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Spring Conference To Focus On Diversity

The Southeast South Dakota Society of Human Resource Manage-ment Chapter (SESD SHRM) will be hosting its annual spring Conference on Tuesday, April 9, at the Kolberg-Pioneer Training Center located at 700 West 21st Street in Yankton.

This year, the conference will focus on diversity and how these differences can affect an organization.

The speaker for this conference will be Kostas Voutsas. With creativity, humor and real life stories, Kostas reaches everyone in his audience as he dynamically explores secrets to successful communication when dealing with generational, gender, people with disabilities and cultural differences in today's workforce. Whether working with your colleagues or customers, this keynote will have valuable information that will implore you to break the barriers and prevent unnecessary biases, conflict, stereotyping and misunderstandings.

This conference is relevant for all companies. It is open to the public and is a valuable training opportunity for managers, supervisors, and business owners.

The SESD SHRM chapter is an affiliate of the Society for Human Resource Management.

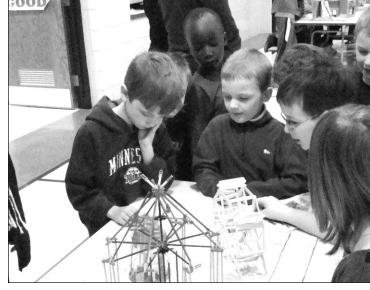
Habitat For Humanity Seeks Applicants

Habitat for Humanity of Yankton County is seeking qualified applicants for the 2013 build.

Qualified applicants must live or work in Yankton County, demonstrate a need for housing, be willing to partner with Habitat for Humanity by providing 300 hours of sweat equity to build their new home, must demonstrate the ability to repay a zero percent interest mortgage

loan and must show a satisfactory payment history with creditors. Habitat for Humanity is a Christian housing ministry that builds homes in partnership with our community and families in need of a decent affordable housing. To pre-qualify for a homeownership opportunity, call the Habitat office at 605-260-4224.

FOR THE JOY OF READING



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The third graders at Stewart School had their annual Novel Museum on March 19th in the school cafeteria. The third graders each read a book in the Boxcar Children series. While reading the books the children participated in many literacy activities. The culminating event for this unit was the Novel Museum. The children created projects based on their individual Boxcar Children book. These projects were completed at home and brought to school to be shared the day of the event. Thanks to all the parents who helped create such wonderful projects. Thanks also to the Stewart School PTA for purchasing the books. The third graders were very excited to learn that the books were theirs to keep.

Gayville-Volin Announces Girls State Representatives

The Gayville-Volin School District would like to proudly congratulate the following 11th grade students who were selected as representatives to the 2013 South Dakota Girls State program: Rachel Pokorney and Vanessa Ryken.

Girls and Boys State of South Dakota are citizenship programs designed to train girls and boys from all over the state in the workings of American government. High School juniors who ranked highly in their class and demonstrated definite interest in American government qualified to apply for the weeklong program. Local sponsors for the representatives include the Gayville American Legion Auxiliary, the Gayville American Legion, and Gayville Cortrust Bank. These sponsors pay the fee for student representatives so that they may attend the program free of charge. Girls State will be held May 27 through June 1 on the

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where he married

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Carol Boom in

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ued to work as an

Yankton, SD

Noecker

electrician for Kolberg's. He

15 years racing stock cars in

Hartington, South Sioux City,

Creighton and the surrounding

areas often winning or coming

helping his kids in their homes

by passing on the knowledge of

best buddies (his two puppies)

who always put a smile on his

smile and contagious laugh. His

sense of humor and charm will

He is survived by his wife,

sons: Todd Noecker of Omaha,

NE, David (Ann) Noecker of Lin-

Block, all of Yankton, SD; daugh-

in close second. He enjoyed

his trade. In later years, he

adopted Cole and Sasha, his

face. Larry always greeted

be missed by many.

everyone with a welcoming

Carol Boom of Yankton, SD;

coln, NE, and Brian (Tanja)

sons: Michael Block, Jason

Block, and Cory (Shannon)

Noecker of Lincoln, NE; step-

loved the outdoors and enjoyed



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Gayville-Volin High School has announced its Girls State Representatives for this summer. They are: **Rachel Pokorney and Vanessa** Rvken.

campus of The University of South Dakota in Vermillion. We congratulate each of the representatives and hope that they find Girls State to be an exciting learning experience.

OBITUARIES

Fredrick Fiedler

Services for Fredrick J.

Fiedler. 57 of Yankton, and formerly of Springfield, will be 1 p.m. Friday, April 5, 2013 at St. Vincent's Catholic Church in Springfield, with burial in the parish cemetery.

Visitation will be from 5-7 Thursday at the Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home in Springfield, with family present. A 7 p.m. prayer service will follow.

Fredrick John Fiedler, first born child of Fredrich C. and Doris (Parisien) Fiedler, was born October 18, 1955 at Garrison, ND. He died unexpectedly Tuesday, April 2, 2013 at Centerville, SD. Fred attained the age of 57 years, five months and 16 days.

Fred received his elementary schooling in Yankton and attended Yankton High School, earning his GED on December 26, 2001. He worked at various jobs throughout his life, two of which were the Springfield Academy and CR Industries in Springfield. Fred most recently worked for the South Dakota Human Services Center in Yankton for seven years as a mental health technician.

Fred loved to fish, hunt and cook. He was a pet lover and a pet caregiver. Fred was a race car fan and enjoyed working in a pit

Hahn; her husband of 22 years, Kenneth Johnson (d. 1994); her parents, Leroy and Francis Basche) Anderson; her son William (Bill) Leroy Banks; her brothers Gerald A. and Orval (Beatrice) Anderson; and her niece Debbie Langford. She is lovingly remembered

by her son, Barry (Peggy) Banks, of Vermillion; her daughter-inlaw, Teresa Banks of Bradshaw, Nebraska; her granddaughter Bobbie Lee (Shannon) Halverson, and her great-grandson Stephan Halverson, of Cook, Minnesota; her grandson Josh Banks of Randolph, Nebraska; her sister Avis Blumer of Beresford; her brother Stanley (Joanne) Anderson of Sioux Falls; her brother Arlo (Marge) Anderson of Valley Springs; nine nieces and nephews; and lifetime friends Lou and Joan Latendresse of Centerville and Karen Gibbs of Vermillion.

Visitation with the family will be held at the Hansen Funeral home on Friday, April 5, from 5-7 p.m. A celebration of the lives of both Lois and her son, Bill Banks (d. March 20, 2013), will be held at Cornerstone Church in Vermillion on Saturday, April 6, at 3 p.m., with Pastor Devon Davoux officiating. Interment will follow for both Lois and her son, Bill, at the Worthing, SD, Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers and in honor of Lois' many years as a foster parent, the family suggests that memorial donations be made to the Children's Inn, 409 N. West-

department of USD for 25 years and as cook for the Lambda Chi for nearly 20 years following her "retirement" from the Chemistry Department. Vera was very proud of "Her Boys" at the Lambda Chi & especially proud of her "Honorary Membership" of the fraternity. She also enjoyed working for a number of summers for the Department of Tourism at the rest stop in Vermillion.

Vera enjoyed the many friends she acquired through her employment as well as the Order of the Eastern Star. As a member of the Order of the Eastern Star she served as Worthy Matron multiple times, as Grand Ådah, and most recently as Friend of a Feather for the Most Worthy Grand Matron and International Order of Job's Daughters, serving both as Bethel Guardian and Grand Bethel Guardian for the State of SD.

Ever the eternal optimist, Vera fought her cancer with grace & dignity, proud to declare "It never kept me from doing the things I wanted to do." She was always willing to visit with cancer patients to encourage them to fight.

Grateful for sharing her life are her children, Keith (Deb) Emerson of Mesa, AZ, Alàn (Dawn) Emerson of Seattle, WA, Suzanne (Mark) Willadsen of Sioux Falls, Jon (Jean-Marc) Emerson of Boston, Becky (Mark) Socha of Lees Summit, MO; 10 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and 1 great-great-grandson. As well as the many, MANY friends she also considered part of her family.

Vera was preceeded in death by her husband, Harland; and brothers, Emery, Harry and James

Lawrence (Larry) Noecker

Lawrence (Larry) Noecker, age 72 of Yankton passed away Monday, April 1, 2013 at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton, SD.

Memorial Services will be 11:00 a.m. Friday, April 5, 2013 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Chapel, Yankton, SD with Rev. Tim Lange officiating. Burial will be in the St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery, Hartington, NE approximately at 1:30 p.m. Visitations will be from 5-7

p.m. Thursday, April 4, 2013 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton with the family present. Visitations will resume Friday at 10:00 a.m. at the funeral home with a rosary at 10:45 a.m.

Larry was born December 29, 1940 in Bow Valley, NE to Anton J. and Eleanor E. (Kathol) Noecker. He was confirmed Oc-tober 16, 1950, graduated from Holy Trinity in 1958, and attended one year at University of South Dakota in 1959. He married his first wife, Janet Cline in 1961; they had five children, Todd, Julie, David, Carmen and Brian, and resided in Hartington, NE. Larry worked as an

Marlene Mehlhaf

Marlene Mehlhaf, age 75, of



ters, Julie (Jason) Swanson of Laurel, NE and Carmen Steffen of Bow Valley, NE; stepdaughter, Tricia Bromley of Yankton, SD; grandchildren: Kaitlyn, Ryan, Sydney, Brent (Lacey), Shawn (Norma), Mitch, Maddie, Ella, Baby Noecker, Danielle, Zach, Mallorie, Kaiden, Tess, Norah, Lacey, Cody, Gaige, Baily, and Tawnie; great-grandchildren, Madison and Daveigha; brother, Marvin (Theresa) Noecker of Hartington, NE; sister, Delores Lammers of Randolph, NE; and best friend, Sasha.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Eleanor and father, Tony, grandparents, John and Anna Kathol and John and Anna Noecker, brother, Leon, brothers-in-law: Bob Lammers, Johnny Feilmeier, and Leroy Folkers, sisters, Leora Hedburg and Rosemary Feilmeier.

Memorials can be sent to the Contact Center, P. O. Box 137, Yankton, SD 57078.

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sister-in-law, Twyla Mehlhaf of Freeman, SD, two nieces and four nephews. She was preceded in death

by her parents, William and

Magdalena Mehlhaf, grandpar-

ents, Heinrich Jacob and Mag-

dalena Mettler and John and

Katharina (Mettler) Mehlhaf,

sisters: Eldora Mehlhaf, Iona

ina Schelske, brothers, Leroy

brother-in-law, Keith Haas.

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rew for several years. He also loved to "tinker" with the mechanics of a car.

Fred was to be married to the love of his life, Kathy Lutgen on April 10, 2013.

Thankful for having shared his life fiance' Kathy Lutgen of Yankton; his mother, Doris of Springfield; his siblings: Kevin and wife Kathy of Springfield; Karen and husband Greg Allen of Bemidji, MN; Corrine and husband Gary Johnson of Watertown; and Kathleen and husband James Haines of Volin; eight nieces and nephews: seven great nieces and nephews; and his future in-laws: Daniel Oursland of Fullerton, CA and Kathryn Lutgen of Escondido, CA

Fred was preceded in death by his father on August 13, 2010; an infant sister, Mary Theresa; a brother, Marc Karl; and a nephew Vincent Frederick Varilek.

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Lois Johnson

Lois Frances (Anderson) Johnson of Vermillion passed

away at Wakonda Heritage Manor on Tuesday, April 2, at the age of 80.

She was born July 30, 1932 in Circle, Montana, and married Lewis John Hahn (d. 1966) in Sioux Falls in 1952. Lois

Johnson

married Kenneth Arthur Johnson (IBEW 426 Sioux Falls) in 1972 and lived in Worthing, South Dakota, until moving to Vermillion in 2010.

Following in her parent's footsteps, Lois, along with her immediate family, was a welfare foster parent in both the States of Kansas and South Dakota for 57 years, retiring in 2009. Among her more than 200 foster children were many with special needs. Lois (affectionately known by all as Grandma) also ran a day-care center in her home in Worthing for 24 years. Lois enjoyed quilting, embroidering, scrapbooking, canning, collecting dolls, and listening to music, especially the "three tenors."

Lois was preceded in death by her husband of 14 years, Lewis

ern Avenue, Sioux Falls, SD 57104-5607.

For obituary and online condolences, visit hansenfuneralhome.com. Yankton Press & Dakotan

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Vera Emerson

Vera R. Emerson, 82, of Vermillion, passed away

peacefully in her sleep on April 1, 2013, at Dougherty Hospice House in Sioux Falls, surrounded by her family. A visitation will



be held from 5-7 p.m., with a prayer Emerson

service to begin at 7 p.m. and an Eastern Star service to follow, on Friday, April 5, 2013, at Kober Funeral Home in

Vermillion. A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 6, 2013, at Trinity Lutheran Church with Pastor Trisha Boese officiating.

Burial will take place immediately following the service at Bluff View Cemetery in Vermillion.

Vera Rebecca Wimer was born March 29, 1931, in Lawton, IA, to Harry G. and Alice C.C. (Wingert) Wimer of Sioux City.

Vera graduated from Leeds High School in Leeds, IA. She married the love of her life, Harland L. Emerson, on June 4, 1950. They made their home in Greenfield, SD, until March of 1965 when they moved to Vermillion. Vera enjoyed young people and was a "Champion" for the university students which was evident in the occupational paths she chose. Vera enjoyed her work as secretary to Dr.

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Memorials may be directed to the Dougherty Hospice House of Sioux Falls, or the Trinitv Lutheran Church Food Pantry, or the OES ESTARL Award in Vera's memory.

Services have been entrusted to Kober Funeral Home of Vermillion. Condolences may be posted online at www.koberfuneralhome.com.

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Howard 'Hod' Nielsen

Howard "Hod" Nielsen, 92, of Yankton died early Wednesday morning, April 3, 2013, at Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton

Funeral services are at 10:30 a.m. Monday, April 8, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Yankton, with the Rev. Dave Wildermuth officiating. Burial will be in the Yankton Cemetery with military graveside rites by Ernest-Bowyer VFW Post #791 Honor Guard, Yankton and the SDARNG, Sioux Falls.

Visitations are 4-7 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home with the family present. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Ronald Grimme

Ronald F. Grimme, 66, of Yankton died early Tuesday, April 2, 2013, at the Sunset Manor, Irene.

Funeral services are at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 6, at the United Methodist Church, Tyndall, with the Rev. Duane Coates officiating. Burial will be in the Tyndall Cemetery.

Opsaĥl-Kostel Memorial Chapel, Tyndall, is in care of the arrangements

Freeman, SD passed away early Tuesday, April 2, 2013 at the Oakview Terrace Nursing Home, Freeman, SD.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, April 5, 2013 at the Zion Reformed Church, Menno, with Rev. Travis Grassmid officiating. Burial will be the Zion Reformed (Kassel) Cemetery, rural Menno, SD.

Visitations will begin at 5:00 p.m. Thursday, at the Aisenbrey-Opsahl-Kostel Memorial Chapel, Menno, with a prayer service at 7:00 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Marlene was born May 30, 1937 in rural Freeman, SD to William and Magdalena (Met-

Mildred Cimpl

Mildred A. Cimpl, 81, of Tabor passed away Easter Sunday, March 31, 2013 at the Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton. Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m., Thursday, April 4, 2013 at the St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church, Tabor, with her son Rev. Chuck Cimpl officiating. Concelebrates will be Bishop Paul Swain, Rev. Joe Forcelle and a host of Sioux Falls Diocese clergy. Burial will be in the parish cemetery. Visitations will begin at 5 p.m., Wednesday evening at the St. Wenceslaus Church with a Wake service at 7 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church. The Opsahl-Kostel Memorial Chapel, Tabor, in assisting with service details.

Mildred Ann (Schuch) Cimpl was born on January 30, 1932 to James and Anna (Bouska)

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on the family Mehlhaf farm until she entered the Freeman Salem Home in 2003 and then entered the nursing home

in Freeman, SD. She loved cats and singing in the choir. She always wanted to go to church and was disappointed when she could not attend anymore.

She is survived by her brother, Wilmer (Gladys) Mehlhaf of Freeman, SD; sister, Vernetta (Donald) Schulz of Parkston, SD; brother-in-law, Alton Schelske of Parkston, SD;

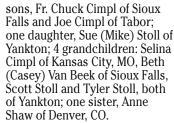
> Schuch in rural Tabor. She had a very devout faith and was a lifelong member of St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church in Tabor. Mildred at-

tended St.

Parochial Grade School then went on to graduate from Tabor High School in 1949. She married Leonard Cimpl on May 28, 1951 at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church in Tabor.

Mildred was very involved in many church, community, and charitable activities in Tabor. She touched many lives through her teaching of the Beseda Dance which is performed each year at Czech Days.

She is survived by her husband, Leonard of Tabor; two



Mildred is preceded in death by her parents.

In lieu of flowers, Mildred's request was that memorials be directed to the Czech Heritage Preservation Society, PO Box 3, Tabor, SD 57063 or The Tabor American Legion, PO Box 53, Tabor, SD 57063.

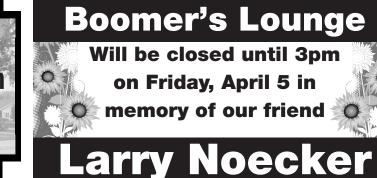
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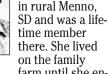


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