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Memorial Day In The Rain



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This people deploy their umbrellas as they walk amid a light shower through the Avenue of Flags at Fantle Memorial Park to take part in Monday's annual Memorial Day program. The featured speaker was South Dakota State VFW Commander Donald Dahlin. Similar programs honoring America's fallen soldiers were held Monday throughout the region and across the nation.

Nebraska

1985 Cult Killer Dies

Ryan Spent Three
Decades On Death Row

By The Associated Press

TECUMSEH, Neb. — A man who had spent three decades on Nebraska's death row for the 1985 cult killings of two people, including a 5-year-old boy, has died in prison, officials said Monday.

Michael Ryan died around 5:45 p.m. Sunday at the Tecumseh State Correctional Institutional in southeast Nebraska, the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services said in a news release Monday. Tecumseh prison spokeswoman Jessica Houseman did not have a cause of death but said an autopsy would be performed.

At a hearing in March about legislation to repeal the state's death penalty, state Sen. Ernie Chambers said Ryan had terminal brain cancer. Houseman would say only that Ryan was being treated for a long-term medical condition.

Ryan was convicted in the torture and killing of 26-year-old James Thimm at a southeast Nebraska farm near Rulo, where Ryan led a cult, and in the beating death of Luke Stice, the 5-year-old son of a cult member. Ryan has been on death row since Sept. 12, 1985.

Over three days, Thimm was beaten, sexually abused, shot, stomped and partially skinned while still alive. His fingertips had been shot off on one hand.

The Ryans and about 20 cult members lived on the farm. The group hated Jews and stored weapons in preparation for a final battle between good and evil, authorities have said.

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Vermillion Voters To Decide Daycare Question

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VERMILLION — Two recent actions by the Vermillion City Council will be up for public approval at a special election set for June 30.

Ordinance 1326 which requires registration of private, in-home, daycares with the city was approved by a council vote of 7-2 on April 13 after nearly 90 minutes of discussion, sometimes heated, with members of the public.

The ordinance requires a provider to register with the city. In order to obtain city certification the daycare provider will need to demonstrate safety items such as having a fire extinguisher, smoke detector, two ways out of basement space used for a daycare, safe electrical wiring, closets that prevent a child from being locked inside and other basic safety requirements, such as having a fenced in yard.

The ordinance allowed that a daycare which registered prior to July 1, would not require an inspection moving the first inspection of the property to 2016.

After the ordinance was adopted, a handout was developed to assist in explaining the details of the ordinance.

It was also noted that when the ordinance is

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Hallberg Finds A Beautiful Job As New KYB Director

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Paula Hallberg may be new to the area, but she already feels at home.

"My husband and I have always loved Yankton," she told the *Press & Dakotan*. "We lived in Pierre for 15 years on the river and we always wanted to get back to the river. Yankton is such a pretty community and rich in history. We've always said, 'Wow, we could stay here.'"

In October 2013, the Hallbergs decided to do just that when they moved to Yankton.

In January of this year, she heard the executive director position with the Keep Yankton Beautiful (KYB) organization was open. She applied and was formally hired in April. She officially started this month.

"It's been wonderful. It's a great group to work with (and they) are really looking to make the community more pretty," she said of her colleagues.

Keep Yankton Beautiful's main priority is to keep the city clean. Last month, KYB did the Great American Clean-Up during which volunteers picked up litter around the area. The group's next event is Riverboat Days Parade

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KELLY HERTZ/P&D

Paula Hallberg has been hired as the new executive director of Keep Yankton Beautiful. She assumed the post this month. She is shown standing in front of what is probably the organization's most visible project: the Spirit of Dakota fountain located at the corner of Fourth and Broadway.

Weekend Protest



REILLY BIEL/P&D

Several protesters marched through Yankton Saturday as part of the "March Against Monsanto." The event is described by organizers as a "bi-annual, worldwide ... to support family farms, expose corruption, promote GMO labeling, find organic solutions and protect the food supply." The march started at the Meridian Bridge and moved toward Tripp Park in the 800 block of Broadway.

Yankton County 4-H To Host Babysitting Clinic

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Preparing young adults to care for children is what Stephanie Siebrandt, Yankton County 4-H Youth Development Program assistant, aims to do by instructing a two-day babysitting clinic at the Yankton Community Library.

The clinic will be held Wednesday, June 3, and Thursday, June 4, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days and is open to all area youth between ages 12 and 18.

"(Babysitting classes) are something I'm familiar with and really enjoy teaching the kids about," Siebrandt said. "I think the classes are very necessary here in the area and anywhere. Families are always going to need babysitters and they prefer sitters that have had some kind of training."

The class will focus and specialize on topics of safety, first aid and CPR, ages and stages of child development, health and nutrition, entertainment and the business of babysitting.

A field trip will be taken to the Yankton County Emergency Medical Services where Emergency Medical Technician Daniel Prendable will instruct a Family and Friends CPR course. Siebrandt noted that while students will not be CPR-certified, they will gain experience necessary to handle emergency situations.

"From an EMS point of view, we're often not the first people who get to somebody who goes into cardiac arrest or needs CPR," Prendable said. "We talk about how to recognize if a kid is

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