

Radar

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Paulsen said while local officials have held discussions on the subject, nothing concrete has emerged.

"Locally, we've talked with Emergency Management, we've talked to fire and rescue, the sheriff's office and police department about how we could utilize an unmanned aircraft and the pictures or video we could obtain from them, areas of coverage and would it be practical," Paulsen said. "We thought that it would be, but we haven't got anywhere near forming a memorandum of understanding or even a mutual aid type of agreement."

Paulsen said drones for law enforcement and emergency management have a number of uses.

"For law enforcement, obviously, (there's) any type of a search or rescue or areas that are harder to get into, say a densely grown area where it'd be difficult to walk through or put people through," he said. "We talked about historical events where we could actually maybe monitor some of the low-lying flood areas when we had the flooding or actually look at some of the drought areas."

Paulsen said he saw any possible application prioritized towards searches for lost persons rather than use in monitoring criminal activity.

Drones have been making their way into the consumer market as well. Today, companies and private citizens have easy access to aerial drones. Many models, fully equipped with cameras, are available from retailers such as Scheels and Amazon.com and range anywhere from just under \$50 to thousands of dollars, depending on quality and accessories.

This hasn't come without controversy. Privacy advocates have expressed concerns about their potential surveillance uses while others cite safety concerns.

One place you won't be seeing drones is in the immediate confines of the Missouri National Recreation River (MNRR), according to MNRR superintendent Rick Clark.

"The National Park Service last year issued a national regulation that prohibits the use of aircraft — drones, if you will — over any National Park Service area," Clark said. "Of course, the Missouri National Recreation River would be included."

Clark said exceptions to the rule exist for utilization by the Park Service or other interested parties, but this involves a demanding approval process.

"There is a provision for scientific study, but any use that may be requested actually has to go all the way up to the Washington office," he said. "The superintendents do not even have delegated authority to make those determinations. To be con-

sistent on an agency-wide basis, any of those requests are submitted through our regional office in Omaha to Washington for review and consideration."

Clark said there has been no discussion of the Park Service using them around the MNRR.

Paulsen said there exists at least one issue of a drone causing a safety concern in Yankton, and this has also been a part of the department's discussions.

"A year ago, we had a drone fall out of the sky on Broadway Ave. that got hit by a car, and we weren't aware of who had that," he said. "Some of our preliminary discussions between city departments is that we build an ordinance that would mirror what the FAA says, but also, if we have a drone in the air, are we concerned with our airport or if that's something we need to do."

The FAA has regulated drones in much the same way they do with model aircraft, including that they stay below 400 feet, are in the operator's sightline at all times and stay away from airports.

For more information on the operation of personal drones, visit <http://knowbeforeyoufly.org/> or <http://www.faa.gov/uas/>

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Nurse

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The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has honored Lutjens as a 2015 Childhood Immunization Champion. The CDC annually recognizes individuals making outstanding efforts to ensure children in their communities are fully immunized before age 2 against 14 preventable diseases.

In making the award, the CDC noted Lutjens carried out the vaccination efforts in a culturally sensitive manner. The CDC awards are announced in conjunction with National Infant Immunization Week, April 18-25.

Lutjens' diligence has resulted in a dramatic rise in vaccinations among the Hutterite children in her service area, according to Tim Heath, immunization coordinator for the South Dakota Department of Health.

"Kerri is a true advocate for childhood immunizations," he said. "Whether sending reminders to parents that their kids are due for vaccination or organizing a back-to-school program to evaluate records, she is always working to make sure children in the colonies are current on their vaccinations."

Lutjens serves the following colonies: Rockport, Oaklane, New Elm Springs, Old Elm Springs, Tschetter, Clearfield and Lakeview.

"Our program consists of a bi-weekly nurse visit and a monthly mobile clinic day, where we are able to provide onsite clinic care," she said. "This collaboration between Avera St. Benedict and the colonies has proven to be successful in filling the unmet health care needs at these colonies."

She has taken the time to

learn about the Hutterite lifestyle and customs by developing trusting relationships with colony members, according to the CDC.

Lutjens said it's all part of reaching out to people where they're at in their everyday life.

"I have been with the colonies for about four years and have really gotten to know their culture. It may seem funny, but I learn more over a cup of coffee in their kitchen than anywhere else," she said.

"The language is their biggest barrier. While they all speak English, German is their first language and many of their words do not translate. That's where I come in. I'll make the call to the doctor and explain what's going on."

Besides respecting the Hutterites' religious and cultural values, Lutjens also respects their strong work ethic and long work days.

"I have made myself available 24/7 because health doesn't work 8-5," she said. "I also know their schedule and work around all that's going on. It's nothing to be out at the colony before 7 (o'clock) in the morning to get my work done. I never know what I'm going to see when I get out there. Whatever happens, I just roll with it."

Lutjens has hosted several educational events to inform Hutterite parents about the risk of not vaccinating children and the dangers of disease outbreaks in a communal setting.

Those efforts proved particularly valuable in stemming a possible outbreak of whooping cough, she noted.

"There was a confirmed case of whooping cough. All of the colonies were offered the preventative vaccination, and they were also educated about prevention of whooping cough," she said.

"Some of the colonies had more than 95 percent (of their

children) take advantage of the vaccination. Along with that, we were also to provide in-home care for the infected individual so as to not further spread the illness."

Lutjens reinforces vaccination messages by sending monthly reminders to parents to let them know when their kids are due for their vaccinations, according to the CDC news release. She recently designed a back-to-school event that involved evaluating various aspects of health, including immunization status.

Before Lutjens started reaching out to the colonies, the importance and value of immunizations was not widely known or understood, the CDC said. Families now initiate the communication and often reach out to her to make sure their children are up to date.

"As for the immunizations, I am very up front about the importance of them," she said. "I also keep track of all the children's records so it's one less thing for the moms to worry about. They get a note each month reminding them when the next immunizations are due."

For Lutjens, her greatest reward isn't the CDC national award. She takes a special satisfaction in helping protect her Hutterite patients during her visits.

"(The Hutterites) are an amazing group of people to work with," she said. "I truly love what I do, and I couldn't do it without the help of everyone at Avera St. Benedict."

Read Lutjens' profile and learn more about the Childhood Immunization Champion award program at <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/champions>.

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Culture

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local businesses and health care facilities better understand how to interact with the different culture, diversity training meetings will be held at the Technical Education Center, 1200 W. 21st St. on April 21-22.

The diversity training on Tuesday will discuss the topics of health and religion from 3-5 p.m. while the topics of retail and information for the general public will be discussed from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Another diversity training will be offered on Wednesday from 2-4 p.m. with the topics of discussion being retail and general public.

The general public is invited to all of the sessions. Those who wish to attend one or all of the training may do so by registering at www.yanktonsd.com, though registration is not required.

Christy Nicolaisen, executive director of the Multicultural Center of Sioux Falls, will be facilitating the events.

In an interview with the *Press and Dakotan*, Nicolaisen said she thinks it is important for not only the general public, but also area businesses to attend the diversity training.

"I'm just excited that Yankton is having this tournament," she said. "I know that everyone in Yankton will do a fantastic job. But if people just come to this, it would help them ensure that our guests coming into South Dakota feel all the generosity and all the Midwestern values that we have. Because, I think the Midwest is a great place to live. I think we have awesome people here. I just want that to convey to our guests."

Nicolaisen will be bringing a panel of 7-10 people from different countries to talk about their cultures. All of the people on the panel are from cultures Yankton will be experiencing during the

tournament.

"We have some pre-determined questions we will be asking them and then open it up to the audience," she said. "These are first-generation people doing the panel. I have been to countries and I have studied culture a lot, but I am not an expert. I can tell you a lot, but those who are from their own countries who have first-generation knowledge will be the best."

Nicolaisen said her main goal for the training sessions is to help people understand different cultures and know what to do and what not to do when a person is exposed to a culture-related predicament.

"For example, some cultures will put change on a counter instead of giving change to someone's hand," she said. "People in the Midwest are so used to giving money to a cashier's hand. But in other cultures, you put the change on the counter to respect someone. If you don't know this, you could take offense. If I was a cashier and someone just set their money on the counter, I may wonder, 'Hey! What's the deal? Are you afraid to touch me?'"

Another situation locals may run into during the tournament is an awkward greeting.

"In a lot of countries, the left hand is considered unclean," Nicolaisen said. "As a left-hander myself, that has been a struggle for me. Also, some culture's shake hands, while some cultures don't shake at all. If you are Muslim, a traditional Muslim (male) will not shake a woman's hand. Some cultures won't look somebody directly in the eye. In the Midwest, all we want is eye contact. But in other cultures, not making eye contact is a sign of respect. If you don't understand that, you may think they are shady."

Nicolaisen said it would be best for Yankton's foreign guests to initiate the greeting.

"There are just so many little things that people should be aware of," she said.

During the hospitality and retail trainings, Nicolaisen and

her panel will also discuss the importance of knowing what is in the food served to the archery participants.

"For example, Muslims don't eat pork and Jewish people don't necessarily mix meat and milk together," she said. "So if the competitors are going to your restaurant, you want to make sure their is some other types of dishes there. If the restaurants have to make a few more vegetarian options available, that is great because it shows how caring we as Midwesterners are."

Another situation that retailers may run into is haggling, which will be discussed at the training.

"A lot of cultures are used to bartering," Nicolaisen said. "So if a T-shirt says it's \$15, they may ask to talk it down. And that is normal for other cultures. But here in the Midwest, what it says it is in Wal-Mart, is what it is."

One aspect to be discussed that many may not even think of is that health care is very different in many cultures.

"If we had a Muslim participant get sick, how would we handle that?" Nicolaisen asked. "Well, we would need a private room, and we couldn't have a female patient and a male patient in the same room."

More scenarios such as this will be discussed at the training.

Nicolaisen said the most important thing to remember about the tournament is that this large exposure to different cultures is new not only to Yankton, but also to many of the athletes.

"This may be their first visit to this country for some of them," she said. "It could be the first time they haven't been with their parents, or even on an airplane. There are just things that need to be talked about to make the participants as well as their chaperones comfortable."

For more information about the diversity trainings, contact Carmen Bodden at (605) 665-363.

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CASA

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what they're doing, how the children are doing. I especially have a priority to see that the children are safe, physically and emotionally."

CASA will be looking to recruit volunteers throughout Clay County and start assigning cases by July 1. People who apply to volunteer will go through an application and interview process before being assigned cases.

Lilivold started volunteering after his own children moved away from home and he was looking for "meaningful things" to do with his life and for the community. Once he heard about CASA, he was in

the office the next day to apply.

"I was the first volunteer with this program," he said.

During the interview process, hopefuls are asked questions about what would make them a good CASA volunteer and go through three different background checks.

"In Clay County we're hoping to get at least three (volunteers) and hopefully we could get as many as six. We've had some people already express interest," Rodgers-Conti said.

After the vetting process, volunteers go through 30 hours of training over a weekend from a curriculum set by the national CASA organization. After training, a judge swears in the volunteers to make them eligible CASA advocates.

"We really have to find people who are there for the

right reasons and who are going to represent the program well," Rodgers-Conti said. "(A volunteer's) role is finding out facts about the family so that we can report to the judge about what would be in the best interest in the child."

Samantha Kohnen has been hired on as the new program development assistant to be based in a Vermillion location. Kohnen, originally from Dell Rapids, will graduate from the University of South Dakota in May with a degree in psychology and criminal justice.

Southeast CASA is also expanding into Bon Homme County where they are expecting about 1-2 cases per year.

A full job description and application can be found at southeastcasa.org and clicking on the volunteer section.

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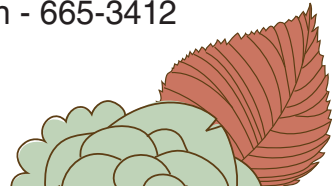
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