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as you want that night.”

Andy Jensen, a tri-county 4-H/youth program advisor, is also coordinating new activities focused on rockets and livestockology. The first activity will teach how to make stomp rockets, while the latter session will provide instruction on livestock and judging.

Besides 4-H exhibits, visitors can enjoy an antique tractor display on Saturday and Sunday, sponsored by the Tri-State Old Iron Tractor Association.

Thursday's schedule is devoted mostly to entering 4-H exhibits and weigh-ins for livestock, McFarland said. 4-Hers have registered 1,146 exhibits.

Friday's activities include rabbit, poultry, egg, swine and beef judging. Other events include the candy drop, dog agility demonstration, and the ice cream social sponsored by the Yankton Chamber Agribusiness Committee.

Saturday's activities include 4-H goat and sheep show; livestockology; fashion review style show, followed by the cake, cookie and cupcake live auction; the 4-H supper; celebrity round robin contest, and dance sponsored by the Yankton County 4-H Jr. Leaders.

This year's 4-H supper will include a smoked beef brisket sandwich, salad and cowboy beans. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Yankton County 4-H office through 5 p.m. Friday or at the door on Saturday. Kids meals will be available at the door only.

The celebrity round robin, which debuted last year, is returning with an even larger group of entrants showing off livestock showmanship skills, McFarland said.

Lauren Fosheim, the Yankton County 4-H/youth development program assistant, launched last year's celebrity version of the round robin competition. Fosheim wasn't available for comment last week, but she has said she was extremely pleased with the response to

the first celebrity round robin.

The popularity is reflected by the rapid growth of this year's event, McFarland said.

“We have 13 participants, so we are very excited,” she said. “Thirteen beef animals in one arena may be a bit much, so we may have two groups, but we haven't decided yet. This event is Lauren's baby, and she is running it.”

The 13 participants more than double last year's six celebrities who took to the livestock ring.

“That's amazing, and we are excited about it. We had beef and swine last year, and Lauren may do something similar to it this year,” McFarland said.

“The community seemed to enjoy watching the different people in the round robin. Some people had no experience handling their animals, which made it really fun.”

Last year, one participant admitted he watched a YouTube demonstration on handling livestock and took advice from co-workers with an ag background.

This year's celebrity round robin includes the following:

- Jake Hoffner, Yankton City Commissioner;
- State Sen. Jean Hunhoff, (R-Yankton);

- State Rep. Mike Stevens (R-Yankton);

- State Rep. Bernie Hunhoff (D-Yankton);

- Jim Vlahakis, Yankton County Sheriff;

- Eric Roozen, WNAX/The Wolf;

- Greg & Tara Pirak, Valley Ag Supply;

- Carmen Schramm, Yankton Area Chamber;

- Dee Davis, WNAX/The Wolf;

- Justin Wagner, First National Bank;

- Dr. Wayne Kindie, Yankton School District Superintendent;

- Amy Beran, First National Bank;

- Allen Sinclair, Yankton County Commissioner.

Sunday's schedule includes the pancake breakfast, 4-H round robin champion showmanship, tractor demonstrations, rockets and horse show demonstration.

The pancake breakfast will be held from 8:30-11 a.m. at the Yankton County 4-H Building. All

proceeds up to \$500 will be matched by the home office of Modern Woodmen of America. The money will be donated to the Yankton County 4-H/Yankton Area Ice Association for kitchen upgrades.

“The remodeling in the kitchen will help not only 4-H but also the Ice Association,” McFarland said.

Achievement Days preparations come on top of an already hectic schedule for the Yankton County 4-H staff. Fosheim and Jensen spent last week working at state 4-H events in Huron.

Jensen is also working with Achievement Days in Bon Homme and Clay counties as part of his shared arrangement among three counties. Bon Homme County holds its activities Aug. 5-6, while Clay County follows at Aug. 8-10.

“Across the board, we are ready for the fair, but there are always those little things that seem to fall through the cracks. But at the end of the day, it all works out!” Jensen told the Press & Dakotan.

Jensen, a Wakonda native, is no stranger to 4-H and rural activities. He knows firsthand the valuable learning experiences gained from such hands-on projects.

“It doesn't matter what ribbon they receive, it matters what they have learned!” he told the Press & Dakotan.

The rewards gained at Achievement Days and at other 4-H events will last a lifetime, Jensen said.

“I am really excited to see all the hard work that the youth have put into their projects, either livestock or static,” he said. “The fair is really one of my favorite parts of the summer, and it's the time where the youth get to shine and show off!

“It's also where they can work together and create some great friendships that last for years.”

For more information on Yankton County 4-H Achievement Days, check out the schedule listed in today's (Monday's) advertisement in the Press & Dakotan.

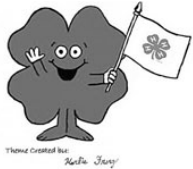
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2013 4-H

ACHIEVEMENT DAYS

AUG. 2-4, 2013



FRIDAY, AUG. 2

7:30 a.m. - 4-H Lunch Stand & Grounds Open

8:00 a.m. - 4-H Rabbit Show

8:30 a.m. - 4-H Poultry & Egg Judging

10 a.m. - 4-H Swine Show

2:30 p.m. - Candy Drop

3-4 p.m. - Dog Agility Demonstration

5:30-7 p.m. - Ice Cream Social - Sponsored by Yankton Area Chamber of Commerce AgriBusiness Committee

5 p.m. - 4-H Beef Show

8-10 p.m. - Laser Tag

10 p.m. - Grounds Close

SATURDAY, AUG. 3

7:30 a.m. - Grounds Open

8:30 a.m. - 4-H Sheep & Goat Show

9 a.m.-6 p.m. - Tractor Demonstration, Tri-State Old Iron Association

11 a.m.-12 p.m. - Decorated Cakes, Cupcakes and Cookie Check-In

11 a.m.-1 p.m. - Livestockology 4-H Contest

3-5 p.m. - Tractor Games, Tri-State Old Iron Tractor Association

5-7 p.m. - 4-H Supper

5 p.m. - Fashion Revue Style Show

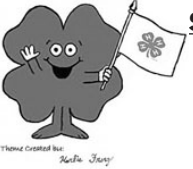
5:15 p.m. - Cake, Cupcake and Cookie Auction (to follow Fashion Revue)

6 p.m. - Celebrity Round Robin

7-9 p.m. - Laser Tag

9-11 p.m. - Dance - Open to the public. Sponsored by Yankton County 4-H Jr. Leaders

10 p.m. - Grounds Close



SUNDAY, AUG. 4

8:30-11a.m. - Pancake Feed

9 a.m. - Round Robin Champion Showmanship (Pig raffle announcement to follow)

9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. - Tractor Demonstration, Tri-State Old Iron Tractor Association

10-11:30 a.m. - Rockets

12-2 p.m. - Horse Show Demonstration

2:15 p.m. - Grounds Close



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Valley Ag Supply
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“It's nice not having to go all over; you don't have to worry about travel,” said Cam White, a former University of Minnesota golfer, now on the Dakotas Tour. He is staying with a Yankton family for the two weeks.

“It's nice to stay settled.”

With back-to-back weekends of golfers coming in to Yankton, there is naturally an economic boost, according to Sean Riley, the head PGA Pro at Hillcrest.

“We realize it's a long couple of weeks for them, but I think they appreciate that they can stay in one spot,” Riley said. “It's a great boost for the community to have that many professionals in town.”

Between the two pro-ams, an estimated 70-100 pros will compete at the events, Riley said.

The span includes three days of action at Fox Run, plus a professional qualifier at Hillcrest on Tuesday, followed by the Hillcrest Ladies Pro-Am later Tuesday. From there, pro golfers spend three days at the actual pro-am over the weekend.

“That's a lot of golf for amateurs who do both (events), but it's even more for the pros,” Riley said.

Even for professional golfers from the area, consecutive events in Yankton alleviates certain stresses.

Brandon Crick, a 25-year-old former University of Nebraska golfer, traveled to Yankton last week from McCook, Neb.

“Yankton's not one of the furthest drives for me, only three or four hours from Lincoln, so that's nice,” Crick said. “You can go home and have a day or two to relax.”

Crick plans to stay with a friend in Yankton over the two weeks, he said.

“It's a great setup, and I really enjoy Yankton. It's nice little town,” he said. “It's nice, too, because my parents try to make it up to watch me.”

One notable example Doby pointed out was that Mark Casey and his family once had Rich Beem stay with them, years before Beem became a notable golfer on the PGA Tour.

“That was before Rich Beem was Rich Beem,” Doby said. “That's just one example where Yankton families can say later, ‘That guy stayed with us one week.’”

Having golfers stay with host families is nothing new, as it routinely happens for pro-ams and other big golfing events, Riley said. Still, there is something to be said for the willingness for families to do so.

“It says a lot for Yankton that businesses and families support these guys — not to

mention every other sport — the way they do,” Riley said. “You don't get to see that much in a town this size.”

As registration nears its completion for the Hillcrest Pro-Am, event officials still work with pro golfers on finding available housing.

“We find that we have players who don't approach us about finding housing, because they already have great relationships,” Riley said.

At the end of last week, Hillcrest was still short approximately 15 amateurs for its pro-am, Riley said. The professional field, however, figures to be booked, he added.

Hillcrest's Pro-Am includes 38 exempt professionals, and around 50 more who compete for the final 20-30 positions.

Each course in Yankton provides its own challenges — Fox Run is known for its space and Hillcrest is known for its abundance of trees — for golfers, whether they be amateurs or pros.

There are other reasons why professional golfers enjoy spending two weeks in Yankton, said Andre Metzger, who won last year's Fox Run Pro-Am and went on to earn tour Player of the Year honors.

“It's my favorite couple of weeks here,” he said last week. “I really like Yankton, the people are great. It's such a fun two weeks.”

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Debate

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“Would civil unions be acceptable? I think they would be,” Ashford said. “Would gay marriage be acceptable? I don't think so.”

Supporters of the Nebraska amendment pointed to the 70 percent support it received when voters approved it in 2000. They argued the law preserves traditional marriages.

“There's no shift in my district,” said Sen. Mark Christensen, of Imperial, a Judiciary Committee member who represents a large part of a southwest and south-central Nebraska. “People still believe marriage is between a man and a woman, and no other way. I'm not sure there's such a big shift in the nation, either.”

The Supreme Court justices issued two 5-4 rulings in June. One wiped away part of the federal anti-gay marriage law that has kept legally married same-sex couples from receiving tax, health and pension benefits. The other was a technical ruling that said nothing about same-sex marriage,

but left in place a trial court's declaration that California's Proposition 8 is unconstitutional, making same-sex marriage legal in the state.

Same-sex marriage is legal, or soon will be, in 13 states and the District of Columbia, representing about 30 percent of the U.S. population.

After the Supreme Court decisions were released, some gay marriage supporters in Nebraska said they were considering a statewide petition or a court challenge to overturn the state constitutional amendment.

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Social conservatives have noted that both rulings were narrowly drawn. They also argued that Nebraska's constitutional amendment has already survived a federal court challenge. In 2003, the American Civil Liberties Union and three other groups challenged the amendment in federal court. A federal judge in Nebraska ruled in their favor, but the decision was overturned by a three-judge panel from the U.S. 8th Circuit Court of Appeals.

BIDS

Sealed bids will be received by B-Y Water District, P.O. Box 248, Tabor, SD, until 4:00 p.m. (local time) on August 14, 2013, for the loading, hauling and removal of de-watered lime sludge from the Water Treatment lime storage lagoons located at the B-Y Water District Plant. Information regarding the project can be acquired by contacting B-Y Water District, P.O. Box 248, Tabor, SD 57063-0248 · Phone: 605-463-2531 or 800-286-3654.

All bids must be in a sealed envelope or container plainly marked “Bid on Lime Removal”.

Bids will be opened and read aloud on August 14, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. (local time).

B-Y Water District reserves the right to reject any or all bids & to waive any irregularities.

B-Y Water District Board of Directors
Allen Namminga, Chairman