

# DOT, Yankton Co. Seek Input into County Master Transportation Plan Study

The South Dakota Department of Transportation, in collaboration with Yankton County, will hold a public open house as part of the Yankton County Master Transportation Plan. This open house public meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. CST on Dec. 3, in the Yankton County Government Center at 321 West 3rd Street in Yankton.

The Yankton County Master Transportation Plan study will address a full range of transportation options and issues, including pedestrian, bicycle, transit, freight and automobile. The purpose for the open house is to inform the public of the study's findings and preliminary recommendations and to record any comments or concerns the public may have on those recommendations.

For those who cannot attend the meeting or desire additional information on the study, information will be made available online after the meeting at [www.sddot.com/transportation/highways/planning/specialstudies/YanktonCo/default.aspx](http://www.sddot.com/transportation/highways/planning/specialstudies/YanktonCo/default.aspx).

The meetings will be held from 5:30-7 p.m. CST at the location indicated. A brief, summarizing presentation will be made at approximately 5:30 p.m. followed by an open house discussion with SDDOT, county and consultant staff. The opportunity to present written comments will be provided. Written comments will be accepted until Dec. 17, 2014.

Notice is further given to individuals

with disabilities that this open house/public meeting is being held in a physically accessible place. Any individuals with disabilities who require a reasonable accommodation in order to participate in the open house / public meeting should submit a request to the Department's ADA Coordinator at 605-773-3540 or 1-800-877-1113 (Telecommunication Relay Services for the Deaf). Please request the accommodations no later than two business days prior to the meeting in order to ensure accommodations are available.

For more information, contact Steve Gramm, data analysis engineer, at (605) 773-6641 or by email at [steve.gramm@state.sd.us](mailto:steve.gramm@state.sd.us).

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## 'Toys For Kids' Seeking Donations

Community wide agencies, organizations and individuals are working to make the holidays brighter this year through the Yankton Toys for Kids program.

Donations of new, unwrapped toys, appropriate for ages 0-18, are being accepted at this time and can be dropped off at Maurices, Dunhams, Walgreens or Menards.

Caring neighbors are helping Santa Claus make the holidays special for the children in the Yankton area. Cash donations are accepted to fill in where needs are not met and ensure that every referred child receives a toy.

For more information on the Toys for Kids Program, call Pat Robinson at (605) 661-6500 or the United Way & Volunteer Services' Office at (605) 665-6766.

## Don't Restrict Traffic Visibility With Snow

In the city of Yankton, it is illegal for any person to deposit snow or ice at any location in such as manner as to interfere or restrict with the passage or visibility of vehicular or pedestrian traffic. Snow and ice shall not be deposited from private property onto any public street, alley, sidewalk, trail, parking lot or other paved right-of-way with the following exception:

**EXCEPTION:** Snow and ice may be placed on the following street gutters in the downtown central business district from abutting sidewalks only within the first 24 hours after the snowfall has ended: Third Street from Linn Street to Picotte Street and the following streets for a distance from Second Street to Fourth Street: Broadway, Cedar, Walnut, Douglas, Capital, Mulberry and Pine.

Snow and ice from that portion of a driveway approach in the public right-of-way and public sidewalk may be deposited on right of way areas that are unpaved provided they do not obstruct motorist or pedestrian visibility.

The City of Yankton reminds property owners that public sidewalks are to be kept clear of snow and ice. Property owners who have snow covered sidewalks adjacent to their property need to make arrangements for snow and ice removal within 24 hours after the end of a snowfall. Snow removed from driveways, sidewalks or parking lots cannot be placed in the streets. Contact the City of Yankton at 605-668-5251 for more information.

## Community Messiah Sing Slated Nov. 30

Mount Marty College Music Department is pleased to present the second annual Messiah Sing at 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 30, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Yankton.

Come and sing through "Part the First" and the "Hallelujah Chorus" with soloists from Mount Marty College and the University of South Dakota. The concert will also include an orchestra of players from the Sioux Falls and Sioux City Orchestras.

The Messiah Sing is being sponsored by a grant from the Gregorian Club at Mount Marty College.

A short rehearsal of spots in the choruses will begin at 6 p.m. The Messiah Sing will follow immediately. Scores will be available for purchase (\$10) or rent (\$5).

A goodwill offering will be taken.

Featured soloists include: Jessica Tice (Yankton), soprano; Anna Kollasch (Whittemore, Iowa), mezzo-soprano; Gage Blaschke (Sioux Falls), tenor; and Brody Krogman (Sioux Falls), bass-baritone.

## MMC Vespers Broadcast Christmas Eve

The Benedictine Sisters of Sacred Heart Monastery and the Mount Marty College Music Department will present their annual Vespers performance entitled "Et al" on Sunday, Dec. 7. The free performances are at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. in Bishop Marty Chapel on the Mount Marty College campus.

"This year we are celebrating everyone at the manger scene: the shepherds, the kings, the animals, the angels, all who were there those many years ago. This Vespers performance will also place ourselves at the manger as we sing the carols that help connect us to that time and place, bringing us all to the manger," states Dr. Kenneth Tice, Director of Choral Activities.

Tickets to Vespers are free and space is limited to 500 people per performance. Due to overwhelming popularity of the event, tickets are no longer available.

For those unable to obtain tickets to the performances, the event will be broadcast this year on radio and on television. The television broadcast will be on South Dakota Public Television Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, at 9 p.m. Central Time. Check your local television listing for channel information. The radio broadcast can also be heard Christmas Eve at 5 p.m. on KYNT 1450AM or online at [www.kynt1450.com/](http://www.kynt1450.com/).

## Thanksgiving Blaze



PHOTO: LARRY NICKLES/YANKTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Firefighters from three communities battled a structure fire near Volin Thursday night. A passerby reported the blaze at the rural residence at about 8:30 p.m. The fire started in the garage and was stopped at the front of the house by Volin firefighters. There was extensive heat and smoke damage throughout the house. The occupants, who were not home at the time, were assisted by the Red Cross. A dog that was reported missing was eventually found on the second floor of the house in good condition, suffering from minor smoke inhalation. Units from Gayville and Yankton assisted in fighting the blaze, and Yankton County ambulance and emergency management were also on the scene. Firefighters were on the scene for about three hours. The incident is under investigation.

## Trinity Lutheran To Host 'Bach's Lunch' Programs

Trinity Lutheran Church invites the community to its 30th season of Advent recitals — Bach's Lunch. These events begin Thursday, Dec. 4, and continue the following two Thursdays, Dec. 11 and 18.

A lunch of soup, artisan breads, a beverage and a sweet (\$5) are served at 11:45 a.m. in Trinity's multi-purpose room; the concerts begin at 12:15 p.m. Recitals on Dec. 4 and 18 are in Trinity's new sanctuary; the organ recital on Dec. 11 is in Heritage Hall (the former sanctuary).

Pianists Laura Larson and Taylor Wesseln begin our 2014 Bach's Lunch season.

Larson is a sophomore at Gayville-Volin High School. She began her piano studies with Eugenio Zapata and is now a student of Dr. James Nyberg; she studies organ with Marilyn Nyberg and plays for services quite regularly at Vangen Lutheran in Mission Hill. She has competed twice in USD's Truran Piano Competition and placed both times. She studies clarinet with Dr. Deb

Reeves of USD and played in S.D. All-State Band this past spring. She is a state-ranked runner and won the Augustana Meet of Champions Varsity 4K run in September.

Wesseln, also a student of Dr. Nyberg, moved to Yankton from Norfolk less than two years ago and wasted no time becoming involved in music and theater. Now a freshman at YHS, she plays flute in the band, sings in the concert choir, and has performed in four shows with the Lewis & Clark Theater Company. Her piano studies began in Norfolk with Iris Doolittle, and continued with Nancy Nissen. She placed in last February's Truran Competition at USD and will compete again this coming year.

The second concert features organist Sandy DeSaix who also performed in Trinity's "Monster Organ Recital" in October. DeSaix is a graduate of Augustana College, teaches piano and organ and is employed as a paralegal in her husband's law office in Beresford. She serves as an organist at Emmanuel

Lutheran Church in Beresford and substitutes at many area churches. DeSaix and her husband Jim have three children and six grandchildren. They enjoy their Lewis & Clark Lake cabin, gardening and locating pipe organs on their travels.

The third Bach's Lunch recital will feature flutist Cynthia Miller Swan and pianist Kathleen West. Swan's early musical experiences include winning several regional and national piano competitions, a flute scholarship at the University of Minnesota-Duluth as well as a vocal career. She has also taught the Tango. Following her diagnosis of and treatment for breast cancer, she authored a book "My Tango with Cancer. A Dancer's Journey of Breast Cancer Treatment and Growth." West, director of Trinity's choir, is an accomplished pianist, accompanying music at all of Yankton's four elementary schools. She is a retired school administrator and a passionate advocate for the arts in Yankton and in South Dakota.

### OBITUARIES

#### Sharlene Cordes

Funeral services for Sharlene Cordes, 77, of Bloomfield, Nebraska, are pending at Brockhaus Funeral Home in Bloomfield.

Sharlene died Friday, Nov. 28, 2014, at her home in Bloomfield.

#### Dennis Effle

Funeral services for Dennis R. Effle, 58 of Verdigre, Nebraska, are pending at Brockhaus Funeral Home in Verdigre.

Dennis died Thursday, Nov. 27, 2014, at Alpine Village in Verdigre.



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