

historic vacant buildings on the list of 11 most endangered historic places in America. The historic preservation advocates spoke from the Italian marble staircase in the Mead building, which they feel is worth saving.

A recent outbreak of the swine flu across the world and affecting people in 11 states has local officials working together to make sure their plans are in order in case of an emergency. Swine flu is common in swine and rare in humans. People who work with swine, especially people with intense exposures, are at risk of catching swine influenza if the swine carry a strain able to infect humans. However, these strains infrequently circulate between humans as SIV rarely mutates into a form able to pass easily from human to human. In humans, the symptoms of swine flu are similar to those of influenza and of influenza-like illness in general, namely chills, fever, sore throat, muscle pains, severe headache, coughing, weakness and general discomfort.

May

May 4

Area green thumbs will have a chance to flex their gardening muscles this summer when Yankton's first Community Garden takes root. The garden is being spearheaded by Healthy Yankton with a grant from the South Dakota Department of Health and the Avera Health Community Service Fund. It will be located along West City Limits Road, on City Parks land near the former rodeo grounds.

May 5

To say that Carrie Johnson has exceeded the goals she set for herself in college would be an understatement. Johnson, a Yankton High School graduate and a senior at American University in Washington, has just been honored as a member of the USA Today's 20th annual All-USA College Academic First Team. The award is given to undergraduate students who display outstanding intellectual achievement and leadership, and extend those intellectual talents beyond the classroom to benefit society.

May 6

Viborg-based Pioneer Memorial Hospital and Health Services, which owns the Centerville Medical Clinic, has undertaken a \$350,000 campaign to build a new pharmacy on Centerville's main street. The new building will be located on property across the street from the clinic. Pioneer Memorial announced it has received the needed \$150,000 to begin construction on the pharmacy. Money has been raised through grants, individual donations and pledged matching funds. Fund-raising will continue to raise the remainder.

Dom Deluise, died May 4, 2009, at the age of 75 after a battle with an unknown illness. It has yet to be disclosed what type of disease Deluise succumbed to, but many speculate it was from cancer. Deluise battled both prostate cancer and penile cancer. Deluise is best known for his supporting roles in the films of Mel Brooks, such as "Blazing Saddles" and "Silent Movie". In 1980 he took his real-life struggle with weight to the big screen in "Fatso," the story of a man who fought

to control his overeating. His love of food led him to author two cookbooks and become a regular on morning TV in the 80s as a chef.

May 7

For three Yankton High School (YHS) students, the past is new again as they prepare to travel to College Park, M.D., next month for a week-long National History Day competition. Kristin Schaefer, Emma Bauer and Jens Lillevold are the three most recent YHS students who won the right to represent not only Yankton, but also the state of South Dakota, by winning the state competition in April.

It has been more than 60 years since they served in the military, four local World War II Veterans made the trip to Washington, D.C. to visit the World War II Memorial. More than 100 veterans from South Dakota made the Honor Flight trip. The four Yankton men who made the journey were William Kerr, Leonard Conrad, Lloyd Seger and Ivan Vitek.

May 8

South Dakota had its first confirmed case of the swine flu, a Minnehaha County resident age 30-39, the state Health Department reported Thursday. The United States now has about 900 confirmed cases.

The Yankton area welcomed the TransCanada project workers with an official groundbreaking ceremony. Work will begin officially on the pipeline next week. More than 400 construction workers will temporarily call Yankton home.

May 9

Twenty-five years ago Southern State College in Springfield was closed. In 1984 then Governor Bill Janklow and the Legislature closed the college, which was established in 1881. The reasons included the school's enrollment, its duplication of programs with other colleges and vocational schools and the possibility of using it for other purposes. The college closed and was converted to a prison in 1984. In 2004 supporters of the college started a museum to house the college's memorabilia. The building is connected to the Springfield Historical Museum on Main Street in Springfield. The museum remains open year round.

May 14

The secretary of the South Dakota Department of Transportation says the Meridian Bridge conversion into a recreational trail is closer to reality than ever. The Nebraska Department of Roads, which is responsible for funding 70 percent of the project, announced this week that it has set aside \$3.8 million in federal stimulus funds for the bridge conversion. The estimated cost of refurbishing the structure for bicycling and pedestrian use is \$5.5 million. Bergquist said the South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT) is still discussing the use of stimulus funds for the undertaking and would not reveal the amount under consideration. The SDDOT is the lead agency on the conversion project. Negotiations are ongoing between Nebraska, South Dakota and the City of Yankton regarding funding for the project and its long-term future, Bergquist stated. Agreements could be finalized within weeks, he anticipated.

May 21

Six individuals who have contributed more than 184 combined years of service to the district will be leaving the buildings for the final time as YSD employees, as well. Jane Bobzin, Mary Ellen Hornstra, Craig Johnson, Nora Lee, Dwain Swenson and Terry Winter will each be ending their careers with the Yankton School District in the upcoming weeks. Jane Bobzin has been a music teacher in the Yankton School District since 1966. "I always tell people if you want to know how long I have been here, you do the math," she said. It added up to 43 years of service in the school district. Mary Ellen Hornstra started teaching in Yankton in 1979. "I had the unique opportunity for 39 years to teach students daily living skills," Hornstra said. She says that her favorite memories and moments are when she hears from past students, because that is when she knows that she has made an impact on their lives.

Craig Johnson, a long-time fifth grade teacher at Beadle School, is retiring after 39 years of teaching in the Yankton School District. Johnson, who plans to continue traveling during his retirement, has already visited 48 states and 55 countries. His goal is to reach 75 countries, but he will never leave Yankton. Nora Lee joined the business office 17 years ago as the accountant for the district, moving here from Menno where she

was the Hutchinson County auditor.

Lee is looking forward to being retired, but doesn't have set plans for what she will do with her extra time. Swenson has been a member of the Yankton School District maintenance crew for the last 20 years, joining the crew after moving to Yankton from Salina, Kan., in 1989. His duties included almost anything that was assigned to him. He worked in all of the buildings but is based out of the maintenance shop at the middle school. Terry Winter has been a mainstay of the YHS English Department for 35 years, but he is probably best known for his role as director of theatre productions and one-act plays. When Winter reflects on his history at YHS, he looks back fondly on several classes, but theatre is his greatest portion of pride.

May 30

Benedictine values know no borders So, almost a year after Sister Auxilia Hokororo of Tanzania graduated from Mount Marty College with a secondary teaching degree, two members of the Benedictine Sacred Heart Monastery traveled to the African country to see how they could give assistance to a fellow religious community. Hokororo is a member of Our Lady Help of Christians, a Benedictine community headquartered in the southeast corner of Tanzania, which is located next to Kenya on Africa's eastern

coast. Since graduating in May 2008, Hokororo, 46, has become a principal and teacher at a high school in the village of Mtwara. She lived in the Sacred Heart Monastery during her time in Yankton. Her stay there was the result of a concerted effort on the part of the monastery.

June

June 1

Shelly Clayton the 28-year-old Tripp woman was diagnosed earlier this year with an aggressive form of breast cancer while carrying her second child recently served as the Cubs' honorary batgirl for the "Going To Bat Against Breast Cancer" campaign. The fifth annual event was sponsored by Major League Baseball®, Susan G. Komen for the Cure® and Louisville Slugger.

Gayville-Volin senior Kevin Kellum knew he needed to finish in the top three in order to clinch the Class B championship for the Raiders. Kellum's ten points gave

Gayville-Volin 49.5 points and was good enough to hold off Philip for first in the team standings. Philip finished with 43 points. Head coach Larry Buffington was a member on Gayville-Volin's track team in 1975, when the Raiders won their last state team championship.

June 2

Wagner Community Memorial Hospital held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the hospital's expansion project. The \$2.4 million facility, built on the north side of the hospital, includes 9,000 square feet for the clinic and 2,500 square feet for physical therapy. WCMH-Avera serves portions of Charles Mix, Bon Homme, Douglas and Gregory counties in South Dakota, along with portions of northeast Nebraska. The addition will accommodate three providers, 12 exam rooms, two procedure rooms and outpatient services. It has also brought the physical therapy department back on campus.

June 5



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