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## City Gives Approval To Hikes In Water Rates

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Yankton residents can expect a large increase in their monthly utility bills starting Nov. 1.

The Yankton City Commission approved two small rate hikes Monday, but they will be added to a large jump in water rates that were approved in July.

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A 3 percent increase to the solid waste collection and wastewater rates got the OK Monday.

Mayor Nancy Welande said the adjustments are needed to cover the deficits in

those operations.

"We run each of these funds like their own business, so we want to make sure we adjust the rates as much as we think is feasible to make sure we run in the black instead of in the red," she stated.

The solid waste increase will raise the monthly rate from \$15.68 to \$16.15.

According to City Finance Officer Al Viereck, that fund will still operate at a slight annual deficit even after the increase.

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## Warm Lead Found In A Cold Case



DAID LIAS/VERMILLION PLAIN TALK  
Union County Sheriff Dan Limoges, South Dakota Attorney General Marty Jackley and Union County States Attorney Jerry Miller field media questions at a press briefing held in the Union County Courthouse in Elk Point Monday.

## Car May Be Linked To 1971 Case

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ELK POINT — A lower than usual water level in a Union County creek led to the discovery Monday morning of a missing piece to a mysterious puzzle involving two Vermillion-area teen girls who disappeared in 1971.

Law enforcement authorities are fairly certain that the vehicle driven by Cheryl Miller and Pamela Jackson the night they went missing — a 1960 Studebaker Lark — has been found in Brule Creek in Union County.

"I received a call here from an individual who came across a vehicle that was submerged in Brule Creek that is north of here a few miles off of 310th Street," Sheriff Dan Limoges said at a press conference in the Union County Courthouse Monday afternoon.

Joining Limoges at the press briefing were South Dakota Attorney General Marty Jackley and Union County States Attorney Jerry Miller.

"Upon my arrival, the vehicle was submerged, you could see the undercarriage of a vehicle and four tires sticking out of the water," the sheriff said.

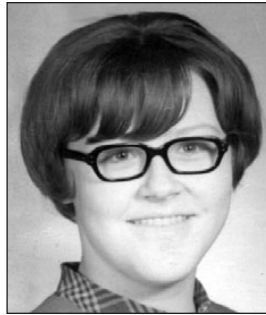
Limoges said he contacted officials with the South Dakota Division of Criminal Inves-

tigation (DCI). Officers from that department, as well as personnel from the South Dakota Highway Patrol, the state Department of Transportation, and the Union County and Clay County sheriff's offices and fire departments, have been working at the scene.

"We've got excavators, a tow truck there, and we basically tried to get the vehicle out of the water," Limoges said. "The vehicle is in pretty rough shape, and we weren't able to remove it out of the water. We were able to raise it some."

Officials have, for the time being, decided to leave the vehicle in the creek, "and keep it intact as best as possible," the sheriff said. "We're in the process of excavating material out of the vehicle now, and determining what, in fact, we have."

"What we know is that on May 29, 1971, two teenagers, both juniors at Vermillion (High School), disappeared — Pam Jackson



Pam Jackson



Sheri Miller

and Cheryl Miller," Jackley said.

At 9:30 p.m. that night, Jackson and Miller visited Miller's grandmother, and left from that visit driving a 1960 Studebaker belonging to Miller's grandfather.

Jackley said a license plate still attached to the submerged car has allowed authorities to determine it is the Studebaker owned by Cheryl Miller's grandfather.

"Pam Jackson and Cheryl Miller were with other classmates heading to a party by the old gravel pit; we know that a missed turn was taken, and that was the last they were seen, believed to be headed northward over by the gravel pit," Jackley said. "We have been able to ascertain from the vehicle that's been found and the excavation so far via the license plate as well as a hubcap that it would be that Studebaker Lark ... but we can't say anything more

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## Off And Walking

Students and parents from Yankton's Beadle Elementary School took part in the Beadle Bridge Walk Monday night at Meridian Bridge. Organizers said the event is a way to bring students, parents and teachers together for some bonding and a sense of community. A light rain shower moved through just as the walk began, making the lower deck a fairly attractive place to start the walk. (Kelly Hertz/P&D)



## YC Eyes Move To Mead

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While the memories of Yankton College lie in the past, its board of trustees is working to ensure the school still has a future.

The board on Saturday approved a preliminary agreement with the Yankton County Historical Society (YCHS) to occupy approximately 3,200 square feet of space on the third floor of the historic Mead Building once the building is restored. In return, Yankton College will pay for the cost of the rehabilitation of its space, as well as some ongoing costs of op-

eration and maintenance once the area is occupied.

The YCHS signed the agreement last week.

"It's a big step for both organizations," said Joan Neubauer, who serves as both the Yankton College board of trustees chair and YCHS president.

Because of her involvement with both entities, Neubauer signed a conflict of interest form during negotiations and had an attorney draft the agreement.

With its lease agreement at the

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