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City To Discuss Rail Authority Involvement

From P&D Staff Reports

The Yankton County Commission has been discussing a proposal to create a regional rail authority encompassing the entire county. Tuesday, the Yankton City Commission will hold a public discussion during its meeting to decide whether to team up with the county on a rail authority.

The City Commission will

also consider a number of ordinances and zoning items related to the development of the Westbrook Estates project and the purchase of property from the Human Service Center campus.

Due to the Memorial Day holiday, the City Commission will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 26, in the commission chamber at the Technical Education Center, 1200 W. 21st St.

Swan Lake Running Races June 14

VIBORG — Swan Lake Christian Camp of Viborg s hosting a marathon (26.2 miles,) half-marathon (13.1 miles), and a 5.3 Mile run on June 14. Runners, joggers, walkers and spectators are welcome.

Money raised will go towards camper scholarships. For more information check out the website at www.myslcc.com, email marathon@myslcc.com or call the camp at 605-326-5690.

Delmont

Musician Set To Help Out Town

BY REILLY BIEL
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Cowboy Rowland knows when it's time to lend a helping hand.

His band, the Feather River Band, with help from their sponsor Budweiser of Yankton, has spent the past two years playing at various benefits for those in need in the area.

The band will perform at a Delmont tornado benefit on May 30.

"We try and help out where we can," Rowland told the *Press & Dakotan*.

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The two-piece ensemble band got its start in Arizona in 1982. In 1984, the band started working the West Coast casino circuit playing old-fashioned

country and rock and roll music. Rowland plays several different musical instruments, including a banjo and a steel guitar.

"We also do games and crafts and hand out lottery tickets during shows," Rowland said.

Shortly after a tornado hit Delmont, he got in touch with Vanessa Kafka, owner of the Delmont Steakhouse & Lounge, and corresponded to put together a benefit for the damaged town.

"I remember seeing everyone come walking down the road out of the rubble," Kafka recalls of the day the

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P.E.O. State Convention Set For Yankton

"P.E.O. Rocks...Let the Good Times Roll" is the theme chosen for the 2015 SD State P.E.O. convention to be held at the Best Western Kelly Inn in Yankton May 28-30.

State President Tristin Gruenhagen, Chapter R DeSmet, will be heading the convention and making sure everyone keeps "rocking". P.E.O. chapters hosting the convention are from Elk Point, Vermillion, Tyndall and Yankton. Convention co-chairs are Betty Cox, Chapter K and Liz Aanning, Chapter CO.

Alix Smith, Chapter AY Arizona, will be the featured speaker. She is the chairperson of the P.E.O. International Board of Finance and Budget.

As well as the business meetings held during convention, there will also be an "Hour of Remembrance" held at Bishop Marty Chapel to honor P.E.O. sisters who have passed away during the past year. This will be followed by a "Golden Girls" luncheon to be held at Roncalli Dining Room. We honor those members who have been P.E.O.s for 50, 55, 60, 65 or 70 years.

P.E.O. is a Philanthropic Educational Organization which supports education for women, locally, nationally and inter-



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Pictured are, from left: Liz Aanning, co-chair; Tristin Gruenhagen, South Dakota State President; and Betty Cox, co-chair.

nationally. We will celebrate these projects and local recipients of educational grants at a banquet Friday evening.

Yankton looks forward to hosting

the convention as well as welcoming our vivacious President Gruenhagen, her officers, delegates and visitors.

OBITUARIES

Donna Meirose

Memorial services for Donna M. Meirose of Albert Lea, MN, will be held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, May 30, 2015 at St. Theodore Catholic Church. Father Timothy T. Reker and Deacon Mike Ellis will officiate.

Friends may greet the family Friday evening from 4 until 7 p.m. at the Bonnerup Funeral Service and one hour prior to the service at the church. Interment will be in St. Theodore Catholic Cemetery.

Donna Meirose died Wednesday morning, May 20, 2015 at St John's Lutheran Home in Albert Lea. She was 79 years of age.

Donna was born May 1, 1936 in Cedar County, Nebraska the daughter of Franz and Frances (Albrecht) Meirose. She was a graduate of high school in Yankton, S.D. and the Sacred Heart School of Nursing also in Yankton. In 1967 she received a Public Health Grant to study at the Cedars Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles, CA. That was the start of then called Progressive Care and eventually became Critical Care. Donna set up classes with three other physicians and the cardiac care unit was established. They were the first in a community hospital setting. She also covered other nursing areas but critical care and emergency room became her favorite. She organized and compiled her own cardiac teaching program so future nurses no longer needed to go elsewhere to obtain the necessary knowledge. Community involvement included Speaker at Minnesota Heart Association Meeting in Minneapolis in 1967, active in Freeborn County Cancer Society, organized first D-Day Campaign in Freeborn County, spoke at various service clubs, Kiwanis, Ser-toma and Midwestern Clubs. Was Career Woman of the Day, nominated for District 241 Citizenship Award, was chosen to be the Who's Who Woman of the year, and had the great honor of being awarded the Mount Marty Distinguished Service to church/community in 1981. Donna was very active in church activities-worked with first RCIA program at church for many years — Eucharistic Minister, lector and secretary for church council. She loved to travel and visited many places all over the US, Alaska, Canada, Italy, France, Capri, Kenya, Africa, Honduras, Guatemala, into the jungle and Mayan culture. She also loved Caribbean cruises. Donna also managed



Meirose

a 24 unit apartment complex for 20 years and remained active in the Red Cross, doing blood pressure checks at the mall and occasionally working at the hospital, she was a 20 year survivor of breast and colon cancer. In her free time she enjoyed playing the piano, cooking and baking and counted cross stitch.

Always and forever remember this: We never accomplish anything alone, always there are those who help us along the way, be it family, teacher, friends, co-workers and most of all our eternal Lord.

Donna is survived by her good friend Jeanne Wendell of Albert Lea, brothers James (Lavon) Meirose of Platte City, MO, Thomas (Diane) Meirose of St Charles, MO, nephews Paul (Jane) Meirose and their three children Anne Grace, Sarah Kate and Mary Jane, Stephan (Kim) Meirose and their three children Jordan Matthew, Abigail Marie and Benjamin Paul, Scott (Kelley) Meirose and their sons Cole Matthew and Caleb Jordan, Christopher Meirose, and niece Lisa Marie Luetkemeyer Meirose (Brian) and their two children Katelyn Elizabeth and Jacob Brian.

She was preceded in death by her parents Franz and Frances Meirose and sister Ursula Meirose.

Memorials preferred in lieu of flowers to the American Cancer Society, American Heart Association or the Red Cross.

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Sylvia Johnson

Sylvia Johnson, 91, of Vermillion, SD passed away Thursday, May 21 at the Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, SD.

Sylvia Adeline (Wold) Johnson was born November 12, 1923, to Anton and Sarah Marie (Thompson) Wold near Meckling, SD. As an infant she was baptized at Bergen Lutheran Church, Meckling on December 25, 1923. She confirmed her faith at Trinity Lutheran Church in Vermillion on May 16, 1937. Sylvia attended Spirit Mound Country School #15 north of Vermillion in grades 1-7. She received her 8th and 9th grade education at Bloomingdale Country School #16. She graduated from University High School on the campus of USD in Vermillion and attended Nettleton Business School in Sioux City, IA.

On September 5, 1944, she married Arnold Johnson of rural Vermillion at Nazareth Lutheran Church, Centerville, SD. They celebrated the births of three daughters: Sandy, Lynnette, and Debbie. Following Arnold's death in 2005 Sylvia continued living on the farm until she moved to Dakota Gardens Apartments in Vermillion in 2006. She lived there until her death.

She was a longtime



Johnson

member of Pleasant Valley Lutheran Church, rural Vermillion, where she was a Sunday School Teacher, a member of Pleasant Valley Ladies' Aid, and served on the Church Council. The gatherings with her friends of the Cleophus Club of the Westerville community were always a highlight.

In addition to her involvement and enjoyment of farming with Arnold, she especially enjoyed her flower garden and loved to share her fresh flowers with others. Making quilts for her kids, grandkids, great-grandkids, and others warmed her heart and those who received them. Very special memories were made and cherished on fishing trips with many friends and family. She always enjoyed a good cup of coffee at the kitchen table and her tea parties with children as Mrs. Van AshterBuilt Sweeney. Her door was always open.

Grateful for sharing her life are daughters Sandy (Loren) Odland, Sioux Falls, Debbie (Rick) Peterson, Vermillion; sons-in-law Steve Hatch, The Villages, FL, and Rich Graber, Sioux Falls; her grandchildren Simon (Sydna) Odland, Aberdeen, SD, Joel (Emily) Odland, Hawley, MN, Isaac (Carissa) Odland, Jasper, MN, Chad (Korie) Hatch, Sioux Falls,

Casey (Lana) Hatch, Lansing, MN, Clyde (Jill) Hatch, Hudson, WI, Tina (Rusty) Gorter, Kalamazoo, MI, Heather (Cameron) Will, Tea, SD, Barry (Lindsay) Peterson, Vermillion, and Heidi (Barry) Brown, Tea. She is also survived by 28 great-grandchildren; her sister, Berneice Grangaard, Sargent Bluff, IA; in-laws Beverly Johnson, Ruth Ostrem, Eldon & Nory Johnson, Dorwin & Louise Larsen, Kenneth & Lois Johnson; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her brother Julius Wold, her husband, Arnold, and their daughter Lynnette Hatch Graber.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 26

at the Pleasant Valley Lutheran Church rural Vermillion with burial in the church cemetery. Visitation will begin at 5:00 p.m. Monday with a prayer service at 7:00 p.m. at the Hansen Funeral Home in Vermillion.

Visit HansenFuneralHome.com.

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10:30 AM, Saturday
Christ Episcopal Church
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Dennis Lee Braunesreither
11:00 AM, Saturday
Wintz & Ray Funeral Home
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Alfred Alder
Graveside Service
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They were there for us and for our country. Some couldn't wait to come home to the families they loved...others gave the ultimate sacrifice. Today, as every day, they remain unforgotten.



Kevin P. Opsahl
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Tami Keller
Funeral Director



To the brave men and women who have sacrificed to protect the security and integrity of our great nation, go our deepest respects and undying gratitude.

They will live forever in our hearts and prayers.



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