

2 Suspects In Rollover Arrested In Yankton

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Two suspects believed to be involved in a rollover accident near Worthington were apprehended in Yankton Monday, according to police chief Brian Paulsen.

Local authorities were notified early Monday by the South Dakota Highway Patrol that Albert Javers and Antonio Schmidt might be in the Yankton area. They were suspected of leaving the scene of an accident that took place at approximately 11:50 p.m. Sunday.

Officers spotted Javers at 2:45 p.m. Monday. "As they approached Fifth and Walnut streets, they observed a male walking north on Walnut," Paulsen said. "He began running west away from the officer."

Five officers were eventually involved in the foot pursuit for Javers, and a taser was employed to subdue him, according to Paulsen.

The 29-year-old Sioux Falls man was arrested for fleeing and on a warrant. He is expected to face more charges in connection with the Sunday accident.

At 11:22 p.m. Monday, the police department received a report of an assault in the 100 block of West Fifth Street involving the second crash suspect.

Schmidt, 33, Yankton, was arrested for aggravated assault (domestic); the unauthorized ingestion of a controlled drug or substance; and on a parole hold.

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BY Electric Plans Outage For Thursday

Bon Homme Yankton Electric crews will be performing a planned outage for electrical work on Thursday, May 29, from approximately 9-10 a.m. Areas affected by the power outage are: Riverside Acres, Neu Addition, Flaxfield Estates, Shore Acres, Larson's Landing, White Crane Estates and the Chief White Crane campground in the Lewis and Clark Lake Area.

Bon Homme Yankton Electric apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause.

Flower Removal Deadline Is June 9

Yankton Municipal Cemetery announces that all Memorial Day flowers, including artificial and those not in permanent planters must be removed by Monday, June 9, after which they may be removed by the cemetery staff.

All articles removed by the cemetery will not be accounted for after 10 days.

In accordance with cemetery policy, fresh cut flowers may be used and will remain until they become wilted and unsightly.

Reminder, only one rod iron decoration is allowed per grave.

If you have questions, call 668-5231.

Two Raised Garden Beds Available

Healthy Yankton has announced that applications are being accepted for two raised garden beds that will be available later this spring.

The raised beds are 6 feet by 2 1/2 feet and have a working height of 30 inches. These raised beds have been made available through the generosity of a Hy-Vee One Step Community Garden Grant with the help of the City of Yankton.

The purpose of the raised beds is to provide an opportunity to garden for those not able to utilize the traditional garden beds because of a physical limitation. All of the raised beds will sit on a concrete pad directly off the Auld Brokaw Trail at the Healthy Yankton Community Garden. The parking lot is dirt/gravel and approximately 20 feet from the trail. The fee for a raised bed garden is \$20 for the growing season and includes the use of the prefilled garden bed and access to water.

Due to the limited number of raised garden beds, anyone interested in utilizing one for the season must first complete an application. Healthy Yankton will review the applications and eligible applications will be entered into a lottery for final selection. This process will occur on an annual basis; therefore raised beds gardeners may not be eligible to renew their plots the following year unless their name is selected by lottery again. Only one raised bed will be assigned to each lottery winner.

Application may be obtained at: Healthy Yankton, c/o Avera Sacred Heart Wellness Center, 501 Summit St., Yankton, SD 57078.

For further information, contact Sister Julie Peak at 668-6000 or Angie O'Connor at 668-8590.

Parks Advisory Board To Meet Monday

The City of Yankton Parks Advisory Board will meet at 5:30 p.m. Monday, June 2, at the Technical Education Center, 1200 West 21st St. This is open to the public.

Signal

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crossing that we've got signed there is working for all practical purposes.

The traffic signal heads and the "Traffic Signal Under Study" signs will be removed this week, according to an SDDOT press release.

The signal poles, mast arms and remaining equipment will be removed as a part of the Highway 50 reconstruction project scheduled for 2015-2016.

The SDDOT will be doing additional analysis

and review of pedestrian usage at the intersection to determine potential improvement needs during the reconstruction project.

The study of the Highway 50 and Walnut Street intersection began late last summer.

"The study went on longer than we anticipated," Peterson said. "We had hoped to get it done sooner, but we were waiting for more spring weather to see more pedestrian movements."

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OBITUARIES

Bernadette Heaton

Bernadette "Bernie" (Goeden) Heaton was born April 30, 1942, to Paul J and Dolores (Tramp) Goeden in South Yankton, Nebraska. Bernie passed away peacefully of natural causes at her home in California April 26, 2014.

Services were held at Praise Chapel Family Christian Fellowship in Montebello, California, on Saturday May 3, 2014, with her son-in-law, Pastor Anthony Diaz, officiating. Bernie was laid to rest at Rose Hills Cemetery, Whittier, California.

She attended grade school at St. Boniface in Menominee, Nebraska. She graduated from Mount Marty High School, Yankton, South Dakota, in 1959 and from Mount Marty College in 1963 earning a BS degree.

After graduation she moved to California. She married Kenneth Heaton on October 19, 1968. To this union was born two daughters: Brenda Diaz and Kathy Young.

Bernie started her career at City of Hope Hospital, Duarte, California in 1964 where she aided Dr. Rodnard in early research on the use of ultrasound technology. She transferred to Whittier Hospital Medical Center in February 1977, as a Licensed



Bernadette Heaton

Clinical Lab Scientist. She ran approximately 25,000 patient tests per year. She was a valuable member of the Lab team, and a blessing and inspiration to the entire hospital. She refused to retire and worked hard and faithfully, full-time, until the day she passed away at age 72. She love her co-workers as her extended family.

It's amazing the life she led, the things she accomplished, all while battling a physical disability of scoliosis. She never once complained of her physical condition and was stubbornly independent and refused to let people take care of her, but instead took care of others. In life, she took time and cared for everyone she met. She was extremely generous and kind-hearted and intelligent. She had a wonderful sense of humor. She always put others above herself. She left a beautiful legacy of love.

Apart from her career, Bernie's life revolved around her five grandsons: Isaiah, Noah, Jeremiah, Josiah and

Micah Diaz. She was their greatest cheerleader and biggest fan. She attended countless basketball and football games, church, school and scout events. She was always so incredibly proud of them. Words can't express what a wonderful grandmother she was.

Beside her grandsons she is survived by her two daughters: Brenda (Anthony) Diaz and Kathy Young, a sister: Diane (Roger) Anderson, Yankton; Brothers: Jerry (Joyce) Goeden, Las Vegas, Richard (Gail) Goeden, Wendell, Idaho; Mel (Vicki) Goeden, Arizona. Uncle George Goeden Anoka, MN and an aunt, Virginia Goeden, Staples MN, and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Paul and Dolores Goeden, and her brother, Ron Goeden.

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Matthew Schissel

Matthew Julian Schissel, 35, of Vermillion, died May 23, 2014 in West Milford, New Jersey.

A celebration of Matthew's life will be on Sunday, June 1, at 3 p.m. at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Vermillion.

Kober Funeral Home, Vermillion is in charge of local arrangements.

War

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terterrorism missions and protect progress made in a war that has left at least 2,181 Americans dead and thousands more wounded.

There are currently about 32,000 U.S. troops in Afghanistan. Under Obama's plan, that number would be reduced to 9,800 by the start of 2015, dispatched throughout Afghanistan.

Over the course of next year, the number would be cut in half and consolidated in the capital of Kabul and at Bagram Air Field, the main U.S. base in Afghanistan. Those remaining forces would largely be withdrawn by the end of 2016, with fewer than 1,000 remaining to staff a security office in Kabul.

The American forces would probably be bolstered by a few thousand NATO troops.

Noting the complexity of

his drawdown plan, Obama said, "It's harder to end wars than to begin them."

Officials said Obama was outlining his decisions before the conclusion of the Afghan elections and the signing of the security agreement because the military needed to begin making plans. If the security accord is unexpectedly not signed, the drawdown will speed up and all U.S. troops will leave Afghanistan, said the administration officials, who briefed reporters after Obama's announcement on condition they not be identified by name.

The formal end of the Afghan war has triggered a White House effort to reframe America's foreign policy after more than a decade of conflict. During a commencement address Wednesday at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, Obama is expected to make the case for an approach to global problems that relies on international consensus.

The U.S. tried to keep a residual force in Iraq as combat missions there came to an

end, but Washington and Baghdad were unable to finalize a security agreement. In the vacuum left by the American military, Iraq has been battered by resurgent waves of violence.

The president is seeking to avoid a similar scenario in Afghanistan, for both security and political purposes. While Obama long opposed the Iraq war, he oversaw a surge of U.S. forces in Afghanistan, giving him greater responsibility for the mission's success or failure.

Even Obama has at times been skeptical of the prospects for success there. But he struck an optimistic tone during a surprise visit to Afghanistan on Sunday, telling military commanders that the process of turning over security responsibilities has gone "better than I might have expected just a year ago."

U.S. officials have also been buoyed by the successful start of the Afghan presidential elections, which will conclude next month.

Ahead of his remarks,

Vera Jackson-Provost

Vera Jackson-Provost, 57, of Lake Andes died Saturday, May 24, 2014, at the Community Memorial Hospital in Wagner.

Services were at 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 27, 2014 at the White Swan Community Center in Lake Andes. Burial is in St. Phillip's Episcopal Cemetery, Lake Andes.

Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home in Wagner is in charge of arrangements.

Cheryl 'Sherri' Miller

Cheryl "Sherri" Kay Miller, 17, of Vermillion, who died May 29, 1971, will finally be placed to rest after 43 years.

The celebration of Sherri's life will be on Thursday, May 29, 2014 at 11 a.m., at First Baptist Church in Vermillion with burial of ashes to follow at Bluff View Cemetery in Vermillion.

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

Kober Funeral Home, Vermillion, is in charge of arrangements.

Project

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of Yankton, and ASHH officials attended Tuesday's ceremony.

St. Michael's ground-floor expansion will provide much greater accessibility for staff, patients and visitors, said ASHH vice president Doug Ekeren.

"Currently, St. Michael's patient rooms are on the second floor, and many of the services are on the first floor," he said. "Now, with the new wing on the first floor, many of the patients are on the same floor as the emergency room."

The new ground-floor wing is comparable in cost to renovating the second-floor rooms, according to hospital officials. The new rooms will provide optimum size and consistent layout. In addition, construction will take less time than remodeling and produce less inconvenience for staff, patients and visitors.

The \$2 million addition, located in the northeast corner of St. Michael's campus, should be completed by late January, said Ginger Peschl, the hospital's human resources director.

"We realized it made sense to start fresh instead of redoing the footprint of the current rooms," she said. "We will continue using some of the (current) rooms for outpatient procedures."

The hospital has conducted a \$600,000 capital campaign to help finance the project. The remaining costs are covered by \$700,000 from reserves and \$700,000 from a loan.

Marty Koch and Thomas Laird co-chaired the capital campaign steering committee. The honorary campaign chairman was Bill Hoch, a long-time Tyndall pharmacist and major supporter of St. Michael's Hospital/Avera.

The five-month capital campaign began in late 2013 and concluded last month, Deurmier said.

"This project wouldn't happen without the great support that St. Michael's has received from the people they serve and from the efforts of the (fundraising) steering committee," she said. "We are so appreciative for the vision of the board and the support of the community. It's been tremendous."

St. Michael's has undertaken a number of additions through the years, expanding and remodeling in phases, said the Rev. Joe Forcelle. He serves as a hospital board member, and he celebrates Mass and provides for other spiritual needs at the hospital.

In addition, he serves as pastor at St. Leo Catholic Church in Tyndall and St. Vincent Catholic Church in Springfield.

Besides improving patient care, the \$2 million addition will provide more attractive facilities for recruiting doctors and other staff, Forcelle said.

The hospital addition will also carry a spiritual significance, he added. The facility will provide the new home for a historic tabernacle, which holds consecrated communion hosts.

"At St. Leo's (Catholic Church in Tyndall), we have the tabernacle that is part of the original Sisters' chapel at St. Michael's Hospital," the priest said. "The tabernacle

will go back to St. Michael's, and it will be part of the new chapel in the new addition."

Currently, the tabernacle in the hospital chapel consists of a tiny wooden box nailed to the wall, Forcelle said.

In addition, St. Leo's will provide the hospital with a holy water font that isn't used at the church, Forcelle said. The tabernacle and font will continue the connection between the hospital and parish, he said.

Besides benefiting regional health care, the hospital addition provides a strong economic boost, Forcelle said. St. Michael's Hospital ranks among the top three employers in Bon Homme County, employing 90 staff members with salary and benefits of \$4 million, according to hospital officials.

The hospital addition represents the latest project involving the Tyndall Development Corporation, Forcelle said. He also noted a

dress shop remodeling, a new ag spraying company, grocery store renovations and the possibility of attracting new retailers.

The surrounding area has also seen strides in agriculture and recreation, along with a wind farm, he said.

"It shows we're a viable community and county, wanting to see things happen," he said. "This area wants to do things aggressively as far as economically. We are working to make things more attractive, particularly for young people."

The St. Michael's Hospital/Avera addition will take regional health care to the next level, Ekeren said.

"St. Michael's will make itself well-positioned in this part of the state for years to come," he said.

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