

**Crest Road To Be Closed Next Week**

The road that crosses Gavins Point Dam, also known as Crest Road or the spillway, will be closed on Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 27-28, from 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. each day to conduct spillway repairs.

**Cemetery To Turn Down All Vases Nov. 28**

The Garden of Memories Cemetery in Yankton will turn down all vases in the cemetery on Wednesday, Nov. 28. Mausoleum and niche vases will be removed and stored during the winter months. Any flowers left in vases will be discarded.

During the snow removal process, every effort will be given not to damage any iron decorations, personal items or mementos, however, the cemetery is not responsible for loss or damage to any of these items left at the grave.

On April 1, 2013 (weather permitting), vases can be turned up again and mausoleum and niche vases will be placed back in their ring.

Call the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home at 665-3644 if you have any questions.

**Yankton Parade Of Lights Slated Dec. 1**

Bundle up the kids and come to Downtown Yankton on Saturday, Dec. 1, for the annual Holiday Parade of Lights. Santa will arrive, Miss South Dakota and Miss Teen South Dakota will be there, the tree will be lit and music will fill the air that evening.

Lineup will start at 5:30 p.m. east of the Landing on Levee Street with the parade beginning at 6 p.m. The parade will end at Second Street near the Meridian Bridge where Santa will light the tree and Smooth Benediction of Mount Marty College will entertain the crowd with songs of the season.

Everyone is encouraged to have an entry in the parade. Categories include Commercial, Religious, Organization and Individual with prizes awarded for the best entry in each of these categories. Contact Alison Brown at (605) 260-6870 or questmarc3@mail.com to register your entry. Deadline to register is November 30 at 4 p.m.

The Vendor Fair at The Gurney Landing will go from 2-8 p.m. More than 20 booths will be represented.

Enjoy homemade goodies and hot chocolate!

If you are interested in having a booth, contact Alison Brown or call 665-3636.

**Volunteers Sought For Advisory Board**

The Yankton City Commission is seeking a City of Yankton resident to fill an opening on the Joint Powers Solid Waste Advisory Board.

Anyone who is interested in filling the opening should submit a letter of interest to the mayor and Board of City Commissioners including your reason for wanting to serve on the respective board or commission. Letters may be sent to: Mayor Nancy Wenande, c/o City Manager's Office, P.O. Box 176, Yankton, SD 57078

The deadline for this inquiry is Monday, Dec. 3.

**USD Alum To Discuss Afghanistan**

VERMILLION — The W.O. Farber Center for Civic Leadership at the University of South Dakota will present the program, "Counterinsurgency in Afghanistan: A Rifle Company in Imam Sahib," by Capt. Christopher L. Mercado, a 2004 distinguished military graduate of USD, at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 28, at Farber Hall inside Old Main.

Mercado has served three years in combat, recently returning from north Afghanistan where he served as a rifle company commander. He led counterinsurgency operations in Imam Sahib and Dast-e Archi Districts of Kunduz Province. Prior to that de-



Mercado

ployment, Mercado managed the reconstruction and development of Panjshir Province in Afghanistan while serving on the Panjshir Provincial Reconstruction Team. Previously deployed to Iraq, Mercado served as a combat advisor to the Iraqi Army in central Baghdad for 15 months.

Since earning his commission in the United States Army in 2004, Mercado has served as an anti-armor platoon leader, company commander in B Company and Headquarters & Headquarters Company,

and as an operations officer with the 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment assisting in the development of plans and training for future combat deployment. He has earned several military awards and decorations, including the Bronze Star, Ranger Tab, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Parachutist's Badge, Army Achievement Medal (five awards), National Defense Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Medal (two awards), Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and the Iraqi Campaign Medal. A native of San Antonio, Texas, Mercado is married with two children.

**HATS FOR HURRICANE SANDY**



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**Beadle Elementary School in Yankton held a hat day to raise funds to support those affected by Hurricane Sandy. The students and staff were allowed to wear hats for a donation to the Red Cross's hurricane relief efforts. The Beadle students and staff raised \$269.30. Thank you to all of the parents, students and staff for their generosity. Pictured are Beadle Elementary students showing off their hats, front from left: Brooklyn Townsend, Keaton Roth, Hannah Sailer, Ryker Larsen, Josie Anthony, Emma Herrboldt, Addison Nasland, Abigail Olson and Fayth Clark; back row: Madlin Herbert, Hannah Green, Kiah Holmstrom, Morgan Strahl, Ethan Russaw, Lily Diedrichsen and Claire Mooney**

**CDWC Set To Host 'Taste Of Christmas'**

SOUTH YANKTON, Neb. — The Corps of Discovery Welcome Center, located three miles south of Yankton on Highway 81, will once again be celebrating this year's holiday season in a special way, hosting the annual Taste of Christmas, Dec. 1, from 4-7 p.m., at the Center on the bluff.

This year it will be preceded by a week-long open house, with holiday refreshments available, so visitors can check out the silent auction items and gifts available in the Gift Shop. The week-long Open House, culminates with a "Taste of Christmas." This event once again features silent auction items from friends and area businesses and samplings from local businesses, Nissen Winery, Lurbach Dairy and B&B Locker. All while holiday music creates a festive atmosphere.

In between tasting the cheese, sipping the wine and sampling local meat products, visitors will be able to peruse the Center's gift shop, which displays varied handmade items by local artisans throughout Nebraska and South Dakota and find just the right item for a friend or family member. Several books written by local authors are also on display at the CDWC along with paintings or displays from local artists.

For a small donation to the CDWC, visitors will be treated to an evening of holiday Christmas spirit. It could be just the right thing to jumpstart anyone's Santa season.

This event is an annual fundraiser for the Center, which operates on local funding opportunities, fundraisers and donations. The Center receives no state financing.

For more information, contact the CDWC at 402-667-6557, email at cdwc@byelectric.com, or check out the CDWC's new website, corpsofdiscoverywelcomecenter.net.

**OBITUARIES**

**Omaha Zephier**

Omaha Zephier, 32, of Lake Andes died Monday, Nov. 19, 2012, at the University of Minnesota Medical Center, Minneapolis, Minn., after a long illness.

Wake services began Wednesday at the Boys and Girls Club Gym in Marty. Funeral services are 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 24, 2012 at St. Paul's Catholic Church, Marty. Burial is in the church cemetery.

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

**Louis Medicine Horn Sr.**

Louis Medicine Horn Sr., 65 of Mitchell died Nov. 20, 2012, at Avera Queen of Peace Hospital, Mitchell.

Funeral services are at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 24, at the White Swan Community Center, Lake Andes. Burial is in St. Paul's Catholic Cemetery, Marty.

Wake services began Wednesday at the Community Center.

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

**Raymond Puntney**

Raymond R. Puntney, 83, of Coleridge, Neb., died Thursday, Nov. 22, 2012, at Park View Haven Nursing Home, Coleridge.

Funeral services are pending at Wintz Funeral Home, Coleridge, Neb.

**Earl Saugstad**

Earl Milford Saugstad, 92, died Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2012, at Avera Yankton Care Center, Yankton.

Funeral services are at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 28, at Op-

sahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, with the Rev. Dave Lund officiating. Burial will be in Garden of Memories, Yankton, with Military Graveside Rites by Ernest-Bowyer VFW Post 791, Yankton, and SDARNG Honor Guard of Sioux Falls.

Visitation begins at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home with a Masonic service at 7 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

**Dessa Taylor**

Dessa Taylor, 97, of Yankton died Thursday, Nov. 22, 2012, at

the Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton.

Arrangements are under the care of Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton.

**Ardith Jones**

Ardith A. Jones, 77, of Yankton died Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2012 at Avera Yankton Care Center, Yankton.

Arrangements are under the care of Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton.

**Mercy**

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"I said, 'God, I've been faithful to my husband, and I've been faithful to you,'" Mukumba said. "I think the virus is not going to kill me. I'm going to die in the proper way."

Mukumba's story is not unique in Zimbabwe, a country that is among the worst hit by the HIV and AIDS epidemic in Sub-Saharan Africa. An estimated 1,159,097 of Zimbabwe's 12.7 million residents were living with HIV and AIDS in 2011. Of those, an estimated 597,293 badly needed antiretroviral therapy.

Despite the number of people with HIV and AIDS, Mukumba said discrimination against those in Zimbabwe who have them is rampant.

"They are very looked down upon," she stated. "With me, I've decided to be open at my workplace and church, and in my community. I don't feel awkward when I'm around them. But a lot of people are still hiding, and because of their denial, they are dying. Some of them are dying because they can't reach out for medication because of poverty."

At the time Mukumba tested positive for HIV, she was getting a degree in counseling — mostly HIV counseling.

"It was a blessing," she said.

At first, Mukumba was angry with her husband, but eventually she forgave him. She said it was an important part of moving on with her life.

A book written by a couple living with HIV suggested talking to the virus as if it were a person. Mukumba said she has taken that approach.

"OK, virus, you've come into me," she explained. "We're co-habiting. If you kill me, you die. The best thing is for us to stay OK. You support me, I support you. Life will go on." This is the attitude I've tried to adopt."

Mukumba said that, as long as she avoids stress, medication keeps the virus under control. She said her husband never did get tested for HIV, nor did he want to know the results of her test in 2000.

"Let sleeping dogs lie," Mukumba recalls him saying. "Sometimes men have an ego, and they don't take advice from their wives."

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MERCY MUKUMBA

On Feb. 10, 2008, he died from complications related to HIV.

Mukumba found herself with little money and no job. Prior to her husband's death, she had been working as a nanny in South Africa.

"I went to South Africa, picked up my things and came back home," she said.

On Feb. 7, 2009, Mukumba was sitting on her veranda trying to figure out how to put her life back together and care for her four children, who were born between 1973 and 1987. None of them have HIV.

"I heard the voices of little

girls playing by the roadside," she stated. "I went to the gate and said, 'How are you, girls? What are you doing here? It's school time. You're not supposed to be playing here. You're supposed to be in school.'"

The two girls responded that their father had not gotten them placed in school, which can be very expensive in Zimbabwe.

Mukumba then got an idea — she could teach them. She spoke to their father, and by Feb. 9 she had started a school in her home.

"A week later, there were two more," Mukumba recalled. "By

the 11th day, I had seven children."

She now teaches 44 children out of her home and employs four teachers. Many of the students have HIV.

Some of the children have parents who can pay a fee, but Mukumba also seeks out orphans in her community with no means to pay.

"My wish now is to look for a place and build a structure so I can accommodate those who don't have homes and make it a boarding school for those who need it," she said. "That's my dream. If you educate a child, you educate the nation."

By extending love to others, Mukumba hopes it helps them find life a little more worthwhile — especially if they have HIV or AIDS.

"I would like to tell people they don't have to be discouraged if they find out they are HIV positive," she said. "They need to take care of themselves, change

their lifestyles, take their medication regularly and have a clean mind. The biggest thing is, they need to change their lifestyle. If they keep on living a careless life, they will infect other people.

"Eat well, dress well, live well and pray well," Mukumba said. "God is there. Some people might not believe that, but for me, God is real. I know whenever things are hard, and I say, 'God, this is not for me,' He answers me."

For those wishing to learn more about Mukumba's school and how they can help her, email mercymukumba@gmail.com.

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**Thank You**

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Thank you from  
**Delores Clocker, Danny & Lori Slaba, Jerry & Debra (Slaba) Gran, & Charles Slaba**

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**MORNING COFFEE**  
WEEKDAYS  
MONDAY-FRIDAY

**Friday, November 23**  
7:40 am Yankton P&D  
Nathan Johnson)  
8:20 am Kayak Expedition  
(Rod Wellington)