

SESQUICENTENNIAL HIGHLIGHTS



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Excerpts from the Plain Talk

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The County has a new "Cat Plow" that will clear the road 23 1/2 feet wide with wings extended and has a 7 foot raise. It is a R. D. 7 Diesel Caterpillar. The huge machine was unloaded yesterday and the highway department plans to be using it in the morning. The power unit is rated as a 63 but being diesel has a lot more power than the old 60 horse power caterpillar the county owns. The operating cost will be only about one-fourth of that of the gasoline machine and will travel more than twice as fast, having a cruising speed

of four miles per hour.

The driver's license law will probably be considered by the state law makers at this session. A driver's license law is urged by the National Safety Council as it might be a means of bringing a slight reduction in auto accidents.

New Shirley Temple wash frocks are on sale for \$1.00 and \$1.95 at Silverberg Brothers Store.

Evergreen Farms, Inc. has a weekend special of Fruit Salad Ice Cream for only 40 cents per quart.

The political candidates have had large campaign expenditures this year. The largest campaign expenditure reported was that of Rep. T. B. Werner of Rapid City, the Democrat defeated in the 2nd congressional district. He spent \$1,844.43. Goldie Wells, Democrat elected, Secretary of State listed expenses of \$268.20. Donald McMurchie of Centerville, the successful candidate for Lieutenant Governor listed expenses at \$212.20. Other candidates for the State Legislature listed expenses

from \$45.00 to \$84.00.

Did you know that Lodi as well as Bloomingdale had aspirations of being the principal city of Clay County many years ago? The Northwestern Railroad was built farther to the north and west and the future of the municipal greatness was lost and the buildings were moved to the newly located town of Wakonda.

Showing at the March Theatre tonight will be "Pennies from Heaven", starring Big Crosby.

A man spending time in prison wrote to J. C. F. Elmore to see of his wife's funeral expense had ever been paid. He told Mr. Elmore if not, to send him a bill at the prison address. Sometime later Mr. Elmore received payment in full from the man. He explained that he was now able to make the payment after many years because he had received his World War I bonus.

Did you know that Burbank was named for a territorial governor, Governor Burbank? Meckling was named after an

official of the Dakota Southern Railroad, who was an investor in land in that town. Wakonda meaning Wonderland, an Indian name. Lodi for Lodi, Wisconsin, where some of the earliest settlers came from and Clay County after Henry Clay.

GOOD FOOD NEWS AT MEISNEHOLDERS:

2 lb's of Crackers...15 cents  
1/2 lb package Japan Tea...23 cents  
24 oz jar Peanut Butter...25 cents

4 oz can French's black pepper...10 cents

Baker's Milk Chocolate-1 lb bar...17 cents

3 lbs golden brown sugar...10 cents

1 lb can fancy pink salmon...25 cents

1 lb can Crisco...23 cents

2 dozen Sunkist oranges...29cents

Large bunch carrots...05 cents

Snow white cauliflower...07 cents

The second newspaper printed in Dakota Territory was the Dakota Republican,

first published in 1861

At the March Theatre you can see Sonja Henie in "Once In a Million", a 20th Century Fox Musical triumph".

937 is the 100th Anniversary of Deere's Steel Plow.

Clay County WPA sewing classes have sent 4 large boxes of all types of clothing to the surplus headquarters at Sioux Falls. The boxes contained overalls, dresses, boys' jackets, infant clothing and other types that would be needed in emergency situations.

A total of 6,100 seedling trees have been purchased from the Department of Agriculture by residents of Clay County in 1936. The state tree program was started in 1934.

Mercury hit 17 below zero on Sunday morning. The high for the day was 2 above. People of Vermillion are hoping the extreme weather of the past month (January) would soon be nothing more than a memory.

Gov. Jensen's has set a budget of \$6,252,461.00. He states this will provide for "Minimum Needs" for a two-

year period.

The State Senate voted to approve a \$9,000 appropriation to make the new executive mansion habitable. The Democratic minority blocked passage of \$13,500.00 appropriation to purchase furniture and decorate. The House approval is now necessary before Leslie Jensen, the state's Republican Executive, can live in the mansion. The building was constructed under the administration of Tom Berry, a Democrat. It was constructed as a WPA project without cost to South Dakota.

Traffic in this part of the country remained at a standstill yesterday as a result of a 24 hour northwest wind which completely filled in the roads so recently opened by the four county snowplows. The snow was being blown with such force in the country that visibility was only slightly over 10 feet. Radio and press reports state that Aberdeen has had a total of 6 feet of snow since Nov. 1. That is 3 times the amount that has fallen here since that time.

Wagon train to kick off State Fair quasiquicentennial

The South Dakota State Fair will kick off its 125th anniversary celebration with an old-fashioned western wagon train. The five-day event will begin in Highmore on Saturday, Aug. 28, and end in Huron at the State Fair Park on Wednesday, Sept. 1.

Wagon train participants will gather in Highmore on the evening of Friday, Aug. 27, and depart Saturday morning.

The wagon train will make evening stops at Ree Heights, Miller, Wessington, and Wolsey.

Organizers are planning special activities in each community where the wagon train will stop. Details will be posted on the State Fair Web site as soon as they become available.

For more information on the wagon train, call Jeff Schneyderman at 605-

261-3293, Dennis Klein at 605-543-5332 or Bryce Baker at 605-773-5425.

The 2010 South Dakota State Fair will run Thursday, Sept. 2, through Monday, Sept. 6. Preview night will be Wednesday, Sept. 1. For more information on State Fair events, contact the Fair office at 800-529-0900 or visit www.sdstatefair.com.

Mutt March is Saturday morning

The 2010 Heartland Humane Society "Mutt March" benefit walk sponsored by Sanford Vermillion Hospital will be held 10 a.m. Saturday, March 27, in Cotton Park in Vermillion.

Registration for the event will be held at 9 a.m. This event is not limited only to dog owners - everyone is encouraged to participate.

HHS t-shirts will be available for purchase, HHS Paw Partner information will also be available and adoptable dogs will be showcased. All pets must be on a leash.

Donations will be accepted at this event, with proceeds going toward the care of HHS shelter pets. People unable to attend may send donations to Heartland Humane Society, PO Box 585, Yankton, SD 57078.

For more information, call Heartland Humane Society at (605) 664-4244, or log on to www.heartlandhumanesociety.net.

Food is the focus of April's DAKOTA LIFE

South Dakota cuisine is in the spotlight in April's DAKOTA LIFE. The South Dakota Public Broadcasting program looks at Sportsmen Against Hunger, kuchen in Eureka and wines from throughout the state.

The signature SDPB Television series, in its 12th year, features the stories, people and places that make South Dakota a great and fascinating place to live.

DAKOTA LIFE airs multiple times, giving South

Dakotans an opportunity to drop in on interesting people and places in the state. The new episode airs: Thursday, April 1, 8 p.m.; Friday, April 2, 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, April 3, 5:30 a.m.; Sunday, April 4, 5 a.m.; Sunday, April 4, 1 p.m.; Monday, April 26, 9:30 p.m.; Friday, April 30, 9:30 p.m.

The show includes:

- Hunters Helping the Hungry - In the past 15 years, South Dakota Sportsmen Against Hunger have made over 255,217 pounds of

game meat available to the needy, enough to make 1,020,868 meals.

- Eureka Kuchen Factory - This tasty enterprise was established in 2001 by two talented ladies. The factory/store in Eureka, in front of the Eureka Lake, features kuchen and other German dough specialties. Residents of the small, rural town of about 1200 are proud of their heritage, the people and the delicious food.

- South Dakota Wine Festival - The annual Great South Dakota Wine Festival at Valiant Vineyards Winery and Buffalo Run Resort in Vermillion features wine makers and wines from all over the state. Activities include wine tasting, grape stomping and live music.

Tune in and join the DAKOTA LIFE. Past programs can be viewed online at SDPB.org/dakotalife.

Bids for Lewis & Clark pump station below estimate

The Lewis & Clark Regional Water System opened bids on March 18 for the Tea Pump Station. The apparent low bid of \$10,173,800, which includes a bid alternate for three additional pumps, was from Ericksen Construction of Blair, NE. This was well below the engineer's estimate of \$12,637,000, which also includes the estimate for the bid alternate. The Lewis & Clark Board will take action on the bids at its meeting on April 1.

This pump station, located two miles northwest of Tea, is an important central pumping facility for the system. It will enable Lewis & Clark to deliver water to Sioux Falls, Tea, Harrisburg, Lincoln County RWS, Minnehaha Community Water Corp, Madison, Rock Rapids, Luverne, Rock County RWD, Lincoln-Pipestone RWS, Wor-

thington and Sibley. The pump station will be located between two 7.5 million gallon above ground storage reservoirs, which already are under construction. Construction on the pump station is expected to begin in late spring and the deadline for substantial completion is September 2011.

"This project is another

big step forward for Lewis & Clark. We were very pleased with the bid results and proud to be part of the continued economic recovery of the region," said Executive Director Troy Larson.

Once the pump station contract is awarded, the total amount of construction contracts awarded by Lewis & Clark will be \$261.4 million.

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Beginning April 22, 2010 the EPA is requiring that all contractors that disturb more than 6 square foot of painted surface interior or 20 square foot exterior in a pre 1978 residential dwelling or child occupied facility will be required to be a certified lead renovator and have all employees trained. This includes all renovation, remodeling, window replacement, window repair, and weatherization.

Classes will be held at the Best Western Kelly Inn, Yankton from 8am-5pm on:

**Tuesday, March 30th** \$200<sup>00</sup> for HBA member  
\$225<sup>00</sup> for non-member

Class size limited to 25 per session.  
Payment required to reserve your space.

For registration form, go to: www.lewisandclarkhomebuilders.com or call Norene at (605) 661-7215

Bottolfson joins Campus Greens Club

Stacy Bottolfson, a sophomore business major from Vermillion, is a member of the Campus Greens Club at Southwest Minnesota State University for the 2009-2010 academic year.

Campus Greens is founded to educate students and faculty at SMSU about the worldwide Green Party and its 10-key principles with the goal of fostering both political and direct action in accordance with the party and its principles.

Southwest Minnesota State University is a liberal arts university of 3,700 students founded in 1963. It is a growing university, offering 50 majors and a trio of master's degrees while serving students on campus, online and around the state.

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