

1830 Rummage Sales

2003 Roberts St.
Friday, 4/30, 2pm-7pm
 4-Family Sale: Bikes, animal cages, Avon, CD players, toys, DVD player, portable grill, tools, fertilizer spreader, kids clothes, wheelbarrow, load jacks, golf bags, kids sleeping bags, Rescue Hero Command Center, Barbies, lamps, much miscellaneous.

702 Applewood Drive
Friday, 4/30, Noon-6pm
Saturday, 5/1, 7:30am-11am
 Quality Clothes: Girls/Boys 2T-6, Women's size 0 Ann Taylor, Men's XL Bedding sets, Pack'n Play, infrared receiver system, CDs, miscellaneous household.

808 Mulberry
Friday 4/30, 5pm-7pm
Saturday, 5/1, 9am-Noon
 Canner, dehydrator, household items, bakeware, Coca-Cola items, clothes, men's Levi jeans size 32x36 and much more!

812 Burgess Rd.
Friday, 4/30, 3:30pm-7pm
Saturday, 5/1, 8am-10am
 Tons of boys name brand clothes (size 0-4), shoes, boots, coats; kids movies, CDs, toys, books carseat, knick-knacks & much more!

Benefit Rummage Sale for Mary Madsen-People to People Ambassador
1907 Bradley St.
Friday, 4/30, Noon-8pm
Saturday, 5/1, 7am-4pm
 Many books & tomato cages, beds, garden, crafts, TV, girls clothing, kitchen items, Pizza Hut fundraiser cards, and quilt raffle tickets.

Moving & California Estate Rummage Sale
3916 Broadway
Friday, 4/30, 3pm-7pm
Saturday, 5/01, 8am-2pm
 (3/4 mile North of Wal-Mart next to Marquardt Trucking, Watch for Signs)

More items added on Saturday: Knick-knack's, furniture, kitchen items, men's and women's clothing and lots of stuff.

Multi Family Rummage
812 James Place
Friday, 4/30, 5pm-8pm
Saturday, 5/1, 8am-Noon

Lots of gently used brand name clothes for girls (3T-5T), boys (18 month-2T, 7-8), adult clothes. Left handed USA kids golf clubs, desk with hutch, In-Step Bike Trailer, weed eater, shoes (Striderite). Lots of kids toys, (Little Tykes), battery operated ride on train with tracks. Microwave, home decor, comforter sets. Lots of miscellaneous.

1840 Lost and Found

Found: Very expensive bicycle lock cable. (605)665-2274 to identify.

NELSON

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Hathaway," Nelson said. Neither did the \$6 million in Berkshire stock Nelson and his wife own play a role in his vote, Nelson said. The Nelsons have owned the stock for more than 30 years, he said.

Nelson said also voted against advancing the bill because he believes the Senate Banking Committee is working on a bipartisan measure.

Republican Sen. Richard Shelby of Alabama has said he and Senate Banking committee Chairman Christopher Dodd have agreed to fix some aspects of the bill.

"Today, Washington is a cesspool of gotcha politics," Nelson said. "It's so out of control that you can't even shake hands in the hallway with a Future Farmer of America without people questioning your motives."

His said his concern was that proposed regulations on derivatives contracts seek to make new rules retroactive, not just regulate future contracts.

"Big government should not reach back and rewrite existing contracts between American companies executed in good faith that help our economy grow," Nelson said. "It's unconstitutional."

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Psychiatrist: Kosher Plant Manager Admitted Fraud

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa (AP) — A former executive of a kosher Iowa slaughterhouse who was convicted of financial fraud knew illegal immigrants worked at the plant, an admission that directly contradicts what he said under oath, a psychiatrist testified Wednesday at the executive's sentencing hearing.

The psychiatrist was hired by the defense for former Agriprocessors Inc. manager Sholom Rubashkin. She testified under cross-examination that Rubashkin admitted to her during an interview that he committed bank fraud.

Rubashkin is facing a possible life sentence after being convicted on 86 counts of financial fraud in November. The Postville plant he managed was the site of a massive immigration raid in May 2008.

"Did he admit to the crimes?" Assistant U.S. Attorney C.J. Williams asked Dr. Susan Fiester of

Bethesda, Md. "Yes, essentially," Fiester replied.

Williams further pressed the point, asking if Rubashkin's statement was "inconsistent with trial testimony," to which Fiester said it was. But Fiester wouldn't say whether that meant Rubashkin lied under oath.

"I didn't ask him that," Fiester said.

Rubashkin acknowledged during his trial that he made mistakes as a manager, but he testified that he never intentionally violated immigration or federal fraud laws.

Prosecutors originally leveled 163 immigration and financial fraud counts against Rubashkin, but they dropped the immigration charges after Rubashkin was convicted on the fraud charges.

The sentencing hearing is expected to last until at least the end of the day on Thursday. U.S. District Court Judge Linda R.

Reade said Wednesday that she would consider the statements of those who testify and render a judgment "three to four weeks" after the hearing.

Rubashkin was convicted of creating phony invoices to show St. Louis-based First Bank Business Capital that the slaughterhouse had more money flowing in than it did.

Defense attorney F. Montgomery Brown questioned FBI Special Agent Randy Van Gent about how much of a \$35 million revolving loan from the bank was affected by the fraud. Brown said an original 1999 loan for \$20 million was "clear and pristine" and that Rubashkin's bank fraud didn't start until 2007.

Van Gent maintained the fraud applied to the entire \$35 million. He also said that had the bank "known about the extent of the fraud" it likely would not have

continued to give Agriprocessors cash infusions after the slaughterhouse declared bankruptcy in November 2008. The cash infusions added up to about \$5 million.

Several former business partners and family members testified that Rubashkin wasn't ultimately responsible for mistakes made at the plant.

Former Agriprocessors poultry manager Joseph Gourarie said Rubashkin wanted to fire about 200 illegal immigrants at the plant months before the raid but couldn't get permission from his father, former Agriprocessors owner Aaron Rubashkin.

"It was at times difficult to know who was ultimately in charge," Gourarie said. "I'm not sure he could have (fired the workers) with unilateral authority."

Testimony was scheduled to resume Thursday morning.

Stevens Hears Last Argument As Supco Justice

WASHINGTON (AP) — It was a classic John Paul Stevens tactic: wait until the closing seconds and then ask a lawyer a pointed question.

The 90-year-old justice employed it for the last time Wednesday as he sat through the final high court arguments of his 35-year career.

Stevens has announced his retirement this summer. He will continue to appear with the court through June, issuing and writing opinions on cases that were argued last year and earlier this year.

But Wednesday's arguments — over whether the name of petition signers who wanted to overturn Washington state's domestic partnership law should be made public — was his last chance to interact with lawyers appearing before the court.

Known as a gentle but pointed interrogator, the bespectacled Stevens has heard more than 3,500 arguments from lawyers in the Supreme Court's courtroom. So as is his custom, Stevens — wearing his usual bow tie — rocked back and forth in his chair for most of the arguments.

President Barack Obama has said he hopes to have Stevens' replacement confirmed before the court's new term begins in October.

Republican Senator Criticizes GM Loan Repayment

WASHINGTON (AP) — General Motors' repayment of a \$6.7 billion government loan was criticized Wednesday by a top Republican lawmaker, who said the automaker simply shuffled federal bailout funds to pay back taxpayers.

Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, scolded General Motors for failing to acknowledge in advertising publicizing the loan repayment that the government still owns nearly 61 percent of the Detroit automaker. He questioned whether taxpayers ever would be fully compensated.

"The hype does not match the reality. Taxpayers have not been repaid in full — far from it. ... Much of it will never be repaid," Grassley said.

The Treasury Department, in a letter to Grassley, defended the GM loan repayment and called it "good news for the company, our investment and the American people."

GM spokesman Greg Martin said the repayment was "a clear sign that our plan is working and a critical step toward returning GM to profitability and public ownership. It's hard to see how GM's loan repayment could not be seen as a positive milestone for the company and taxpayers."

GM announced the repayment of \$8.1 billion in loans from the U.S. and Canadian governments last week. In TV advertising, CEO Ed Whitacre tells viewers GM has "repaid our government

loan in full, with interest, five years ahead of the original schedule. But there's still more to do."

The ads don't mention that the majority of the \$52 billion in federal aid to GM was converted into a 61 percent government ownership stake. GM has said it hopes to conduct a public stock offering later this year to let taxpayers recoup its investment.

GM paid off its loan from a \$16 billion escrow fund created by the government as part of the company's bankruptcy last year. The fund was developed to give GM some cushion in case the economy tumbled but required the automaker to seek permission from the Treasury Department before spending it.

KOMEN

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Virginia Lambert, executive director of the South Dakota Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure. "They are going to create educational troops of 2-4 people who will meet with providers at their sites to provide education, using webinars as follow-up."

Steckelberg said that the troupes will have at least one medical professional and one survivor.

"This program is intended to enhance the rural health providers' education

regarding breast cancer/health management, which will result in increased screenings, early detection of breast cancer and support opportunities for the women who live in rural and remote areas," she said. "Having both medical personnel and survivors will help us increase the training we can provide on both sides — the treatment and the recovery."

Lambert said that dual role will complement other programs that Komen has funded, and in the end will help them achieve their goal of providing services to all areas of the state at any level of treatment, preventative through survivorship.

"We currently are funding another program called 'All Women Count,'" she said.

"Clinics can get federal dollars for screenings if a woman is 50 or older, but it doesn't cover uninsured or underinsured under 50. Our grant allows them to provide screenings for people between (ages) 30-49. ... We think the programs complement each other, and in the end will help provide entire scope of services to all women and men in the state."

The YAHEC has identified 15 communities across the state to target. The program will be collaboratively implemented by the YAHEC and Health Education Development System, Inc. (HEDS), located in Sturgis. Yankton AHEC will focus on East River/Central communities while HEDS will focus on West River communities.

"The grant they received just went into effect April 1," Lambert said. "I would say, while it is exciting that they have received the grant, the best is yet to come with the work they will be doing. If you check back in a year, I think you will be surprised by the good that they have done. That is what Susan G. Komen for the Cure is all about."

The South Dakota Affiliate will hold its third annual Race for the Cure Sept. 26 in Vermillion. Funds raised through this event are used to support programs like the Breast Health Care Education Troupe Program. For more information about grant opportunities or the South Dakota Race for the Cure, visit www.komensouthdakota.com or call 605-990-2873.

FEMA

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southern part of Mission Hill North Township, is in this new flood plain."

FEMA is replacing aging paper maps with more accurate digital maps in the hope that local governments will be able to use tools, such as zoning, to prevent residential or commercial development in areas that are at risk for flooding.

However, homeowners who are being placed in the newly-defined flood plain can face much higher insurance rates. Adding to the frustration is that loans backed by the federal government, which accounts for a majority of the nation's mortgages, require that a property has flood insurance if it is in a flood plain.

In the case of some local residents who live along the James River and now find themselves in the flood plain, they argue that their property has never flooded and likely never will. Dozens of homeowners east of Yankton in the Mission Hill townships have signed petitions that have been sent to South Dakota Sens. Tim Johnson and John Thune, as well as Rep. Stephanie Herseeth Sandlin, asking for assistance in remedying the situation.

In the identical letters sent to the congressional members, the homeowners cite the expense of flood insurance.

"The average cost of flood insurance for those in the flood plain is over \$1,000 per year," they write. "This is a very steep price to pay for a home that has never been flooded and likely never will be flooded."

Questions are raised about whether FEMA took into account that highways 37, 46 and 81 have been raised in the last 15 years and would slow down the flow in the James River before it reaches the lower part of Yankton County.

They also express concern about the impact of the flood insurance requirement should they decide to sell their homes.

Jim Carlson, who lives along Chris Road and drafted the letter, said he is "concerned about how arbitrary the mapping process is and how unfair it is for the government to mandate the purchase of insurance when our homes have never been flooded and likely never will."

Tom Casper, who also lives along Chris Road, said he made the decision to purchase flood insurance this year because of the large snowfalls upstream and the potential for spring rains.

"But I don't want somebody telling me I have to (purchase insurance)," he said. "I'm a big boy. I can take care of myself. I'll help my neighbor, and he can help me."

The Yankton County Commission will introduce an ordinance May 4 that will begin the process of adopting the new flood plain and updating the county's flood ordinance. It will include new construction standards and rules on the placement of manufactured homes, trailer homes and recreational vehicles, among other things.

The county doesn't have much of an option but to adopt the ordinance as it is being proposed, Garrity said.

"The ordinance isn't locally manufactured. It is stipulated by FEMA," he said. "Basically, it says Yankton County elects to comply with the requirements of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968. If you don't participate, you don't become part of the insurance act, and there will be no federal insurance."

Homeowners in the expanded flood plain who don't have federally backed mortgages need to immediately begin the process of deciding whether they want to purchase flood insurance before the maps go into effect July 6, Garrity said. After that, the insurance rate will go up.

"The ordinance doesn't say you have to buy insurance," he stated. "But the ordinance does say you are in a flood plain. Once you are in the flood plain, you really should pay attention to your liability. I've been encouraging people to go see their insurance companies and get going on this. Insurance is much cheaper when you're not in the flood plain than after you get put in it."

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