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Housing, Econ. Dev. Meeting Being Held

PIERRE — South Dakota Housing Development Authority (SDHDA), in partnership with the Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOED), will be hosting a public meeting to solicit comments on the drafts of the 2014 Annual Action Plan and the amended 2013-2014 HOME Program and Housing Tax Credit allocation plans.

The public meeting is set for 2 p.m. Oct. 8, and will be held at several locations throughout the state through the Dakota Digital Network (DDN). Locally, it will be held at Yankton's Department of Transportation building.

SDHDA and GOED prepare the Consolidated Plan which is a five-year housing and community development planning document that includes how the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) program funds will be allocated. The 2014 Annual Action Plan provides an annual summary of the actions, activities and the specific federal and non-federal resources that are anticipated to be available and utilized to address the needs and goals specified within the Consolidated Plan.

The HOME program provides funds to developers and/or owners for acquisition, new construction and rehabilitation of affordable housing. On July 24, 2013, HUD released the HOME Final Rule amending program regulations. Proposed changes to the HOME allocation plan include occupancy timelines, utility allowances, development characteristics, replacement reserves and implementation of program fees.

The Housing Tax Credit program is a tax credit incentive to construct, acquire and/or rehabilitate housing for low-income households. Proposed changes to the Housing Tax Credit program include a change in the reservation requirements and the placed in service/final cost certifications, along with the changes indicated above, as applicable.

Persons interested in making comments may do so by attending the public meeting on Oct. 8, 2013, or by sending written comments to SDHDA, attention Lorraine Polak, PO Box 1237, Pierre, S.D. 57501, by fax (605) 773-5154 or by emailing to Lorraine@sdhda.org. All comments are due by 5 p.m. CST, Oct. 25, 2013.

Parenting Program Set For Pavilion

Looking for practical parenting skills that can be used im-mediately? Avera Medical Group Behavioral Health is offering a six-session parenting program, "Parenting the Love and Logic Way[™], designed by the Love and Logic Institute. Classes are Wednesday mornings from 9-11 a.m., running from Oct. 9-Nov. 13 in the Avera Professional Pavilion, Yankton.

- In this class you will learn how to:
- Avoid unwinnable power struggles and arguments
 Stay calm when your kids do incredibly upsetting things
- Set enforceable limits
- Avoid enabling and begin empowering
 Help your kids learn from mistakes rather than repeating

them • Raise kids who are family members rather than dictators

• And much more.

SD Medical Association President: Physicians Must Focus On Patient Care, Not Politics

BY NATHAN JOHNSON

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VERMILLION — While there are a lot of politics surrounding the health care industry, the president of the South Dakota State Medical Association (SDSMA) believes physicians needs to stay focused on what is best for patients.

"I think that physicians in South Dakota are much like the political spectrum of the country," said Dr. Daniel Heinemann, who became the 2013-2014 SDSMA president in June. "You'll hear from physicians who are vociferous supporters of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), and those who think it's terrible. It's more about the politics of the ACA. I think physicians, in general, support the idea of getting more patients covered with health insurance. Health insurance is the ticket you need to access our healthcare system. Without it, it's very expensive and almost unmanageably so."

Heinemann practiced family medi-cine in Canton for 20 years and is currently a chief medical officer for Sanford Health Network and Sanford Clinic.

He met with the Yankton District Medical Society at Valiant Vineyards in Vermillion this week as part of a tour to visit with members of all 12 of SDSMA's districts around the state. He visited with the Press & Dakotan prior to the meeting.

During the attempt to reform health care by President Bill Clinton and his wife, Hillary, in the 1990s, Heinemann



Helen 'Skeeter' Nielsen

Helen Kay "Skeeter" Nielsen, age 78, of Yankton and formerly of York, NE, passed away Tuesday, October 1, 2013 at Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton, SD.

Home & Crematory, Yank-

arrangements. A Memorial Service and Burial of her cremated remains will take place in

Metz Mortuary in York, NE will be in charge of arrangements.

Helen was born May 12, 1935 in York, NE to Clarence A. and Iva (Foster) Stephen. She graduated from York High School in 1953 and Floral Design School in 1974 in Denver, CO. She married Norval Nielsen on December 26, 1955 in York, NE. Norval passed away in 1975. She was a long time member of the First United Methodist Church, a Charter President of La Sertoma, President of the Women's Club, Cub Scouts, County Chair of the Heart Association, Chair of March of Dimes, and helped with many charitable organiza-

Michael Cudmore

Michael A. Cudmore, 34,

of Sioux Falls and formerly of

Hospice House in Sioux Falls.

a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 8, at Trinity Lutheran Church of the

Deaf in Sioux Falls with bur-

ial at Woodlawn Cemetery at

Visitation will be from 6 to 7 p.m., on Monday at the

Kober Funeral Home, Ver-

million, is in charge of

Kathryn Hanson

Kathryn Hanson, 75, of Vermillion died Friday, Oct.

Funeral arrangements are

Duane Yellow, 50, of Yank-

ton died Friday, Oct. 4, 2013,

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4, 2013, at Prairie Estates

arrangements.

Care Center.

Home, Elk Point.

Duane Yellow

1:30 p.m.

church.

Funeral services are at 11

Harrisburg, died Thursday,

Oct. 3, 2013, at Dougherty



DAVID LIAS/PLAINTAI K South Dakota State Medical Association President Dr. Daniel Heinemann visited with the Yankton District Medical Society at Valiant Vinevards in Vermillion this week.

said he witnessed a phenomenon similar to what is occurring today. At the time, he was president of the South Dakota Academy of Family Physicians.

'If you asked physicians at that time what they would support in health care reform, they would come up with many of the things the president and Hillary were coming up with," Heinemann said. "But when you mentioned it, it was very political."

The ACA is not perfect, he stated. "There are things in the ACA that

physicians are concerned about, and the Independent Payment Advisory Board (IPAB) is one of them," Heinemann stated.

According to the White House, the IPAB will have 15 experts, including doctors and patient advocates who are nominated by the president and confirmed by the Senate. It will recommend policies to Congress to help Medicare provide better care at lower costs. This could include ideas on coordinating care, getting rid of waste in the system, incentivizing best practices and prioritizing primary care.

The harshest critics of the ACA have referred to the IPAB as a "death panel," even though it is specifically prohibited by law from recommending any policies that ration care, raise taxes, increase premiums or cost-sharing, restrict benefits or modify who is eligible for Medicare.

Healthcare entities such as the American Medical Association, the American Hospital Association and the pharmaceutical lobby have called for the IPAB to be repealed, arguing that it could cut providers' pay arbitrarily.

Heinemann said that he doesn't want perfect to be the enemy of the good when it comes to the ACA.

The system we have now is broken," he stated. "We need to fix it. This is at least an attempt to lead us in a direction that we can fix it. I hope that we're heading in the right direction, and it will only get better. Only time will tell.'

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tions. She started her floral work with Dorothy and Howard May and opened the Flower

Box in 1974. Nielsen Later she worked for Margie Staehr at the Country Gardens. She enjoyed doing floral

She is survived by her son, Andy of Wymore, NE; a granddaughter, Jill (Brent) Parsons of Kansas City, MI; great-grandchildren, Paige and Will Parsons; two brothers, Homer Stephen of Lincoln, NE and Don (Faye) Stephan of Brighton, CO; special friend, Bill Walker of Yankton, SD; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, hus-band, Norval, four sisters: Lois Ritchey, Peg Graff, Dorothy Cain, and Jody Rhodes, three brothers: John Stephen, Bill Stephen

and Al Stephen, two nieces,

Alice Neuharth

Alice J. Neuharth, age 89, of Menno passed away early Friday, October 4, 2013, at the Menno-Olivet Care Center, Menno, SD. Funeral services will be

10:30 a.m. Monday, October 7, 2013 at the Zion Reformed Church, Menno, with Rev. Travis Grassmid officiating. Burial will be in the Menno Cemetery, Menno, SD.

Visitations will be from 2:00 to 7:00 p.m. Sunday, at the Aisenbrey-Opsahl-Kostel Memorial Chapel, Menno, with a prayer service at 3:30 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Pallbearers will be Sherry Peterson, Bill Peterson, Michael Neuharth, Michelle Kettwig, Jayden Kettwig, and Shane Peterson.

Alice was born December 9, 1923 to G. Edward and Olga (Heckenlaible) Knittel. She was baptized December 25, 1923 at Heilbronn Church in Freeman, South Dakota. Alice attended country



and poetry. She had a special love for family and enjoyed

spending time with them.

She is survived by her daughter, Joyce (Richard) Outka of Lubbock, TX; son, Earl (Teresa) Neuharth of Menno, SD; grandchildren, Sherry (Bill) Peterson, Kerry (Brandon) Brigance, Michael Neuharth, and Michelle (Jayden) Kettwig; great-grandchildren, Shane Peterson, Seth Peterson, Brady Brigance, Hunter Brigance, and Karter (Jax) Brigance; brothers and sisters-in-law, Victor Schneider, Erna (Laverne) Decker, Viona (Luverne) Buehner, Betty Neuharth, Philip (Virginia) Neuharth, Gideon Schultz, Arlene Walz,

and Phyllis Knittel. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Elmer; sister, Gertie

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Domestic Violence Vigil Wednesday

The third annual Candlelight Vigil to honor victims of domestic violence and those who have lost their lives in their battle of domestic violence will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 9, at the Dakota Theatre in downtown Yankton.

The featured speaker is Victoria Cromton-Tetter.

This event is sponsored by the Yankton Community Response Tea/Sexual Assault Response Team.

Fire Prevention Week Slated Next Week

PIERRE - Cooking is the leading cause of home fires, and South Dakota Fire Marshal Paul Merriman says reducing the risk of fires in the kitchen is the focus of National Fire Prevention Week this year.

Merriman says the latest research from the National Fire Prevention Association shows that 40 percent of home fires start in the kitchen. That's more than any other location in a home, he said. Cooking fires are also the leading cause of fire-related injuries in home fires, the research shows.

'Many times when firefighters respond to a fire that began in the kitchen, the residents say they only left the room for a few minutes," Merriman said. "Šometimes that's all the time it takes for a dangerous fire to start. Using Fire Prevention Week to focus on this topic will help us reach citizens before they've suffered a damaging fire.

National Fire Prevention Week is Oct. 6-12.

Among the safety tips that firefighters and safety advocates will be emphasizing:

• Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, broiling, or boiling food.

 If you must leave the room, even for a short period of time, turn off the stove.

• When you are simmering, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly, stay in the home, and use a timer to remind you.

• If you have young children, use the stove's back burners whenever possible. Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the stove.

When you cook, wear clothing with tight-fitting sleeves.

• Keep potholders, oven mitts, wooden utensils, paper and plastic bags, towels, and anything else that can burn,

away from your stovetop. • Clean up food and grease from burners and stovetops. Fire Prevention Week is actively supported by fire departments across the country. Fire Prevention Week is the longest running public health and safety observance on record, according to the National Fire Prevention

Association.

a nephew, and a great nephew. Yankton Press & Dakotan

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at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton.

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school and was confirmed on April 3, 1938. Her confirmation verse was Matthew 10: 32-33. She went on to parochial school, high school, and Freeman Junior college. She taught several country schools prior to her marriage to Elmer E. Neuharth on April 30, 1948 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Freeman, SD. She became a member of the Zion Reformed Church after their marriage and served her church as Sunday school teacher and was also a Farmer's Union youth leader for many years.

(Ray) Neuharth; brother, Harold; brothers and sistersin-law, Beatha (Lloyd) Stevenson, Walter Walz, Ida Schneider, Marvin Neuharth, Elda Schultz, Alma (Alton) Nieman, Norma Neuharth, Leon (Eleanor) Neuharth, and Verlinda (Harvey) Huber; and great-grandson, Samuel Peterson.

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