

Schmeckfest Continues For Second Weekend

FREEMAN — The Freeman Academy Auxiliary has completed its first of two weekend Schmeckfest celebrations and is anticipating the second weekend of events in Freeman March 27-28 on the Freeman Academy Campus. This “festival of tasting” features a German ethnic meal served family style from 4-7 p.m. each day. Meal tickets are still remaining for Friday, March 27, but must be purchased in advance.

Musical production of “Big

River” will be presented at 8 p.m. in Pioneer Hall. Based on Mark Twain’s classic 1884 novel, “Adventures of Huckleberry Finn,” the musical features of music of Roger Miller and tells the tale of a young boy, Huck Finn, who runs away. Huck soon develops a relationship with a slave named Jim, and together they face the challenges of life while navigating the muddy waters of the Mississippi River and the host of

characters that come their way.

A special performance will be presented on Thursday, March 26, at 8 p.m. Reserved seats for this

performance are still available. (There will not be any other activities available on this night.) General Admission tickets will be available at 6:30-8 p.m. on Thursday as well as reserved seating for all three performances and meal tickets for Friday.

Other attractions during the festival include: demonstrations and displays of ethnic crafts and culinary skills, including sausage-making and sales; histori-

cal and musical presentations; community art display; Country Kitchen sales; Heritage Hall Museum and Archives. These activities are open from 1-7 p.m. and free to the public.

For ticket and other information, go to www.schmeckfest.com or call 605-925-4542. General admission tickets for the musical will be available at the door each evening.

All proceeds go to benefit Freeman Academy, a Christian school with grades 1-12.



Crayons

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and other South Dakota communities.

“At first, we were not sure what to expect,” he said. “We thought maybe we would collect enough to send one container box down there.”

Instead, the group collected nearly 6,000 pounds of school supplies, enough for three large 4-foot by 4-foot shipping containers.

Siebring said another hurdle faced by the group was the cost of shipping the supplies to Haiti.

“The first time we shipped down there, we were affiliated with a group called New Horizons for Haiti and we had to pay \$1,800 to ship it,” he said. “Then I got connected with D.W. (Duhacheck) from here in Yankton and he connected me with the Orphan Grain Train out of Norfolk, Nebraska.”

That connection has provided a huge savings for the group as they will include the supplies with their normal shipment to the country. In



SHAUNA MARLETTE/P&D
Gordon and Betty Siebring of George, Iowa, have made it their mission to see that the youth of Haiti have utensils for writing. Their goal to collect 6,000 pounds of used crayons is being assisted by the Yankton Kiwanis Club.

addition, when the Kiwanis group collected more than could be used at the mission in Haiti, Orphan Grain Train was able to direct the surplus to a school in Nicaragua.

Siebring said the drive is providing vital supplies that would not be accessible to the students in Haiti were it not for the donations of people here in the area, which is why he and his wife made the journey to Yankton Tuesday to meet with area Kiwanis members.

“We say we are collecting crayons, but in reality, we are

collecting all school supplies,” Siebring said. “My wife, Betty, will take all the partially used glue bottles and combine them into full bottles. The crayons we take to the nursing home in George, and the residents help us sort them into one-gallon bags, which we then put into cardboard boxes for shipping.”

He explained that broken crayons are separated out into a separate bags and used for art projects.

“Once the items are all separated out, we package the cardboard boxes into larger

home-made crates that hold about 2,000 pounds of supplies each,” Siebring said. “Last year, for whatever reason, some of the communities like Yankton and Sioux Falls didn’t collect the supplies and we didn’t have enough for a shipment, so this year I am making sure to revisit the communities and clubs that have participated in the past to make sure they know how important this project is.”

The collection points in Yankton this spring include the schools, Kopetsky’s Ace Hardware, HyVee and Slumberland.

“It really doesn’t require much, just rather than throwing the items away as you are cleaning out your desk and lockers, find the collection boxes and drop your unwanted items in,” Siebring said. “They will use it all and be excited to have it. If you would rather donate new items, we will gladly accept those, as well.”

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results will be posted soon after on the DOT’s website.

He added that bid letting is being conducted a little later than usual this year.

“With this being let at the end of March, it’s relatively late,” he said. “Usually, we like to let things in December, January or February so that the contractor can get all (their) paperwork in order, (their) bond, insurance and subcontractors.”

Peterson said a few factors contributed to the later letting date.

“Just a lot of design things,” he said. “It took some time to get the details and plans out for advertisement. It took a while to acquire the right-of-way and easements that are needed for the project.”

Work is expected to begin in mid to late April and continue through Thanksgiving and possibly beyond, depending on weather.

Yankton Public Services Director Kevin Kuhl said the city has made arrangements to make sure no other road work interferes with the Highway 50 project or possible alternate routes.

“From a public works standpoint, we’ve rearranged our schedule of streets to be done,” Kuhl said. “What we’re trying to do is not have any major collector streets being revamped at the same time. ... We’re trying to leave all our collector and trail streets open the next two years and focus on neighborhood streets and some streets quite a ways from the site that would not carry some of that traffic as an alternate road.”

Even with a contractor selected after today, Peterson said there will still be a number of steps to spread awareness of the project before the project gets under way.

“Once it’s let, the bids are checked and the (City) Commission awards it,” he said. “The next step that the community will see (is), we’ll have a public meeting here in Yankton to let people see the contractor, see our faces and key players on the project, let the contractor tell them what his schedule is, where he’s going to start, when he’s going to start.”

A date for the initial public meeting will be released following the establishment

of a contractor.

Peterson said after the project commences, officials and the public will regularly be updated on construction progress.

“Once we get started on the project, we anticipate every week there will be a weekly meeting that will probably be in two phases,” he said. “We’ll meet for an hour with the contractor, sub (contractors), utilities to say, ‘What are we doing next week? What didn’t we get done this week? Are we behind?’ and just all those nuts, bolts and mechanics of the project. In the second hour, the public can come in and find out (what’s going on and future impacts).”

To help minimize impacts on those using Highway 50 during phase one of the project, Peterson said a number of measures are being taken.

“Major construction like this impacts everybody,” he said. “We are going to try and divert the semi-trucks down around Second St. during this year’s phase to keep them out of the narrow streets in the business district.”

A temporary traffic signal will be erected at the intersection of Second St. and Broadway Ave. to help with traffic control. Emergency vehicle access will be maintained at all times.

The DOT and the Yankton Area Chamber of Commerce are working together to keep businesses and residents informed on the project status.

“We’ve actually started a newsletter process that’s going out by email,” Peterson said.

Kuhl said the project will help Yankton well into the future.

“It’ll really set us up for the next 30 years for having a quality pavement to carry our traffic on,” he said. “It gives us a chance to upgrade the surfacing and the storm sewer system as well as other utilities (that) will be upgraded. The project gives us a completely new corridor to operate our city in.”

Anyone interested in receiving newsletter updates on the project is encouraged to email Greg.Rothschadl@state.sd.us to be added to the email list.

You can follow Rob Nielsen on Twitter at twitter.com/RobNielsenPandD/. Discuss this story at www.yankton.net/.

OBITUARIES

Lorraine Brattmiller

Lorraine K. Brattmiller, age 91, of Yankton, South Dakota died Saturday, March 21, 2015 at her home.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, March 27, 2015 at St. Benedict Catholic Church with Reverend Ken Lulf officiating. Burial will be in the Garden of Memories Cemetery in Yankton.

Visitation is from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 26 at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton with a rosary and vigil service at 7:00 p.m. Visitation will continue one hour prior to the funeral at the church.

Pallbearers are Anita Wootton, Robert Brattmiller, David Kotschegarow, Brigitte Dangel, Lee Carda and Jessica Palmer.

Lorraine was born February 27, 1924 to William



Brattmiller

and Elizabeth (Goetertzt) Schweitzer. She grew up on the family farm in rural Freeman.

She completed her GED at Vermillion. On May 12, 1943, she married George Sigel. They farmed along the James River a mile south of Highway 46. Lorraine also worked as a switchboard operator, cook and babysitter in Yankton. Later in life, she became trained and licensed in the art of reflexology and helped many people with their ailments. Her husband, George, died on August 11, 1976.

On December 26, 1978, Lorraine married Rolland Brattmiller in Yankton. They lived in Tabor and later made their home in Yankton. They enjoyed

fifth-wheeling throughout the United States and took many overseas trips. They enjoyed the winters in Arizona and Florida, deciding to make a winter home in Florida. Rolie passed away on June 6, 2005.

Lorraine loved gardening, baking/cooking, playing cards, fishing, spending time with friends and family, shopping and dancing, especially to polkas. She also loved music and taught herself the guitar and piano. Lorraine was a devout member of Sacred Heart Church and then St. Benedict’s. She faithfully attended daily mass and her Catholic faith was the center of her life.

Lorraine is survived by her sister, Agnes (Ray) Dangel of Freeman, SD; four step-children: Deanna (Gene) Bevers of Monticello, MN, Connie (Mike) Carda of Tea, SD, Karen (Chris) Jensen of Yankton and Robert Brattmiller of

Tyndall, SD; seven step grandchildren; two step great grandchildren; and many cousins, nieces, nephews, extended family members and friends.

Lorraine was preceded in death by her parents; husbands, George Sigel and Rolland Brattmiller; step-grandson, Ryan Brattmiller; three brothers, William, Francis and Ralph; and sisters, Lena, Cecelia and Evelyn.

To send an online message to the family, please visit www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

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officiating. Burial will be in the Garden of Memories Cemetery in Yankton.

The family will receive friends from noon-2 p.m. Friday before the memorial service at St. John’s Lutheran Church.

To post an online sympathy message, visit wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

Lyle Terrio

HILL CITY — Lyle Dean Terrio passed away Monday, March 23, 2015 at the VA Black Hills Health Care System — Fort Meade at the age of 84.

Lyle was born May 2, 1930 in Yankton County to Robert and Helen Terrio. He spent his childhood on a farm in Irene. He was baptized and confirmed at Elim Church and attended Lonestar School.

Lyle enlisted in the Air Force in 1951 and traveled extensively while working in communications. He was honorably discharged in 1976.

After retiring, Lyle moved to Hill City where he continued his numerous hobbies, one of which was collecting and working on old radios. He also loved going fishing with his good friends while his health allowed.

Lyle is survived and will be dearly missed by his two sisters, Lorraine Rye from Renner and Eleanor Edelman from Rapid City; and

numerous nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents and an infant brother.

Graveside services will be 9:00 a.m. Friday, March 27, 2015 at Black Hills National Cemetery near Sturgis. Military Honors will be provided by Ellsworth Air Force Base Honor Guard. Chaplain (Ret.) Herbert B. Cleveland will be officiating.

A memorial has been established to the VA Black Hills Health Care System — Fort Meade Hospice Unit.

Black Hills Funeral Home is entrusted with the arrangements.

An online guestbook is available for friends and family to leave written condolences at blackhillsfuneralhome.com.

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Rita Stanage

Rita Stanage, 56, of Yankton died at her home Monday, March 23, 2015, surrounded by her family, after battling cancer for nearly two years.

A memorial service will be 2 p.m. Friday, March 27, at St. John’s Lutheran Church in Yankton with the Rev. David Gunderson

IN REMEMBRANCE

Gene Scott

Graveside Services
1:00 PM, Wednesday
Ponca Valley Cemetery
Verdel, NE

Shannon Lee Ashford

6:00 PM, Wednesday
Wintz & Ray Funeral Home
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Lorraine K. Brattmiller

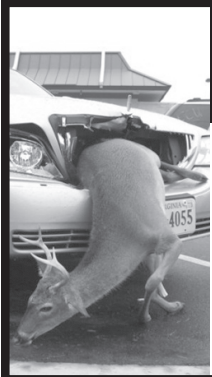
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2:00 PM, Friday
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