

WAYC Featured At 1 Million Cups

Nancy Wenande will discuss the upcoming World Archery Youth Championships to be held in Yankton when she speaks at Wednesday's 1 Million Cups meeting at the Avera Professional Pavilion.

The meeting starts at 9 a.m. and is open to the public.

Cemetery Flower Removal Policy Set

Yankton Municipal Cemetery announces that all Memorial Day flowers, including artificial and those not in permanent planters must be removed by Monday, June 8, after which they may be removed by the cemetery staff.

All articles removed by the cemetery will not be accounted for after 10 days. In accordance with cemetery policy, fresh cut flowers may be used and will remain until they become wilted and unsightly.

Reminder, only one rod iron decoration is allowed per grave.

If you have questions, call 668-5231.

Polling Place Accessibility Grants Offered

PIERRE — The Secretary of State's office will be providing the opportunity for Polling Place Accessibility grants from the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) for County Auditors to ensure their polling places comply with the rules enacted by the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Applicants must be County Auditors. Currently there is \$257,629 available for grant applicants. If the project site is the County Courthouse the project can be reimbursed up to 75 percent, for non-courthouse polling places the project can be reimbursed up to 100 percent. Any amount in the fund over \$200,000 at the end of the year will be reverted back to the federal government.

Currently two counties are utilizing the grant opportunities. Stanley County is installing an elevator in their courthouse with the grant while Walworth County is installing an automatic door opener.

Possible project examples include but not limiting to are automatic door openers, elevator, chair lift, new ramps, replace counter height desk with a lower, more accessible desk.

Through these improvements South Dakota's historical courthouses and polling centers are being brought up to modern accessibility standards and increasing the ease of use for voters with disabilities.

County Auditors may apply by contacting the Secretary of State's office at 605-773-3537.

In conjunction with the HHS Grant Program discussion last week the Secretary of State's office conducted a wide-ranging review and training with County Auditors from across South Dakota including the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) List Maintenance, Help America Vote Act (HAVA) and the formation of a HAVA grant board — four county auditors, two Republicans and two Democrats, update on the Elections Systems and Software (ES&S) voting equipment and Recreational Vehicle (RV) Voters.

The two day meeting was a valuable way for the County Auditors and Secretary of State's office to work together through training and educational opportunities.

Boating Skills Class Offered In June

A six-hour boating skills class will be held Saturday, June 6, at 9 a.m. at All Seasons Power Sports, located at 3609 West Highway 52, Yankton.

There will be a lunch break at noon, and then finish with the final test. Attendees are asked to bring a sack lunch.

All Nebraska boaters born after Dec. 31, 1985, and at least 14 years of age, must complete this course, pass the test and have a valid boating certificate in his or her possession when operating any boat or Jet Ski.

All Nebraska and South Dakota boaters are welcome to take this class, which could save a life or prevent an accident, and possibly get you a 10-15 percent reduction in your boat insurance premium.

To register for this Nebraska Boating Skills and Safety course, call Ruth at All Seasons Power Sports at 665-7433.

Education Task Force Meets In Yankton

The Blue Ribbon Task Force on Education Funding appointed by Gov. Dennis Daugaard will be holding a data gathering session for the general public at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 17, in the Commons at Yankton High School, located at 1801 Summit Street.

The governor has identified three goals for this work:

- A quality system of schools focused on student achievement;
- A workforce of great teachers; and
- An efficient, equitable funding system that supports those goals.

There will be two other sessions held: one with educators at 2 p.m. and with the business community at 4 p.m. Both of these sessions will also be held in the YHS Commons.

More information about the Task Force work and process is available at: <http://blueribbon.sd.gov/default.aspx>.

OBITUARIES

David Young

Mass of Christian Burial for David L. Young, 77 of Wagner will be held 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 27, 2015, at St. Paul Catholic Church in Marty. Burial will be in the ZCBJ Cemetery, rural Wagner with military honors.

Wake Services will be held today (Tuesday) at the South Housing Gym in Wagner.

Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home in Wagner is in charge of the arrangements.

David died Saturday, May 23, 2015 at the V. A. Hospital in Sioux Falls.

Jon Augustin

Jon Marc Augustin, 51 of Crofton, Nebraska, died unexpectedly on Sunday, May 24, 2015, at his residence.

A private family memorial service will be on Thursday, May 28, at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton with the Rev. Dani Jo Ninke officiating. Burial of his cremated remains will be at a later date.

Visitation with the family present will be on Wednesday from 5-7 p.m. with a time of sharing at 6:30 p.m. at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton.

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

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Yankton Area Foundation, 4-H Bring Robots To Town

A box of small parts is soon to open limitless opportunities for Yankton area youth. That box, those small parts, will become a robot, a LEGO MINDSTORMS EV3 robot to be exact.

In April, the Yankton Area Foundation of the South Dakota Community Foundation awarded Yankton County 4-H a gift of \$3,000 to use toward the purchase of LEGO MINDSTORMS EV3 robotics kits.

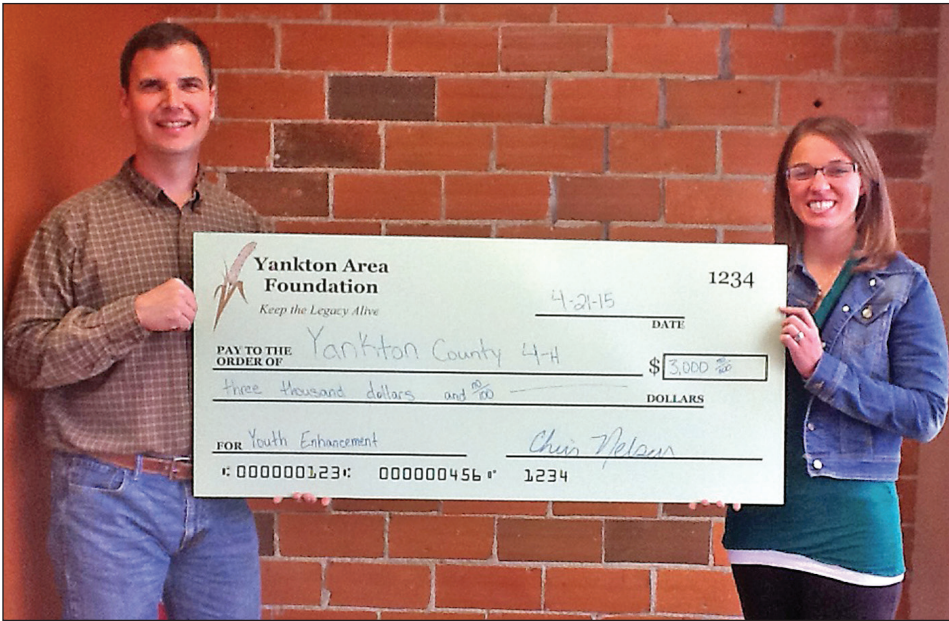
Now, 12 kits are on their way to Yankton, and plans have been made for the first robotics workshop series.

For six weeks, 24 youth ages 8 and up will be coming together at the Yankton Community Library to learn about robotics. Using the new EV3 kits, youth will be encouraged to use their imagination to create new ways of doing things.

They will learn along the way, as they are challenged each week to further their understanding of robotics.

The first robotics workshop series is scheduled to start on June 11 and run the following five Thursdays from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. each day. Dates include: June 11, June 18, June 25, July 2, July 9 and July 16.

Interested youth can sign up at the Yankton Community Library. The workshop series is free; however, youth do need to be able to come to each of the six sessions because each session's activities will build on the work done during the previous session. The workshop series will be limited to 24



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In April, the Yankton Area Foundation of the South Dakota Community Foundation awarded Yankton County 4-H a \$3,000 gift to purchase robotics kits to be used with Yankton area youth. Chris Nelsen, board member of the Yankton Area Foundation, presented the gift to Stephanie Siebrandt, Yankton County 4-H Program Assistant.

youth. In the event that the robot kits, which are still on their way, do not come in time, the beginning day may change.

Yankton County 4-H Program Assistant, Stephanie Siebrandt, will be leading the workshop series.

"I'm excited to get started," Siebrandt said. "This is only the beginning of many opportunities for Yankton area youth and these robot kits. I hope to have more workshop sessions at the library, within schools, and in cooperation with other youth serving organizations in the area."

Siebrandt credits the Yankton Area Foundation for allowing this workshop series to take place.

"The Yankton Area Foundation made all of this possible," she said. "The board members saw the same vision I did and were able to financially support this endeavor."

The Yankton Area Foundation is a non-profit corporation dedicated to providing grant funding to organizations in the Yankton community. Funds from the Foundation are distributed to local organizations in April and October of each year

with grant applications due no later than April 1 and Oct. 1 for each funding cycle.

Currently, the Foundation has nearly \$750,000 in funds invested through the South Dakota Community Foundation and has awarded more than \$300,000 in grants since its inception. Grant applications and other information about the Foundation are available at yankton.sdcommunityfoundation.org.

For more information about the robotics workshop series contact Stephanie Siebrandt at the Yankton County Extension Office at 605-665-3387.

2015 Bird Tour Deadline Looms

BROOKINGS — The South Dakota Grassland Coalition is organizing the 2015 annual South Dakota Bird Tour: "Birds. At Home on the Range," for June 5-6.

"Birds are indicators of rangeland health, and as is the tradition, the Bird Tour will be conducted on a working ranch where participants can experience the interaction of bird conservation, wildlife and livestock," said Pete Bauman, SDSU Extension range field specialist.

This year's tour is located near Marvin and will be hosted by Abbey Grasslands owner/operator Tracy Rosenberg.

Participants will not only have the opportunity to visit this working ranch on the grounds of the historic Blue Cloud Abbey, they will also have the unique opportunity to lodge at the Abbey of the Hills and hear Rosenberg's unique story of transition from an Iowa crop farm to a South Dakota grass-based

cattle operation.

This family friendly event will include birding, presentations, social, meals and hands-on fun including bird banding, creek ecology, and kid's activities.

The cost to attend "Birds. At Home on the Range" is \$20 per person. Students are free and meals are included. Make checks payable to the South Dakota Grassland Coalition For planning purposes, registration form and fee must be received by May 30.

Lodging is on your own.

Accommodations include: Abbey of the Hills, 605-398-9200, www.AbbeyOfTheHills.com; or Milbank Super 8 605-432-9288. Mention "Bird Tour" for a special rate. Visit MilbankSD.com for more lodging options. Additional family recreation available including: swimming, adult/parental supervision required; fishing — catch and release only. Bring your own equipment.

Inquire at registration.

Direction: From Marvin, travel southeast of town on

Highway 6 approximately 1 mile. Enter Abbey grounds at main sign.

For more information, contact Judge Jessop, Coordinator at judge.jessop@sdconservation.net or 605-280-0127; or Pete Bauman SDSU Extension Range Field Specialist, peter.bauman@sdstate.edu or 605-886-0465.

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Our care and concern does not end with the funeral service. This week we remember with family and friends the anniversary of the deaths of:

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May 28, 2014

Bernadine Matuska
who passed away
May 29, 2014

William Yeager
who passed away
May 30, 2014

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