

Presentation For Students On Drunk Driving

PIERRE — Attorney General Marty Jackley announced Friday that high school and college students across the state will have an opportunity next week to witness a compelling presentation called “Living Proof,” sponsored by Anheuser-Busch wholesalers as part of the company’s commitment to fighting underage drinking and drunk driving. “Living Proof” is presented by Sarah Panzau, a two-time member of the National Junior College Athletic Association women’s volleyball All-America team. Poor choices can have drastic consequences, but if you learn from your mistakes, the end result can be positive — and Panzau is living proof.

On Tuesday, Pazour will speak at Yankton High School at 10:25 a.m. and at the DakotaDome in Vermillion at 8 p.m.

In the early morning hours of Aug. 23, 2003, Panzau’s car — and her life — spun out of control. With a blood-alcohol level nearly four times the legal limit, the 21-year-old decided to drive home drunk, missed a highway exit and rolled her car four times. Without a seat belt, she was ejected through the rear window of her car, her left arm was torn from her body and she was thrown onto the roadway. The next thing she remembers, she was in the hospital being told that she had lost her arm. She remained hospitalized for several months and has endured more than 30 surgeries.

“As parents and educators, it is our responsibility to teach young people about the importance of respecting the law and making smart, responsible choices,” said Jackley. “Panzau is a powerful speaker and her message should help reinforce our ongoing efforts to combat underage drinking.”

Panzau knew what it was like to be on top of her game — and on top of the world. Somewhere between life as a competitively driven high-school athlete and the early years of college, she began heading down a destructive path. She found herself hanging out with the wrong crowd and getting more out of drugs and dangerous levels of alcohol than hitting the books and spiking a ball.

Panzau will recount the pattern of poor choices that finally caught up with her to students at 6 South Dakota schools. The tour is sponsored by Beal Distributing, Conkling Distributing and Ellwein Brothers Distributing.

Since 1982, Anheuser-Busch and its wholesalers have invested more than \$875 million in national advertising campaigns and community-based programs to promote responsible drinking and prevent alcohol abuse. For more information on these efforts and the progress being made, visit www.beeresponsible.com.

Program Set To Celebrate 60 Years Of S.D. Sports

SIOUX FALLS — SoDak Sports, the popular statewide weekly sports newspaper run by partners Al Neuharth and Bill Porter from 1952 to 1954, will mark its 60th anniversary with a public celebration and refreshments, 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 3, at its original office location, the Sid’s Crown Liquor Store building in downtown Sioux Falls.

A permanent plaque detailing the creation and eventual failure of the publication will be unveiled on the storefront, 328 S. First Ave. South Dakota native and media icon Al Neuharth and others with connections to SoDak Sports will speak.

Following the program, Paul Damyran, president of Sid’s Crown Liquor, will host a free reception honoring his late father-in-law Sid Epstein, who opened the store 65 years ago and rented space to Neuharth and Porter.

The Sioux Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, South Dakota Newspaper Association and the Al Neuharth Media Center at the University of South Dakota are co-sponsoring the commemoration as a tribute to the entrepreneurial spirit, innovation and risk-taking.

In a state that treats athletics seriously, South Dakota newspapers in the early 1950s did a good job with local sports coverage but none was covering the whole state. Enter two recent graduates of the University of South Dakota who had worked together on the student newspaper, The Volante. Al Neuharth and Bill Porter launched SoDak Sports, a weekly newspaper dedicated to covering statewide sports in a new way. The newspaper was a hit with readers, but not with advertisers. Because of insufficient revenue, it folded in less than two years.

Broke but not broken, Neuharth and Porter went their separate ways and applied the lessons of a failed business to their future endeavors. “You can learn more from failure than success if you’re paying attention,” said Neuharth, 88, who now lives in Cocoa Beach, Fla.

Neuharth eventually became CEO of Gannett and transformed it into the nation’s largest newspaper company. He later founded USA TODAY, the Freedom Forum and the Newseum. Bill Porter pursued a successful legal career, specializing as a defense attorney in medical malpractice, first in Chamberlain and then Rapid City. He died in 2004 at age 78.

Yankton Area Retired Teachers Set To Meet

Yankton Area Retired Teachers will hold its October meeting at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 4, at JoDean’s Steakhouse at 2809 Broadway.

The group welcomes all retired teachers and school employees and announces that this month’s program will be presented by Dr. Tom Gilmore whose subject is Medical Missions to Haiti.

Dr. Gilmore has made more than 8 trips to the Hospital Albert Schweitzer in Haiti as well as working diligently for the Tree of Life Mission, along with his wife, Jane. Church Women United has just honored the Gilmores as Human Rights Advocates of the Year; Tom’s program will give you an insight into the mission work which won them that award.

There will be an 11:30 a.m. meal, followed by the program and a short business meeting.

During the business portion of the September meeting, it was unanimously approved to increase the amount of the annual scholarship awarded to a YHS graduate to \$1,000. This award has been presented since 1997.

Any interested retired teacher or school employee may call Susan Buxcel at 665-2745 or Donna Fischer at 665-9252 for more information.

Hazardous Waste Collection In Vermillion

A Household Hazardous Waste Collection will be held at 2-6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12, in Vermillion and 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, in Yankton.

This collection provides opportunities for residents to safely dispose of products containing harmful chemicals. Unless used and disposed of according to directions, these household chemicals present a threat to the environment. Special handling is required to dispose of them properly. Materials collected are recycled, or disposed in hazardous waste landfills or incinerators. A licensed private company under contract to the Missouri Valley Recycling Center provides these services.

There is a \$10 fee per vehicle to help defray the collection cost.

Historical Society’s Annual Meeting Set

Take a step back into the 1920s at the 51st annual meeting for the Yankton County Historical Society, on Sunday, Oct. 7, at the Mead Building, old Human Services Campus.

The event begins at 2 p.m. with live music by The Bumble Bees. There will be food and drink served throughout the afternoon.

This year’s event has a theme, the 1920s, and participants are encouraged (but not required) to dress accordingly. Something different this year will be the live auction of wines, desserts and a meal. The auction features donations by local and area businesses, as well as individuals. The auction will begin following the business meeting, which begins at 3 p.m. by the grand staircase.

Also new this year is the accessibility ramp being installed for the event.

For more information or to RSVP, you can stop by the Dakota Territorial Museum, 610 Summit Street, or call 665-3898.



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Local Scout Helps Mother Through Medical Emergency

The Boy Scouts of America have a mission to ensure that youth are “prepared for life.”

On Aug. 24, local Scout Mike Bender, a fifth grader at Beadle Elementary, found himself in a situation where he had to put that training to use in a critical medical situation.

Mike, a member of Cub Scout Pack 102 in Yankton, was home with his mother when she felt a tingling on her left side which quickly progressed into paralysis. Remembering his first aid training Mike assessed the situation and found that his mother was struggling to speak or walk.

Mike was quickly on the phone, searching for his grandparents, but they weren’t home. As the situation progressed, Mike

not only called 911 but guided them to the house and let them know what to expect. He was then able to contact his father, who rushed home.

Mike’s mother was flown to Sioux Falls for treatment.

Thanks to Mike’s calm and quick thinking, his mother has returned home and is improving quickly.

In recognition of Mike’s quick thinking, Will Kennedy, Sioux Council’s District Executive, along with Cub Master Amy Tejral, held an award presentation at his Pack No. 102 meeting on Sept 18. Mike is also being nominated for a national Heroism award.

Mike is the son of James and Missy Bender, Yankton.

Railroad Spikes Cause Flat Tires On Two Vehicles Friday

BY NATHAN JOHNSON

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Railroad spikes at a crossing in southwest Yankton County caused flat tires on two vehicles Friday morning.

The development came a week after the Yankton County Commission publicly excoriated the BNSF Railway for failing to respond to its concerns about spikes coming up at a railroad crossing.

“It’s one thing not to respond. It’s another thing not to do anything about the problem at hand,” Commissioner Garry Moore said at a commission meeting last week. “What they are doing is compromising the safety of the motoring public. Second, they are compromising the safety of their trains that pass over that crossing. It’s totally irresponsible on the part of Burlington-Northern.”

A report was received at 5:48 a.m. Friday that a vehicle had two flat tires resulting from spikes sticking up at a crossing near the intersection of 306th Street and 436th Avenue. A second vehicle

also blew out a tire because of the spikes.

Moore went out himself in recent weeks and pounded spikes back in at a railroad crossing, he told the commission at the aforementioned meeting.

“We shouldn’t have to go out as county commissioners and drive spikes in,” he stated. “We should not have to have our highway department employees go out there and drive those spikes in. They are not paid by the railroad. We’ve been told (by BNSF) to leave those crossings alone.”

Added Commissioner Donna Freng, “For some reason, they don’t feel that they are obligated in any way to answer to our problems.”

Yankton County Sheriff Jim Vlahakis said BNSF was contacted Friday and agreed to address the situation at the crossing near 306th Street and 436th Avenue.

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Kelly Inn, Minervas Open Again After Power Outage

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Two businesses closed by a power outage since Wednesday afternoon are now back to serving customers.

At approximately 4 p.m.

Wednesday, a fire caused by an electric arc cut off power to the Best Western Kelly Inn and the adjoining Minervas Grill & Bar. An electrician was injured during the incident.

“We’re back and open for business,” said Sara Haberman, general manager for the Yankton Kelly Inn.

Computers were being booted up around 6 p.m. Friday.

“It’s been a very interesting experience,” Haberman said. “You don’t realize what you can’t do without electricity until it’s gone.”

Meanwhile, Minervas was open for a private event Friday and planned to re-open to the public today (Saturday).

According to Brenda Schmidt, president of Kelly Inns, parts were shipped in Friday morning to fix the problem.

“No damage was done to the hotel (by the fire),” she said.

Schmidt added, “Our thoughts are with the contracted electrician that was injured.”

Many clients were affected by the disruption to the businesses, Haberman noted.

“The staff and guests did a wonderful job handling the situation,” Schmidt said.

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OBITUARIES

Caroline Mueller

MENOMINEE, Neb. — Caroline Julia Mueller, age 93 of Menominee, Nebraska, died on Thursday, September 27, 2012 at the Golden Living Center in Hartington, Nebraska.

Mass of Christian Burial will be on Wednesday, October 3, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Menominee with Rev. David Fulton officiating. Burial will be in the St. Boniface Cemetery. Visitation will be on Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. with a Vigil Service at 7 p.m. at the church and again one hour prior to services on Wednesday. The Wintz Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. To send online condolences, please visit www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com

Janice Roth

Janice M. Roth, 69, of Yankton died Thursday, Sept. 27, 2012, at Avera McKennan Hospital, Sioux Falls, from injuries sustained in a fall.

Funeral services are at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2012, at Christ the King Lutheran Church, Yankton, with the Rev. Dani Jo Ninke officiating. Burial will be in the Yankton Cemetery.

Visitations begin at 5 p.m. Monday at Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, with a Scripture service at 7:30 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Chandler Freng

Chandler Freng, 87, of Yankton died Friday, Sept. 28, 2012, at

Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton.

Funeral services are at 10 a.m. Monday, Oct. 1, at Faith United Lutheran Church, Volin, with the Rev. Velma Larson officiating. Burial will be in the parish cemetery.

Visitations begin at 5 p.m. Sunday at Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, with a Scripture service at 7 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Jim Nohr

CROFTON, Neb. — Jim Nohr, 74, of Crofton, Neb., died Thursday, Sept. 27, 2012, at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton.

Mass of Christian Burial is at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 2, at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Crofton, with the Rev. Michael Schmitz officiating. Burial will be at the St. Rose of Lima Cemetery, Crofton.

Visitation is 4-8 p.m. Monday, with a vigil service at 7 p.m., at Wintz Funeral Home, Crofton. Visitation will begin one hour prior to services on Tuesday at the church.

To send online condolences, visit www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

James Kirkendall

James Monroe Kirkendall, 40, of Yankton died Monday, Sept. 24, 2012, at the Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, Neb..

Arrangements are pending with Wintz & Ray Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Yankton.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Danny Lee Merchen

10:30 AM, Saturday

St. Columba Catholic Church
Rural Irene

Jim Nohr

10:30 AM, Tuesday

St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church
Crofton

Caroline Julia Mueller

10:30 AM, Wednesday

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Special Thanks

No words can express how much we appreciated all of the love, prayers, support, memories, and thoughts of kindness that was shared with us during the loss of our loved one.

The food brought to our homes, the plants, flowers, gifts, cards, and memorials have meant so much.

Special thanks to the pallbearers, motorcycle riders, grave diggers, and Wintz & Ray Funeral Home for all their extra care and attention. Also thanks to Deacon Frank, Fr. Tim Lange, Fr. David Fulton, Fr. Ken Luft for the meaningful services, to the choir and the St. Rose Ladies Guild for the delicious meal.

The tribute honoring Tim on his last ride to heaven and his send off from the cemetery was amazing.

Another special thanks goes out to Delmonico’s for sponsoring the benefit, and to all of you who donated and or purchased items at the benefit. The outpouring support means so much to our family.

With Deepest Appreciation,
The Family and Loved Ones
of Tim Mueller

Avera
Yankton Care Center

Soup Kitchen

Wednesday, Oct. 3rd • 11AM-7PM

Moose Lodge 310 Walnut

Serving Soups, Taverns,
Hotdogs, Pies & Drinks

Tickets for our ‘Cash’ Raffle go on Sale Oct. 3rd.

Tickets may be purchased from any staff member at Avera Yankton Care Center or Avera Sister James Care Center.

Ticket prices are 1 for \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00

Avera Yankton Care Center and Avera Sister James Care Center are Eden Facilities. The money raised will go towards their Eden Funds. The money will be used towards our animals, animal food, vet bills, etc.

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