

Yankton County Farmers Union To Meet

The Yankton County Farmers Union will hold its monthly meeting Thursday, Aug. 25, at the Fry'n Pan Restaurant. The meeting starts at 7 p.m., with the business meeting beginning at 8 p.m. Tyler Novak will be on hand to discuss state and local camps. Coffee, dessert and door prizes will be available. If you have any questions, call 605-364-7303.

USD Dance Team To Hold Car Wash Saturday

VERMILLION — The University of South Dakota Dance team is hosting a car wash fundraiser at the Freedom Valu Center, 830 E. Cherry St., Vermillion, on Saturday, Aug. 27, running from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The USD Dance team is putting on a car wash to help raise funds for the upcoming year and their annual trip to nationals in Daytona Beach, Fla. The team does not receive any financial assistance from the university and uniforms, hotel fees, plane tickets, and other costs all add up. For more information, contact Briana Johnston at 605-929-7057 or Briana.johnston@usd.edu, or visit usd.edu/danztm.

Lesterville Benefit Tractor, Truck Pull Saturday

LESTERVILLE — The Lesterville Fire & Rescue Tractor & Truck Pull will be held Saturday, Aug. 27, at the Baseball Park in Lesterville. Action starts at 1 p.m. For more information, contact Paul Scherschligt at 605-661-4289.

Welcome Week Kicks Off At USD Saturday

VERMILLION — The University of South Dakota will welcome new students to campus on Saturday, Aug. 27, with a Convocation Ceremony and Move in Day activities. As part of Move in Day for new students, Convocation begins with a processional at 3:30 p.m. from the North Complex to the DakotaDome. Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Chuck Staben, Dean of Students James Parker and USD President James W. Abbott will lead the students in the official matriculation statement. "Convocation is an invitation of membership to the university's academic community," noted Parker. "It's a celebratory event symbolic of graduation and serves as a reminder to our faculty and staff of the duty to educate our students, not just until they graduate, but to assist them in their journey to become better citizens and contributing members of society." Students coming to campus for the new school year will also see the new "SD" logo. Adorning everything from signage to stationery as well as clothing and apparel, the new logo gives the campus a new look. The state's initials will also be featured prominently in athletics, including USD's football helmet and a new basketball court at the DakotaDome, which also serves as the check-in location for Move in Day. Move in Day begins at 8 a.m. and continues throughout the day until 2 p.m. During the check-in process at the Dome, all students will receive their information packets, residence hall keys and instructions on driving to the residence halls — all without having to leave their vehicles. This process, implemented in 2008 for efficiency purposes, eliminates long lines and avoids potential traffic congestion. Convocation and Move in Day are part of Welcome Week 2011 festivities. Additional activities include a Provost's Picnic, Hall Programs, movies, games, fraternity and sorority recruitment activities, a bonfire and fireworks. For more information about new student orientation and Welcome Week, including a full schedule of events, visit www.usd.edu/orientation.

PFLAG-Yankton To Meet Aug. 28

The next meeting of the PFLAG-Yankton chapter will be at Sunday, Aug. 28, in the Fellowship Hall at Peace Presbyterian Church, 206 E. 31st St. (airport road). Anyone who is interested in joining the group is encouraged to contact pflag_yankton@hotmail.com. PFLAG is a nationwide support group for Parents, Family and Friends of Lesbians and Gays. People of all ages, teens through senior citizens, who are gay or who are the parents, siblings, friends, or counselors of gay individuals, are encouraged to participate in the local PFLAG group. PFLAG provides support, education and advocacy for equal rights for gay citizens in the community, the workplace, and schools, and seeks to increase the awareness that gay people live and work in our community.

OBITUARIES

Gordon Pederson

WALL — Gordon R. Pederson, 84 of Wall and formerly of Gayville, died Saturday, Aug. 20, 2011, at the VA Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Funeral services are at 10 a.m. Thursday at the Wall High School Gym, with the Rev. Curtis Garland officiating. Interment with full military honors will be at the Wall Cemetery. Visitation is 5-7 p.m. Wednesday at the high school gym, with a prayer service at 7 p.m. A memorial has been established. Arrangements are with the Rush Funeral Chapel of Wall. His online guestbook is available at www.rushfuneralhome.com.

Arthur Shutt

UTICA — Arthur Shutt, 74, of Utica died Monday, Aug. 22, 2011, at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton. Services are pending under the care of Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton.

Dolores Myer

HARTINGTON, Neb. — Dolores P. Myer, 86 of Hartington, Neb., died Monday, Aug. 22, 2011, at the Golden Living Center, Hartington.

Maurice Dahmus

Mass of Christian Burial for Maurice E. Dahmus, 100, of Armour will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, August 25 at St. George Catholic Church in Scotland with Fr. Mathew Vazhappilly as Celebrant. Interment will follow at St. George Catholic Cemetery, Scotland. Visitation will be held from 3 p.m.-7 p.m. on Wednesday, August 24 at Goglin Funeral Home in Scotland. Maurice passed away on Saturday, August 20, 2011 at the Golden Living Center in Armour. Online condolences may be sent at www.goglinfh.com.

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Her services are pending at the Wintz Funeral Home, Hartington.

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KYB Conducts Parade Route Pickup

From Keep Yankton Beautiful

Keep Yankton Beautiful collected 21 bags of trash totaling 180 pounds during our annual Riverboat Days parade route cleanup. Thank you to everyone who came out to the parade and made sure to keep your trash off the streets.

The parade route looked good afterwards; a testament to what a proud and respectful community we have here in Yankton.

Yankton Motorsports donated two of their very fun 4x4 vehicles to use during the cleanup. Sapa Extrusion volunteers John Wieseler and Brennon Novak drove one; and KYB board member Carla Addy drove the other with 9-year-old Paul and 7-year-old Tom Burbach of Crofton, Neb., helping collect trash. KYB Board members Lori Ibarolle and Allen Sinclair donated the use of their golf carts and collected trash and recyclable bottles and cans with the help of KYB Board member Jack Lyons and RSVP group volunteer Paul Maynell. KYB Director Julie Peraklis walked the route and really enjoyed interacting with parade participants and on-lookers and hearing all the wonderful "thank yous" to KYB for providing the trash collection. It certainly makes a "dirty" job much more rewarding!

KYB also entered a float this year in honor of our 10th anniversary. KYB board members Denise Wubben and Cheryl Sommer spearheaded the float design and build, with invaluable help from volunteers Steve Ellis and the KYB board, Conkling's, Bomgaars & Hanson-Briggs. It was another great Riverboat Days celebration weekend and between our 10th anniversary float and our parade cleanup, KYB was thrilled to be a part of it once again this year.

KYB's Tripp Park project was completed Friday with the installation of a beautiful granite bench and table set, designed and in-



PHOTO: KEEP YANKTON BEAUTIFUL
Sapa volunteers John Wieseler and Brennon Novak assisted Keep Yankton Beautiful with its annual trash collection along the Riverboat Days parade route Saturday.

stalled by Yankton's own Scott Luken, and the seeding of grass. Be sure to come enjoy the park and all of the beautiful elements designed, purchased and installed using local vendors, talent and volunteers! We want to thank the City of Yankton for their \$5,000 contribution to the park; the UPS Foundation for their \$10,000 grant from their nationwide community improvement project and Keep America Beautiful for their \$2,000 community greening grant. The Yankton 4H Clovers also played a huge role in the successful completion of the Tripp Park beautification project, donating a tree and helping with a lot of the plant-

ing. KYB board members and even KYB family friend, little 3 year old William, all put incredible time and effort into designing, implementing and planting the park. Thank you to all of them for their care, concern and incredible effort on behalf of the Yankton community.

Keep Yankton Beautiful is located at 324 Walnut Street thanks to a generous gift from Kennedy, Pier & Knoff law firm. Our summer office hours are 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Tuesdays-Thursdays. Please be sure to stop by or call with any ideas, thoughts or concerns you would like KYB to address; or to become a supportive member or

get on our volunteer list. Visit our website at www.keepyankton-beautiful.org for a list of upcoming events; to see the projects we've completed; to know all the concerned businesses and community members who support our efforts and share our vision; and to see our most recent news items. You can contact us directly at info@keepyanktonbeautiful.org or (605) 838-0665.

KYB receives no operational funding from the City, State or federal government. Our efforts are entirely supported by our members, volunteers and the grants we submit.

Niobrara

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Laura Hintz, Knox County emergency manager, said safety is also a concern.

"With school starting, we really hate to have those buses go over those roads," she said. "Those township roads are basically one-and-a-half vehicles wide. It's beautiful, but when you're navigating a school bus around it and you have to meet someone, it isn't too nice to look at."

Another concern the school has is with groundwater, Sandoz said. "We have a very high groundwater level due to the siltation that the Niobrara River has created," she said.

"We have sump pumps installed in the elementary building that kick in when groundwater gets to a certain level, and we've been fortunate that those sump pumps have kept up with our needs this summer."

Groundwater is also a concern with the football field, Sandoz said. "Sometimes the parking lot is usable and sometimes it's not," she said. "We intend to either walk in or transport people from the school parking lot down to the football field if need be for our share of our football games."

Niobrara, which co-ops sports with nearby Verdigré, is scheduled to host two football games this season.

Sandoz said there wasn't much consideration for holding all the team's home football games in Verdigré.

"We felt strongly that the Niobrara community needed to have some of those football games to liven the community back up and hopefully lift spirits and give the community some renewed hope to

begin attracting those tourists and travelers," she said. "I think we need to do whatever we can to hold those games here and promote the Niobrara community."

Niobrara's other outdoor fall sport, cross country, will not be affected, Sandoz said.

"We do host a meet right away in September, but that is not going to affect us because we host it at the Niobrara State Park," she said. "However, our neighboring school districts that will be attending the event will have to travel the detour until Highway 12 is opened up."

She added that she has not received any cancellations or calls of concern from other schools that will be attending the sporting events.

One additional concern with the school's sports, although not immediate, involves next spring's golf season. Much of the course is still flooded, and its availability for next year remains in doubt.

"We are unsure where that status lies and whether we will be able to host any tournaments in the future," Sandoz said.

Even with all the issues, Sandoz said she remains positive.

"The school year is off to a great start," she said. "We have a great group of kids, and the show will go on."

Libya

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remained a threat.

The Obama administration official said U.S. officials and NATO partners had not been in contact with Gadhafi during the siege on Tripoli. However, the official said American and NATO representatives, as well as Libyan rebels, had all been in contact with people around Gadhafi, mostly those looking for a way out.

NATO vowed to keep its air campaign until all pro-Gadhafi forces surrender or return to their barracks. The alliance's warplanes have hit at least 40 targets in and around Tripoli in the past two days — the highest number on a single geographic location since the bombing started in March, NATO said.

A day after the rebels rode into the city of 2 million, the situation remained volatile. Even though rebels claimed they were in control of most of Tripoli, they still appeared to be on the defensive, ducking for cover during frequent clashes with regime fighters. Throughout the day, the rebels sent

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north, south and southeast, and a rebel field commander said more than 4,000 fighters were part of the final push to bring down the regime.

The Obama administration official said the U.S. believes 90 percent of the capital is under rebel control, while regime loyalists still control Sirte and the southern city of Sabha. The official spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak publicly.

The Scud missile fired near Sirte was launched at about 2:15 p.m. EDT (1915 GMT), U.S. officials said.

It was only the second Scud missile fired during this year's conflict. On Aug. 15, Libyan government forces launched one near Sirte that landed in the desert outside Brega, injuring no one.

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