

Vermillion Group Receives \$10K Grant For Revitalization Project

PIERRE — The South Dakota Community Foundation (SDCF) awarded the Vermillion Downtown Cultural Association with a \$10,000 Community Innovation Grant.

The grant will allow the Vermillion Downtown Cultural Association to bring together community stakeholders to address the remodeling and revitalization of the Vermillion and Coyote Twin Theaters. The Vermillion Downtown Cultural Association was one of 15 nonprofits from across the state to receive a Community Innovation Grant in the SDCF's most recent round of grant awards.

"We regard the theaters and the preservation and enhancement of the theater experience in Vermillion as a critical hinge between downtown, the University of South Dakota, and the broader community," says Bill Anderson, Vermillion Downtown Cultural Association board president. "Our vision is that the theater restoration project

— fueled in part by support from the South Dakota Community Foundation and Bush Foundation — will preserve a needed cultural hub in downtown. It also will draw people to downtown in a manner not yet seen before due to the collaborative approach the VDCA is taking with this project."

The Vermillion Downtown Cultural Association regards the work this grant will support as a critical step in growing and enhancing the downtown experience in Vermillion for community members and visitors. The grant will be a springboard not only to identify programming and restoration priorities, but also to help the group start to bring some of those priorities to fruition through fundraising and capital purchases for the Coyote Twin and Vermillion Theaters.

"This Community Innovation Grant will help Vermillion find an effective way to sustain and improve an area of downtown culture," says Jeff Velt-

kamp, SDCF director of development. "These grants exist to support community stakeholders who want to come together to find creative, collaborative and resourceful solutions to challenges. In this situation, Vermillion is doing just that."

The third and final round of 2015 Community Innovation Grants opened on Sept. 1 and will close on Sept. 30. Interested organizations are invited to apply for the grants, which are offered in partnership with the St. Paul-based Bush Foundation.

Visit SDCommunityFoundation.org/CIG to review the grant guidelines, deadlines and application instructions. In order to qualify, a nonprofit must be IRS Publication 78 verified or have a fiscal sponsor. Any questions regarding the program can be directed to Ginger Niemann, SDCF program officer, by calling 800.888.1842 or by sending an email to ginger@sdcommunityfoundation.org.

Museum Brown Bag Program Today

The Dakota Territorial Museum's monthly Brown Bag program will be held at noon today (Friday), featuring a look at the life of Nellie Zabel Willhite. The program will be held at the museum, located at 610 Summit.

Museum director Crystal Nelson, along with Jane Bobzin, will look into the life of Willhite, the "daughter" of Dr. Leonard Mead. Willhite had the honor of being the first deaf woman to earn a pilot's license, as well as South Dakota's first female pilot.

The museum's monthly Brown Bag lunches are the first Friday of each month and are open to the public. There is no charge, but a free will donation is accepted.

Park Service Hosts River Discovery Tour

The National Park Service will present the program "Discover the Real Missouri River" at the Niobrara State Park's Buffalo Cookout Shelter Saturday, Sept. 5, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Visit with rangers about the longest river in North America, explore the MNR Mobile Ranger Station and discover the changes over time on the few remaining natural, free-flowing stretches of the Missouri River bordering southeast South Dakota and Northeast Nebraska. Learn about the Missouri National Recreational River, the national park that preserves and protects the natural, historical, cultural and recreational qualities of this unique and valuable waterway.

Help celebrate the beginning of the National Park Service's centennial year and learn about the special events and initiatives under way to commemorate NPS's 100th anniversary next August.

Highway Patrol: Have A Safe Weekend

Labor Day weekend is here and the weather is great. To celebrate, you may be boating with your family or you might even be grilling out with your friends.

The South Dakota Highway Patrol Motor Carrier Services want you to have a safe summer no matter what you're doing. If you drink ... make sure you have a safe and sober ride home.

Remember, buzzed driving is drunk driving.

Parks Advisory Board To Meet Tuesday

The City of Yankton Parks Advisory Board will meet at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8, at the Technical Education Center, 1200 West 21st St. This is an open meeting.

Library To Feature Environmental Film

VERMILLION — The Edith B. Siegrist Vermillion Public Library presents "A Fierce Green Fire: The Battle for a Living Planet" at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 8.

The film chronicles the largest environmental movement of the 20th century and one of the keys to a 21st Century movement. Directly following the film will be a guided community discussion under the direction of Meghann Jarchow, Assistant Professor of Sustainability at USD. Attendance is free and open to the public.

Inspired by Philip Shabecoff's book of the same name, "A Fierce Green Fire" is a landmark film in environmentalism and delves into the first big-picture exploration of the movement — grassroots and global activism spanning 50 years, from conservation to climate change. Activism through the ages has resulted in people fighting to save their homes, lives and future.

The public is invited to the Kozak Community Room to watch "A Fierce Green Fire" and stick around afterward for facilitated discussion.

This event is supported by the USD Sustainability Club, the regional chapter of the Sierra Club and the Edith B. Siegrist Vermillion Public Library Board of Trustees.

For more information, call the Library at 605-677-7060.

Community To Discuss Railroad Crossing

The City of Yankton invites the public to attend a neighborhood meeting to discuss the West 11th Street railroad crossing located one block west of Broadway Avenue.

The meeting will be Wednesday, Sept. 9, starting at 7 p.m. at City of Yankton Community Meeting Room No. 114, located at the Technical Education Center, 1200 W. 21st Street.

SD Tourism Offers Marketing Grant

The Southeast South Dakota Tourism 2015/16 Regional Marketing Grant is being offered. It is designed to provide financial assistance for NEW marketing efforts.

It features a 50 percent match from \$250 to \$5,000.

The deadline to apply is Sept. 15, 2015. For application and guidelines, visit <http://southeastsouthdakota.com/members-and-media/>. For more information, contact Jacquie at (605) 665-2435 or jacquie.sesd@iw.net/.

P&D Seeking Content From Veterans

The Yankton Press & Dakotan is undertaking its 2015 "Heritage" edition, which will be released in late September. This year, we are undertaking a "70/40" edition, a two-part project commemorating the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II in 1945 and the 40th anniversary of the fall of Saigon and the end of the Vietnam War in 1975.

For this project, we are asking our readers to contribute their accounts and thoughts on these two wars. If you are a veteran of either conflict, we want to hear your story. If you weren't a soldier in these conflicts, we would be interested in hearing your civilian memories from either war. Or, if you have a family member who was involved in either war, you are invited to submit your recollections of those experiences. We also want to hear from readers about their thoughts on the legacies of these two wars.

We also want to run photographs of soldiers from their days in service. Emailed digital documents would be preferred. If original images are sent to us, please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope. You could also bring the photos to the Press & Dakotan office at 319 Walnut and we will scan them in and get them back to you in minutes.

Please send your thoughts to us to: 70/40 Edition, 319 Walnut, Yankton, SD 57078; or email us at news@yankton.net. Our deadline for this material is Thursday, Sept. 10. If you have any questions, contact Kelly Hertz at 665-7811 or kelly.hertz@yankton.net/.

USDA Awards Energy Funding to 31 South Dakota Recipients

HURON — Thirty-one South Dakota applicants have been selected to receive \$940,880 in grants from USDA Rural Development through the Rural Energy for America Program (REAP). Funds will be used to install renewable energy systems and make energy efficiency improvements that will promote energy conservation.

"These projects will assist the state's rural economy by reducing energy consumption," said South Dakota Acting State Director Bruce Jones. "Investing in renewable energy and energy efficiency projects supports home-grown energy sources, creates jobs, and reduces greenhouse gas pollution and helps usher in a more secure energy future for South Dakota."

Eligible agricultural producers and rural small businesses may use REAP funds to make energy efficiency improvements or install renewable energy systems, including solar, wind, renewable biomass (including anaerobic

digesters), small hydroelectric, ocean energy, hydrogen and geothermal. Additional information on the Rural Energy for America Program may be found at <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-energy-america-program-renewable-energy-systems-energy-efficiency/sd> or contact Darlene Bresson, USDA Rural Development Energy Coordinator, darlene.bresson@sd.usda.gov; (605) 886-8202.

Detailed below are the area energy projects selected from South Dakota's allocation of funding. Funding is contingent upon the recipient meeting the conditions of the grant agreements.

HUTCHINSON COUNTY

- Reiner Farms, Inc. — \$50,350 - replacing existing inefficient grain dryer with a more energy efficient dryer, saving 1,254.7 million BTU's per year, which is enough to power 33 homes.

UNION COUNTY

- Glover Ag Inc. —

- \$36,864 - replacing existing inefficient grain dryer with a more energy efficient dryer, saving 457.9 million BTU's year, which is equivalent to powering 12 homes.

- Timothy Wilken — \$32,129 - replacing an existing inefficient grain dryer with a more energy efficient dryer, saving 742.5 million BTU's per year, which is equivalent to powering 20 homes.

- John Thompson — \$49,750 - replacing an existing center-pivot irrigation system with a new, sub-ground equipment. The energy saved is equivalent to powering one home for a year.

YANKTON

- N-K Properties, Inc. — \$19,474 - purchasing a hot water boiler system for a car wash, saving 244.9 million BTU's a year, which is equivalent to powering six homes.

OBITUARIES

Palmer Hagen

Palmer A. Hagen, age 90, of Yankton, South Dakota, died Tuesday, September 1, 2015 at Wakonda Heritage Manor in Wakonda, South Dakota.

Memorial services are 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 5 at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton with Reverend Ron Johnson officiating. Military honors will be provided by the Ernest-Bowyer VFW Post No. 791 and SD Army National Guard. Inurnment will be in the Union Cemetery in rural Wakonda at a later date. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the memorial service.

Palmer was born March 6, 1925 in Centerville, South Dakota to Peter and Anna (Norberg) Hagen. He grew up in Wakonda where he attended country school. In 1950, Palmer entered the United States Army and served during the Korean War. After his honorable discharge, he lived in Wakonda for several years and then moved to Yankton and worked at the Human Services Center. Palmer met Violet Jellen and they were married on July 2, 1969 in Yankton. They moved to Norfolk, Nebraska and Palmer worked in the shipping department for Sherwood Medical Company. He also managed several apartments for over 20 years. Palmer and Vi moved back to Yankton where they continued to manage apart-



Hagen

ments. For the last several years, he was a resident of Wakonda Heritage Manor. Palmer loved playing cards, especially 31. He also enjoyed growing flowers, gardening, camping and fishing. He had a wonderful sense of humor and will be greatly missed.

Palmer is survived by two sisters, Anna Mae Green and Doris Sitzman, both of Sioux City, IA; and many nieces, nephews, step children, step grandchildren and their families.

Palmer was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Vi on February 13, 2008; three brothers, Oscar, Alvin and Art Hagen; and three sisters, Margaret Olson, Esther Jorgenson and Hellen Hagen.

To send an online message to the family, please visit www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

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Ruth Vellek

Ruth Vellek, 85, of Tyndall, South Dakota passed away on Wednesday, September 2, 2015 at the Good Samaritan Society of Tyndall. Funeral services for Ruth will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 8 at the Presbyterian Church in Tyndall. Burial will follow in the Presbyterian Cemetery, rural Tabor.

Visitation will be held on Monday, September 7 from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. followed by a 7:00 p.m. prayer service at Goglin Funeral Home in Tyndall. Funeral arrangements are being handled by the Goglin Funeral Home of Tyndall.

Online condolences may be sent at www.goglinfh.com.

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