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Charles Mix Sheriff Retires, Runs

Westendorf To Run For Same Role...In Sanborn Co.

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LAKE ANDES — The Charles Mix County sheriff originally headed for retirement may not be ending his career after all.

After 28 years in law enforcement, Ray Westendorf did not seek another term. He has been serving the large California-shaped county in southeast South Dakota.

However, the Lake Andes man is still running for sheriff — in Sanborn

County, about 100 miles away. The county is located in east-central South Dakota, between Huron and Mitchell.

Westendorf could not be reached for comment Wednesday. However, the Sanborn County auditor's office confirmed that he had filed a petition for the sheriff's race in that county.

Westendorf has filed as an independent in the Sanborn County race. He was required to collect at least 13 petition signatures to place his name on the ballot.

He will advance to the November

general election, where he will face Republican incumbent Tom Fridley of Artesian. No Democrats filed for the position.

"If (Westendorf) were to get the job, he would need to move to Sanborn County," a member of the auditor's office said.

Family ties play a role in Westendorf's decision to seek the Sanborn County sheriff's position, according to two Charles Mix County weekly newspapers. Westendorf's son resides in Woonsocket, the Sanborn

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The Rev. Dean Trapp, shown with his wife Susie, is leaving Yankton's First United Methodist Church. Trapp and his family will be honored Sunday, following his final sermon in Yankton.

Rev. Trapp, Family Saying Goodbye To Yankton

BY SHAUNA MARLETTE shauna.marlette@yankton.net

Saying goodbye is always bittersweet — you know things will change, but the memories and friendships will always remain.

The First United Methodist Church of Yankton is facing one such goodbye this weekend when they say farewell to Rev. Dean Trapp, his wife Susie and their daughters Kimberly, Alyssa and Erika. Long-time minister of the church, Trapp and his family will be honored this Sunday, following his final sermon before moving to his new placement in Sioux Falls.

"We hate to leave Yankton, the people here have been so good to us and we have felt such a part of the family," Rev. Trapp said. "But it will be what we make of it. Every town we have served, every town we have been in has been good to us. We are expecting the same in Sioux Falls."

Trapp said he is being placed in a church that is about the same physical size of the one here in Yankton, however, there will be a larger worship attendance just because of the number of people living in the community.

The Trapps have made Yankton their home since July of 1996 — 14 years. The average placement for a Methodist minister is typically only 6-7 years so, according to Trapp they have been here much longer than they expected when first being placed in the community.

"I think things were going so well between myself and the congregation, that it was a real good fit," he said. "Also, in the midst of that we did a building addition. Typically, when they do an addition it is nice to have the same leadership from start to finish."

Trapp said that as United Methodist pastors they know they are itinerate, and do expect to move from place to place. But he added that he has seen some definite benefits to being in one location so long.

"The leadership of the church wants to place pastors where their gifts and talents can be best used," he said. "But, there are a lot of advantages to staying in the same church. You build so many

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A SMALL TOWN'S HISTORY



PHOTO: ELIZABETH "SAM" GROSZ

Leona Kotab, Dante historian, published a book of Dante history in 2000 and has been compiling almost-daily notes for its sequel. The book has been valuable in preparation for Dante's Centennial Celebration set for this weekend.

Dante To Mark Centennials This Weekend

BY ELIZABETH "SAM" GROSZ P&D Correspondent

DANTE — Dante is throwing a party this weekend to celebrate the 100th anniversary of both its Catholic church and the town, but nobody knows how many guests will arrive.

This spirited small town of 83 people with Czechoslovakian roots will be hosting events that rival those of a small city.

"In this small community," said town historian Leona Kotab, "when you start something, everybody that lives here or in the surrounding area helps-it's like a mini-Labor Day celebration, except there is no parade."

While the planners and the committee heads are the mayor and town board, committee members come from both inside and outside of the town. Longtime mayor Dick Rysavy said he and board members Ernie Kocer and Jim Hill, as well as their wives, Ann, Theresa and Bernie,

respectively, started working on the celebration about 1-1/2 years ago, "so there's been some planning and lots of work."

But the lineup of activities, with something for everyone, should make that work worthwhile. The event kicks off Friday evening with the Darryl Rhoades Comedy & Music Show, beginning at 8 p.m. at the Dante Auditorium.

Rhoades, an entertainer from Atlanta, Ga., has been a performer since 1975, receiving acclaim with various groups of which he has been part, and as a solo act. Most recently he had an appearance in the movie, "Crazy Heart," with Jeff Bridges and Robert Duvall. More information about Rhoades can be found at www.music-comedy.com.

Saturday begins with a tree planting at 10 a.m. in memory of Mike Kotab, longtime community supporter who died last December.

"Softball was a big part of his life,"

said Leona of her husband, with whom she had run Mike's Bar.

Next on tap, a Show and Shine Display of vehicles on Main Street precedes a poker run, with a \$1,000 purse. A Flea Market and Craft Fair on Main Street begins at noon and runs through Sunday. Czechoslovakian pastries, kolaches, also will be available.

The 27th Annual Bobby Soukup Memorial Softball Tournament is set for both days at the Dante Ball Park. A dedication to past and present Dante ballplayers, both men and women, is set for 4:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Popular area dance band Eclipse will perform that evening in the Dante Auditorium.

Sunday morning at 10:30, Father Richard Baumberger is scheduled to officiate at a Polka Mass at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church. It is followed by a free Centennial Dinner, sponsored

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Stimulus Assists Renovation Of Gavins Point Welcome Center



Karla Zeutenhorst, park ranger with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, stands by the newly-completed desk in the front lobby of the power plant at Gavins Point Dam. The entire lobby is undergoing renovation, with new displays set to be completed later this year.

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The lobby of the power plant at Gavins Point Dam will be looking much different by the end of the year.

The space is getting a much-needed restoration that will feature new displays to increase visitors' knowledge about the history and function of the dam.

"Things had changed in the power plant, and it was just time to update," said Karla Zeutenhorst, park ranger with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. "I think the public is going to have a much better

understanding of what the Corps of Engineers does, and how we generate power here at Gavins Point Dam. It's going to be much more hands-on, much more interactive."

Funding for the update came through the stimulus program, and meetings have been taking place with the contractor — Formations, out of Portland, Ore. — since December.

"They're actually the same people who got the contract to redo our displays in the Lewis & Clark Visitor Center back in the mid-1990s," Zeutenhorst said. "They're good with interpretive displays ... and they've worked here before, which is totally ben-

eficial to us. The head of the organization actually worked on the displays in the visitor center."

Work has already begun on the project, with displays having been removed from the front lobby.

"The displays that we have in the power plant were from the 1970s. They were really old, and they were getting worn and outdated," Zeutenhorst said. "They just looked bad all the way around."

A new reception desk and overhead lights have been

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