

REGION DIGEST

Red Cross To Hold Annual Meeting Tonight

The Yankton County Red Cross will hold its annual meeting at 5 p.m. tonight (Thursday) at the Avera Physicians Office Pavilion, POP Conference Room 1 located at 409 Summit Street in Yankton.

The meeting will outline and review the previous 12 months, recognize outgoing board members and introduce the new slate of officers for 2009-2010. Restaurants that participated in the 2009 Dining for Disaster will be recognized.

The annual meeting is open to the public. For more information, contact the Yankton County Red Cross at (605) 665-7572.

Parkinson's Support Group To Meet Friday

The Parkinson's Support Group will meet at 1:30 p.m. Friday, July 9, on the third floor of the Benedictine Center, Avera Sacred Heart Hospital campus. The meeting was previously advertised on an incorrect day. Avera Sacred Heart Hospital apologizes for the inconvenience. If you have any questions, call (605) 665-7158.

YCL Circulation Software Upgraded

The Yankton Community Library will be running offline circulation beginning on Friday, July 9, as part of the statewide upgrade of our circulation system.

In order to avoid delays, library officials ask that all patrons bring your library cards with you as library workers will not be able to access your records from our circulation computers.

During the upgrade, the library will also not be able to place holds, renew items unless you bring those items to the library, or place interlibrary loan orders. It will be possible to issue new cards, but this will be time-consuming and workers cannot actually enter data into the computer until the upgrade is complete and the library is running the full upgrade statewide.

While patrons will be able to search the online catalog at home and at the library, you will not be able to place holds or renew your items from home.

Reservoir Levels Remain Above Normal

OMAHA, Neb. — Missouri River main stem reservoir levels remain above normal throughout the basin due to heavy runoff from rain and mountain snow melt. As a result, the Corps' long-term plan throughout the remainder of the year is to evacuate flood water from the reservoir system through releases out of Gavins Point Dam.

Runoff into the reservoir system was 8.8 million acre feet in June, 166 percent of normal. Inflows are currently running above normal in all reaches along the river downstream of Gavins Point.

The forecast for July anticipates greater than normal runoff due to wetter than normal soil moisture conditions throughout the basin.

Gavins Point releases averaged 27,700 cfs in June. The long-term average in June is 32,200 cfs. Releases will average 35,100 cfs in July.

Fort Randall releases averaged 18,800 cfs in June. They will average 33,100 cfs during July to help bring the reservoir out of its exclusive flood control zone. Fort Randall is projected to decrease by about 5.6 feet in July, ending near elevation 1361 feet.

Kinsley To Appear At Museum July 16

A presentation and book signing with author Maxine Kinsley will be held at 12:10 p.m. Friday, July 16, at the Dakota Territorial Museum, Yankton, as part of the museum's month "Brown Bag" series.

Kinsley's new book "The Sioux City to Fort Randall Road 1856-1892 Revisited" was released in March. Kinsley will share information about her research and a little about this book. She will also be available for book signing before and after the Brown Bag session.

Kinsley's book is available at the Dakota Territorial Museum Gift Shop.

All Brown Bag events are free and held every third Friday at the Dakota Territorial Museum conference room at Westside Park from noon to 1 p.m.

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

Look Good ... Feel Better Session July 12

The American Cancer Society is helping local cancer patients with its "Look Good ... Feel Better" program, offering free makeup and custom makeover sessions for Yankton area patients.

It may seem like a small thing — the way a woman looks when going through cancer treatment. However, for many women, it is one of the most difficult battles they have to face.

"The hair loss is a really big deal—you really feel self-conscious," said Deb Hoy, a South Dakota survivor who has benefited from Look Good ... Feel Better sessions. "It's nice to have that training and makeup avail-

able to help you feel better about yourself."

Look Good ... Feel Better is a free program that teaches beauty techniques to cancer patients in active treatment to help them combat the appearance-related side effects of cancer treatment. Look Good...Feel Better is offered through a collaboration between the American Cancer Society and the National Cosmetology Association and Professional Beauty Association.

The cosmetologists involved in the program are trained volunteers who help cancer patients cope with skin changes and hair loss. Participants receive more than \$250 of free, brand-name

cosmetics that are tailored to match their skin tone. All cosmetics used are donated by the cosmetic industry. The Look Good ... Feel Better consultants also teach patients how to use wigs or scarves to disguise hair loss.

"If you look good, you feel better about yourself. And that positive attitude helps with beating cancer," said Autumn Van Buskirk, who coordinates the Look Good ... Feel Better program for the American Cancer Society.

Another benefit of the Look Good ... Feel Better group program is that women can be a part of a social environment

where they connect with others who are going through cancer. Some areas even offer 1-on-1 programs with consultants in their own salon. Self-help materials are also available, including a video and an instructional booklet, for those unable to attend a group program or one-on-one consultation.

Look Good ... Feel Better is offered in the Yankton area every month on the second Monday at Avera Sacred Heart. The next session is July 12. Any cancer survivor in active treatment is welcome to attend.

Call the American Cancer Society to register at 1-800-227-2345 or visit www.cancer.org.

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the only state with the electric chair as its sole means of executing condemned prisoners.

Houston said the state could receive the necessary drugs for lethal injections within the next several weeks, but he didn't know for sure.

Illinois-based Hospira Inc. is the only company in the U.S.

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you consider that many of our trucks can't use ethanol," he said.

McCarrick on Wednesday said she was pleased to learn state use of ethanol is increasing. But she took Rounds and Dugaard to task for criticizing President Barack Obama and other federal officials for delaying the use of a 15 percent blend of ethanol when federal money is helping provide ethanol pumps in South Dakota.

"Let's continue to be more forward-thinking," she said.

Mueller said of the state government's 96 fueling stations, those in Pierre, Rapid City and Sioux Falls offer E85. A fourth site, in Brookings, will begin pumping E85 later this year.

that makes the anesthetic used during lethal injections. Company spokesman Dan Rosenberg said there have been "manufacturing issues" but declined to elaborate. He said the drug should be more readily available sometime during the third quarter, which started this month and runs through September.

The state's five-page protocol requires that three drugs be administered during an execution by trained corrections workers, including two emergency

technicians who would be responsible for maintaining an open IV line.

After execution dates are set, members of the execution team will be required to train weekly. When no execution dates are scheduled, the team must train every six months.

Attorneys who oppose the death penalty have said they expect lawsuits will be filed attacking various components of the protocol, including training requirements they say are vague.

Adding E85 pumps at other sites wouldn't be worth the cost because those sites pump low volumes of fuel, he said.

Federal stimulus money has been used to install the E85 pumps, Mueller said.

Mueller said McCarrick is correct that 40 percent of the state's vehicles are flex fuel, but many of the remaining vehicles are unavailable with the flex-fuel option.

The state has been unable to increase its number of flex-fuel vehicles because it hasn't bought new vehicles for about two years due to budget problems, Mueller said.

The state isn't moving to install blender pumps, which can pump differing blends of ethanol, because it would cost about \$25,000 at each fueling site to install a pump and fuel tank, Mueller said. If a blender pump were installed at each of the 96 fueling sites, the total cost would be \$2.4 million, he said.

COUNTY

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in low. I know a lot of contractors are out there that need the work."

The goal is to not raise taxes, he said. The county already has more than \$400,000 set aside for the project.

"We're not going to raise taxes for now, and hopefully we won't have to," Jensen said. "You can never say never because you don't know what is going to happen down the road. But if the situation stays like it has over the years, we should get it paid off way before 10 years is up."

The commission has had discussions for years about building a new highway shop to replace the 70-year-old facility located just west of Broadway at 407 West 11th Street.

"We're not building anything we don't need," Commissioner Mark Johnson said Wednesday. "We're barely building what we need. If we had some extra cash laying around, I'd certainly recommend that we build something bigger."

The building is being constructed in such a way that an addition could be built in the future.

As Erickson discussed the plans for the project Wednesday, it was noted that a sprinkler system is not included. The commission agreed that such a safety precaution should be added as an alternate for the project. If a system is feasible, it should be pursued, commissioners said.

"You're putting a lot of apples in one basket at night if we don't have any protection," Commissioner Bill Tamisnea said. "Most of (that equipment is) not insured."

OBITUARIES

Ralph Christopherson

Ralph M. Christopherson, age 92 of Yankton passed away on Sunday, July 4, 2010 at Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton, SD.

Graveside services will be 11:00 a.m. Friday, July 9, 2010 at the Gayville Cemetery, Gayville, SD with Rev. Paul M. Opsahl officiating. Military Graveside Rites will be by the Ernest-Bowyer VFW Post # 791. Pallbearers will be members of Post # 791.

Visitations will be 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, SD.

He was born on December 15, 1917 to Louis and Carrie (Rye) Christopherson. He was one of ten children (Inez, Mabel, Julian, Tillie, Loyal, Cora, Martin, Victor, Ralph and Dorothy). He was born and raised on the home place in Gayville, South Dakota. He attended the Gayville School System and upon completion he traveled throughout the western part of the country. He held various jobs until he decided to join the United States Marine Corp. He served overseas in World War II. He saw many horrible events of war but he returned to the



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states safe and sound.

On Easter Sunday, April 25, 1943 in North Hollywood, CA he married Bobbi Peterson. They were stationed in many states while

Ralph finished his military time. In 1951, Ralph and Bobbi bought their farm in Volin where they lived until 2004 when they sold their home place and moved to Yankton. During the years of farming, Ralph served as the Tax Assessor of Yankton, he was the County Treasurer for over 25 years and he was a school board member for all the years his children attended school. He was a VFW member in the Yankton branch. Ralph was very proud of his country and its freedoms, so it was a rare occasion that you would not see his flag flying at his home. He was a good neighbor and friend who would help anyone, no matter what he had going on in his life. He worked his farm but he also helped both of his brothers farm their land in Gayville.

Ralph was somewhat of a medical miracle which few

people knew. In September 1971, he had a cardiac arrest. The doctors told his wife and family to take him home, but his affairs in order as he had about six months to live. His strong will to live, love of life and pure determination, he was able to live a much longer fuller life which allowed him to spend precious time with his family.

Ralph is survived by his wife of 67 years, Bobbi of Yankton; a daughter, Michelle Holbrook of Rosamond, CA. There are three grandchildren: Chad (Deanna) of Rosamond, CA, Jason (Sandra) of Fargo, ND, and Amber (Dustin) of Coeur d'Alene, ID. He had five great grandchildren: James, Paige, Kyle, Dylan, and Gavin.

He was preceded in death by his son Bob who passed away in November 2008, his parents, and brothers and sisters.

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LaVerne Malik

LOVELAND, Colo. — LaVerne L. Malik, 84, of Loveland, Colo., and formerly of Yankton, died Tuesday (July 6, 2010) at the Loveland Good Samaritan Center, Loveland.

Funeral services are at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Yankton, with the Rev. Mark Lichter officiating. Burial will be in the Sacred Heart Cemetery, Yankton.

Visitations is 5-9 p.m. Friday at

Opsahl-Kostel funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, with a rosary at 7 p.m. and followed by a Scripture service at 7:30 p.m.

Paul Hanson

SIoux FALLS — Paul W. Hanson, 78, of Sioux Falls died Monday (July 5, 2010) at Avera McKennan Hospital, Sioux Falls, as a result of an accidental fall.

Funeral services are at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Trinity Lutheran Church,

Yankton, with the Rev. David Lund officiating. Burial will be in the Vangen Cemetery, Mission Hill, with military honors provided by the Ernest-Bowyer VFW Post No. 791.

Visitation is 5-8 p.m. today (Thursday) at Wintz & Ray Funeral Home, Yankton, with a prayer service at 7 p.m. Visitation resumes one hour prior to the funeral at the church.

To post an online sympathy message or to view the video tribute, visit wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

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