

Dibbles And Bits

• Free compost from Yankton Landfill grass clippings is available for your use. Compost adds organic matter and nutrients to the soil. Natural process for making compost kills most weed seeds. Some are concerned that chemicals may have been applied to lawn clippings disposed at the landfill. They apply the compost after a holding period, but one's own discretion is advised. The City of Yankton uses this same compost in public space plant projects. Yankton Park & Recreation staff uses a mixture of about 25% compost with topsoil for re-seeding turf, flower planters, and planting trees. Adding more than 25% compost to topsoil is not recommended, as plants need benefits of soil too. Bring your own bucket and shovel because you load compost yourself. Gate attendant will show you where to drive to get the compost. Enjoy compost benefits over time. Yankton Landfill, 1200 W. 23rd St. 605-668-5212 Regular hours are 8 a.m.-3:45 p.m.

• Memorial to Stacey Meyers and her dog Kirby has newly planted flowers. Keep Yankton Beautiful (KYB) president Cheryl Sommer conferred with Lisa Kortan of Yankton Parks & Recreation for colorful and hardy plant choices. Sommer purchased flowers locally with a gift certificate from Modern Woodman. Purple, blue, yellow, and pink are in the color palette for petunias, marigolds, Salvia, Dusty Miller, and potato vines. When Sommer planted the flowers, she saw children from the soccer field come over to fill their water bottles with cold water at the fountain. Tennis courts are nearby. People walked by with their dogs. A dog fountain provided water for them too. Two benches contributed from the community gave a spot to rest. Four families and others contributed to the memorial for public use. Yankton Parks & Recreation will maintain and add flowerbeds to the memorial. Keep Yankton Beautiful sponsored the project through awarded grants and local contributions.

• Roses can be grown in a container as an annual. Say you don't have a flowerbed or the right soil or location. Or maybe you want to see the rose up close in a sunny location on your deck. Find a compact and disease resistant variety. As you choose your planter, recall that small containers dry out more quickly in the heat of summer. Water the rose when the soil surface is dry and continue until water flows out of container drain holes. Nutrients leech out of containers with frequent watering, so add a dilute solution about weekly. Ease up on fertilizer during high heat stress. Trim off spent flowers and cut back as desired. See more about container gardening at Horticulture Smart Gardening online: http://www.hortmag.com/weekly-tips/garden-design/tips-for-growing-roses-in-containers?et_

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Hazardous Fuels Mitigation Work Taking Place At Cabot Hill

RAPID CITY, S.D. - A hazardous fuels reduction project has begun in the Laurel Heights Subdivision, north of Interstate 90 on Cabot Hill. The need for this project is due to the overgrowth of trees and the increased dead and downed material due to storm damage, which increases fire intensity and complexity in the event of a fire.

Treatment will promote forest health by mimicking the natural effects fire would have on the landscape by removing unhealthy trees and creating improved conditions for remaining trees, shrubs and forbs. Treatment will target and remove deformed, diseased, storm damaged and broken topped pine trees while encouraging deciduous tree growth. The remaining trees will be spaced an average of 30 feet between the crowns and limbed at least 10 feet from ground reducing the risk of fire spread from the ground to the tops of the trees. This will result in a variety of healthy trees to increase forest diversity.

"Our main goal is to create survivable space around homes and prevent fire from getting into the tops of trees and becoming uncontrollable," says Andrew Tate, urban interface specialist with South Dakota Wildland Fire Division.

Private contractors will be performing chipping and hand piling in the area. The contractor will burn any hand piles created when conditions are appropriate.

This project is funded through a federal grant, with no cost to the landowner.

If you have questions or comments about the project, you can contact Cassie Christy, urban interface technician with SD Wildland Fire Division at 605.394.5203. ■SSDA

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A new addition is Brad — aka "Elvis" — Hedlund from Sioux City Iowa. He has entertained crowds of all ages in the Siouxland area for 10 years. You can find him on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/brad.hedlund1>.

Another featured artist is Clarence Hayden, a Nashville Singer/Songwriter and has released several CDs. He appears on the "RFD Show" regularly, as does Terry Smith. His web page is www.reverbnation.com/clarencehayden

Elaine Peacock is a popular singer, entertainer, speaker and recording artist and square dance caller from Elk Point. She sings and entertains regularly in the Midwest at fairs/festivals, churches, fundraisers, senior events. Visit her at www.elainepeacock.com or www.reverbnation.com/elainepeacock.

Newcomers this year is the popular South Dakota 9-12 piece big band Phil and Friends, directed by Phil Blum of Armour. It consists of talented area musicians and band directors who play with the OutBack Band, Uncle Roy and the Boys and concert/marching bands.

Another new artist on the schedule is gospel singer/songwriter Denise Edwards of Brandon. She recently shared her gift at the South Dakota Country Music Hall of Fame Gospel Show in Lennox. Visit www.reverbnation.com/deniseedwards.

Back for his fourth appearance will be local performer DeJay Langel of Jefferson, who is a singer songwriter too and second-place finisher at the Jefferson Days Battle of the Bands last year.

Elk Point mayor and pianist Isabel Trobaugh will share her talent this year with songs from her new CD.

Singing the National Anthem will be 10-year-old singer Jasmine Lounsbury from Sioux City, Iowa.

The fundraiser proceeds will benefit Elk Point Masonic Lodge No. 3 High School Youth Scholarship Program and funds the Youth SDCHIP Program.

For more information regarding Heritage Music Festival go to website: epmusicfest.wix.com/2015.



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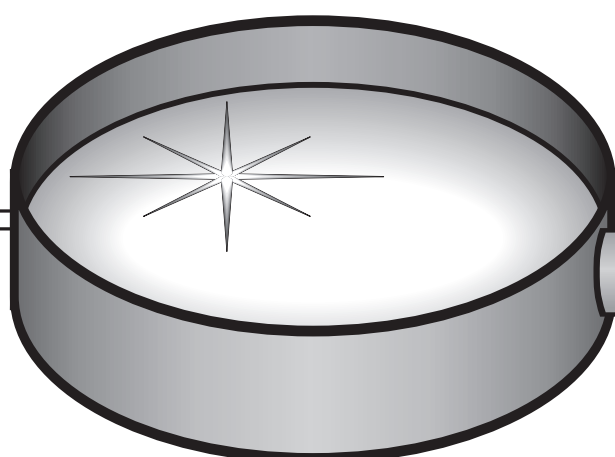
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