

## Legion Auxiliary Meeting Moved

The Auxiliary to Roy Anderson American Legion Post No. 12 will hold its meeting on Monday, March 24, at 7:30 p.m. at the VFW Post Home, 209 Cedar Street, instead of March 17. The Yankton County Legislators will present a program on the 2014 Legislative Session. Spouses of Auxiliary members and American Legion members are invited to attend. Birthday cake will be served in observance of the American Legion's birthday.

## Fund Set Up For Family Who Lost Home

A fund has been set up for Jen and Chris Hauger of Yankton, who lost their home due to fire last week. Donations are being accepted at any Services Center Federal Credit Union in Yankton, Springfield or Parkston. Donations may also be mailed to the Services Center Federal Credit Union, c/o Jen and Chris Hauger Fund, PO Box 704, Yankton, SD 57078.

## RTEC Fund Drive Nears \$120,000 Mark

The Workforce Development Fund Drive, launched several weeks ago by the Regional Technical Education Center (RTEC), is nearing the \$120,000 mark with another \$45,000 of in-kind funding pledged. As of March 12, the fund drive had received \$119,510 in pledges. The campaign was launched as a way to enable RTEC to sustain and enhance its efforts to support the Yankton Community and businesses with education and skills training. The goal is to raise at least \$200,000.

Businesses and individuals who have pledged their support to the fund drive as of March 12 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; Rural Manufacturing; Halbur Katterhagen Family; Boston Shoe Shop; Tom Hausmann, S.M.A.R.T. Training; and Scott Kooistra.

An open house, designed to let anyone curious about the activities and programs that take place inside the Technical Education Center at 1200 W. 21st St., was held March 10. Individuals who were unable to attend are encouraged to stop out and take a closer look at RTEC, Southeast Job Link, Mitchell Technical Institute and Black Hills State University, the entities which are all located inside the Technical Education Center facility.

## 301st St. To Close For Bridge Repair

The Yankton County Highway Department reports that County Road 301st Street will be closed from 451st Ave. to 452nd Ave. for bridge repair beginning March 17. It will remain closed until further notice.

## Sioux Falls VA to Host Open House

SIoux FALLS — The Sioux Falls VA (Dept. of Veterans Affairs) Health Care System welcomes all veterans, their families, and area residents to an open house of the recently renovated outpatient mental health services at the Sioux Falls VA Medical Center. This event will take place March 19 from 1:30-3 p.m. in Building 1 of the medical center at 2501 W. 22nd Street. Staff will be available to provide tours and share information about mental health services available (psychiatry, psychology, social work neuropsychological testing, and homeless programs) and the renovation itself. Refreshments will be served. This is also an opportunity for veterans to learn more about VA services available to them. For more information, call 605-333-6889.

## Weather Reporting Volunteers Needed

BROOKINGS — A national volunteer network of precipitation observers or CoCoRaHS (Community Collaborative Rain Hail and Snow Network) is looking for more volunteers to track precipitation events across South Dakota, reported SDSU Extension State Climatologist and CoCoRaHS State Coordinator, Dennis Today. "These are everyday people who enjoy measuring precipitation and are willing to report that on the internet," he says, of the volunteers who measure and report after rain, hail and snow events.

Despite today's automated technology, Today believes local reporting is still essential in tracking the variability of rainfall. For example, on July 15, 2013, an observer near Kennebec reported 4.18 inches, where the volunteers near the north and south borders of Lyman County reported just .20 inches.

"It's a huge benefit to us to have people across the state who monitor precipitation. The biggest variability in weather across South Dakota is how precipitation differs from place to place. Even with all the technology we have, we really need to have on-ground measurements all across the state to tell us what is really happening on the ground," he said. "Where we have heavy rain events, like flood events, the National Weather Service has issued flash flood warnings based on people's reports on how much rain fell there was," he said.

Laura Edwards, SDSU Extension Climate Field Specialist and CoCoRaHS State Coordinator, says volunteer reports can also be useful in documenting drought conditions.

"If people can tell us how many days they've gone without rainfall, it helps us document drought conditions and better support disaster declaration because of drought," she said. Volunteers who are interested in joining the CoCoRaHS network must be willing to take daily precipitation readings between 6 a.m. and 9 a.m. and report the events on-line or by phone. There is a smartphone app for Android, and an app for Apple is coming soon. They are asked to use a standard 4-inch diameter rain gauge and will receive a small bit of training.

A March Madness recruiting campaign is now under way. To learn more and view an informative video trailer about CoCoRaHS, visit www.cocorahs.org or contact Today at (605) 688-5678.

## MMC Lecture To Discuss Poverty

Mount Marty College's Benedictine Institute of Leadership, Ethics and Social Justice will present Father Larry Snyder, President of Catholic Charities USA (CCUSA), giving his address "Hunger and the Poor" in Marian Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 20, for the school's spring Benedictine Lecture Series.

The lecture is free and open to the public. Snyder has led the CCUSA since 2005, overseeing the national office of more than 160 local Catholic Charities agencies nationwide that provide help and create hope to more than 10 million per year, regardless of their religious, social, or economic backgrounds. He is also the author of "Think and Act Anew: How Poverty in America Affects Us All and What We Can Do About It."

For more information on the Benedictine Institute, visit www.mtmc.edu/benedictineinstitute or contact Director, Andy Henrickson at 605-668-1495.

## OBITUARIES

### David King

Funeral services for David King, 73, of Center, Neb., are pending at Brockhaus Funeral Home in Bloomfield, Neb.

David died Wednesday, March 12, 2014, at his home in Center.

### Ferne Diede

Ferne D. Diede, 79, of Yankton, died Thursday, March 13, 2014, at Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton.

Funeral services are pending with the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton.

# MMC Nursing Students Join Honor Society

Mount Marty College nursing students and a nursing faculty member were inducted into the Upsilon Iota Chapter of the Honor Society for Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International on March 2 at the Avera Professional Office Pavilion on the Avera Sacred Heart Campus.

As one of the most distinctive organizations in professional nursing, the honor society influences and changes the health of people by engaging the intellectual capital of nurses around the globe. Founded to advance the knowledge, learning and services of nurses, the honor society focuses on scholarship and leadership in its social and ethical commitment to excellence. The selection for induction into the Upsilon Iota Chapter Honor Society is based on the recognition of the candidates for their excellence in professional endeavor and strength of leadership as demonstrated by exceptional achievement in nursing.

BSN student inductees are: Brittini Boes, Fort Pierre, SD; Kristen Boyle, Norfolk, NE; Sarah Donovan, Gretna, NE;



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Sarah Hills, Yankton, SD; Angel Johnston, Wakonda, SD; Gina Ludens, Springfield, SD; Sara Means, Granville, IA; Courtney Miller, Mitchell, SD; Lauren Orwig, Norfolk, NE; Ashley Riibe, Yankton, SD. MSN student inductees are: Francoise Bansenga, Sioux Falls, SD; Holly Haberman, Crofton,

NE; Kim Haines, Alexandria, SD. MS (Nursing Anesthesia) student inductees are: Kari Hargens, Sioux Falls, SD; Taylor Longville, Sioux Falls, SD; Amy Mechtenberg, Sioux Falls, SD; Amanda Nastase, Gretna, NE; Matt Poppe, Sioux Falls, SD; Jason Roskup, Sioux Falls, SD; Jessica Thurlow, Fremont, NE.

Community Leader inductee: Pam Wiebelhaus, Lincoln, NE.

Congratulations to all the new Upsilon Iota members and for more information on the Mount Marty College nursing program, please visit www.mtmc.edu/nursing.

# U.S. Fish And Wildlife Service Announces Availability Of Pallid Sturgeon Recovery Plan

DENVER — The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is announcing the availability of the Pallid Sturgeon Revised Recovery Plan.

The Pallid Sturgeon (*Scaphirhynchus albus*) is a bottom-feeding fish considered to be a relic of the dinosaur era, which historically occupied the Missouri and Yellowstone rivers in Montana downstream to the Missouri-Mississippi confluence and the Mississippi River possibly from near Keokuk, Iowa, downstream to New Orleans, Louisiana. The species is listed as endangered under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (Act).

Pallid Sturgeon are an important indicator of the health of several of America's largest rivers, and represent a unique piece of America's natural history, with fossil ancestors dating back more than 70 million years. The draft revised plan summarizes and updates the available information on the species life history needs,

reevaluates the threats to the species, and identifies recovery efforts.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service originally drafted the recovery plan in 1993 as an outline of the steps necessary to recover the imperiled fish, which dates back to the prehistoric era. Revisions to the recovery plan will allow the Service and its conservation partners to better address threats such as habitat destruction to the imperiled fish.

The objective of a recovery plan is to provide a framework for the recovery of a species so that protection under the Act is no longer necessary. A recovery plan includes scientific information about the species and provides criteria and actions necessary for the Service to be able to remove it from the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants. Recovery plans do not regulate federal agencies or their partners, but recovery plans are

often adopted by federal agencies as sound environmental policy.

"In order to keep pace with the rapidly changing and heavily used rivers the pallid sturgeon calls home, we updated its recovery plan to better meet the conservation challenges," said Noreen Walsh, Mountain-Prairie regional director. "It's our goal to conserve and protect this 'living dinosaur' from extinction for future generations of Americans."

A number of threats to the pallid sturgeon's habitat have complicated the recovery of this freshwater fish. Human modification of its river habitat such as river channelization, impoundment, and altered flow regimes are in part responsible. Degraded water quality and disease are among other factors proving challenges to recovery of the pallid sturgeon.

The Service and its partners have been working diligently to recovery the pallid sturgeon by

artificially propagating and stocking sturgeon, population monitoring and researching the life history and needs of the pallid sturgeon for natural reproduction. In addition, the Service and partners are working to create fish passages at the Yellowstone River's intake dam in Montana.

Today, wild pallid sturgeon persist in the unimpounded reaches of the Missouri River, Mississippi River and some of their larger tributaries. Pallid sturgeon observations and records have increased with sampling effort in the middle and lower Mississippi River. Additionally, in 1991 the species was identified in the Atchafalaya River of Louisiana, and in 2011 pallid sturgeon were documented entering the lower reaches of the Arkansas River.

The updated Recovery Plan can be viewed at <http://www.fws.gov/mountain-prairie/species/fish/pallidsturgeon/index.html>.

## Texting

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cause people to stop it.

"This is not about tickets and fines, but it's about changing the culture that texting while driving is not safe. It's dangerous. It's deadly, and it deserves to be illegal," Vehle said.

Eight local governments, including some of South Dakota's largest cities, have passed their own bans after the Legislature in recent years failed to pass a statewide texting ban.

Gosch on Thursday repeated his argument that cities and counties should not be allowed to pass their own texting ordinances that differ from state law. He has said a 1929 law already prevents local governments from having traffic regulations that conflict with state laws on the rules of the road.

The bill endorsed Thursday by the negotiating committee does not prevent local governments from passing their own texting bans.

Rep. Charlie Hoffman, R-Eureka, said cities could pass bans that are stricter than state law. The courts eventually will decide if local governments have the right to pass

bans that differ from state law, he said.

He also said the last-minute effort to revive and pass the bill resulted from enormous public pressure on the issue.

"People in the House and Senate didn't want to go back on their campaigns and have to be badgered on 'Why aren't you doing your job,'" Hoffman said.

Sen. Blake Curd, R-Sioux Falls, a member of the committee, said he used to be against a texting ban because he thought general laws on distracted driving were sufficient. But he said as a doctor he has seen the results of accidents caused by texting.

"Some of those results can be catastrophic, and certainly, as we all know, can be fatal," Curd said.

Rep. Troy Heinert, D-Mission, said it's time that South Dakota bans texting behind the wheel.

"We've lost too many young people, too many old people. We can't allow this to happen anymore," Heinert said.

The bill would ban the use of a handheld electronic device to write, send or read text-based messages. However, drivers could still use cellphones to talk and could text with devices using voice-operated or hands-free technology.

## MNRR

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"(The water trail designation) will increase our visitor base and increase the economic benefits to the area. We're already seeing an increase in the number of canoers and kayakers in the area. We're hoping that this national designation as a water trail only increases that."

Wilkinson said other programs the MNRR is working on could contribute to future increases in visitation.

"I think, as we keep building and creating more awareness that this is eastern South Dakota's only national park, that you're only going to see visitation grow," he said. "We've got a new mobile ranger station that we're going to be taking out and about, and more people are going to be learning about the park and why the park is important and that they can get out on it. The fact that more people are knowledgeable that they have a national park in their backyard is going to

make them go out, visit and recreate on the river."

Yager said the key to bringing visitors into and back to the MNRR is making the river enjoyable.

"The best way to keep them coming is to make sure they have a positive experience when they're here," she said. "That's everything from having a clean river that's free of trash to having a resource here that they can't get anywhere else. There's not many places where you can go and experience a river like we have."

"The other reason would be the communities along the river like Yankton, Niobrara, Springfield and all those different communities — if a visitor has a positive experience in those communities, they're probably going to keep coming back."

To see the National Park Service's report, visit <http://www.nature.nps.gov/sciencel/economics.cfm/>

You can follow Rob Nielsen on Twitter at [twitter.com/RobNielsenPandD/](https://twitter.com/RobNielsenPandD/). Discuss this story at [www.yankton.net/](http://www.yankton.net/)

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alleged crimes, Yankton County Deputy State's Attorney Erich Johnke said during a hearing last week that Hudson has faced such charges as possession of a controlled substance, burglary and forgery in the past. Hudson has four active warrants in South

Dakota and is a parole absconder, according to Johnke.

The Yankton Police Department, the Yankton County Sheriff's Office and the South Dakota Division of Criminal Investigation were involved in the investigation of the alleged homicide.

You can follow Nathan Johnson on Twitter at [twitter.com/AnInlandVoyage](https://twitter.com/AnInlandVoyage). Discuss this story at [www.yankton.net/](http://www.yankton.net/).

## IN REMEMBRANCE

Lyle E. Thomas

10:30 AM, Tuesday

St. Michael's Catholic Church  
Coleridge

WINTZ & RAY  
FUNERAL HOME  
and Cremation Service, Inc.  
605-665-3644



WINTZ  
FUNERAL HOME INC.  
Hartington, Coleridge, Crofton  
402-254-6547

**Tonight's Special 5-9pm**  
**Seafood Combo**  
*includes soup & salad bar*  
**Yesterday's Cafe**  
2216 Broadway, Yankton

**Attention:**

**New contact information for Medical Records Release:**

For any patient wanting a copy of their medical records, please send a written and signed request for your medical records to be released along with the \$10.00 fee for postage and copying costs, to the following address:

**Dr. Joseph R. Boudreau, MD**  
**Sioux Falls VA Health Care System**  
**2501 West 22nd Sreet**  
**Sioux Falls, SD 57117**  
**Fax: (605) 373-4120**

Please ensure correct information, including your date of birth and correct forwarding address. Records wil NOT be released unless a signed records release request from the patient is received. Also, include a fax number to where you want your records sent if you wish them to be faxed rather than mailed.