

## REGION DIGEST

### Crest Road To Be Closed Early Wednesday

The road that crosses Gavins Point Dam, also known as Crest Road or the spillway, will be closed from 8 a.m.-noon on Wednesday, April 14, to conduct maintenance. Motorists should choose an alternate route during this time.

### Bon Homme Farmers Union To Meet April 15

TYNDALL — The Bon Homme Farmers Union will have a meeting at 8 p.m. Thursday, April 15, at The Cavalier Corner in Tyndall.

Discussions on the upcoming district meeting, taxes, wind development, horse processing, national convention and issues important to members will be held.

### James River Water Board To Meet April 15

HURON — The James River Water Development District Board of Directors will be holding a special meeting at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, April 15, at 251 Fourth Street SW, Huron.

Items on the agenda are include:

- Funding for the conservation districts within the James River Water Development District;
- Work session for prioritizing projects that come before the board;
- Any other business that may come before the board.

### Yankton To Receive \$63,000 National Grant

WASHINGTON — Planning and Development District III in Yankton will receive a \$63,000 grant from the United States Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration (EDA), the office of Sen. Tim Johnson (D-S.D.) announced in a press release.

The funding will be used to continue developing and implementing economic development programs in the region.

Johnson has continually supported the EDA and economic development in South Dakota as a member of the Appropriations Committee.

### Vermillion Tagged In Tree City USA Program

Vermillion was recognized as a Tree City USA community for its commitment to urban forestry. The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service.

It is the 25th year that Vermillion has earned this national designation.

Vermillion has met the four standards to become a Tree City USA community. Tree City USA communities must have a tree board or department, a tree-care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program, and an Arbor Day observation and proclamation.

Tree City USA communities must also meet certain standards, which are as follows:

- Promote healthier communities by filtering the air we breathe by removing dust and other particles.
- Moderate climate, conserve water and provide vital habitat for wildlife.
- Reduce the heat island effect in urban areas caused by pavement and buildings.
- Increase property values and reduce energy use and add beauty to our homes and neighborhoods.

More information about Tree City USA can be found at [www.arborday.org/TreeCityUSA](http://www.arborday.org/TreeCityUSA).

■ Get Updates At Yankton Online ([www.yankton.net](http://www.yankton.net))

## OBITUARIES

### Marie Christenson

Marie C. Christenson, age 99 years, 8 months, and 18 days, passed away early Friday, April 9, 2010, at the Tyndall Good Samaritan Center, Tyndall, SD.

Funeral services will be 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 14, 2010 at the Opsahl-Kostel Memorial Chapel, Tabor, SD with Rev. David Wildermuth officiating. Burial will be in the Elm Grove Cemetery, rural Tabor, SD.

Visitations will be 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, at the Opsahl-Kostel Memorial Chapel, Tabor, and then one hour prior to the service at the chapel.

Pallbearers will be Jim Barger, Keith Christenson, Sasha Christenson, Christian Haunton, Jeffrey Haunton, and Larry Schmidt.

Marie was born to Andrew and Mary Schmidt on July 23, 1910, in rural Tabor, SD. She attended school at Elm Grove School and Tabor High School. She married Lowell Christenson in 1935. They were employed on a ranch in Montana and farmed near Meckling, SD until 1941, when they moved to Blair, NE. While raising a son and two daughters, Marie worked as a telephone operator and later as

a care giver at the Blair Good Shepherd Home. Lowell passed away in 1977. Two years later Marie moved to Omaha where she remained until 2007. She then moved to Tyndall Good Samaritan Center, Tyndall, SD. She beautified the world around her with the flowers she grew and the paintings she created. She received much enjoyment out of her family.

Her memory is cherished by her son Lowell Keith (Judy) Christenson of Tabor, SD and her daughter Gladys (C. Jeffrey) Haunton of Omaha, NE; 7 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren and one great great grandson.

She was preceded in death by her parents; daughter Thelma Christenson; husband Lowell; brothers George, Jim, and Pete Schmidt; sister, Anne Schmidt; and two great grandsons, Jesse Rocholtz and Garret Schaffer.

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Beulah Mayer's family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to her family, friends and neighbors for their prayers, visits, cards, flowers, memorials, phone calls, food, warm hugs and other acts of kindness during our time of sorrow.

A special thank you goes to the staff at Avera Yankton Care Center for their compassionate care of Beulah. She considered them "family."

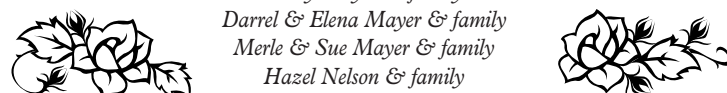
Thanks go to the staff and volunteers from the Avera Sacred Heart Hospice, especially Chaplain Mary Hochstein, Peg Stratman, Stacey Nickels and Gerrie Loecker.

We are also grateful for Pastoral Assistant Bob Cappel of First United Methodist Church for his prayers, visits, words of encouragement and for providing a compassionate celebration of life funeral service for Beulah. Thanks go to the Methodist Church Women for providing the food for the luncheon.

Very special thanks goes to Paul Wintz and to Wintz-Ray Funeral Home staff for being so helpful and caring while ensuring that Beulah's life was celebrated and her memory honored.

Beulah touched people in many ways with lasting impressions to those around her with a love of life. Her smile said it all. We are truly blessed with wonderful family and friends.

Larry Mayer & family  
Darrel & Elena Mayer & family  
Merle & Sue Mayer & family  
Hazel Nelson & family



## Master Gardener At W.H. Over Museum Apr. 20

VERMILLION — W.H. Over Museum in Vermillion and Dean Spader, a Master Gardener, will give a presentation entitled, "Healthy Food, Lawns, and Soil" at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 20, at the museum.

Healthy food and plants cannot come from sick or dead soil. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's nutritional tables show that the average nutritional content of vegetables has declined 25 to 33 percent across the board — all vegetables, all vitamins, and minerals. The questions arise, "Is our soil becoming sicker? Are we killing our soil?"

How a gardener or farmer treats the soil determines how nutritious the food is that is produced from that soil. This presentation describes two distinct types of soil treatment and the recent research that indicates how to maintain and increase the health in the soil of your garden, lawns and fields.

The public is invited to attend.

## MOTORHEADS



KELLY HERTZ/P&D

Kelly Schrant (right) of Yankton's Lewis and Clark Ford presents Yankton High School instructor Bob Evans (left) and students Alexandria Grooms and Adam Schramm with four \$100 checks on behalf of Ford Motor Company to be used to purchase Snap-on tools. Grooms and Schramm have qualified for the state hands-on AAA/Ford Auto skills competition from the school's title. Last year, the YHS team of Derek Schenkel and Taylor Boeckman set the standard for this year's team. If Grooms and Schramm win the state title, they will move on to compete for the national championship in June at Detroit. The four pictured are a part of the long-time relationship with Ford Motor Company and YHS. Lewis and Clark Ford has agreed to provide a new car for YHS students to practice on for the competition.

## Scientist, Harvard Scholar To Speak At USD April 19

VERMILLION — The University of South Dakota Political Science League will host world renowned political scientist and Harvard Professor Theda Skocpol at 7 p.m. Monday, April 19, in the Muenster University Center Ballroom.

As part of the inaugural W.O. Farber Public Affairs Lecture Series, Skocpol will deliver a keynote address entitled "Voice and Inequality: The Transformation of American Civic Democracy" as well as meet with faculty and students throughout the day.

Skocpol, who was awarded the Johan Skytte Prize in Political Science in 2007, is an extremely distinguished scholar

in both political science and sociology. She is the Victor S. Thomas Professor of Government and Sociology at Harvard University where she has served as dean of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences and as director of the Center for American Political Studies. In 1996, Skocpol served as President of the Social Science History Association, an interdisciplinary professional group, and in 2002-03, she served as president of the American Political Science Association during the centennial of this leading professional body.

Named for William O. "Doc" Farber (1910-2007), who led a

distinguished career in political science at USD for more than three decades, the W.O. Farber Public Affairs Lecture Series aims to provide students and the public with insight into national and state politics, campaigns and elections, public administration issues and international relations.

The U's Political Science League annually organizes and sponsors trips, brings speakers to campus, hosts an evening film series and sponsors other social and academic activities. More information about the W.O. Farber Public Affairs Lecture Series and the USD Department of Political Science is available at [www.usd.edu/polsci](http://www.usd.edu/polsci).

## Benefit For Brady April 24 At Elks Club

The public is invited to a benefit for Beau Brady on Saturday, April 24, at the Yankton Elks Club. Doors open at 3 p.m. and there will be four bands performing starting at 4 p.m. until midnight. Food will be available.

Bands include the Pisgah Mountain String Band, Gullickson Brothers, Mike and Jay and the Top Shelf Stank Bands.

Brady was injured by a hit-and-run drunk driver on Nov. 6, 2009. He has been hospitalized since. He now resides in Omaha at the Quality Living Rehab Center.

If you are unable to attend but would like to make a donation, send it to: First Dakota National Bank, c/o Beau Brady Benefit.

## May 1 Deadline For Property Tax Homestead Exemptions

PIERRE — Applications for the Property Tax Homestead Exemption Program are now available to eligible property owners who wish to delay payment of their property taxes in South Dakota.

May 1 is the deadline to apply for the program.

Under the state Homestead Exemption, qualified applicants can delay payment of property taxes until their property is sold. Taxes then become a lien on the property and must be paid along with interest before the property can be transferred.

To qualify for the exemption, an applicant must be at least 70 years old or a surviving spouse; have owned a single-family dwelling for at least three years or been a South Dakota resident for at least five years; have resided at least eight months of

the past calendar year in a single-family dwelling; and meet the program's income limits.

The maximum amount of income to be eligible is \$16,000 for a single-member household and \$20,000 for a multiple-member household.

The program defines property as the house, garage, and the lot upon which it sits, or one acre, whichever is less. Applicants should be aware that application and qualification for the Homestead Exemption Program make them ineligible for the Senior and Disabled

Citizens Sales and Property Tax Refund Program.

Interested individuals must apply annually to their county treasurers for the Property Tax Homestead Exemption Program. Applications are available at county courthouses, the Department of Revenue and Regulation's Property and

Special Taxes Division, or in downloads from the department's Web site at: <http://www.state.sd.us/drr2/forms/propertytaxforms.htm>.

For more information, call the department's toll-free helpline at 1-800-829-9188 and ask for the Division of Property and Special Taxes.

## IN REMEMBRANCE

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