

## Neb. NRCS Is Offering Assistance

LINCOLN, Ne. — Officials with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) announced assistance is available for producers who suffered livestock mortality losses from the tornadoes that struck northeast Nebraska earlier this week. Craig Derickson, NRCS State Conservationist said that \$100,000 in assistance is now available to help producers properly dispose of animal carcasses. Impacted producers have until July 18, 2014, to apply.

This assistance is available through a special Livestock Mortality Initiative through NRCS' Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). This initiative is currently available to producers in Stanton, Wayne, Dixon, Thurston, Cuming and Cedar counties in northeast Nebraska. If additional severe storm events occur prior to the July 18 application deadline, more counties can be included in the sign up eligibility area.

According to Derickson, this initiative provides technical and financial assistance to help producers dispose of livestock carcasses on their farm in a safe manner.

"Livestock producers with animal mortalities need to come to the NRCS office and sign up for the special initiative in order to be eligible to participate in the program. It is important for producers to understand the technical requirements for the animal composting practice. We want to make sure that producers have the assistance and information needed to dispose of animal carcasses in a manner that doesn't cause health and environmental concerns," Derickson said.

He went on to explain, "Getting signed up for the program at NRCS allows the producer to proceed with properly disposing of livestock. Once funds are available, a contract will be developed with the livestock owner and payment will be approved once the project has been completed according to NRCS specifications."

Impacted producers should visit their local NRCS office located in the USDA Service Center. There, NRCS will work one-on-one with producers to develop a recovery plan that best meets the needs of their operation.

NRCS can also provide assistance to producers impacted by other recent severe weather events. For example, NRCS can help with windbreak damage, replacing fences and repairing terraces and other conservation practices.

"The bottom line is that NRCS is here to help producers recover from these devastating storm events," Derickson said.

For more information about EQIP and the other available conservation programs, visit your local NRCS field office or [www.ne.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.ne.nrcs.usda.gov).

## Vermeer Moving To Freeman

FREEMAN — Vermeer Corporation and its subsidiary, Vermeer Freeman Manufacturing Incorporated, are pleased to announce that the production of two Vermeer high-capacity wheel rakes have moved from Pella, Iowa, to the Freeman facility.

"The decision was made to move production to the Vermeer Freeman facility to use space more efficiently and create more jobs in the Freeman area," said Scott Eberts, Vermeer Freeman general manager. "This move has created several new jobs for the Freeman facility and will hopefully continue to do so. We also hope to attract talent to Vermeer Freeman."

The unique rake designs provide superior rake flexibility with less maintenance than similar-sized rakes. The VR1428 has a maximum raking width of 28 feet (8.5 m) and the VR2040 has a maximum raking width of 40 feet (12.2 m).

For more information on Vermeer products and services, visit the company's website at [www.vermeer.com](http://www.vermeer.com) or email Vermeer at [salesinfo@vermeer.com](mailto:salesinfo@vermeer.com).

## USD Research Recognized By ACS

VERMILLION — University of South Dakota researchers Eaganpath Thiruppathi and Gopinath Mani are working on a technique to lower the risks of blood clots in arteries implanted with stents.

Thiruppathi, a Ph.D. student, and Mani, Ph.D., an assistant professor of biomedical engineering, have developed a way to coat stents with vitamin C to function more efficiently for preventing blood clots in stented arteries. The American Chemical Society (ACS) is touting this research by showcasing the article published recently in the ACS journal Langmuir.

Previous studies have shown that vitamin C is a possible alternative or addition to drugs currently used to coat stents, which are little mesh tubes inserted into blood vessels to prop them open. Today's stents are an improvement from their initial launch as they are coated with pharmaceuticals that can prevent the affected arteries from relogging.

According to ACS, about 10,000 to 50,000 people who receive these drug-eluting stents develop "late stent thrombosis" (LST), a potentially fatal complication that happens when clots form and clog the arteries. Drugs used on the stents are helpful in most cases but they might be responsible for causing problems in others, according to Thiruppathi and Mani who set out to find a way to address LST using vitamin C. They discovered that the method of coating a common stent material with vitamin C could have lasting benefits to the patient as the stent would slowly release vitamin C over time. The USD researchers concluded that this technique could be useful for making stents and other implantable medical devices safer.

## United Way

# Why Is Special Olympics So Important?

BY SHERI DUKE  
Yankton Special Olympics

As I started to write about Special Olympics, I thought back to the past 14 years of my involvement with Special Olympics. As my stepson reached an age where he realized that he had some physical limitations that "at times" eliminated him from participating in the regular sports arena, we decided to sign him up for Special Olympics. My husband took on a coaching role and I took on a Volunteer role. We didn't know yet then, but Special Olympics did not only fill a part of my stepson's world, but also a central part of our world as well.

Over the past several years, our Special Olympics athletes have been given the opportunity to participate in State and Regional Tournaments in both Softball and Basketball; and participate in a local Bowling Tournament. And while Special Olympics was organized with the premise of providing a sports arena

to individuals with mental and physical disabilities - we rather think of it as an avenue for individuals with disabilities to show off their "ABILITIES". Special Olympics allows for us to not only teach our participants how to play a sport, but it also provides for physical fitness and wellness; it inspires traits such as commitment and responsibility; and it provides social interaction for our participants.

The Yankton Area Special Olympics Organization went through some changes in the summer of 2013, with the long-time Coordinator retiring, and Barb and I attempting to step in and fill that spot. There have been a lot of changes in the past year, and we learn right along with everyone else.

During this past year, we took 5 softball teams to Brookings in September; had nearly 100 individuals participate in the local bowling tournament in November; took 6 basketball teams to Pierre in March; and took a soccer team to Sturgis in May.

Being a partner with United Way has allowed us to promote our programs locally and provides us with funding support. Without the support of United Way and the individuals who donate to their mission, we would not be able to provide our athletes with the opportunity to attend these out of town events, which many times are the highlight of their year. Costs can certainly add up in a hurry when you start looking at transportation, lodging and meals for up to 100 individuals for each event. The Yankton Area Special Olympics organization is grateful and appreciative of United Way and the community support.

I encourage everyone to come watch our athletes if you ever get a chance, or become involved as a volunteer if you get the chance. I promise you - our athletes will amaze you with their abilities, will charm you with their personalities, and will forever change your lives - just as they have ours! Thank you United Way for supporting our efforts!



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

## Better Business Bureau Warns Of Storm Chasers

The recent damage created by tornados and severe hail storms in the Heartland have brought out the best in people, as strangers reach out to help others in need. Unfortunately, the aftermath of a crisis also brings out contractors who take advantage of those who have already been victimized.

Better Business Bureau (BBB) serving Nebraska, South Dakota, The Kansas Plains and Southwest Iowa is warning both businesses and residents affected by the recent storms to beware of storm chasers/out-of-town contractors (travelers) soliciting business. "These firms typically set up temporary shops in the area to capture construction work caused by the storm's damage. Sometimes they canvass the area with flyers or go from door

to door offering their services. While some of these contractors may offer a low price and fast repairs, they may not stand behind their work or have the proper licensure," stated BBB President and CEO Jim Hegarty.

Your BBB offers the following tips for storm victims:

- Get the company's complete name, address and phone number. Be skeptical of any vague or hesitant answers, or no offers of contracts, brochures, or anything in writing. Beware of high-pressure sales tactics. A reputable company will be happy to let you check them out first.
- Make sure your contractor has all the appropriate permits for the work they are doing and verify that the company has liability and

worker's comp insurance. If a contractor cannot provide proof, beware. If possible, verify that the insurance is active by contacting the contractor's insurance company directly.

- If it is an out-of-town or out-of-state company, ask how any warranty issues or problems will be addressed after the work is done - and the company is gone.
- Ask for references from previous jobs and check them out before signing the contract.
- Before work starts, have a signed, written contract including start and completion dates, exact costs, specific work to be done, and warranty information. Read any fine print carefully and understand all terms before signing.
- Get at least 3-4 quotes

from contractors and insist that payments be made to the company, not an individual.

- If you have damage, check with your homeowners' insurance to have an adjuster sent to determine if and how much they will cover to repair or replace damaged property.
  - Be highly suspicious of a contractor that asks you to pay for the entire job upfront. He may take your money and never return.
- Disaster victims should never feel forced to make a hasty decision or to choose an unknown contractor. "Start With Trust" by visiting [bbb.org](http://bbb.org) or by calling your BBB's office at 800-649-6814 to get Business Reviews or lists of BBB Accredited repair firms.

## Bus. Opportunity At L&C Rec. Area

PIERRE — Entrepreneurs interested in operating a marina on Lewis and Clark Lake near Yankton can now begin submitting their proposals according to the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks officials.

"Lewis and Clark Recreation Area is a popular outdoor recreation destination for South Dakotans as well as residents of neighboring states," said Doug Hofer, state park director.

The prospectus for the operation of Lewis and Clark Marina is available, and details the terms and conditions under which interested operators may submit a

proposal for consideration. It also includes a detailed business opportunity, the investment requirements necessary to submit a proposal and a draft concession agreement for a term of 10 years. Required services include a marina, full restaurant service, boat repair and service department, retail goods and boat fuel.

Proposals must be received by 3 p.m. on June 30.

"Lewis and Clark has proven itself as an extremely popular and busy park. Annually, visitation at Lewis and Clark exceeds one million visitors and is second

statewide only to Custer State Park," added Hofer.

A copy of the prospectus is available by contacting the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks, Division of Parks and Recreation at 523 E. Capitol, Pierre, SD 57501 or at 605-773-3391. Printable versions of the prospectus are also available for free download from the Game, Fish and Parks website at <http://gfp.sd.gov/state-parks/directory/lewis-and-clark/>. Lewis and Clark Recreation Area is located approximately 5 miles west of Yankton off of Highway 50.

## MEETINGS

### INTERCHANGE

Interchange met on Monday, June 16, 2014 at noon at Minerva's. The meeting was called to order by President Frani Kieffer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Member Daisy Kamback, AFLAC representative, introduced her guest Bonnie Knodel-Griggs of Chesapeake, Virginia.

Members gave the following announcements:

Sherri Rodgers-Conti of the Southeast CASA program reminded members of the "Super Hero Fun Run" fund raiser event for Southeast CASA that will take place on Saturday, June 21, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. in Riverside Park. The event will be followed by a pancake feed.

Jackie Quinn of the Yankton Area Arts announced that tickets were still available for this Thursday's event "A Night at the Yankton Museums" which includes a scavenger hunt beginning at the Community Library and ending at the G.A.R. Hall. Tickets are \$5.00 for adults and \$2.00 for 12 and under. Jackie also reminded members of the YAA's "Meridian Dinner En Blanc" fundraiser to be held on July 19th. The event will be held on the Meridian Bridge and will include dinner, art and a fifteen piece

brass musical group. Tickets are still available for \$50.00 per person.

Kathy Jacobs-Wibbels of the Yankton Community Library announced there were 40 tickets left for "The Night at the Yankton Museums" event on Thursday. She also announced that Fraser Harrison who is making a return visit from England will be speaking at the Yankton Library on June 24th to give an updated perspective of Yankton.

Deb Bodenstedt was today's hostess. Her guest speaker was Mike Husman, Senior Vice President and Division Head for Vishay Company. He gave an informative talk about his company which employs approximately 300 people at the Yankton facility. He gave an overview of the Inductors Division whose primary markets are medical, automotive, military, aerospace, industrial, and telecommunications. His division's major focus is on the manufacturing of custom magnetics and power inductors.

The next meeting of Interchange will be held on Monday, June 23, 2014 at noon at Minerva's with Mary Dell Cody as hostess. Her speaker will be Jane Wuestewald from the Yankton Women's/Children's Cen-

ter doing a talk from the victim's view point.

### YANKTON REGIONAL AVIATION ASSOCIATION

Forty members and guests of the Yankton Regional Aviation Association (YRAA) held a "Hamburger & Hot Dog Barbeque" potluck meeting on June 15 at 6:00pm in the terminal at Chan Gurney Airport. Participants came from Elk Point, Jefferson, Menno, Mission Hill, Tyndall, Utica, Allen, Crofton, Norfolk, Randolph, Verdigré, Darian, IL, and Billings, MT. John Lillevoid held a short safety seminar at 5:30pm to demonstrate flight planning capabilities using the iPad. President Lillevoid welcomed everyone to the potluck meeting. Lillevoid announced that Mark Yonke was coming home today from a Sioux Falls hospital after being treated for injuries from a tractor accident. Steve Hamilton reported that 21 kids were flown during the Young Eagles Rally at Chan Gurney Airport on June 7. Lillevoid encouraged aircraft owners to participate in a "light painting" event with the Yankton Photography Club at the airport on June 28. After dark, the Club will photograph planes with strobes to create unique

"light paintings." The YRAA voted to assist in an AirVenture Promotion at the airport with Mike Roinstead leading the effort to attract flyers going to and from AirVenture in Oshkosh, WI, to stop in Yankton for food, fuel, and lodging. Lillevoid announced that Whiney Delforge of Mission Hill has soloed. Lillevoid, Hamilton, and Jim Eisenmenger used their planes to give YRAA members airplane rides after the meeting. Six flights carrying a total of nine people were given. The next YRAA meeting will be on August 24 with a short safety seminar at 5:30pm, and the potluck meeting at 6:00pm in the terminal at the Chan Gurney Airport. For more information about the YRAA, contact Steve Hamilton at 605-665-8448.

### YANKTON TOASTMASTER CLUB 1294

Yankton Toastmaster Club 1294 met Saturday June 6th at 7:30am at the Fry'n Pan Restaurant. The meeting was called to order by Vice President Teresa Rentsch. The invocation was given by John Swenson followed by John Swenson leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Matt Stone was introduced as the Toastmaster of the meeting. He called on grammarian Kathy Hejna to give the word of the day, which was "Crucial" and means "important or essential." Table Topics was led by Roy Wilcox on the subject of books. Speeches were given by Jack Dahlseid on "Read the Scriptures with Vocal Variety" from the Competent Communicator manual and Teresa Rentsch on "Go Crazy and Throw Things" from the Competent Commu-

nicator manual. Master Evaluator of the meeting was Joy Winther, who evaluated the meeting and called on Vernon Arens to evaluate Jack Dahlseid and Janice Kruse to evaluate Teresa Rentsch. Presentations were also given by grammarian Kathy Hejna, joke master John Swenson, Ah Counter/Nail Dropper Emily VanDerhule, timer Janice Stone, and Vote counter lesley Stone. Table Topic winner was Janice Stone, best speaker was Teresa Rentsch, and best evaluator was Vernon Arens. Guests are welcome.

For more information call 665-9217.

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WEEKDAYS MONDAY-FRIDAY

Friday, June 20  
7:40 am Vermillion Chamber  
(Nathan Welch)  
8:20 am United Way  
(Lauren Hanson)  
8:35 am Yankton Parks & Rec  
(Tracey Grotenhuis)