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ings) \$1,106.13, Judy Weber (Hearings) \$40.00, Shepherd Reporting (Hearings) \$73.00, Karen Swanda (Hearings) \$48.00; **Senior Citizens:** City of Yankton (The Center) \$9,612.65; **County Extension:** City of Yankton (Utilities) \$36.70, Lauren Fosheim (Supplies & Travel) \$28.53, Francotyp-Postalia (Rental) \$100.50, Hy-Vee (Supplies) \$9.76, J&H Cleaning (Maintenance) \$200.00, Knology (Utilities) \$260.10, MidAmerican Energy (Utilities) \$85.39; **Weed:** SD Federal Property (Supplies) \$135.00; **Planning & Zoning:** Knology (Utilities) \$45.33, Miller Consulting (Maintenance) \$206.25, Verizon (Utilities) \$30.71, Western Office Technologies (Equipment) \$180.59, Yankton County Treasurer (Postage) \$114.22; **Road & Bridge:** Avera Education & Staffing Solutions (CPR Cards) \$70.00, Appera (Supplies) \$82.37, AT&T (Utilities) \$32.66, Bomgaars (Supplies) \$435.83, B-Y Water (Utilities) \$86.50, Battery Exchange (Supplies) \$71.95, Butler Machinery (Maintenance & Repairs) \$2,796.46, City of Yankton (Utilities) \$102.46, Cox Auto Supply (Supplies) \$1,271.84, Century Link (Utilities) \$102.76, Certified Laboratories (Supplies) \$343.42, Dware, Inc. (Supplies) \$1,500.00, Amanda Diede (Supplies) \$109.99, Filter Care (Supplies) \$222.35, Fastenal (Supplies) \$14.13, Graham Tire (Supplies) \$99.95, Hansen Locksmithing (Services) \$24.00, Hedahl's (Supplies) \$122.87, Knology (Utilities) \$266.46, Miller Consulting (Maintenance) \$93.75, Mead Lumber (Supplies) \$184.24, MidAmerican Energy (Utilities) \$1,112.48, Northwestern Energy (Utilities) \$1,014.66, Newman Traffic Signs (Supplies) \$170.31, Stern Oil (Supplies) \$564.15, SD Department of Transportation (Beaver Creek Project) \$19,305.70, SD Federal Property (Supplies) \$135.00, Truck Trailer Sales (Supplies) \$104.10, Titan Machinery (Supplies) \$413.75, Verizon (Utilities) \$31.32, Yankton County Treasurer (Postage) \$46.00, Yankton Redi-Mix (Materials) \$156.00, Yankton Winnelson (Supplies) \$62.97, WellMark BC/BS (Insurance Premium) \$450.42; **911 Fund:** City of Yankton (E911 Dispatch) \$15,000.00, CenturyLink (Utilities) \$1,422.75, Knology (Utilities) \$82.97; **Emergency Management:** Ace Hardware (Supplies) \$98.91, Bomgaars (Supplies) \$85.94, City of Yankton (Services) \$50.00, Clark's Rental (Maintenance) \$21.32, Century Business Products (Maintenance) \$500.00, Danko Emergency Equipment (Supplies) \$906.43, Great America Financial (Rentals) \$94.54, Hy-Vee (Supplies) \$84.94, Knology (Utilities) \$390.27, MidContinent (Utilities) \$8.91, MidAmerican Energy (Utilities) \$29.38, Power Source Electric (Maintenance) \$210.00, Colleen Ridgway (Services) \$100.00, Racom (Utilities) \$30.60, Henry Schein (POD Expenses) \$2,025.00, Verizon (Utilities) \$107.32, Western Office Technologies (Supplies) \$813.83, Yankton County Treasurer (Postage) \$.92, Yankton Computer and Network (Maintenance) \$357.95; **WIC:** Brittanie Ferden (Supplies) \$3.47, Total General Fund \$135,703.88, Road & Bridge \$39,102.20, 911 Fund \$16,505.72, Emergency Management \$5,916.26, WIC \$3.47. All present voted aye; motion carried.

Deputy Auditor's Report: Deputy Auditor Patty Hojem reported to the Board that she has contacted county department heads and requested 2014 budget requests be returned to her by June 1. The Board agreed to schedule 2014 budget hearings for June at the May 21 meeting. Hojem said the county collected

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98.8 percent of taxes payable in 2012. She said Yankton County has experienced 1.62 percent growth in assessed value, and there was a 2.1 percent increase in the Consumer Price Index over the past calendar year. Based on those figures, Hojem has advised department heads to budget a maximum of three percent increase in operating expenses and a three percent increase for wages.

Action 13221H: A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Sinclair to pay \$64,788.35 in debt service due on the new Highway Shop from the General Fund, as recommended by Deputy Auditor Hojem. All present voted aye; motion carried.

Action 13222A: A motion was made by Sinclair and seconded by Johnson to accept into the record the Auditor's report of collected and uncollected taxes for 2011 payable in 2012 indicating a 98.8% collection percentage for all general taxes. All present voted aye; motion carried.

Surplus Cash Report: The Auditor's Quarterly Surplus Cash report through March 2013 was accepted and placed on file: Unassigned (account 27700): \$2,372,554.06.

Total Liabilities and Equity: \$10,673,984.49.

Following Year's General Fund Budget (used current year for March analysis): \$8,151,598.26.

The unassigned fund balance, account 27700, divided by the following year's General Fund budget resulting in the fund balance percentage: 29.11%.

Action 13223ROD: A motion was made by Freng and seconded by Sinclair to accept the April 2013 report from the Register of Deeds and the April 2013 Yankton County Welfare report. All present voted aye; motion carried. The Register of Deeds monthly report showed collection of \$1,967.16 in copies revenue; \$10,429.50 in land transfer fees; and \$16,410.00 in regular fees. The regular fees total includes \$1,875 collected for the Records Modernization and Preservation Fund.

The County Welfare Report noted 54 contacts, 16 notices of hospitalization, six poor relief applications, five requests for payment, and three mental health holds in April.

Statue Proposal: The Board reviewed a loan agreement with Register of Deeds Brian Hunhoff to allow for the long-term display of four statues from Hunhoff's personal collection (The Thinker, bust of Abraham Lincoln, The Seated Lincoln, and Blind Justice) in the Commission Chambers of the County Government Center. The loan is at no cost to the County, and the County is not responsible for damage to or theft of the statues.

Action 13224C: A motion was made by Sinclair and seconded by Freng to authorize the Chairman to sign a loan agreement with Brian Hunhoff to allow for long-term display of four statues in the Commission Chambers of the Government Center. All present voted aye; motion carried.

Action 13225C: A motion was made by Sinclair and seconded by Johnson to appoint Commissioner Freng and Register of Deeds Hunhoff to head a committee to generate recommendations for paintings or framed photographs that could be featured on the bare north wall of the Commission Chambers. All present voted aye; motion carried.

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Blankenfeld Correspondence: The Board reviewed a letter from Jay T. Blankenfeld, inquiring about the steps involved in getting right of way abandoned on a one-mile stretch of minimum maintenance road in northeast Yankton County.

Next Meeting Agenda: The Board reviewed items to be included on the May 21 meeting agenda, including representatives of MidAmerican Energy and Knology; health insurance proposals; annual malt beverage license hearing; and a schedule for June budget hearings.

A motion was made by Johnson to adjourn.

The next regular meeting of the Board will be on Tuesday, May 21, 2013 at 3:30 PM in the Commission Chambers at the County Government Center.

Bruce Jensen, Chairman
Yankton County Commission

ATTEST:
Patty Hojem, Deputy Auditor
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Gas

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souri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota and Wisconsin have spiked up to 40 cents a gallon during the past week.

Industry experts say the increase is due to outages and extended maintenance that has constrained output at refineries in Joliet, Ill.; Whiting, Ind.; Tulsa, Okla.; and Eldorado, Kan.

"That has taken product away from those areas, so they are drawing product in — not necessarily from neighboring states — but from other selected markets, including Sioux Falls," Mai stated.

The effect is that prices have skyrocketed in some markets but not others, he said. Rapid City often has higher gas prices than Sioux Falls because of the transportation costs needed to get fuel to the western part of South Dakota, according to Mai. Yet the average price of a gallon of unleaded gasoline in Rapid City has decreased from \$3.35 a month ago to \$3.32 Friday. Sioux Falls, meanwhile, went from \$3.51 a month ago to \$3.91 Friday.

The highest recorded average price for a gallon of regular unleaded gasoline in South Dakota was set on July 18,

2008, when it reached \$4.091, according to AAA's Daily Fuel Gauge Report. Some Yankton retailers raised their regular unleaded fuel price to \$4.09 per gallon Friday, playing into expectations that the old average price for the state could be shattered in coming weeks.

The average price for regular unleaded gasoline in South Dakota was \$3.744 as of early Friday morning, according to the Daily Fuel Gauge Report. It was \$3.521 a month ago and \$3.654 a year ago.

In Nebraska, the average price early Friday was \$3.887. That compares to \$3.438 a month ago and \$3.604 a year ago. The highest recorded average price in Nebraska was set on July 15, 2008, when the price reached \$4.100.

Mai said he is skeptical of the refinery explanation for the sudden price hike.

"I really don't think we're being given the full story," he stated. "It's a very puzzling situation."

Yankton Convention and Visitors Bureau Director Lisa Scheve was optimistic that prices wouldn't have a large impact on Memorial Day holiday travel plans to the area.

"There is always a concern when gas prices go up that it could affect travel and tourism in the Yankton area," she said. "However, we have been able to weather gas prices before. A couple of years ago, they went up right before Memorial Day weekend and were projected to stay up for most

of the summer. There were a lot of concerns there, but it actually did end up being a very good year for us.

"I think a lot of people probably already have their Memorial Day plans in place, and so they already have those things budgeted," Scheve continued. "Some aspects of their trip may be scaled back because of the additional gas costs."

However, with gas prices approaching and exceeding record levels, Mai was more pessimistic of the impact in the wider region on Memorial Day travel.

"When you're at the \$4 mark, that's a real head turner," he said. "People will park the car and may not take those weekend trips or summer vacations they had planned."

Most people in the Midwest don't have a choice to buy gasoline or not, and Mai expressed concern about the impacts it will have on budgets. He spoke to grandparents this week that were having to choose between traveling to see their very ill granddaughter and purchasing prescription medications.

"It's really posing a hardship on a lot of families," Mai said. "You have elderly people on fixed incomes and many families strapped for cash. This is the state of affairs."

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Program

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with the local collection. Chapter president Matt Hanson and members Simon Fuller and Mike Healy represented the Rotary at Friday's gathering.

Hanson said he was pleased the Yankton Rotary was invited to participate in the collection. The effort ties in with the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self," he said.

"I think it's a great project," he said. "There's equipment out there that people don't know what to do with. The items are definitely too good not to be used, and this is a place where people can donate that used equipment. And with Karl's, it gives a convenient place to drop off things and a way to transport the wheelchairs without a hassle."

Pheasantland Industries director Darold Diede oversees about a half-

dozen inmates working with the wheelchairs at Hope Haven's shop on Kiwanis Avenue in Sioux Falls and approximately another 40 inmates working with the project at the state penitentiary in Sioux Falls.

He said he welcomes the addition of Karl's Appliances and the Rotary chapters to the wheelchair effort.

"We do the assembly of the wheelchairs, and Hope Haven does the distribution," he said. "We take the wheelchairs all the way down to the frame, re-upholster them and give them new bearings. We take a bad chair and give it good work so it looks like a new chair."

The wheelchair project also builds self-esteem among the prisoners taking part in the work program, Diede said.

"The inmates get such a feeling of accomplishment when they do something that helps others," he said.

Besides the inmates, the wheelchair refurbishing project receives assistance from volunteers in Sioux Falls. In addition, volunteers accompany Masek to

deliver the shipment to Guatemala and to fix other wheelchairs in the Central American nation.

"We have 300 people in wheelchairs just in one huge village," Masek said. "We also manufacture pediatric wheelchairs in the shop (in Guatemala). In that country, they (usually) don't hire the disabled, but we have a staff of about 15 down there. We provide those disabled persons with important jobs."

Fuller, one of the Yankton Rotary members, said he sees a strong commitment to the wheelchair project.

"We were honored and appreciative that Ray (Sparks) thought of us to help start a new tradition to help those in need all around the world," Fuller said. "Karl's has made a corporate commitment to be a drop-off point for wheelchairs, parts and walkers from here on out. That is an impressive and thoughtful act of kindness."

"These (wheelchairs) get shipped and refurbished before they make their way all around the world to those in need," he added.

The wheelchair project also provides a reminder of the gift of mobility, Fuller said.

"This program helps get proper equipment to those in need around the world without the burden of cost," he said. "I am thankful to Karl's, honored to be a Rotarian and grateful for Hope Haven International Ministries for the efforts in this program."

To make a donation, drop off wheelchairs and other items at the Karl's Appliance store in Yankton from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

While not required, the Karl's Appliance staff appreciates calls informing them of donations so they can prepare for incoming wheelchairs and similar items.

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Neuharth

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appreciated that."

USD president James Abbott said Neuharth's visits to USD — often over Dakota Days — served as "a subtle and constant reminder to our students that they, too, could dream dreams and make them come true."

Born in Eureka in 1924, Neuharth's family moved to Alpena after the death of his father in 1926.

Like many of his generation, Neuharth served during World War II, enlisting in the Army and serving both in Europe and the Pacific.

"I always believed that a lot of his determination, his grit, was shaped by (the war)," said former NBC news anchor and USD alum Tom Brokaw said in a video statement.

Neuharth was among the many interviewees for Brokaw's book, "The Greatest Generation."

During the interview, Neuharth was "uncharacteristically modest," Brokaw said.

"Trying to put it all in context, he said, 'Sure I won the Bronze Star, but so did a lot of other people. I just don't like to talk about those days.'"

Upon his return home, Neuharth attended USD on the GI Bill to study journalism. After a disastrous attempt at broadcasting a Coyote football game over the radio, he switched his emphasis to print.

He never looked back, joining The Associated Press in Sioux Falls, and co-founding the weekly paper *SoDak Sports* in 1952. That publication folded less than two years later, and in Neuharth's words he "ran away from home" to Florida to work for the *Miami Herald*.

Neuharth later worked for Gannett and went on to found *Florida Today* in 1966, and *USA Today* in 1982, followed by the Freedom Forum and the Newseum in 1991 and 1997, respectively.

With a gift from the Freedom Forum, the Al Neuharth Media Center was officially opened on the USD campus in 2003. An endowment from the Freedom Forum also assured the independence of *The Volante*, the campus newspaper.

"Financial support and media attention paled in comparison to Al's most important gift to USD — his constant interaction with our students," Abbott said. "Year after year he patiently answered questions, often the same ones as the year before. ...

"He enjoyed our students, and they in turn loved him."

Neuharth also was instrumental in the founding of the Native American Journalists Association, the Crazy Horse Journalism Workshop and the Native American Journalism Institute.

"I know that there are so many of us who don't know where they would be today had it not been for Al and the innovative programs he established," said Mary Hudetz, vice president of the Native American Journalists Association.

His work with Native American journalists was another reflection of

Neuharth's devotion to his roots, Hudetz said.

"In our industry, in our country, so often the first Americans are forgotten. But not with Al," she said, adding that Neuharth was both a mentor and a friend to many.

"(Because of his support) our members and members to come have never been denied the support to tell the stories of their own people," Hudetz said. "When the founder of the *USA Today* tells you that your voice and your stories are important ... there really isn't anything anyone can tell you after that to make you think otherwise."

Many of Neuharth's children and grandchildren also were on-hand Friday to share their memories.

"The Al Neuharth we knew was no BS, whether it was striking fear in the heart of some unsuspecting waiter in whatever city we happened to be in, or asking a nurse for vodka and aspirin minutes after undergoing double knee replacement surgery," said granddaughter Dani Keusch. "He always told it like it was. Plain talk was his forte. He did it his way. In doing so, he paved the way for all of us (to do the same)."

Daughter Karina Neuharth said some of the most important lessons her father taught her were to be open-minded and accepting, as well as brave and selfless.

"He's everything that every human being wishes they could be and more. He did so much, and I know he will keep doing so much for everyone in this room, and everyone who loved him," she said.

Abbott seconded these comments,

saying, "As we gather here today for this celebration of an extraordinary life, I am comforted by the fact that Al's spirit will remain in the hearts of every future USD student who reads *The Volante*, attends a class in the Al Neuharth Media Center, or grasps the meaning of the First Amendment after reading it perhaps for the first time on the letters attached to the building that bears his name."

"I am confident in the knowledge that the presence of Al's spirit at this celebration at this university, his university, we are all in good company," Abbott said.

The program concluded with another video message from Neuharth, where he admitted his family sometimes took a backseat to his career when he was younger.

"I put the family front and center for most of the winter (of my life)," he said. "You've met the members of that family who are here today, and now you understand why I love each of them so much. I kept on winning even after my body parts went weak and my mind followed."

Neuharth reminded everyone that life is not "an undefeated season."

"We must always play to win, but we will win some and we will lose some," he said. "When we win, we should share that joy with others. When we lose, we must accept the responsibility, pick ourselves up, dust ourselves off, try again."

"Failure is not failing," Neuharth said. "A free spirit can help us get the most out of life, any age, and under any circumstances. We simply must dream, dare, do."

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