Huron Middle School Teacher Arrested

HURON (AP) — A seventh-grade teacher at Huron Middle School has been arrested on charges of disseminating harmful materials to a minor and marijuana possession, law enforcement officials said Thursday.

Thomas Wendelgass, 30, was arrested Thursday afternoon on charges stemming from alleged inappropriate conversations between the teacher and a person under the age of 18, according to the South Dakota Attorney General's Office. Both charges are Class One misdemeanors.

Sara Rabern, a spokeswoman with the Attorney General's office, said she couldn't elaborate on the details of the case because there may be additional charges.

Huron Schools Superintendent Terry Nebelsick said the alleged incidents didn't take place on school grounds and the marijuana was not found at school. He also said the allegations don't involve a current student or other staff members.

Nebelsick said Wendelgass has been suspended while the case is pending and is not to have contact with district students.

Wendelgass is starting his second year as a geography teacher at Huron Middle School, but Nebelsick said he's known him all his life. Nebelsick said he was the Huron High School principal when Wendelgass graduated from there in 2002.

"Obviously I have great faith in every one of our 300-some staff members so I'm heartbroken when something like this comes up in any organization and most particularly in one I've been a part of for 21 years," he said.

It was unclear Thursday afternoon whether Wendelgass has legal representation.

Jackson County Sued Over Indian Voting

RAPID CITY (AP) — A group representing four members of the Oglala Sioux Tribe has filed a federal lawsuit against Jackson County, claiming it doesn't given equal voting access to Native American voters.

Part of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation is located in the county. Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law filed the complaint Thursday in Rapid City.

It says Jackson County has refused to open a satellite office in Wanblee, so people who live on the reservation have to drive farther to the county seat of Kadoka to register to vote and cast ballots early.

The state's attorney could not be reached. The county auditor said she hadn't seen the complaint.

Winning Powerball Sold In 2 S.D. Cities

ABERDEEN (AP) — A Powerball ticket sold in Aberdeen is worth $10,000 in the Wednesday drawing, and a ticket sold in Rapid City is worth $20,000.

South Dakota lottery officials say both tickets matched four of five white ball numbers and the Powerball to win the game's $10,000 third prize. The odds are 1 in about 650,000.

The Rapid City winner purchased an option for $1 that doubled that prize.

The winners have about six months to claim the money.

The jackpot sits at $196 million for the next drawing, on Saturday.

South Dakota

Prison Inmate Charged With Killing Cellmate

BY REGINA GARCIA CANO
Associated Press

Ipsen

SIOUX FALLS — A South Dakota inmate serving a 75-year sentence on rape and sexual contact charges involving children was indicted Thursday on allegations that he killed his cellmate at the State Penitentiary in Sioux Falls.

The grand jury's indictment charges Douglas Ipsen, 28, with alternate counts of first-degree murder, second-degree murder and first-degree manslaughter for the death of convicted killer Kent Davidson. Ipsen could be convicted on one of those three charges.

The 37-year-old Davidson, whose body was found in his cell, died from strangulation and asphyxia, according to his death certificate. He was hurt late on Sept. 7 and died early on Sept. 8. Authorities said a bedsheet was used in the slaying.

Attorney General Marty Jackley would not discuss details of the investigation including motive. It's unclear whether Ipsen has an attorney.

Ipsen is serving 60 years for first-degree rape of a child and an additional 15 years for sexual contact with a child under the age of 16, both out of Butte County. He arrived at the penitentiary on September 2010.

The South Dakota Department of Corrections had deemed Ipsen a "low moderate" risk, while Davidson was assessed as a "moderate" risk. The men became cellmates April 30.

Since the killing, Ipsen is being housed in a single-cell at a disciplinary unit of the penitentiary's Jameson Annex, Corrections Department spokeswoman Mandy Nielsen said.

Davidson pleaded guilty to first-degree murder in April in the 2013 shooting death of his girlfriend Crystal Schulz. Her body was found in a shed at her mother's rural Chamberlain residence, and Davidson was arrested hours later after a standoff with police.

Schulz and Davidson were engaged, but court documents show that Schulz was ending the relationship.

Davidson's mother, Pamela Davidson, told The Associated Press on Monday that she's now lost both of her children. Her younger son, Travis, was killed in a car crash six years ago this month.

The woman, who lives in Jamestown, North Dakota, said she hadn't spoken to her son, Kent, in about three years and said the hardest part is she wasn't able to say goodbye. His body was cremated in Sioux Falls before it was sent to North Dakota.

In addition to murder charges, Davidson also was serving a five-year sentence for forgery out of Tripp County and a five-year sentence for second-degree escape out of Minnehaha County.

Huether Finds Lessons In N.D. Oil Boomtown

SIOUX FALLS (AP) — North Dakota's bustling oil patch has opportunities and lessons for the Sioux Falls area, the mayor of South Dakota's largest city said.

Mike Huether traveled to the oil patch hub of Williston this week along with city Planning Director Mike Cooper to get a first-hand look at the boomtown. Williston's population has doubled since 2010, to an estimated 30,000 people, and the city's physical size has tripled through annexation.

The use of local sales tax revenue to fund costs in Williston and surrounding Williams County associated with the rapid growth could be a lesson for Sioux Falls and surrounding Minnehaha County, according to Huether. South Dakota currently has no provision for counties to levy sales taxes.

The mayor also said that more South Dakota companies can capitalize on the North Dakota boom by expanding there.

State Board Increases Wharf Mine's Bonds

BY BOB MERCER
State Capitol Bureau

PIERRE — Wharf Resources will need to post more financial assurance against possible damage to water and land in the Black Hills to continue mining gold there.

The South Dakota Board of Minerals and Environment increased two of Wharf's bonds Thursday.

The cyanide spill bond is going up $17,100 to a new total of $597,800. The additional amount reflects inflation based on the construction-cost index.

The reclamation bond is climbing $1,393,000 to reflect 62 additional acres that have been disturbed by the mining operations at Terry Peak. The new reclamation total is $35,786,000.

The post-closure bond of $30.8 million wasn't changed.

Staff for the state Department of Environment and Natural Resources calculated the amounts.

Wharf is the only large-scale gold mining operation that remains in the Black Hills. The Canada-based company has irrevocable letters of credit for the bonds on file with the New York branch of Scotiabank.

ORDINANCE NO . 968

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR DEFRAYING THE NECESSARY EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES OF THE CITY OF YANKTON, SOUTH DAKOTA, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2015, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2015, AND PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY OF THE ANNUAL TAX FOR ALL FUNDS CREATED BY THE ORDINANCE WITHIN SAID CITY.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Yankton, South Dakota

That thereby and hereby is appropriated by the Board of Commissioners of the City Yankton, South Dakota, for the year commencing the first moment of the first day of January 2015, the following sums of money for the purposes, which are deemed necessary to defray all necessary expenses and liabilities of the City of Yankton, South Dakota, to wit:

SECTION I - GENERAL FUND

A. Appropriations

General Government:

Board of City Commissioners	$161,140
City Manager	333,162
City Attorney	54,249
Finance Office	602,062
Information Services	252,581
Community Development	405,483
Contingency	200,000
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	2,008,677

Public Safety:

Police Department	2,756,686
Animal Control	69,554
Fire Department	1,713,678
Civil Defense	2,240
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	4,542,158

Public Works:

Engineering & Inspection	666,374
Street & Highways	1,678,487
Snow & Ice Removal	272,138
City Hall	203,677
Traffic Control	349,040
Chan Gurney Airport	614,838
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	3,784,554
Special Appropriations	285,265
TOTAL SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS	285,265

Culture - Recreation:

Senior Citizens Center	94,092
Community Library	754,639
TOTAL CULTURE - RECREATION	848,731
Other Financing Uses / Transfers Out	5,281,504
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING USES	5,281,504
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	$16,750,889

B. Means of finance

Unappropriated Fund Balances	$2,136,162
Current Property Taxes	2,447,289
Sales & Other Taxes	5,145,233
Licenses & Permits	347,800
Intergovernmental Revenue	1,238,592
Charges for Goods & Services	2,443,272
Fines & Forfeits	15,000
Miscellaneous Revenues	24,000
TOTAL REVENUE	11,661,186
Other Financing Souces / Transfers In	2,953,541
TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCE	$16,750,889

SECTION II - SPECIAL REVENUE

A. Appropriations

Parks & Recreation	$1,102,000
Memorial Park Pool	219,517
Summit Activies Center	727,430
Marne Creek	170,050
Casualty Reserve Fund	5,000
Bridge & Street Fund	475,000
911/Dispatch	672,918
Business Improvement District	120,300
Lodging Sales Tax	481,848
Infrastructure Improvement Revolving - Transfer to Infr. Imp. Constr.	106,147
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	$4,080,210

B. Means Of Finance

Unappropriated Fund Balance	$1,173,580
Parks & Recreation Revenue	11,530
Memorial Pool Revenue	52,150
Summit Activies Center Revenue	488,320
Marne Creek Revenue	300
Casualty Reserve - Interest	125
Bridge & Street Revenue	21,622
911/Dispatch	86,620
Business Improvement District	120,300
Lodging Tax	547,200
Infrastructure Improvement Revolving	44,720
TOTAL REVENUE	1,372,887
Transfer From General Fund	2,208,995
Transfer From Special Capital Fund	399,556
TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCE	$5,155,018

SECTION III - CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS

A. Appropriations

Public Improvement	$18,000
Airport Capital Projects	365,000
Park Capital Projects	107,500
Infrastructure Improvement Construction	200,000
Special Capital Improvement	7,590,143
Tax Increment District #2 Morgan Square	57,000
Tax Increment District #5 Menards	2,893,200
TOTAL APPRORIATIONS	$11,230,843

B. Means of Finance

Unappropriated Fund Balance	$30,940
Public Improvement Revenue	18,000
Airport Capital Projects	342,000
Park Capital Revenue	-
Infrastructure Improvement Construction	-
Special Capital Improvement	5,315,711
TID #2 Morgan Square	57,000
TID #5 Menards	140,000
TOTAL REVENUE	5,872,711
Transfer from General Fund	90,500
Transfer from Park Improvement Fund	-
Transfer from BBB Fund	17,000
Transfer from Infrastructure Impr. Fund	106,147
Transfer from Special Capital Fund	47,401
Loan from General Fund	2,747,398
Loan from Special Capital Fund	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	3,008,446
TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCE	$8,912,097

SECTION IV - ENTERPRISE FUNDS MEMO ONLY

	Water	Waste-Water	Cemetary	Solid Waste: Collection	Solid Waste: Joint Powers (Yankton Only)	Solid Waste: Golf Course
Unappropriated Fund Balance	$7,334,200	$1,168,748	$11,542	$703,766	$324,038	$(132,184)
Estimated Revenues:						
Operations	5,207,500	3,266,996	23,000	901,187	1,006,000	942,090
Other	12,000	8,900	1,750	1,000	1,100	650
TOTAL REVENUE	5,219,500	3,275,896	24,750	902,187	1,007,100	942,740
Operating Transfer In	-	-	111,469	-	-	-
Depreciation	647,959	1,072,719	-	60,472	141,980	55,745
Amortization	-	-	-	-	-	-
Revolving Loan Funds	9,000,000	600,000	-	-	-	-
Grant Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	$22,201,659	$6,117,363	$147,761	$1,666,425	$1,473,118	$866,301
Appropriations:						
Operating	$2,886,606	$2,997,258	$84,261	$945,442	$1,121,665	$901,847
Non-Operating	553,332	283,475	-	-	24,021	-
Operating Transfer Out	52,000	40,700	-	-	-	-
Improvement & Exts/Capital	10,813,347	1,602,112	63,500	-	300,000	114,000
Unobligated	7,896,374	1,193,818	-	720,983	27,432	(149,546)
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	$22,201,659	$6,117,363	$147,761	$1,666,425	$1,473,118	$866,301

SECTION V - INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS CENTRAL GARAGE

Unappropriated Fund Balance	$149,500
Estimated Revenue - Billings	913,378
TOTAL ESTIMATED BALANCE & REVENUES	1,062,878
Less Appropriations	851,987
Estimated Surplus	$210,891

SECTION VI - TAX LEVY

That there is hereby levied upon all taxable property within said City of Yankton, South Dakota, for the purposes of providing funds to meet the lawful expenses and liabilities of the City of Yankton, South Dakota, as herein set forth for the fiscal year of 2015, a tax sufficient to raise $2,426,289 in regular property taxes, which as received by the Finance Officer shall be credited to the General Fund, and an additional $190,232 in opt-out property taxes which will be used for the annual debt service requirement for the Second Fire Station.

That the Finance Officer of the City of Yankton be and hereby is authorized and directed to certify the said regular tax levy, $2,426,289 and the opt-out levy, $190,232 to the County Auditor of the County of Yankton, South Dakota, to the end that the same may be spread and assessed as provided by law.

SECTION VII - EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance being necessary for the support of the government of the City of Yankton and its existing institutions shall take effect upon its passage and publication.

Adopted: September 8, 2014

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David Carda
Mayor

ATTEST :

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Al Viereck
Finance Officer

Introduction and first reading:
August 25, 2014
Second reading:
September 8, 2014

Published in the Yankton Daily Press and Dakotan, Offical Newspaper: Sept. 19, 2014

I so certify _____
Al Viereck
Finance Officer

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Sirens

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Chairman Bruce Jensen said he doesn't find fault with the property owners over their concerns and said the commission will try to find other ways to move forward on the issue.

"I respect the people (who raised concerns) because they invested a lot of money to see their view of the lake or whatever, so I don't condemn them," Jensen said. "We'll figure something out because, to me, it's very important."

Jensen said even with the proliferation of technology available to the public, a siren system is still a great option.

"With that much population out there (and) Boy Scouts and all that — I know they say they have all the fancy phones and stuff, but there's nothing like a loud noise to wake you up," he said.

Moore added this would mean essentially having to start planning from square one.

"The difficult part is, the logistics are all going to change on this," he said. "When you do start finding a place where you can place a tower, it's not going to be as simple as it was. You're going to have these put in strategic locations, meaning that the other eight sites, when we do put up (the first) two, will most likely have to be changed to logistically cover as much area as we want to cover out there."

Commissioner Allen Sinclair suggested going back to the siren companies themselves to seek advice for how to proceed in the future.

"I think you need to get a hold of the folks that install these sirens and see what they suggest," Sinclair said. "They put up sirens in all the United States — these are big companies we're talking about. I would hope they would have some ideas about design. And maybe we need to take them back out there and look at the locations again and see if they can be adjusted enough to deal with visibility issues."

Jensen said now the commission will seek to hold meetings for public input on how to move forward with the siren project over the winter and he hopes to pick up the issue again in the spring.

In other business, the commission:

- Approved the 2015 budget.
- Approved a conditional use permit (CUP) for AT&T
- Voted to pay the remaining balance on the new highway shop.
- Hired Meierhenry & Associates of Sioux Falls to look into certain legal matters. Jensen said he could not comment on the exact matters.

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