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## Registration Opens For SD Scripps Spelling Bee Oct. 15

VERMILLION — For the third consecutive year, the University of South Dakota will serve as host of the South Dakota Scripps Spelling Bee on March 22, 2014, at Farber Hall.

Registration with Scripps is now open and continues through Tuesday, Oct. 15 at [www.spellingbee.com/](http://www.spellingbee.com/). Schools, home school associations and home schooled students must be enrolled with Scripps. Students in first through eighth grade are eligible to participate in the regional bees and the University of South Dakota Scripps Spelling Bee, which will feature KSFY's Nancy Naeve as word pronouncer.

The top four winners from each school will advance to their assigned regional, which includes the Rapid City Journal Regional Bee in Rapid City on Feb. 15, 2014; the Corn Palace Regional Spelling Bee at Mitchell on Jan. 11, 2014; the Sioux Falls Regional Bee on Feb. 22, 2014; the Northeast Regional Spelling Bee at Castlewood on Feb. 8, 2014 and the Southeast Regional Spelling Bee in Vermillion on Feb. 15, 2014. Additional regionals may be added as necessary.

The top winners from each regional will advance to the University of South Dakota Scripps Spelling with an opportunity to be sponsored by USD and represent South Dakota and compete at the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington D.C., May 25 through May 31, 2014.

Last year's University of South Dakota Scripps Spelling winner was Max Oesterling of Custer, South Dakota Christian Home Educators Association.

## No One Fights Alone!



YMS students and staff showing their support for Adam Walter the morning of Sept. 13, 2013.

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## Musil

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acidic oceans that will be less capable of supporting marine life.

According to The Associated Press, the report serves as yet another warning that without dramatic and rapid cuts in emissions of global greenhouse gas emissions, primarily emissions of carbon dioxide (CO2), the consequences of climate change could be disastrous in many parts of the world.

"Climate change challenges the two primary resources of humans and ecosystems — land and water. In short, it threatens our planet, our only home," Thomas Stocker, a climate scientist at the University of Bern in Switzerland and co-lead author of the IPCC's Working Group I, told The Associated Press.

Musil said the release of the report will spur conversations and create more awareness of the dangers posed by climate change.

"It will nudge the needle a little," he stated. "It allows us to reiterate that this is the latest and best science."

Some people have begun to despair about running out of time to do anything about climate change, but Musil isn't

one of them.

"I'm still fairly hopeful," he said. "It's just like getting rid of nuclear weapons. If you look at the big picture, we used to not have any international treaties (on that issue). Similarly, we had no environmental treaties, and then we got on CFCs, the ozone layer, trans-boundary pollution and the Kyoto Treaty. Is it perfect? No. But most of the nations of the world sat down and said, 'We'll start here and then come back and try again.' We lost a lot of time on that front with President George W. Bush, and Obama has been hobbled in many ways by Congress. But he is still talking about it and making deals."

Musil said he likes speaking about environmental issues at small liberal arts colleges that want to help people as part of their mission.

"Generally, I try to get campuses to move as a group to college-wide sustainability efforts," he stated. "I don't expect MMC President Joseph Benoit to pop an extra \$20 million somewhere for a green science building. My goals are to increase awareness of what could be done, first at a campus level, and then more broadly to connect them to larger networks to make social change."

Musil also suggests that colleges create interdisciplinary courses that get students thinking about large issues

such as climate change and sustainability to help them become better citizens.

"I don't know where the next leaders will come from," he said. "I hope to inspire, encourage or mentor future leaders in areas like the environment, peace, justice, poverty and other good social action. Someone from this college has more of a chance of becoming a U.S. senator than I would have. That's the opportunity in a small state."

Musil lives in the Washington, D.C., area, and he acknowledged that it may be tempting for people in rural states like South Dakota to believe that the federal government has little use to them personally. However, it will take federal effort to tackle the large environmental and energy challenges ahead, he predicted.

It will also take everyone recognizing the problems and working together on solutions, Musil said.

"Once people realize their farm is threatened, their water is threatened, and their future is threatened by climate change and polluting fossil fuels, enough of them will say, 'Wait a minute. I don't want that,'" he stated.

You can follow Nathan Johnson on Twitter at [twitter.com/AnInlandVoyage](https://twitter.com/AnInlandVoyage). Discuss this story at [www.yankton.net/](http://www.yankton.net/).

## VFD Responds To Structure Fire

VERMILLION — The Vermillion Fire Department was dispatched to a structure fire Friday afternoon.

According to a press release, firefighters were dispatched to Coyote Convenience Store on 116 E. Cherry at 4:19 p.m. Friday. Vermillion Ladder 1 and Engine 3 arrived on scene within four minutes and confirmed a working 20 foot by 10 foot area of the roof on fire. Crews were able to keep the fire contained to the roof and attic loft area, minimizing damage to the store. Crews then installed tarps and plywood on the roof to protect the business from the weather.

The cause of the fire was determined to be electrical. The wiring in a light fixture located on the roof failed, starting the fire and extending into the roofing material and roof decking.

## "Raise The Wage" Fundraiser Oct. 3

A rally and fundraiser will be held Thursday, Oct. 3 in Yankton to support an initiative to raise the minimum wage in South Dakota.

The event is from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Rounding Third Bar's party room at 3rd and Cedar St.

All interested persons are invited to attend, according to Jay Williams, chairman of the Yankton County Democrats. "We must raise some funds to help this very important cause," he said. "We also want to provide information, answer questions and pass out petitions to anyone who wants to help collect signatures."

If organizers are successful, the issue of whether to increase the minimum wage from \$7.25 to \$8.50 an hour will be placed on the November 2014 ballot.

"Low wages are hurting everyone in South Dakota," said State Rep. Bernie Hunhoff, who is assisting the effort. "Government isn't the total solution but there has been agreement for a long time that a minimum wage is appropriate, and now we need to debate whether it's time for an adjustment. That's the goal of this petition drive."

Hunhoff and Williams urged anyone interested in fighting poverty in South Dakota to attend the rally and support the cause. There will be free snacks and a cash bar.

## Train Show Set To Be Held Oct. 5-6

The 11th annual Model Train Show will be at the Yankton County 4-H grounds Oct. 5-6. The 4-H Building is located at 901 Whiting Drive in Yankton.

The train show will begin at 10 a.m., on both days, ending at 5 p.m. on Saturday and at 3 p.m. on Sunday.

Numerous model railroad train dealers will be on hand coming from Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota. Many types of the latest model trains and documents will be available as well as rare collector's items.

Exhibits will include a "z" scale unique model layout with toy trains around the Christmas tree inside the house and outside the house we see an alpine village with an operating railroad. Other layouts will include an HO scale modular layout and an operating Lionel Train layout.

An admission will be charged. There will be a Thomas Train Set drawing at the end of the show on Sunday.

Lunch will be available at the site. For more information contact Francis Serr at 605-660-4237 or Don Hopf at 605-661-4123. The website is [www.mvmrc.webs.com](http://www.mvmrc.webs.com).

## 4-H Ice Cream Social Set For Oct. 10

The Yankton County 4-H Ice Cream Social will be held at the Yankton County Extension Office, 901 Whiting Dr., Yankton, on Thursday, Oct. 10, running from 4:30-7 p.m.

Parents and kids ages 5 and up are welcome to drop by the Yankton County Extension Office, grab some SDSU ice cream, and learn how to join Yankton County 4-H.

For more information on this free event, contact Lauren Fosheim at (605) 665-3387 or [yankton.pa@sdstate.edu](mailto:yankton.pa@sdstate.edu), or visit [yankton4h.com/](http://yankton4h.com/).

## Library To Hold Book Discussion

Jamie Sullivan will lead the Yankton Community Library's discussion of the 2013 "One Book South Dakota" selection, Danielle Sosin's "The Long-Shining Waters," at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 10. Books are now available for check out at the library.

In "The Long-Shining Waters," Sosin weaves an intricate tale revolving around Lake Superior and encompassing three generations of the people who lived on its shores. The book is "haunting, rich in historical detail, and universal in its exploration of the human desire for meaning when faced with uncertainty and the indomitable power of place."

This program is made possible with a grant from the South Dakota Humanities Council, an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Books are available at the library.

For more information, contact the library at 668-5276.

## Responders Honored



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In honor of 9/11, the Yankton Middle School 7th graders wrote Thank You Letters to the Yankton Police, Fire, and EMS to show their appreciation for all they do to keep our community safe. Delivering the letters are members of the 7th Grade Student Council: Rex Ryken, Owen Feser, Miles Carda, and Sam Mooney.

52nd Annual Meeting of the  
Yankton County Historical Society...



2013 Historic Revelry  
Rockin' The 50's  
October 6, 2013

at The Center 900 Whiting Dr., Yankton

In the spirit of the afternoon, we are encouraging members to participate in the theme - come dressed in your favorite 1950's look.

2:00 to 3:00pm Social Hour

Enjoy a Teen Canteen Meal and 1950's Prices at our Beer & Wine Bar

3:00 to 3:15pm YCHS Business Meeting

3:15 to 3:45 Live Auction

3:45 to 4:00pm Silent Auction Final Bids & Closing

4:00 to 5:00pm Social Hour

Enjoy your desserts and the music of the Java Tones from 4:45pm

Tickets \$35 for non-members.

Reservations are still being accepted. Call 665-3898.



Don't forget your pennies, nickels and dimes to partake of some candies from the past!



## OBITUARIES

### Donna 'Georgene' Bennett

Donna "Georgene" Bennett, 77, of Irene died Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2013, at Sunset Manor Avera Health in Irene.

Visitation is 2-4 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 1, at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yank-

ton, with a time of sharing at 3:30 p.m.

Cremation will take place after the visitation and burial will be in the Garden of Memories Cemetery in Yankton at a later date.

To post an online sympathy message, visit [wintzray-funeralhome.com](http://wintzray-funeralhome.com).

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Must be 21 to attend.

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