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City Manager Interviews Begin

BY NATHAN JOHNSON
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The Yankton City Commission will wrap up its interviews with the five candidates for the city manager position today (Saturday).

The hopefuls toured Yankton Thursday and attended a meet-and-greet at Minervas Grill & Bar that evening with members of the City Commission and other local leaders.

The Mercer Group, the consultant hired by the city to conduct the manager search, provided commissioners with the resumes of the 12 candidates it thought would be the best fit for Yankton. The commission then narrowed the list down to five finalists.

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 Gering, Neb.;
• Jeffrey L. Kooistra, the former city administrator of Waukee, Iowa; and
• Amy M. Nelson, the city manager of Canton.

Nelson has been in Canton for approximately four years. Prior to that, she worked with the Brick Industry Association and also has experience as an assistant city administrator and city department head.

"I love the City of Yankton," Nelson said. "I think it is one of the greatest communities not only in the state but the region. The opportunity to do the job I love in a place I want to be is a once in a lifetime opportunity.

"I bring a lot of enthusiasm to the table, and a clear vision for the future of Yankton," she added. "Also, I have a lot of experience in economic development and growing a local economy — building those partnerships and collaborating with people at the state level to get economic development done."

Kooistra resigned in May from his position at the city administrator of Waukee, Iowa, a suburb of Des Moines. Besides Iowa, he has worked in Missouri and Nebraska communities.

"I've been in a suburb, and I would like to get back to a town where all the services are in the community," Kooistra said. "I've been on three river communities, which I've really enjoyed. Two were on the Missouri, and one was on the Mississippi. I really enjoy being in those types of communities.

"I think Yankton has very strong growth," he continued. "The economy is strong, and I hear a lot of really positive things about the community from folks."

Danielzuk said he is familiar with the Yankton area, having spent some time as the city administrator of Sergeant Bluffs, Iowa. His

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Yankton County Still Under Burn Ban

From P&D Staff Reports

Fire officials are reminding the public that a burn ban remains in effect for Yankton County.

With Bon Homme County lifting its ban this week, questions have arisen about Yankton County, according to Larry Nickles, deputy fire chief of the Yankton Fire Department.

"We're getting calls left and right," he said. "The problem is, the moisture is not getting into the fuels because they are dead. It's a problem that is not going to go away."

Nickles has said in the past that the ban probably won't be lifted until there is significant snow cover on the ground.

Freeman Winter Fair Slated For Today

FREEMAN — The Freeman winter fair is scheduled for today (Saturday), running are 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Freeman gym.

There are booths of all kinds from bake sale to crafts and specialty items. We will have a concession open all day with sandwiches, soup, pie and much more.

Door prizes will be given every hour, you must be present to win. At 11 a.m., there will be entertainment.

Funds this year are to be given to the Freeman hospice, the food pantry, and summer recreation committee.

There is no charge to attend, take time to attend this event. For more information call 925-7680.

Tickets Available For Haunted History Tours

There are still tickets available for the Haunted History Tours sponsored by the Dakota Territorial Museum in Yankton

The tours, both at 6 p.m., are Monday, Oct. 29, and Tuesday, Oct. 30.

You can call the museum at 665-3898, or stop by at 610 Summit Street, to get your tickets.

MMC Students Trick-or-Treating For A Cause

Mount Marty College students will be trick-or-treating around town collecting food for the Contact Center on Halloween night, Oct. 31, from 5:30-8 p.m.

The students are seeking non-perishable food items to donate. For more information contact Mount Marty College Assistant Director of Campus Ministry, Adam Fitzpatrick at 605-668-1392 or at adam.fitzpatrick@mtmc.edu.

Kids For Christ Collecting On Halloween

One of the missions of the Kids for Christ (KFC) youth group from First United Methodist Church in Yankton is to serve others. On Halloween night, the group will be on the prowl to scare the "groceries out of you." The kids will be trick or treating for nonperishable food items and supplies for the Yankton County Contact Center.

Help KFC take a stand to help those in need. If you have a middle school aged child that would like to get involved with the Kids for Christ group at First United Methodist Church, contact Julie Dykstra at 661-3374.

MMC To Host Halloween Carnival Wednesday

Mount Marty College's annual Halloween Carnival will be held Wednesday, Oct. 31, running from 6-8 p.m. in the Old Library building on the MMC campus in Yankton.

For more than 20 years, MMC students have been hosting this free carnival for Yankton area children. A variety of games, activities and treats for all are planned. This event is free and open to the public with public parking available in the Laddie E. Cimpl Arena parking lot.

For more information on the event, contact Mount Marty College Student Activities Director John Bennett at john.bennett@mtmc.edu.

Deadline Nears For Disabled Veterans Property Tax Benefits

PIERRE — Veterans rated as permanently and totally disabled as the result of a service related injury have only a short time left to apply for a new program that would grant them a partial exemption on their property taxes.

Eligible veterans or the unmarried surviving spouse of an eligible veteran wanting to take part in the Property Tax Reduction for Disabled Veterans Program must apply annually on or before Nov. 1 to their county assessor. The program exempts the first \$100,000 of valuation of a disabled veteran's property from property taxes. For the purposes of the program, property is defined as the house (including manufactured and mobile homes), garage, and the lot upon which it sits or one acre, whichever is less. Because the budgets and tax levies for the property taxes payable in 2013 have already been set, veterans eligible for this program will first see the reduction in their property taxes payable in 2014.

To be eligible, the veteran must have been rated permanently and totally disabled based on the established rating schedule used by the Veterans' Affairs Rating Board. Applicants will be required to provide proof of their eligibility to get the exemption. Such proof can be obtained by calling the Sioux Falls VA Regional Office at 1-800-827-1000 and requesting that they send the veteran a statement verifying they are permanently

and totally disabled as the result of a service-connected disability. A copy of that statement should be presented along with the application.

Applications are now available from county assessors and the Division of Property and Special Taxes. For more information, call the Department of Revenue's toll-free helpline at 1-800-829-9188 and select option "2" for the Division of Property and Special Taxes. Questions can also be directed to your county Director of Equalization or local Veterans Service Officer. For those individuals who may not know who their Veterans Service Officer is, a complete listing can be found online at http://mva.sd.gov/vet_service_officers.html.

SIoux FALLS — While Halloween is one of the most festive nights of the year for children, it also ranks among the most dangerous for young pedestrians. The Centers for Disease Control says children are four times more likely to be hit by a motor vehicle on Halloween than on any other day of the year. Motorists need to be extra cautious and watch out for spooky vampires, giggling princesses and mighty superheroes who are out trick-or-treating on neighborhood streets.

Parents can reduce the risk to their children Halloween night by following AAA's 10 best Halloween safety tips:

1. Trick-or-treat while it is still light outside.
2. Wear a costume that makes



it easier to walk, see and be seen.

3. If your kids do go out after dark, have them wear a costume that is light in color.
4. Children should carry a flashlight so they can see and be

seen easily.

5. For additional visibility, use retro-reflective tape on costumes.
6. Use makeup instead of a mask.

OBITUARIES

Kenard Kreycik

Funeral services for Kenard F. Kreycik, age 66 of Niobrara, Nebraska, will be 11:00 a.m. Monday, October 29, 2012, at Faith, Hope, and Love Fellowship Church in Creighton, Nebraska. Pastor Casey Nelson will officiate, with Grave-side Services at 3:00 p.m. Monday at Riverview Cemetery, west of Niobrara. Military Honors will be conducted by VFW Post #4834 of Niobrara.

Visitation will be Sunday, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., at Brockhaus Funeral Home in Niobrara.

Kenard died Wednesday, October 24, 2012, at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton, South Dakota.

Kenard Frank Kreycik, son of Frank W. and Vlasta V. (Viterna) Kreycik, was born February 8, 1946, at Lynch, Nebraska. Kenard grew up on the family farm in the Riverview community, between Niobrara and Verdel, attending rural school District 87 (May School) near the family home, and later graduated from Niobrara High School in 1964. Following graduation, Kenard enlisted in the Nebraska National Guard, serving for six years until his Honorable Discharge in 1970. During this time, he also farmed with his father, uncle Otto Kreycik, and brother, Rollo Kreycik in the Riverview Community. On September 6, 1968, Kenard was married to Christine "Chris"



Kreycik

Chris lived on the Kreycik Riverview Farm, a stately, picturesque farmstead along the Niobrara River, where they raised their family. The Kreycik's initially fed cattle, did grain and hay farming, and in the mid 1980's, added elk to their operation, and later added buffalo. This addition of novelty livestock became a major part of the farming operation, and by the mid 1990's, Kenard and Chris began hosting elk hunts, and a year later, offered covered wagon tours of their beautiful farm, giving thousands of people the opportunity to get up close and personal with their elk and buffalo. These popular tours and hunts continue to be a major annual tourist destination in the Niobrara area.

Kenard was an outgoing, hard-working, caring person, who always had a friendly smile and loved to visit. Kenard's jovial personality and signature bib overalls were his trademark. During his life-

time, Kenard served his community through various organizations, including the Niobrara School Board, Lower Niobrara NRD Board, Knox County Block Grant Revolving Loan Program, Riverview Cemetery Board, North American Elk Breeding Association, and the Nebraska Elk Club. He was also a member of Faith, Hope, and Love Fellowship Church in Creighton. Kenard loved catfishing in the Niobrara River near his beloved farm, and also went on annual fishing trips to various places around the country, including his final fishing journey this summer with his friend, Willard Ruzicka. No one was ever a stranger around Kenard, and his warm and loving personality will be dearly missed by all that knew and loved him.

Kenard is survived by his wife of 44 years, Chris Kreycik of Niobrara, Nebraska; son, Steven (wife Allison) Kreycik of Niobrara; daughter, Stacy (husband Clint) Miller of Verdigre, Nebraska; four grandchildren, Jace Miller, Josilyn Miller, Jaeli Miller and Riley Screen; brother, Rollo (wife Lois) Kreycik of Niobrara; sisters-in-law, Connie Wickersham of O'Neill, Nebraska, and Cindy (Bob) Orsborn of Stromsburg, Nebraska; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and countless friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Vlasta Kreycik; parents-in-law, Robert and Marcella Sholes; and brother-in-law, Dennis Wickersham.

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We would like to thank those who sent condolences, memorials, and provided food and friendship while we grieved the loss of our beloved wife, mother and grandmother, Judy. Thank you to all the wonderful doctors, angels (nurses), volunteers at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital and Yankton Care Center for your professionalism and



compassion while taking care of our loved one. Everyone went above and beyond in their efforts to help her and those efforts won't be forgotten.

The Family of Judy Wescott



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