

REGION DIGEST

Chinese Prof. Joins USD Dean's Lecture Series

VERMILLION — The University of South Dakota's Beacom School of Business and State Senator Eldon Nygaard of Vermillion are co-sponsoring a presentation by Chinese Professor Bingquan Lu at 3:15 p.m. on Monday, April 18, in the auditorium of Beacom Hall.

As part of the Beacom School of Business Dean's Lecture Series, Lu will present the program, "New Economy: Government Sponsored Enterprise - China." Lu is a leading expert on the development of commercial and multi-family residential property in China. As the president and chief researcher of Beijing Bo Zhi Hang Research Institute of Commercial Real Estate, Lu taught this generation's leading developers viable, sustainable and master planned commercial property enterprise in the new China. He also teaches at Renmin University, Beijing University and Tsinghua University, and researches for the Institute for China Yixue Fengshui.

"New Economy: Government Sponsored Enterprise - China" will focus on how the legal, political and cultural environments are different in China; and how local entrepreneurs partner with the government to change the real estate landscape and earn a profit. This lecture is free and open to the public. For more information, please contact the Beacom School of Business at (605) 677-5455 or e-mail business@usd.edu.



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Parents For Safe Prom Final Meeting Set

The Parents for a Safe Prom will be meeting at 6:30 p.m. April 18, at the Summit Activities Center. This is the last meeting before Prom. Everyone is welcome.

KYB Family Fun Day Postponed To April 30

The National Park Service, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and Keep Yankton Beautiful Family Fun Day event that was scheduled for today (Saturday) has been postponed due to the weather.

The event has been rescheduled for 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, April 30.

TOPSoccer Program Begins Today In Yankton

The Yankton Youth Soccer Association will begin the spring session of its TOPSoccer program today (Saturday) at the southeastern corner of Memorial Park, from 3-4 p.m. The program will run for five weeks, weather permitting.

The program is open to players with physical, mental, social and emotional special needs. Players must be at least four years of age. Players participate based on ability, not age. Players will learn basic soccer skills.

There is no cost to participate. Volunteers are welcomed, and do not need to know how to play soccer. Volunteers who know how to play soccer can participate on unified teams (special needs players with volunteers to fill the team).

For more information, contact Nancy Saunders at 665-7411.

Training Dike Boat Ramp Closed April 18-22

The Training Dike Boat Ramp into the Missouri River will be closed starting Monday, April 18, through Friday April 22, for contractor staging in order to complete construction work along the tailrace area. Motorists should find alternate routes.

Outlaw Trail Annual Meeting is April 19

CROFTON, Neb. — The annual meeting of the Outlaw Trail Scenic Byway will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 19, at Mama Meche's Restaurant in Crofton.

Otto Rosfeld of Valentine will use his original songs and poems to provide the entertainment. He weaves stories, poems, and songs into a spell-binding visit into pioneer lifestyles.

This presentation is being made possible by the Nebraska Humanities Council (NHC) and the Outlaw Trail as part of the NHC Speakers Bureau. The presentation will be provided to the public free of charge. Everyone is invited to attend.

YSD To Hold Public Forum Regarding Opt-Out

The Yankton School District School Board will hold a public forum to answer questions regarding the opt-out at 4:30-7 p.m. Tuesday, April 26, at the Yankton Middle School Theatre.

The Yankton opt-out vote is set for May 24.

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P&D Wins Top Awards In AP Contest

From P&D and AP Reports

The *Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan* brought home four first-place awards to lead the medium-sized newspapers in the 2011 Great Plains News and Photo Contest, sponsored by The Associated Press. The results were announced Friday.

The contest was open to 40 AP-member newspapers in three size categories covering the states of North Dakota, South Dakota and Nebraska.

Press & Dakotan editor Kelly Hertz won first place in the categories of News Column and Feature Photo. He also took third place in Feature Photo.

Regional Editor Randy Dockendorf took First Place in Feature Story, third place in Spot News Story and third place in Spot Sports Story.

Sports Editor James D. Cimburek won first place in Sports Feature Story.

Also for the *Press & Dakotan*, reporter Shauna Marlette captured second place for Sports Column, sports writer Jeremy Hoeck and took third place for Sports Feature Story.

Also, the *Press & Dakotan* captured second place in the Website category. The site is managed by Beth Rye.

Gary Wood is the owner and publisher of the *Press & Dakotan*.

The *Daily Republic* of Mitchell and the *Jamestown (N.D.) Sun* each won three categories. The *North Platte, (Neb.) Telegraph* and the *Fremont (Neb.) Tribune* each took home one top award.

In the large-newspaper division, the Omaha, Neb., *World-Herald* captured five first-place awards.

In the small-newspaper division, the *York (Neb.) News-Times* brought home five first-place awards, and the *Black Hills Pioneer* of Spearfish won four categories.

State Announces Expanded Tobacco Cessation Services

PIERRE — The South Dakota Tobacco Control Program announced a significant upgrade to the state's tobacco cessation services today. The tobacco control program now offers a 24/7 web-based smoking cessation program at www.SDQuitLine.com. The new service is funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"South Dakota's smoking rates have been dropping in recent years, but there is always more work to be done. With the addition of unlimited online support we are making one more tool available to people who are trying to kick the

habit," said Colleen Winter, director of health and medical services for the South Dakota Department of Health.

The new online service offers access to the latest information and research-based tools 24/7, personalized motivational messages, step by step guides to help people cut down or quit and online support from other quitters. Enrollment in the online program is free.

South Dakota's adult smoking prevalence dropped to an all-time low of 17.5 percent in 2008. "We know people who get support to quit tobacco are twice as likely to kick the habit for good as those who try to quit on their own." Winter reported.

Winter went on to say that because the state has prioritized tobacco prevention not only are there fewer people suffering or dying from smoking related diseases, but the state will also see a reduction in healthcare costs. "Our goal is to continue to add flexible, personal services that will benefit the people in South Dakota who are trying to quit, particularly groups such as Medicaid clients, American Indians, youth and pregnant women who all smoke at rates higher than the general population" Winter said.

Reducing tobacco use is a key objective of the department's Health 2020 Initiative.

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River Walk FIRST ANNUAL GALA & AUCTION

Riverfront Event Center
Friday, April 29, 2011
6:30 p.m.

Enjoy music and hors d'oeuvres while celebrating the arts. Silent and live auction.

Tickets: \$30 each or 2/\$50

Tickets are available at the Yankton Chamber & Visitor's Center, Yankton Area Arts, online at www.YanktonRiverWalk.org or by calling Michelle at (605) 665-3636.