

New Parents-As-Teachers Educator Announced

Yankton County Parents as Teachers has named Holly Neth as its new director/parent educator.

Neth comes to the organization with experience in early childhood development.

Yankton County Parents as Teachers is an organization providing child development information and parent education to families in Yankton County who have children up to age three.

You can contact Neth with Parents as Teachers for more information at (605) 661-4833.

May Activities Are Announced For Center

The following events will be held at The Center, 900 Whiting Drive, Yankton, during May:

- Cribbage will be played every Monday at 1 p.m.;
- Hand & Foot cards plays will be held every Monday and Tuesday at 1 p.m.;
- Whist will be played every Monday and Wednesday at 1 p.m.;
- Quilting sessions will be held every Monday and Wednesday from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.;
- Pinochle will be played every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 12:45 p.m.
- Exercise sessions will be held every Monday, Wednesday and Friday;
- Line dancing will be held every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9:30 a.m.;
- Ladies Pool will be played every Tuesday at 10 a.m.;
- Table Tennis will be played every Tuesday and Thursday at 8:30 a.m.
- Penny Bingo will be played at 1-2:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 23;
- Dominos will be played every Thursday at 1 p.m.;
- Bridge will be played every Friday at 1 p.m.;
- The Alzheimer's Support Group will meet at 5 p.m. May 8;
- The Antique Auto Club will meet at The Center at 7 p.m. May 9;
- An Ice Cream Social will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, May 24.

For more information, contact Tammy Matuska at 605-665-4685 or director@thecenteryankton.org.

Sobriety Checkpoints Planned During May

PIERRE — The South Dakota Highway Patrol has sobriety checkpoints scheduled in May in the following counties: Brown, Butte, Clay, Codington, Custer, Davison, Day, Fall River, Hughes, Jerauld, Lawrence, Minnehaha, Moody, Pennington, Roberts, Sanborn, Spink and Walworth.

For sobriety checkpoint text message alerts, visit actcivilized.com.

Fundraiser Event For ASH Dialysis Dept. Set

The Avera Sacred Heart Foundation will be sponsoring a Purse Lady-Distinctive Handbags & Stylish Accessories & Pampered Chef Fundraiser from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Wednesday, May 2, in the Avera Sacred Heart Hospital Pavilion Atrium. Cash and carry will be available. Checks and credit will be accepted.

Partial funds raised from this event will go to the Dialysis Department to assist dialysis patients with cost of transportation to their appointments at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital.

If you have any questions, contact the Avera Sacred Heart Foundation at (605) 668-8310.

EMS Workshop Set For Hartington Wednesday

LINCOLN, Neb. — The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services' Emergency Medical Services (DHHS EMS) Program offers ongoing training workshops across the state for emergency medical technicians, first responders, and the general public. The workshop schedule for May and June is listed below.

For more information on the workshops offered please visit the DHHS EMS calendar web page by clicking http://dhhs.ne.gov/publichealth/Pages/ems_emsacalendar.aspx. You may also click on the subscribe link at the top of the EMS workshop calendar web page to sign up for an email or a text message alert when the EMS workshop calendar is updated.

The free workshops are worth three continuing education hours unless noted otherwise.

- Area workshops include:
- Hartington, May 2 — "Airways & Lungs," Hartington Ambulance, instructor: Carol Rodenborg, 7-10 p.m., Contact Person: Brandi Fuchs, 402-844-7702.

Budding Brains Book Drive Starts In Vermillion

VERMILLION — The fourth annual Books for Budding Brains Book Drive, sponsored by Dakota PC Warehouse in Vermillion, runs throughout the month of May. Donated books will help disadvantaged kids throughout the area experience the joy of reading.

Simply drop of new or gently-used children's books, suitable for pre-school to elementary-age kids, in the "Books for Budding Brains" box located at Dakota PC Warehouse, 1216 East Cherry Street, Vermillion.

Additional drop-off points are available. For more information, visit http://d2worldwide.com/Books_for_Budding_Brains.aspx.

Legion Auxiliary To Sell Poppies May 4-5

The Yankton American Legion Auxiliary will be selling poppies May 4-5 at various businesses around Yankton. You are invited to purchase a poppy during this annual event.

Yankton Retired Teachers To Meet Thursday

Yankton Area Retired Teachers Association will meet at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, May 4, at JoDean's. All interested individuals are welcome to attend.

United Commercial Travelers Convo In Mitchell

MITCHELL — The 101st annual United Commercial Travelers of America convention will be held at the Americinn in Mitchell on Friday and Saturday May 4-5.

All members are invited to attend.

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IN REMEMBRANCE

<p>Orlin M. Petersen 10:30 AM, Tuesday Wintz & Ray Funeral Home Yankton</p> <p>Laura Lou Marsh 10:30 AM, Tuesday First Congregational UCC Hartington</p>	<p>William "Bill" Dickes 10:30 AM, Thursday St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church Crofton</p> <p>Bob Beig 4:00 PM, Saturday Wintz Funeral Home Hartington</p>
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Yankton Talks: Here's What We Said

Results Of 'South Dakota Talking' Event Are Announced

How South Dakota collects and spends money should reflect its citizens' shared values — the consensus about needed public services and how they should be financed. That belief prompted a facilitated community dialog process by the South Dakota Budget & Policy Project. Called South Dakotans Talking, it brought together 475 individuals in 16 communities across the state in late 2011.

Those who took part represented health care, public education, city government, non-profit organizations, current and retired business owners and volunteers. Invited to attend as listeners, more than half of state lawmakers were present at one of the 2 1/2 hour session. Participants first learned about state budget basics, then took part in nonpartisan budget discussions. Joy Smolnisky, who directs the South Dakota Budget & Policy Project, said the process demonstrated the ability of groups

who don't always agree to respectfully find areas of consensus.

"Reaching consensus about which state services we value and how we want to pay for them is the hard work of democracy," Smolnisky said. "Public support for state and local fiscal policy increases when citizens have the opportunity to understand, discuss and have input on options."

Yankton residents followed the format used in every community that allowed them to anonymously select from among the following topics for discussion:

- State budget formation process,
- K-12 education,
- Higher education,
- State revenue,
- Medicaid,

Hosted by Ability Building Services, Inc., South Dakotans Talking drew praise from the organization's director, Gloria Pearson.

"It was refreshing to see citizens engaged in a positive discussion about their government and the policies that affect them," she said. "Seeing democracy in action is always inspiring."

According to the just-released South

Dakotans Talking report (attached and also available at www.sdbpp.org), the top discussion topics across all sessions were state revenue, K-12 education and Medicaid. Citizen ideas and suggestions are summarized in Appendix C, pages 39-40.

Following the sessions, nearly 95 percent of those who took part indicated they had a much better or somewhat better understanding of the budget process. That assessment has prompted Smolnisky to expand South Dakotans Talking to other communities. She can be contacted at 605 367-9667 to schedule a session to learn about state budget basics and begin a consensus-building discussion.

Ellie Haerter of the Bush Foundation, a project funder, said her organization supports opportunities like South Dakotans Talking because "people understand better than anyone the current and future needs of their communities. The collective wisdom that came out of these community meetings can serve as a guide to the elected state leaders who bear the responsibility for ensuring a vital and stable future for South Dakota citizens."

The Northwest Area Foundation also provided funding.

Deadline For Wetlands Restoration Signup Friday

LINCOLN, Neb. — South Dakota and Nebraska landowners affected by 2011 Missouri River flooding may be eligible for wetland restoration assistance from the Wetlands Reserve Enhancement Program (WREP) through a five-state project sponsored by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and The Nature Conservancy.

Deadline to apply for this assistance is May 4.

Farmers along the Missouri River basically from the Fort Randall dam to the South Dakota/Nebraska state line with areas flooded during the 2011 Missouri River flood and eligible land within 1,000 meters of the Missouri River may apply to restore wetlands on their land through permanent or 30 year easements. Tribal land may also be offered for a 30-year contract. A map of eligible areas is available at www.sd.nrcs.usda.gov or local NRCS field offices.

In Nebraska, landowners in Boyd, Knox, Cedar, Dixon, Dakota, Thurston, Burt, Washington, Douglas, Sarp, Cass, Otoe, Nemaha and Richardson counties with areas that flooded during the 2011 Missouri River flood, and eligible land within 1,000 meters of the Missouri River, may apply to restore wetlands on their land through 30 year or permanent easements. A map of eligible areas is available at www.ne.nrcs.usda.gov.

"Much of the farmland along the Missouri River was damaged by scouring and sand deposition," said Craig Derickson, state conservationist with NRCS in Lincoln, Neb. "The Wetlands Reserve Enhancement Program provides economic options for flood-impacted agricultural landowners. The resulting wetlands will also offset costs of future floods while providing valuable water quality and wildlife habitat benefits."

Nearly \$3 million is available for easements and restoration costs to landowners in Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska and South Dakota, said Derickson. The Nature Conservancy is providing a five percent cash match of the restoration costs for key restoration practices.

WREP is a voluntary program carried out through partnership agreements with state and local governments, non-governmental organizations and Indian tribes. It is a component of the Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP). Landowners participating in WREP retain ownership and access to the land, and may be able to generate income from grazing, haying or recreation approved by NRCS.

Landowners may apply at their local NRCS office (find your nearest NRCS service center at <http://go.usa.gov/yBf>). Learn more about WREP at <http://go.usa.gov/m24> and find out about other NRCS programs and initiatives at <http://go.usa.gov/m22>.



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The 2012 South Dakota Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Concert was held April 21 at the Ramkota Exhibit Hall in Sioux Falls.

S.D. Rock Hall Induction Held

SIoux FALLS — The South Dakota Rock and Roll Music Association's (SDRRMA) 2012 Induction/Concert was held April 21 at the Ramkota Exhibit Hall in Sioux Falls.

Approximately 1,500 people turned out for the fourth annual event.

The 10 bands inducted included The Bleach Boys(Sioux Falls), Chevelles (Aberdeen), DJ and the Cats (Presho, Brookings), Gemini 6 (Flandreau), Gordon Bird & the Sting Rays/Original Sting Rays (Madison), Jay-Bee & the Kats (Mitchell, Huron), John McCormick & Something New (Salem), Kenny Miller (Deadwood), Scotty Lee & the Stingrays (Volga), Gestures (Mankato), and Dee Jay & the Runaways (Spirit Lake).

Other inductees were David J Law (Watertown), Ray Ford and KISD (Sioux Falls), Curt Powell (Garretson), the Vivian Dance Hall and Island Park Ballroom (Milltown).

OBITUARIES

William 'Bill' Dickes

OMAHA, Neb. — William "Bill" Dickes, 60, of Omaha, Neb., and formerly of Crofton, Neb., died April 27, 2012, at his residence.

Memorial services are at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Crofton, with the Rev. Michael Schmitz officiating. Inurnment will be in the St. Rose of Lima Cemetery with military honors provided by the Crofton American Legion Post 128.

Visitation begins one hour prior to services on Thursday at the church.

Arrangements are under the direction of Wintz Funeral Home, Crofton.

Robert Beig

JACKPOT, Nev. — Robert L.E. Beig, Jackpot, Nev., died at the age of 55 on Jan. 5, 2012. He was raised in Hartington, Neb., and graduated from Hartington High School in 1974.

A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday, May 5, 2012, at Wintz Funeral Home, Hartington, with the Rev. Gary

Kimm officiating. Burial of his ashes will be at the Hartington City Cemetery.

Catherine Iverson

VERMILLION — Catherine W. Iverson, 83, of Vermillion and formerly of Yankton, died Sunday, April 29, 2012, at Sanford Medical Center, Sioux Falls.

Arrangements are pending with Wintz & Ray Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Yankton.

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