

### Seal Projects Scheduled For Area Roads

The South Dakota Department of Transportation will begin chip seal and fog seal applications work on several highways in the Yankton area for later next week.

The contractor will move from one project to the next in the following order.

- Interstate 29 — 43 miles from Exit 4 (McCook Lake) to Exit 47 (Beresford). Work includes sealing shoulders, ramps and crossroads. Approximate time to complete the chip seal and fog seal work is nine days
- Interstate 29 — Exit 50, Exit 53, Exit 56 and Exit 59 crossroads and ramps. Work includes sealing ramps and crossroads. Approximate time to complete the chip seal and fog seal work is two days.
- Highway 50 — Vermillion Truck Bypass, approximately four miles. Approximate time to complete the chip seal is two days, and one day for the fog seal.
- Highway 11 — 11 miles, from Alcestor to Highway 48. Approximate time to complete the chip seal is two days, and one day for the fog seal.

On all two-lane highways, traffic will be reduced to one lane and guided through the project with the use of flaggers and a pilot car. A delay of up to 15 minutes can be expected while travelling through the work area during the daytime hours.

On interstate routes, traffic will be reduced to one lane each direction with lane closures.

Loose gravel will be present for a period of 36 to 72 hours after each chip seal application. Traffic should travel at 40 mph during this time frame.

The permanent pavement marking is scheduled to be applied within 14 days of completion of the chip seal and fog seal projects.

The Road Guy Construction Company Inc. from Yankton is the prime contractor on the \$2 million contract.

For more information, contact the Yankton Area office at 605.668.2929.

For complete road construction information, visit [www.safetravelusa.com](http://www.safetravelusa.com) or dial 511.

### Diabetes Support Group To Meet June 9

The Yankton Area Diabetes Support Group will meet at 1-2 p.m. June 9 on the Avera Sacred Heart Campus, Pavilion, conference room 2.

Amber Jansen DPT, Physical Therapist from Avera Sacred Heart Hospital will present "Strengthening Exercise for Health." This presentation and discussion will help you learn basic exercises to strengthening your muscles. People with and without diabetes should be doing muscle strengthening exercises at least twice a week.

Everyone is welcome. A snack will be provided.

### KPI Hosting Stop On Harley Tour

Kolberg-Pioneer, Inc. (KPI-JCI and Astec Mobile Screens), in Yankton will host a stop on the nationwide I Make America Harley Tour. On behalf of the Association of Equipment Manufacturers (AEM), I Make America and its more than 30,000 supporters advocate for pro-manufacturing policies to create more jobs in the U.S. and keep the economy competitive with other countries.

The Harley is taking to the open road in a uniquely designed truck with glass sides. It will stop at Kolberg-Pioneer, Inc. (KPI-JCI and Astec Mobile Screens), located at 700 W. 21st St. in Yankton, on June 9 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

The purpose of the Harley Tour is to raise awareness about I Make America and its mission, as well as engage AEM Member Companies and their employees to help make a difference. Everyone who signs up through Oct. 3 has a chance to win the 2014 Harley-Davidson Road King, featuring a custom I Make America paint job. You do not need to be at the event to enter. Simply visit [www.IMakeAmerica.com](http://www.IMakeAmerica.com) for a chance to win the Harley and become an I Make America supporter.

"We strongly believe in AEM's efforts to keep the focus on growing American manufacturing jobs, building America's infrastructure and getting the economy back on track. As an industry leader, we feel that it is our duty to help lead the way toward greater investment in our transportation system," said Jeff May, president of Kolberg-Pioneer, Inc. (KPI-JCI and Astec Mobile Screens' South Dakota manufacturing facility). "Better roads and better bridges mean more business and more jobs for all Americans. This is a crucial time for Americans to push for a transportation bill, and it is critical that we unite with others in our industry and make it clear that a multi-year, federal highway bill is absolutely vital in continuing America's prosperity. We will continue to work with AEM and all of our industry partners to keep the focus on these critical issues that affect manufacturers in very real ways."

"I Make America was created to be a force for positive change in the equipment manufacturing industry," said Dennis Slater, AEM President. "Economic conditions in America remain a challenge and we need our government to partner with us to advance pro-manufacturing policies that address those challenges. I Make America is our platform to spread awareness and maximize our voice in Washington, D.C."

According to AEM, about one in six private sector jobs in the U.S. depend on the manufacturing base. Congress can help to create business conditions that will grow the economy and U.S. manufacturing jobs by encouraging infrastructure investment, protecting U.S. farming and increasing American exports for our economy to keep pace with other countries.

# Czech Days Announces Four Contestants For 2014 Queen

TABOR — Four area young ladies are competing for Czech Days Queen during the 66th annual celebration on June 19-21 in Tabor. The four girls are Katie Kniffen, Elizabeth Kubal, Elizabeth Rettig, and Carly Sternhagen.

Areas of competition include a community vote, talent, costume, and personal interviews. The contestants will have their costumes judged and perform their talent on Friday, at 7 p.m. in Sokol Park.

#### KATIE MARIE KNIFFEN

• School: Bon Homme High School Senior  
• Parents: Dennis and Mary Kniffen of Tyndall

• Ambitions and Future Plans: Attend Black Hills Beauty College in Sioux Falls

• Activities Participated in High School: Competitive Cheerleading, football cheerleading, softball, prom decorating committee, and choir

• Honors Earned: Lettered in football cheerleading, honor roll, 2008 Czech Days Princess

• Interesting Facts: Hobbies, Clubs, School Activities, Community Activities or Achievements: Loves to spend time with friends and family, Beseda danced ever since I was 7

• Activity for Talent Contest: Trumpet Selection

• Why do you want to be Czech Days Queen? "To be Czech Days Queen would be an honor and a very gratifying experience. I have been inspired to run for queen ever since I was princess. It would be a great privilege to represent my community."

• What does Czech Days mean to you? "Czech Days is a weekend full of spending time with family and friends, eating amazing Czech food and learning more about your heritage along with showing others your Czech pride. It is a weekend to make new memories with one another and have fun."

#### ELIZABETH JO KUBAL

• School: Bon Homme High School Senior.

• Parents: Dan and Rita Kubal of Lesterville

• Ambitions and Future Plans: "Go to the University of South Dakota to become a physician's assistant."

• Activities Participated in High School: Volleyball, Basketball, Track, Band, Choir, Football Stat

• Honors Earned: Lettered in Volleyball, Basketball, Track, and on the Honor Roll.

• Interesting Facts: Hobbies, Clubs, School Activities, Community Activities or Achievements:

• My hobbies are singing, riding horse and playing guitar. I am involved

in junior Olympic volleyball, basketball and track. I enjoy camping and the outdoors.

• Activity for Talent Contest: Perform a song in Czech.

• Why do you want to be Czech Days Queen? "Ever since I was little I have been raised on dumplings and the Czech heritage. Being Czech Queen would not only bring honor to my family, but a greater appreciation for the Czech heritage."

• What does Czech Days mean to you? "Czech Days means a few fun filled days of family coming together, along with delicious food and many kolaches."

#### ELISABETH RETTIG

• School: Bon Homme High School.  
• Parents: Lee and Kari Rettig of Tabor

• Ambitions and Future Plans: "I plan on becoming a dental hygienist while still pursuing my dancing. My desire is to get married and have a large family while living in the Tabor area."

• Activities Participated in High School: Future Farmers of America (FFA), Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), Generation Joshua, The Nutcracker Ballet, and Sleeping Beauty Ballet, Dance Competitions, 4-H.

• Honors Earned: Honor Roll, Hershey track awards.

• Interesting Facts: Hobbies, Clubs, School Activities, Community Activities or Achievements:

I am a dancer, taught vacation bible school (VBS), attended bible camp, volunteer at the Banquet in Yankton, Arts-in. I love anything with children.

• Activity for Talent Contest: Ballet piece (dance).

• Why do you want to be Czech Days Queen? "Czech Days has been a part of my growing up. I have been to every Czech Days since I was born, dancing the Beseda for over half my life, taking part in the kiddie parade and even serving as the Czech Princess Runner-up (twice), but my favorite part of the celebration has always been watching the queen coronation. It's so exciting to watch the festivities and to see the reaction and look on the new queen's face. Even before I could dance the Beseda, I saw the Queen and her court at various places in Yankton as well as during Czech Days. I knew that I wanted to do that."

• What does Czech Days mean to you? "Residing in Tabor and being a part of the community makes me look forward to representing Tabor and the Czech heritage. I enjoy public speaking and would cherish the opportunity to represent our town. Being a Czech queen was always something that I have hoped to do. I love meeting new people, riding in parades, and wearing the traditional costume. It would be an honor and a blessing to represent Tabor and fulfill the responsibilities and duties of Czech Days queen."

#### CARLY ELIZABETH STERNHAGEN

• School: Bon Homme High School Senior.

• Parents: Dean and Teresa Sternhagen of Tabor

• Ambitions and Future Plans: "I plan to attend USD and major in Social Work. I hope to eventually become a children's social worker because I want to help people."

• Activities Participated in High School: Varsity Sideline and Competitive Cheer, Band, Jazz Band, Student Council, National Honor Society, Oral Interpretation, One-Act play contest, Spring Play, and Track Manager.

• Honors Earned: Letter Winner In: Band, Sideline Varsity Cheer, Page Making, Drama, and Athletic Manager. Honor Roll Student, Academic Achievement Award, Place Holder in USD Math Contest, and Superior Rating in Region Band Contest for Solos and Ensembles, Superior Rating in State One-Act Play Contest, 5th Place in category Large Squad Tumbling/Stunting at Class A State Competitive Cheer.

• Interesting Facts: Hobbies, Clubs, School Activities, Community Activities or Achievements:

I was diagnosed as a Type I Diabetic at age 9, since then I have participated at Camp Gilbert (camp for Type I Diabetics) in Waubay and someday hope to be a camp counselor. I am a confirmed member of St. Wenceslaus Church, Religious Education Classroom helper for preschool/kindergarten. Altar Server at St. Wenceslaus Church, Beseda Dancer for 9 years and help teach the Beseda Dance to new members. I am involved with the Rich Schild Memorial Fireworks by helping with the music, and fundraising.

• Activity for Talent Contest: Playing a polka on the xylophone.

• Why do you want to be Czech Days Queen? "I want to be Czech Days Queen because, I want to represent my hometown. I have lived in Tabor all of my life and I can honestly say I love living here and I love Czech Days. Recently I have realized that I am very passionate about being a role model. Being Czech Days Queen, I feel, would be an excellent way to be a role model. To be Czech Days Queen would be such an amazing honor and it would be a dream come true for me."

• What does Czech Days mean to you? "To me, Czech Days is all about community. A whole town comes together to put on a celebration of food, music, dancing and fun to celebrate the Czech culture. It is the community of Tabor that has taught me about my Czech heritage. I have learned to bake kolaches from my Grandma Millie, polka music was introduced to me by my Grandpa Allen when we would pretend to direct the Math Sladky band and drive around in his pickup together. The Beseda Dance was taught to me by Mildred Cimpl and Loretta Kortan. It is an amazing celebration that happens and it is why Czech Days is my favorite time of year."



Sternhagen



Kniffen



Rettig



Kubal



Mahoney

TABOR — Daniella Mahoney, Folk Artist and Publisher, of Portland, Oregon, will present a lecture on Thursday, June 19, at 7 p.m. in the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home on the north end of Tabor's main street helping to kick off this year's Czech Days celebration.

Mahoney has a degree from the School of International Trade & Foreign Languages, Prague, Czech Republic; and Bachelor and Master degrees from Portland State University, Portland, Oregon and speaks fluent Czech, Russian, French, and German and conversational Italian and Spanish.

She creates unique hand-embroidered ornaments which are distributed to art galleries and gift shops nationwide. Some of the places she has made appearances/artist demonstrations were at the Epcot Center grand opening in Orlando, Florida; Czech and Slovak Museum, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; and Ellis Island, New York City. She develops cultural educational programs, publishes children's activity books and travels nationwide to present lectures and classes for the preservation of the Czech and Slovak heritage.

The lecture on Thursday will provide information on Czech traditions of Easter and Christmas. She will also have a question and answer period after the lecture.

Mahoney will direct two workshops each day on Friday and Saturday, June 20-21, also at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home. Pre-registration for the

workshops is recommended. Registration forms may be downloaded from the web at [www.tabor-czechdays.com](http://www.tabor-czechdays.com) or by calling (605) 463-2571 for further information.

If the workshops are not full, walk-ins will be welcomed. Each workshop is restricted to 24 participants. Participants may attend as many of the 45 minute workshops as wanted. There will be a small fee for each workshop for supplies.

• On Friday, June 20, at 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. — Forty-five-minute workshops on paper cutting, wheat weaving and dough ornament making. Then from 4 to 6 p.m. on Friday afternoon: Forty-five-minute workshops on egg decorating with hot wax, blue ink, and straw/paper.

• Workshops repeated on Saturday, June 21 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.: Forty-five-minute workshops on paper cutting, wheat weaving and dough ornament making. Then from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday afternoon: Forty-five-minute workshops on egg decorating with hot wax, blue ink, and straw/paper.

WHEAT WEAVING: Traditional straw decorations were popular in Czech Lands and Slovakia. Straw was available in farming community households and it was an inexpensive material for creating charming deco-

rations of all sizes year around. Baskets and small kitchen containers were used to store or to display food; wreaths were popular during the harvest season. Crafters used the straw to create Christmas ornaments because straw stands out against the green branches of the tree and shines like gold. Straw also had a magic meaning in Christian communities because Jesus was born in a stable on a bed of straw. One of the favorite designs is a star of Bethlehem. Other popular decorations include: angels, chains, small baskets, pine cones and hearts. Folk artists work with three different kinds of straw: round straw, flat ironed straw or straw cut in half and ironed.

DOUGH ORNAMENT MAKING: The art of ornamental dough originated in the town of Vizovice in northern Moravia. Traditional shapes and have been baked for over 140 years. The dough is made from flour and water. All designs are created by molding the dough by hand and using knives, scissor, combs and spices to achieve special effects. After baking the ornaments, the finished products can be varnished. These ornaments are not intended for eating.

Each design has a meaning: Dove=love and peace in the family; Frog=the guardian of clean water; Fish=silence; Crawfish=protection against misfortune; Hare=strength; Squirrel=good homemaker; Swan=love.

PAPER CUTTING: Traditional paper cutting art originated in

Poland and spread to the bordering regions of northern parts of Czech lands and Slovakia. Elaborate paper decorations adorned homes many years dating back to the first half of the 19th century. The walls and ceilings of home interiors were white washed and decorated with intricate colored paper cut outs glued on their surface.

Each region has developed its own unique designs, color schemes and folding/cutting techniques featuring animals, plants and geometric motives. Three main techniques of paper cutting: Stars/Snowflakes; Mirror image designs; and People holding hands.

EGG DECORATING: The tradition of egg decorating in Slavic cultures originated in Pagan times. Over 2000 years ago people decorated eggs believing that great powers were embodied in the egg. During early Pagan rituals the egg was chosen for worshipping ceremonies of the Sun God. When the egg was broken, the yolk represented the Sun and the whites the Moon.

Traditionally straw is soaked in water, split in half, ironed and cut into small shapes that are glued onto the surface of an egg. Our students used paper as an alternative material.

Blue designs are drawn on the surface of the white egg with a pen dipped in blue ink. Sharpie pens and felt pens can be also used.

This project is co-sponsored by the South Dakota Humanities Council.

### OBITUARIES

#### Tom Flaherty

A memorial visitation will be held for Tom Lee Flaherty, 59, of Scotland at 2 p.m. on Friday, June 6, 2014 at the Goglin Funeral Home in Scotland, South Dakota.

Tom died on Tuesday, June 3, at the Good Samaritan Society of Scotland. Online condolences

may be sent at [www.goglinfh.com](http://www.goglinfh.com).

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#### William Cody Ellingson

William Cody Ellingson, 33, of Skagway, Alaska, and formerly of Yankton, died

peacefully June 4, 2014, surrounded by friends and family in Skagway.

There will be a celebration of his life at a later date in Yankton.

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