

REGION DIGEST

Post 12 Forming Legion Riders Chapter

Roy Anderson Post No. 12 is now forming a Legion Riders Chapter at the Post in Yankton.
Veterans must be a member of the American Legion in order to join. Interested veterans are asked to call Clayton at 605-661-1870 for more information.

Community Easter Egg Hunt Is Saturday

The Yankton Elks, Wal-Mart, the Yankton Children's Theatre Company, and the Summit Activities Center are sponsoring the annual Community Easter Egg Hunt at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 23, at Sertoma Park, Yankton.
There will be four age groups: 0-2, 3-4, 5-7, 8-9. The Easter Bunny will also be there for photos.
Come early to get your place in line for the 10,000 Easter Eggs. For more information call Allison Spak at 660-6414.

Benefit Fund Established for Johnson Family

PIERRE — A fund has been established with Wells Fargo banks to benefit the family of Ronald Johnson, a correctional officer at the South Dakota State Penitentiary who was killed while on duty April 12.
Donations to the Ronald E. Johnson Family Benefit Fund can be made at any Wells Fargo banking store nationwide. Wells Fargo made the first donation of \$1,000 to the fund.
"Officer Johnson was a dedicated public servant. His death was a tragic loss for his family and for the state of South Dakota," said Dan Murphy, regional president for Wells Fargo in South Dakota. "We are honored to make this contribution in appreciation of the important work he did."
Johnson was a 23-year veteran of the Department of Corrections.

SAC Adds Fourth Lifeguard Training Course

Due to the high demand and inquiries, the Summit Activities Center will be offering a fourth Lifeguard Training Course this spring. The class will be held May 6-8. Class times for the course will be Friday from 5-9 p.m., Saturday from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. and Sunday from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Attendance is mandatory for all classes.
Registration begins immediately. Participants may register online at www.cityofyankton.org or at the front desk of the Summit Activities Center.

Participants must be at least 15 years of age before the class begins. Prerequisites are:

- Swim 300 yards continuously.
- Starting in the water, swim 20 yards using front crawl or breast-stroke, surface dive 7-10 feet, retrieve a 10-pound object, return to the surface, swim 20 yards back to the starting point with the object, and exit the pool without using a ladder or steps within 1 minute, 40 seconds.

Participants who fail the prerequisites will not be able to continue the course.

For further information, call 668-5234 or stop by the Summit Activities Center at 1801 Summit Street, Yankton. Remember to follow the Yankton Parks and Recreation on Facebook.

NCLB Funding Community Survey Under Way

Yankton School District is in the process of applying for federal funding for the 2010-2011 school year under the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. Signed into law by President George W. Bush on Dec. 13, 2002, the statute contains several "titles," three of which are applicable to a district of our size:

- Title I, Part A = Reading Recovery
- Title II, Part A = Improving teacher quality to fund staff development activities
- Title II, Part D = State and local technology

A major focus in this legislation is parental, student and community participation in the planning and designing of programs funded using federal education dollars.

Log onto the following website through Wednesday, April 27, to complete this brief survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/consolidatedgrant>.

Hwy 18 Reconstruction In Menno Area Begins

The South Dakota Department of Transportation says the contractor, Slowey Construction of Yankton, has begun work on the reconstruction of U.S. Highway 18 through Menno.

The contractor has begun widening the north side of the highway to accommodate two-way traffic while the south side of the highway is under construction.

Work on the south side of the highway is scheduled to begin in the next few weeks and will last approximately three months.

After construction of the south side has been completed, traffic will be moved to the newly construction south side of the highway, and reconstruction of the north side shall begin.

Two-way traffic will be maintained on U.S. 18 through Menno during all phases of construction.

Work on the entire project is expected to be completed by Nov. 23. For more information, contact Ron Peterson, Rod Gall or Greg Putnam at (605) 668-2929.

Students Raise Funds For Beadle School

Students from Beadle Elementary School and youth members from Modern Woodmen of America are currently working together to help raise money for needed classroom supplies. As part of the organization's Matching Fund Program, the kids are currently selling raffle tickets for various prizes including a trip to Omaha, Neb.; a trip to Sioux Falls; XBOX 360/Kineck System and numerous prizes from local businesses.

The Yankton club is one of approximately 800 youth clubs nationwide that provide young Modern Woodmen members with opportunities to volunteer, be patriotic, learn new skills, make friends and have fun. Club members donate more than 300,000 hours of volunteer service each year. The Matching Fund Program offers club members the chance to show their support of a community cause or an individual in need by holding fundraisers.

Last year, Matching Fund projects conducted by Modern Woodmen camps and youth service clubs raised \$6.5 million to contribute to community projects, local organizations and individuals in need.

If you'd like to purchase raffle tickets to help support Beadle Elementary please contact Robin Wagner 660-4315 or stop by Beadle Elementary office. PTA officers will also be selling tickets at Hy-Vee Saturday, April 23, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. The drawing will be held Tuesday, April 26, between 5-7 p.m. at the annual school carnival at Beadle.

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

Jensen Appointed Presiding Judge, First Judicial Circuit

Chief Justice David Gilbertson announced Wednesday the appointment of the Steven Jensen as Presiding Judge for the First Judicial Circuit.

Jensen's appointment will follow the retirement of current Presiding Judge Arthur Rusch and becomes effective on June 9.

Jensen is a 1988 graduate of the University of South Dakota School of Law. He was appointed as a circuit court judge in 2003 after 14 years in private practice. Jensen will continue to hear cases primarily in Union and Clay counties.

The First Judicial Circuit consists of Aurora, Bon Homme, Brule, Buffalo, Charles Mix, Clay, Davison, Douglas, Hanson, Hutchinson, McCook, Turner, Union and Yankton counties. The First Judicial Circuit is served by six circuit court judges, two magistrate judges, and court clerk magistrates in each county in the circuit.

Yankton School District Kindergarten Registration Planned

Junior Kindergarten (Jr. K.) and Kindergarten registration for the 2011-2012 school year was held on Feb. 10. Parents who were unable to register their children at that time should contact their respective attendance centers as soon as possible.

Parents who are interested in Jr. K. should register at Webster School. Parents who live within the city limits are to register their Kindergarten children at the school that serves their area. Parents who live outside Yankton city limits or in an unassigned area are to register their Kindergarten children at Webster School or at the attendance center that

presently serves their school aged children. A map indicating attendance center boundaries can be found at the school district website, www.ykd.k12.sd.us, under "About Us".

Any child who will be five years of age on or before Sept. 1, 2011, is eligible to attend Jr. K. or Kindergarten next fall. State law requires that a certified birth certificate be presented to verify the child's age. The hospital certificate cannot be used as the birth certificate for school registration. The birth certificate will be photocopied and filed in the child's school record. Children who were born in South Dakota may obtain certified birth certificates at

the Yankton County Register of Deeds' Office. The cost is \$15. The person requesting the birth certificate must provide state-issued photo identification.

A screening for five-year-olds will be held on Tuesday, May 3, from 8 a.m. - 5:15 p.m. and on Wednesday, May 4, from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at the Yankton Community Library. Make an appointment to have your child screened by calling the office in your designated elementary school building or as outlined above.

School numbers are: Beadle School — 665-2282; Lincoln School — 665-7392; Stewart School — 665-5765; Webster School — 665-2484.

THUNE

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1,500 residents.

"The keys to attracting and keeping residents in the state are the quality-of-life issues," he said. "We need to continue providing access to health care if we want to keep people in the rural areas. For many, especially the elderly, driving to Sioux Falls is just not an option."

Thune opened his Wagner tour with his first visit to the VA clinic since it opened March 29, 2010.

The VA clinic's services reach far beyond Charles Mix County, said registered nurse Marylou Morrow. The clinic serves veterans in south-central and southeast South Dakota and north-central and northeast Nebraska.

"Right now, we are treating 400 veterans from a 60-mile radius. We are covering 10 counties and their population," she said. "The biggest help right now (in identifying veterans) are the tribes and the county and tribal VSOs (veteran service offices)."

The VA clinic draws not only patients but also staff from a wide area. Dr. Douglas Mallory told Thune that he formerly worked at the Sioux Falls VA office but now works in Wagner.

"So it's, have stethoscope, will travel?" Thune asked jokingly.

As the tour of the VA clinic ended, Thune met Jed Fathke, a housekeeping employee from Avon. Thune expressed his appreciation upon learning that Fathke is a veteran, having served in Iraq.

Thune stopped next at the IHS clinic, which has seen a number of challenges over the years. The clinic lost its emergency room March 1, 2008. The clinic currently operates 16-hour days, Monday through Saturday. The facility is closed overnight, Sundays and holidays.

However, Wagner IHS chief executive officer Mike Horned Eagle said the clinic will expand to 16-hour days, every day, starting May 8. The facility will be open from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. all days, including Sundays and holidays.

"The urgent care sees everything from the routine, like colds, to fractures," he said. "We recently had two myocardial infarctions."

Patients who cannot be treated at the facility are transferred, Horned Eagle said. Many are taken by ambulance, but some are flown by helicopter. About 90 percent of the transfers go to Yankton and Sioux Falls, split about 50-50 between Avera and Sanford.

The Wagner IHS clinic serves more than the Yankton Sioux, said tribal chairwoman Karen Archambeau. The patients come from a number of tribes, including the neighboring Ponca, Santee and Rosebud tribes, she said.

A new IHS facility was constructed and opened in Santee, Neb., but the Wagner IHS continues serving patients from the northeast Nebraska tribe, Archambeau said.

The Wagner IHS facility's expanded clinic hours represent a move forward for local health care, but the Yankton Sioux Tribe is still seeking round-the-clock service, said YST chairman Robert "Bobby" Cournoyer.

"Twenty-four hour care — we're working on that," he said. "We hope to generate enough income to be open 24 hours."

The final stop on the local visit came at WCMH. Chief executive officer Bryan Slaba conducted a tour of the construction under way on a new addition, as well as construction and renovations completed during the last two years.

The new \$4 million addition has benefited from \$890,000 in private donations, reflecting community support for the project, Slaba said.

Afterwards, Thune and Slaba led a roundtable discussion with community leaders.

Thune expressed surprise at what he considered the relatively low price tag for the new WCMH addition. Slaba responded that the hospital took advantage of the slow economy, which brought lower costs and competitive bidding.

The hospital and community have taken an aggressive approach during Slaba's three years as CEO. During that time, WCMH has expanded its facilities

Court Date Set For Man Accused Of Murdering Son

From P&D Staff Reports

After a motions hearing Wednesday, a Scotland man accused of murdering his infant son will appear in court again in June.

Chris A. Miller, 37, pleaded not guilty in March to charges of second-degree murder, first-degree manslaughter and aggravated assault of a child under 3 years of age.

Jacob Miller, Chris's four-month-old son, died March 8 after sustaining a severe skull fracture and bleeding on the brain. Authorities had transported the

child to a hospital March 3 after receiving a 911 call that he was not breathing at the Miller home.

No significant developments occurred during Wednesday's hearing, according to Bon Homme County Clerk of Courts Joanne Balvin.

Miller remains in the Bon Homme County jail on a \$700,000 cash bond. No trial date has been set.

Another motions hearing in the case will be held at 10:30 a.m. June 15 before Circuit Judge Glen Eng in the Bon Homme County Courthouse.

and services.

"We take care of patients," Slaba said. "We have been able to determine what they need and what they want, then go after it. We see what is financially feasible and what we can afford. We have been able to expand our health offerings and build back a confidence (in our facility) that may have been waning."

In the midst of those success, WCMH finds many of the same challenges facing all rural facilities, Slaba said.

The WCMH emergency room volume has doubled on a monthly basis since the IHS emergency room closure three years ago, Slaba said.

WCMH also relies heavily on government funds for payment. The hospital receives 45 percent of its revenue from Medicare, 20 percent from Medicaid and 10 percent from IHS-contracted health services.

"Being a critical access hospital has provided a safety net, but it's not an end-all," Slaba said. He noted that his charitable care and bad debts have tripled in the past three years.

WCMH benefited greatly from receiving the critical-access designation in 2001 and receiving services from Avera Health and Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton, Slaba said. WCMH has made increasing usage of telemedicine for both routine and emergency services, he said.

"It's been a savior to this institution, which was extremely struggling at that time," he said. "With critical access and Avera, it has guided us to a different direction, where we are today."

While working with Avera, WCMH doesn't dictate where patients go for their doctor or a transfer, Slaba said.

In looking to the future, WCMH finds it "extremely difficult" to attract doctors because of the highly competitive nature of recruiting health professionals, Slaba said. WCMH has changed its strategy, talking more to current students — many from the Wagner area — as much as seven or eight years away from starting a health care career.

"With the potential for a 200,000-doctor shortage by 2020,

we need to start growing our own," he said. "We hope (current students) don't find someone or something else that diverts them from us. But it's tough, because many of them want to be in Sioux Falls or Minneapolis. And honestly, it's not always the doctor. You need to get the spouse involved (with the move). If they don't buy into it, and they don't find the amenities, we may not get the doctor."

WCMH staffs itself with 63 full-time employees with a payroll of \$4 million annually, Slaba said. "That's a pretty big chunk of economic impact," he said.

Thune provided an update on the budget and health care battles in Washington, D.C. He spoke of an increasing need for more efficiency and cutting costs, with an emphasis on looking at new ways of delivering care. He also spoke of the reimbursement inequities that harm states such as South Dakota which provide high quality care at a lower cost.

Michele Juffer, administrator of the Wagner Good Samaritan Center, described the financial challenges she faces with government reimbursements.

Wagner mayor Sharon Haar spoke of the importance of outreach services at the VA clinic. She noted the Wagner clinic's role in reducing travel for veterans — particularly elderly ones who find long trips stressful — and helping attract more residents looking for such care.

The audience also described the squeeze on employers offering health benefits. One provider spoke of the shift of health care costs to private-pay patients, which often isn't possible or doesn't cover costs.

After the tour and roundtable, Slaba said the senator's visit was crucial in promoting local health care needs.

"It's a great opportunity (for Thune) to see how things operate," Slaba said. "You can describe things to him, but here he sees the challenges we face, and he receives a much greater understanding."

"It also creates a relationship that is important for our health care providers and our community."

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Zeutenhorst said another change taking place at the Corps park areas this season is the implementation of higher fees. The change is not tied to the storm damage and was scheduled to occur anyway.

The prime sites along Lake Yankton at Cottonwood are going from \$16 to \$18 per night. The remaining electrical sites at Cottonwood and similar units at Nebraska Tailwaters are going from \$14 to \$16 per night. The tent sites at Nebraska Tailwaters are still \$12 per night.

Campsites in Cottonwood will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis until Memorial Day weekend.

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Check tomorrow's paper for the solution to today's puzzle.

OBITUARIES

Richard Sayler

MENNO — Richard B. Sayler, 96, of Menno died Tuesday (April 19, 2011) at the Scotland Good Samaritan Center, Scotland.
Funeral services are at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Peace Christian Reformed Church, Menno, with the Rev. Joseph Brinks officiating. Burial will be in the Menno Cemetery.
Visitations begin at 3 p.m. Friday at the church, with a 7 p.m. prayer service. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.



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