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Wagner Police Chief Sentenced

From P&D Staff Reports

WAGNER — A former Wagner police chief has received a suspended sentence for failing to report drug paraphernalia at his place of residence.

James A. Chaney, 44, of Wagner was sentenced Friday, according to South Dakota Attorney General Marty Jackley.

Chaney was sentenced to six months in jail and \$1,000 fine on one count of misprision of a felony, class 1 misdemeanor.

The sentence was suspended on the condition that Chaney complete 120 hours of community service within the next four months.

This case was investigated by the Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) and was prosecuted by the attorney general's office.

Chaney was accused of covering up his girlfriend's use of methamphetamine. Authorities charged that he hid the woman's used needles at his police office.

City Manager Finalists Set

Interviews With Candidates To Be Conducted Next Week

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Five finalists were announced Friday afternoon for Yankton's city manager position.

Mayor Nancy Wenande released information about the candidates during a media briefing at City Hall.

The finalists are:

- Andrew J. Colvin, who resides in Yankton and is the assistant city manager of Vermillion;
- Barry Cook, the former city administrator of Green River, Wyo.;
- Lane E. Danielzuk, the city administrator of Ger- ing, Neb.;
- Jeffrey L. Kooistra, the former city administrator of Waukee, Iowa; and
- Amy M. Nelson, the city manager of Canton.

According to Wenande, the Mercer Group received more than 20 applications for the position. That is the consultant hired by the City Commission to head up the search process.

The Mercer Group provided commissioners with the resumes of the 12 candidates it thought would be the best fit for Yankton. Before its last regular meeting, the commission discussed the dozen potential city managers in an executive session and narrowed the list down to five finalists.

Wenande said deliberation was necessary to reach that point, because the same five candidates did not top every commissioner's list.

Although all five finalists are from this region of the United States, the mayor said that was not a conscious decision.

"We had candidates from coast to coast. We didn't use their location as an inclusive or exclusive factor," she stated. "We wanted to make sure the skills they were bringing to the table were the skills we were looking for. Through the process of looking through their resumes, these are the candidates that floated to the top."

The five hopefuls will take a community tour of Yankton Thursday. A meet-and-greet with community leaders will take place Thursday evening.

The City Commission will conduct interviews with three candidates on Friday and two on Saturday.

Wenande said she would like to have a city manager in place by the beginning of next year.

"The candidates we have coming in, judging from their resumes, have the capacity to handle what we have in Yankton," she stated. "Some of them are coming from smaller communities, but ... they look like they have potential to take Yankton to the next level. Overall, I think we're just trying to make sure they are the right fit for the needs we have right now."

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Wenande



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Jeff Jones, president of First National Bank South Dakota, will lead his organization in celebrating its 50-year anniversary next week. First National Bank South Dakota began in Yankton as Valley State Bank in 1962 and changed to its current name in 1994.

50 Years In The Valley

First National Bank South Dakota Celebrating 50 Years Of Serving Customers

BY NATHAN JOHNSON

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A bank with Yankton roots is celebrating its golden anniversary next week.

First National Bank South Dakota, which has branches in Mitchell, Woonsocket and Yankton, will celebrate 50 years of serving its customers with a variety of festivities aimed at the public.

During the course of its history, the bank has expanded from one location in Yankton with three employees to four banking locations with 99 employees.

Jeff Jones, who is president of First National Bank South Dakota and has his office in Yankton, said the future of the bank looks strong.

"Our capital levels are probably as strong as they've ever been," he said. "I think the reason why we've had success is because we're in Yankton. I think it's a good community, particularly with a strong ag community."

The origins of First National Bank South Dakota go back to Yankton's Valley State Bank. Valley State was a family-owned bank chartered on Oct. 5, 1962, under the leadership of Erlig Haugo.

Its name was derived from Yankton's geography within the Missouri River valley. The stockholders believed the bank would have a role in utilizing the wealth that the valley provides for its residents.

First National of Nebraska, Inc., purchased Valley State Bank in 1983 with the intent of expanding its credit card operations in South Dakota while still maintaining regular banking services. The new operations brought 50 new jobs to Yankton and a \$1 million annual payroll.

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RANDY DOCKENDORF/P&D

The Mission Hill post office is one of more than 13,000 postal facilities nationwide slated for reduced hours under a United States Postal Service (USPS) proposal. The USPS will hold meetings next week on the plan in a number of area communities.

Public Postal Hearings Slated

BY RANDY DOCKENDORF

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Local residents can learn more during next week's hearings on the United States Postal Service (USPS) proposal to cut hours at area post offices.

Under the proposal, known as POST Plan, the USPS would reduce hours at more than 13,000 post offices nationwide as a budget-cutting measure. Other alternatives include mail delivery by rural carrier or highway contract route; contracting with a local business to create a Village Post Office (VPO); or offering service from a nearby post office.

Next week's meetings represent the next step in the process, said USPS spokesman Pete Nowacki.

"In September, we began the process of notifying communities of the changed hours of operations of local post offices and options available to them," he said. "The public contact process consists of a survey and a community meeting. At the meetings, we will announce the survey results, provide information on the timeline going forward and answer customers' questions."

The USPS is holding meetings, all at the local post office, in the following southeast South Dakota communities:

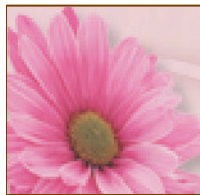
- Monday: Hudson, 3:30 p.m.; Jefferson, 6 p.m.;
- Tuesday: Gayville, noon; Wakonda, 2 p.m.;
- Wednesday: Utica, noon; Lesterville, 1:30

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Manny Bernal of the Republic National Distributing Co. pours a sample of a wine to an attendee at Friday night's fifth annual Simply D'vine food and wine-tasting event at the Avera Professional Office Pavilion in Yankton. The annual event is a benefit for the Avera Sacred Heart Cancer Center and drew hundreds of people. Simply D'vine also raises money to help provide free or reduced health care services to low-income patients.



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