

Something To Sing About



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This weekend the high school South Dakota All-State Choir and Orchestra will take place in Sioux Falls. 16 students will be representing YHS Choir and 2 students will be representing YHS Orchestra. The concert is Saturday, November 2nd at 7:00p.m. at the Sioux Falls Arena. Tickets are available at www.sdhxaa.com or can be seen live on PBS Saturday evening. The choir students are under the direction of Angela Larson and the orchestra students are under the direction of Kim Evander. Front Row: Johanna Lippert, Susanna Kinsley, Brooklyn Bender, Erica Westerman 2nd Row: Mikayla Trenhaile, Sophie Drotzmann, Brianna Kelly, Madeleine Logue, Ricky Culver, Matthew Watt, Garrett Adam Back Row: Samuel Carda, Cody Geary, Joseph Kelly, Colby Benson, Noah Vetter, Jack Tramp Not pictured: Hailey Baugh.

YSD Moves Forward With Build Plan

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Despite a lack of public input, the Yankton School District will be moving forward with its consideration of a \$2.8 million design build project.

School officials had scheduled an open meeting Tuesday to present and discuss the project, which will address environmental concerns, life safety issues and outdated equipment in the district's buildings. However, that meeting was canceled when no one from the public was present at the time the meeting was scheduled to begin.

"I certainly wish that we would have had people attend the meeting," YSD Superintendent Wayne Kindle told the *Press & Dakotan* Wednesday. "I understand the weather got kind of nasty, but on the other hand, it was an opportunity for people to get out and ask some questions."

While the meeting was called off, Kindle said one community member did show up later, and school officials and contractors spoke at length with that individual about the project.

"It ended up being a good night," he said. "Even though we only had one person come out, it was certainly worth the time we spent there."

The roots of the design build project trace back to 2009, Kindle said, when facility walkthroughs identified a list of mechanical and environmental needs totaling \$5.5 million.



Kindle

"The board and the administration at that time took a look at that, as there was an opportunity to maybe qualify for some American Recovery and Reinvestment Act money," he said. "That fell through for whatever reason at that time, so the board picked this back up in January of 2013."

Johnson Controls, Inc., was awarded the bid to assess the needs for the project, and the business presented its report at the Oct. 14 school board meeting. The list of recommended actions included domestic water heating system improvements, lighting retrofits, replacement of air handling units and other facility modifications and upgrades. It was also stated that the improvements could save YSD approximately \$400,000 during the next 15 years in energy and operating costs.

Kindle said the project as it stands will not address the entire \$5.5 million in needs found by the original assessment, as was reported in Wednesday's *Press & Dakotan*. Instead, the plan will focus on \$2.8 million in current needs that were identified with the assistance of Johnson Controls, Inc., and YSD buildings and ground supervisor Chuck Turner.

"The board will take another look at that information at the Nov. 12 school board meeting to decide if they want to

move forward with some of it, all of it or none of it," Kindle said.

At the meeting, the board also will consider the financing model for the project, he said.

"We're not asking for a property tax increase, and we're not asking to issue any kind of bonds for it," the superintendent said. "We're going to be able to do this with our capital outlay funds."

Kindle said that Johnson Controls, Inc., will be present at the Nov. 12 meeting to answer any questions.

"That will be an opportunity again for people to come out and provide some input if they choose to do so," he said.

Kindle added that he is in favor of the proposed improvements and hopes the board moves forward with the design build project.

"This is an opportunity for us to continue to keep our facilities updated and in good operational mode," he said. "We can't keep putting things off. Some of these things have to be addressed."

More information on the YSD design build project can be found at <http://www.yisd.k12.sd.us/~jbietz/DesignBuildProjectPresentation.pdf>

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Consumer Loses \$1,400 To Scammers Posing As Law Enforcement

OMAHA, Neb. — The Better Business Bureau (BBB) serving Nebraska, South Dakota, The Kansas Plains and Southwest Iowa is issuing an alert regarding a variety of telephone scams. Monday, an Omaha man reported to the BBB that individuals claiming to be with the State Sheriff's Office and also the Legal Department of the Federal Crime Enforcement Network used coercion and fear tactics to steal \$1,400 from him.

At the beginning of October, the consumer received a voice message from a woman with an accent stating that there was a warrant for his arrest. He was instructed to contact an "Officer Richard Henderson," and the local man reports that, in a panic, he called the number right away.

"Officer Henderson" told the consumer that charges

had been filed against him by a company from whom he'd received a loan. The man said he was told that if he didn't pay the \$500 fine within 12 hours, an "investigator" would be dispatched to his home to arrest him. The man was instructed to purchase a Green Dot MoneyPak card and to call Mr. Henderson with the card's number, and the consumer complied.

The next week the consumer received another call from Mr. Henderson asking for \$500 more because there was a federal law suit against him, this time. The consumer said he only had \$400 and purchased another Green Dot card and provided the number on that one too.

On Oct. 14, the consumer received a third call again asking for \$500. He ignored this message because he had no

money, but on Oct. 25, a different person left a threatening message warning him that if he did not call by 5 p.m. with the numbers on a \$500 Green Dot card, they would be sending the local sheriff to pick him up and arrest him. This caller "spoofed" the phone number to make it look like the call came from 911 so the consumer thought the call was legitimate. In fear, he gave the access code on the card. After doing this, he heard the voice of the original caller in the background, became suspicious and notified the police who told him that he had been a victim of a scam.

Jim Hegarty, BBB president and CEO said, "This case is typical of phone schemes that thieves are utilizing to steal millions of dollars from consumers across the country. Most, if not all, of these

operations are off-shore and beyond the reach of US law enforcement. Once a victim relays the access codes to the thieves, the money is gone and is rarely recovered."

"We are seeing a significant surge in aggressive calls like this," Hegarty continued. "Consumers report receiving calls from scammers claiming to be debt collectors who threaten consumers with potential arrest. Sometimes they say they're representatives of a utility company and threaten to shut off their electricity or water if they don't immediately pay with a Green Dot Money Pak card."

"Please, please educate your family members, your friends and your neighbors about these scams," Hegarty said. "If anyone calls and demands that you to send cash by wire transfer or a Green

Dot MoneyPak card, hang up the phone and contact the BBB immediately to report it. It's very likely that they're trying to swindle you."

BBB offers the following tips to anyone contacted by a stranger demanding money:

- If the caller claims to represent a government agency, a debt collector, a utility company or is someone claiming you have won a prize, get the person's name and affiliation and tell them you will call back. Look up the phone number for the entity they claim they represent. The real agency will be able to tell you if the call is legitimate. Do not rely on phone numbers the callers provide and do not trust caller ID, which criminals can now easily manipulate.
- Do not give a caller any personal information, including banking or Social Security

numbers.

- If the call is from a debt collector, ask the caller to provide proof of the debt by mail. If the caller refuses, hang up.

- Never transfer money to a stranger by wire transfers such as Western Union or MoneyGram or by using pre-loaded money cards such as Green Dot MoneyPaks. Such payments can be virtually impossible to trace. Only send money to people you actually know and for reasons you are completely sure are legitimate. If you are asked to keep the transfer a secret for any reason, don't send it!

- If a caller threatens you in any way, contact police.

- If you are unsure about whether a call is legitimate, contact BBB at 800-649-6814 or 800-856-2417 (KS only), the police or your Attorney General's Office.

OBITUARIES

Sarah Elliott

The funeral service for Sarah L. Elliott, 92 of Huron and formerly of Avon will be 2:00 p.m. Sunday, November 3, 2013 at the First Presbyterian Church in Avon, with burial in the Trinity Presbyterian Cemetery, rural Avon.

Visitation will be at the church Sunday from 1:00 p.m. to the time of service. Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Chapel of Avon is in charge of the arrangements.

Sarah Louise Elliott, daughter of Francis Marion and Rosa Pauline (Backer) Holland, was born November 14, 1920 at Auxvasse, MO. She died Tuesday, October 29, 2013 at the Sunquest Healthcare Center in Huron. Sarah attained the age of 92 years, 11 months and 16 days.

Sarah attended school in Auxvasse and graduated from high school. She then went on to college for one year.

Sarah married Orval L. Elliott at Ashland, MO on January 12, 1941. Five children were blessed to their union. Sarah met Orval when he was working at a hardware store in Auxvasse. They moved to Ronan, MT and later to Charlo, MT, where Orval operated the telephone company. In 1958, they moved to Avon and they owned the telephone company until 1961, where Sarah worked as a telephone operator until it went to dial tone. At this time they purchased the Marshall Wells Store and turned it into a Coast to Coast Store. Sarah was also a loving homemaker, mother and wife.

Sarah was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and the Presbyterian Women in Avon.

Sarah will be remembered



Elliott

for her enjoyment of writing letters, riding her three wheel bicycle and going to rummage sales.

Due to failing health, Sarah and

Orval moved to the Springfield Assisted Living Center in 2005. After Orval's death on July 12, 2008, Sarah moved to Country View Estates in Huron where she met many new friends and enjoyed her stay. At the end of September, she moved to the Sunquest Healthcare Center in Huron.

Thankful for having shared her life are her children: Mary Louise Jensen and husband Leslie of Alpena; Howard of Avon; Gary and wife Rita of Hannibal, MO; and Ethel Kruger and husband Kenneth of Papillion, NE; 11 grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren and one on the way; one sister, Mary Frances Doescher of Rapid City, SD; and relatives and friends.

Sarah was preceded in death by her husband; son, Charles Edward, who died in 1951 at the age of 11 months; great granddaughter, Celesta

Elliott; parents; and brother, Harry Holland.

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Allen Hansen

Allen N. Hansen, 81, died October 28, 2013 at Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home in Viborg.

Services will be held on Saturday at 1:30 p.m. at Bethany Lutheran Church in Viborg.

Visitation is Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. with a prayer service at 7 PM at the church.

Register online at www.viborgfuneralhome.com/.

Allen Niels Hansen was born December 29, 1931. His parents were Niels P. and Palma (Bak) Hansen.

He attended Spring Valley Dist. #64 school and graduated from Viborg High School in 1949. He served his country in the US Army at Ft. Leonard Wood, MO and Germany from 1952 to 1954.

Allen married the love of his life Janet Foelker on April 10, 1955 and they lived west of Viborg. He had served on the Bethany Lutheran Church board and also on the Meldal Church board before it's closing. He was on the board of the Scandinavian Coop Creamery and was a member of the Viborg American Legion. Allen had been active in the Brown Swiss Assoc. and the Pork Industry for many years. He raised long horn cattle with his son for many years. He took an active part in Janet's floral business and built her a greenhouse and crafted wood vases for her.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Allen leaves to mourn his loss his wife Janet of Viborg; a son Craig (Dee) of Viborg; a daughter Janine (Merlin) Pfeifer of Devils Lake, ND; 2 grandchildren Debra Hansen and Bradley Pfeifer; an adopted special brother Per Volden of North Platte, NE; and many other relatives and friends.

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Emery Hoelsing

Emery L. Hoelsing, 86, of Coleridge, Neb., went to his heavenly home Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2013, at Parkview Haven Nursing Home, Coleridge.

Mass of Christian Burial is at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 2, at the Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Hartington, with Father Jeffery Loseke officiating. Burial will be in St. Michael's Cemetery in Hartington with military honors provided by the Hartington VFW Post 5282.

Visitation is 3-8:30 p.m. Friday, with a Vigil Service at 6 p.m., at the Wintz Funeral Home, Hartington. Visitation will begin one hour prior to services on Saturday at the church.

To view the video tribute

or to send online condolences, visit www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com/.

Roman Drotzmann

Roman J. Drotzmann, 87, of Yankton died Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2013, at Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton.

Arrangements are pending under the care of the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton.

Clarence Mueller

Clarence Mueller, 95, of Crofton died Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2013, at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton.

Arrangements are pending with the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Sharon Lee Christensen
2:00 PM, Friday
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Emery L. Hoelsing
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