighting and sound system at Williams Field are specifically built for track.

"There is no lighting on the football field itself so that all

needs to be redone," he said. "The sound system is totally different for a football game than it is for a track event. Ticket sales and crowd control would need some changes, so we would have to redo fencing."

Turner estimated \$2.4 million would be needed to move to Williams Field.

But for school board member Sarah Carda, it was hard to even think about spending that much money on the project after listening to Todd Dvoracek, YMS principal, and Dr. Jennifer Johnke, YHS principal, who presented a proposal earlier Monday night asking the school board to consider bringing back an art teacher at YMS.

"For me to understand a little bit more and for the public to understand a little bit more, we will have to explain a lot more about the general

budget versus the general fund," she said. "I am just going to be honest: When we are sitting here in this school board meeting and we are talking about the need for art teachers and music (teachers) and English (teachers) and librarians — it's a hard sell that we are going to spend this much money on something like that. Do I think it's necessary and important for the community? Maybe. I want to see something happen. It's my opinion that we have to explain it more to the general public."

Kindle agreed that this would be the first of more meetings about the topic.

"This timeline that we are looking at right here would fit in our capital outlay budget, and we would have this accomplished in the next five years," Kindle said. "You can't start this on year three or four

when they are only going to give you five years. You have to start the process and make a plan. Tonight it was about giving the board more information."

Other businesses at Monday's meeting included:

- approving an English position at YHS;
- a presentation on the PDC Program through the University of Minnesota;

- an update on the Art Adventure Program in the Yankton School District;
- a proposal to bring back an art teacher at YMS; and
- an update on Title I eligibility and funding.

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