

## Destructive Insect Found In Yankton Co.

BROOKINGS — The first specimen of spotted-wing drosophila (*Drosophila suzukii*) was identified in South Dakota on Aug. 28. The specimen was collected in a vinegar trap set in Yankton County. Trapping and preliminary identification was conducted by Buyung Hadi, SDSU Extension Urban Entomology Specialist. The identification was confirmed by Paul Johnson, Professor of entomology and director of Severin-McDaniel insect collection at SDSU.

Spotted-wing drosophila was first detected in California in 2008. Subsequently populations of spotted-wing drosophila have been detected in multiple states in all parts of the country including the Midwest.

"Unlike other vinegar flies that are considered nuisance due to their habit of laying eggs inside cracked or damaged fruits, female spotted-wing drosophila has serrated ovipositor capable of laying eggs inside healthy ripe fruits," Hadi said. "Consequently, developing larvae (small white maggots) can often be found within the harvestable fruits."

Hadi said this is especially true for raspberry, blueberry and blackberry. Due to this, spotted-wing drosophila is considered a potentially damaging pest for small fruit production.

SDSU Extension is currently organizing a volunteer-based trapping effort in collaboration with fruit growers across the state to assess the spatial distribution of the potentially damaging insect pest.

To learn more visit, [iGrow.org](http://iGrow.org).

## Center Hosts Meal Events Wednesday

The Center, 900 Whiting Drive in Yankton, will hold a community-wide luncheon on Wednesday, Sept. 11, running from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

The menu will include pulled pork sandwiches, homemade macaroni & cheese, and dessert, with milk or coffee.

There will also be an evening meal at 5-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 11. The menu will include BBQ Ribs, Potato Wedges, 7 Layer Salad and Brownie ala Mode.

The public is asked to make reservations one day in advance by calling 665-4685.

## HFH Seeks Applicants For 2014

Habitat for Humanity of Yankton County is seeking qualified applicants for the 2014.

Qualified applicants must live or work in Yankton County, demonstrate a need for housing, be willing to partner with Habitat for Humanity by providing 300 hours of sweat equity to build their new home, must demonstrate the ability to repay a 0 percent interest mortgage loan and must show a satisfactory payment history with creditors.

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To pre-qualify for homeownership call the Habitat office at 605-260-4224.

## White-Coat Ceremony Slated For USD

VERMILLION — The University of South Dakota Department of Nursing announces the recognition of its first Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.) students at a White Coat Ceremony, scheduled for Monday, Sept. 16, at 1:30 p.m. in Farber Hall on USD's campus in Vermillion and at 4:30 p.m. at the Sanford Education Center in Sioux Falls. Students will gather with their families, friends and faculty as they are awarded their first white lab coat.

The White Coat Ceremony welcomes the students to the nursing profession and represents the transition from classroom learning to clinical learning, when students begin caring for patients in various health care settings. The B.S.N. students have been admitted to the nursing clinical courses after meeting academic excellence in required coursework.

"We are pleased to recognize these students, who will one day enter the workforce prepared to practice within complex health care systems in diverse environments," said Carla Dieter, Ed.D., F.N.P.-B.C., chair and professor of USD's Department of Nursing. "Our B.S.N. graduates will be prepared to apply knowledge of healthcare policy, systems leadership, and evidence-based practice within interprofessional teams."

Nursing is one of the world's largest and fastest growing occupations. The demand for highly educated nurses, currently at an all-time high, will only continue to increase. USD's B.S.N. program, which earned full accreditation from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) earlier this year, consists of 120 credits that include theory, laboratory, simulation, and clinical learning experiences. Students have an opportunity to complete general education requirements and prerequisites during the first two years of the program, and nursing courses the final two years. Incoming freshman for the fall 2012 semester were able to declare the four-year B.S.N. as their degree thanks to authorization in the fall of 2011 by the South Dakota Board of Regents.

## St. Leo's Harvest Festival Sept. 15

TYNDALL — St. Leo's Catholic Church, Tyndall, will be hosting its annual Harvest Festival Bazaar and Dinner on Sunday, Sept. 15. Serving time is 3-7 p.m.

The menu will include Roast Pork Loin, Broasted Chicken, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Salads, Corn, Kolaches, Rollicks, Pies and Beverages.

There will also be a variety of games including Bingo, Cake Walk and several other games for children and adults. The event concludes with the cash raffle drawing with a grand prize of \$500, plus several other cash prizes.

## OBITUARIES

### Philip Wurtz

Philip J. Wurtz, 47, passed away peacefully at his home in Menno on Sunday, Sept. 8, 2013.

Services will be held at the Jamesville Colony in rural Utica.

Arrangements are under the care of the Opsahl-Kostel Memorial Chapel, Menno

### David Kimball

David Kimball, 57, of Vermillion died Monday, Sept. 9, 2013, at Sanford Vermillion Hospital.

Services are pending with Kober Funeral Home of Vermillion.

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## Downtown Postal Facility

# Bid Deadline Set For Ex-Post Office

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The online bidding process for Yankton's former downtown post office is set to close next week.

Online bidding for the property opened July 11 through the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) site [RealEstateSales.gov](http://RealEstateSales.gov). The auction site states bidding will close at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 17.

The starting bid is listed at \$75,000, and a registration deposit of \$25,000 is re-

quired. The bid increment is \$5,000.

So far, no one has bid on the property. William Morgan, a project manager with the GSA, has told the *Press & Dakotan* that it is typical for bidding not to start until the closing date has been set.

"There is a \$25,000 bid deposit required, and people don't like to hold up their money without knowing how long the auction is going," he stated.

The auction page notes that the bidding window could be extended.

"Bidder participation will dictate a

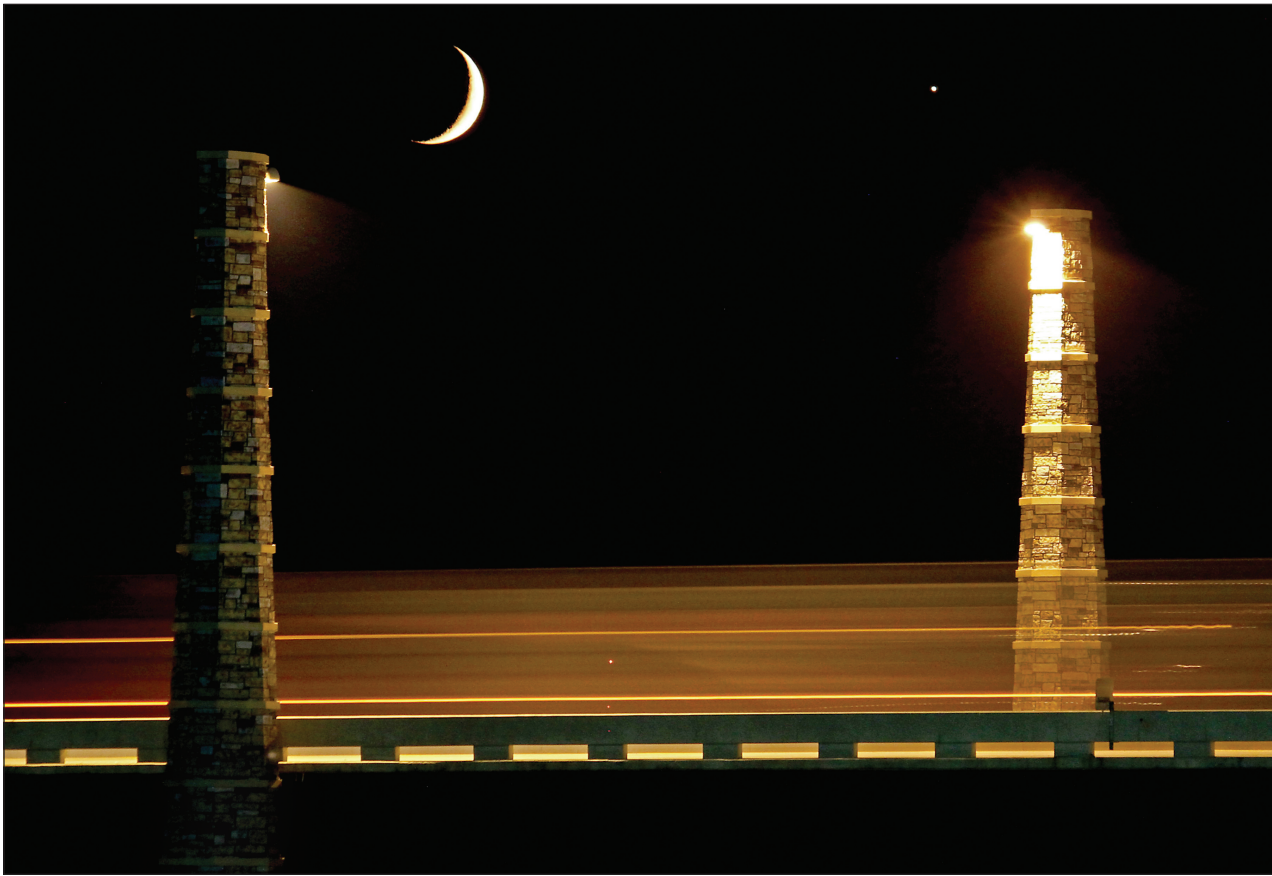
final closing time," Morgan said.

The Yankton post office is among many U.S. Postal Service facilities the GSA is working to sell.

The downtown Yankton post office was closed in January 2012 and put up for sale. Postal operations were consolidated into the annex at 506 West 25th Street. That facility was built in 2000.

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## Nighttime Travelers



KELLY HERTZ/P&D

Skywatchers got a stellar view Sunday night as a waxing crescent moon and Venus flew side by side into the fading western twilight just a few degrees apart. These are the two brightest objects in the nighttime sky. In this photo, they are seen hovering to the southwest of Yankton while a truck zooms across the Discovery Bridge.

## Flag

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Student Council President Emily Oswald also gave a short speech.

Similar flags will be flown at all Yankton School District schools and offices through Sept. 11.

Yankton School District superintendent Dr. Wayne Kindle said the flag gives the school district a way to express its thanks to those who serve.

"Providing a special flag to each of our schools and administrative offices allows added opportunity to not only honor but never forget those who lost their lives for our country," Kindle said. "As a school district, we also want to express our deepest gratitude to all who serve our country."

Oswald thought the event helped convey the date's significance to other students.

"I thought it was a really cool thing for our school to be able to do — to recognize all the people who work really hard in Yankton," she said. "I think (students) need to understand 9/11 and how awful it was and to be respectful about it."

Dvoracek added that this was also an opportunity to recognize the contributions Yankton's first-responders make to the community.

"We remember the people on 9/11, but we also want to acknowledge those who risk their lives every day," he said. "We wanted to get everybody involved just to

say thank you and we support you."

Dvoracek said this is one step to helping YMS students — who would be too young to remember 9/11 — understand the significance of this anniversary.

"Most of these kids were 2 or 3 years old or not quite born yet when this happened," he said. "We want to keep relaying the message and say that things may hit us but we're not going to go down. We're going to come back stronger and learn from some of the things we've done in the past."

Dvoracek said there are a number of ways the school teaches students about the event including social studies videos and opportunities for students to write about their feelings on this day.

Dvoracek called Monday's ceremony a success and said he believes the district will explore continuing such events in the future.

"It's pretty overbearing when you get a group of people around like that and raise the flag — a lot of emotions," he said. "The kids that were involved, they represented themselves very well and I was very proud of the efforts from our band kids, our student council and our staff. It's something we're probably going to keep in mind in the coming years."

You can follow Rob Nielsen on Twitter at [twitter.com/RobNielsenPandD/](https://twitter.com/RobNielsenPandD/). Discuss this story at [www.yankton.net/](http://www.yankton.net/)

## School

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to some extent, but we're going to reach limits real fast on that."

To cover the rest of the deficit, YSD will utilize \$944,569 (or roughly 20 percent) of the general fund reserves, leaving the fund balance at \$3,895,246.

During discussion on the capital outlay expenditures, it was noted that this year marks the final payment on the Summit Activities Center. The \$60,370 payment will be made in December.

While this year's \$15.4 million general budget is a sizable increase over last year's \$14.2 million figure, Bietz said that comparing the two amounts is deceiving because of the effort to spend down insurance fund reserves last year by only expending the equivalent of six months of premiums.

"Now we head into this budget with 12 months being budgeted to spend so that we are purposely spending down our general fund reserve," he said. "But we still have the health insurance fund out there that we have to contend with."

Also at Monday's meeting, the school board:

- approved the renewal of a Consulting Service Agreement

with Silverstone Group, which has been advising the district on matters pertaining to the self-funded group health plan since 2007. The fees for services under the three-year tiered agreement will start at approximately \$26,000 and be raised to \$27,500 by the final year;

- approved a stop-loss reinsurance renewal premium of \$88.94 per employee per month, an administrative service fee renewal of \$42.96 per employee per month, and a modification to the prescriptions benefit that would allow members to receive a 90-day supply of maintenance drugs for one co-payment;

- authorized the tax levy request for the 2013-14 school term (2013 taxes payable in 2014);

- approved a request from Yankton Club Bowling to use the Yankton Buck and Gazelle names and logos;

- approved a request from Gayville-Volin School District to establish student pickup points in YSD;
- heard a report from YSD Superintendent Wayne Kindle about a survey that will be used to gather information from the public about the school district. The survey is expected to be released within the next week.

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