

UW Holding Disaster Relief Drive

United Way & Volunteer Services of Greater Yankton will be hosting a Disaster Relief Drive to aid the communities of Pilger, Wisner, and Coleridge, Nebraska; and Wessington Springs. Those communities were recently impacted by tornadoes that devastated many homes and businesses. Many have been working to clean up the areas and assist residents.

The American Red Cross of Eastern South Dakota has reported that in Wessington Springs, residents and volunteers aiding in relief efforts are in need of sports drinks and snacks. Nebraska 2-1-1 reported Pilger, Wisner, and Coleridge are also in need of sports drinks and snacks. All communities have received an abundance of water.

United Way will be collecting items for the Disaster Relief Drive today (Friday) and Monday June 30, through Wednesday July 2.

The goal is to collect 400 donated cases of sports drinks (including Gatorade, Powerade, Crystal Light or Propel) and or packets of powdered drink mixes, as well as 400 donated bags/packs of salty snacks (including chips, sunflower seeds, pretzels).

Donations will be collected at two locations: United Way & Volunteer Services at 610 W. 23rd St, Yankton, and Yankton Area Chamber of Commerce at 803 E 4th St, Yankton, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m..

The donated items will be delivered to the areas in need on July 3.

For more information, contact Development & Administrative Coordinator Tara Hoxeng at (605) 665-6766 or email volunserve@iw.net

County Public Speaking Contest Held

The Yankton County Public Speaking Contest was held June 20. Following are the results of the 4-H Club contest:

• Seniors — Stephanie Hauger, Get Up and Go Club, gave a public presentation receiving a Purple Ribbon; Leah Waid, Yankton Clovers Club, gave an illustrated talk receiving a Purple Ribbon.

• Juniors — Quinn Fargo, Gayville Achievers Club, gave a demonstration receiving a Blue Ribbon; Abby Larson, Clever Clovers Club, gave an illustrated talk receiving a Purple Ribbon; Heather Maier, Clever Clovers Club, gave a demonstration receiving a Purple Ribbon; Nicholas Nayokpuk, Gayville Achievers Club, gave a demonstration receiving a Purple Ribbon.

• Beginners — Molly Larson, Clever Clovers Club, gave a demonstration receiving a Purple Ribbon; Lexi Maier, Clever Clovers Club, gave a demonstration receiving a Purple Ribbon; and Keeley Larson of the Clever Clovers gave a demonstration receiving a participation ribbon in the Cloverbud program.

More Towns Plan Statehood Celebration Events

PIERRE — Six more statehood celebration committees will be promoting state and local history with events and activities during South Dakota's 125th birthday year.

New local committees have organized in Willow Lake, Delmont, Iroquois, Wilmot, Castlewood and Yankton.

"There are many great family oriented activities being planned. I invite more towns to create a celebration day or add a history theme to a current annual event," said Gov. Dennis Daugaard.

Willow Lake's Fourth of July celebration will promote South Dakota's 125th birthday with history-themed parade floats and a special float for the area's oldest citizens. Fourth-graders will display a wax museum of South Dakota history. There will also be an old-fashioned ice cream making contest, a bean bag tournament, a road race, displays at the Willow Lake museum, dedication of the Willow Lake Lions Memorial Park and fabulous fireworks. Funds raised will be used to improve the concession stand and restrooms at the football field.

In Delmont, the Fourth of July will be a fun-filled kids' day with a bike safety rodeo, children's identification kit program, bike races, foot races, water games and free watermelon. On Sept. 13-14, the town will hold the Kuchen Festival and the Harvest Festival with a parade, live music, kids pedal pull, a craft show, quilt show, art show, Ger-



Daugaard

man luncheon, South Dakota's Old Time Fiddlers, tractor games and a 125th statehood birthday tree planting. Other events include old farm equipment demonstrations, tractor pull, pancake breakfast, the burying of a

time capsule and the honoring of all 125-year-old farms in the area. On Dec. 31, Delmont will host South Dakota's only New Year's Eve afternoon parade and a chili cook-off.

On July 18, the Iroquois Statehood Celebration Committee is sponsoring a picnic in Woodall Park with a band and a wellness walk. There will also be a parade, children's face painting, crafts, softball and bean bag games, and an evening dance. Several class reunions will be held as well. On July 19, there will be a pancake breakfast, mud ATVs, a community grill-out and tractor parade.

On July 26-28, Wilmot will have a 125th statehood birthday theme for the town's annual Harvest Fest. Activities will include a summer dinner theater, parade, rodeo, 5K Run/Walk, Wilmot's Amazing Race, softball tournament, street dance, fireman's supper, fireworks display, pancake breakfast, kidie tractor pull, kids' games, pie and ice cream social, rummage sales, scarecrow contest, farmers' market, bean

bag tournament, nondenominational worship service and Lee Township schoolhouse tours. Money raised will be used for new playground equipment.

At Castlewood Days, Aug. 8-10, a re-enactor will present South Dakota history at the Castlewood Museum. Other activities include a 5K run, mud drags, co-ed softball, kids pedal tractor pull, inflatables, a parade, and laser tag. More information is available at www.castlewoodcity.com/.

In Yankton on Sept. 3, the local celebration committee is hosting the "Biggest Barn Dance in Dakota Territory" to kick off the 125th Celebration Wagon Train leaving Yankton for Pierre the next morning.

The barn dance will be on the rodeo grounds of the Human Services Center site. There will also be tours of the Mead Museum at the site. Any funds raised will be used to renovate the Mead Museum so it can display the history of Dakota Territory, Yankton and Yankton County.

Over the next two weeks, several communities are holding annual festivals with history themes, such as Freeman on July 27-28, Lake Norden on July 3 and Ethan, Delmont and Willow Lake on July 4.

Information about creating a local committee is available at 125.sd.gov under the "Celebration Communities" tab.

Tour

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The Keystone pipeline transports a massive volume of oil each day, Rauh said.

"We pump 575,000 barrels of oil a day that passes through this pumping station, and there are 42 gallons to a barrel," he said. "We move 18 million barrels of oil a day (as a company), and a half-million barrels pass through this pumping station, so that's 3 to 4 percent of our flow."

During Thursday's tour, TransCanada officials explained the regular maintenance schedule. During the group's visit, four pumps were running.

The 30-inch pipeline itself is monitored remotely by a crew in Calgary, Alberta, Rauh said. Contingency plans are in place for any emergency situations, such as last week's Cedar County tornado.

"Last week's tornado took the power out at our Stanton pumping station, and we shut it down for about a half-week," he said. "We can han-

dle one pump station being out. We make use of pumping stations on either side of it."

The pumping station contains lightning rods near the equipment to handle possible lightning strikes.

Should a leak occur at any time, the control system starts shutting down the affected site within minutes, said spokesman Rob Latimer. TransCanada employees live in the region, and the company can also call on Omaha staff and contracted workers.

"We have staff members who live in Yankton, north of Yankton, Norfolk and Columbus, up and down the line," he said. "We have technicians lined up, up and down the pipeline."

Thursday's tour included a demonstration of coating used to keep the pipe from corrosion and steps for detecting any gaps in the coating. Company officials noted the oil contains an incoming temperature of 94 degrees and an outgoing temperature of 97 degrees.

The presentation included an explanation of the oil's composition and the impact of technology in making ex-

traction more economical.

At one pump station location, control technician Kelly Pfaff showed a panel tracing the pumps' activities. The oil loses pressure as it travels through the pipeline, and every pump adds pressure as the oil is transported down the line.

Pfaff explained the training exercises undertaken to prepare for any incidents. The company can also track the origin of any problems, he said.

"When it comes to trouble shooting, we can check the history and recall the information," he said.

TransCanada reports its oil leaks, even those which may fall under the required levels, to federal authorities, Rauh said. Sections of pipeline can be shut down for needed maintenance and repairs, company officials added.

Thursday's tour included Cedar County commissioners Dave McGregor of Hartington, Terry Pinkelman of Wynot and Jerry Wiese of Randolph; county clerk Dave Dowling, county assessor Don Hoensing, sheriff Larry Koranda and

chief deputy Chad Clausen.

McGregor and Pinkelman said they were touring the Hartington pump station for the first time. They noted TransCanada's impact on the county's assessed valuation. In addition, they said TransCanada has become Cedar-Knox Public Power District's largest customer, not only bringing large, consistent revenue but also creating increased demand which opens opportunities for other Cedar-Knox customers.

During Thursday's tour, Rauh noted the Keystone pipeline is 30 inches wide, while the proposed XL pipeline is 36 inches. However, the Hartington tour should give tribes and other interested parties an idea of how the XL pipeline would operate, he said.

"The design, operation and philosophy are the same," he said. "They have an idea what to expect from the (XL) pipeline."

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OBITUARIES

Shane Knittel

Shane Knittel, age 43 of Sioux Falls and formerly Menno, died Tuesday, June 24, 2014 at Sanford USD Medical Center, Sioux Falls.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Monday, June 30, 2014 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Menno with Rev. David Ellis officiating. Burial will be in the Menno Cemetery.

Visitations will be 2-5 p.m. Sunday, June 29, 2014 at the Aisenbrey-Opahl-Kostel Memorial Chapel, Menno with the family present. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Shane Knittel, son of Duane and Gladys (Wollman) Knittel was born on March 5, 1971 in Sioux Falls, SD, he was later joined by his brother, Lance.

His interests in school were football and wrestling (Scotland-Menno), graduating from Menno High School in 1989. After high school, he attended Black Hills State University for one year, then transferred to Dakota State University the following year to be closer to his mother in her battle with cancer, which she lost in January 1991.

He spent his summer working for Hutchinson County, then went to work for Wilson Trailer prior to enrolling at Mitchell Technical Institute to pursue an Associate Degree in HVAC. He pursued this field for the remainder of his life, ending his career with the ADP Company.

His interests in life were hunting and the joys of fishing and being outdoors. His most memorable and enjoyable trip was a drive



Knittel

to Washington State, giving him the opportunity to hike the trails in Glacier National Park and hike to the snow line on Mt. Rainier. The beauty of the Black Hills located in the rain forest of Western Washington left a lasting impression, one that he recounted often.

He departed his earthly life on June 24 after having cancer surgery on March 4, in the same hospital in which he was born, now named Sanford, in Sioux Falls, SD.

Shane is survived by his father, Duane of Menno, South Dakota; brother, Lance and wife, Melisa of Spearfish, SD; nephews, Paxton and Carson; the joy of his life, his two dogs, Doc and Maggie, that he walked every morning and evening; three uncles: Lloyd and Darlene Wollman of Rapid City, SD, Harold and Lucille Wollman of Longmont, CO and Donald and Barb Knittel of Freeman, SD and numerous cousins.

Shane was preceded in death by his mother, Gladys (Wollman) and his grandparents, Richard and Adella Knittel and Karl and Lydia Wollman.

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Troy Crichton

Troy Crichton, 43, of Vermillion died Thursday, June 26, 2014, at Sanford Vermillion Hospital.

Funeral arrangements are pending with Kober Funeral Home of Vermillion.

Eugene Merchant

Eugene Donald Merchant, 81, of Elk Point died Thursday, June 26, 2014, at his residence.

Funeral arrangements are pending with Kober Funeral Home of Elk Point.

Olivet

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residents from the Hutchinson County town decided to turn the school into a community center that spent the last four-plus decades hosting everything from family get together to community and church groups. Former classrooms were converted into game rooms and the school's old gymnasium was made available.

Oplinger said the center attracted a lot of interest from kids across the region.

"We used to have three chaperones every Sunday afternoon — one for downstairs in the gymnasium, one for upstairs in the game room and one outside on the sled slide," he said. "We used to get people from Parkston, Scotland, Freeman and Menno coming here."

Oplinger said operating costs ultimately made it unfeasible to keep the community center going.

"We've lived right here for the last 15 years and we haven't seen enough (business to keep it going)," he said. "It takes \$5,000 per year to keep the heat at 55 degrees, to keep the water running and electricity. Every year we've had to have a fundraiser with our local people and the same few people donated most of that money. We've only generated maybe \$1,000 of income in each of the last four years. Pretty soon, you're out of resources."

A whole range of items — both from the building's days as a school and as a community center — went up for auction, including sofas, chairs, chalk boards, desks, bookshelves, to-boggans, kitchen ware, school pictures, an Olivet School letter jacket, school books, news articles, pool tables and theater backdrops.

The Oplingers said they are unsure of what will become of the property for the moment.

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Plea

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a fight with his girlfriend, pointed the rifle at her and pulled the trigger. However, no bullet was in the gun.

The girlfriend then departed to a neighboring residence, according to Fox. Wilson pointed the rifle at the home and fired. The bullet went through a window in a door and did not hit the neighbor or the girlfriend, but the neighbor was transported to the hospital for minor injuries from flying debris.

Aggravated assault and aggravated assault (domestic) are Class 3 felonies punishable by up to 15 years in the state penitentiary and/or \$30,000 in fines.

Part of the plea agreement request from the prosecution is that Wilson be ordered to provide restitution to the victims for medical treatment and therapy they had to undergo as a result of the incident.

He remains in the Yankton County jail on \$500,000 bond.

Eng ordered a pre-sentencing investigation be completed and scheduled the sentencing for 2 p.m. July 21.

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