

REGION DIGEST

YHS Booster Club Meeting Sept. 13

There will be a YHS Adult Booster Club Team Parents meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 13, in the Summit Activities Center meeting room, for the 2010-2011 seasons.
Regular monthly meeting will follow at 7:30 p.m.
For more information, contact Andrea Hecht at 665-4640.

NAMI Meeting Monday At Library

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) will be holding an organizational and planning meeting at the Yankton Community Library at 7-9 p.m. Monday, Sept. 13.
If you or a loved one live with mental illness and you are interested in support and education, this meeting is of interest to you.

Film Screening, Q&A To Be Sept. 13, 15

The film "Out In The Silence," an Emmy-nominated documentary about the challenges gays and lesbians face in rural communities, will be shown in Yankton at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 13, at the Dakota Theatre. The screening will be followed with a Q&A session with filmmakers Joe Wilson and Dean Hamer.
This is being sponsored by PFLAG of Yankton.
There will also be a screening at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 15, at the University of South Dakota's Farber Hall.
These events are free and open to the public.

YSD Title 1 Family Nights Start Next Week

Yankton School District elementary schools will be hosting the following Title 1 family nights from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at each school.
• Beadle School — Tuesday, Sept. 14;
• Stewart School — Thursday, Sept. 16;
• Lincoln School — Tuesday, Sept. 21;
• Webster School — Thursday, Sept. 23.
The purpose of Title 1 family night is to invite parents to visit with Reading Recovery® teachers to learn more about Title 1 and Reading Recovery®.

Ribfest Parking Restrictions Start Sept. 18

Parking restrictions in the downtown Yankton area will be implemented on the night before the annual Rockin' Ribfest on Sept. 18.
There will be no parking in the Ribfest Event Area on Third St., from east of the alley between Broadway and Cedar Street to Douglas Avenue, east of the Douglas Avenue and Third Street intersection until Capitol Street, and north of Third Street on Walnut Street from 3 a.m. Sept. 18 until approximately midnight of the same date. Motorists are asked to remove your vehicle prior to this time.
Call 605-260-3003 or visit downtownyankton.com for more information.

'Rescues' Campaign Fashion Show Sept. 18

Yankton's Heartland Humane Society has announced a joint effort with Maurice's in Yankton to increase donations to help shelter animals.
The national campaign launched by Maurice's is called Rescues & Runways, and helps obtain donations to help local shelters like Heartland Humane Society. The Rescues & Runways donation drive extends through the entire month of September and features a runway fashion show at the Yankton Mall by the fountain at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18. HHS adoptable animals will be available to meet that day from 1-4 p.m. as well.
"This is our second year teaming up with Maurice's, and it is a fun way to collect the supplies we are always in need of, like scoopable cat litter, cleaning supplies, paper towels, treats and toys," said Tasha Anderson, executive director at Heartland Humane Society. "This year will feature the runway fashion show and meet and greet with the animals, so we are really looking forward to it!"
For more information about the Rescues & Runways donation drive and fashion show, contact Julie at Maurice's at 605-665-2268 or Anderson at Heartland Humane Society at 605-664-4244.

SAC Red Cross Swim Lesson Openings

The Summit Activities Center will be offering American Red Cross Swimming Lessons this fall. The classes will be held Tuesday and Thursday evenings and will run from Tuesday, Oct. 5, through Thursday, Nov. 4.
Swim lessons will include Aqua Tots, Preschool, and Red Cross Level 1 through Level 5.
Registration for current Summit Activities Center members will begin at 8 a.m. Monday, Sept. 13. Registration for the general public and online registration will begin at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 14. Online registration is available through the City of Yankton website at www.cityofyankton.org.
The schedule is as follows:
• 5:20-5:55 p.m. — Aqua Tots, Preschool, Preschool, Level II
• 6:00-6:35 p.m. — Aqua Tots, Level I, Level II, Level III
• 6:40-7:15 p.m. — Preschool, Level I, Level IV, Level V
• 7:20-7:55 p.m. — Level I, Level II, Level III, and IV
For further information, call 668-5234 or visit the Summit Activities Center at 1801 Summit Street, Yankton.
■ Get Updates At Yankton Online (www.yankton.net)

Reminder: Sept. Is Preparedness Month

BROOKINGS — The South Dakota Cooperative Extension Service is reminding South Dakotans that September is National Preparedness Month.
E. Kim Cassel, an Extension specialist who serves with the Extension Disaster Education Network (EDEN) program, said state and local resources are available for South Dakotans as they make September a time for preparations in case of possible disaster situations.
"For the seventh year, the Department of Homeland Security has designated September as National Preparedness Month, and nationally, state cooperative Extension services through EDEN are partners in this campaign," Cassel said. "The role of EDEN is to provide state and local Extension services with research-based, peer-reviewed materials on disaster mitigation, prevention, preparedness, recovery, and response."

The EDEN website has complete information on preparing a kit or plan. The site is available at this link: <http://eden.lsu.edu/>. The BeReadyBrookings.com also has helpful information at its site at this link: <http://www.beready-brookings.com/index.htm>.
Cassel said that the South Dakota Cooperative Extension Services has developed resources for county Extension educators and specialists to use nationwide in developing disaster education programs through the EDEN network.
"The message for National Preparedness Month is simple, and people should get a kit, make a plan, be informed, and get involved," said Cassel. "Take the time to review your disaster planning and preparation for yourself or for your family."
People should make kits, or if they already have, they should take inventory of their kits this

month and rotate items in the kit. They can check batteries, medications, and remember the easy-to-forget items each kit should have.
"Many forget their pet or pets in their at-home kits, and we want to remind people to include food and medications for their pets as part of the plan," Cassel said. "People should review their communication plan because during a disaster, it will be critical to know where your family is and how to reach them."
People who do not have a communications plan that include the phone numbers of family members, including their work, cellular, and other telephone numbers, should create one, Cassel said.
"According to a recent study, South Dakota K-12 schools are well prepared to deal with disasters, but what about your children away at college?" she asked. "Be sure to have a communication plan that includes child care, employers, rela-

tives who live out of town, out of the state, and don't forget to get the phone numbers of your neighbors, too. In a disaster, having that in your communication plan could make the difference between hours of worry and the reassurance a quick call can make."
Staying informed on the possible dangers includes familiarity with a wide range of threats, Cassel said.
"If fire danger has been high, are you prepared to evacuate?" said Cassel. "We are moving out of the season for severe summer weather, but we'll soon face winter weather. Are you prepared for blizzards or ice storms, with a plan for shelter in place for several days or a week? This is the time to prepare."
Cassel said it's important that each South Dakotan be familiar with what their community has prepared in case of disasters, natural or man-made.

Vermillion 'Fur Ball' Event To Be Held Oct. 9

Yankton's Heartland Humane Society invites the community to take part in celebrating their love of animals at the upcoming Fur Ball event in Vermillion on Saturday, Oct. 9.
The community is invited to lend HHS a 4 x 6 framed photo of their pets: rescued pets, past pets, present pets, dogs, cats, rats, fish, horses — any other pet you hold dear! The framed photos will be used to celebrate animals of all shapes and sizes in centerpieces at the Fur Ball. HHS asks that all photo frames be black and in a 4 x 6 size. They can be horizontal or vertical. If you don't have a pet, feel free to donate an empty frame for displaying available pets at the shelter. Submitted photos can be claimed after the event at the

Heartland Humane Society.
Tickets for the Fur Ball are now available at Heartland Humane Society at 601 1/2 Burling Street in Yankton. Purchase tickets at the shelter or phone 605-664-4244 to order with a credit card.
"We really want to make this event about the animals," said Tasha Anderson, Executive Director at Heartland Humane Society. "It's a chance for people to show off the pets they love — every pet should be lucky enough to have someone love them so much!"
If you would like additional information about the upcoming Fur Ball, or to lend photos or frames contact the Heartland Humane Society office at 605-664-4244 or e-mail hhs@midconet-work.com.

Writer Anya Kamenetz To Speak At USD

VERMILLION — The W.O. Farber Center for Civic Leadership at The University of South Dakota, in cooperation with students in Global Challenges courses, welcomes writer and educational futurist Anya Kamenetz to campus at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 14, in Farber Hall, which is located inside Old Main.
Nominated for a Pulitzer Prize by the Village Voice, Kamenetz is scheduled to present a program about her new book, "DIY U: Edupunks, Edupreneurs, and the Coming Transformation of Higher Education." She will also meet with USD Global Challenges students at 2 p.m.
Kamenetz is best known for her book, "Generation Debt: The New Economics of Being Young," written when she was just 24. The book garnered national media

attention and passionate online debate with its argument that young people are facing unique and unprecedented economic challenges. In her latest book, "DIY U: Edupunks, Edupreneurs, and the Coming Transformation of Higher Education," Kamenetz tells the story of how technology is disrupting one of the most tradition-bound industries in the country and how institutions must evolve to meet the challenges of the next century. A sought-after media expert, Kamenetz currently covers the future of business, including sustainability and social entrepreneurship, as a writer for Fast Company magazine.
Following her address, Kamenetz will sign copies of "DIY U: Edupunks, Edupreneurs, and the Coming Transformation of Higher Education" at Farber Hall.

OBITUARIES

Pearl Balfany

Pearl N. Balfany, age 104 of Yankton passed away on Monday, September 06, 2010 at Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton, SD.
Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, September 10, 2010 at the United Church of Christ (Congregational), Yankton, SD, with Rev. Joe Schulte and Rev. Paul Opsahl officiating. Burial will be in the Yankton Cemetery, Yankton, SD.
Visitations will be 5 to 9 p.m. Thursday, at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory with a scripture service at 7:00 p.m. Visitations will resume prior to the service at the church.
Pallbearers include Bob Balfany, David Balfany, Greg Balfany, Logan Balfany, Mike Balfany, Erik Mercer, Rob Mercer and Rick Nolan. Honorary pallbearers include her granddaughters and great-grandchildren.



Balfany

Pearl was born on August 18, 1906, on a farm near Springfield, SD, to August and Nellie (Hornstra) Hennies. After graduating from Avon High School, she attended Springfield Normal School and then taught in a country school near Springfield for three years. In 1927, Pearl traveled to Los Angeles, CA, to study cosmetology and after completing her coursework, she returned to Yankton and began working in a beauty shop. She married Clayton Balfany in 1933 in Tyndall, SD. They settled in Yankton, where they lived for the rest of their lives.
After their marriage, Pearl and Clayton ("Bal") bought property on Walnut Street and opened a cafe known as Balfany Lunch. The

diner became famous for good food at reasonable prices. Customers could buy 20 hamburgers for a dollar. "Buy 'em by the sack" was their business motto. In 1945, Balfany Lunch was sold and Pearl and "Bal" became the managers of the Andersen Livestock Sale Barn café in east Yankton.
As their family grew, Pearl became a full time homemaker, devoting her time to her family, church, and community. Her husband died on December 13, 1961.
Pearl was filled with energy and she loved life. She enjoyed dancing, knitting, playing pinocle, golfing, bowling, traveling, playing the piano and organ, watching "Lawrence Welk," and attending YHS events. The highest priority for Pearl was spending time with her family, especially her beloved grandchildren.
Survivors include one daughter, Carol, Mitchell, SD; two sons, Don (Kae), Norfolk, NE, Jim

(Linda), Yankton, SD; six grandchildren; fifteen great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.
She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband; her infant son, Robert; one sister, Winifred Bayliss; three brothers, Albert, William "Dutch," and Arthur Hennies; and great-grandson, Justin Balfany.
Memorials may be directed to the Yankton United Church of Christ Music Fund, Lifequest, 804 North Mentzer, Mitchell, SD 57301, and to The Center, Yankton, SD.
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Alma Hoff

MITCHELL — Alma Hoff, 91, of Mitchell died Tuesday (Sept. 7, 2010) at Firesteel Healthcare Center, Mitchell.
Funeral services are at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at First Reformed Church, Mitchell, with burial at Graceland Cemetery.
Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. Friday at Will Funeral Chapel, Mitchell.

Vera Tucker

SPRINGFIELD — Vera Mae Tucker, 90 of Springfield died Saturday, Aug. 7, 2010, at the Golden Living Center, Wausa, Neb.
Memorial services are be 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, at the United Church of Christ,

Springfield. Inurnment will be in the Springfield Cemetery.
Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home, Springfield, is in charge of arrangements.

Mabel Wiechmann

WAGNER — Mabel Wiechmann, 92, of Wagner died Wednesday (September 8, 2010)

at Queen of Peace Hospital in Mitchell.
Funeral services are at 10 a.m. Friday at St. John's Catholic Church, Wagner. Burial is in the parish cemetery, rural Wagner.
Visitation is 2-5 p.m. today (Thursday) at Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home, Wagner.

Rosary/Wake services are 7 p.m. tonight at the church.

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