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Gregory Burr with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) describes Wednesday his inspection of Noteboom Hall on the University of South Dakota campus in Vermillion. The CDC team determined that poor ventilation, not mold, has contributed to health complaints from some of the 1954 building's occupants.

Ventilation To Blame For USD Health Woes

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VERMILLION – Poor ventilation – not mold – is causing health problems for some persons using a University of South Dakota building, a Centers for Disease Control (CDC) team said Wednesday.

USD officials said they believe Noteboom Hall is safe. However, they sought the CDC's scientific appraisal after some employees filed injury reports with the state. Complaints have ranged from respiratory problems to hair loss.

The 1954 building originally served as a women's dormitory and was re-purposed in 1968 for academic and research use. The building currently houses the USD Department of Communication Science and Disorders.

After inspecting Noteboom Hall and conducting tests, the CDC team told Wednesday's press conference they found two small areas of mildew and an area of dampness on a wall.

"You don't have an existing mold issue. You have an existing ventilation issue," said Dr. Elena Page, a physician with the team.

"The most bang for your buck would be to improve ventilation," she added.

Page was joined on the team – representing the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) – by industrial hygienists Gregory Burr and Kendra Broadwater. The team will issue a written report within 10 days, and USD officials said they have created a working group to implement the recommendations.

Noteboom Hall can be occupied, Burr said. However he noted the building's ventilation system offers poor control of temperature and humidity. Making the needed changes would carry a steep price tag.

USD officials have estimated it would cost millions of dollars and require structural changes to replace the cur-

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Campaign Brings Awareness To Assault Issue

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A video of Yankton-area men strutting around in red high heels has started making the rounds on Youtube.

The video is just one part of the Walk a Mile in Her Shoes campaign in an effort to raise awareness of the issues of domestic violence and sexual assault. The video also gets people excited for the River City Domestic Violence Center & River City Family Connections' Family Strong Event set for Aug. 29.

Desiree Johnson, executive director of the River City Domestic Violence Center, said they made the video as a result of the support they've received in Yankton.

"Over the years, so many men have shared such heartwarming reasons why they choose to participate each year," Johnson said. "The purpose of the video was to really capture those special moments and share them with the community and all the survivors of the community."

She added that having a number of men step up helps bring the issues into the light.

"Because domestic violence and sexual assault are such scary issues for the community, people don't really want to believe they're occurring so abundantly in our home town," she said. "The video really captures some brave men coming forward and making a statement that it's OK to reach out in these scary situations and embrace the adults and children that are struggling with abuse of any form."

This is set to be the eighth year that the City of Yankton will host the walk.

Johnson said they've noticed a number of participants over the time the city has hosted the event.

"Every year, we have about 70-80 walkers," she said. "Over the last few years, we've really been encouraging family members to participate with the men that are walking in the red high heels. So if you have a child, or a grandchild who wants to hold your hand and walk with you, we're strongly encouraging that this year because we believe, too, that's teaching the next generation the power of respect and valuing every human being."

The Family Strong Event, in addition to the walk, will also include the "Silence Hides the Violence" 5K walk/run and children's fun run, and a family fun day which includes a free lunch, games and other activities.

Johnson said she's seen the event help in the shelter's goal of bringing awareness to the issues.

"The main goal is to create awareness of domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse," she said. "That's the goal for the event every year. As the years have passed, the event only continues to grow and more people are getting involved with it. I just see it as a huge movement forward on the domestic violence platform for our community. Yankton is just such a small, friendly community, but anybody that's in the advocacy field or law enforcement or emergency care can really tell you that there's a lot of things that can happen behind the four walls of a home that people maybe don't know about. ... We're trying to bring that out of the shadows."

To see the 2015 Walk a Mile in Her Shoes video, visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t7j0jianVFs>.

For more information on the Family Strong Event, visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/1655342561363832/>.

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A "Schuetz"-ing Competition



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A Schuetzenfest participant takes part in the shooting competition. This year's Schuetzenfest will take place this Sunday, August 2, in Bow Valley, Nebraska.

Schuetzenfest Preps For Another Active Year

BY LINDA WUEBBEN
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BOW VALLEY, Neb. — It's Schuetzenfest time and the German Catholics who reside near Bow Valley, Nebraska, are eagerly waiting to take a shot at the wooden bird and click their beer steins.

On Sunday, Aug. 2, a Schuetzenfest, or shooting festival, will be held in the small German northeast Cedar County town in the same fashion as their ancestors did back in the old country. There will be a parade, vendors, talent contest, dance, rifle and shooting competition but for many, the most important part of the day happens after Sunday morning mass.

"After Sunday mass at 9 a.m., the

Schuetzenfest shooters will parade from church to a nearby cemetery and honor the deceased former members and military," said Clint Pinkelman, this year's festival chairman. Pinkelman decided to take the lead for this year's celebration - it was too important to him he wanted to see the centuries-old tradition continue.

"We have a really close neighborhood down here, friends, families and neighbors, and we like to get together and have a good time," said Pinkelman. He didn't have to work too hard to make preparations for the shooting festival because everyone just chipped in, knew what needed to be done and went to work.

The Schuetzenverein, or Brotherhood of Shooters, which make up the Bow Valley

Honor Guard, are also members of the Bow Valley Park Association. After the ceremony at the cemetery, the Shooters will lead the parade through Bow Valley out to the dance hall about a mile away at 11 a.m.

Parade chairman Terry Pinkelman will be involved for the fourth Shooting festival having started in 1996. Pinkelman said the Bow Valley Schuetzenfest was formed in 1893 and was known as an Honor Guard. According to German tradition, communities formed citizens' militias to protect themselves from robbers and conquering princes. The Bow Valley festival had been abandoned for several years and then revived. In the beginning it was a yearly event

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Springfield Event Offers Slam Dunk

Basketball Tourney Raises Funds For Local Recreation

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SPRINGFIELD – When it comes to the next fundraiser in Springfield, Chris Libis knows it will be a slam dunk.

That's because he's helping organize a 3-on-3 Dunk Derby basketball tournament Saturday at College Memorial Park. Proceeds go towards the Springfield pool and park.

"We took a crew over to Delmont last year for their 3-on-3 tournament, and it was so much

fun," he said. "Hopefully, people will have a fun family day when they come to our tournament on Saturday."

But the upcoming tournament represents more than hooping it up for bragging rights. The Springfield REC (Recreation for Everyone Committee) is sponsoring the event to improve the quality of life in the Bon Homme County community.

"We're just a group of parents who got together and wanted to form a non-profit group to help with some of the activities

around Springfield and the surrounding area," Libis said.

The committee, formed about six months ago, is raising money for different recreational offerings.

"So far, it's been a big success," he said. "The main thing is that we've focused on the pool and the park. We got a water slide and a couple of poolside basketball hoops."

The pool itself represents a victory for the community, Libis said. "We seem to be fortunate in Springfield to have a pool with a

manager and lifeguards," he said.

The committee is also looking at improvements at the ball park including work on another tee-ball field and finishing work on dugouts, he said.

The projects have received support in terms of volunteer work, cash and in-kind donations, Libis said.

"The main goal is to make a few improvements here locally," he said. "We would like to do

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