



A luminary from this weekend's Relay For Life Walk in Yankton. James Cimburek/P&D

Relay For Life

Celebrating Those Touched By Cancer

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For Darla Gullikson, Relay for Life is a time to celebrate those who have beaten cancer, made it through treatments, pay tribute for what they've gone through and celebrate that they are still with us or the memories we have of those we lost.

Relay for Life is a fundraising event, which will be held June 29-30 from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. at Riverside Park in Yankton.

Gullikson, who is a member of the committee to plan the event, and said there are many reasons why it is important to have Relay for Life.

"The fundraising helps everybody," she said. "It helps in regards to research, transportation and all the other programs provided such as Reach to Recovery, Look Good Feel Good and Road to Recovery.

Carla Hummel, also a member of the committee, said this is the first year the event will not be held at the end of July.

"We've had a lot of requests to move it up in the past," Hummel said. "A lot of people come in July when we've had it and it gets really hot out there. We're going to see if this helps or hurts attendance for the event."

Sponsorship for the event has been impressive, Gullikson said, the committee is always happy to receive donations.

"If somebody has it in the back of their mind that they want to donate, doing so before Friday is great, but the year truly doesn't end. We can always take donations after the event for our relay," she said.

Hummel said the teams put together for the event have been great this year and have helped with a lot of the fundraising.

"The teams that are formed usually do some fundraising outside of the event before they get there. They might do business type fundraising or a rummage sale or something like that," she said. "We have a lot of family teams this year which is always fun to see because they get together in a different way than businesses would be able to. They all have their own original ideas of how they fundraise."

Although the teams contribute a lot to the event,

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Presidential Teaching

Kuhlman Named Top Math And Science Teacher In State

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AVON — An Avon teacher was recently honored of as a recipient of the Presidential Award for Math and Science Teaching.

Paul Kuhlman teaches math and science courses to students in both the middle school and high school grades in the Avon School District.

Kuhlman left for Washington D.C. on Tuesday, with meetings planned with President Barack Obama and his administration, members of the House and Congress, and members on the National Science Foundation.

Winners are selected by a panel of scientists,



Kuhlman

He was nominated for the award in the Fall of 2010 by his former colleague Mike Barondeau, of Edmunds Central High School.

"When I first found out I was nominated, I saw that big packet," he said, jokingly.

mathematicians and educators, following the initial selection process, which is done on the state level. This year's winners receive a \$10,000 award from the National Science Foundation, as well as an awards ceremony and several days of educational and celebratory events while in Washington.

The process included a video-tape of class, with written information about that class lesson that was taught and what was done to help further education. The 15-page application was due in May 2011.

One of the things he looks forward to the most is meeting with the other teachers from all around the country that are also being honored.

"We can all learn so much for each other," he said.

Kuhlman teaches physics, chemistry, physical science, geometry and seventh grade math at Avon. He is currently entering his 24th year of

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This 29-by-50-foot U.S. flag will be leading the way for the Gavins Point Yacht Club Fourth of July boat parade to be held next Wednesday at Lewis and Clark Lake. The event is open to all boaters, who are encouraged to decorate their boats in celebration of the country's independence.

Parade Of Boats To Be Held On Lewis And Clark Lake

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Thanks to a new event, area boaters this year will have a chance to commemorate our country's independence in style.

To celebrate the Fourth of July, the Gavins Point Yacht Club next Wednesday will be holding a boat parade at Lewis and Clark Lake. The event is open to all boaters and is free of charge.

"We encourage people to celebrate our freedoms and independence, and this is a great way for people on the water to do so," said Roger Wolff, Gavins Point Yacht Club member.

Wolff stressed that while it is the yacht club that is presenting the parade, boaters need not be members to participate. He added

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Santee Sioux Nation Gambling On New Casino



A construction crew works on the new Ohiya Casino and Resort, scheduled to open in mid-December south of Nebraska Highway 12 in Knox County, Neb. The Santee Sioux Nation own and operate the casino and resort, which received a loan of up to \$20 million from the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community (SMSC) of Minnesota.

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SANTEE, Neb. — The Santee Sioux Nation is gambling on the success of its new Ohiya Casino and Resort. But with all the resort's amenities, casino manager Thelma Thomas thinks the new facility makes for a pretty good bet.

Thomas noted the flurry of construction now under way at the site south of Nebraska Highway 12. The site is located about two miles east of the present casino, or about seven miles east of Niobrara, Neb.

A large sign greets passersby and announces the December 2012 opening date for the casino and resort.

"We have advertised a December 2012 opening. It's a 'fast build,' but that's what we're shooting for," Thomas told the

Press & Dakotan. "This work has been in the process for several years, and now it has intensified since last fall."

In June 2011, the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community (SMSC) of Minnesota awarded a loan of up to \$20 million to the Santee Sioux Nation to build a new Ohiya Casino and Lodge. The groundbreaking was held last October.

Work on the new casino and resort has moved quickly, according to Santee Sioux tribal chairman Roger Trudell.

"I am pleased to report that the Building Committee has worked very hard over the past six months to make the new casino and resort a reality," he wrote in a newsletter.

"We have engaged the

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Heat Wave: More Than 1,000 Records Fall In U.S. In A Week

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Feeling hot? It's not a mirage. Across the United States, hundreds of heat records have fallen in the past week.

From the wildfire-consumed Rocky Mountains to the bacon-fried sidewalks of Oklahoma, the temperatures are creating consequences ranging from catastrophic to comical.

In the past week, 1,011 records have been broken around the country, including 251 new daily high temperature records on Tuesday.

Those numbers might seem big, but they're hard to put into context — the National Climatic Data Center has only been tracking the daily numbers broken for

a little more than a year, said Derek Arndt, head of climate monitoring at the center.

Still, it's impressive, given that records usually aren't broken until the scorching months of July and August.

"Any time you're breaking all-time records in mid- to late-June, that's a healthy heat wave," Arndt said.

If forecasts hold, more records could fall in the coming days in the central and western parts of the country, places accustomed to sweating out the summer.

The current U.S. heat wave "is bad now by our current definition of bad," said University of Victoria climate scientist Andrew Weaver, but "our definition of bad changes. What we see now will

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