

YSD School Board Approves Calendar Change

From P&D Staff Reports

The Yankton School District (YSD) school board approved a change to the 2012-13 school year calendar at a special school board meeting Monday afternoon.

The amendment makes the final day of school for students May 17. It was previously set as May 20.

YSD school board member Kathy Greeneway said the change was made because the district has had enough hours of students in session to meet state law by ending on May 17.

Highway 50 Reconstruction Work Resumes

According to the South Dakota Department of Transportation, work has resumed from Vermillion to Gayville on the Highway 50 westbound lane reconstruction project that was started last year.

The work is expected to be finished in about six weeks.

Remaining to be done is final surfacing of the median crossovers, sealing of the concrete joints, placement of the pavement markings and erosion control. In addition, asphalt patching will be done to the eastbound lanes of Highway 50 between Vermillion and Gayville.

As of Monday, traffic was being routed around the work areas with lane closures in both the westbound and eastbound lanes.

Knife River Midwest of Sioux City, Iowa is the contractor on the \$13.2 million project.

Academy Of Dance Spring Recital May 10-11

The public is invited as Dorota Dannenbring and staff present, "Celebration," a program of Mother's Day dance performances by the students of the Academy of Dance of Yankton. The annual spring performances are set for 7 p.m. Friday, May 10, and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, May 11, at the Yankton High School/Summit Activities Theater theatre.

The performances include ballet, pointe, tap, lyrical, modern and character dances as well as athletic skills, Hip Hop and dance team routines

From theatrical scenes to classical ballet, this year's production features new choreographies and production numbers involving several classes and ages. The Academy of Dance students will present a unique mixture of extreme contrasts in dance and music styles which will entertain and inspire audiences of all ages. The performances will showcase boys and girls ranging in age from three years through High School from Yankton and the surrounding area.

The performances will feature seniors: Savannah Chambers, Kayle Diefenderfer, Lexi Fokken, Maddie Husman, Paige Medeck, Sarah Pearson, Cassie Pospishil, Morgan Privett, Brianna Shindler, Maggie Spak, Jessica Winterringer.

For tickets, call the Academy of Dance at 665-7729.

Czech Days Costume Sale/Exchange Set

There will be a Czech Day Costume Sale/Exchange on Saturday May 11, running from 9-11 a.m., at the Community Center in Tabor.

Anyone needing a costume or anyone having outgrown/unused costumes is welcome.

Contact Kathy at 463-2482 with any questions.

Author Susan Dennard To Appear In Vermillion

VERMILLION — Vermillion Public Library will be hosting Young Adult author Susan Dennard on May 14. Dennard will spend the day visiting the Vermillion Middle School and Vermillion High School followed by an evening presentation at the Vermillion Public Library beginning at 7 p.m.

The "Deadly Day at the Library" event is free and open to the public. The evening will include a presentation by Dennard followed by a Q & A session along with a book signing. Dennard will talk about her path to becoming an author and how ideas for the trilogy developed.

Dennard is a writer turned marine biologist turned writer again. "A Darkness Strange and Lovely" is the sequel to her debut novel, "Something Strange and Deadly." The trilogy takes place in 19th century Philadelphia, and follows a young heroine, Eleanor Fitt, as she sets out to find her brother, who seems to have been captured by an evil necromancer in control of an army of "Undead"

This event is sponsored by the South Dakota Art Council, Vermillion Public Library Board, Vermillion Public School District and Mad-die.TV.

Yankton Children's Choir Auditions May 15

Auditions set for the 19th season of the Yankton Children's Choir! Auditions will be held Wednesday, May 15, from 5-7 p.m., at United Church of Christ, located at 5th & Walnut, Yankton (entrance by alley).

Auditions are open to all children in grades 3-8 during the 2013-2014 school year and may be attending any school in the Yankton area. Singers must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Singers will be asked to sing "My Country 'Tis of Thee" and "Row, Row, Row Your Boat."

Rehearsals will begin in September and continue weekly through May.

Tuition is charged for participation in the choir, but Executive Director Dot Stoll pointed out, "Scholarships and payment plans are available for those who need it."

For further information, contact Stoll at 605-660-1819 or dot-stor700@hotmail.com/.

Lambertz

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ered him a good friend.

"Everybody was his friend," she stated. "He never saw the bad in anybody. When he looked at someone, he saw the good."

Lambertz spent years working in the performing arts world. He grew up in Canistota and worked at the Black Hills Playhouse for several summers after graduating from the University of South Dakota. He went on to be employed by Columbia Artists Management and toured with its theatrical shows around the country, and also spent time working at the North Shore Music Theatre in Massachusetts.

"He had a lot of connections in the industry, which helped us at LCTC," Lyons said.

Marlette said that she doesn't expect to ever fill Lambertz's shoes to managing the theatre.

"We've always affectionately said that Chuck had forgotten more than I'll ever know, because he knew the theatre inside and out," she stated.

Lambertz had a way of getting people to work toward his

dreams for the 110-year-old theatre, Marlette added.

"People couldn't tell Chuck no," she said. "If he needed something, he knew who to call and they couldn't tell him no."

"He had such dreams for the theatre. He wanted the theatre to be an icon for the community and something Yankton could be proud of. He worked tirelessly to get it there."

People in Yankton will associate the theatre with Lambertz for some time to come, Marlette predicted.

"That's a good thing," she said. "He gave his heart and soul to it, and there is nothing he would like to see more than for it to grow."

Gill said Lambertz's unexpected death was a sad development for the many people who knew him. That was evident during his funeral service Monday afternoon at a packed Christ Episcopal Church in Yankton.

"He will truly be missed not only by the people in the theatre but also by people in the wider community," she stated. "I can guarantee his spirit will linger on in the theatre."

You can follow Nathan Johnson on Twitter at twitter.com/AnInlandVoyage

Freeman

Police Chief's Court Appearance Postponed

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FREEMAN — A scheduling conflict has delayed the initial court appearance for the Freeman police chief facing drug charges.

Eric Seitz was scheduled to appear this Wednesday in First Circuit Court at the Yankton County courthouse. However, the hearing has been moved to May 15 because of a scheduling conflict for the judge, according to the Yankton County clerk of courts office.

Seitz has been indicted on three counts of obtaining controlled substances concurrently from different medical practitioners, a Class I misdemeanor.

A Class 1 misdemeanor carries a maximum punishment of one year imprisonment in a county jail and a \$2,000 fine, along with any restitution ordered by the court.

Judge Tami Bern will preside over the case, and Seitz is represented by a public defender, according to the clerk of courts office.

Seitz has been suspended indefinitely following the indictment on drug charges, according to the *Freeman Courier*.

Seitz allegedly obtained the drugs between the approximate dates of Aug. 1, 2012, and Oct. 31, 2012, according to Yankton County court records.

The substances in the indictment are hy-

drocodone and carisoprodol, the *Courier* reported.

Hydrocodone is used to relieve pain, while carisoprodol is used as a muscle relaxant.

Seitz turned himself into Hutchinson County authorities. He posted a \$500 cash bond and was released.

Freeman Mayor Sam Sorensen suspended Seitz because the bond prohibits the police chief from carrying a firearm, not because of any work-related performance issues, City Attorney Mike Fink told the *Courier*.

You can follow Randy Dockendorf on Twitter at twitter.com/rdockendorf

Wheelchair Collection Drive Set For Karl's TV

On Friday, May 17, Hope Haven International (Sioux Falls) will host a Wheelchair Collection Drive in partnership with all Karl's TV and Appliance locations and South Dakota Rotary clubs. The drive will be held at the Karl's TV and Appliance store located at 1201 Broadway in Yankton.

During the month of May and all year long, people are encouraged to donate used wheelchairs, crutches, walkers and other mobility devices. Hope Haven Inter-

national will refurbish the wheelchairs and deliver them to people in need of mobility around the world.

Drop-off sites include all of the Karl's TV and Appliance locations in South Dakota, North Dakota and Minnesota, and wheelchairs can be delivered during regular business hours all year long.

A special appreciation day will be held in town at Karl's TV and Appliance on May 17 to encourage people to bring in their equip-

ment donations. Donor receipts will be available for tax records.

Hope Haven International is a Mobility Driven, non-profit that collects used wheelchairs all across North America, and remanufactures them at nine volunteer refurbishing facilities located in South Dakota, Iowa, and Minnesota. Additionally, more than 50 inmates at the South Dakota State Penitentiary work through Pheasantland Industries to rebuild wheelchairs through community

service projects. Many donors, businesses, and organizations, such as Rotary International, sponsor these refurbished wheelchairs and help to distribute the wheelchairs, free of cost, to the poorest of the poor, around the world. To date, Hope Haven International has delivered more than 100,000 wheelchairs to special needs persons in 106 developing countries.

OBITUARIES

Mary Ellen Rasmussen

Mary Ellen Burns Rasmussen, 91, a long time Yankton resident passed away on May 4, 2013 surrounded by family in her Florida home.

Mary Ellen was a graduate of Yankton College where she met her husband of 69 years, Donald W. Rasmussen (Ras). In April 2008 Yankton College bestowed upon Mary Ellen and Don the titles of Mr. and Mrs. Yankton College. Both were extremely active while students and their zeal and commitment never lessened as they demonstrated their loyalty and friendship in uncountable ways.

In 1966 Mary Ellen and her family moved from Vermillion to Yankton and she began working for the State of South Dakota Department of Rehabilitation Services, a position she held for 30 years until her retirement in 1990. In this position the goal was to teach disabled clients from South Dakota the skills needed for future employment. Mary Ellen enjoyed working with these clients and felt each day was different as there was never a dull moment.

Throughout her life, Mary Ellen was active in her community. She was a loyal member of the Order of Eastern Star holding an office or station during most of her life. She was Worthy Matron for three non-consecutive years and held appointive or elective stations for all other years. She was also appointed as Grand Ada in 1992 for the Grand Chapter of South Dakota. She held memberships in The American Association of University Women, League of Women Voters, Interchange, Inc. and nine years on the board of Yankton County Historical Society. She was active during her State Employment with the South Dakota Rehabilitation Association serving as president of each. Mary Ellen was dedicated to Christ Episcopal Church serving in several areas over the years, and was recognized as a "Valiant Woman" in 2010. Both Mary Ellen and Don were politically active throughout their lives and a highlight was attending the JFK Inaugural.

Mary Ellen was an avid nature lover and enjoyed all kinds of yard work from trimming the hedge to pruning bushes to growing flowers. She enjoyed reading horticulture and landscaping magazines and loved watching an SDSU program called Garden Line.

Growing up on a farm in Redfield, she had many pets and grew up being a passionate animal lover - kitties winning as her favorites. She also enjoyed bird watching and wanted to be sure their feeders and baths were always properly cared for.

Mary Ellen was close to her loving family and, at all times,

deeply appreciated their generous and loving support. She is survived by "Ras" who just celebrated his 94th birthday; two children: Dean Rasmussen (Amy) of West Chester, PA and Patricia Ernst (Will) of Boynton Beach, FL and four grandchildren: Teresa Miller, Tanya Welsch, Kristin Francis and Tod Francis and one great grandchild: Victoria Francis Durazo.

She will be remembered for her bright smile, generous spirit and volunteer involvement.

Donations in her memory may be made to Christ Episcopal Church, 517 Douglas Ave. Yankton, SD 57078.

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Reidella Engman

Reidella Madonna Engman, of Vermillion, died Friday, May 3, 2013 at Prairie Estates Care Center in Elk Point.

Funeral mass will be held on Saturday, May 11 at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Vermillion at 11 a.m. with the family being present the hour prior.

Reidella was born to Lawrence and Ruth (Ryan) Rubida on May 10th, 1918, on their farm in Union County, South Dakota. After graduating from high school in Elk Point, she attended Mid-West College of Commerce in Sioux City, Iowa. She moved to Vermillion in 1938 where she met the love of her life, Sidney Engman. They were married on August 8th, 1939 in Ponca, Neb.

During World War II, she went to Detroit, Michigan and was employed at the Detroit Ordinance plant. She came back to Vermillion after the war and held several administrative positions, the last being 17 years as the Deputy Clerk of Courts at the Clay County Courthouse.

Reidella was a long time member of St. Agnes Catholic Church, VFW Auxiliary, Disabled Veterans Auxiliary, POW Auxiliary, Senior Citizens Club, Clay County and State Historical Societies, and social member of the local golf course.

Her greatest joy was spending time with her family. She loved being a wife, mother, grandmother and great -grandmother. Many happy memories were created spending joyous moments together. She loved cooking, entertaining and playing bridge with her many friends.

Those left to honor her memory are daughter, Julie (John) Springer of West Des Moines, IA; grandson, John III (Lori) Springer of Erie, PA; granddaughter Julian (Peter) Cline of West Des Moines, IA; and five great-granddaughters, Sydney, Emma, Molly, Ela and Annie; sisters Lee Saporito and Udyene Christopherson;



brothers Alvin Rubida and Lawrence Rubida; and many other loved ones. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 72 years, Sidney, great-granddaughter Lily, brother Arvin Rubida and dear friend, Marge Lennon, whom she considered a sister.

You were a beloved wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother who will be cherished forever and always!

A heartfelt thank you to the Beringers and Banks for their many kindnesses throughout the years. The family also wishes to thank Dr. Tom Olson, Wel Life Assisted Living and Prairie Estates Care Center for their love and compassionate care giving.

Memorial contributions may be directed to St. Agnes Catholic Church, 416 Walker St, Vermillion, SD 57069 or Senior Citizens Center, 320 West Main St, Vermillion, SD 57069.

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Rosie Glaser

Rosie Marie Glaser, 95, of Litchfield Park, AZ and formerly of Wakonda, passed away Friday, May 3, 2013 at Hospice of the Valley, Goodyear, AZ.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, May 8, 2013 at First Lutheran Church in Wakonda. Burial will follow in Union Cemetery, rural Wakonda.

Visitation will begin one hour prior to services on Wednesday.

Rosie Marie Jensen was born December 11, 1917, at the family farm in Clay County, to parents Nelsina Christina Larsen and John Chris Jensen. Rosie was the sixth of nine children. She attended District 39 School in Turner County.

Rosie Jensen married George Alfred "Joe" Hall in Centerville, at the Baptist Reverend Jensen home in 1936. They had three sons. Joe died May 18, 1943. After her husband's death Rosie worked as a house cleaner and switchboard operator.

On June 16, 1952, Rosie married Harold Glaser in Wilmer, Minnesota at the Lutheran minister's home. They became the parents of one daughter.

Harold and Rosie lived in Wakonda, where they owned and

operated the Wakonda Hotel and Bar, known as "The Pit", until 1961 when they moved to Omaha, Nebraska. In Omaha, Harold and Rosie owned and together operated the Sparkle Uniform Shop. Upon their retirement in 1975 they returned to live in Wakonda. In 2004, Harold preceded her in death after 52 years of marriage.

Rosie belonged to the Wakonda First Lutheran Church, American Legion Auxiliary, Lutheran Ladies Aid, Heritage Manor Auxiliary, and Wakonda School PTA. She received the American Legion Auxiliary Woman of the Year Award and was nominated for the ESA Diana Award.

Rosie was preceded in death by her parents, five brothers, three sisters, and her husbands. She is survived by her children: Allen "Buck" (Sis) Hall of Litchfield Park, Arizona; Robert (Joyce) Hall of Peoria, Arizona; Ferris (Sharon) Hall of Dustin, Oklahoma; Deborah Glaser (and friend, Mike Guthrie) of Peoria, Arizona; five granddaughters, Jenny (Kent) Amundson of Sioux City, Iowa; Gena Hult of Brookings, South Dakota; Toni (John) Allen of Dustin, Oklahoma; Jaque James of Chandler, Arizona; Kristi Barger of Litchfield Park, Arizona; two step-grandsons, Jay Reeves of Peoria, Arizona; Chuck Reeves of Wittman, Arizona; 13 great grandchildren and 2 great, great grandchildren.

For obituary and online condolences visit hansenfuneral-home.com.

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Karen Guthmiller

Karen M. Guthmiller, 76, of Yankton died Sunday, May 5, 2013, at her home.

Memorial services are at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, May 9, at the First United Methodist Church, Yankton, with the Rev. Ron Johnson officiating. Burial of Karen's cremated remains will be in the Garden of Memories.

Visitations are 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 8, at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

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WEEKDAYS MONDAY-FRIDAY

Tuesday, May 7

7:40 am Yankton Library (Kathy Jacobs)

8:20 am Plant Sale (Betts Pulkrabek)

8:45 am Dakota Museum (Crystal Nelson)

Wednesday, May 8

7:40 am YC Observer (Kathy Church)

8:20 am Hy-Vee Foods (Chef Staci)

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