

Tourism Forum To Be Held Today

A public forum on tourism will be held from 6-7 p.m. tonight (Wednesday) at the Hy-Vee cafeteria in Yankton. The meeting, which will be moderated by Wade Ven Osdel, will look at local tourism and wants to improve it. Everyone is welcome.

SAC 'No School Special' Set For Friday

The Summit Activities Center will be hosting a free "No School Special" on Friday, March 7, from 1-4 p.m., sponsored by the Yankton Morning Optimists Club. For further information, stop by the Summit Activities Center at 1801 Summit or call 668-5234.

Today Is Last Chance For Easter Lilies

Once again, the Yankton County Child Protection Team is selling Easter Lilies. The proceeds go to help vulnerable children in Yankton County. To order, call 661-2796 by March 5. Lilies will be delivered on or about Tuesday, April 15.

OBITUARIES

Marcella Marek

Marcy J. Marek, age 89 of Yankton, SD passed away at her residence Monday, March 3, 2014.

No formal services will be held, she has donated her body to USD for medical research.

Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory is in care of the arrangements. Marcy was born June 25, 1924 in Tabor, SD to Frank and Clara (Kudrna) Novak. She married Arthur Marek on September 24, 1958 in Slayton, MN. Marcy was in the United States Air Force for ten years. She moved to Salem OR in 1959, then later to Gresham, OR where she worked at Fancher Auto parts as an inventory controller for three years. She moved back to Yankton, SD in 1976, she worked at K-Mart for three years before retiring. She loved to work



Marek

crossword puzzles, read, crochet and sew. She enjoyed her family and friends. She is survived by her daughter, Julie (Les) Kirchner of Yankton, SD; step-son, Leslie (Mary) Marek of Yankton, SD; step daughter, Iris Brown of St. Charles, MO; 7 grandchildren; 9 great grandchildren and sister-in-law, Kay Novak of Denver, CO.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, and two brothers. Yankton Press & Dakotan March 5, 2014

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Monica Ballard

Monica Mae Ballard, 90, of Vermillion, SD passed away Monday, March 3 at her residence.



Ballard

Monica Devine was born August 18, 1923 in Wakonda, SD to Phillip and Helen "Nell" (Hart) Devine. She graduated from Wakonda High School and attended the National Business Training Center in Sioux City and married Leo Ballard on September 11, 1944 in Wakonda. She helped run Leo's Bar in Vermillion with her husband until retiring in 1979.

She was a member of the St. Agnes Catholic Church and Altar Society in Vermillion, she was a sacristan for over 40 years and she loved to dance and play cards. She is survived by her son Jerry (Marlene) Ballard of Jefferson City, MO, a daughter Madonna Ballard of Vermillion, two grandchild-

ren; four great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral Mass will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, March 7 at the St. Agnes Catholic Church in Vermillion with burial to follow in the Calvary Cemetery in Vermillion.

Visitation will begin at 6:00 p.m. Thursday, March 6 with a Rosary at 7:00 p.m. all at the church. Visit hansenfuneralhome.com/.

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Freda Dempsay

Freda Ann Dempsay, 96, of Coleridge, Neb., died Monday, March 3, 2014, at Park View Haven Nursing Home in Coleridge.

Funeral services are at 10:30 a.m. Friday, March 7, at the Pilgrim Congregational United Church of Christ in Coleridge with the Rev. Gary Kimm officiating. Burial will be at the Coleridge City Cemetery.

Visitation is 4-6 p.m. Thursday at the Wintz Funeral Home in Coleridge.

USD Sanford School Of Medicine Names New Chair Of Department Of Family Medicine

VERMILLION — The University of South Dakota Sanford School of Medicine announced today that Susan Anderson, M.D., director of the Frontier and Rural Medicine (FARM) Program, has been named the next chairperson of the Sanford School of Medicine's Department of Family Medicine, replacing Dr. Bruce Vogt who will retire in June. Dr. Anderson has been a faculty member in the Family Medicine Department of the USD Sanford School of Medicine since 2000.

Mary Nettleman, M.D., M.S., M.A.C.P., vice president of health affairs and dean of the Sanford School of Medicine, said that Anderson, a 1997 graduate of the School of Medicine, will oversee the department and work effectively and collegially with colleagues in the community and throughout the state to ad-



Anderson

vance the mission of the Family Medicine Department in both rural and urban areas. "We're pleased to have Dr. Anderson lead the Department of Family Medicine as her experience with the FARM Program and her knowledge of family medicine are a perfect fit for the Sanford School of Medicine," Nettleman stated. "Dr. Anderson is a team player with highly developed skills in collaboration, communication and mentorship. She has the ability to inspire and mentor students as well as lead a talented faculty and staff."

Dr. Anderson, a native of Canistota, S.D., graduated from South Dakota State

University in 1992 and graduated from the University of South Dakota School of Medicine in 1997. She was chief resident at the Sioux Falls Family Medicine Residency Program and is board certified in Family Medicine while practicing at Sanford USD Physicians Clinic in Sioux Falls and Canistota. She currently serves as medical director of the Canistota Good Samaritan Center. In addition to serving as director of the FARM Program, Anderson is currently associate professor and vice-chair of Clinical Foundations and Rural Education, director of the Clinical Foundations component of Pillar 1, and a member of Gov. Dennis Daugaard's Primary Care Task Force and the USD Sanford School of Medicine Alumni Council. She and her husband Matt reside in Canistota and have four children.

Expo

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error of Dakota Territory.

The National Park Service will welcome visitors to its up-graded mobile ranger station, focusing on the geography, history and culture of the Missouri River. The NPS will also offer its "wheel of interpretation."

"We have gotten a lot of inquiries about the ranger station. I'm putting the finishing touches on it, and it'll be ready to go," said NPS Ranger Dugan Smith. "I have booked the station for trips around this area of South Dakota and Nebraska. I'll also be taking it out to the national parks in the western part of the state."

The expo will also feature disc golf, boat safety inspections, hiking, river trips, summer programs in Yankton, pinewood derby racing, Scout skills for survival, and fish of the Missouri River. Other stops will feature the National Guard and its role, air rifles, archery, rocket launch zone and bicycling.

Visitors can learn about the wild and scenic river designation and the Missouri River water trail. They can also develop skills such as animal tracking and identification; outdoor cooking; backpacking; and mapping and orienteering with the Global Positioning System (GPS).

The outdoor expo will truly be for the birds, Kuhl said.

"We're offering a (birdwatching) part, something really simple for the general public," he said. "It will be beginner stuff to get people started, not anything advanced."

Visitors of all ages can also test their archery skills, said Bill Hewes with the NFAA Easton Archery Complex at Yankton. Hewes also coaches the Mount Marty College archery team.

The expo will provide a range for basic archery instruction, and bows will be provided for visitors to use, Hewes said. "You can see if you like the sport and equipment before you invest money in it," he said.

Yankton has emerged as a leader on archery's world stage, Hewes said. "We're hosting state, national and international



RANDY DOCKENDORF/P&D

Yankton city engineer Kevin Kuhl (left) and Bill Hewes, head coach of the NFAA Easton Archery Complex, discuss information about the May 3 Missouri River Expo during Tuesday's planning meeting. The meeting also covered the May 2 Missouri River Watershed Festival, the May 3 river clean-up and the May 4-11 Clean Boat Event.

events. We will promote (at the expo) what archery has meant to Yankton," he said.

Yankton and the rest of the Missouri National Recreational River (MNRR) have also become nationally recognized as a prime canoeing and kayaking destination, Kuhl said. The South Dakota Canoe and Kayak Association (SDCKA) will be on hand at the Yankton expo, he added.

"The kayak association will have people coming from Sioux City, Sioux Falls and Omaha," Kuhl said. "We'll have certified instructors who will answer questions and who will do a good job of helping you select a kayak."

Also a Scouting leader, Kuhl expects regional Scouting organizations to join the expo.

"The Lewis and Clark Trail District will sponsor presentations," he said. "We expect visitors from the Sioux Council to join us for the event."

Amidst all the expo fun, Karla Zeutenhorst with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will deliver a serious reminder about water safety.

"My presentation will be interactive with the public," she

said. "We'll talk about safety on the water, and we'll promote the wearing of a life jacket. People can find lifejackets of every different size and for any activity."

The Yankton expo joins other Missouri River events that have become annual May traditions.

The Missouri River Watershed Festival will again draw students from a 100-mile radius, according to Mary Robb with the City of Yankton. Schools can register until March 14, with registrations already received from throughout southeast South Dakota and northeast Nebraska.

The schools indicating they will attend include Yankton Middle School, Sacred Heart School of Yankton, Elkhorn Valley of Tilden, Neb.; Lynch, Neb.; Andes Central; Laurel-Concord of Laurel, Neb.; Scotland and Gayville-Volin.

The festival will feature 20 presenters on a variety of topics, Robb said. The ever-popular "fish tank" will return, providing students with a close-up view of fish found locally in the Missouri River, she said.

Robb welcomed the joint

planning for the school festival, river clean-up and outdoors expo. "It's going to be a great two days," she said.

The Missouri River clean-up will run May 3, with volunteer crews working both sides of the river below Gavins Point Dam near Yankton.

The final activity, the Clean Boat Event, will be held throughout the following week. Teams are asked to sign up for days throughout the week, passing out brochures and informing boaters of ways to keep their crafts free of invasive species.

"We are looking for teams so we get every day of that week covered," said Paul Lepisto with the Izaak Walton League of America (IWL).

Smith highly anticipates this year's expanded schedule. "It's more hectic with the additional (expo) event, but it's really coming together. We're looking forward to a great turn-out."

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vestment of \$50 million in Yankton County.

YAPG, a non-profit economic development corporation, became involved in conversations surrounding the project during the past six weeks.

Rob Stephenson of YAPG's executive board told the commission that the organization regretted not getting involved earlier.

"We recognize it has put a lot of pressure on timelines that could have been avoided if we would have been in the conversation earlier," he said. "We see this as an incredible opportunity, and that's where we've stepped in to say, 'How can we help?'"

"There is some risk to be taken here but very little direct cost to YAPG or Yankton County in trying to make something happen that could potentially be the biggest development in Yankton County that has happened in the 35 years YAPG has existed."

It is envisioned that YAPG would receive the revenue of the TID, which has been proposed at \$5 million. That

money could be used for such things as road maintenance, land acquisition costs and rail construction. In return, YAPG would be allowed to act as a developer that would seek out other businesses interested in building facilities at the site and having rail access.

"Our investors are not prepared to go forward with our part in this agreement to help fund (road) maintenance costs over time without a TID to help fund that," Stephenson stated.

If Yankton County fails to secure the project, he said the grain facility will go to a neighboring county. Meanwhile, the need for road maintenance will continue locally without the benefit of millions of dollars of investment.

Morris also stressed the importance of tax increment financing to the project.

"What I can't have happen is you saying, 'Yeah we're going to support the TID,' land options are exercised, contracts are signed and then that crucial revenue stream disappears because you have a change of mind," Morris told the commission. "You have a room full of talented people here who trust you, and I hope you trust them."

Earlier in the meeting, Commissioner Garry Moore

criticized Dakota Plains for its sporadic attempts during the past two years to move the project forward and, in his opinion, not following county planning guidelines.

"Now, this \$30 million project is supposed to fall in place in 30 days or less," he said. "It's not going to happen. It's not responsible to let it happen that way. We all know that."

"The only certainty that we have had through this whole process is the uncertainty every time (Dakota Plains) walks through that door because that plan has changed," Moore continued. "Quite frankly, I'd like to sit down and work out a plan that isn't going to change when somebody walks through the door. That's what we've had plenty of in the last over two years. It's not that we haven't been able to work with these people. They haven't been willing to work with us or our zoning administrator from the get-go up until a couple months ago. Therein lies the problem."

Commissioner John Harper pointed out that, besides projecting the amount of the TID, no details have been established.

"It's hard for those on the

fence to make a decision without details," he said.

When Morris asked the commissioners individually if they thought they could support a TID, all but one said they believed an agreement could be struck.

Commissioners Harper, Bruce Jensen, Moore and Allen Sinclair leaned toward the positive.

"We need everything spelled out," Moore said.

Commissioner Donna Freng said she was leaning toward not supporting a TID.

"My issue is, I do see a risk to the county. I see a big risk to the county," she stated. "I see that our tax dollars do not grow, which means that every taxpayer in the county, at some level, will be hurt by this."

That could mean less gravel on some roads throughout the county, fewer EMTs or other cuts because of a need for more road maintenance around the grain facility or other potential costs, according to Freng.

"I want that facility in the county, but I don't want the county to lose money on this thing and I think we could if it's not done right," she said.

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