

REGION DIGEST

Legislative Cracker Barrel Today At The Center

The Yankton Area Chamber of Commerce's Governmental Affairs Committee will host its final legislative cracker barrel of the 2010 session at 10 a.m. today (Saturday) at The Center, 901 Whiting Drive. The forum is open to the public.

YC To Host 'Legacy of One-Room Schools'

Yankton College will host an informative and entertaining program, "Legacy of One-Room Schools," at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 9, in the Yankton College Alumni Hall at Yankton High School. The public is invited to attend.

Dr. Wayne Knutson, Distinguished Professor Emeritus at USD, will combine history and personal recollections, to present anecdotes from his country school experiences. There will also be a collection of one-room schoolhouse paintings by Sisseton artist, Harry Moshier. Call 665-3661 for more information.

Yankton Community Library, Yankton College and the Dakota Territorial Museum have partnered to bring a series of programs on one of the most fascinating chapters of South Dakota history, these yesteryear institutions.

The first two programs are sponsored by grants from the South Dakota Humanities Council, an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. This is the first of events that will lead into the 2011 Sesquicentennial celebration of Dakota Territory and Yankton.

Also, the Dakota Territorial Museum will host a social for students and teachers of one-room country schools to share their memories of this different educational era at noon-4 p.m. Saturday, March 27. The schoolhouse on display at the museum will also be open for tours. Call 665-3898 for more information.

Gavins Point Dam Discusses Future Plans

OMAHA, Neb. — Heavy snow and ice over much of the upper Missouri River basin and below normal snow in the mountains will probably result in heavy runoff in March and April and much less in May and June.

The heavy snowpack on the plains is creating high potential for flooding on many of the rivers in North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska and western Iowa. In addition, because of the large buildup of ice on the rivers, ice jams may add to the potential flooding issues.

The mountain snowpack is only 71 percent of normal for this time of the year, 73 percent of normal above Fort Peck and 69 percent in the reach between Fort Peck and Garrison, essentially the Yellowstone River basin. Traditionally, 79 percent of the peak accumulation occurs by March 1.

Runoff for 2010 is currently forecast to total 29.1 million acre feet (MAF), 117 percent of normal.

"Pulses" of water from Gavins Point Dam to benefit the endangered pallid sturgeon will be conducted in March and May, downstream river flows permitting. The March pulse will coincide with the annual increase in releases to provide navigation flows. The two-day peak is forecast to start March 22.

The second pulse will be conducted in the period May 1-19. The timing of the 2-day pulse will be determined by downstream river levels, runoff forecasts, water temperature below Gavins Point and nesting activity by the endangered least terns and threatened piping plovers.

Downstream flow limits are in place to reduce or eliminate the pulse. Last year, the March pulse was cancelled because the flows limits were exceeded while the May pulse was reduced.

Gavins Point releases averaged 15,000 cubic per second (cfs) in February. The long-term average is 17,300 cfs. Releases will average 19,700 cfs in March as they are increased to provide flows for navigation and other downstream uses.

Fort Randall reservoir rose 3.5 feet last month as it received hydropower releases from Oahe and Big Bend. It ended February at elevation 1349 feet. It will climb about 6.2 feet in March, ending the month near elevation 1355.2 feet.

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Free Tax Prep Offered By MMC Students

For the 16th year, Mount Marty College students will assist members of the community with preparing their individual tax returns without charge.

Students enrolled in the tax clinic course will help prepare required federal and state tax returns for low-income clients. The students will meet with each client for an initial interview then prepare the necessary tax returns. A second, short appointment will be conducted with each client to go over the results of the tax returns before filing. If a client is determined to require more advanced tax services, they will be asked to seek a professional tax preparer.

Each tax return will go through a verification process to ensure accuracy before being returned to the client for filing. At the conclusion of the tax return preparation process, the client will be given a paper return to mail to the Internal Revenue Service along with a full and complete copy for their personal records. No data relative to any tax returns will be maintained by Mount Marty College or the students providing this service.

To take advantage of this free service email taxprep@mtmc.edu and schedule an appointment. Call Mount Marty College at 605-668-1011 if you do not have Internet access. Appointments will be scheduled on Tuesdays (5-8 p.m.), Wednesdays (3-5 p.m.) and Thursdays (3-8 p.m.).

WINTER

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Winter began teaching in the science department of Yankton High School in 1963. From 1963-1989, he coached various sports including football, swim team, cross country, track and field and baseball, but is best known for his basketball teams. He coached the Bucks from 1965-1974, compiling a 143-63 record, winning one state title and finishing second three times. He then took over the young Gazelles program and turned it into a perennial powerhouse, posting a 319-53 mark with eight state titles and three runner-up finishes from 1975-1991. He was the national girls basketball coach of the year in 1987, and he is a member of both the South Dakota Athletic Coaches Hall of Fame and the National High School Athletic Coaches Hall of Fame.

In 1989, he took over the activities director position for the school district.

"I was talked into my present position by superintendent Maury Haugland when Jack Richardson retired," Winter said. "At one time, one of my goals was to coach in college. And I, for various reasons, had turned down a couple of positions. To some extent, I've probably been a pretty lucky guy, being in the right place at the right time."

During the course of his 47 years with YSD, Winter has seen the district win 52 state championships and a multitude of Eastern South Dakota Conference titles.

But he stresses he is just as proud of the music, drama and speech awards as he is of the sporting ones.

"I am activities director, not athletic director, and I have

watched our drama, speech and music departments win awards and championships, win superior productions in plays," he said. "We're just good. We have two girls who are twice qualified for national tournament in debate. I like being a part of that."

Winter credits his successes to the people around him, from coaches like Gene Nelson, Jack Richardson, Rich Greeno and Don Baker when he first started, to all of the various personnel he worked with during his camps each summer.

"Tim Mitchell, who is the superintendent in Chamberlain, told me there are eight superintendents in South Dakota that, at one time or another, worked at Bob Winter Basketball Camps," Winter said. "So I just have been lucky to be around a lot of different kids and people. I would say I've been an extremely lucky guy to have been part of a lot of success, and being associated with so many tremendous people."

Because his job duties included so many different aspects, from building manager to coach to event coordinator and teacher, he has had to learn how to get things done.

"I've learned a lot about leadership styles, as I've seen a lot of styles," Winter said. "Probably the number one thing I've learned is how you treat people and the respect you can gain by treating people properly is the best style of leadership. I'm convinced that — no matter what part of education you're in, whether it's as classroom teacher to administration — micromanagers and dictatorships don't survive, in my opinion. But leadership by respect does."

Over the course of his years at YSD, he has seen many physical changes to the district as well, beginning with the new high school building.

"One of the things that I enjoyed being a part of is the change in the physical facilities in the Yankton School District," Winter said. "The improvements to Crane-Youngworth Field, the development of the Summit Center and the development of the Williams track, the addition of the tennis courts and the work with the two golf courses, and HSC for cross country, has made Yankton school system have one of the finest athletic facilities in South Dakota."

Moving forward, the district faces an interesting challenge: Whom do you hire to replace Bob Winter?

"You never replace a person like Bob who has such a long-standing history in the district," Gertsema said. "It is never easy to replace a guy like Winter, so we will have a few challenges. But as Bob would say, it also opens up some new opportunities. So, we are going to go on and get the best replacement for Bob that we can. The job is open and we will take a look at all candidates, whether they are from in district or out of district. We will just see who is out there."

Whoever the district finds, that person will have big shoes to fill in Yankton and across the state. Meanwhile Winter says he will still be around Yankton.

"I've had a lot of people ask why I haven't moved," he said. "I like Yankton. I like the Missouri River. As Jim Cope said, 'Everybody has to live somewhere, and Yankton is as good as anywhere.' The Yankton community has treated me really well. Living on the river, as I do, my kids have grown up on the river and our friends are there, and that's been a good situation for me."

James D. Cimburek contributed to this story.

POLICE

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Thursday during the same hour and at the same location.

The agenda for the Monday night Yankton City Commission meeting was also discussed at Friday's media briefing.

The light schedule includes discussion of applying for a potential collaboration with Google. The Internet company is looking for communities interested in letting it test an ultra-high speed broadband network. A small number of communities

across the country will be included in the project, which will deliver Internet speeds more than 100 times faster than what most Americans have access to today with 1 gigabit per second, fiber-to-the-home connections.

Mayor Dan Specht said that,

if Yankton is selected, it would be a beneficial experience for the community.

Also Monday, the commission will appoint a Disability Committee, award a bid for a reconstruction project on Pine Street and hold an executive ses-

sion to consult with legal counsel about personnel matters.

The meeting gets under way at 7 p.m. in the City of Yankton Meeting Room, located at the Technical Education Center, 1200 W. 21st St.

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