

**Cottonwood Campground To Close Oct. 16**

Cottonwood Campground, operated by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, will close for the season at 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 16. Immediately after the closure, construction will begin on widening the entrance road into the park to improve traffic flow.

Due to the construction, the campground will not be open for free camping until the project's completion, expected in late spring of 2012.

**'Sounds of Healing' Concert Set For Oct. 14.**

Tami Briggs, a nationally known therapeutic harpist and speaker, will be giving a free community concert at 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 14, at the Benedictine Center Conference Room located on the Avera Sacred Heart Hospital campus in Yankton.

This special session describes music's role for Parkinson's patients, families/caregivers and the attending staff. In this presentation, Briggs shares her personal and professional experiences with this disease — she was a primary caregiver to her dear uncle who had Parkinson's/dementia; her father also has Parkinson's. Intertwined with live harp examples, her powerful stories are reflections on the special moments, the sorrows and the lessons learned during the caregiving journey.

Briggs, a certified harp practitioner since 1999, has played at the bedside of hundreds of hospital and hospice patients. As a composer and recording artist, she has released 13 CDs for relaxation, comfort, healing and sleep; she has also written two books. Her presentation promises to be enjoyable, relaxing and soothing experience, a respite from our busy lives.

**Animal Shelter To Host Adoption Day Oct. 15**

Heartland Humane Society invites the community to a Meet and Greet on Saturday, Oct. 15, running from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the 4-H Grounds Alcoa Arena, located at 700 Whiting Drive in Yankton.

Animals will be available for adoption and the dogs and the puppies from foster care will be available to meet as well.

"Heartland Humane Society is at full capacity with cats and kittens," said Kerry Schmidt, executive director at Heartland Humane Society. "We have had a lot of interest in the puppies especially, so this is a great time to meet them, too."

The shelter suggests filling out an application for adoption prior to the event. Contact Heartland Humane Society 605-664-4244 or email hhs@midconetwork.com for more information. To view current animals up for adoption, stop at the shelter located at 601 1/2 Burleigh in Yankton or go to www.heartlandhumanesociety.net.

**R.C. Harmony Sweet Adelines Show Sunday**

The River City Harmony Sweet Adelines will be Southern Belles and Guys as they perform "Harmony of the South" at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 16, at the Marian Auditorium on the campus of Mount Marty College, 1105 W. 8th in Yankton.

The headlining act this year is Now and Then from Fremont, Neb. There will also be a guest appearance by dancers from Judi's Dance Studio.

Now and Then is a group that combines "old" experience with "new" vitality, providing our listeners with a smooth blend of harmony and pizzazz. Now and Then formed in February 2008 just before the Fremont Pathfinders annual spring show. Members of the group include: Aaron Smith, tenor; P. D. (Pete) Stibor, lead; Aaron Wolf, baritone; and Bryan Nelson, bass.

Tickets are available in advance and at the door. For advance tickets, check out Hy-Vee, Rexall Drug or any Sweet Adelines member.

**ServSafe Class To Be Offered Oct. 17**

There will be a new ServSafe class taught at the Yankton County Extension Office on Monday, Oct. 17. The eight-hour class starts at 8 a.m.

To register or for more information, call 665-8579 or 660-5430 and ask for contact Sandi Kramer.

**Tourism**

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will be used to the idea and they will find their way here."

One unplanned visitor attraction in the Yankton area turned out to be the high water roaring through the Gavins Point Dam spillway. Fuks said visitation numbers at the site were up 160 percent, with June and July showing a 102 percent increase, she said, "even with the road closed during the week."

Many of those visitors bought food and gas while visiting the water spectacle, Fuks said.

Members attending heard a more in-depth report of the year's tourism statistics, but also worked on what to do in the coming year. Ideas were exchanged in a series of table topic discussions, including niche marketing, media familiarization tours, membership/co-op programs, tracking/stats, and new technology/social media.

Those attending the afternoon meeting included Maureen Cashin, Vermillion Chamber of Commerce, who said she appreciated the "networking and meeting people from different organizations."

Cashin said she was especially interested in the "package deals" that members are being encouraged to put together for visitors, tying an attraction or event in with lodging and food. Those packages are being posted on the group's website, which is promoted in a variety of special interest publications, on-line advertising and such social media as Facebook.

"Facebook has been an awesome place to market our area," said Fuks, noting Southeast South Dakota Tourism has been "gaining more and more followers,

with not only people from inside and outside the state, but from all over the country."

Fuks said the Oct. 31 deadline is fast approaching for advertising content in the group's 2012 publications. Also, there are plans to advertise "in more places than ever before," she said, with the Internet making that possible.

Earlier in the day, the state Department of Tourism hosted a regional meeting, also in Sioux Falls. Director Jim Hagen introduced staff members, who in turn reported on their methods of reaching three main groups of visitors: Mobile Moms, Active and Ageless, and the Hunters/Fishermen.

Tourism-related activity generated 20 percent of all state and local tax revenue in 2010, it was noted. Each visitor spent an average of \$231 during that year.

Hunters, for example, usually traveled with a group of four to six, with each spending \$900 to \$1,200 per trip.

Hagen encouraged businesses and groups to use the Department of Tourism as a resource to help promote themselves to the state's visitors.

"We are happy to share all of our information," said Hagen.

He said there is a new focus this year on using the Matching Dollars program to help local events and local attractions.

Applications for funding are awarded twice a year, with information available on the department's website, www.SDVisit.com.

This year, for example, a coalition of Bon Homme County cities were awarded a matching grant to develop a marketing program highlighting the attractions in its five cities.

"I would like to see more rural area attractions" in the program, said Hagen.

**Library**

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said the meeting space should have a separate entrance with restrooms so that meetings can take place when the library is not open.

The library building itself should have more natural lighting, one main entrance, a more efficient heating and cooling system, restroom updates and better access for the disabled.

Jacobs called parking at the current facility, which has a 28-space lot, a "huge" issue.

"We have many times when our parking lot is overflowing and is out in the street," she said. "We'd like to see accessible and safe parking for all of our patrons."

Jacobs said the task force is beginning to grapple with just how the current and future needs of the library can be met. Many members of the public have already asked whether a second story could be added to the existing facility along Walnut Street.

"That is part of what Jim Schramm, our architect, talked

about and looked into," Jacobs said, referring to the architect that was hired to help compile the needs assessment. "It's not possible to build a second story on this building unless we vacate and the footings are completely re-done because of the weight that shelving has. We would have to vacate the library ... and then we'd still be without parking."

Commissioner Nancy Wendan asked whether the task force is considering a collaboration with another entity so that the two could share the cost of a new facility.

"I think that is certainly a possibility," Jacobs said. "We are not that far in the process. What we feel like we need to do first is to let the public know what our needs are. That is a discussion that is certainly for the future, and we need to have it with all the stakeholders in the community."

The commission gave unanimous approval to the task force to present the needs assessment to the community.

Commissioners Pauline Akland and Paul Lowrie were absent.

Task force chairman David Koerner told the *Press & Dakotan* that meetings will be held with various groups in the community

to discuss the needs assessment. In addition, tours of the library will be offered to the public that will highlight the findings of the study.

Koerner said there is no timeline for the process.

"We'll take as long as we need to get the necessary information and education out," he said.

In other business Monday, the commission:

- learned the findings of the 2011 community survey conducted by the city manager.
- Overall, the city received higher marks than the previous year;
- had a public hearing regarding a \$202,000 Community Development Block Grant that was secured in November 2010 to assist in financing the extension of Gehl Drive and the associated utility lines to serve Dakota Trailer's new facility. Dakota Trailer committed to creating 25 new jobs as part of its expansion project that the grant helped make possible. The hearing was required as part of receiving the grant, so the City Commission and the community can learn about the impact of the grant. Following the hearing, the commission approved the final payment for the \$337,000 Gehl Drive

extension project, \$7,900 more than was originally anticipated;

- gave final approval to the \$47,966 alley-paving project west of Walnut Street between Second Street and Riverside Drive that is related to the conversion of the Meridian Bridge to a recreational structure. It allows property owners to have paved access to their land once Walnut Street is closed to traffic at the north end of the bridge. The project was completed for \$118 less than expected;
- gave final approval to \$58,000 worth of miscellaneous concrete work that included paving the library parking lot and installing ADA ramps;
- gave final approval to the \$85,000 trail reconstruction project along West Eighth Street;
- gave final approval to the \$346,000 reconstruction of Locust Street between Fourth and Eighth streets;
- renewed a lease with the Yankton Area Senior Citizen's Center Board for use of the center building; and
- held an executive session to consult with legal counsel about labor negotiations and potential litigation.

**OBITUARIES**

**Gertrude Tjeerdsma**

SPRINGFIELD — Funeral services for Gertrude Tjeerdsma, 86, of Springfield, are 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, October 12, 2011 at the Emmanuel Reformed Church in Springfield. Burial is in the Emanuel Cemetery, rural Springfield.



Tjeerdsma

Visitation will be at the church on Tuesday from 4 to 7 p.m., with the family present from 6 to 7, followed by a Prayer Service at 7 p.m.

Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home in Springfield is in charge of arrangements.

Gertrude Tjeerdsma was born January 7, 1925 in rural Springfield, the daughter of Bakke and Tryntje (Westra) Boersma. She died Saturday, October 8, 2011 at the Sanford Vermillion Hospital in Vermillion. Gertrude attained the age of 86 years, nine months and a day.

She received her education at the rural Perkins School.

Gertrude made confession of faith on October 9, 1943 in the Emmanuel Reformed Church. Her favorite scripture was Chapter 55 of Isaiah.

Before her marriage, Gertrude worked at the rural Perkins Store.

She married Orvan Tjeerdsma on March 22, 1949 at the Emmanuel Reformed Church in the country. Together they farmed south of Avon until December of 1996, when they moved into Springfield.

She is survived by her four sons: Randel (Barb) of Yankton; Keith (Jill) of Sergeant Bluff, IA; Wayne (Shari) of Avon; and Larry (Dwan) of Elkton; three daughters: Jean Brown of Vermillion; Marilyn (Duane) Feekes of Orange City, IA; and Lois (Greg) Siewert of Sioux Falls; 19 grandchildren; three great grandchildren; one sister, Jessie (Glenn) Heusinkveld of Springfield; sister-in-law Jessie Boersma of Springfield; and sister-in-law Luree Boersma of Yankton.

Gertrude was preceded in death by her husband; son-in-law, Wayne Brown; one grandson, Nathan Tjeerdsma; and two brothers: Case and Renze Boersma.

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**Joseph Johnson**

PLATTE — Joseph L. Johnson, 84, of Platte, SD passed away Sunday, October 9, 2011 at the Platte Care Center.



Johnson

Funeral Services will be 2:00 p.m. Thursday, October 13, 2011 at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Platte. A Committal Service will follow at Bloomington Cemetery, rural Platte with military honors by Campbell-Timmerman American Legion Post #115 of Platte.

Visitation will be held from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 12, 2011 at the Mount Funeral Home in Platte with a 7:00 p.m. Prayer Service.

Memorials in Joe's honor may be directed to: Trinity Lutheran Church, PO Box 427, Platte, SD 57369; American Cancer Society Relay for Life, 35732 270th St., Platte, SD 57369 or to the charity of your choice.

Expressions of sympathy may be extended to the family through www.mountfuneral-home.com.

Joseph Lindbergh Johnson was born on July 18, 1927 to Melvin and Margaret (Nelson) Johnson in Geddes, SD. He grew up in the area and was a 1948 graduate of Geddes High School. After serving his country in the U.S. Army from 1951-1953, during the Korean War, he returned home to farm.

On June 18, 1961 he was united in marriage to Laura Peterson at Pleasant Valley Lutheran Church in rural Vermillion, SD. He continued farming in the Geddes area until 1997 when they moved to Platte, SD where he and Laura managed The Gentle Touch until the time of his death.

Joe was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church, a lifetime member of Campbell-Timmerman American Legion Post #115, a 50 year member of the Masonic Lodge, belonged to the Farmer's Union and participated in bowling league all in the community of Platte. He enjoyed being outdoors and was an avid hunter and fisherman.

Grateful for having shared in Joe's life: his wife of over 50 years, Laura Johnson of Platte, SD; their 4 children: Lori Smith of Ogden, UT, Lynda (Mike) Belt of Wayne, NE, Michael (Dawn) John-

son of Belle Fourche, SD and Mary (Tom) Espland of Sioux Falls, SD; 12 grandchildren: Joshua (Aubry) Smith, Dallas (Dorene) Johnson, Michaela Belt, Jamie Belt, Rylee Johnson, Aaron Smith, Tabitha Belt, Rebekah, Rachel and Joseph Espland, Andi Belt and Marlena Belt; a step grandson, Jeremy Sebade; 2 great-grandchildren: Savannah Jo Smith and Remington Jocelyn Johnson; 2 step great-grandchildren: Colton and Keaton Sebade; his brother, Norman Johnson of Sacramento, CA; his sister-in-law, Ruth Johnson of Geddes, SD; along with several nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Joe was preceded in death by: his parents, Melvin and Margaret Johnson; his brother, Clifford Johnson and sister-in-law, Joanne Johnson.

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**Edward Metter**

Edward Metter, 65, of Yankton died Sunday afternoon, Oct. 9, 2011 from injuries sustained in an automobile/pedestrian accident.

Funeral services are at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at St. John's Lutheran Church, Yankton, with the Rev. Dave Gunderson officiating. Burial will be in the Sacred Heart Cemetery, Yankton.

Visitations begin at 4 p.m. Wednesday at Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, with a Scripture service at 7 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

**Lois Anderson**

HARTINGTON, Neb. — Lois L. Anderson, age 89 of Hartington, Neb. died on Sunday, October 9, 2011 at the Golden Living Center in Hartington.

Funeral Services are pending at the Wintz Funeral Home in Hartington.

**Marcella Domogalski**

Marcella Domogalski, 91, of Yankton died Saturday, Oct. 8, 2011, at Avera Sister James Care

Center, Yankton.

Memorial services are at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Avera Sister James Care Center Gathering Place, Yankton, with the Rev. David Lund officiating. Inurnment will be in the Yankton Cemetery.

Visitation with the family will be a half-hour prior to the memorial service.

Arrangements are under the direction of Wintz & Ray Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Yankton.

To send an online sympathy card, visit [wintzrayfuneralhome.com](http://wintzrayfuneralhome.com).

**Chance Orr**

Chance Orr, infant son of Johnny Orr II and Shanae Castellaw, was born and died Saturday, Oct. 8, 2011, at Avera McKennan Hospital, Sioux Falls.

Funeral services are pending under the care of the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton.

**Everett 'Ed' Pearson**

SIoux FALLS — Everett Ernest "Ed" Pearson, 78, of Sioux Falls died Monday, Oct. 10, 2011, at the Primrose Retirement Community, Sioux Falls.

Memorial services are pending under the care of Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton.

**Gloria Brandon**

Gloria Brandon, 67, of Yankton died unexpectedly Sunday, Oct. 9, 2011, at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton.

Funeral services are at 11 a.m. Friday at Vangen Lutheran Church, Mission Hill, with the Rev. Lance Lindgren officiating. Burial of the cremated remains will be 11 a.m. Saturday at the Salem Cemetery, rural Irene.

Visitations are 6-9 p.m. Thursday at Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, with a Scripture service at 7 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

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