

Fair

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we do have some in the outlying communities such as Freeman, Tyndall and Tabor.”

She said the jobs being promoted will range across many different areas.

“You have your manufacturing, your health care and your entry level jobs,” Johnson said. “There are some restaurant businesses coming this year, as well as educational booths featuring RTEC, USD and other colleges. They will be there to talk to anyone looking to update their skills and get an education.”

Johnson noted that a large majority of the jobs available in Yankton are in the manufacturing and health care fields.

“We say our employers are looking for skilled workers,” she said. “There are just multiple different jobs available. There are lots of welding positions in the area. There are always a lot of CNA (certified nursing assistant) jobs and right now there are a lot available.”

She noted that even if you are not currently a skilled worker, you may offer an employer soft skills that could

lead to on-the-job training. “Soft skills could mean just showing up for work and communicating with your employers and your co-workers,” she said. “Soft skills are needed in every job. Unfortunately, some workers don’t know about those skills. I would say that if you are a good, hard worker with a great work history, maybe some education, and em-

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ployers like you, many employers will be willing to train you if you are the right fit for their company.”

Johnson added that the job fair is not just for currently unemployed workers. It is for anyone looking for a better job and a way to make themselves better.

“The job fair gives them an opportunity to meet with the employer face to face and visit about positions that they have open,” she said. “Even if job seekers don’t find a job through the fair, it is a good practice for them to go through to get themselves talking to employers and visiting about

the opportunities in Yankton. I think that is an important message to get to our youth. We have great opportunities in Yankton, this is a great place to live and work.”

She warned that any job seekers that plan to attend should remember to treat the job fair as if they are in an interview.

“I just know we have lots of openings in the region,” Johnson said. “Yankton’s manufacturing section has seen a lot of expansion, so that adds to a need for additional workers. That is great for the economy, but employers are having a hard time filling those positions with our low unemployment rate.”

Positions that will be offered at the job fair will include part-time, full-time and temporary, Johnson said, so she is hoping for a good turnout.

“Last year, we had 145 job applicants show up, with 33 employers,” she said. “This year we have 35 employers, so I am hoping for more. There may be some jobs for teenagers and others seeking summer employment.”

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Oahe: Walleye Get Boost From Baitfish Rebound

PIERRE (AP) — South Dakota wildlife officials say an increase in baitfish and healthier walleyes in Lake Oahe add up to good news for anglers.

The Missouri River reservoir in north central South Dakota and south central North Dakota is still recovering from flooding in 2011 that devastated the population of rainbow smelt, the food of choice for walleyes.

That led to a fall-off in the number of big walleyes that draw anglers from all over. But Game, Fish and Parks Senior Fisheries Biologist Mark Fincel tells the Capital Journal that smelt numbers are up, and walleyes born in 2009 are finally getting above the 15-16-inch range.

Prison

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sign at a highway intersection. His vehicle then entered a parking lot at highway speed and struck two U.S. Fish and Wildlife employees who were working in the Pickstown area.

Fischer’s blood alcohol was three times the legal limit.

The victims, Maegan Spindler and Dr. Robert Klumb, were both employees of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services.

“Ronald Fischer’s decision to drive drunk and out-of-control was a senseless act that has taken two young lives causing a tremendous loss for two families,” Attorney general Marty Jackley said in the press release. “My thoughts remain with the

Klumb and Spindler families.”

Jackley added: “This case demonstrates the need for legislative review of South Dakota’s vehicular homicide law because the action of taking a human life should be valued at more than a maximum of 15 years with further reductions in parole eligibility.”

The Attorney General’s Office said it plans to work with legislators to review increasing the maximum penalty of 15 years classification for vehicular homicide and to move the vehicular homicide offense to the violent crime category, requiring more time served before parole eligibility.

The investigation was conducted by the Charles Mix County Sheriff’s Office, South Dakota Highway Patrol and the Division of Criminal Investigation and prosecuted by the Attorney General’s Office.

Olympiad

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“I might venture to say that might be a big national streak,” Schild said. “There aren’t many places that win state every year. Our high school team has won every year but two. That’s 28 out of 30 years.”

Tom Merrill and Bob Medeck have been instrumental in how long and far the Yankton teams have come, both having been involved since the competition’s initiation.

Both return to coach the teams even after their retirement.

“The events have really gotten tougher,” Merrill said. “The events were written for the science curriculum that the kids were expected to

know for their grades. Now it’s much tougher than that and the kids step up.”

“The kids put in a lot of time and energy and we came in feeling good about our events,” said Yankton Middle School coach Cheryl Schaeffer. “The kids stepped it up and they did what needed to be done and they worked really hard for it. We had kids that on a weekend put in 23 hours.”

Hours that the coaches are proud to see.

“It’s great, clean competition all about science,” Schild said. “We have kids that are athletes and in debate and drama but to spend all these hours after school because they want to learn about science, you can’t beat it.”

The Yankton teams look forward to competing at the national level again this year which will be held at the Uni-

versity of Nebraska in Lincoln on May 16.

“We don’t compete for the team trophy but last year we did pretty good,” Schild said.

According to Schild, two medals were awarded to Yankton Middle School team members and a few were also earned by the high school team. Not bad considering 60 teams attend the national competition with a total of about 900 kids.

“We think it’s a great accomplishment for anyone to medal in Nationals,” Schild said. “The greatest science kids in the nation come together. What a competition!”

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