

Task Force Making Progress On Disabilities-Employment Report

BY BOB MERCER
State Capitol Bureau

PIERRE — Getting more people with disabilities into paying jobs in South Dakota will require better information to individuals and their families, better community transportation, more Internet access, more assistive technology, broader knowledge of the possibilities for businesses and workers alike, and possibly financial incentives through worker-compensation insurance rates, members of the state task force on disabilities employment said Monday.

The panel met for the third

and possibly final time, with its report to Gov. Dennis Daugaard planned to be final in late October. The report is being assembled by state government staff and will be distributed in draft form via e-mail to the task force participants. Their responses will be made by e-mail, with the final report to be posted on a website later this fall.

"The work of everyone here is not done. It's just started," said one of the members, state Rep. Don Haggar, R-Sioux Falls.

Among other specific recommendations under consideration are a business-led

program to encourage other businesses to hire people with disabilities, offering cultural-competency training on a continuing basis for people working in disabilities-assistance programs and expanding the availability of financial benefit specialists to work with people with disabilities and their families.

Two overall goals are to create expectations among people with disabilities that work is a possibility and aim for outcomes that support employment, said Laurie Gill, who chairs the task force. She is state commissioner of human resources and the

mayor of Pierre.

"This is a document that is going to be living and breathing and moving. So we're not done with it," Gill said.

Ideally every person with a disability who wants to work should have an individual employment plan similar to the individual education plans required in schools, said Alan Solano of Behavior Management Systems of Rapid City. "It gets to all phases of it," he said.

If another meeting is necessary it will be Oct. 18, Gill said.

Dinsdale Launches Neb. GOP Senate Bid

BY GRANT SCHULTE
Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — Omaha banker Sid Dinsdale kicked off his U.S. Senate campaign on Monday with a vow to serve no more than two terms if elected to the open seat next year.

The Republican hopeful cast himself as a pro-business social conservative and Washington outsider during a campaign stop in Lincoln. He also railed against government regulations that he deemed too intrusive for business growth.

"I intend to be a citizen senator — someone who has

actually created jobs, made payroll, grown a business and, more importantly, someone who isn't afraid to admit that I made a few mistakes along the way," Dinsdale said. "I only intend to serve two terms. If I can't get what needs to be done by then, I won't deserve to go back for a third term anyway."

Dinsdale said his campaign would highlight his opposition to abortion, his support for congressional term limits, limiting government's involvement in business and reducing the nation's dependence on foreign oil.

OBITUARIES

Mildred Nelson

Mildred Rose Nelson, age 96, of Yankton, South Dakota, died September 14, 2013, at Avera Brady Health & Rehabilitation in Mitchell, South Dakota.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 18, 2013, at the United Church of Christ Congregational in Yankton, South Dakota, with Reverend Paul Opsahl officiating. Burial will be in the Yankton Cemetery.

Visitation with the family present is from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 17, 2013, at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton. Visitation will resume one hour prior to the funeral at the church on Wednesday.

Pallbearers are Chris Nelson, Mark Nelson, Dennis Nelson, Darrell Nelson, David Nelson, and Delmar Nelson.

Mildred Rose Nelson was born February 1, 1917, to Walter and Rose (Wolkow) Schanck in Erwin, South Dakota. She grew up in Erwin and graduated from Erwin High School. She moved to Yankton



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where she worked her way through Yankton College graduating with a Teacher's Certificate. She began teaching at Gunderson #15 Country Grade School north of Yankton. She met Harold C. Nelson at a Lawrence Welk Dance in Yankton, and they married on September 20, 1940. After their marriage Mildred helped on the farm just north of Yankton where she continued to live until she moved to Ethan, South Dakota, to live with her daughter in 2011 at the age of 93.

Mildred was a devoted mother and wife. Her life revolved around her family. She was a true caretaker at heart. She was a member of the United Church of Christ Congregational in Yankton, the Pershing Extension Club, and was active in 4-H. Education was very important to her, and she loved to read. She was a great cook and loved to make treats. She also enjoyed listening

to the SDSU Jackrabbits football games, and playing cards, especially Slapjack with her grandchildren.

Survivors include her daughter Charlene (Lewis) Bainbridge of Ethan, South Dakota; five grandchildren: Heidi Bainbridge, Matthew Bainbridge, Neal (Tara) Bainbridge and their daughter Charlie; Patrick Nelson; Andrew (Angel) Nelson and his children: Andrew, Breyton, Anessa, and step-son Payton; and one sister, Nell (LaVerne) Tollefson of Huron, South Dakota.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Harold on March 8, 1987; son Lonnie; two brothers: Edward and John; one sister, Margaret; and brother-in-law, Melvin.

To send an online sympathy card, please visit wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

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Målfrid Aanning

Målfrid Aanning, age 98, of Yankton died peacefully September 14, 2013 at Autumn Winds following recent successful hip repair — but the stress was too much for even this tough Norwegian survivor of WW II.

Målfrid was born in Sørreisa, northern Norway on August 3, 1915 to Rikarda (Hansen) and Hans Karlsen. Her first husband, Johan Larsen died during the invasion of Norway on April 9, 1940. She married Bjarne Martin Aanning in 1946 while both worked for the UNRRA in post-war Germany. She immigrated to New York City in 1947 and, when Bjarne unexpectedly died in 1976, Målfrid moved to Rossmoor in Walnut Creek, California. After her daughter Astrid Pocekay died in 2006 Målfrid moved to Yankton to live with her



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son and daughter-in-law, Lars and Elizabeth Aanning. Just before New Year she moved to assisted living at Autumn

Winds.

Målfrid received much praise for her extraordinary cooking skills, and entertained an international array of guests during the almost 30 years her husband Bjarne was with the Norwegian Consulate in New York City as Vice Consul. Her sparkling wit and conversation enthralled her many friends. We will all miss the good times we had together.

Målfrid is survived by her son, Lars (Elizabeth) of Yankton, SD; two sisters, Lulli Westheim, Bodø, Norway and Lilla Boe, Oslo, Norway; 5 grandchildren; 3

great grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Målfrid is preceded in death by her parents; two husbands, Johan Larsen and Bjarne Aanning; daughter, Astrid Pocekay; three brothers, Karl Karlsen, Hjalmar Karlsen and Hans Karlsen; four sisters, Hildur Libran, Ragna Karlsen, Lisa Tollefsen, and Erna Clementsen.

Målfrid had always asked us to support the Salvation Army. We thank the Wintz and Ray Funeral Home for arrangements and cremation. A private ceremony is planned.

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NIH Gives Grants To 2 Health Centers

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The National Institutes of Health is giving multimillion-dollar grants to two centers in the Dakotas.

The Children's Health Research Center at Sanford Research in Sioux Falls is getting \$11.6 million over five years, and the University of North Dakota medical school in Grand Forks is getting \$10.5 million over that time.

The Children's Health Research Center is a nonprofit formed by Dakotas-based Sanford Health and the University of South Dakota in Vermillion. Officials there are studying congenital defects and childhood diseases ranging from pediatric brain cancer to kidney disease.

"This grant demonstrates NIH's commitment to the capable team of researchers in Sanford Children's Health Research Center as well as the overall organizational vision of Sanford to improve the health of children across the globe," said David Pearce, vice president and chief operating officer for Sanford Research.

The UND medical school will use its grant money to support work at a biomedical research center on diseases including cancer, diabetes, Alzheimer's and Parkinson's.

"Researchers at UND are actively working to understand the bases for these diseases and to develop new strategies for treatments or preventions," said Joyce Ohm, an assistant professor of biochemistry and molecular biology.

The National Institutes of Health, a part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, is the nation's medical research agency.

Fire Behind Lincoln School Extinguished

From P&D Staff Reports

A fire behind Lincoln Elementary School Sunday morning was extinguished by the Yankton Fire Department.

A report was received at 11:32 a.m. Sunday of a grass fire in the area.

"It was under one of the big pine trees on the hill behind Lincoln School," Deputy Fire Chief Larry Nickles said. "Some juveniles had been playing with a lighter and started the grass on fire. It did minor damage to the tree."

Nickles said the department was on scene for about 10 minutes to knock the fire down and soak the area.

The Yankton Police Department spoke with two juveniles about the dangers of fire and then released them to their respective guardians.

Wilson Pleads Not Guilty To Charges

From P&D Staff Reports

A psychiatric evaluation is expected to be complete next month on a Yankton man accused of attempted homicide.

Curtis Timothy Wilson pleaded not guilty in April to two counts of first-degree attempted homicide as murder, aggravated assault (domestic), aggravated assault and second-degree kidnapping.

During a status hearing at the Yankton County Courthouse and Safety Center Monday, court-appointed defense attorney Dan Fox said the evaluation by Dr. David Bean should be done by Oct. 18.

Yankton authorities say Wilson assaulted his girlfriend in the 900 block of East 15th Street during the early morning hours of April 5. The woman fled from her residence to a neighbor's home.

Wilson is alleged to have followed her and fired a bullet from a long rifle. However, the projectile went through a window in a door and did not hit the neighbor or the girlfriend.

The neighbor was transported to the hospital for minor injuries from flying debris.

Wilson is being held in the Yankton County Jail on \$500,000 bond.

Yankton Man Dies In White River Crash

From P&D Staff Reports

WHITE RIVER — A Yankton pedestrian died in a traffic accident Sunday evening, one mile north of White River on U.S. Highway 83, according to the South Dakota Highway Patrol.

Randy Larvie, 25, was walking southbound on U.S. Highway 83, according to a Highway Patrol news release. Traveling northbound on U.S. Highway 83 in a 2011 Chevy Silverado was driver Jerin Warkentin, 19, of Murray, Ky. and passenger Marissa Warkentin, 22, also of Murray.

Contact was made between Larvie and the Silverado, according to the Highway Patrol. Larvie sustained fatal injuries; the cause is currently under investigation. Neither person in the Silverado was injured.

No further information is immediately available. The South Dakota Highway Patrol is investigating. The Mellette County Sheriff's Department, White River Rescue and White River Ambulance assisted.

Costner Donates Items To Auction In SD

DEADWOOD (AP) — Actor Kevin Costner has donated items to a charity auction to benefit a Lakota interpreter at his Tatanka tourist attraction in South Dakota.

Costner's childhood baseball and bat and some of his movie memorabilia including a baseball jacket from "Bull Durham" will be sold at the Saturday auction in Deadwood. Proceeds will help Phillip Red Bird Frame, who hopes to earn a college degree in sociology.

The 47-year-old interpreter tells the Rapid City Journal he's humbled by the donations of Costner and Chief David Bald Eagle, chief of the Minnicoujou Tribe who was born in a teepee in 1919 and appeared in the 1935 swashbuckling film "Captain Blood" as Errol Flynn's sword-wielding bodyguard.

Morrell Plant Upgrades To Be Evaluated

ST. LOUIS (AP) — State officials are optimistic an inspection later this month will show that upgrades and conservation measures are helping fix water quality issues at the John Morrell meat processing plant in Sioux Falls.

The Argus Leader reports the plant has spent \$10 million on upgrades after being cited for numerous wastewater violations in recent years.

Kelli Buscher with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources says the improvements are expected to result in more consistent treatment and an end to violations.

The Sioux Falls plant processes nearly 5 million pigs each year. John Meyer, director of environmental affairs and sustainability for the John Morrell Food Group, says the plant has been around more than 100 years and continues to make what he calls "dramatic strides."

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Lois Prochaska

Funeral services for Lois R. Prochaska, 84, of Creighton, Neb., will be 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 20, 2013, at Zion Lutheran Church, Creighton. The Rev. Milana Joseph will officiate, with burial in the Greenwood Cemetery in Creighton.

Visitation is 5-8 p.m. Thursday at Brockhaus Funeral Home, Creighton.

Lois died Sunday, Sept. 15, 2013, at Avera Creighton Care Centre, Creighton.

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