

Absentee Balloting Begins In S.D. Today

PIERRE — South Dakota Secretary of State Jason Gant is reminding voters that today (Friday) marks the start of absentee balloting for the 2012 primary election on June 5.

"South Dakotans have widely embraced absentee voting as a matter of convenience," Gant said. "In the 2010 general election, we had 411 members of the military vote overseas. However, we had an additional 63,339 South Dakota voters cast their ballots through mailed and in-person absentee balloting. This comprised 19.71 percent of all ballots cast in the 2010 general election."

According to primary data from the 2010 primary election, 11,651 or 11.3 percent of voters cast absentee ballots during the last June primary.

CPR Course To Be Held April 24 In Yankton

An American Red Cross Adult, Child and Infant CPR Course will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 24, at the NFAA Easton Yankton Archery Complex.

For more information or to register, call 605-260-9282.

The Center To Offer Penny Bingo April 25

Penny Bingo will be played at The Center, 900 Whiting Drive, Yankton, at 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 25.

For more information, contact Tammy Matuska at 605-665-4685 or director@thecenteryankton.org.

Ministerial Association To Hold Breakfast May 3

The Yankton Ministerial Association will again hold the National Day of Prayer breakfast at 6:30 a.m. Thursday, May 3, at Riverview Park Reformed Church, 1700 Burleigh St.

Those planning to attend are asked to obtain tickets through their local pastor. Requests for tickets must be submitted by noon on Monday, April 30.

A free-will offering will be taken during the event to help cover the cost of the breakfast.

A brief time of prayer will be held during the breakfast. The event will conclude shortly before 8 a.m.

A noon prayer vigil will also be held Thursday, May 3 at the Yankton County Government Center at Third and Broadway. The public is invited to participate as local clergy and ministerial leaders offer prayers for the nation, state and community.

Additional information about the breakfast and noon gathering is available by contacting Riverview Park Reformed Church at 605-665-9204.

Foodservice Manager Course Is May 15

BROOKINGS — SDSU Extension hosts a ServSafe® Foodservice Manager Sanitation Recertification Course May 15 in Yankton at the Yankton County Extension Office.

The recertification course begins at 12:15 p.m. and ends at 4:30 p.m. with an assessment.

"South Dakota food service establishments are required to have at least one person on staff that has passed an approved 8-hour food service manager sanitation training and certification program. ServSafe® is an approved course," said Lavonne Meyer, Extension Food Safety Specialist, Certified ServSafe® Instructor.

She adds that law requires that this certificate needs to be renewed every five years. This class meets the requirements of South Dakota Department of Health Standards.

Class size is limited and registration for the event is required. There is a fee for participation. Attendees are required to bring a photo ID, and encouraged to bring note taking materials as well as the meat thermometer. All other written materials will be provided at the class.

To learn more and receive registration information, contact Lavonne Meyer, 605-782-3290 or lavonne.meyer@sdstate.edu.

Yankton Co. Forms Emergency Response Team

Yankton County now has a Community Emergency Response Team, or CERT, following the completion, this week, of nine weeks of training for 14 area residents.

The county's Office of Emergency Management (YCOEM) conducted the volunteer training as part of a nationwide program.

"CERT training educates people about disaster preparedness and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations," according to Paul Scherschligt, YCOEM Director. "Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help."

Yankton County's team is the 11th to be formed in South Dakota. There are more than 1,100 local CERT programs nationwide.

"These are the types of trained local volunteers we could have utilized during last year's flood response," says Scherschligt, "and now we have them ready to go."



COURTESY PHOTO

The 2012 Yankton County CERT Class, front from left: Kathy Brown, Sandy Schloss, Traci Hilbels, Linda Kollars, Doug Lange; back: David Brown, John Hausman (team Leader), Ron Trotter, Ed Jared, Jean Scherschligt, Barry Schloss and Ethan Smith. Not Pictured: Ed Arens and Lexi Ames.

The next local CERT training class is tentatively scheduled to begin in July.

For more information about becoming part of the CERT program, contact the YCOEM at

(605) 668-5289. You can get more information about CERT by going to www.citizencorps.com/cert.

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the day, Miller said.

Monday's schedule includes educational activities, sustainable lifestyle presentations from area organizations and Earth Day contests.

The 5K run/walk starts by the MUC and runs through campus, to lower Vermillion and back to the MUC, Miller said. Registration includes a \$10 donation and can be completed by emailing Derek.Zomer@usd.edu.

In addition, SEE is holding a silent auction during its Earth Day event, Miller said. Persons

can bid on silent auction items throughout the day. The items so far include two tickets for the Sioux Falls Storm indoor arena football team.

To donate items or to learn more information about this Earth Day event, contact silent auction coordinator Travis Loof by email at Travis.Loof@usd.edu.

SEE is also holding a raffle for a handmade quilt, Miller said.

The Earth Day event will illustrate the impact of everyday lifestyle decisions, Miller said.

"We are showing how much plastic we use in a year," he said. "We have been collecting plastic bottles for the demonstration."

Another demonstration will illustrate water usage from everyday routines, he said.

The Earth Days event shows

that lifestyle changes can be good economically as well as environmentally, Miller said.

"We will have the food of 45 local producers from the Vermilion Farmers Market," he said. "One of our USD professors is also donating food that's locally produced."

A sustainable lifestyle promotes using local produce and livestock, Miller said.

"We promote growing your own food, using solar energy and really not depending on processed foods — living off the land, if you can," he said. "When you have your own food, orchards, cattle and pigs, you use your community for resources and don't depend on big operations."

If you buy local, the dollars

stay local, Miller said.

"There's a sense of community, and everybody is around for a good cause," he said.

The Earth Day event will hopefully lead to long-term lifestyle changes, Miller said.

"I think we can really try to raise awareness on how to do things better for the environment," he said. "We can keep the Earth clean by things like limiting our consumption of plastic."

Earth Day forms part of the educational effort, Miller said.

"We are trying to live more environmentally friendly, and we can always do better," he said.

You can follow Randy Dockendorf on Twitter at twitter.com/RDockendorf

Award

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nity that sets the Yankton Walmart apart from other stores, he said.

"It certainly doesn't hurt to live in an area like Yankton where we've got really great associates that know how to go above and beyond for customer service, and also to have a great community like Yankton and the great customers that we do," Bent said. "We couldn't be the store we are without each and every one of them, and not with just frequenting the store, but how they take care of the store, too. I've worked in a lot of stores around the country, and the customers aren't always the same. I think the Yankton community

takes as much pride in their Walmart as we do being a part of this community."

To win the award, the Yankton Supercenter had to pass through multiple rounds of selection. This included receiving awards for store of the quarter and/or store of the year for its district, its region (northern Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota), its division (Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska and Kansas), and the nation (composed of west, north and south business units).

Bent said he knew the Yankton Walmart had what it took to win the award, but he was still

taken aback with the announcement.

"It's one of those deals where you work with great people every day, and you live in a great community like Yankton, and you know it, and you see it, but I'm surprised the company would recognize us out here," he said.

In recognition of its selection as Supercenter of the Year, the Yankton Walmart will be hosting a celebration Tuesday, April 24, with free food and drink being served from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. The public is encouraged to attend.

You can follow Derek Bartos on Twitter at twitter.com/d_bartos

OBITUARIES

Jack O'Malley

Jack Patrick O'Malley, age 57, of Yankton, South Dakota, died Tuesday, April 17, 2012 at Avera Sister James Care Center in Yankton.

Memorial services are 2:00 p.m. on Friday, April 20, 2012 at Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton with Pastor Bob Cappell officiating. Inurnment will be in the Yankton Cemetery. There is a gathering of family and friends one hour prior to memorial service at the funeral home.

Jack was born November 22, 1954 in Yankton, South Dakota to Jack W. and Chrystal (Anderson) O'Malley. Jack attended Beadle Elementary School, Yankton Middle School and graduated from Yankton High School in 1973. He then worked for O'Malley's Bar and Happy Jack's Restaurant. Jack married Pam Sparby and raised three boys: Jack, Patrick and Ryan. Later, he had his only daughter, Shanna, with his second wife, Della. In 2003, he began his nine-year battle with cancer. Jack always loved spending time with his family, playing cards, shooting pool, cooking and grilling out. He cherished his Cadillac and enjoyed going on long drives and always kept it nice and clean. By far, the most important part of his life



O'Malley

was his family. Jack is survived by four children: Jack (Brandi) O'Malley of Omaha, NE, Patrick O'Malley and fiancé, Meredith Avery of Omaha, Ryan O'Malley of Omaha and Shanna O'Malley and fiancé, Brandon Leslie of Yankton; two grandchildren: Jack K. and Connor O'Malley of Omaha; sister, Robyn (Steve) Stucky of Yankton; brother, Tim O'Malley of Yankton; favorite niece, Sarah (Chad) Dimmick of Yankton; nephew, Chris Stucky of Yankton; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents and grandparents.

To send an online sympathy message or to view Jack's video tribute, please visit wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

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grow with that," Bent said.

He said reviews routinely show the Yankton Walmart to be "fast, friendly and clean."

"I probably get called up to the service desk about one to three times a week when people from other areas of the country come in and just want to take a minute to say how clean our store is," Bent said. "That always feels good."

Ultimately, it is the commu-

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lege to talk about the Obama administration's efforts to spur economic development. The focus is on improving rural economies by training and retraining workers for in-demand jobs.

One way to spur job creation in Iowa and beyond is a healthy farm sector, Vilsack said.

"There's an amazing opportunity in agriculture," he said.

Vilsack was joined by U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan for a discussion on rural workforce development.

Duncan highlighted the importance of the nation's community college system to ensuring a supply of "young people graduating

with real skills." He also noted the diversity of people educated by community colleges, including those who are retrained for new careers.

"We're here to listen, we're here to learn," Duncan said.

Hawkeye's workforce development office, Cedar Valley Iowa Works, helped Tanaha Pettit through its manufacturing certification course. Pettit saw a flier about the course after finishing a two-year prison stint last September.

"I gained a lot of skills in prison," said Pettit, who thought she would be prepared to find a job upon being released. But the course helped her land a job at Bruns Machine in Cedar Falls.

Jeanie Wright, director of Cedar Valley Iowa Works, said federal worker investment funds allowed the agency to cover the

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God Bless you all

**Mildred Cameron, Bill & Pam Cameron & family,
Dick Cameron & family, Don & Diane Cameron & family,
Scott & Maria Cameron & family, Joan Stocking & family**



The family of **Ken Mellem** thanks everyone for cards, memorials, flowers, food, visits and telephone calls. Everyone has been so great! To all family and friends - you are all special!

Thanks to Yankton's ambulance crew, the personnel at Avera's emergency room, Home Health Care, Dr. Farver and nurses. The men and ladies from Rieverview Reformed Church and Pastor Rod. Also, thanks to the Hansen Funeral Home of Irene. It is all appreciated.

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