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New Ethics Board Call

Dems Plan New Push For Ethics Commission Over GEAR UP

BY JAMES NORD
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PIERRE — Democratic lawmakers in South Dakota plan to renew their push for a state ethics commission as questions mount about the handling of public funds at an educational cooperative after an apparent murder-suicide involving two employees.

Rep. Peggy Gibson says she'll make another attempt at creating an ethics panel in the upcoming session, spurred on by last month's

events surrounding Platte-based Mid-Central Educational Cooperative. Authorities are investigating former employee Scott Westerhuis' personal finances and his management of the organization as they search for a motive in the killings.

Gibson, who sponsored an ethics commission proposal last session in the wake of the state's EB-5 visa program scandal, said South Dakota needs more government oversight.

Republicans holding supermajorities in the Legislature and controlling the governor's of-

fice have largely opposed re-establishing such a body. South Dakota had an ethics commission until it was repealed in 1979.

House Majority Leader Brian Gosch opposed the ethics commission measure last session. He said an existing legislative oversight committee has successfully exposed weaknesses in oversight of the GEAR UP program managed by Mid-Central, showing that the current system works.

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Yankton Sets All-Time Heat Mark Sunday

From P&D Staff Reports

It sure didn't feel like fall Sunday in Yankton.

The airport recorded a high temperature reading of 97 degrees, not only unofficially breaking the record for Oct. 11, but also clocking in as the warmest reading ever recorded in Yankton in the month of October.

The previous record for Oct. 11 was 91 degrees set in 1910, while the all-time warmest October mark was 96 degrees recorded in 1997.

Elsewhere, Sioux Falls tied a record of 90 degrees, also originally set back in 1910. Omaha, Nebraska, set a record with 91 degrees, breaking the old mark of 87 degrees set in 1956. Valentine, Nebraska, hit 91 degrees, topping the previous record of 89 degrees established in 1995.

Much cooler temperatures are expected today (Monday), but they will come with very strong winds, with gusts up to 45 miles per hour expected. The National Weather Service issued a wind advisory for the Yankton area from 7 a.m.-4 p.m. today.

For weather details, see page 2.

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Officer-Involved Shootings Reach Record Number

MITCHELL (AP) — South Dakota has seen the more officer-involved shootings this year than any other year since the state started keeping records in 2001.

There have been six officer-involved shootings in South Dakota in 2015, the *Mitchell Daily Republic* reported. National attention has pressed down on other areas where officer-involved shootings have occurred, such as Ferguson, Missouri. South Dakota Attorney General Marty Jackley said the issue is "on the mind" of attorneys general across the nation.

"This is something that nationally is a concern," Jackley said, "and it's something that we attorneys general are working together to address."

Jackley's office says officer-involved shootings are when on-duty police officers shoot citizens. The state started keeping records informally in 2001 and implemented a formal protocol for keeping track of them in 2003.

There have been 22 of such shootings in South Dakota since Jackley became attorney general in 2009. In 2014, there were three — all fatal. This year, they've occurred in Rapid City, Mitchell and Yankton, among other areas. Three of the six in 2015 have been fatal.

Jackley has praised the training South Dakota officers complete, which includes preparing for high-pressure situations. All new officers must take part in a 13-week law enforcement training course in Pierre. Don McCrea, an instructor, said the academy puts an emphasis on using communication rather than force.

The training is also designed to teach law enforcement officers when deadly force is appropriate.



Jeff Mueller, left, is the pastor of Restore Church in Yankton. The church will have its first service on Sunday, Oct. 18 at Stewart School. (Reilly Biel/P&D)

Pastor Looks To Reach Out To Community

BY REILLY BIEL
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It's safe to say that starting a church in Yankton wasn't something Jeff Mueller had envisioned himself doing.

However, that's exactly what has happened.

On Sunday, Oct. 18, Mueller will be leading the first service of Restore Church, a non-denominational service that will be held at 5:30 p.m. at Stewart School in Yankton.

"We will focus on preaching from the Bible and reaching people to share life with our community," said Mueller. "Our motto is, 'Bible teaching, people reaching.'"

Mueller, a Yankton native, returned to the area in August after spending a year in Kansas City, Missouri, with his wife and children. Mueller had been taking seminary classes and his wife loved her new job. They liked where they were living, and enjoyed getting to know the city.

So what brought them back?

After getting repeated calls from people in Yankton about leading various ministry projects, Mueller had an idea to return to Yankton to do a "church plant," or start a new church. He dismissed the idea until a speaker came to his seminary class and discussed church planting in the Dakotas. While thinking of what the speaker said, Mueller said he "felt aurgeon in my heart" to do just that in Yankton. His wife eventually agreed to his idea and they moved back to Yankton in August.

Mueller sees church plants as big opportunities to bring people back to the church.

"America is filled with Christians who have fallen off the radar and don't go to church, but they still identify as Christians," Mueller explained. "A ministry skill I've been blessed with is that I'm good at connecting with people. I want to show them why church is an important part of life and helping them connect with a church that fits their personality."

Mueller chose to name the church "Restore" to symbolize the restoration of Christians in the church.

"Restore" is symbolic of our work to

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Prayer For Life



REILLY BIEL/P&D

A participant in the Public Square Rosary Rally holds a sign asking for an end to abortion along East Fourth Street in Yankton Saturday. The rally was part of Yankton Catholic Respect Life and was sponsored by Sacred Heart Church. It was one of 14,000 locations worldwide that prayed the rosary for guidance, religious freedom and respect for all human life.

Regents Want Tuition Growth To Slow Down

BY BOB MERCER
State Capitol Bureau

ABERDEEN — A chart showing how South Dakota's public universities could price themselves out of the regional market caught the attention of members of the state Board of Regents during their meeting last week at Northern State University.

Monte Kramer, the regents' vice president for finance and administration, presented the chart. It compared what would happen during the next 15 years if South Dakota continues increasing tuition

and fees by 5 percent, while neighboring states continue at their 10-year average of 3.2 percent.

Surrounding states currently charge an average of \$7,360 for undergraduate tuition and fees, while South Dakota's state universities charge \$8,092.50. The neighboring states by 2030 would be at \$11,439.15, while South Dakota would be at \$16,022.60.

Kramer presented an alternative where South Dakota went up 3 percent annually. Under that projection, South Dakota would

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Newspapers Featured In Digital Initiative

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History-lovers have an opportunity to look back on the early days of their state's history.

Last year, the State Historical Society-Archives (SHSA) at the Cultural Heritage Center, located in Pierre, applied for a grant to digitize newspapers from the late 19th and early 20th centuries for their online database. They were successful, and received a two-year \$294,655 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The project is part of a nation-

wide program called Chronicling America, a Library of Congress initiative to develop an online database of select historical newspapers from around the United States.

After receiving the grant, the SHSA formed a committee to help them select newspapers in the state that fit the parameters set by the Library of Congress, namely that the newspapers selected couldn't predate 1922.

The first batch of microfilmed newspapers to be published were newspapers from Canton and Yankton.

The Canton newspapers from 1876 through 1916 include five different titles: *The Canton Advocate*; *Dakota Farmer's Advocate*; *Dakota Farmers' Leader*; *Lincoln County Advocate* and *Canton Daily Leader*.

The Yankton newspapers from 1875 to 1885 are also available: *The Daily Press and Dakotian*; *Yankton Daily Press and Dakotian*; and the *Press and Daily Dakotian*.

These newspapers can be found on http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/.

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This July 10, 1884, edition of the Press & Dakotan (at that time, spelled "Dakotian") is one of the editions currently available on a digital archive through the Library of Congress. (Archive image)



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