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REGION DIGEST

Crest Road By Gavins Point To Close Monday

The road that crosses Gavins Point Dam, also known as Crest Road or the spillway, will be closed from 8 a.m.-noon on Monday, Dec. 13; Tuesday, Dec. 14, and 7 a.m.-5 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 16. Maintenance will be conducted on the powerplant at this time.

YHS Booster Club Meeting Set For Monday

The YHS Adult Booster Club will hold it's monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 13, in the meeting room at the Summit Activities Center. The public is invited to attend.
If you have any question, contact Audrea Hecht at 665-4640.

Meetings On Local Food Distribution Set

VERMILLION — Value Added Agriculture Development Center and Buy Fresh Buy Local are conducting a series of meetings to evaluate the potential for local food distribution.

The goal is to establish systems to aggregate, process, package and distribute local foods in South Dakota. All consumers, producers, famers, businesses, schools and institutions interested in expanding the availability of local foods are invited to attend.

Vermillion will host a meeting at 8 p.m. Dec. 13 at the Vermillion Public Library, 18 Church St.

Other meetings in December will be held in Aberdeen and Huron.

Additional locations to be scheduled in 2011: Pierre, Rapid City, Mobridge, Brookings/Sioux Falls, Marty/Winner, Pine Ridge/Rosebud and Spearfish.

For more information, contact Patrick Garrity at garrity@iw.net or 605-660-1034, or visit www.BFBLSD.org.

Mothers Of Preschoolers To Meet Tuesday

The Yankton evening MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) group will be holding a meeting at 6:15 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 14, at Riverview Park Reform Church, 1700 Burleigh St., Yankton.

If you are the mother of a child not yet in kindergarten and are looking for a place to make new friends and find resources and support, you are invited to attend. Childcare will be available.

Center To Hold Wine & Dine Fundraiser

The Center, located at 900 Whiting Drive in Yankton, will host its annual Wine and Dine fundraiser on March 5, 2011.

This event will include wine tasting, hors d'oeuvres, food and entertainment.

For tickers or more information, contact Tammy Matuska at 665-4685 or yssc@midconetwork.com, or visit yanktonseniorcenter.org.

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

'Tis The Season To Practice Holiday Safety

With all the hustle and bustle of the holidays, it's easy to let little things slip through the cracks. You forget to blow out a candle before heading to the Christmas pageant. You overload an outlet with too many holiday lights. You forget you just took that hot pan out of the oven and you end up with a nasty burn.

Use these tips from the Federal Citizen Information Center to help you avoid some of the most common holiday accidents, so you'll have a safe and fun holiday season.

- Pick a safe Christmas tree. Christmas trees account for nearly 250 fires each year. If you're buying a live tree, check it for freshness. Fresh trees will have needles that are hard to pull out and a trunk that is sticky with sap. Dry, brittle needles are more likely to catch fire. If you're purchasing an artificial tree, select one that is fire resistant. Set up all trees far away from fireplaces or candles.

- Check holiday lights for damaged wiring. Before you string up lights inside or outside of your house, inspect the strands for frayed wires, broken sockets or other loose connections. If you find damaged strands, throw them away. Make sure you turn off all your holiday lights whenever you leave your house or go to bed. Not only will that minimize the chance for fire, but it will save you money on your utility bill too.

- Handle decorations carefully. Decorating your tree or other areas of your house for the holidays is a fun family activity. But glass ornaments can be dangerous for young children to handle. Make sure you

give your kids durable ornaments to hang. That way if one slips out of their hands it won't shatter and hurt or scare them. Hang non-breakable ornaments at the bottom of your tree — if your kids or pets knock them off, they'll survive the fall.

- Keep your pets safe. Holiday plants like poinsettia and mistletoe can be poisonous to animals, so if you have a dog or cat, make sure you display your plants in a high place so they won't get eaten. Additionally, with all the extra food around the house, you or your guests might be tempted to slip your dog some table scraps, but traditional holiday foods might upset your pet's stomach since they aren't used to drastic changes in their diet. Keep your pets safe this holiday by offering them a treat specifically for pets.

- Avoid burns. If you're busy preparing a holiday meal and you have lots of people in and out of your kitchen, it's easy to lose track of which pans are hot and what just came out of the oven. Keep track of warm pans by placing them all together on hot plates. If you're cooking with lots of people in the kitchen, assign each person one dish to work on. That way they know which of their dishes are hot and need oven mitts for handling. If you do get a minor burn, run it under cool water, do not apply butter or other ointments.

For more tips on holiday safety, visit the USA.gov Holiday Safety page. With these tips from the Federal Citizen Information Center, you'll be able to avoid common holiday accidents and have fun celebrating.

Yankton Christmas Bird Count Dec. 20

Birders and nature enthusiasts in the Yankton area will join birders across the western hemisphere and participate in Audubon's longest-running wintertime tradition, the annual Christmas Bird Count (CBC), held on Sunday, Dec. 20 in Yankton.

This year, more than 2,000 individual counts are scheduled to take place throughout the Americas and beyond from Dec. 14, 2010, to Jan. 5, 2011. The Christmas Bird Count is an all-day census of birds found in a particular area.

It's the longest-running citizen

science project in the nation, and organizers of the 111th Christmas Bird Count are looking for new participants. People of all levels of birding experience from beginners to experts are welcome to participate. You can participate by going birding in the field or by watching the birds at your backyard feeder and reporting your count. There is a special need for more feeder watchers in the Yankton area this year. Please call for some simple guidelines.

The 111th CBC is expected to be larger than ever, expanding its geographical coverage and accu-

mulating information about the winter distributions of various birds. The CBC is vital in monitoring the status of resident and migratory birds across the Western Hemisphere, and the data, which are 100 percent volunteer generated, have become a crucial part of the U.S. Government's natural history monitoring database.

For more information about CBC participation as either a field observer or feeder watcher, contact Roger Dietrich at 665-7240 or rogerd@iw.net.

ASH Wellness Center Aquatic Classes Coming Up

The Avera Sacred Heart Wellness Center will be holding Parent/Child Aquatics Class for four weeks in January.

The class is from the American Red Cross and is for children ages 6 months-3 years of age. The instructor is Nancy Teachout.

You can sign up for either a Tuesday evening class, Saturday 9 a.m. class or Saturday 9:40 a.m. class. Classes are 30 minutes in

length, last four weeks and are limited to the first 8 participants for each session.

The schedule is as follows:
• Tuesday, 5:30-6 p.m. — Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25
• Saturday, 9-9:30 a.m. — Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29
• Saturday, 9:40-10:10 a.m. — Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29

Also, a Zumbatomic Class will be held from 9-9:45 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 8, 15, 22, and 29.

This Zumba for Kids Class will also be held at Avera Sacred Heart Wellness Center and is for children ages 4-7 years old. This class is limited to the first 10 participants. Instructor is Jennifer Cull.

To sign-up for either Parent/Child Aquatics or Zumbatomic or for more information, contact the Wellness Center at 668-8357.

OBITUARIES

Donna Bovero

Donna Bovero, 73, died Thursday (Dec. 9, 2010) at Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton.

Funeral services are at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Chapel, Yankton, with the Rev. Rick D. Pittenger officiating. Burial will be in the Yankton Cemetery, Yankton.

Visitations are 5-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home and then one hour prior to the service.

Myrtle Christensen

VIBORG — Myrtle Christensen, 104, died Wednesday (Dec. 8, 2010) at Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home, Viborg.

Services are at 1 p.m. Monday at Bethany Lutheran Church, Viborg.

Visitation is 1-4 p.m. Sunday at the Viborg Funeral Home. A prayer service is at 7 p.m. on Sunday at the church.

Register online at www.viborg-funeralhome.com.

Misti Andrzejek

Misti Marie Andrzejek, age 33 of Yankton, left to enter the Spirit World as she lay in her mother's arms on Thursday, December 9, 2010.

Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m. Monday, December 13, 2010 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Chapel with Rev. Barb Hladky and Gene Thin Elk officiating. Burial will be in the Episcopal Cemetery in Santee, NE.

Visitations will be from 4-9 p.m. Sunday, December 12, 2010 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton, SD with a 7 p.m. wake service.



Andrzejek

Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the funeral chapel.

Misti was born on November 7, 1977 to Patricia Grant and James Merrill in Sioux Valley Hospital in Sioux Falls, SD. She was baptized in August 2000. She graduated high school in Vermillion, SD in 1995. She attended USD, up until her Huntington's disease took its toll on her.

She worked at various jobs, but her favorite jobs were work-

ing in the retail business. Misti's life was centered around her beautiful daughter, M'aleigh, who gave her strength and courage to continue her life in this world. Misti was inspired by her daughter to start a committee for people with disabilities, to change or to knock down barriers.

Those who will cherish her memory are her daughter, M'aleigh Andrzejek of Yankton, SD; her mother, Pat Grant of Yankton, SD; sisters: Jodi Honner, Jamie Watson, Kathleen Nickles, and Brandy Crisman; her step grandfather, Nels Kastengren of Iowa and many

nieces and nephews.

Those who preceded her in death are her father, James Merrill, step father, Jack Kastengren, her maternal and paternal grandparents and step grandmother.

The family requests that memorials be directed to: Misti's family.

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Online condolences at:
www.opsahl-kostelfuneralhome.com

Thank You

A heartfelt thank you to family and friends for their prayers and concern while I was in the hospital and at Majestic Bluffs Sr. James Care Center. Special thanks to Dr. Serck and Dr. Fanta, all of the spiritual directors, nurses, and volunteers for all their prayers and excellent care.

God Bless You All,
Denis Feilmeier

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5th Annual Christmas Concert

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Sunday December 12th 2:00 p.m.

United Church of Christ 5th & Walnut, Yankton

Please join us for an afternoon of inspirational music!