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## Seeking Answers

Forum Seeks To Help Gain An Understanding Of Suicide

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A subject as sensitive as suicide must be handled with care and discussed in a respectful manner.

That is what will happen on Sunday, Nov. 1. A forum addressing mental illness, suicide, grief and spirituality will be held from 5-8 p.m. at the St. Benedict Church in Yankton. Parents and children of the community are invited to attend.

A meal of pizza and drinks will be provided.

The forum was created by people who saw the effects of a recent teen suicide on the teenage youth community and their parents.

"We heard other parents' cries for help, questions that weren't answered and the difficulties they were going through," said forum organizer Krystal Paulson. "We recognized the need for a discussion after hearing this. It's kind of

a 'where do we go from here' forum."

The plan for the evening is to have food and drinks served before going into session with mental health professionals, as well as some clergy, and then have a Q&A session with questions anonymously submitted at <http://goo.gl/forms/EjSUK1ciOB> or by writing them on paper that night.

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SD CONSERVATION DIGEST BY MIKE SMITH  
South Dakota Statewide Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator Mike Smith spends the spring season surveying different water body areas around the state to track nonnative species. The star of the season has been the elusive Zebra mussels that have infested Lewis & Clark Lake.

## The Defense Begins



JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D  
Yankton assistant coach Mark Murtha, right, talks to linemen Mason Townsend, 55, Logan Haak, 57, and Bradey Sorenson, 65, on the sidelines during the Bucks' Class 11AA football playoff game with Huron on Thursday at Crane-Youngworth Field in Yankton. The defending state champion Bucks won 33-8 and will host Harrisburg in the semifinal on Friday, Nov. 6. For more details from Thursday's game, see page 6A.

## Fright Night To Broadway

YMS Eighth Grader, Family Host  
Haunted House As Fundraiser

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When students raise funds for school-sponsored trips, they normally take initiative and sell items such as candy bars and other treats.

In order to help fund a trip to New York City with the Yankton High School Broadway and the Arts trip set for late May, Yankton Middle School eighth grader Jennica Young instead asked her parents to turn their house into a haunted house for Halloween.

Jennica told the *Press & Dakotan* the time of year helped inspire the unique fundraising idea.

"It was October and I was thinking of different ways that we could make money," she said. "I grew up in a costume shop and that's where we got most of our decorations, so I thought it would be pretty cool to show everyone what we have."

The haunted house is located at 1506 Oakwood Dr. and will be open tonight (Friday) and Halloween night (Saturday) from 6-10:30 p.m. each night.

For nearly five years before moving to Yankton in 2012, the Young family had run a costume shop in their native Idaho. When the shop closed due to the Great Recession, the family held on to many of the unsold Halloween decorations and costumes from the shop.

Jennica's mother Gaye told the *Press & Dakotan* that the family was on board from the start.

"At first we were just talking about having a party for her and her friends or something, then she's like, 'Well, we could do a haunted house and charge money to get in. That would be awesome,'" Gaye said. "We thought, 'Hey! Let's do it.'"

She added that it presents a fundraising opportunity that is able to help pay more of the trip off more quickly.

"We figured in trying to do fundraising, we're trying to do things that aren't going to have just a little bit of money trickle in here and there so you're doing a billion things," she said. "We want to be able to do something that we can get chunks and get it paid



KELLY HERTZ/P&D  
Yankton Middle School eighth grader Jennica Young and her family are hosting a Halloween haunted house tonight (Friday) and Saturday to raise funds for Jennica's school-sponsored trip to New York next spring. The haunted house, located at 1506 Oakwood Drive, is open tonight (Friday) and Saturday.

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## SDGFP Seeks Compliance, Zebra Mussels Still A Threat

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Conservation officers are preparing to go to war. Their target? Zebra mussels.

This invasive species was found in Lewis & Clark Lake last year, but this year, numbers have swarmed and the fact that colder weather is coming doesn't make them any less of a threat.

South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (SDGFP) representatives urge people to keep the problem at the forefront of their recreational planning.

"We are seeing quite a bit of awareness to the regulations, but not much compliance," said District Conservation Officer Supervisor Sam Schelhass.

The most important being having visitors pull their drain plugs when their boats are transported down the highway.

"We want to stress the importance of compliance and also let people know that we are going to take a stronger stance when it comes to encountering these violations," Schelhass said.

Officers are planning to step up enforcement with warnings and black tickets for violators. Although the season has slowed considerably, Schelhass said that the focus now will be on hunters coming into the area.

The SDGFP sent out target e-mails to everyone in the state with a registered waterfowl stamp.

"We are getting to the point where water temperatures are below 55 so there is not nearly as much to worry about in terms of the mussels spreading their larva," said Statewide Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator Mike Smith. "There is still that risk that adults could be attached to a cat tale that a duck hunter is using for camouflaging his boat and then he transports them to a new water body."

The SDGFP collaborates with state and federal agencies to perform Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) sampling every year on different water bodies throughout the state, not only for zebra mussels but AIS fish and plants.

Smith has been working with the Nebraska Game, Fish and Parks Commission to survey both sides of the lake. The teams have documented zebra mussels up to the Niobrara River delta area of Lewis & Clark Lake.

"It is at the point where, they are so geographically widespread, there is nothing that we can do in terms of control," Smith said. "We can't apply a chemical or physically remove them in quantities high enough to even make a dent in the population."

Currently, the zebra mussels are still confined to Lewis & Clark Lake. Some mussels have been found below the dam as well, but Smith said that is to be expected with downstream flow.

Now, the goal is to keep it contained.

"Typically what is seen in other areas of the country where the mussels are discovered, they will find some adults sporadically in a water body," Smith said. "Over the next few years, that is when reproduction really kicks in and the mussels are pretty much everywhere."

As soon as it warms, next spring, the mussels can start reproducing again, Smith said. Their peak



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