

### Master Gardeners' 'Fall Fling' Slated Thursday

"The Nutrition and Preserving of Your Garden Produce" is the title of the Fall Fling event being sponsored by the Missouri Valley Master Gardeners at 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 15, at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital Pavilion Auditorium.

Presenter La Vonne Meyer, Turner County Extension educator, will demonstrate how to preserve garden produce safely by canning, drying or freezing.

Also, Rachel Schram, dietician for Avera Sacred Heart Hospital and Hy-Vee Food Store in Yankton, will share the latest nutrition information on fruits and vegetables in season now, and ways to use produce for snacks and meals.

Free-will donations will be used for educational outreach in the community. Handouts, recipes for produce and door prizes will be provided.

### MMC Noon Forum To Examine Constitution

"The Constitution Then and Now," presented by Dr. Rich Lofthus, Dr. Dana DeWitt and Dr. Terry Nelson, is the topic of Mount Marty College's Noon Forum Thursday.

This presentation is open to students, faculty, staff, and community members. Noon Forums are free presentations held each Thursday from 12:05-12:50 p.m. in the South Dining Room of the Roncalli Center. Guests are welcome to buy a cafeteria lunch or bring their own.

### Yankton College Board Of Trustees To Meet

The Yankton College Board of Trustees will gather at the Summit Activities Center for the annual fall board meeting to be held in two parts: the Information & Action Planning Session at 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 16; and the Action Session at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 17.

Agenda topics include:  
• introduction of new Board of Trustees: Ron Bertsch, Yankton; Monte Farnsworth, Pierre; and LTC Terrence Flynn, Falls City, Neb.;  
• the Yankton College and Eden Theological Seminary collaboration and other educational opportunities locally;  
• and the Policies & Procedures handbook will be reviewed.

The YC Alumni Advisory Board will also hold its meeting at 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 16, at the SAC to finalize the Alumni Achievement awards to be presented at the 2012 All-Class Reunion and remind alumni to attend the Yankton College Regional Reunion to be held in Mesa, Ariz., Oct. 15. The functions and responsibilities of the board will also be reviewed.

Also on Friday, members of the Emergency Preparedness Committee will meet at 9 a.m., and the Finance Committee will meet at 10 a.m.

At the conclusion of the Saturday Action Session, the Legacy Committee will meet.

On Friday, both the Board of Trustees and the Alumni Advisory Board will have an opportunity to visit the revision of www.yankton-college.org, the Yankton College website and other social networking opportunities.

A no-host dinner is scheduled Friday evening at Murdo's for the trustees, advisory board and their spouses.

For further information, call the Yankton College office at (605) 665-3661.

### Parking Restrictions Set For Rockin' Ribfest

There will be no parking in the Ribfest Event Area on Third Street 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. 17 until approximately midnight of the same date. Remove your vehicle prior to this time.

Call 605-760-4696 or visit www.historicdowntownyankton.com for more information.

### Cub Scouts Host Fall Fun Day Saturday

Summer is over, but the outdoor fun is just getting started for this fall for area Cub Scouts. Saturday, Sept. 17, is the annual Fall Fun Day for Cub Scouts. The program will be held at the Lewis & Clark Scout Camp west of Yankton. It features archery, water cannons, BB gun range and lots of other great fun outside activities.

If the Scouts really want to get into the spirit of the event, they can come ready to blend in with the "Pirate" theme. It all starts with registration at 12:30 p.m. with an active schedule from 1-3:30 p.m. If your son is not part of a Scout group, it's not too late to get in on the fun. Call Sandy Schloss at 605-665-4392 for information on the Cub Scout program.

Scouting in the Yankton area is supported by contributions to the local United Way.

### Golf Advisory Board Meeting Sept. 19

The City of Yankton Golf Advisory Board will meet at noon Monday, Sept. 19, at the Fox Run Golf Course. This meeting is open to the public.

# Disaster Recovery Center Open

## Officials Are Available At EMS Office This Week

The disaster recovery center for Yankton County opened Monday at the Yankton Emergency Management Office, 807 Capitol Street, Yankton.

If you or someone you know sustained losses or damages due to flooding along the Missouri or James rivers in Yankton County, you may be eligible for disaster aid. FEMA representatives are in Yankton answering questions through Saturday at the center. Representatives will be available from 10

a.m.-7 p.m. during the week and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday.

Also, representatives from the Small Business Administration (SBA) will be available at the center.

You must register with FEMA and have your 9 digit number before you will be able to see a FEMA representative. Registration can be made by contacting 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or on-line at www.disasterassistance.gov.

You must have the following available when registering:

- Social Security Number (yours and spouse);
- Private insurance information, if available;
- Address and zip code of the damaged property;
- Directions to the damaged home or property;
- Telephone number where FEMA can reach you.

## Jobs

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Tuesday to promote his jobs plan, and following that with a trip Wednesday to North Carolina, a traditionally Republican state he won in 2008.

He was getting back-up from the Democratic National Committee, which announced a television ad campaign starting Monday to promote Obama's jobs plans in key swing and early-voting states and to call on voters to pressure their lawmakers for support. The ads urge viewers to "Read it. Fight for it. ... Pass the President's Jobs Plan."

The back-and-forth was taking on elements of a political campaign, with high stakes for both sides as Obama heads into his re-election fight with the economy stalled, unemployment stuck at 9.1 percent and polls showing deep public unhappiness with his lead-

ership on the economy.

His jobs package would combine tax cuts for workers and employers by reducing the Social Security payroll tax, with spending elements including more money to hire teachers, rebuild schools and pay unemployment benefits. There are also tax credits to encourage businesses to hire veterans and the long-term unemployed.

The payment method the White House announced Monday would consist of:

- \$405 billion from limiting the itemized deductions for charitable contributions and other deductions that can be taken by individuals making over \$200,000 a year and families making over \$250,000;
- \$41 billion from closing loopholes for oil and gas companies;
- \$18 billion from requiring fund managers to pay higher taxes on certain income;
- \$3 billion from changing the tax treatment of corporate jets.

White House Budget Director Jacob Lew said that Obama will also include those tax proposals in

a broader debt-cutting package he plans to submit next week to a congressional "supercommittee" charged with finding \$1.2 trillion in savings later this year. He said that the supercommittee would have the option of accepting the payment mechanisms for the jobs bill proposed by Obama, or proposing new ones.

Republicans have indicated they're receptive to supporting Obama's proposed payroll tax cut and finding a way to extend unemployment benefits, though many have rejected Obama's planned new spending. Obama's new proposal Monday to pay for it all by raising taxes without any proposals to cut spending is unlikely to win him any new GOP support for any element of his plan.

"I sure hope that the president is not suggesting that we pay for his proposals with a massive tax increase at the end of 2012 on job creators that we're actually counting on to reduce unemployment," said House Majority Leader Eric Cantor, R-Va.

## City

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- approved two change orders for a new fire truck that will increase the price by approximately \$3,300;
- approved a change order for the wildlife fence at Chan Gurney Airport that reduces the cost of the project by \$8,600 to \$341,700;
- assigned the site lease agreement for the city-owned cell tower location along East Highway 50 south of the Yankton Area Chamber of Commerce building from Integrated Tower Networks, Inc., to SBA Towers III LLC; and
- held an executive session to prepare for contract negotiations.

## Forum

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"I had this public discourse with middle school kids, and I don't know the answer to that question," Miller said. "I'm not telling you how to think. I just don't hear a conversation about the difference between justice and vengeance."

He emphasized that Judaism, Christianity and Islam each place an emphasis on forgiveness.

"I'm just wondering what part forgiveness should or could or might play in relationships between peoples ... in the United States and the international community," he said.

Fear also has played a role in the lives of ordinary citizens, as well as the decisions made by federal and state governments, with both positive and negative consequences.

Dr. Shane Nordyke broke down the budget of the Department of

Homeland Security on a percentage basis, noting that approximately 7 percent — or \$3.8 million — goes to state and local governments to help prepare for, mitigate and respond to disasters of all kinds.

"We've actually made really significant strides in the past 10 years that I think have made us as a society, as a system of local and state governments, much better prepared to deal with the disasters that we get on a regular basis in addition to trying to prepare for a terrorist attack," she said.

However, she added that while the Homeland Security budget has risen each year since its inception, there is a certain amount of the unknowable involved.

Despite an estimated \$402 billion going toward next year's overall budget, there is no real way to distinguish whether the money is being spent to actually make people safer, or just make them feel safer.

"That's a lot harder to measure," she said. "I think we probably are safer than we were than (re-

garding) many things, whether they be manmade or natural disasters just because we've had so much more communication about response."

At the same time, the fact that recent attempted terrorist attacks — such as the attempted Times Square bombing — were foiled by ordinary citizens rather than the government does not necessarily mean too much is being spent, she said.

"I don't think it's necessarily a failure of public policy, since a big part of that public policy has been to raise awareness of citizens," Nordyke said.

Miller also spoke of a lack of educational response to the attacks on the part of the public.

"We talk a lot about the fact that a lot of people in the United States don't have a good geography background and couldn't put their finger on Iraq or Afghanistan on a world map. Why are we not working harder at that, or talking more about that?" he asked.

"I'm teaching Islam. I'm the only one teaching Islam here, and I am

not an expert," he said. "Why do we not have an Islamic professor at the University of South Dakota, the flagship university? Why are we not teaching that in conjunction with everything, if we are trying to work more at connecting things?"

Nordyke agreed, adding, "I don't think the citizenry is as well-informed as they should be about the public policy decisions that we've made. They don't know what's in the Patriot Act. They don't know what sort of provisions have been made."

She said lack of education and fear are intertwined in this instance.

"You don't want to be the person who says we shouldn't do this because it violates our rights, and then something happens. ... There is that fear of not being vigilant, for not being prepared, and it causes us to make choices without discussion about trade-offs," she said.

The forum was moderated by Dr. Bernd Wymar.

## School

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mula and they used to follow it. The last couple of years, they have not. So it is very difficult."

For school year 2010-2011, there was a 0 percent increase for state aid. For the current school year, it was supposed to be an increase of 1.2 percent.

"The end result was, however you want to look at it, a 6.6 percent or an 8.6 percent decrease," Gertsema said. "So, budgeting is becoming a challenge."

Compounding the issue for the district, Gertsema said, is many people don't understand that the district doesn't receive the benefit of the growth and assessed value appropriation in the general fund.

"That (growth in value) is going into the state general fund," he said. "So, it is very difficult to plan ahead, to deal with future budgets. We by nature like to look down the road three, four, five years. So now we are even more at the mercy of the Legislature. They carry a bigger burden on how we are going to

shape our school."

With the official passing of the budget, the tax levies for the district have been set as follows:

- General Fund**
  - assessed ag valuation: \$2.388 per \$1,000;
  - assessed owner occupied: \$3.965 per \$1,000;
  - assessed other (non-ag and utilities): \$8.491 per \$1,000;
- Special Education Fund**
  - all properties: \$1.40 per \$1,000;
- Capital Outlay Fund**
  - all properties: \$3.00 per \$1,000;
- Pension Fund**
  - all properties: \$0.30 per \$1,000;
- Bond Redemption Fund**
  - \$1,070,887 across all properties, approximately \$1.005 per \$1,000.

It was noted during the meeting that this is the last year the Bond Redemption Fund will be assessed and that the note for the high school should be paid off with the

moneys collected in this assessment.

Yankton resident Rick Althoff attempted to speak to the board about the budget, but was informed it was not the time for public comment.

Other news released at the board meeting included an update on the Yankton Middle School Annual Yearly Progress (AYP) report.

The middle school missed meeting the AYP standard in the students-with-disabilities subgroup by 1 percentage point, putting the school in level 4 status. Because

the middle school was so close to meeting the results, school officials appealed the decision.

On Monday, school officials received notice that their appeal had been granted, removing them from alert status with the state.

It was also announced that the state had adjusted the graduation rate from the high school to reflect the students who had graduated during the summer months.

Other business included the adoption of a Homeless Student board policy as required by the state.

## OBITUARIES

### Paul Stolpe

WAUSA, Neb. — Paul Stolpe, 81 of Wausa, Neb., died Sunday, Sept. 11, 2011, at his residence.

Funeral services are at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Trinity Lutheran Church, Hartington, with the Rev. Michelle Oetken officiating. Burial will be after lunch at the Obert Cemetery, Obert, Neb. Military graveside rites will be conducted by the Wynot American Legion Post No. 31.

Visitation is 3-8 p.m. Wednesday, with a prayer service at 7 p.m. by the Rev. Justin Wiese, at Wintz Funeral Home, Hartington. Family will be present at the funeral home on Wednesday night after 6 p.m. Visitation will continue on Thursday at church one hour prior to services.

### Gary Magstadt

OMAHA, Neb. — Funeral arrangements for Gary Magstadt, 62, of Omaha, Neb., are pending with the Goglin Funeral Home of Scotland.

Gary died Saturday, September 10, 2011, at his residence from natural causes.

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### Pepper Kasik

AUSTIN, Texas — Pepper Regina-Agnes Kasik, 8 days old, died Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2011, at St. David's North Women's Center NICU, Austin, Texas.

Both the funeral and visitation will be held at The River of Life Church, 120 S. Main Street Canton. Visitation and prayer services will be Tuesday from 6-8 p.m., with services beginning at 7 p.m. Funeral services will be Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. with burial services to follow at Bethany Lutheran Cemetery, Fairview.

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