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## Committee To Help Push Gayville Drainage Issue

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**GAYVILLE** — A three-person committee has been formed to help expedite the process of replacing a Gayville drainage pipe.

The committee — which consists of residents Larry Skove and Gary Freeburg, and Gayville Town Board Trustee Jay Jorgensen — will allow locals to take a more active role in a project that affects them, Yankton County State's Attorney Rob Klimisch said.

"It gives you a little bit of control over it," he said at a meeting held Monday night at Gayville Community Center. "The County Commission would still be the one that's going to authorize everything, so you would be a representative more than anything. ...

"There's not a lot of work that

would have to be done — it's more of being a point person to me, (Yankton County Auditor) Paula Jones and the County Commission," he said.

The issue concerns a 1,500-foot vitrified clay pipe built more than 70 years ago that connects

replace the entire pipe, although no funding has yet been received.

Additionally, a study performed by Arens Engineering last year revealed that deterioration problems along the line have been indicated in numerous areas where they ground has settled above the pipe.

"A collapsed pipe section will cause major flooding in Gayville following major precipitation events," the report said. "The east ditch run-off would then have to surface flow from the east ditch to the west ditch."

Klimisch said Monday that the estimated cost of the project is \$250,000.

However, he did add that the assessment generates approximately \$12,000 each year, and has already accumulated a total of approximately \$112,000, some of which could go toward the project.

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GARY FREEBURG

two drainage ditches on Gayville's south side. Water from a drainage ditch on the east side of town runs through the pipe to a ditch on the west side, continuing on to the Missouri River.

A portion of the 30-inch pipe collapsed in 2000 and was repaired. Two years later, an assessment was placed on adjoining property owners in an attempt by the county to get grant money from the state to



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Yankton County Auditor Paula Jones and county state's attorney Rob Klimisch discuss what needs to be done to replace a Gayville drainage pipe during a meeting held Monday night.

ting in a pot to go to this project, or at least part of it," Klimisch said. "You wouldn't want all \$112,000 to be used for this project. You would want a percentage (for the project) and a percentage held back for any additional repairs."

Payments on the assessment won't go up, regardless of the project status, Gayville Town Board Trustee Mike Peterson added.

"It can only be a percentage of what the cost of the original ditch was, and it is that percentage

now," he said. "Basically, what it amounts to is we're going to get taxed on it for however many years, anyway. We can't wait another 15 years until there's enough money to do this project."

"To me, that's a win-win situation," Freeburg said. "How can you lose? It's got to be fixed anyway, and we've already got pretty near half of that money in there. Why are we sitting around here waiting? Let's get going."

Klimisch said the next step will be to go to the county development office to ask about bor-

rowing funds to put toward the project.

"They'll tell us what to do, whether we can or can't (borrow), and then we'll submit it out for bids based on the engineer's request," he said.

Klimisch requested that the newly-formed committee also attend the next Yankton County Commission meeting, to be held May 18.

*Press & Dakotan reporter Nathan Johnson contributed to this report.*

## HHS To Hold Animal Fair May 15 At Riverside Park

Heartland Humane Society will hold its Animal Fair on Saturday, May 15, at Riverside Park in Yankton. This is an annual fundraiser that includes activities for every member of the family — even the 4-legged ones.

The dog walk registration begins at 9:30 a.m. and the dog walk starts at 10 a.m. Pet contests, including owner-pet look-alike, most unusual pet, best-dressed pet and best pet trick, will follow the walk. The animal fair will also showcase demonstrations by the local K-9 police unit, Dogs R Us and a basic obedience overview. There will also be food, ice cream and great vendor booths.

HHS has already begun selling raffle tickets for the seven-affle packages. Pictures and descriptions of the raffle packages are available on the Web site at [www.heartlandhumane.org](http://www.heartlandhumane.org) and the items are available to view at the shelter at 601 1/2 Burleigh Street in Yankton Monday through Friday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Raffle items include an Oreck vacuum cleaner, hotel stay, and dog and cat items galore.

If you would like additional information about the upcoming Animal Fair or any of the raffle packages, contact Tasha Anderson at 605-664-4244 or e-mail [hhs@midconetwork.com](mailto:hhs@midconetwork.com).

## Cub Scouts Invited To Spring Fling Bike-O-Rama May 15

All Cub Scouts in grades K-4 are invited to participate in the Spring Fling Bike-o-Rama held at Yankton Middle School parking lot this Saturday, May 15. Registration will begin at 2:30 p.m. and the program will run 3-5 p.m.

There is a fee. Scouts are asked to bring your bike and a helmet. Any boys interested in joining Cub Scouts are welcome to come with their parent and join in the fun.

If you have any questions, contact Sandy 665-4392.

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## RTEC Is Awarded Grant Set For Green Jobs Training

**PIERRE** — The South Dakota Department of Labor (DOL) has awarded \$50,000 to Regional Technical Education Center (RTEC) in Yankton as part of a green jobs training grant.

The approved RTEC proposal will provide operational support and train five new employees per year in infrastructure efficiency and power utilization effectiveness.

"The purpose of the grant is to teach workers the skills required in emerging energy efficiency and renewable energy industries," said State Labor Secretary Pam Roberts.

All activities must lead to employment and teach competencies demanded by the target sector while supporting participants' long-term career growth.

South Dakota received \$2.5 million for the State Energy Sector Partnerships and Training Grant authorized by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. To learn more about job training opportunities available through DOL, visit [www.sdjobs.org](http://www.sdjobs.org).

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