

World War I Postcards Of Europe Available On S.D. Digital Archives

PIERRE — The South Dakota State Historical Society-Archives at the Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre recently added a collection of more than 90 postcard images of World War I to the South Dakota Digital Archives.

The postcards are mostly of French and German soldiers in uniform and towns in France and Belgium destroyed during the war. Although fighting occurred worldwide, the bulk of the fighting in Europe occurred in Belgium, Luxembourg, France and Alsace-Lorraine along

what came to be known as the Western Front. The postcards also include images of World War I trenches, tanks, airplanes and a motorcycle.

The World War I postcards are accessible by visiting the State Archives website at history.sd.gov/archives and clicking on the “World War I” link.

The SDDA, an online resource launched in January 2012 by the State Archives, provides researchers digital access to unique historical records. There are currently more than 60,000 images

available for viewing. The SDDA also contains government and manuscript materials comprising accessioned collections, publications, brochures, audio and video files, and survey notes. More items are added regularly.

The photograph digitization project is funded by private donations and grants. Those interested in sponsoring a photograph collection can contact the South Dakota Historical Society Foundation at (605) 773-6001.

Teacher

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sets an example every day and doesn't accept failure. She has high expectations for the students and helps them along until they get the material. Grades aren't a big deal; what matters is the content being taught,” Dvoracek added.

YSD Superintendent Dr. Wayne Kindle agreed.

“Beth is highly respected by her colleagues across the

district and exemplifies team work, as well as positive leadership.

Her passion for teaching has positively impacted hundreds of students for many years at both elementary and middle schools. We are grateful to have teachers like Beth in the Yankton School District,” he said.

To Kaltsulas, the recognition is just a side benefit.

“Teaching is very rewarding,” she said. “It's provided me with a lot of self-worth and I've learned a lot from the kids. Seeing them actually understand the material

I'm teaching and having 'aha' moments make a teacher feel so good.

I feel a lot of value in helping them learn the things that they need to do in life, and teach them life lessons. When I see kids succeed, it's worthwhile to me, because I know they're trying to do their best.”

She is grateful to those who make YSD a great place to be, and thanks Farm Credit Services for taking the initiative to support education in Yankton.

“Myself and the teachers here in Yankton make every

decision based on what's best for the kids and I think you can't go wrong with that,” she said proudly.

Also recognized were the teachers nominated for Yankton School District's Teacher of the Year. Nominees were Beth Anderson - Middle School, Kris Binde - Stewart School, Todd Carr - High School, Cecilia Fitzsimmons - Lincoln School, Dr. Angela Hejl - High School, Allison Moon - Lincoln School and Joan Schild - Stewart School.

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Mine

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a complex hearing where opponents raised the question of the potential for acid mine drainage. No one at the time seemed to realize how potentially massive the problem might turn out.

What Brohm ultimately forced onto the public was responsibility for three pits holding as much as 150 million gallons of acidic water and millions of cubic yards of acid-generating rock.

On Thursday, a state mining regulator briefed the current board members about the status of Gilt Edge and told them about the plan now in place for remediating the 260-acre site, which is a mixture of federal forest land along some of the edges and a lot of what is now state land and some company

land comprising the rest. “We are in the process of trying to acquire all the Brohm property within the Superfund site,” said Mike Cepak, a member of the minerals and mining office staff in the state Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

He said the polluted water totaled about 35 million gallons in storage as of May 10. It had been as high as 190 million gallons as recently as 2007 and stood at about 60 million gallons as of Dec. 31, 2014.

Nothing has been easy at the mine. Cepak explained that regulators don't want the water in storage to get below 25 million gallons yet because groundwater would start flowing in.

The cap and treatment strategy worked relatively well so far, with one instance of exceeding state environmental standards confirmed

outside the mine site in the past year. But it hasn't been cheap, with about \$30 million spent on infrastructure and about \$2 million spent annually for operation and maintenance.

Cepak said the current estimate is an additional \$89 million will be needed to move waste rock, excavate sludge, backfill and cap the problem parts of the site. Some of that work is scheduled to start in 2016 at what are known as the Sunday and Dakota Maid mining pits.

So far the state government has spent \$3 million in cash at Gilt Edge plus many hundreds of hours of employees' time. The federal government under the Superfund program pays 90 percent and state government picks up 10 percent.

South Dakota has nearly \$7.9 million remaining from the bond Brohm had posted and from interest earnings

on that money, plus about \$8.4 million from settlement payments and interest earnings involving previous owners of the site.

Brohm used the heap-leach method for retrieving gold. Ore is broken into pieces and piled on a pad, then a cyanide solution is placed on the heap to dissolve the gold. The solution is collected from the pad and the gold is extracted from it.

Cepak said the leach pad area would be converted to a system of ponds where sludge and runoff will be stored.

A board member asked when state government would take over Gilt Edge from the federal government.

“Total speculation,” Cepak replied. “I would say we're looking at 20 years, maybe more.”

He added, for emphasis, “That's speculation.”

Climate

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recent weeks.

“The other thing that's really unusual about this one too is the fact that it's over such a large area. A lot of times, the El Nino event is really more confined to the eastern part of the (Pacific), but this is really spread out across all the regions we monitor for El Nino events. It's a bit different than some of the others we've had.”

The event has led to

higher amounts of precipitation across the region in recent weeks. Unofficially, Yankton has seen 2.16 inches of precipitation since the beginning of May bringing the year's current total to 4.39 inches. Between the beginning of the year and the end of April, the city saw 2.23 inches with a miniscule 0.03 inches precipitation in February. The average accumulated precipitation for May 22 is 7.15 inches.

In a press release from the South Dakota State University Extension Thursday, Dennis Today, state clima-

tologist for South Dakota, said this could mean cooler temperatures this summer and potential problems for some crops.

“Rarely do warm and wet conditions occur together during the warm season in the Plains,” he said. “The change to wetter conditions will also likely increase disease potential for various crops as the growing season progresses.”

Despite the unusual nature of the event, Angel said it will help the region, some of which has been experiencing drought conditions since the

year began.

“East of the Rocky Mountains and across the central part of the U.S. and much of the east, we're seeing some nice improvements expected over the next three months,” he said.

Much of the Yankton coverage area could potentially see above average precipitation through the end of the summer, according to the forecast.

Preliminary outlooks also show a possibility of a warmer-than-average winter.

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Monument

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ceremonial lying of wreaths at the replicas of Tombs of the Unknown Soldier and a speech by Rev. John Lundin, retired Air Force Chaplain.

Immediately following the 45-minute program, the public is invited to Terrace Park for the Springfield Veterans Memorial groundbreaking ceremony.

Allen says the brief ceremony will include introductions of the committee and organizations that have sponsored or helped with the project, a singing of “God Bless America” and a word of inspiration and thanks to veterans.

As you stand at (Terrace Park), you're gazing at the river and hills across the river,” Allen said. “It's a very serene vista, sort of majestic and regal.”

Veterans and their families are then invited to return to the Community Center for a lunch provided by the Ladies Auxiliary.

The committee formed and process began in fall of 2010. The groundbreaking event on Memorial Day is one year ahead of schedule.

“We really thought it would take us another year, but we are rip-roaring and ready to start this summer,” Allen said.

She credits the accelerated construction of the

monument to more than 40 fundraising events, grants and monetary donations made by public and private donors, which puts the committee close to the initial projected budget of \$156,000.

“When you think of the little town of (Springfield), you think it's not possible to raise that kind of money in that short of time period, but the generosity and support has just been absolutely overwhelming,” she said.

Once ground is broken, Allen says more fundraisers are scheduled to take place this summer and fall, with proceeds to be put in an ongoing fund that will provide for unplanned expenses and future maintenance needs of the monument.

Veterans and veteran's families have until June 1 to submit names for inscription of honorably discharged veterans with a connection to Springfield, free of charge. Names can be added after

the June 1 deadline, but with an additional inscription charge.

More than 1,400 names have been collected thus far, according to Allen.

That collection of names has been keeping Dick Martin, West Point native, busy, as he is working with veterans and veteran families to write the biographies.

“Dick says there are more biographies to be written than he has years to live,” Allen said. “We anticipate in time we will be involving more of the local fellas and, (after groundbreaking), I'm sure our attention will turn from the fundraising and construction to writing more of the bios.”

A dedication ceremony will be conducted when the monument is complete, which is projected for fall of this year.

“When you know firsthand what these men and women have done to protect our country and assure

our freedom, who could do less?” Allen asked. “This is a very small effort on our part to repay them.”

Veteran biographies and progress updates can be obtained at the Springfield Veterans Memorial Facebook page.

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Tabor Legion Sets Memorial Day Program

TABOR — The Tabor American Legion will hold Memorial Day activities on Monday, May 25. Church services will be held at 9 a.m., followed by a program at Sokal Park at 10:30 a.m.

New Food Hub Meeting May 26

The public is invited to hear local growers discuss the Dakota Fresh Food Hub that is being formed for a regionally grown and produced market. Presentation will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 26, at Yankton County Extension Office on Whiting Drive.

Missouri Valley Master Gardeners sponsor the presentation before their monthly meeting.

Class Returning To Achievement Days

Youth and adults will once again be able to exhibit open class exhibits at the Yankton County 4-H Achievement Days.

The 2015 Achievement Days — set for Friday, July 31, through Sunday, Aug. 2 — will be open to photography; pie; and specialty decorated cupcake, cake pop, cookie and frosted cake exhibits.

The change is one of many Yankton County 4-H is making at this year's Achievement Days to encourage more community members to get involved.

“We want 4-H and Achievement Days to be a community event,” said Stephanie Siebrandt, Yankton County 4-H Program Assistant. “To do that, we needed to provide more activities the community could be involved in.”

Yankton County 4-H will continue to host a 4-H Supper and the numerous livestock shows. New additions to the Achievement Days schedule include a youth carnival and watermelon eating contest, both open to the public.

“There will be a lot to see during this summer's Achievement Days,” Siebrandt said. “We are hoping people come Saturday morning to see the animals and exhibits and stay all day for the activities.”

The Yankton County 4-H Achievement Days is held annually at the end of July or beginning of August at the Pine Acres 4-H Grounds in Yankton.

Open Class rules and classes are as follows:

• Photography Classes:

101: Scenic — townscapes, nightscapes, skyscapes, sunrises, sunsets, waterscapes and landscapes; 102: People — posed portraits, candid photos & action photos of person or people; 103: Animals & Birds — pets, farm animals, zoo animals, wild animals, birds, insects, fish or marine animals; 104: Plants & Flowers — growing plants, trees, fungi, farm crop, wild or domestic; 105: Architectural — buildings, bridges, man-made structures, dams or towers.

• Culinary Arts Classes:

201: Specialty Decorated — cupcake, cake pops, cookies or any frosted cakes; 202: Pies — all pies that don't need to be refrigerated are allowed. Entry Fees: Adults \$2 per item entered & Youth \$1 per item. Rosettes will be given to Best in Show in each class. Gift certificates will be given to all winners. First place will receive a \$10 gift certificate, and second place will receive a \$5 gift certificate.

Open Class photography entries are due to Yankton County Extension office on July 17. The accepted photo size is 8 inches by 10 inches. All photos must be mounted, but not matted, on 16 inch by 20 inch white mat board. Mat board can be purchased at Yankton County Extension office or a local supply store. Photography in frames will not be accepted. An entry tag must be attached by string to the back upper left hand corner of the photography exhibit so it can be hung over the front. Please do not have watermarks or logos on the photos or mat board. Photos will be released Sunday, Aug. 2, from 10 a.m.-noon.

Open Class culinary entries are due to the 4-H Building on Pine Acres Fairgrounds Aug. 1 by 1 p.m. Pies need to be in disposable pie tins. Pies must have single, double or lattice homemade crust. Pies must have a recipe attached with the entry form. Pies will not be refrigerated, so pies requiring eggs will not be eligible.

Class 201 under culinary will be judged on Saturday. A photo will be taken of your item to be displayed in the open class area with ribbon & recipe. It will then be auctioned off after judging. Class 202 under culinary will be judged on Saturday. A slice will be removed to be displayed in open class area with ribbon & recipe. The pies will then be donated to the concession stand for a goodwill donation of coffee and a slice of pie Saturday afternoon.

For more information contact Stephanie Siebrandt at the Yankton County Extension Office at 605-665-3387 or visit yankton4h.com.

OBITUARIES

Alfred Alder

Alfred C. Alder, 98, formerly of Yankton, died Thursday, April 30, 2015, at Cedar Haven Nursing Home in Lebanon, Pennsylvania. A graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 24, 2015, at the Yankton

Cemetery with military honors provided by the Ernest-Bowyer VFW Post No. 791 of Yankton.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton.

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IN REMEMBRANCE

Marjorie Gross
10:30 AM, Saturday
Christ Episcopal Church
Yankton

Dennis Lee Braunesreither
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