

Mount Marty To Present Genome Findings

The Mount Marty College Division of Natural Sciences' Seminar on the "Interpret a Genome" program will be held at 3 p.m. today (Friday) in SLC 107 on the Yankton campus.

It was announced in November that Mount Marty College's Natural Science Division has expanded its collaboration with the Department of Energy's (DOE) Joint Genome Institute (JGI) through the formation of the South Dakota Genomics Consortium. MMC students have been annotating the gene functions of their assigned bacteria *Sphaerochaeta coccoides* (S. coccoides) strain SPN1. The "Interpret a Genome" program provides students in colleges and universities with access to recently sequenced microbial genomes selected as part of the DOE JGI's Genomic Encyclopedia of Bacteria and Archaea (GEBA) project. The students annotate the genomes in the context of their own coursework, gaining hands-on knowledge.

The DOE is particularly interested in the MMC microbe since it ferments different carbohydrates and produces ethanol, acetate, and formate as the main fermentation end products. Thus, this microorganism could possibly be used in the direct bioconversion of cellulose-containing wastes to fuel such as ethanol or it may harbor enzymes with potential biotechnological applications.

Mount Marty College students in Dr. Vicki Geiser's Cell and Molecular Biology course have been learning how to annotate the function of genes in the MMC genome this semester. These students will present their initial and continued findings of the "Interpret a Genome" program at the Division of Natural Science's Seminar today on MMC's Yankton Campus in the Scholastica Learning Center (SLC-107). The public is invited to hear the students' research results and to discover more about bioinformatics and Mount Marty College's microbe, *Sphaerochaeta coccoides* strain SPN1.

For more information on the DOE JGI program, visit www.jgi.doe.gov/.

All-School Visual Arts Exhibit Opens Today

The 19th annual All-School Visual Arts Exhibit is set for Friday, May 3, from 11 a.m.-8 p.m. and Saturday, May 4, from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Yankton Middle School Old Gym.

Sponsored by Yankton School District 63-3 and Yankton Area Arts, PTAs, the exhibit showcases artwork from students in grades Preschool-12. The student exhibit includes a wide range of techniques and media. This year the exhibit will feature Raku-fired ceramic projects from the high school.

The public is invited. Admission is free.

Open House Set For Freeman Health Services

FREEMAN — An open house will be held at Freeman Regional Health Services Sunday afternoon, May 5, running from 2-4 p.m.

The public is invited to tour the Freeman Medical Center, Oakview Terrace and Rural Medical Clinic and see the changes that have been made in recent years, as well as meet the staff. The facility is located at 510 East 8th Street in Freeman. Guests should enter through the main hospital entrance located directly west of the parking lot.

Included in the tours will be a "meet and greet" with our most recent professional clinic staff: Certified Nurse Practitioners Brian Miller and Dustin Randall, and new clinic manager Digna Miller. Physical improvements at the clinic include new carpet and painting of exam rooms, which will be open for touring.

Physical Therapist Tony Miller and Cardiac Rehab Director Beth Preheim will be on hand to talk with guests about the expanding therapy and cardiac rehab programs.

The open house will also give guests opportunity to see the new whirlpool tub and tub room, which has been in use for about one year. This spa for residents of Oakview Terrace was the first major project of the Freeman Regional Health Services Foundation, which was established in 2009. Many community members generously contributed to this project.

Refreshments will be served in the Oakview Terrace dining room following the tours. Ken Mannes will provide music.

For more information, call 605-925-4000 or go to www.freemanregional.com/.

Parks Advisory Board Meets Monday

The City of Yankton Parks Advisory Board meeting is set for 5:30 p.m. Monday, May 6, at the Technical Education Center, 1200 West 21st St. This meeting is open to the public.

Yankton County Republicans to Meet May 6

Yankton County Republicans will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday, May 6, at the GOP Headquarters at 314 Walnut, Yankton.

County Chairman Roger Meyer said, "All Republicans are encouraged to attend the meeting to recap the successful Lincoln Day Dinner and discuss the voter identification plans."

Clay RWS Annual Meeting, Open House Set

WAKONDA — The Clay Rural Water System will hold an annual meeting and open house on May 7. The event will be held from 4-7 p.m. at the Wakonda Water Treatment Plant (30376 S.D. Highway 19) and the Wynstone Water Treatment Plant (220 Pinewood Park/Wynstone Housing Development).

Members can pick up copy of the 2012 Annual Report, vote on proposed changes to the Corporation Bylaws and tour the respective facilities. Hot dogs and chips will be served. Information will also be presented on a project currently being undertaken by the water system to install an automatic meter reading system.

The Clay Rural Water System is a non-profit, member-owned corporation that supplies water service from two water treatment plants to 2,260 farms, residents and businesses in parts of five counties in southeast South Dakota. Organized in 1975, the water system has been operational since 1979. Water service is also provided to the towns of Wakonda and Gayville.

Cub Scout Sign-Up Event Tuesday

The Yankton Cub Scout program will be holding a sign-up night for Pack 258 at 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, May 7, at Stewart Elementary School.

Designed for boys ages 7-10, Cub Scouting combines outdoor activities, sports, academics, and more in a fun and exciting program that helps families teach ideals such as honesty, good citizenship and respect.

The Boy Scouts of America is comprised of more than 1 million volunteers working together for the sole purpose of helping its nearly 3 million youth succeed in life.

Cannot make it? Contact John Rye at 661-0068.

Grass Clippings To Be Accepted

The City of Yankton Transfer Station will be accepting ONLY grass clippings on Wednesday evenings for the season from 6-8 p.m. beginning May 8, at no charge.

Grass clippings may also be taken to the Transfer Station during normal business hours of 8 a.m.-3:45 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

The public is asked to keep all other materials, such as garbage, tree limbs and branches, trash bags, batteries, rocks, concrete and all other items out of the grass clippings. Customers are to empty all leaf and grass from

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Dumping items other than grass clipping and leaves is illegal.

If you have any questions, contact the City of Yankton Transfer Station at 668-5212.

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Concert

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the work "Under The Shadow Of His Wings" and the Sacred Heart Monastery history book.

"I did research and went way back," Henrickson said. "I found some wonderful stories, even before there was a motherhouse in Switzerland."

"Everlasting Is His Love" actually begins in 1528. A shepherd boy, Zumbuel, approaches a burning fire of religious artifacts confiscated from the houses of Haslital, Switzerland.

"This shepherd boy saw the fire and pulled a statue of Our Lady out of the fire," Henrickson said. "He fled into the mountains and placed the statue in a maple tree, and it became stuck in the tree. It would not come out (for the boy). When people went to check it out, they built a grotto and the statue was able to come out. The villagers considered it holy ground."

Three centuries later, the site — Maria Rickenbach — would become the site for the Benedictine Sisters' motherhouse. Henrickson's narratives resume with the motherhouse's founding, leading to the eventual relocation of the Benedictine Sisters to Yankton.

"Without the motherhouse, we wouldn't have our house here (for Sacred Heart Monastery and

Mount Marty College)," Henrickson said.

The narratives include early stories about Bishop Martin Marty, the first bishop of the Diocese of Sioux Falls, and Mother Jerome Schmitt, prioress of Sacred Heart Monastery and the first president of Mount Marty College.

MMC events coordinator Wyatt Yager will narrate Sunday's concert, Henrickson said.

"I have known Wyatt from when we were both back in Sioux Falls, and Wyatt was manager for the Orpheum Theater and its playhouse," Henrickson said. "Wyatt just has a huge gift for this (performance). We knew we needed a narrator for this commissioned work, and I just thought that Wyatt would do really well."

The cantata is written for choir, brass choir, mezzo-soprano, baritone, piano and percussion. The work will feature the MMC mixed choir, the Mount Marty Choral Union, instrumentalists from Yankton and the surrounding community, and a vocal soloist and pianist from the University of South Dakota.

The work was commissioned and funded by Peter and Catherine McGovern, Mount Marty College, Sacred Heart Monastery and a grant from the South Dakota Arts Council.

The concert will be conducted by Kenneth Tice, chair of the MMC music department and director of MMC choral activities.

In an earlier *Press & Dakotan*

interview, Yarbrough said "Everlasting Is His Love" has been a work in progress.

"Composing a large, multi-movement work was no small task," he said. "I began by selecting a series of texts and choosing which of my performing resources I would use for each movement. Composition began after approval of the texts by Mount Marty's anniversary committee."

Three movements were written during summer 2009, Yarbrough said. The anniversary committee approved the works and urged him to finish the piece according to his outline.

The work was finished in fall 2011. The score, parts and performance practice compact discs were presented to MMC President Joseph Benoit in early 2012. Performance of the work was moved to this Sunday because of a change in MMC choral conductors.

Yarbrough and Tice have twice discussed the work over coffee. They are excited about the possibility of the composer and MMC choir working together.

Yarbrough likes what he has seen of Tice's work.

"I first saw Kenneth Tice conduct at Mount Marty's 2012 Vespers concert," he said. "I knew, from watching him conduct and hearing his choirs sing, that my work was going to be in the hands of an exceptional musician who really knew what he was doing."

Yarbrough said he appreciates Tice's willingness to take input.

"Doing so allows me to partici-

pate in seeing the work come to life, a process which is always exciting," the composer said.

In an earlier *Press & Dakotan* interview, Tice said he believes the 75th anniversary piece will provide a challenge. The MMC choir has been working on the piece for months.

"Stephen Yarbrough's composing style is very interesting," Tice said. "It's harmonic, and you have to think vertically. The (MMC) kids are used to melodic and horizontal. It's an interesting approach to voice and instrumental."

Henrickson said he feels great excitement seeing the cantata come together. In writing the narratives, he has learned so much more about Mount Marty College and the Benedictine Sisters.

In turn, Henrickson wanted their stories to come alive for the audience.

"I just enjoyed reading about the places and the people. I tried, as much as I could, to be true to their stories," he said. "I decided to begin with this story of the shepherd boy in 1528 because I just found it an interesting connection. Working with the narratives has made me just love this place so much more."

For more information on Mount Marty College, visit online at www.mtmc.edu.

You can follow Randy Dockendorf on Twitter at twitter.com/RDockendorf

OBITUARIES

Roman Honner

Roman George Honner, 85, of Tabor died Wednesday May 1, 2013, at the Tyndall Good Samaritan Center.

Mass of Christian Burial is at 10:30 am Monday, May 6, 2013 at the St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church, Tabor, with the Rev. Joe Forcelle officiating. Burial will be in the parish cemetery.

Visitations begin at 5 p.m. Sunday evening at the Opsahl-Kostel Memorial Chapel, Tabor, with a Wake service at 7 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the funeral chapel.

The Opsahl-Kostel Memorial Chapel, Tabor, is assisting with service details.

Charles 'Chuck' Lambertz

Charles E. "Chuck" Lambertz, 61, of Yankton died unexpectedly Wednesday, May 1, 2013, at his residence.

Funeral services are at 1 p.m. Monday, May 6, at Christ Church Episcopal, Yankton, with the Rev. James Pearson officiating. Burial will be in the Canistota Cemetery, Canistota, at approximately 3:45 p.m. Monday afternoon.

Visitations begin at 6 p.m. Sunday, at Christ Church, Yankton, with a Scripture service at 7 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

The Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, is assisting with service details.

Francis 'Chris' Christensen

Francis "Chris" Christensen, 75, of Yankton, died Sunday, April 28, 2013 at St. Mary's Hospital, Rochester, MN.

Memorial Service will be 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 7, 2013 at First United Methodist Church, Yankton, SD with Rev. Ron Johnson officiating. Burial of cremated remains will be in the Yankton Cemetery.

Visitation will begin at 5 p.m., Monday, May 6, 2013 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton with a Prayer service at 7 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Chris was born May 31, 1937 in Milford, Iowa. He married Sherril Seaman on November

Ella Heihn

Funeral services for Ella E. Heihn of Tripp will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, May 3 at Frieden's Reformed Church in Tripp with Rev. Greg Way officiating. Organist is Karen Huether and soloist is Lennis Mehlhaff. Interment will follow in Gracehill Cemetery, Tripp. Casket-bearers will be Ella's nieces and nephews. Online condolences may be sent at www.goglinfh.com.

Ella Elisabeth Heihn was born Monday, March 7, 1910 on the family farm in Bon Homme County, six miles north and three miles west of Tyndall. She was one of ten children born to Christian and Magdalena (Heil) Schneider. She was baptized in the Reformed Church and was confirmed on July 6, 1924, also in the Reformed Church. She went through the 8th grade at the Buechler School. Ella was united in marriage to Alvin

Donald Rossiter

Donald W. Rossiter, 73, of Hartington, Neb., died Thursday, May 2, 2013, at the Hospice House, Omaha, Neb.

Memorial Services are pending at the Wintz Funeral Home, Hartington.

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22, 1956 in Spencer, IA. They spent many of their early years of marriage in Spring Valley, CA where Chris worked as an engineer for Rohr Aircraft. In May of 1973 he moved his family to Yankton, SD. Here he began a new career as a jeweler and co-owner (eventually owner) of Meredith's Jewelry.

Chris enjoyed ballroom dancing, following all the activities of his granddaughters, fishing and spending time with his family and friends. He was a Past Exalted Ruler of the Elks Lodge and an active member of the First United Methodist Church.

Chris's memory is cherished by his wife of 56 years, Sherril;

his daughter, Kathy (Ray) Campbell of Yankton, SD; son, Dennis of San Jose, CA; his granddaughters: Kristal Campbell of Sioux Falls, Rochelle Campbell of Denver, CO, Abiane Campbell of Denver, CO, Stephanie Campbell, student of NSU in Aberdeen, and his brother, Ted J. (Mary Ann) Christensen of Oxnard, CA, and family.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Louise (Bauer) Christensen, grandson, Gabriel Lee Campbell, and many aunts and uncles.

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Heihn on December 9, 1935 at Tripp. After their marriage, they both worked at Mueller's Hatchery in Tripp. Alvin and Ella had no children and he passed away on March 24, 1985. Ella also worked at the Corner Café, Hink's Café and the Tripp Sport Bowl as a dishwasher, waitress and cook. Ella was an exceptionally good cook and baker, and she put up lots of pickles. She loved attending high school sporting events and was an avid Minnesota Twins fan. She enjoyed playing cards, especially pinochle, and crocheting. Ella was a former member of the United Methodist Church in Tripp where she was active with the UMW and later a member of Friedens Reformed Church. She was a member of the Jelkin-Harms American Legion Auxiliary of Tripp for over 60 years. On December 9, 2005, Ella became a resident of the Good Samaritan Society in Tripp and it is there that she passed away

on Tuesday, April 30, 2013, having achieved the age of 103 years, 1 month and 23 days.

Ella is survived by a sister: Esther Hieb of Tripp, and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Alvin Heihn; her parents, Christian and Magdalena Schneider; and eight siblings: Bertha Weiderrich, Edwin Schneider, Emil Schneider, Laura Brandt, Louise Hoff, Emma Weiderrich, Herbert Schneider, and John Schneider.

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"The Feimer family is a great example for what the March of Dimes does to help people."

The mission of March of Dimes is to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature births and infant mortality, Willson said. In addition to promoting research in those areas, the organization also offers support and education to families.

That support was instrumental during the Feimers' struggles, Katie said, as both her sons needed to learn to eat, gain weight and recover from jaun-

dice in the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) at Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls.

"They provided us with a lot of information about what to expect," she said. "They also had a person at the NICU we were at that would just come in and visit with the families and make sure that your questions were being answered. They also organized different things for the mothers to pull us together so you could see you weren't going through it alone. They also had mothers there of children who were out of the NICU so you could see that people do survive the experience and the babies can do well afterwards."

Today, Luke is an active 4-year-old and Jacob is a busy 21-month-old, Katie said.

"They are both doing great," she said. "Neither of them have any lasting effects from being born premature. We are very fortunate."

Katie said her family is honored to be named this year's ambassador family for the March for Babies, and they are all looking forward to Saturday's event.

"It should be fun," she said. "It's our fourth year doing it, and it's always a good time."

Registration for the March for Babies begins at 9 a.m. at the Riverfront Event Center, with the 3-mile walk starting at 10 a.m. The event offers food, music and games for children.

The 2013 March for Babies is sponsored nationally by Kmart, Farmers Insurance Group, Macy's, Cigna, Sanofi Pasteur, Fa-

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mous Footwear, Actavis, Mission Pharmacal and United Airlines. Local sponsors include First Dakota National Bank, Shur-co, Sapa and Lewis and Clark Specialty Hospital.

Willson encourages everyone to attend the event, which will raise funds for a variety of March of Dimes programs.

"With help and support from Yankton, we can do our part to make sure babies in South Dakota are born healthy," she said.

For more information or to make a donation, visit www.marchforbabies.org.

You can follow Derek Bartos on Twitter at twitter.com/d_bartos

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Mother's Day Craft & Gift Show
Friday, May 3 • 10am-9pm
Saturday, May 4 • 10am-5:30pm
Sunday, May 5 • Noon-5pm

Exhibitors on the north end of the mall: wood, pictures, baby items, iron and stone garden items, purses, jewelry, books and more. Live sketches & caricatures.

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