Airshow will be part of SDNG 150th celebration

A demonstration of aviation airpower and talent will once again come to the skies of Sioux Falls July 21-22. The 2012 Sioux Falls Airshow will be held at Joe Foss Field, South Dakota Air National Guard base and will be held in conjunction with a 150th anniversary celebration of the South Dakota National Guard.

With a proud 150-year heritage of serving as the state's militia, the SDNG finds its origins dating back to 1862 as part of the Dakota Territory.

Celebrations have been taking place across the state to recognize the 150th anniversary of the National Guard in South Dakota and this will be the East River resident's turn to recognize this momentous occasion.

"There is no better way for the Air National Guard of South Dakota to celebrate our great heritage of service to our state and nation than on our 150th anniversary and to demonstrate and showcase aviation capabilities of the past and present with this air show," said Col. Russ Walz, 114th Fighter Wing commander.

The 2012 Sioux Falls Airshow will feature numerous military aircraft to include the U.S. Navy Blue Angels, the F-22 Raptor Demonstration Team, the U.S. Marines AV-8 Harrier, U.S. Navy FA-18 Super Hornet, U.S. Air Force Heritage Flight, and our state's very own F-16 Fighting Lobos. Civilian acts that will perform include the Vanguard Squadron, Dick Schulz Airshows, Jacquie B Airshows, and the P-51 Mustang.

The cadets of the U.S. Air Force Academy will make their first appearance at the Sioux Falls Airshow honoring our country by carrying in the stars and stripes to start the show. The cadets of the Wings of Blue have become one of the outstanding parachute teams in the country traveling to local, national and international shows.

While the majority of the action will be taking place in the skies over Joe Foss Field, impressive static displays will also grace the flightline. The B-1 Lancer, C-17 Globemaster, A-10 Warthog, CV-22 Osprey, C130 Hercules, T-38 Talon, KC-135 Air Refueler, F-15C and D, and various Army National Guard helicopters just to name a few.

An array of past and present Army National Guard vehicles, artifacts and uniforms will also be on display, to include a number of informational kiosks highlighting the history of the SDNG.

"We are very proud to be celebrating this historic milestone in our organization's history, and we look forward to continuing that lineage of service to our state and nation," said Maj. Gen. Tim Reisch, the adjutant general of the SDNG. "Other than during World War II when there was a total mobilization of the South Dakota National Guard, these past 10 years clearly ranks among the most significant periods of our history."

For more information on the 2012 Sioux Falls Airshow, please visit their website at www.siouxfallsairshow.com.

Avera Health receives rural development funding NPS plans programs

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced funding for 52 distance learning and telemedicine projects that will increase access to health care and enhance educational opportunities in 29 states.

"Americans in our rural communities need access to the latest educational and health care services to compete in the 21st Century," Vilsack said. The funding I am announcing today for the Distance Learning and Telemedicine (DLT) program will help ensure that rural citizens receive the same highlevel, specialized medical care and educational services as enjoyed by their fellow citizens in urban areas."

The projects announced today total \$14 million and include 19 distance learning projects, 32 telemedicine projects and one combined project. All will benefit rural counties. Nearly half of the total funding – 45 percent – will go to counties where the minority population is greater than 30 percent. Another 18 percent of this funding will benefit areas where American Indian populations exceed 30 percent.

Better health care services for rural South Dakota: One of two separate projects by Avera Health, the Avera TeleCare Project will purchase and install telemedicine equipment for 17 participating hospitals, clinics, and long term care facilities in a 63-end user telemedicine network that covers the multistate frontier and rural territory of the Northern Great Plains.

Counties to be served include Bon Homme, Charles Mix, Gregory, Grant, Hutchinson, Kingsbury, Marshall, Moody and Yankton in South Dakota; Emmet and Sioux in Iowa; Lincoln and



John T. Porter, president/CEO of Avera Health; Erik Nelson, Sen. Tim Johnson's staff; Sister Joan Reichelt, senior vice president of culture; Eric Saugstad, Sen. John Thune's staff; and USDA Rural Development State Director Elsie M. Meeks.

Marshall in Minnesota; Holt and Knox in Nebraska; and Hot Springs in Wyoming.

The second project by Avera Health, the Avera Rural Connect Project will purchase and install telemedicine equipment for 20 medical facilities and four long term care facilities in a telemedicine network that covers the multistate frontier and rural territory of the Northern Great Plains.

Counties served include Bon Homme, Brookings, Brule, Charles Mix, Davison, Hand, Hutchinson, Kingsbury, McPherson, Minnehaha and Yankton in South Dakota; Emmet, Dickinson, Osceola, and Sioux in Iowa; Pipestone, Lincoln, and Lyon in Minnesota; and Bottineau, McIntosh, McKenzie, and Rolette in North Dakota.

Since taking office, the Obama administration has taken historic steps to improve the lives of rural Americans, put people back to work and build thriving economies in rural communities. From proposing the American Jobs Act to establishing the first-ever White House Rural Council – chaired by Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack – the President is committed to using Federal resources more efficiently to foster sustainable economic prosperity and ensure the government is a strong partner

for businesses, entrepreneurs and working families in rural communities.

USDA, through its Rural Development mission area, administers and manages housing, business and community infrastructure and facility programs through a national network of state and local offices. Rural Development has an active portfolio of more than \$165 billion in loans and loan guarantees. These programs are designed to improve the economic stability of rural communities, businesses, residents, farmers and ranchers and improve the quality of life in rural areas.

for June 15-17 in area

Missouri National Recreational River, Southeast South Dakota's and Northeast Nebraska's hometown national park, will present the following programs this weekend: FRIDAY, JUNE 15

8 p.m., Burbach Picnic Shelter, Lewis & Clark Lake State Recreation Area, Nebraska.

"Where's the Park?" It's South Dakotans versus Nebraskans as visitors test and expand their knowledge of America's special places through a hands-on game and an engaging presentation. SATURDAY, JUNE 16

SALURDAT, JUNE 16 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Lewis & Clark Visitor Center at Gavins Point Dam – "Disappearing: Trick or Tragedy?" Why are certain native Missouri River species in danger of extinction? What is being done to prevent their demise and what can we all do to help their recovery? A National Park Ranger answers these questions and shows why these species are important to the river ecosystem.

1-4 p.m., Pierson Ranch picnic shelter – National Park Rangers join South Dakota state park naturalists and local reenactors for "Homestead Days". Experience a taste of life in the days of free land. Rangers will exhibit replicas and actual items from the 1800s and help kids make their own pioneer-era game.

2 p.m., Niobrara State Park,

Nebraska – "Walk With a Ranger" A National Park Ranger leads visitors on a hike along the bluffs and bottoms overlooking the Missouri River in this scenic state park and reveals the wild nature of the river and the stories of those who followed it.

7 p.m., Midway Amphitheater, Lewis & Clark State Recreation Area, SD – "Pelts & Profits" The Missouri River was the highway of the fur trade, connecting the Plains Tribes to the manufactured goods of the world. A trader of the 1850s shows samples of the goods available and gives kids the opportunity to make a deal in Plains Sign language.

7 p.m., Niobrara State Park, Nebraska, cookout shelter – "Let Me Go Home!" He was just a Nebraska farmer who wanted to return to his homeland, but Chief Standing Bear found himself in the middle of a precedent-setting federal court case. Follow the Ponca Tribe's trail of tears and relive the courtroom drama that followed. Program begins after the 6 p.m. buffalo cookout.

SUNDAY, JUNE 17

11 a.m.-1 p.m., Lewis & Clark Visitor Center at Gavins Point Dam – "Alien Invasion" Plants and animals from other parts of the world are trying to take over! Learn how to identify them, what threats they pose and what you can do to help control them.

OBITUARIES

lla Moe

Ila J. Moe, 74, of Vermillion, passed away Wednesday, June 6, 2012 at the Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls. Ila Cleland was born Nov. 2, 1937 in Vermillion to Elvin and Lovail (Olson) Cleland. She graduated from Vermillion High School and attended cosmetology school in Sioux City, IA. She owned and operated her beauty shop in Yankton for many years. She married LeRoy Moe on April 18, 1969 in Sioux Falls. Ila is survived by her sons;

Troy Moe of Vermillion and Shawn (Lanette) Moe of Homer, NE, a brother Terry (Vicki) Cleland of Sioux Falls, six granddaughters and four greatgrandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, LeRoy; a brother, Dean Cleland; a son, Delvin Amundson; and a great-grandson, Brayden Bouck. A memorial service will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 16 at the Hansen Funeral Home in Vermillion with burial of ashes in the BluffView Cemetery in Vermillion hansenfuneralhome.com.

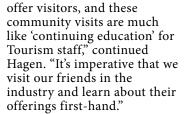
Department of Tourism plans community visits

Staff from the Department of Tourism plan to visit communities across the state this summer. The first scheduled stops on their tour are Aberdeen on Thursday, June 14, and Belle Fourche on Tuesday, June 19.

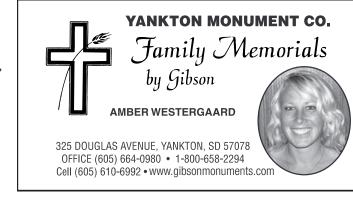
"My staff and I make it a priority to visit as many communities as we can throughout the year in order to build relationships and educate ourselves on tourism opportunities across the state," said Jim Hagen, Secretary of the Department of Tourism.

The goals of the community visits are to meet key tourism stakeholders and discuss the tourism assets each community holds.

"Our state has much to



If you would like to request a visit to your community, please call 605-773-3301 and speak to Harla Jessop. Or you may email Harla at harla.jessop@travelsd.com. The South Dakota Department of Tourism is comprised of Tourism, the South Dakota Arts Council, and the South Dakota State Historical Society. The Department is led by Secretary James D. Hagen.





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