

**Bon Homme Co. Democrats Meet Wednesday**

TYNDALL — The Bon Homme County Democrats will meet at 8 p.m. Wednesday April 25, at the Bon Homme County Courthouse, Tyndall. Plans for Czech Days, a Legislative Session wrap-up and other items will be discussed.

**Fundraising Event Slated For Avera Pavilion**

The Avera Sacred Heart Foundation will be sponsoring a Mountain Man Nut & Fruit Co., Tupperware and Thirty One Luxury Organizers Fundraiser from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Thursday, April 26, in the Avera Sacred Heart Hospital Pavilion Atrium. Cash and Carry will be available. Checks and credit will be accepted. Partial funds raised from this event will go to the Cardiac Pulmonary Rehab Department at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital. If you have any questions, contact the Avera Sacred Heart Foundation at (605) 668-8310.

**Arbor Day Festivities Set For Yankton Friday**

The public is invited to the Arbor Day Festivities and the celebration of Yankton's 29th year as a Tree City USA. The festivities will be held at Yankton Community Library, located at 515 Walnut Street, at 1 p.m. Friday, April 27. Trees will be planted as part of the Arbor Day celebration. The celebration will include participation by first graders from Webster Elementary School, Keep Yankton Beautiful, the Mayor and the Yankton Parks Department. If you have questions, contact the Department of Parks and Recreation Office at 668-5231.

**Gospel Singing Convention Meets Sunday**

KAYLOR — The Southeastern Gospel Singing Convention will be meeting at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 29, at the GRHS Meeting Hall located on the north end of Main Street in Kaylor. The Singing Convention is a nondenominational effort to preserve our heritage of singing old time hymns and Gospel songs in four part harmony. These Sunday afternoon songfests have been held in numerous locations across southeastern South Dakota for more than 10 years. The afternoon event is free and open to the public. Everyone is encouraged to come enjoy the music and join in the singing. Alan Ward of Viborg is the director and several pianists from the area come and accompany the singing. The German from Russia Heritage Society invites all to come and see their facilities and join in an afternoon of singing and good fellowship. For further information, you may contact the Singing Convention Secretary at 605-212-9011.

**City**

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said. "I wish I did know exactly what that was, but I would encourage us to work together with the community and see what that cost would be because it would take pressure off the landfill."

Tom Nelson and Julie Perakslis of Keep Yankton Beautiful also told the commission that single-stream recycling is needed. "When we go out and do presentations for the public and talk to members, there is a hunger for a stronger recycling program in this community," Perakslis said. "People want to be able to recycle glass. They are confused about the difference between cardboard and pressboard. They're not sure what the program takes. They want the program to be easier. They don't want to have to separate things into a bunch of containers. They don't have the time for it."

"I honestly think if we went with a single stream program, we would get a lot more participation," she added. "People want it." The costs of different recycling options for the Joint Powers will be examined as part of a rate design study for all its operations that will be included in the next phase of the strategic planning.

The following are the key elements identified by HDR in the summary of the recommended operational strategy:

- Continue to operate a landfill. Waste-to-energy technologies are either too expensive or not commercially proven. Long haul disposal of the waste to another landfill will likely cost more and will result in the Joint Powers losing partial control of their waste disposal.
- Maximize the existing landfill's capacity by re-permitting it to allow for higher waste placement and steeper sideslopes.
- Re-permit the landfill's liner design requirements to allow for an in situ liner construction. This

will reduce the cost of future cell constructions.

- Complete a detailed rate design study.
- Consider privatization of recycling programs in Vermillion and Yankton. This could lower cost and help manage uncertainties inherent to the recyclable market.
- Modify the Vermillion Recycling Center to improve efficiency and safety. Modifications need to be done in consideration with potential expansion of recycling programs.
- Consider franchise solid waste collection in Vermillion. This should lower the cost of collection, reduce the number of haul trucks going down residential streets and save on the wear and tear of city streets.

To read the entire 154-page report, visit [www.cityofyankton.org](http://www.cityofyankton.org). At the conclusion of the presentation, the commission voted to accept HDR's report.

Commissioner Dave Carda was absent from Monday's meeting. Also Monday, the commission authorized the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages on a portion of the public sidewalk immediately adjacent to the Riverfront Event Center/Marketplace Cafe in downtown Yankton.

It is the first business in the community to get permission to serve alcohol on a portion of the sidewalk, although such arrangements are common in many cities.

The resolution specifies that alcohol consumption is allowed from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. City Manager Doug Russell made clear that the 10 p.m. deadline applied to consumption and not just to the final time that alcohol could be served. In other business Monday, the commission:

- recognized retiring firefighters Darren Moser and Tom Rockne for their service;
- recognized Mental Wellness Conference Days, Arbor Day, Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month and Community Volunteer Appreciation Day; and
- held an executive session to discuss contractual matters.

You can follow Nathan Johnson on Twitter at [twitter.com/AnInlandVoyage](https://twitter.com/AnInlandVoyage)

**Camp**

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type of financing that would be most appropriate. They also had to create elevator pitches and present their business ideas to the finance groups in hopes of getting funding.

The finance teams, in turn, had to decide what type of businesses they wanted to invest in and at what terms.

Speakers at the beginning of the camp included Nick Cerny, assistant director of admissions at USD, Jeff Eckhoff, Small Business Development director at USD, and Kelsey Schmidt, a USD business student currently involved in the university's Entrepreneurship Program.

She gave the students an example of an "elevator pitch" used, for example, to convince financiers to invest in a company.

Mentors included Ben Hanten, who is involved with Two Bridges Capital, LLC, of Yankton; Eckhoff; Mel Ustad of the South Dakota Governor's Office of Economic Development; and John Brown of the Small Business Administration office in Sioux Falls.

"Everyone who served as a mentor had real-world experience related to the groups that they were mentoring," Howe said.

The students in the entrepreneur groups had to fulfill nearly every goal that a real-life businessperson would have to fulfill - from making appointments and determining what types of financing would best work, to developing elevator pitches.

"Often times, in traditional business classes, you're taught how to put together a business plan," Howe said. "It's pretty basic stuff - what type of business are you dealing with, what's your product, what market are you going to sell to - and that's what



DAVID LIAS/VERMILLION PLAIN TALK  
**Steve Howe, executive director of the Vermillion Area Chamber of Commerce and Development Company, addresses local high school students at Friday's camp. (Photo by David Lias)**

students get often at both the high school and college levels.

"What doesn't get talked about is once you have your business plan, what do you do next? How do you get financed? What we want to do is expose students to the concept that there are other ways of getting financing than just your traditional banking system, and that, depending on your business, you might be better suited to different types of financing," he said. "We just wanted to give students a quick overview of what it is really like to get financing."

Howe is certain that there will be at minimum, a fifth entrepreneurship camp hosted in Vermillion next year. It is an exercise, however, that has the potential to spread.

"The goal is to get it into all of the schools in the region and not just be a Vermillion thing," he said. "There's no reason that it can't run in Yankton. We've done it for four years, and we're ready to say to other schools, 'Here's how we do it ... maybe you can run with it.' And each teacher that we've had attend this has really liked it a lot."

Yankton students participated in the camp last year, but weren't

able to attend last week's event. Yankton High's economics teacher, Brady Muth, however, traveled to Vermillion to participate as a mentor.

Other mentors included Gerald Gramm of the state Department of Education; Ben Hanten of Two Bridges Capital, LLC, Yankton; Jeff Eckhoff, Small Business Development Center, USD; Jeff VanDenHul, DVHS marketing teacher; Dan Specht, Vision Real Estate, Yankton; Mel Ustad, Governor's Office of Economic Development; Joanne Ustad, VHS business teacher; Sue Stoll, Small Business Development Center, Yankton; and John Brown, Small Business Administration, Sioux Falls.

"We got great feedback from the instructors from Dakota Valley, who said that this was of great value to their students," Howe said. "This camp also brings together the education community and the economic development community, and that's a good partnership. We'd like to see this in school districts across the state."

"It's a valuable experience for both the kids and the mentors," he said.

**River**

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great amounts of sand, silt, and clay downriver from Gavins Point Dam.

"Between Gavins Point Dam and Ponca State Park, scouring and deposition was prominent, including the creation of new large sandbars," Cowman said.

He adds that the majority of sand, clay and other sediment came from within the reach below Gavins Point Dam.

"An area would be scoured out, and the sediment re-deposited downstream," he said. "Some areas of the river are now deeper; that's where the scouring took place."

He refers to the Landsat satellite photos of sediment deposition near Vermillion before and after the 2011 flood from Missouri River Institute.

"While Mulberry Bend near Vermillion is large, the river moves through it with consistency," Cowman said. "But near the mouth of

Bow Creek at Audubon Bend southwest of Meckling, the river narrows. The narrowing channel causes the river to increase in velocity, apparently resulting in a lot of bed erosion during the flood."

Downstream, the river widens and slows, and sediment is re-deposited, he said. Deposition has been occurring in this area for a long time, often resulting in sandbars.

Cowman says that before the 2011 flood, sandbars in the Missouri River weren't typically much higher than the river, because of the regulated flow from the dams. "When the flood river levels were 10-12 feet above normal, sandbars were built higher than before. In the fall, the water level dropped, leaving higher sandbars," he said.

Another major impact of the 2011 flood observed so far between Gavins Point Dam and Ponca State Park, is changes to backwaters.

"Several areas have backwaters, or shallow extensions of the river. Backwaters - sometimes called the 'kitchen sink' of rivers - are low-energy areas where organisms in the lower part of the food chain flourish."

He said that regulated flows have resulted in some backwaters drying up, but the 2011 flood "changed some of these backwaters from a closed, to a flow through backwater. One example is just southwest of the Discovery Bridge at Yankton."

Cowman said that the flood also affected backwaters at Ponca State Park. "Changes from the flood are threatening the existence of backwaters," he said. "Instead of the quiet nature of the backwater, current moves through which could affect the feeding areas. Because of increased flow, these areas are threatened by erosion."

He recalled a saying common among early steamboat pilots: "Crookedness you see ain't half the crookedness that's there." Riverboat pilots knew when you look at the river and a map, you can see bends and turns. The river, generally one-half to a mile wide, is shallow, with the deepest area (thalweg) carrying most the current and energy. That main channel snakes around like a serpent, from the South Dakota side to the Nebraska side and is often hard to follow.

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**Historian, Author To Speak On Native Americans And Missouri River**

VERMILLION — The University of South Dakota's Missouri River Institute and the South Dakota Humanities Council are presenting a lecture by historian and author Michael L. Lawson at 1 p.m. on April 30 at Farber Hall.

Lawson will discuss the impact of the dams built by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on the Missouri River as part of the Pick-Sloan Plan. His lecture will provide a snapshot of how the Sioux utilized and adapted to the Missouri before the dams were built, and how these projects displaced hundreds of Sioux families, forcing them to move from their homes on resource-rich bottomlands. He will also discuss how government management of the Missouri River has evolved under Pick-Sloan. Lawson will conclude by describing how developments over the last three decades have allowed the Sioux tribes to gain additional compensation from Congress for their original losses and to finally realize more tangible benefits from the Pick-Sloan projects.

A partner in Morgan, Angel & Associates LLC, a historical and public policy consulting firm in Washington, D.C., Lawson is the author of "Dammed Indians Revisited: The Continuing History of the Pick-Sloan Plan and the Missouri River Sioux."

Lawson's lecture, which is free and open to the public, was made possible with a grant from the South Dakota Humanities Council, an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

**OBITUARIES**

**Eldon Peters**

DELMONT — Eldon Peters, 69, died Sunday, April 22 at his home in Delmont.

Funeral service will be Thursday, April 26, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at Zion Lutheran Church in Delmont.

Visitation will be Wednesday, April 25 from 5 to 7 p.m. with a 7:00 p.m. prayer service at Zion Lutheran Church in Delmont.

Arrangements by Koehn Bros. Funeral Home in Parkston.

Grateful for having shared his life are his wife, Joyce of Del-

mont; children: Scott Peters of Delmont; Michelle (Mark) Friess of Akron, OH; Shannon (Paulette) Peters of Tyndall, SD; Sheri Mogck of Brandon, SD; and Troy (Mary) Peters of Lennox, SD; 10 grandchildren; a brother, Henry (Lorraine) Peters of Delmont; and 3 sisters: Bernice (Donald) Stoenber of Bettendorf, IA; Elaine Stoenber of Tripp, SD; and Lois (Dennis) Batterman of Delmont.

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**Duane Fahr**

BLOOMFIELD, Neb. — Pastor Duane L. Fahr, 64, of Bloomfield, Neb., died suddenly Saturday, April 21, 2012, in Bloomfield.

Funeral services are at 2 p.m. Thursday at First Trinity Lutheran Church, Bloomfield. Pastors Russell Summerfeld and Gary Trobridge will officiate, with burial in Bloomfield City Cemetery.

Visitation is 4-8 p.m. Wednesday, with a 7 p.m. prayer service, at the church.

Brockhaus Funeral Home, Bloomfield, is in charge of arrangements.

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Dinner at 7:00 pm  
Menu: New York Strip or Fish & Shrimp  
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featuring: Governor Dennis Daugaard and Lt. Governor Matt Michels **\$30.00**  
For ticket info contact Roger Meyer: 605-689-0430

**Recognizing Administrative Professionals Day**  
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