

## Repairs Begin On Area Roads

PIERRE — State officials say water is receding and repairs are starting to be made on several state highways in South Dakota.

Highway 46 east of Beresford at the Iowa state line has been temporarily repaired with gravel and was re-opened Tuesday.

Water has receded on Highway 48 at the Iowa line, on Highway 19 south of Centerville and on Highway 46 west of Highway 19. Crews are working on repairs and will have these roads open soon.

Highway 19A south of Centerville and Highway 46 from the Centerville corner east one mile towards Beresford remain closed for the time being. Repairs on these two roads have begun and officials are anticipating re-opening these roads within a week, weather permitting.

Motorists are asked to slow down and drive with caution. For complete road construction information, visit [www.safetravelusa.com/sd](http://www.safetravelusa.com/sd) or dial 511.

## Yankton Co. Special Foods Contest Held

The Yankton County Special Foods contest was held Friday, June 13, at the Yankton High School. Thirteen members from various clubs competed.

Following are the results of the Special Foods Contest:  
Seniors — Stephanie Hauger, Get Up and Go, Berry Brown Sugar Pizza, Purple; Leah Waid, Yankton Clovers, Crab Artichoke Croissant, Purple

Juniors — Quinn Fargo, Gayville Achievers, Taco Ring, Purple; Karlie Freng, Mission Hill Hillers, Tatter Tot Caserole, Purple; Aaron Friedenbach, Yankton Clovers, Lamb Burgers, Blue; David Friedenbach, Yankton Clovers, Risotto, Blue; Abby Larson, Clever Clovers, Applesauce Pancakes, Blue; Nicholas Nayokpuk, Gayville Achievers, Taco Salad, Blue

Beginners — Seth Fargo, Gayville Achievers, Meatloaf, Red; Tatum Hohenthaner, Yankton Clovers, Strawberry Banana Smoothie, Purple; Natalie Nayokpuk, Gayville Achievers, Blueberry Muffins, Red

Cloverbuds — Teddy Fargo, Gayville Achievers, Fruit Smoothie, participation; Keeley Larson, Clever Clovers, Smoothie, participation.

## Freeman Hosts ‘Ribs At The Ranch’ Sat.

FREEMAN — The public is invited to join us for the seventh annual ribs cook-off contest at Freeman Academy’s north parking lot on June 28 from 4:30-8:30 p.m.

Join friends and family for a delightful evening to sample ribs, pulled pork sandwiches, baked beans, potato salad, watermelon, sno cones, 1919 keg root beer and other soft drinks. Ribs may be purchased in full or half racks. The popular “sampler” ticket will also be available to purchase one rib from each chef and vote for the People’s Choice Award.

At present the cooks participating are Evan Kindt & Brandon Jarman/Sioux Falls, Bob & Cheryl Wollmann, Ness’ Hill-billy BBQ and Chad Soulek. Judges for the event include Dave Friesen, Steve Heeg, Marjean Waltner and Sam Sorenson. Attendees will be entertained throughout the evening by 4-Ever, The Soulmates, Anne Waltner, a men’s ensemble and end with the 125th Anniversary German Band.

Entries for the rib contest are still open. Contact Verneeta Waltner at 321-7351 or [vwaltner@freemanacademy.org](mailto:vwaltner@freemanacademy.org) for more information.

All proceeds benefit the Sterling Hall building fund.

## Water Plant Committee Forming

The Yankton City Commission is seeking City of Yankton residents to serve on the design committee for the new Water Treatment Plant.

Interested citizens will work with members of the City Commission and City staff to develop innovative design related to the new facility.

Anyone who is interested in serving on this committee should submit a letter of interest including why they would like to serve and their identifying information to the City Manager’s Office. Letters should be sent to: City Manager’s Office, P.O. Box 176 Yankton, SD 57078.

The deadline for these inquiries is Monday, July 7.

## Thune Seeks Fall Internship Applicants

WASHINGTON — Sen. John Thune (R-S.D.) is currently seeking intelligent, hard-working college students to serve as summer interns in his office in Washington, as well as in his offices in Aberdeen, Rapid City and Sioux Falls.

Interns in Thune’s state offices will participate in constituent service and state outreach activities, while students in the Washington office will have the opportunity to witness the legislative process, give Capitol tours and attend Senate votes and hearings. Both in-state and Washington, D.C., internships will allow students to work closely with constituents, hone their research and writing skills and learn a multitude of valuable office skills.

Thune is a member of the Senate Committees on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry; Commerce, Science and Transportation; and Finance.

College students who are interested in interning in Sen. Thune’s Washington, D.C., office should submit a resume and cover letter, by July 11 to:

- Senator John Thune; Attn: Logan Penfield; 511 Dirksen Senate Office Building; Washington, D.C. 20510
- By Fax to: 202-228-5429
- Or by E-mail to: [Logan\\_Penfield@thune.senate.gov](mailto:Logan_Penfield@thune.senate.gov).

College students who are interested in interning in Sen. Thune’s Sioux Falls, Rapid City or Aberdeen offices should submit a resume and cover letter, by July 11 to:

- Senator John Thune; Attn: Robin Long; 320 North Main Avenue, Suite B; Sioux Falls, SD 57104
- Or by E-mail to: [robin\\_long@thune.senate.gov](mailto:robin_long@thune.senate.gov).

For more information, call 202-224-2321.

## City Requests Help With Mosquitoes

The City of Yankton reminds all residents there are things you can do to help control mosquitoes. Spraying for adult mosquitoes will be conducted as needed this year but your efforts can make a big difference. By following these simple steps you can reduce both the amount of pesticide applied and your risk of contracting disease transmitted by mosquitoes. And you’ll enjoy being outside more too:

- Properly dispose of unwanted containers (tires, buckets, cans, etc.)
- Change water in birdbaths and wading pools at least weekly
- Make sure rain gutters are properly maintained
- Remove any debris (plastic containers, wrappers, cups, soda cans, etc.) that may be hidden behind bushes or shrubs in your yard
- Make sure any toys left outdoors are not holding water
- Make sure flower pots do not hold water in the base for more than two or three days
- Properly maintain swimming pools, covers and water-proof tarps

The City of Yankton will contract with Yankton County to begin spray areas within the City of Yankton beginning June 30 after 8 p.m., weather permitting.

For more information, contact the Public Services Department at 668-5251.

# Workforce Development Drive Passes \$177K

Thanks to the continuing generosity of businesses and individuals in the community, the Regional Technical Education Center (RTEC) has cleared the \$177,000 level on the way to reaching its goal of raising \$200,000 as part of the ongoing Workforce Development Fund Drive.

Pledges received during the past week have pushed the money raised to \$177,002 with another \$56,538 of in-kind pledges.

RTEC hopes to raise at least \$200,000 so it can sustain and enhance its efforts to support the Yankton community and businesses with education and workforce skills training. Funds raised over that amount will be used to establish a technical education scholarship fund.

Businesses and individuals who have pledged their support to the fund drive as of June 23, 2014, include: Riverfront Broadcasting, LLC KK93-KDAM-KYNT;

Yankton Media Inc.; Classic Hits 106.3/ESPN Radio 1570; Applied Engineering, Inc.; Kolberg-Pioneer, Inc.; Lewis & Clark Hydraulic Co.; Avera Sacred Heart Hospital; Vishay Dale Electronics; First Dakota National Bank; Wohlenberg Ritzman & Co., LLC; Ron Kraft Consulting; John Hagemann; Fred & Janna Binder; Rick Duimstra; Echo Electric Supply; Rural Manufacturing; Halbur Katterhagen Family; Boston Shoes to Boots; Tom Hausmann, S.M.A.R.T. Training; Scott Kooistra; Yankton Medical Clinic, P.C.; Gerstner Oil Co., Inc.; Robbie and Rosee Robinson; John A. Conkling Distributing; Greg Henderson; A-OX Welding Supply; Welfi Construction; Wayne & Marge Kindle; First National Bank SD; Jim Cope; Bon Homme Yankton Electric Association; Planning and Development District III; Koletzky Implement; Wells Fargo Foundation; MT & RC Smith Insurance; FloorTec; Walmart;

Legacy Financial Group; Shur-Co, LLC; Hy-Vee; Wilson Trailer Company; South Dakota Magazine; Vision Real Estate Services; JJBentji’s Screen Printing & Embroidery; Brad & Nancy Wenande; Electair; Chesterman Company; Otto Ulrich Memorial Trust; and Manitou Group.

The fund drive continues and individuals and business representatives who would like to make a pledge to the campaign are invited to stop by 1200 W. 21st St. in Yankton or to contact RTEC at (605) 668-5700. Investors may choose to have their pledges paid in 2014, 2015, 2016 or spread out between the three. Because RTEC is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation, donations are tax deductible.

For additional information on classes and programs, visit RTEC’s website at [www.rtecedu.org](http://www.rtecedu.org) or find and like RTEC, Inc. on Facebook.

## 4-H Offers Tips For Helping Kids Avoid Summer Learning Loss

BROOKINGS — The summer season often brings to mind carefree days, outdoor fun and community celebrations. Another common, but not so welcome happening taking place during the summer months is learning loss, said Andrea Knox, 4-H Youth Development and Resiliency Field Specialist.

“Summer learning loss refers to the occurrence of students forgetting some of what they learned during the previous academic year,” she said. “Studies show that when students return to school after summer vacation they have fallen, on average, about one month behind academically from where they were when school was released.”

According to research, Knox explained that summer learning loss affects nearly all students. “Intelligence does not influence youth’s loss of learned material. However, the loss is compounded for students who are struggling academically,” she said.

Knox added that lower-income students are found to experience a greater slide academically during the summer months compared to their peers.

summer camping program can provide them with a great experience along with an array of skills such as respecting others, outdoor recreation skills and increased responsibility.

- Take advantage of quality Afterschool/Out of School Time programs: Many programs continue in the summer months with a wonderful schedule of activities. Check out the South Dakota Afterschool Partnership website <http://sdvoicesforchildren.org> for a list of programs available in your area.

- Limit screen time: Limit television, video game and internet time. Focus screen time on educational programs or games.

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- Teens find a summer job: Working at a summer job is a valuable learning experience which helps hone skills such as reading, writing, communication and organization. Parks and recreation departments, schools, local businesses, city governments and area farmers commonly have summer jobs available.

- Choose fun activities: Work with your teen to find learning opportunities that relate to their interests. If the teen likes children and sports, for example, he or she could become a camp counselor or even a coach.

- Talk to a teacher: Help your teen get summer learning suggestions from their teachers. Summer can offer an opportunity to be proactive about brushing up skills. Maybe there is a fun online resource the teacher can suggest that the student can engage in over the summer.

- Be a leader in 4-H: Volunteer to help with a workshop or share a skill or interest with younger youth. It will be an experience teens will not regret. From aerospace to painting, younger members will relish the chance to have a teen help teach them and the teen will learn along the way too. Contact your County’s SDSU Extension 4-H Program Youth Advisor to volunteer. For contact information, visit [iGrow.org](http://iGrow.org).

- Attend camps and career exploration opportunities: Find quality camps of interest to teens. Whether they serve as a counselor to younger youth or attend with their peers, attending camp can help teens step out of their comfort zone and develop a variety of skills. Many camps also offer hands-on career exploration. The teen years are a great time to learn which careers are calling them!

### FOR ALL YOUTH

Keep summer routines consistent to remain healthy. Consistent bedtimes and mealtimes help youth both learn and grow.

Keep good nutrition habits during the summer with fun summer snack and meal ideas. Good nutrition gives brains the nutrients needed to stay sharp.

Keep physically active. With an array of summer outdoor activities, be sure to stay active. Physical activity is also linked to learning.

“Summer is a great way to reinforce learning in a way that is different from school. By making an effort at home and taking advantage of quality opportunities in the community your family can dodge the summer learning slide and build new skills,” Knox said.

To learn more, visit [iGrow.org](http://iGrow.org).

## Convention

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talking about the one from the recent South Dakota Republican Party convention.”

He called the resolution “crazy.”

“I hope this is the year that South Dakotans wake up and realize they are represented by the wrong people,” Williams said.

Yankton County Democrats have organized “Riverfest” to welcome people to the convention Thursday night. The event at the Dakota Territorial Capitol replica in Riverside Park will feature barbeque, tours of the river and pontoon rides.

“We wanted to do something to pull in local residents, as well as the delegates coming to the state convention,” said Riverfest committee member Sandy Hoffner. “Since we’re bringing in all these visitors, we wanted to show off

the river. It’s one of the best parts of Yankton.”

While attendance of the event requires a ticket, the 8 p.m. tour of the Missouri River hosted by the National Park Service is free and open to the public.

So far, approximately 100 people are expected to attend Riverfest. Attendees are encouraged to buy tickets in advance but can also purchase them at the event.

“We’re open to anyone who wants to come, regardless of their party affiliation,” Hoffner stated.

Of course, the convention isn’t comprised solely of celebratory events. There is work to be done, too.

Much of Friday will be spent formulating the party’s platform.

The convention banquet will be held at the Kelly Inn from 7-10 p.m. Friday night.

Among those expected to attend are Sen. Tim Johnson, U.S. Senate candidate Rick Weiland, U.S. House candidate Corinna Robinson and gubernatorial candidate Susan Wismer.

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The featured speaker for the evening will be R.T. Rybak, the former mayor of Minneapolis and the vice-chair of the Democratic National Committee. He is now the executive director of Generation Next, a broad coalition of community leaders dedicated to educational excellence and narrowing the achievement and opportunity gap in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area.

Finally, more meetings and strategizing are planned for Saturday.

“Coming out of the convention, I hope we have a strong set of statewide candidates, a good platform and some enthusiasm to get our people elected,” Williams said.

He doesn’t know the last time the Democratic state convention was held in Yankton - or if it ever was - but Williams said planning for it has been a good experience.

“It’s required us to become more organized than ever before and do some more

## O’Kelley Named USD Assistant VP For Research Compliance

VERMILLION — The University of South Dakota has announced the promotion of Kevin O’Kelley



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to assistant vice president for research compliance. O’Kelley, currently

director of environmental health and safety, will begin his new role at USD on June 23.

As assistant vice president for research compliance, O’Kelley will oversee several areas, including animal welfare, human subjects protection, environmental health and safety, export controls, conflict of interest and research misconduct. Reporting to the incoming interim vice president for research, Mary Berry, Ph.D., O’Kelley’s position will enable both the campus community and external regulatory agencies to work seamlessly with the university. Coupled with software improvements planned for FY15, the new structure in the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs will facilitate “one-stop shopping” for researchers. Contact information for the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs is online at [www.usd.edu/research/research-and-sponsored-programs/index.cfm/](http://www.usd.edu/research/research-and-sponsored-programs/index.cfm/).

O’Kelley joined USD in 2012, bringing significant experience in regulatory compliance from industry. While at USD, he has served on the Institutional Biosafety Committee, Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee and emergency operations team, in addition to several other responsibilities.

“Kevin’s outstanding skill dealing with complex issues and diverse groups of people makes him the ideal person for the AVPRC position,” said Laura Jensi, Ph.D., retiring vice president for research. “He will do an excellent job ensuring compliance with regulations while facilitating the work of our researchers.”

### OBITUARIES

#### Dorothy Hoff

Dorothy Hoff, 90, of Mitchell died Monday, June 9, 2014, at Firesteel Healthcare Center in Mitchell.

Cremation was under the direction of Bittner Funeral Chapel. There will be no services, and burial will be at a later date.

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**God’s Love & Blessings to All**