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Clark should not be included in the earmark ban, so we thank the senator for his efforts.

Johnson said he did not know if funding would be affected by the outcome of this year's election.

"We'll wait and see what happens," he said. "I don't know what the position of Mitt Romney is on Lewis & Clark, but the merits I assume will win out."

The senator said overall progress with the project is

heartening.
"Ten of the 11 communities in South Dakota (are being served) already," he said. "Madison is the only underserved community left. The rest are in Iowa and

The Vermillion plant was operational as of July 30 and had its official ribbon-cutting Aug. 21, a ceremony Johnson was unable to

"What's happening today is a belated opportunity for the senator to see everything that has taken place with the funding that we've received," Larson said.

Larson went on to thank Johnson for his efforts to see the project through to completion.

"Sen. Johnson through the years has been a champion of this project to say the least," he said. He has been involved with it since day one, and advocated for it in every which way he possibly could."

OBITUARIES

Cleo Lukes

SIOUX FALLS — Cleo J. Lukes, 78, died Sunday, October 21, 2012, at the Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls.

A memorial service will be 10:30 a.m. Thursday, October 25, 2012, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church with a 2 p.m. burial in Garden of Memories Cemetery in Yankton where she will



Lukes

be buried with her husband's previously cremated remains. Leo and Cleo; Together in life, Forever in Eternity.

Cleo Julianne Jensen, the daughter of James and Alma (Quarg) Jensen was born March 27, 1934, in Parker, SD. She attended school in Yankton.

On July 1, 1950, Cleo was united in marriage with Leo Lukes in Yankton, SD. The couple moved to Sioux Falls in 1962. Cleo was primarily a homemaker and loving mother, but she was also employed at the Elks Club and McDonalds. She then worked for Walmart in the fabric department until her retirement in 1994. Cleo also volunteered at the Great Plains Zoo, which she enjoyed greatly, until her death. Leo died June 11, 2002.

Cleo was a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church. She loved playing cards and bowled for many years. Gardening was her passion and she loved the outdoors, especially watching the cardinals. If Cleo had any free time, she was sewing for her three daughters, herself, and her granddaughter, or babysitting. She had good luck at casinos, and don't' forget that Sundays were "Do Not Disturb!" day, due to NASCAR Races

Grateful for having shared her life are three daughters, Wendy (Paul) Canfield of Sioux Falls, Jami (friend: James Verdoorn) Lukes of Sioux Falls, Jodi (Roy) Brauer of Harrisburg, SD; a son, Leo (Deb) Lukes Jr. of Grand Island, NE; three grandchildren, Jen, Jill, and Reese; four great-grandchildren, Alexa, Braxton, Isaac, and Clara; two sisters, Bonnie Whatling of Yankton, SD, Jackie (Don) Olson of Yankton; two brothers, David (Leona) Jensen of Black Hawk, SD, Gene Jensen of Yankton; and a host of other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Leo; four brothers, Keith, Jim, Lester, and Dennis; and

a sister-in-law, Freida Jensen. The family has requested that memorials be directed to the American Cancer Society.

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Luverne Selwyn Jr.

WAGNER — Luverne Selwyn Jr., 60, of Wagner died unexpectedly Sunday, Oct. 21, 2012, at the Community Memorial Hospital, Wagner.

Wake services are at 7 p.m. today (Tuesday) and Wednesday at the Boys and Girls Club Gym, Marty. Funeral Services are 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 25, at the gym. Burial is in the Holy Fellowship Episcopal Cemetery, rural Greenwood. Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home,

Wagner, is in charge of arrangements.

Robert 'Bob' Stewart

Robert "Bob" Stewart died October 14, 2012 at the age of 74.

He was born November 4, 1937 in Yankton, South Dakota. Bob graduated from Yankton High School in 1956 and attended the University of South Dakota where he had a basketball scholarship. During his college years he was also in the Na-



tional Guard and the Beta Theta Phi Fraternity. Bob married his wife, Judy Mortensen in 1962 and remained married for 50 years until his death. He owned and operated Yankton Title Company for 35 years, auctioneered for 15 years and owned rental property. He also owned a sodding business for "a little extra beer money" and was a member of the Elks Club and the Yankton Quarterback Club. Bob loved golf, hunting and fishing. Years later when the grandkids arrived, they brought him such special joy!! During his retirement years he loved golfing 4-5 days a week with Herm, Ted and Julio, attending all Arizona State University sporting events and frequent trips to Hawaii. Bob was so loved by his family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Chet Stewart and mother, Francis (Jorgensen) Stew-

He is survived by his wife, Judy of Scottsdale, AZ; daughter, Debbie (Ken) Orkin of Gilbert, AZ; son, Greg of Yankton, SD; sister, Mary (Dale) Hacecky of Yankton, SD and grandchildren, Jacob, Samuel, Emma and James, all of Yankton,

The family asks that you not send flowers however any donations to the American Cancer Society in the name of Bob Stewart are greatly appreciated. www.cancer.org. Please visit www.hansenmortuary.com to place

online condolences. Yankton Press & Dakotan

Ralph Heikes

OBERT, Neb. — Ralph C. Heikes, 98, of Obert, Neb., died on Saturday, Oct. 20, 2012, at Careage of Wayne in Wayne, Neb.

Funeral Services are at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 26, at Faith Lutheran Church, Maskell, Neb., with Vicar Chad Beckius officiating. Burial will be in the Maskell Cemetery.

Visitation is 5-8 p.m. Thursday, with a prayer service at 7 p.m., at Wintz Funeral Home, Hartington. Visitation will begin one hour prior to services on Friday at the

church. To send online condolences or to view the video tribute, visit www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

Vivian Kopping

Vivian Carolyn Kopping, 83, of Volin, SD died Sunday, October 21, 2012 at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton, SD. Arrangements are pending under the care of Hansen Funeral Home in Irene.



A FOUR ALARM FIRE



TRAVIS GULBRANDSON/VERMILLION PLAIN TALK

The bailer building at the Vermillion Landfill stands charred after an early-morning fire Monday. Four fire departments cooperated in extinguishing the blaze.

Building Burns At Vermillion Landfill

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VERMILLION — The Vermillion Landfill lost a baler Monday when the building in which it was housed was the site of a

According to landfill man-

ager Bob Iverson, the building was already on fire when employees arrived for work at 6:30 "There was fire coming out

the vents," he said. "It was already well-started when they Firefighters were still taking

items out of the building and

dousing areas of it with water

good job of educating children

program has are the types of

things that would keep our stu-

dents in South Dakota," he said.

'You have to spend a dollar to

Economic development isn't

as easy as spending some money

and then having that investment

"We're wasting hundreds of

returned, Rep. Hunhoff stated.

millions of dollars across Amer-

ica on corporate welfare when

that money could be spent on

things state government can ac-

tually do," he said. "The gover-

percentage of money into a proj-

job and tax dollar that comes

panies don't choose to move

tractors' excise tax, Hunhoff

ahead with a project because of

just nonsense.'

added.

ect and then take credit for every

from there from the day after. It's

Studies have show that com-

"There are a dozen things that

go into locating a project that are

said. "If taxes worked, every com-

pany in the country would be in

South Dakota because we don't

Every company in America would

be here if you could buy compa-

nies, but they are not here, are they? We need to build from the

Gross said the state has other

'I would agree with those who

sources of economic development

funding already available to it.

are opposed to this in that it is

money that will be taken out of

education funding," he stated.

ground up with education.'

have a corporate income tax.

more important than taxes," he

nor's office will put a small

make a dollar sometimes, and

that's why I support this."

"The types of jobs that this

who must then leave South

Forum

Dakota to find jobs.

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as late as 11 a.m.

City Manager John Prescott said the state fire marshal is expected this morning (Tuesday) to investigate possible causes, after which point the insurance company will assess damages.

"At this point we're anticipating that the baler as well as a couple of pieces of equipment were lost, and probably the building, but we'll wait and see what the fire marshal says, as well as the insurance company when they have a chance to take a look at it," Prescott said.

Four area fire departments were on the scene Monday morning: Vermillion, Gayville, Volin and Wakonda.

"Before we do that, let's go to

Gross also pointed to what he

saw as a misuse of economic de-

given breaks for the construction

They didn't have another

here," he said. "That's the kind of

thing that makes me concerned

about economic development dol-

lars and where that money comes

Allen also said he wanted

it is taken from the general fund

to support large projects.

money to go to education before

Companies doing projects

that large) pretty much can write

other programs out there that are

Revolving Economic Development

Yankton has benefited from the

checks for construction of their

buildings," he said. "There are

Initiative (REDI) loan, which is

Project Development Fund, Sen.

A recent example is the expan-

sion of Baldwin Filters in Yankton

"Our own community bene-

fited from it, and I think we have

to keep that in mind. That's what

(the Large Project Development

Fund) is about," Hunhoff stated.

"There is competition out there

among states for businesses to

come and locate in their state."

things, create a program for

teacher merit bonuses, all the

candidates said they do not sup-

Similarly, all six hopefuls op-

pose Initiated Measure 15, which

would increase the state sales tax

to raise additional funding for K-

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12 education and Medicaid.

On the question of Referred

Law 16 which would, among other

rather than in Nebraska or Mex-

similar to the proposed Large

Hunhoff argued.

ico, she said.

port it.

going to allow them breaks."

velopments funds in the past

when TransCanada Corp. was

route. They were going to be

of the Keystone Pipeline.

other sources."

imprisonment and/or \$10,000. The charges stem from the

Johnson

able by up to 5 years

Charges

— related to the little girl's death

In that incident, Cournoyer

• one count of abuse or cru-

Class 3 felony, punishable by up

to 15 years imprisonment and/or

ment of death of child, a Class 5

felony, punishable by up to 5

this case is scheduled for 1:30

cent until such time as proven

Cournoyer's latest indict-

ments follow guilty pleas by an-

other defendant in RieLee's

Wagner resident Taylor

week to the following charges:

controlled substance (metham-

ishable by up to 10 years imprisonment and/or a \$20,000

phetamine), a Class 4 felony, pun-

• one count of keeping a place for use or sale of controlled sub-

stances, a Class 5 felony, punish-

Cournoyer, 21, pleaded guilty last

• one count of possession of a

years and/or \$10,000 fine.

p.m. Friday in Lake Andes.

• failure to notify law enforce-

The motions hearing date for

Cournoyer is presumed inno-

— are still pending and are

treated as a separate case,

faces the following charges:

elty to a minor as a felony, a

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Rabern said.

a \$30,000 fine;

guilty.

death.

2. The County Commission has a process under way to re-structure the Highway Department, which includes re-defining the superintendent position as a more administrative role. Do you support this move? Why or why not? Yankton County needs to do a

better job of planning for the maintenance and construction of our county highway system. Yankton County has more paved roads than most other counties in the state. In order to maintain this resource, a great deal of forethought and planning must continue to be a priority to assure that we continue to have the best highway system possible. Assuring that smaller towns throughout the county have adequate roads for the transport of grain and fertilizer year round is extremely important. Identification and improvement of these crucial highways needs to be an ongoing priority. Budgeting and acquiring the funds to pursue these goals is probably the biggest challenge Yankton County faces in the future.

July incident at the Cournoyers'

Taylor Cournoyer also admitted to a Part II Information for Habitual Offender, exposing him to an elevated sentence of 25 years incarceration and a \$50,000

Sentencing for Taylor Cournoyer is scheduled for Nov. 29 in Charles Mix County.

Following RieLee's death at the Cournoyers' house, five other children in the couple's care were taken to the Wagner Police Department.

According to Charles Mix County court records, the Cournoyers faced numerous charges, including five counts of abuse of or cruelty to a minor (four counts of a Class 3 felony and one count of a Class 4 felony); three drug-related charges; and one count of keeping a place for the use or sale of controlled substances, a Class 5

In August, the couple pleaded not guilty to the charges.
The Cournoyers are the first

people charged under a South Dakota law that went into effect July 1, just prior to the youngster's death.

The South Dakota says that a parent, guardian or caretaker could face felony charges for knowingly failing to report a child's death within six hours.

The South Dakota law was modeled after Florida legislation passed following the death of Caylee Anthony, which garnered national attention.

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3. Yankton Area Progressive Growth is expected to launch a new, five-year capital campaign soon that would fund future economic development efforts in the area. Yankton County committed \$100,000 to the last campaign. Would you support contributing funds to a new campaign? Why or why not?

In the past, Yankton County contributed to the YES campaign. The conditions attached to the

contribution of those funds included Yankton County having a voice in how those dollars were spent. I believe that it is important for the county to be concerned with its economic future and I believe partnering with Yankton Area Progressive Growth is an excellent example of Yankton County's commitment to the growth of our community.

4. What are the biggest challenges facing the county in the next four years, and how will you work to address them?

Aside from the highway system already mentioned, Yankton County must continue to utilize and incorporate GIS technology and aerial imagery into the Director of Equalization office as well as the Planning and Zoning Department. I would like to see the county continue to expand this technology into the other departments throughout the county. I would also like to see the county continue to make the information more accessible to the public.

I would like to see Yankton County continue to promote business development throughout the county. Agriculture is a crucial part of the growth of Yankton County. The county must continue to promote responsible growth of agriculture and agriculture related businesses.

5. Closing thoughts? I have been a Yankton County

commissioner for almost eight years. In that time, I have worked with the other commissioners and utilized my skill and knowledge to continue moving Yankton County forward. I would like the opportunity to continue to serve and represent all the residents of this county. Please vote on Nov. 6 to keep Yankton County moving forward.



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IN REMEMBRANCE

Helen (Zitka) Kaiser 10:30 AM, Tuesday St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church Tabor

Ralph C. Heikes 10:30 AM, Friday Faith Lutheran Church Maskell





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The family of Wilma Batterman would like to thank all of our family friends and neighbors who have been so supportive with your expressions of sympathy in the form of cards, e-mails, phone calls, texts, kind words, visits, prayers, flowers, food and memorial gifts during the time of our loss of our mother, mother-in-law, grandmother (great &great great), sister, aunt, cousin, neighbor, and friend. Special thanks to staff at Armour Douglas Memorial Hospital and Avera Parkston Healthcare, Koehn Bros. Funeral Home, the kind staff at Golden Living Center, Armour, and staff at Scotland Good Samaritan for the wonderful care of Wilma. Steve Bamberg, organist, Pallbearers--Delmar & Dennis-Batterman, Clinton & Melvin-Semmler, Ivan, & Marvin-Lau; Pastor Craig Benson for his prayers, visits, reassuring service, and last rites; Pastor Brian Bucklew and Pastor Jonathan Vehar for their caring concerns and prayers. To Tim and Vern Kraft for the trumpet special music, to the parishioners' graveside preparation. To the ladies and servers at St. Peters Lutheran Church for the wonderful meal. Thank you to all who remembered Wilma in her time of residence at Golden Living Center, Armour and the Good Samaritan Center, Scotland for the comfort and care you gave, and those that remembered Wilma with cards, visits, food and phone calls while a resident. Your selfless compassion and kindness to Wilma will never be forgotten.

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God Bless You All.