

REGION DIGEST

Extension Service Crop Clinic Today

An Extension Service row crop clinic and private applicator training will be held today (Wednesday) at JoDean's in Yankton. The event runs from 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Coffee, rolls and lunch will be served.

Nonprofit Day At The Capitol Feb. 4

PIERRE — Nonprofit organizations from across South Dakota will be honored in Pierre Thursday, which has been declared Nonprofit Day at the Capitol.

It is hard to pick up a paper without reading about a nonprofit agency working hard to improve the quality of life here in South Dakota, but what most people don't realize is that there are 7,746 nonprofits in South Dakota. They have \$7.1 billion in income and \$12.7 billion in assets. This makes nonprofit agencies not only a driving force behind South Dakota's economy and quality of life, but this makes nonprofit organizations one of the largest employers in South Dakota.

Most nonprofits are working hard on limited budgets to bring needed services to the citizens of South Dakota.

Thursday will be a day where nonprofits will come together to showcase their programs to the South Dakota Legislature.

Memorial Park Concept Plan Available

The City of Yankton has announced that the Memorial Park Pool Master Plan Concept can be viewed at the Community Library, Summit Activities Center, or the City Manager's Office.

Along with the Master Plan Concept schematic, there are documents which can be reviewed, including: the plan narrative; cost estimate for entire Master Plan; cost estimate for Phase One; community and commissioner comments in regards to Memorial Pool from the October 2007 community meeting.

This and other information relating to the Memorial Pool facility can be found on the City Web site www.cityofyankton.org.

The City Commission will hear the public's comments in regards to the concept at the commission's Feb. 22, meeting, which starts at 7 p.m. at the Technical Education Center, 1200 West 21st St.

For questions regarding the plan or the related information, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 668-5231.

Pianopalooza! Tickets Now Available

Pianopalooza! — Yankton Verve's Annual Bash — will be held Friday, Feb. 12, at Minerva's Grill and Bar. It will be an evening of fun, entertainment and dueling pianos.

Social begins at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. and entertainment will take the stage at 8:30 p.m.

For more information, contact the Yankton Chamber and Visitor Center at 803 E. Fourth St., or call (605) 665-3636 or e-mail yanktonverve@gmail.com.

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

Naval Academy Now Accepting Summer Seminar Applications

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — Applications are being accepted through March 31 for the United States Naval Academy Summer Seminar (NASS) 2010.

NASS is designed for students who will have just completed their junior year of high school in the summer of 2010. This program is a fast-paced, six-day experience for high-achievers who may be interested in pursuing an appointment to one of the nation's service academies and serving as a military officer after graduation. NASS is held in three sessions: June 5-10, June 12-17 and June 19-24.

Summer Seminar introduces students to the opportunities at the Naval Academy where academics, athletics, and professional training play equally important roles in developing our nation's leaders. Students will live in the dormitory, Bancroft Hall, eat in the dining facility, King Hall, participate in academic and leadership workshops, and experience a variety of other activities at the academy. Students will have an opportunity to see first-hand what the academy has to offer through its exceptional academic, athletic, extracurricular activities and leadership training programs.

By applying to the 2010 Summer Seminar, students are also applying for admission to the Naval Academy class of 2015. There is no need to submit a preliminary application when it becomes available on April 1 for students desiring to apply for admission to USNA.

Students with questions about NASS and the application process should call 410-293-1549 or visit www.usna.edu/admissions. The deadline for applications is March 31, 2010.

For more information about Naval Academy athletics, extracurricular activities and other general information, visit www.usna.edu.

NDOR Clears Way For Meridian Project

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The Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) cleared the way Tuesday for the conversion of the Meridian Bridge into a pedestrian/bicycling structure. "The NDOR did give official

concurrence Tuesday on the bid for the Meridian Bridge improvements," said Mary Jo Oie, the communication division manager for the agency. The South Dakota Transportation Commission awarded a \$4.8 million bid for the project Thursday to

PCIRoads of St. Michael, Minn. The NDOR approved the bid as accepted by South Dakota, Oie said.

The South Dakota Department of Roads is the lead agency on the project, but Nebraska is paying for 70 percent of the project.

CONTACT CENTER FUNDRAISER



SUBMITTED PHOTO

In their yearly quest to contribute to the community, the Midwest Riders Motorcycle Club held a fundraiser for the Contact Center on January 29, featuring Hypnotist Sam Nickel. Pictured are the Midwest Riders Motorcycle Club and friends, with President, Sam Nickel presenting over \$1,000.00 to Jennifer Adamson of the Contact Center. Several boxes of food for the food pantry were also donated.

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everybody in the classroom to have something," added Student Council advisor Fayda Christensen.

She said participating in the drive will give the students a greater perspective on what's happening in Haiti.

"Sometimes kids focus so much on themselves," she said. "They don't think about the world around them or the community around them, and so we try to focus our student council ... on things in the community and the world. Haiti is very much something that's on everybody's mind, and the kids need to realize that and understand that. It teaches them empathy."

To enhance the lesson even further, Webster was visited Tuesday by two local residents who have been to Haiti on mission trips, Yankton High School senior Gavin Brandt, and his mother Gena.

Gavin Brandt offered a slideshow presentation to the students that helped them better understand the differences between the United States and Haiti.

He mentioned how Haiti has neither organized sanitation system, nor a centralized location to throw garbage.

"They just throw it out on the road, they throw it down into the river, because there's no way

to pick it up. It's like that all over Haiti," he said.

Another problem is the lack of clean water, Brandt said. "When we go down there, we can't drink the water, we can't swim in the water, we can't do anything with the water because it's really dirty," he said. "And that's what they wash their clothes in. That's where they take baths."

Perhaps the biggest difference is the lack of edible food, with schoolchildren guaranteed only two meals per week, he said.

"We get to eat every day when we're down there, and they have to watch us eat. ... They're so hungry, and they can see you in there, and they stick their hands in and say your name, and they want food," Brandt said.

The malnutrition shows in the development of the children, with some of them suffering from vitamin deficiency-induced defects such as blindness or stunted growth, Brandt said.

One photo Brandt shared showed him standing with a Haitian child, whom he towered over. At the time of the picture, Brandt was 14 and the other child was 17.

Brandt reminded the Webster students that, if anything, conditions in Haiti have only gotten worse.

"Everything you saw happened before the earthquake, and that looked pretty bad, didn't it?" he said. "Think what it's like after the earthquake."

He said he will return to the country for another trip toward the end of the year.

"We were planning on going next month, but our plane tickets were canceled," he said.

Both of the Brandts have been involved in other fundraisers in the community.

One of these was a change donation at the high school — Change for Change — that brought in approximately \$400.

Gena Brandt also spoke of a 30-hour famine that took place Jan. 8-9, involving approximately 44 participants from area churches.

"At the end of this fast, we ate this packaged stuff, because you don't want to eat greasy food after your stomach's been without food for 30 hours," she said. "And that was a real good experience."

She added that she hopes the increased focus the earthquakes have drawn to Haiti will result in positive changes for the nation.

"Things have been bad there for a long time, and the only thing I pray is that there will (now) be awareness of what goes on there all the time ... and that their government will make some changes," she said.

For more information on Kids Against Hunger, visit www.kidsgainsthungersixfalls.com.

OBITUARIES

Vesta Serr

SCOTLAND — Funeral services for Vesta I. Serr of Scotland will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 4 at the Zion Lutheran Church in Scotland with Rev. Jonathan Vehar officiating.

The family will be present to greet visitors on Wednesday from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the Goglin Funeral Home in Scotland. Visitation will resume one hour prior to time of services at the church on Thursday.

Burial will be held at a later date in Rosehill Cemetery, Scotland.

Honorary casketbearers are all of Vesta's grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Online condolences may be sent at www.goglinfh.com.

Vesta Irene (Edwards) Serr was born Wednesday, October 24, 1917 at Butte, Nebraska to George and Anna (Scher) Edwards. On January 16, 1939, Vesta was united in marriage to Allen Serr at Yankton, South Dakota. Vesta was a homemaker and seamstress, and worked at Landmann-Jungman Memorial Hospital until her retirement. Vesta found joy in her involvement at Zion Lutheran Church where she was active in the



Vesta Serr

choir, the church council and ladies' circles, teaching Sunday School, helping with Vacation Bible School, and making quilts with the Zion ladies. Her interests included her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, sewing, embroidery, cooking, shopping and traveling. Vesta became a resident of the Good Samaritan Society of Scotland in September of 2003, and it is there that she passed away on Monday, February 1, 2010, having attained the age of 92 years, 3 months and 7 days.

Vesta is survived by two sons: Francis (Marge) Serr of Yankton and Harvey (Susan) Serr of North Mankato, Minnesota; a daughter, Kathleen (John) Newman of Sacramento, California; two grandsons and three great-grandchildren: Nathan (Mary) Serr and

Elizabeth, Joshua and Hannah of Shoreview, Minnesota and James Serr of Sacramento, California; a brother, Norman (Marilyn) Edwards of Gordon, Nebraska; four sisters: Edna (Harold) Amick of Anderson, Indiana, Louise Divitt of Lincoln, Nebraska, Shirley (Ray) Davis of Ainesworth, Nebraska, and Ruby (Darryl) Pinhero of Azle, Texas; and a sister-in-law, Marge Edwards of Ainesworth, Nebraska.

Vesta is preceded in death by her husband, Allen; four sisters: Helen, Leila, Leona and Verna; three brothers: Harold, Clifford and Wayne; and three sisters-in-law.

In lieu of flowers, the family prefers memorials to the Good Samaritan Society of Scotland.

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Charles Bingen

BURBANK — Charles M. Bingen, 62, of Burbank died Monday, (Feb. 1, 2010) at Sanford Vermillion Hospital.

Funeral services are at 2 p.m. Saturday at Trinity Lutheran Church, Vermillion, with burial to follow in Bluff View Cemetery, Vermillion.

Visitation is 5-7 p.m. Friday with the family present from 6-7 p.m. at Iverson-Sieck-Kober Funeral Home, Vermillion. A prayer service follows at 7 p.m.

Kathleen Teget

Kathleen G. (Holmes) Teget, 93, of Yankton died Monday (Feb. 1, 2010) at her residence at Walnut Village.

Memorial services are at 11 a.m. Friday at Wintz & Ray Funeral Home, Yankton. Inurnment will be at the Rose Hill Cemetery in Shenandoah, Iowa, at a later date.

There will be a gathering of family and friends a half-hour prior to the memorial service.

The family suggests that memorials may be given to Avera Sacred Heart Hospice or the Yankton Public Library.

To post an online sympathy message, visit wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

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