

REGION DIGEST

GF&P Hosting Deer Management Open House

The South Dakota Game Fish and Parks will be hosting a Deer Management Open house tonight (Tuesday) at the National Field Archery Association Headquarters in Yankton.

The open house will begin at 7 p.m. and will cover topics about tag numbers, population trends and historical data. There will also be time set aside for public input and comments.

Gardening Workshop To Be Held Thursday

The Yankton Community Library, 515 Walnut St., is hosting a spring workshop entitled "What Not to Plant in Your Garden: Starting Easy," which will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 7.

Master Gardeners Betts Pulkrabek and Mary Klimczyk will facilitate this class. For first time gardeners, this is a must. For those who have gardened for years, there are still techniques to learn. Betts and Mary will sprinkle in plenty of humor in their gardening tips. Register for the class at the library no later than today (Tuesday). There is no limit to the class size.

For further information, contact the library at 668-5275.

Cottonwood Corral To Hold Wiener Wednesday

Cottonwood Corral on Highway 52 in Yankton is having Wiener Wednesday in support of Yankton Special Olympics. It will take place at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 6.

All proceeds raised from this event will go to the Yankton Special Olympics Polar Plunge.

Mosquito Control/West Nile Workshop Set

BROOKINGS — Officials will host a South Dakota Mosquito Control and West Nile virus workshop on April 7.

The workshop begins with registration at 9:30 a.m. at the Crossroads Hotel and Convention Center, 100 Fourth St., S.W. Huron. The workshop begins at 10 a.m.

The featured guest speaker is Zane McCallister of Grand Junction, Colo. McCallister is the manager of the Grand River Mosquito Control District. As manager, McCallister directed the expansion from eight square miles and less than \$50,000 in revenue to 75 square miles and a revenue stream of more than \$700,000. His control district has maintained an 83-percent reduction of mosquito populations using an approach that focuses on the juvenile mosquito rather than adults.

The workshop also will include a presentation on climate and weather impact on the 2010 West Nile virus season and an outlook for 2011 Season by Extension State Climatologist Dennis Today.

In addition, Bill Chalcraft, public health preparedness and response officer with the South Dakota Department of Health, will share information on FEMA recovery policy and how communities and counties can be eligible for vector control and mosquito abatement. Joining Chalcraft will be Lon Kightlinger, South Dakota's state epidemiologist, who will provide both local and national perspective on the 2010 West Nile season.

The state's Department of Environment and Natural Resources will share information on new regulations relative to mosquito control, and representatives from Sioux Falls, Aberdeen, Huron, and other communities will explain their control programs against mosquitoes.

A lunch will be provided and the event ends at approximately 3:30 p.m.

District 7 Spring Convention Set For April 10

TRIPP — Legionnaires from Bon Homme, Charles Mix, Clay, Douglas, Hutchinson and Yankton counties will gather Sunday, April 10, at Tripp for the annual District 7 Spring Convention of the South Dakota American Legion.

The Legion business session will start at 1:30 p.m. at the Tripp American Legion Post Home.

There will be a social hour from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., followed by a banquet at 12:30 p.m. All Legion activities will be in the Legion Post Home.

Participants will elect District officers for two-year terms and County Commanders and Vice Commanders in the District for one-year terms during the business meeting.

The session will also feature Post reports regarding the past year's unusual activities, Post Americanism reports, a membership turn-in, recognition of the District 7 Legionnaire of the Year and an address by State American Legion Commander G. D. "Hoot" Gibson of Sioux Falls.

Outgoing District 7 Commander Jim Hornstra of Springfield will conduct the Legion business session. Tripp Post Commander Roger Smith will be in charge of local arrangements.

The District 7 Auxiliary will hold its convention meeting at 1:30 p.m. at the Tripp Fire Hall.

Ackerman Benefit To Be Held Sunday, April 10

IRENE — A fundraiser to benefit Marvin Ackerman, who is fighting cancer, will be held Sunday, April 10, at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 29432 U.S. Highway 81, or about 2 1/2 miles north of the highways 81/46 intersection.

A meal will be served from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. The menu will include taverns, potato salad, naked beans, bars and beverage. A free-will donation will be asked.

There will also be a bake sale featuring homemade goods.

Funding support will also be provided by Thrivent.

Noem Seeking Apps For Summer Internships

WASHINGTON — Rep. Kristi Noem (R-S.D.) is currently accepting applications for summer 2011 internships in her Washington, D.C. office, as well as in her offices in Sioux Falls, Rapid City and Watertown.

Student interns in Noem's office will assist staff with various constituent service and communications projects, as well as assist with legislative research. Both South Dakota and Washington, D.C., internships are unpaid, but provide students with first-hand knowledge of the legislative process and the countless other functions of a congressional office.

Noem is a member of the Natural Resources Committee as well as the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

College students who are interested in interning in any of Representative Noem's offices should submit a resume, cover letter and references, by April 11 via email to: Katie.Douglas@mail.house.gov

For more information, contact Katie Douglas at 202-225-2801.

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how things truly are working, you will have a better understanding of what changes can be made," he said. "I would be very objective and very passionate in serving the community. I can work with a lot of people."

Althoff and Williams both said their education and work history would provide an asset to the board. Meanwhile, Pietz said he would be a passionate and dedicated advocate for the school who was not afraid to ask questions and research the answers for himself.

When asked what the best action to make the school better would be, Williams said — first and foremost — fund them.

"We have great schools here in Yankton," he said. "If we first, fund them and, second, do everything we can to integrate them into the community, then we will be on the way to developing a better

school. People are interested and they want to know what they can do to help. The more we integrate the better off the schools will be."

Williams said that even great schools can improve, a point that Althoff added is important to keep in mind when addressing the taxpayers.

"If we can create a belief that everyone is an owner in the school and keep people involved and informed, the district will grow," Althoff said. "We need to respect dialogue as a viable opinion, even if it comes from a segment of the community other than your own."

Kenny agreed. He said that many issues beside funding will come up for whoever is elected to the board, and the elected person needs to be aware of how his decisions affect everyone in the community.

The school board election will be held a week from today on Tuesday, April 12, in conjunction with the City Commission election.



COURTESY PHOTO
Scott Luken of Yankton has been named the 2011 Arts Advocate of the Year by Yankton Area Arts. He will be presented his award at Riverside Park this June.

Scott Luken Chosen As 2011 Arts Advocate Of The Year

Yankton Area Arts has named Scott Luken as its 2011 Art Advocate of the Year.

This award is given to honor a person who contributes to the arts, advocates for the arts in their everyday life, and has made a significant contribution to the arts in the community.

Luken has been chosen for this award because of his faithful support and involvement with Yankton Area Arts as well as the Yankton community. He is past president of both Yankton Area Arts and Connecting Artists. He was a founding member of the Connecting Artists, serving as their president for four years. He has worked on the Yankton Nutcracker production helping with costuming and props for 15 years. He donates

his time at the local school as an artist providing an annual cartooning class. He has also created two major sculptures visible in downtown Yankton. Currently, Scott is involved with the Yankton RiverWalk in creating the pedestals for the sculptures located in the downtown area.

Luken will receive his award June 7 at the Riverside Park amphitheatre as part of the Summer Concert Series.

The G.A.R. Hall Art Gallery and Yankton Area Arts are located at 508 Douglas. The gallery is open to the public free of charge from 1-5 p.m. weekdays and from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturdays. For more information, call 665-9754, email Pam@YanktonAreaArts.org or see www.YanktonAreaArts.org.

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