

Nebraska Tractor Ride Set For Yankton Area

The Nebraska Antique Farming Association's third tractor ride across Nebraska begins at Harrison, 30 miles from the Nebraska-Wyoming border, on Saturday, May 30. It will follow the Outlaw Trail Scenic Byway, Highway 12, passing through Chadron, Gordon, Cody, Valentine, Springview, Butte, Spencer, Bristow, Lynch, Monowi, Verdel, Niobrara and Crofton.

Eight days later approximately 200 antique tractors and drivers will cross the Missouri River bridge into South Dakota to take part in the Tri-State Old Iron Association Show at Yankton.

Doug Hrbek will be leader on June 3-4. The riders will arrive in Boyd County on June 3 with a break in Naper at 2:30 p.m. and another break at Butte Implement at 4:15 p.m., arriving at Spencer around 5:45 p.m., for supper at the American Legion Hall. After spending the night in Spencer, they will head for Bristow for breakfast at 8 a.m. at the Bristow Hall the next morning.

The next stop will be in Lynch at 9:30 a.m. with an opportunity to see Old Baldy located 6 miles north of Lynch on the bluffs of the Missouri River. Tractors will be parked and on display. Plans are to leave Lynch at 10:15 a.m. The Nebraska Cattlemen's Ball will be held four miles south of Lynch June 5-6.

A meal will be prepared and served to the tractor drivers and support crew at the Monowi Tavern at 11 a.m. Monowi has been fea-

tured in many news stories as being the smallest incorporated village in the United States with a public library. Elsie Eiler, owner of the Monowi Tavern is Monowi's only resident.

Riders may sign up for the complete 400-mile trip or any segment or day they desire. Some drivers may want to participate only in the area where they live.

Following is the complete schedule and dates for the ride on the route: May 30 — Harrison to Chadron; May 31 — Chadron to Gordon; June 1 — Gordon to Cody; June 2 — Cody to Valentine; June 3 — Valentine to Springview; June 4 — Springview to Spencer; June 5 — Spencer to Crofton; June 6 — Crofton to Yankton.

The Antique Tractor Ride Across Nebraska supports Operation Comfort Warriors (OCW), which is sponsored by the American Legion. This group is dedicated to raising funds to purchase "comfort items" for Disabled Veterans not supplied by the U. S. A partial list include books, DVD's, electronic devices, sweat pants, puzzles, and many other items needed.

The TRAN will be providing Driver Bags with informational items to the drivers. If you are interested in having fliers advertising your area or local businesses included in the bags, contact Doug Hrbek, 402-380-1482, to make arrangements to get the materials picked up before the ride.

For more information about TRAN, go to antique-farming.org.

Morels And Other Benefits Of Farm Living

BY DR. MIKE ROSMANN
 Sponsored By Lewis & Clark Behavioral Health

A few days ago during a thundering rainstorm I collected enough fresh morels for a meal in less than a minute and didn't get a sprinkle of rain on me. I am revealing my fortunate morel habitat willingly and I dare anyone to exploit it.

Morels are the wonderful culinary delicacies that many mushroom hunters spend hours foraging most springs in wooded areas throughout much of North America, Europe and Asia. Usually morel hunters are secretive about where they find these gastronomic treasures because the reproduction of morel mushrooms is only somewhat predictable and hunters want to keep their usual haunts unknown.

Morels are reputed to grow best in enclaves of fallen and decaying elm trees, and to lesser extent, other hardwoods. The morels I harvested were growing under the eaves of our house, within a half dozen feet of our front door!

Yes, I said that accurately. These treasured edibles grew next to our home and were prominent 3-5 inch ivory-colored delicious fungi that I fried in an egg batter and savored for supper.

How could such good fortune occur? Was it that I shook previous collections of morels in the mesh bags I used during previous springs on my doorstep to hopefully spread their spores?

Was it that a couple recent days were warm (over 80 degrees F) and rainy, which are climactic conditions that favor the emergence of morels? It was the type of luck I seldom experience, for there have been many times when I have diligently searched woods nearby to my favorite fly fishing ponds without finding any mushrooms.

I've also had times when I collected several pounds of morels during a pleasant hour of trekking through the woods. I might add that breaded mushrooms fried in the same pan after the fish are done are really delicious.

Science doesn't have full explanations for the variability of morel produc-



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the scientific community almost always makes its findings available to the general public.

Finding morels is like farming and a lot of things in life—one has to acquire the knack. The mystery that accompanies finding them is part of the fun.

Information about morels is available on many websites. Morels tend to proliferate in five-year cycles of acquiring nutrients after spores fall, cross pollinate and multiply.

Last year the largest morel I have ever seen, a nine-inch beauty, grew under the finch feeder next to our house. Generally though, experts say morels like to colonize burn sites where fallen remnants of dead windblown or wildfire trees release their nutrients into the soil.

Biological evidence indicates that the developing morels spores send minute fibers smaller than hairs to probe through moist soil they can readily penetrate to explore food sources after frozen ground thaws. The tiny probes need to find an underground food source, like decaying trees or roots.

Above ground temperatures need to be 70 degrees F or higher and overnight temperatures need to remain above 40 degrees F for several successive nights. Sustained warm growing conditions are essential, from what I have figured out through my informal observations and as various researchers have found in controlled studies.

Adequate precipitation is critical,

for morels don't emerge unless moist soil conditions accompany adequate temperatures and nutrition that tell the parent organism the conditions are favorable to try to reproduce.

Some years yield few morels, especially if the weather is dry or cool.

False morels are rarely found. I'm not an authority on this, but many people worry about correctly identifying edible morels.

There are a few "look-alikes" that can make people ill and some are deadly. I recommend to potential consumers who are uncertain to seek information online, purchase a guide book with colored pictures to identify mushrooms or consult an expert who knows what to look for.

Orioles, gold finches and bluebirds arrived the day after I discovered the flourishing morels. They deliberately bumped into our floor-to-ceiling kitchen windows to alert my wife and me that they returned from their annual winter migration and were hungry.

Marilyn quickly filled the finch feeder with Niger thistle seed and loaded the oriole/bluebird bowl with grape jelly.

It puzzles me how these birds learned to announce their arrival by bumping into our kitchen windows. Since most wild birds survive only for a year or less, does this mean the orioles, goldfinches and the year-round resident cardinals that also poke our windows have genetically encoded their acquired skills to beg for food?

The ecosystems around us have developed survival mechanisms, whether mushrooms, birds or the plants and livestock agriculturalists produce. Our calling as farmers is to work in harmony with these natural ecosystems to produce food, fibers and fuel.

Dr. Rosmann lives in western Iowa. Readers may contact him through his website: www.agbehavioralhealth.com.

SCHOLASTICS

PHI BETA LAMBDA

A team of students from Dakota State University participated in the regional Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) Spring Leadership Conference in early April. Twelve students represented DSU PBL at this year's conference in Boone, Iowa. The Dakota State group took home twenty-one top place awards, including nine first place awards and seven second place awards, which automatically qualified the winners for the national conference.

The students competed against 10 colleges and universities within the region in a wide range academic, skill and performance events to qualify for the national conference with is held each summer. Eleven of the 12 students that participated in either individual or team events were eligible for the national competition at The National Leadership Conference in Chicago.

Among the Dakota State students who participated and results from the event was Austin Vogt, a Marketing and Business Technology major from Yankton, who took second place in International Business, second place in Retail Management and third place in Contemporary Sports Issues.

PHI BETA KAPPA

VERMILLION — Thirty-two new members joined South Dakota's only chapter of Phi Beta Kappa at the University of South Dakota this spring.

Among the new senior members of Phi Beta Kappa is Lauren E. Fanta, Yankton, Medical Biology.

The students were initiated into the Alpha Chapter of South Dakota on April 20. Phi Beta Kappa is the nation's oldest and most prestigious academic honor society.

Dr. Loren Amundson of Sioux Falls (USD School of Medicine, 1954; Distinguished Alumni Award, 2004) also was elected to membership in the chapter. Amundson and his mother Marjorie Lifto Amundson established the Lifto Amundson Lecture in 1989, which each year brings distinguished speakers from the liberal arts disciplines to lecture at USD.

This year's lecture, by Professor Ed Brook of Oregon State University, was entitled "History of Greenhouse Gases and Climate from Polar Ice Cores: Lessons from the Past, Thoughts for the Future."

DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

MADISON — Dakota State University in Madison held the fall commencement ceremony Saturday, May 9, at 10:30 a.m. in the DSU Fieldhouse. Dakota State awarded one doctorate, 44 masteris, 160 baccalaureate and 38 associate degrees.

Candidates for gradua-

tion who chose to share their information include:

NEBRASKA

- Kaylea Chase, Crofton, Associate of Science in Respiratory Care

SOUTH DAKOTA

- Kendall Nelson, Alcester, Bachelor of General Studies
- Michael Olsen, Beresford, Bachelor of Science in Computer and Network Security; Bachelor of Science in Network and System Administration
- Andrew Bernard, Jefferson, Bachelor of Science in Computer and Network Security
- Matthew Bailey, Parkston, Bachelor of Science in Digital Arts and Design
- Beau Behrend, Parkston, Bachelor of Science in Education in Elementary Education
- Michael Hunhoff, Yankton, Master of Science in Applied Computer Science

CHADRON STATE

CHADRON, Neb. — In the 2015 spring semester 359 students at Chadron State College met requirements for the dean's list by earning at least a 3.5 cumulative grade-point average on a 4.0 scale. Students must be enrolled in 12 credit hours of coursework during the semester to qualify.

- Leo Haselhorst of Randolph, Neb.
- Sadie Linville of Randolph, Neb.

MARIAH ZAVADIL

CHADRON, Neb. — Mariah Zavadil of Fordyce, Neb., daughter of Terry and Mary Jean Zavadil, received two scholarships to Chadron State College.

Mariah received the RHOP scholarship for \$4,704, and the Education Award Program scholarship for \$2,000.

Mariah is a freshman at CSC studying biology.

CAITLYN BROWN

EMORY, Va. — Speaking to 242 Emory & Henry College graduates Saturday, May 9, Dr. David L. Warren, president of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, said many monumental "boundary" decisions lay ahead of them. "I think your generation is going to face a set of questions wholly unprecedented not only in this nation but the world," Warren said.

The E&H class of 2015 includes: Caitlyn Brown of Vermillion.

Located in the Highlands of Virginia, Emory & Henry has devoted itself since 1836 to the belief that education can have a transformative effect on an individual, a place and ultimately the wider world.



ABOVE: The Yankton Morning Optimist Club held an Oratorical Contest in March for Yankton area students to win cash awards and scholarships. Students were asked to write a 4-5 minute speech on "How My Optimism Will Help Me Press On To Greater Achievements in Life." There were six participants in the local contest: (pictured attached, left to right) Patrick Binder, Adam Walter, Esther Swift, Judah Swift, Mary Schmidt and Haylee Worm. Ashley Pfeiffer, local Oratorical contest chairperson, was extremely proud of the participants. "The judges were blown away by the content and delivery of all the contestants. It was refreshing to see these students display such talent, work ethic and respect." The winners were as follows: 1st place — Patrick Binder — \$300; 2nd place — Esther Swift — \$200; 3rd place — Adam Walter - \$100.

LEFT: Patrick Binder, a senior at Yankton High School, advanced on to the Zone Contest in Sioux Falls on April 11, in which he competed against four other contestants. Patrick, once again, delivered a notable performance and won first place at the Zone contest, allowing him to advance on to the final round of District competition in Watertown. "My favorite part about the experience was hearing how other people share a hope and passion for not only their own futures, but the future of our society," said Patrick. For the third and final time, Patrick took first place at the District Competition, winning a \$2,500 scholarship to put towards his education at Yale University (picture attached). "The Oratorical contest allows students to develop a skill that they will use forever and in all aspects of life. I really encourage students to take advantage of these kind of opportunities." Ashley Pfeiffer, local Oratorical chairperson.

The Yankton Optimist Club would like to thank the contestants for their hard work and participation. They would also like to thank the judges and volunteers for helping make the event a success. (Submitted photos)

Lewis & Clark Recreation Area Weekend Schedule Set

The following activities are slated for the Lewis and Clark Recreation Area May 29-31:

Friday, May 29

1 p.m. — Great Plains Zomobile, Pierson Ranch Shelter

2-4 p.m. — Archery Classes. Call 605-668-2985 to register for classes.

7 p.m. — Scavenger Hunt

and Hike on the Gavins Point Nature Trail

9 p.m. — Nature Movies

Lewis and Clark and Chief White Crane Amphitheaters

Saturday, May 30

10 a.m. — Good Earth Art

Lewis and Clark Amphitheater

1-5 p.m. — Archery Classes. Call 605-668-2985 to register for classes.

7 p.m. — Satisfy Your Sweet Tooth with Healthy Dutch Oven Cooking: Chief White Crane

BITHDAYS

LUCILLE SCHMIDT

Lucille Schmidt of Yankton will be celebrating her 99th birthday on Saturday, May 30.

Lucille was born in 1916 in Yankton County.

Her family is requesting a card shower in her honor. Greetings may be sent to 418 W. 15th Street, Yankton SD 57078.



Schmidt



The family of Adeline Fridrich would like to extend our sincere thanks for your visits, prayers, cards, memorials, food, flower and your comforting words shown to us during this difficult time. A special thank you to the Good Samaritan Society of Tyndall and the Avera Hospice of Yankton for the wonderful care shown to our mother and wife during her illness. Also a special thanks to Cheyenne Schroeder and the Goglin Funeral Home for their compassion and caring. Thanks to Father Joe Forcelle for the beautiful service and to the pallbearers, choir, organist, soloist, lector and the Altar Society Band #6 for the lunch.

Your expressions of kindness and sympathy will remain with us always. God bless all of you.

Harvey G. Fridrich & Family • Kathy Horacek
 Rose Horacek • Arlene & Rodney Haenfler
 Daniel & Laura Horacek & Leila



The family of
Martha Hrdlicka
 would like to invite you
 to help celebrate her
90th BIRTHDAY!

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