

Christmas trees to adorn Capitol hallways

Christmas trees will begin to fill South Dakota Capitol hallways later this month for the annual Christmas at the Capitol holiday display.

More than 90 Christmas trees will be decorated Nov. 23 – 24 by members of schools, churches, communities and civic groups from across the state.

The display will officially begin with a grand lighting ceremony on Tuesday evening, Nov. 26, and continue through Saturday, Dec. 28. Display hours for the public will be from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. CDT each day.

Thousands of guests visit the South Dakota State

Capitol each year to view the decorated trees.

This year’s theme is “Christmas in the Great Outdoors.”

The two-story South Dakota tree specially featured this year in the Capitol rotunda was donated by Brandon and Cassandra Deffenbaugh of Brandon. The tree, a 31-foot blue spruce, will be decorated by the South Dakota Game, Fish & Parks.

In addition to the trees, many other areas of the Capitol will be decorated for the holiday season, including the grand marble staircase and the Capitol grounds.

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that there was this really cool institution out here in South Dakota, and that I was interested in finding connections and opportunities to help get our name out more on the national horizon,” Johnson said.

One of the suggestions he came away with was a taping of “From the Top,” which did take place earlier this year.

The other was “What Makes It Great?”

Johnson said Kapilow’s trip to Vermillion “started out as him just coming to see the collection, because he just wanted to see the museum and get to know it.”

Then the opportunity for a performance arose, and Johnson suggested the Rawlins Trio.

“That collaboration was kind of the keystone to bringing it all together,” he said.

Kapilow will arrive in Vermillion on Monday night and leave Saturday morning. During that time, he will be meeting with Johnson and the NMM’s curators to learn more about the collection.

Johnson said he thinks he and Kapilow share a vision for communicating about music and using it to connect with the broader public.

“Being located here in South Dakota, it really is incumbent on us to figure

out how to reach a much wider public, because the collection demands it,” Johnson said. “Rob is interested in our collection from over 1,000 miles away. He knows about us, he’s curious about what’s here, and I know he and I are going to have a fun time brainstorming about what could be done using modern media to share it with the broader public.”

In addition to seeing the collection, Johnson said he hopes Kapilow will come away with a sense of the stories the collection can tell.

“So many instruments are more than just objects,” Johnson said. “They represent a culture, they represent a tradition, they represent a performer, they represent a performance style, they represent a story that encapsulates all of that.”

“The question is, is there a way to package those stories, to make them informative, educational and interesting for a broad audience? That’s probably the main reason that he and I are getting together here, just to explore what the potential of the collection is.”

Thursday’s performance will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the NMM. General admission is \$12, \$9 for seniors and \$6 for children and students with ID.

Tickets are available at the museum or online via EventBrite at <http://goo.gl/TxnAuK>.

Dome staff ready for ‘taxing’ weekend of football

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Every Tuesday morning, certain members of the USD athletic department and DakotaDome staff sit down for a management meeting for the upcoming home football game.

This Tuesday, however, that meeting lasted a little longer than usual: Two and a half hours.

And for good reason, considering the dome will host eight football games over a 3-day span this weekend. Along with seven South Dakota high school championship games and Saturday’s USD-SDSU rivalry affair (the first in Vermillion in 10 years), the dome will be a rather busy place.

“You always hear people say ‘it’s all hands on deck,’ but in this case, it really is,” said James Bandy, USD’s senior associate athletic director for internal operations.

High school teams take to the DakotaDome turf for three games on both Thursday and Friday, with times of 11 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Then comes a sellout crowd over 10,000 people for Saturday’s 1 p.m. USD-SDSU kickoff, followed by Saturday night’s all-Sioux Falls high school final.

The combined attendance for the eight games is rather hard to estimate, but with all the planning that goes into hosting that many teams and fans, USD’s gameday staff is simply trying to cover every base.

“It’ll be controlled chaos, if there is such a thing,” Bandy said.

Of the three days, the biggest “logistical nightmare” – as Bandy jokingly put it – is Saturday. By the time the USD-SDSU game finishes at around 4 p.m., the dome staff will have to hurriedly coax people out of the building so officials can prepare for the Class 11AAA championship at 7:30 p.m.

“If you eliminate all the high school stuff, it’s a normal weekend for us,” Bandy said. “But now you’ve got some timing issues, and it can get pretty taxing on our staff.”

“We’ll be dealing with more bodies, more cars and more everything than we’re accustomed to,” he added. “We’ve got some old hands here who have done it before, it’s still challenging.”

When it comes to dealing with those extra bodies, the USD ticket staff has already prepared itself for the onslaught of fans,

parents and other spectators, according to Chris Kaufman, the coordinator of ticket operations and sales.

“Eight games in three days, yeah, there won’t be much sleep involved,” Kaufman said. “But I’ve typically had as much fun on this weekend as any other during the year.”

In terms of the sheer amount of people expected for the weekend, Kaufman said it rivals only the DAKOTA Farm Show in January – when over 25,000 producers from a 4-state area cycle through the dome doors.

As far as numbers are concerned, Saturday’s USD-SDSU game is not only already a sellout but is expected to exceed the dome capacity of 10,000, Kaufman said. For reference sake, the crowd at the last rivalry game in Vermillion back in 2003 had an attendance of 8,681.

“If more (tickets) become available, we’ll know later and make an announcement,” he said. “We’re looking forward to a full house; probably looking at some sort of modern day record.”

Between the high school championships and the USD-SDSU game, the dome not only expects

extra fans, but extra media requests. The USD sports information office said Tuesday that it has been dealing with radio requests for the high school games, while the college game will again feature both radio crews, the TV crew from Midco Sports and other print media representatives.

The extra attention to the Coyote-Jackrabbit matchup is understandable, according to USD head coach Joe Glenn.

“There’s a lot of alums in this state from both schools that enjoy this moment probably as much as the two schools,” Glenn said Tuesday. “It’s a big game in South Dakota; a big game to our team.”

As it is for the Jackrabbits, head coach John Stiegelmeier said Tuesday. He added, though, that the teams are still realizing the magnitude of the Division I rivalry.

“Any in-state rivalry, when approached right, is a huge contest,” Stiegelmeier said. “Our players (on both sides) are still learning that, and I think it’s only going to get better.”

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Raw milk decision could head to Pierre

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The battle is moving to the Legislature over stronger sanitation standards for raw milk in South Dakota and health-warning messages on the bottles of it sold to consumers.

The state Department of Agriculture received clearance from the Legislature’s rules review committee Tuesday for the regulatory changes.

But the 4-0 vote was about whether the department followed the process set forth in state law, rather than whether legislators on the panel agreed or disagreed with the new rules.

The department should be mindful of a state law that allows a department or agency to suspend a new rule for 90 days if someone formally petitions for the hold, said Rep. Timothy Johns, R-Lead. He is the rules review committee’s chairman.

Johns made his comments in the wake of a promise by Sen. Phil Jensen, R-Rapid City, to seek the suspension and delay the new rules until the Legislature can consider the matter.

“This is a freedom issue,” Jensen said.

He spoke of “fanaticism and extremism that permeates the Department of Ag” and said the new regulations would run raw-milk dairies out of business while limiting food choices for thousands of South Dakotans.

Jensen and Rep. Scott Craig, R-Rapid City, testified against the new rules. They don’t serve on the review committee.

Craig said cancer patients including his wife have been specifically told by their doctors to drink raw milk because of the health benefits.

“I discourage further regulation,” Craig said. “It’s just ever increasing. I think it’s unnecessary here.” He added, “The temperature here (Rapid City) is very much in favor of raw milk production and of it being unregulated.”

Agriculture Secretary Lucas Lentsch said the purpose behind the additional regulations is to protect children from illnesses sometimes caused by drinking raw milk.

Raw milk already must be labeled as such. The new labeling requirements call for the identity of

farm that produced it, the date of bottling and a warning label that says the product hasn’t been pasteurized and may contain harmful bacteria.

State Health Secretary Doneen Hollingsworth, accompanied by state epidemiologist Lon Kightlinger who tracks diseases in South Dakota, appeared in support of the rules.

Hollingsworth said raw milk does cause disease and she cited recent South Dakota statistics of 30 instances of illnesses including five hospitalizations that were linked with raw milk. She said raw milk was the only known risk factor in 13 of those cases.

“The scientific literature is clear. Historic data is clear,” Hollingsworth said. “We should be doing everything we can to prevent this.”

Iowa, North Dakota, Montana and Wyoming are among the 20 states that prohibit sales of raw milk for consumer use, according to Rep. Peggy Gibson, D-Huron.

Many of the opponents viewed the labeling and testing regulations as an attempt to shut down the raw-milk trade and an attack on their freedom to choose their food. At times some opponents criticized the department and some personnel by name.

OBITUARIES

Lovella Matson

Lovella Matson, 87, of Vermillion, passed away Monday, Nov. 5, 2013, at the Sanford Vermillion Care Center.

Martha Lovella Dwyer was a South Dakota girl through and through. She was born Dec. 3, 1925, to Tom and Hanna Dwyer on the family farm near Onida. When she was 6 the family moved to Wakonda where Lovella grew up and graduated from high school. In 1946 she earned a diploma in nursing from St. Joseph College of Nursing in Sioux City, IA. She worked in the field of nursing until her retirement from the Veterans Hospital at Ft.



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Meade, in 1987.

She married Dean H Matson Feb. 17, 1950, at the Catholic Rectory in Burke. They moved to Rapid City in 1958 and later to Sturgis. Dean died in their home in Sturgis in 1977. After retirement Lovella moved to Rapid City where she lived for 10 years before moving to Vermillion where she resided until her death.

She was a member of St. Agnes Catholic Church, the Catholic Daughters and the Senior Citizens. She also did volunteer work with

her sister Veronica at the Sioux Valley Vermillion Care Center. She enjoyed playing (and especially winning at) bridge and was a member of several groups.

Survivors include two sons, Michael D Matson (Joanne) of Orangevale, CA and Terry H Matson (Tammy) of Fort Collins, CO; two grandchildren, Alexa and Zac; and two step-grandchildren, Chris and Elena; great-grandson Kaden; and brother, James H Dwyer (Ardis) of Vermillion; and many much loved nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dean Matson and an infant son; her parents

and brothers, Donald Dwyer and Elwood Dwyer; and two sisters, Naoma Shrader and Veronica Fredrickson.

A memorial Mass was at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12, at the St Agnes Catholic Church in Vermillion with burial of ashes in the Graceland Cemetery in Burke. hansenfuneralhome.com.

Cecil Harrington

Cecil E. “Gene” Harrington, 83, of Vermillion, passed away Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2013, at Sanford Heart Hospital in Sioux Falls.

He is survived by his wife, John Henry Harrington, his children, William Eugene

Harrington, Patricia Jean Bonnichsen, Joan Marie Bradshaw, Cecil Howard Harrington, Robert Joseph Harrington, Lynn Renee Nichols, Jerome Lyle Harrington, Janet Mary Hom, Joseph Patrick Harrington; his step-children; Michael Leslie Erwin, Debra Cecelia Erickson, and Lela Beth Johnson.

Cecil is also survived by 24 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Abiding his wishes, cremation has been taken place and no services are being planned.

Kober Funeral Home, Vermillion is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be posted online to www.koberfuneralhome.com.

Charles Schafer
Funeral services for Charles Paul Schafer, 50,

of Wentzville, MO, were held Thursday, Nov. 7, 2013, at Wentzville Christian Church, Wentzville, MO. Charles, the son of Henry “Jerry” Shafer and Donna Schafer of Vermillion, was born Dec. 14, 1962, in Vermillion, and passed away Nov. 5, 2013 in Wentzville.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m., Nov. 16, 2013, at Faith Fellowship Church in Vermillion. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service.

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