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Attempt At Raise For SDRS Chief Broke State Laws

BY BOB MERCER
State Capitol Bureau

PIERRE — State legislators and trustees for the South Dakota Retirement System violated state laws regarding a special salary increase for the SDRS administrator.



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Administrator Rob Wylie sent an email Thursday to members of the Legislature's Retirement Laws Committee acknowledging the problems.

"I owe each and every one of you an apology," Wylie wrote.

He confirmed to a newspaper reporter on Friday that he wrote and sent the e-mail.

The Legislature approved a 2 percent raise for state government employees effective July 1. That took Wylie's salary to \$129,639 as of July 1.

The violations occurred when the trustees sought to grant an additional 2 percent to Wylie. State law directs that the trustees must recommend any additional compensation for the administrator before May 1.

That deadline wasn't met.

The trustees met in executive session at the start of their June 4 meeting. They returned to public session. On a motion by state Supreme Court Justice Steve Zinter, who serves on the board, the trustees unanimously approved recommending the additional 2 percent.

State law further requires that the additional compensation can't take effect without approval from the Legislature's Retirement Laws Committee. The two bodies held a joint meeting June 2 in Sioux Falls.

The administrator's

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RANDY DOCKENDORF/P&D

Delmont Mayor Mae Gunnare (left) talks with Vern Neugebauer (center) and Tracy Neugebauer during Sunday's harvest festival just outside Delmont. Gunnare describes herself as a cheerleader, encouraging her town to continue its traditions and events while still recovering from a devastating May tornado.

Poetic Reaction



KELLY HERTZ/P&D

Two-time U.S. Poet Laureate Ted Kooser describes the general reaction of people when they encounter poetry in a magazine during his appearance at Mount Marty College Sunday night as part of the Great Plains Writers' Tour. Speaking at Marian Auditorium, Kooser read several selections from his books, including "Splitting An Order," published in 2014, as well as the prose work, "The Wheeling Year," also a 2014 publication.

Officials Breaking Ground On School Of Mines Student Housing

RAPID CITY (AP) — The South Dakota School of Mines and Technology and its foundation are breaking ground Saturday on a new residence hall to house 200 students.

The six-story building to be constructed just west of campus will offer 51 suite-style units, each

with a living room, private bathrooms and bedrooms. Community lounges, kitchens and group study spaces will be provided throughout the building.

The School of Mines and the foundation will enter into a 30-year lease agreement for the completed project, built on a 1.78-acre site

owned by the foundation. The South Dakota Board of Regents approved the proposal in June.

The new hall is in response to a 35 percent increase in enrollment over the past six years. It's expected to open by the fall 2016 semester.

Bravo Battery Honors Change Of The Guard

BY RANDY DOCKENDORF
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Saturday's ceremony at the Yankton armory marked more than a transfer of command from CPT. Darrin Eichacker to 1LT Michael Nei.

The ceremony also signaled a new era for Bravo Battery of the 1st Battalion, 147th Field Artillery with the South Dakota National Guard (SDNG).

Eichacker commanded Bravo Battery since September 2012, a time of change for the Yankton unit amidst SDNG reorganization.

"I came on board as commander as we were going through the transition," he

said. "We went from Charlie Battery to Bravo Battery in 2011."

Eichacker served three years as commander, longer than the typical two-year tenure. "I finished the two years, and I had the opportunity for another year," he said.

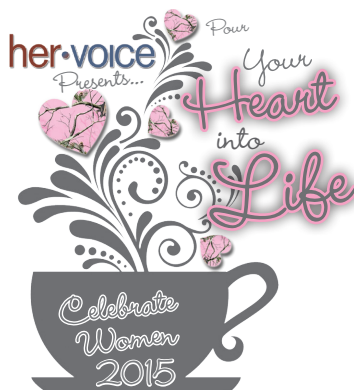
The longer command worked well in helping keep a smooth transition, Eichacker said. The change consisted of two parts. The former Bravo Battery of Salem became part of the Yankton unit, which in turn saw its name changed from Charlie Battery to Bravo



1LT Michael Nei (left) receives the guidon from LTC James Linn during Saturday's change-of-command ceremony at the Yankton armory. The ceremony marked the transfer of command from CPT Darrin Eichacker to Nei for Bravo Battery of the 1st Battalion, 147th Field Artillery unit of the South Dakota National Guard. (Randy Dockendorf/P&D)

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with Event Speaker Julie Clark

New Location!

Saturday, Oct. 17th
NFAA Easton Archery Complex

Advance Tickets Only \$20
Tickets available at Yankton Hy-Vee and the Press & Dakotan
Doors Open at 11:00 am
Lunch Served 12:30pm-1:45pm
Speaker 2pm • Booths Open at 11am

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