

REGION DIGEST

MMC Continues Presidential Search

Mount Marty College has undertaken the next phase of its year-long search for a new president.

A candidate interview was scheduled Friday on the Yankton campus, according to the school's website.

Interim president Carrol Krause told the *Press & Dakotan* this week that MMC is conducting what it considers a "very preliminary review of candidates."

The college is not releasing the names to the media or public, out of concern about the impact on the candidates' home campuses, Krause said. The presidential search committee doesn't know if it will recommend any of the candidates to the MMC board of trustees, he added.

Sister Jeanne Weber, who chairs the presidential search committee, could not be reached for comment.

MVCA Annual Association Meeting April 19

Missouri Valley Christian Academy (MVCA) will be holding its annual association meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 19, at 305 W. 25th St. (Christ the King Lutheran Church).

The agenda includes updates by staff members, preview of the 2011-12 budget, and membership voting for two seats on the Board of Directors.

Anyone who has an interest in K-6 Christian education is welcome to attend.

'Citizens' Guide To Climate Change' Tuesday

VERMILLION — Dr. Mark Sweeney of the University of South Dakota's Earth Sciences Department will give a presentation entitled, "Citizens' Guide to Climate Change" at the W.H. Over Museum in Vermillion at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 19.

Learn about the roles that geology, astronomy, the atmosphere and humans play in our changing climate. Climate models give us a peek into the future: what are the models based on, and what is in store for the future climate of the Great Plains.

Dr. Sweeney's talk is sponsored by the Living River Group of the South Dakota Sierra Club. Contact Dean Spader at 624-6831 for more information.

P&D Seeks Tributes For 150th Celebrations

The *Press & Dakotan* believes this is an opportune time to reflect upon the past, as well as look into the future.

In past editions of the *Press & Dakotan* celebrating historic landmarks, the paper would mark the occasions by publishing the memories and/or thoughts of people who had a place in Yankton's past.

We are inviting our readers to do just that. Share with us your favorite memory about living in Yankton, or tell us about a significant event in the city's history that you were involved with and about which future generations may want to know. Or, if you prefer, tell us about what you predict for Yankton's future.

Historic photos are also welcome.

Take a serious or whimsical tone, whatever you think is appropriate. We want you to pay tribute to the Mother City of the Dakotas in your own special way.

Keep your response limited to 400 words, and we'll publish as many of your entries as we can fit into a forthcoming special edition of the *Press & Dakotan* that will mark this 150th anniversary. Responses should be mailed to the *Press & Dakotan* c/o 150th Anniversary Reflections, PO Box 56, Yankton, SD 57078. Or, preferably, e-mail them to yankton150@yankton.net with the subject "150th Anniversary Reflections." Please include your name, address and a phone number with all entries.

The deadline for submission is Friday, May 20.

Relay For Life Casino Night Tonight

A "Casino Night" fundraiser for Relay for Life will be held Saturday, April 16, at the Yankton VFW (basement). Events run from 7 p.m.-midnight.

Casino-type card games and bingo are played with "fake" money. Money won from gaming is used to "bid" on auction items from various Yankton area businesses. There will be a free will donation for nacho bar and popcorn. Beverages will be available for purchase from VFW.

All funds raised will be donated to the American Cancer Society Relay for Life, by the For Those We Love Team.

To pick up advance tickets, see Pam at the Dollar Loan Center on Broadway in Yankton, or call Bree at 605-660-4265 to be placed on the reserve ticket list.

Yankton Polar Plunge On Track For Sunday

The 2011 Polar Plunge fundraiser will be held at the Lewis and Clark East Midway Boat Ramp west of Yankton on Sunday, April 17. Registration is from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., the costume parade starts at 1 p.m. and the plunge begins at 2 p.m.

Participants can plunge individually or as a group. There will also be a "kiddie plunge" in a special pool.

Those who don't wish to plunge but want to raise funds for the Special Olympics can also be involved.

For more information, contact Sheri Duke at 665-660-0574 or Barb Clayton at 605-661-0524.

Poetry Slam Planned For Today Postponed

Due to weather conditions, the Poetry Slam that was scheduled for the Yankton Community Library today (Saturday) has been postponed until further notice.

Yankton County E.M. Warns Of Soft Roads

Yankton County Emergency Management is reminding the public that, with the recent rains that have been happening in the county, the secondary roads (gravel roads), have become extremely soft. Travel on these roads can be difficult. Use extreme caution if you need to travel on them.

■ Get Updates At Yankton Online (www.yankton.net)

BOARD OF TRADE

Grains futures traded mixed Friday on the Chicago Board of Trade.

Wheat for May delivery rose 3.75 cents to \$7.4425 a bushel; May corn fell 12.25 cents to \$7.42 a bushel; May oats rose 1 cent to \$3.83 a bushel; while soybeans for May delivery edged up 0.75 cents to \$13.3175 a bushel.

Beef and pork traded lower or flat on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange.

June live cattle fell 1.20 cent to \$1.1530 a pound; August feeder cattle edged down 0.85 cent to \$1.3652 a pound; June lean hogs dropped 1.55 cent to \$1.0107 a pound; while May pork bellies remained unchanged at \$1.2595 a pound.

GAS PRICES

Following is the average price of a gallon of regular unleaded gasoline in various communities around the state as of late this week, according to a weekly survey conducted by the Mitchell, Aberdeen and Yankton newspapers, along with information from AAA and various websites.

Mitchell	\$3.776
Rapid City	\$3.656
Sioux Falls	\$3.814
Yankton	\$3.825
Aberdeen	\$3.899
South Dakota average	\$3.778
National average	\$3.815

Conference Aims To Improve Combat Veteran Care

VA and Yankton Rural AHEC conference aims to improve combat vets care

The Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, in partnership with the Yankton Rural Area Health Education Center (AHEC), is hosting a conference at The Sanford School of Medicine of The University of South Dakota for combat veterans, "Improving Combat Veterans Care: Post-Deployment Care, PTSD, MST and TBI," on Tuesday, May 3 at the Wegner Health Science Center, 1400 West 22nd St., Sioux Falls, S.D. Continuing medical education credits are being offered through the Office of Continuing Medical Education, University of South Dakota. Continuing nursing education credits are being offered through Avera Education and Staffing Solutions.

This day-long conference is open to professionals involved in the care of combat veterans, particularly primary care providers. "The special needs of our returning veterans are significant with some of the most common injuries being invisible. Behavioral health issues and mild traumatic brain injury are just two examples of this," explains Melissa Conrad, MSW, CSW-PIP, Social

Worker of the Sioux Falls VA. "Accurate diagnosis and treatment is important."

Research in these areas is significant given the psycho-social problems associated with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), military sexual trauma (MST) and traumatic brain injury (TBI) in combat veterans returning from tours in Iraq and Afghanistan. The military healthcare system is prepared to diagnose and treat combat related problems; however the returning veterans, especially those living in a rural area, may seek care from their primary healthcare providers. According to Betty Assimacopoulos, RN, Clinical Education Manager, Yankton Rural AHEC, "Our goal is to educate the non-military medical community concerning the special healthcare needs of returning combat veterans."

Nationally recognized presenters include:

- Dr. Stephen Hunt, VA National Director, presenting "Improving Combat Veterans Care."
- Dr. Kenneth Lee, chief of the Spinal Cord Injury Division, Milwaukee Veterans Administration Medical Center, presenting "From Battlefield to Homefront."

• Robin M. Carter-Visscher, Ph.D., licensed psychologist and PTSD-SUD specialist from the Sioux Falls VA presenting "The After effects of Trauma: Military Sexual Trauma and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder."

• Larry G. Tentinger, Ed.D., retired senior chief petty officer, serving in Vietnam, Desert Storm and three tours in Iraq, assistant professor of kinesiology and sports medicine at USD, presenting "My Personal Story: Living with PTSD and TBI."

The formal program begins at 9:15 a.m. An opening session at 7:30 a.m. is an 80-minute documentary, "This Is War," which follows soldiers from basic training to war and back.

Pre-registration for the conference is required, but conference registration is free. To register online, please go to www.usd.edu/med/cme/event-info-registration.cfm. Participants can also register for the conference by calling Yankton Rural AHEC at (605) 655-1400. Space is limited.

For more information, contact Yankton Rural AHEC at (605) 655-1400 or visit www.yrahec.org.

CNA Institute To Be Offered In Yankton

The Yankton Rural Area Health Education Center (AHEC), The Regional Technical Education Center (RTEC), Mount Marty College (MMC), Southeast Job Link, Avera Education & Staffing Solutions (AESS) and Avera Sister James Care Center (ASJCC) are teaming up to offer a two-week Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA) Institute June 6-17. The application deadline is April 22.

The Institute is designed to offer CNA certification, potential high school credit, and a comprehensive look at health care professions. The Institute will include classroom time, hands-on labs, clinical training, guest speakers, and site visits to various health care facilities in Yankton.

Students accepted into the CNA Institute will spend the first week in the classroom/lab setting at RTEC and the second week completing on-site clinicals. During the evenings, students will learn about health professions and spend time on the campus of MMC.

Space is limited to 10 students and is open to high school students, ages 16-19. Applications must be returned to Yankton Rural AHEC by April 22. Brochures and applications are available at either the high school principal's or the counselor's office.

For more information, contact Yankton Rural AHEC at 605-655-1400 or visit our website at www.yrahec.org.

2011 State Historical Society Conference Planned

PIERRE — The music of Abraham Lincoln's America, a territory history game show, and a visit with the South Dakota's first governor, Arthur Mellette, will be part of the South Dakota State Historical Society's annual history conference on May 20-21 at the Ramkota RiverCentre in Pierre.

The conference will focus on the 150th anniversary of Dakota Territory. The theme is "Being Dakota: Territorial Sesquicentennial 1861-2011."

The keynote speaker is Brad Tennant, an associate professor of history at Presentation College in Aberdeen. His research interests include state and regional history, with articles published in *South Dakota History*, *Heritage of the Great Plains*, and *South Dakota Magazine*. Tennant is president of the board of trustees of the State Historical Society. His conference presentation is "Being Dakota: The 1861 Organic Act and Dakota Territory."

The conference moderator is David Grettler, a professor of history at Northern State University in Aberdeen. Grettler is a historian and archaeologist specializing in early American history.

Presenters include Olivia Mahoney of the Chicago History Museum speaking on Abraham Lincoln; Rick Mills of the South Dakota Railroad Museum in Keystone discussing railroading in the territory; Forts of Dakota Territory by presenter Jeff Barnes; and songs of Abraham Lincoln's America by

folksinger Judy Cook.

Other speakers are Craig Howe on the Lakota experience during territorial times, David Wolff speaking about Seth Bullock, Barbara Handy-Marcello on military wife and writer Linda Slaughter, and John Timm offering a first-person portrayal of Governor Mellette. A game show session, "Dakota Territory Throwdown," will offer a lighthearted look at territorial history and get the audience involved in assisting and cheering for their team's contestant.

Friday evening's reception will be held at the Cultural Heritage Center and will feature music by Judy Cook. "South Dakota's First Century of Flight" will be on exhibit in the center's Hogen Gallery.

The Governor's Awards for History will be announced at a luncheon on Saturday. These awards are presented in recognition of individuals, organizations, and teachers who have made outstanding contributions to preserving South Dakota history.

Up to 10 continuing education contact hours are available for teachers attending the conference.

The conference is sponsored, in part, by the South Dakota Humanities Council.

The early registration deadline is April 29, but people can register up until the conference itself. You don't have to be a member of the State Historical Society to attend. For more information, call (605) 773-6000 or visit www.history.sd.gov.

OBITUARIES

Shirley Olson

Services for Shirley Ann Olson, 74 will be 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 19, 2011 at the Grace Reformed Church in Corsica, SD with a visitation from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the church. Pastor Donald H. Mohr will officiate. A funeral service will be held at 3:00pm, Thursday, April 21, 2011 at Spitzer-Miller Funeral Home, 1111 S. Main Street, Aberdeen with a visitation from 1:30-3:00 p.m. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery at Aberdeen.

Shirley died on Friday, April 15, 2011 at the Kansas City Hospice House, Kansas City, MO.

Shirley Ann (Kadlec) Olson was born March 29, 1937 to Albert and Minnie (Kleffman) Kadlec near Loyalton, SD in Edmunds County. She attended rural school in Powell Township and then Ipswich High School graduating in 1955 as valedictorian.

She worked for Edmunds County in Ipswich as clerk in both the treasurer and auditor offices, also serving as Deputy County Auditor. She attended ND State School of Science in Wahpeton while working for an auto dealer. In Aberdeen she worked for Dakota Farmer, Ken Holm, and General Services Administration.

She married Dean Olson in May 1959 and lived in Ipswich, Aberdeen, Britton and Groton. They had four children, one son and three daughters, before divorcing in 1975.

She was active in First Presbyterian Church in Britton and Groton - choir, Sunday School teacher, and United



Olson

Groton.

She began working for the US Postal Service in Groton in 1968 and worked at the Aberdeen Distribution Center before being appointed Postmaster in Corsica, SD in 1977. She taught stamp collecting to thousands of students and served as a trainer for the stamp program and the Quality of Work Life process.

Shirley joined the National League of Postmasters in 1977 and was a very active member. She served several years in the state organization; then as Regional Coordinator, National Vice-President, and National Chairman of the Effective Service Committee. Following her retirement, she became State President of the South Dakota

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Retirees. She received the SD Postmaster of the Year in 1983 and the 573 Postmaster of the Year award in 1997. She attended all state conventions from 1977-2010 and all national conventions from 1981-2009. Shirley retired in 2003 with 37 years of combined federal service.

She was active in community and church organizations, including the Corsica Commercial Club, Priscilla Library Club, Parent Teachers organization and Music Boosters. She served as co-chairman of the state centennial celebration in Corsica.

Shirley enjoyed traveling, some international and domestically to all but five states: AL, MS, OK, SC, and VT. She loved to send birthday cards, notes of encouragement, warm thank-yous, and get-well cards, etc. There didn't have to be a reason to get a note in the mail from Shirley.

Survivors include one son, Russell of Aberdeen, SD; three daughters Marcia Olson of Overland Park, KS; Anita Olson of

Eagan, MN; and Donna (Tony) LeJune of Lee's Summit, MO; two granddaughters Brittany and Rebekah LeJune; one niece Karla (Stan) Lewis, Parker and Vincent of Nisland, SD; two nephews Jon (Andrea) Kieckhefer, Noah and Lexa of Volga, SD and Joel Kieckhefer of Santa Fe, NM; and brother-in-law Robert Kieckhefer, Brookings, SD.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her father and mother-in-law, sister Janice Kieckhefer and Dean Olson.

In lieu of flowers family requests memorials to the National League of Postmasters Scholarship fund, Attn: Earl Carey, Sec/Treas, 1607 D Maiden Lane, Wenatchee, WA 98801 or memorial of your choice.

Condolences may be sent to Shirley's family c/o Anita Olson 4251 Meghan Lane, Eagan, MN 55122.

Visit www.spitzerfuneralhome.com.

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IN REMEMBRANCE

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8:15 Carmen Schramm

Tuesday
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8:15 Jan Garrity
8:45 Crystal Nelson



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