

Farewell Reception For HSC's Nelson Today

The public is invited a farewell reception honoring South Dakota Human Services Center (HSC) Administrator/CEO Cory D. Nelson, MPA. The reception will be held at 2-4 p.m. today (Tuesday) in the HSC Courtyard Café (Snack Shop).



Nelson

Those attending the reception are encouraged to use the Highway 81 entrance to HSC. The visitor entrance is near the flag pole and visitor parking is to the left of the flag pole circle drive. Visitors are encouraged to leave purses, cell phones and related items in their vehicles.

Nelson, who has served as HSC administrator/CEO since November 2001, led the way for advancements at HSC in treatment, expansion of services, and improvements in facilities. Nelson has announced plans to relocate to Phoenix. He has accepted the position of chief executive officer for the Arizona State Hospital, a psychiatric facility with civil, forensic and sexual offender facilities.

Boating Restriction In Place On L&C Lake

Boaters on Lewis and Clark Lake are restricted from operating within 1,500 feet of the Gavins Point power plant intake and spillway.

The Corps has imposed the restriction as a safety precaution due to record outflows from Lewis and Clark Lake into the Missouri River, said Dave Becker, operations project manager at Gavins Point.

The outflows, which are 160,000 cubic feet per second, continue to create strong currents in the southeast corner of Lewis and Clark Lake near the power plant intake and spillway. Boaters are required to keep a 1,500-foot distance from these structures throughout the duration of the flood event.

"Public safety remains our top priority," said Becker. "We are asking for the public's cooperation with this restriction until further notice."

Yankton Library Brown Bag Event Cancelled

Due to the funeral of Duane Heene, the Yankton Community Library Brown Bag scheduled for Wednesday, July 13, has been cancelled.

The next Brown Bag will be at noon on Wednesday, Aug. 10.

2011 ADA Celebration Event Wednesday

An event celebrating the signing of the 2011 Americans with Disabilities Act will be held Wednesday, July 13, in the large picnic shelter at Yankton's Memorial Park. The event runs from 1-3 p.m.

Root beer floats will be available, and games of ladder ball and bean bag toss will be played.

This event is organized by The Disability Education and Awareness Committee. The public is invited to attend.

Red Cross Annual Meeting Slated Thursday

The Yankton County Red Cross will hold its annual meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday, July 14, at 224 West 3rd Street in the lower level of the Lewis & Clark Realty building in Yankton.

The meeting will outline and review the previous 12 months, recognize outgoing board members and introduce the new slate of officers for 2011-2012. Restaurants that participated in the 2011 Dining for Disaster will also be recognized.

The meeting is open to the public.

For more information on the annual meeting, contact the Yankton County Red Cross at (605) 665-7572.

YCTC Auditions Set For July 14-15

Auditions for the Yankton Children's Theatre Company (YCTC) production of "Gooney Bird Green and her Fabulous Animal Parade" will be held July 14-15 at YCTC headquarters at 407 Walnut. Auditions are 6-9 p.m. each night.

The casting is open to kids ages 5-18. There will be cold readings from the script.

The performance dates are Sept. 9-11.

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for \$1.33, Viereck said.

"That's not a real efficient system," he said. "With today's technology, we're trying to improve on that while still maintaining checks and balances."

In addition to saving on time and the labor that goes into processing POs, the city will also earn annual rebates by using the system. Russell estimates that rebate could be anywhere from \$10,000-\$25,000 annually.

While no cities in South Dakota are using the program, Viereck said communities that use it in Illinois and Wisconsin are happy with it.

"After talking to the two cities, I was much more comfortable (with implementing the program)," he said. "It doesn't guarantee that there can't be misuse, just like with 135 employees there could be misuse with POs. That's our responsibility, is to try to keep the checks and balances up and not have it happen."

The program also offers fraud protection of up to \$100,000 per card per instance and free card misuse insurance.

Implementation of the program and the training for it takes approximately six to eight weeks.

"It should be a seamless transition and something we can capitalize on pretty quickly," Russell said.

The switch to the corporate credit card system is part of an initiative he discussed at a recent budget session to implement practices and tools that will make city government more efficient and reduce the use of paper.

"You look at ways to modernize your processes," Russell said. "Things like this are exciting to implement. Hopefully, it leads to more things being accomplished within the organization with the same resources."

After a series of questions about the program, the City Commission approved it in a 7-0 vote. Commissioners Pauline Akland and Paul Lowrie were absent from Monday's meeting.

In other business Monday, the commission:

- was told by Russell that it was his first meeting experimenting with an iPad. As part of the aforementioned effort to go paperless, the commission is considering the elimination of its paper packets and instead using iPads during meetings;
- held an executive session regarding collective bargaining with city employees; and
- Commissioner Nancy Wendt noted she is glad the South Dakota Department of Transportation plans to have a public education campaign regarding the blinking yellow arrow on the Eighth and Summit Street signal system. It is the first time in the state that such an arrow has been included in a signal system.

LOTTERIES

MONDAY RESULTS

2 BY 2: Red Balls: 3-19, White Balls: 19-26
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Man Sentenced For Theft

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A man who pleaded guilty last month to stealing money from a Yankton convenience store was sentenced Monday to 10 years in prison with six years suspended.

Nicholas Brandon Arneson, 28, will serve the sentence concurrently with a sentence he is currently serving in the South Dakota State Penitentiary system for violating parole.

He was arrested in early March for entering the Cork 'N' Bottle in the 1500 block of Broadway Avenue at 10:18 p.m. Feb. 26, pushing his way behind the counter and taking a box containing \$3,100.

As part of the sentence, Circuit Judge Glen Eng ordered Arneson to pay back the \$3,100 he stole, plus a \$1,000 fine and about \$1,400 in other accumulated costs to the criminal justice system.

Arneson had originally pleaded not guilty to robbery and grand theft charges in March. Under last month's plea agreement with the Yankton County State's Attorney Office, he pleaded guilty to the grand theft charge, while the robbery charge was dismissed.

Defense attorney Lucy Lewno requested a sentence of eight years with five years suspended, which she said would allow her client to get back into the Yankton Trusty Unit and take part in the work release program.

Grand theft is a Class 4 felony punishable by up to 10 years in the state penitentiary and/or a fine of \$20,000.

Arneson was sentenced by Eng in 2003 to the state penitentiary on drug-related charges and was released in 2006. He was still on parole for that sentence when he committed the February theft.

Lewno stated that her client was on the right track until that time. He had a job, a child and was purchasing a home. However, she said the financial pressures of providing for a young boy overwhelmed him. Arneson didn't have the money to purchase medication for himself, and she said he failed to ask for the help he needed from health officials.

Arneson told the court that the theft was "a very impulsive thing."

It didn't help that relations between the child's mother and him were strained, he said.

"I just hurt," Arneson said. "I missed my son and wanted to see him."

Eng said he remembered Arneson from his previous sentencing and had held out hope that he would get his life on track.

The judge said he sees a pattern in Arneson's life of not thinking through the consequences of his actions and grasping for the things that seem easiest. In the future, he stated that Arneson will have to structure his life so that when he encounters difficulties, he won't have a knee-jerk reaction that produces a negative result for himself and others. Eng said there are agencies that can help people who are having problems.

"I think there is an ability in you to overcome your past," Eng told Arneson. "Don't give up on yourself."

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compared to a long-term average of 26,700 cfs. The reservoir is currently at a record elevation of 1,374 feet, but is expected to drop to near 1,367 by the end of July.

Farhat warned that a major event, such as a downpour, could fill up a reservoir and maintain the need for high releases.

In fact, Fort Randall has remained higher than expected because of heavy rainfall, Farhat said. The river levels jumped last week at Fort Randall after an upstream downpour dumped up to 9 inches of rain into the system.

"We assumed we wouldn't have all that water to evacuate out of Fort Randall," she said. "That reservoir is a little bit higher because we had to slow down the releases."

The Corps also continues monitoring the Gavins Point elevation pool, which affects Fort Randall releases, Farhat said. "We are trying to hold the drawdown at Fort Randall to two feet per week," she said, with the Corps citing bank erosion concerns.

"Fort Randall remains near the crest and should start to decline early this week," she said.

The Corps warns that, while upstream states are seeing relief, authorities continue fighting an intense downstream flood fight.

"All the reservoirs are still very high. The total storage is still above the previous record," Farhat said. "I wouldn't say we are comfortable, but I would say we are on the downhill side."

The Corps' forecast runs through Aug. 5, and officials are developing scenarios for evacuating flood water. The Corps hopes to have more definitive figures over the next two weeks — including the possible time for seeing the river back within its channel.

The flood fight received continued good news in terms of the snowmelt. The snowpack above Fort Peck, Mont., has declined to 6 percent of this year's peak. The reach from Fort Peck to Garrison, N.D., has dropped to 4 percent of the peak.

However, officials are watching the forecast, which carries a threat of heavy rain in northern Nebraska and southeast South Dakota.

"We are looking at 2 to 3-1/2 inches of rain during the next three days, but we should have drier conditions by Thursday night," said Chris Hedge with the Hydrometeorological Prediction Center (HPC).

The Corps announced figures on Monday, confirming the current flooding appears the worst in nearly 120 years.

Runoff into the Missouri River Basin above Sioux City, Iowa, during June 2011 was the highest single runoff month since the Corps began keeping detailed records in 1898. The previous record monthly runoff was 13.2 million acre feet

(maf) in April 1952.

June 2011 runoff into the Missouri River Basin above Sioux City was 13.8 maf, enough water to fill the Memorial Stadium in Lincoln, Neb., more than 9,700 times, or once every five minutes during the entire month.

The May 2011 runoff into the Missouri River Basin above Sioux City was 10.5 maf, the third highest single month of runoff since 1898. The May and June combined runoff totaled 24.3 maf, just short of the normal total annual runoff of 24.8 maf.

"We have not seen a basin-wide flood event of this proportion since the mainstem system was put into place," Farhat said. "If it weren't for the dams, the historic and unprecedented flooding we've experienced this year would have been much worse."

Runoff for the calendar year is projected to reach 57.7 maf, approximately 230 percent of normal. The previous record of 49 maf was reached in 1997.

"The flooding we are experiencing this year is due to a combination of runoff from heavy plains snowpack, near record mountain snowpack, and much above normal rainfall experienced in the upper basin during May and June," Farhat said.

"At the beginning of the runoff season, we had evacuated all of the floodwaters from last year and the reservoirs were prepared to capture this year's runoff. The game-changer was the rain in the upper basin that came into the system

Sunset Manor Bike Benefit In Irene Aug. 13

IRENE — Sunset Manor Avera, Barking Dog Cycling Club of Vermillion, Avera Sacred Heart Hospital and Avera Health are sponsoring a 30-mile bike ride on Saturday, Aug. 13, to benefit individuals who have sustained a traumatic brain injury. The ride will start at 8 a.m. at Sunrise Villa in Irene.

There will be a silent auction at Sunset Manor starting on Aug. 9 and ending at noon on Saturday, Aug. 13. Everyone is invited to participate in the silent auction and individuals need not be present to be a silent auction bid winner.

The proceeds will be used to purchase cognitive therapy software.

The Sunset Manor Foundation has already contributed \$4,000 toward this purchase.

To register for the ride go to www.SunsetManor.net and click on TBI ride. All pre-registered by Aug. 1 will receive a T-shirt. For more information, contact Fay Alexander at 605-263-3318.

during the last few weeks of May."

During May, the eastern half of Montana received between 300 and 400 percent of normal rainfall, more than a year's worth of rain in some locations during a two-week span of time. Portions of North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wyoming received more than 200 percent of normal rainfall.

Heavy rain continued into June, with significant areas of Montana and South Dakota receiving more than 200 percent of normal rainfall. Mountain snowpack, which typically peaks April 15, continued to accumulate until early May.

The six main stem power plants generated 1,135 billion kilowatt hours (kWh) of electricity in June, 136 percent of normal.

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OBITUARIES

Charles Magedanz

MILBANK — Mundwiler Funeral Home announces the death of Charles Magedanz, age 85 of Milbank who died July 9, 2011, at his residence.



Magedanz

Funeral services will be Wednesday, July 13th at 10:30 a.m. at Christ Episcopal Church in Milbank. The Rev. Marion Paulis will officiate and burial will be in the Milbank Cemetery.

Visitation will be Tuesday at Mundwiler Funeral Home from 5-8 p.m. and continue at the church on Wednesday, one hour prior to the service. Casket bearers will be grandchildren: Michael Byram, Stephanie Bartsch, Jonathan Byram, Charles Magedanz, Elizabeth Byram, and Sarah Byram. The organist will be Roger Goosen.

Charles Homer Magedanz, of Milbank, South Dakota, died on Saturday, July 9, at home in Milbank. He was 85 years old. Charles was born on May 15, 1926 on the family farm in Deuel County, South Dakota, to Hugo and Angie (Dalbey) Magedanz. He was baptized and confirmed in Christ Episcopal Church in Milbank.

Charles attended elementary school at the Young America District 59 rural school and graduated from Revillo High School in 1943. He worked on the family farm until entering the U.S. Army in December, 1944. Charles took

basic training at the Infantry Replacement Training Center at Camp Roberts, California and underwent additional infantry training at Camp Rucker, Alabama. He served overseas in the Philippine Islands and Okinawa and spent a year as a member of occupation forces in Korea. He was honorably discharged from the Army in November, 1946.

Charles was united in marriage with Donna G. Polzin on October 17, 1948, at Christ Episcopal Church in Milbank. They were the parents of three children, Thomas, Nancy, and Joseph. They farmed in the Revillo area until 1960, when they moved to Aberdeen, South Dakota, where Charles attended Northern State Teachers College. He graduated in 1963 with a degree in secondary education and taught in the Yankton, South Dakota, Public School System until his retirement in 1988.

Charles and Donna moved to Milbank in 1994. While living in Milbank, Charles worked with the Big Stone Area Habitat for Humanity Chapter and helped build several houses in the Milbank, Big Stone City, and Ortonville areas. Charles was a lifetime member of the Episcopal Church and served in several capacities in the churches in Yankton and Milbank.

Charles was a die-hard Chicago Cubs baseball fan and remembered well the last Cubs World Series appearance — in 1945 while he was on Okinawa.

He is survived by his wife Donna of Milbank, SD; three children: Thomas (Lita) of Pierre, SD; Nancy Byram (Scott) of Iowa City,

IA; and Joseph (Stacy) of Redlands, CA; six grandchildren; two brothers: Arthur (Ede) Magedanz of Milbank, SD; Dwight (Delaine) Magedanz of Milbank, SD; one sister, Muriel West of Dallas, TX. Charles was preceded in death by his parents, his brothers Robert and Orrin.

Memorials may be given to Milbank Area Hospice. Mundwiler Funeral Home of Milbank is in charge of the arrangements for Charles Magedanz. To send an electronic condolence visit www.mundwilerfuneralhome.net.

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John Waltner

SIoux FALLS — John R. Waltner, 72, of Sioux Falls and formerly of Freeman, died at his home in

Sioux Falls on Friday, July 8, 2011.

Funeral Services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at Pioneer Hall on the campus of Freeman Academy in Freeman, with visitation starting one hour before the service, also to be held at Pioneer Hall. Burial will take place in the Freeman City Cemetery.

Walter Funeral Home, Freeman, is in charge of arrangements.

Harriett Holcomb

LAKE ANDES — Harriett Holcomb, 94, of Lake Andes died Saturday, July 9, 2011, at Avera St. Benedict Health Center, Parkston.

Memorial services are at 2 p.m. Thursday at First Presbyterian Church, Lake Andes.

Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home, Wagner, is in charge of arrangements.

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