

## Fundraiser For Sexual Assault Response Team

Yankton's Sexual Assault and Response Team will host "Harmony and Humor" Friday, April 26, at Minerva's Grill and Bar. The event includes the musical comedy of Dave Merkel and a meal. Tickets are available for purchase at Minerva's, Hy-Vee, Rexall Drug, or by calling (605) 660-8621 or (605) 665-4811. Social hour will kick off the evening at 5:30 p.m. with a meal and raffle to follow. Prizes include a custom bow by Expedition Archery, a beauty and shopping spree, a Pheasants Forever print, a 32-inch LED TV, a remote duck decoy, a children's bike, Verizon gift cards and many more packages. The event is being sponsored by Expedition Archery, Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Kolberg-Pioneer, Kevin Carda Insurance, KG Painting and Remodeling, and Lewis & Clark Specialty Hospital. "Proceeds from the fundraiser allow us to train our team members in the latest sexual assault information, as well as help victims in our community," S.A.R.T member Kerry Schmidt said. "This event allows the community to come together and support awareness of a serious issue impacting the area." Schmidt said the response team forms a united front to end violence and sexual assault in the community. The group meets monthly and works daily with victims of violence. "Attending Harmony and Humor is one way to help us take a stand and celebrate April's Sexual Assault Awareness month," said Schmidt. For more information, call the Women's Shelter at (605) 660-8621.

## HHS Set To Host Meet & Greet

Heartland Humane Society will have dogs available for adoption at Tractor Supply Company in Yankton on Saturday, April 2 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. TSC is located at 2908 Broadway Avenue. "Meet and Greets allow our dogs and cats waiting for adoption to get out into the public and make new friends," said Kerry Schmidt, executive director at Heartland Humane Society. Schmidt encourages anyone interested in adopting an animal to fill out an application prior to the Meet and Greet. You can pick up an application at the shelter or find it online at www.heartlandhumane.org. For more information, contact Heartland Humane Society 605-664-4244. Heartland Humane Society is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that serves surrounding communities, protecting and enhancing the lives of companion animals by promoting healthy relationships between pets and people. Visit Heartland Humane Society online at www.heartlandhumane.org.

## SHIINE Seeks Local Volunteers

PIERRE — The South Dakota Senior Health Information and Insurance Education (SHIINE) program is currently seeking volunteers for all aspects of the SHIINE program. One of the primary functions of SHIINE volunteer is to help seniors with their Medicare questions. Volunteers receive training on all parts of Medicare and learn how to provide one-on-one Medicare counseling. Volunteer counselors are vital to the success of the program, as they provide opportunities for seniors to discuss their Medicare questions and concerns in person. All services are unbiased and confidential. Although volunteers are most active during Part D (prescription drug) open enrollment in the months of October, November and December, they are needed year-round. If becoming a volunteer counselor isn't for you, talk to your regional SHIINE coordinator about other ways to contribute your time and talents. Training includes:

- All parts of Medicare,
- How to counsel people individually,
- How to provide referrals, and
- How to navigate the Medicare website and plan finder tool.

Individuals interested in serving as SHIINE volunteer counselors should be comfortable using computers, the Internet, and meeting with individuals in public locations, such as libraries or senior centers. Volunteers can choose the hours they would like to provide services. A SHIINE volunteer may not hold a current license to sell Medicare-related health insurance. To become a SHIINE volunteer or learn more about it, visit www.shiine.net or contact a regional coordinator nearest you. In the Yankton area, contact: Tom Hoy Phone: 605-333-3314 or 1-800-536-8197, or email shiine@cfag.org.

## May 1 Deadline For Property Tax Exemptions

PIERRE — Applications for the Property Tax Homestead Exemption Program are now available to eligible property owners who wish to delay payment of their property taxes in South Dakota. May 1 is the deadline to apply for the program. Under the state Homestead Exemption, qualified applicants can delay payment of property taxes until their property is sold. Taxes then become a lien on the property and must be paid along with interest before the property can be transferred. To qualify for the exemption, an applicant must be at least 70 years old or a surviving spouse; have owned a single-family dwelling for at least three years or been a South Dakota resident for at least five years; have resided at least eight months of the past calendar year in a single-family dwelling; and meet the program's income limits. The maximum amount of income to be eligible is \$16,000 for a single-member household and \$20,000 for a multiple-member household. The program defines property as the house, garage and the lot upon which it sits, or one acre, whichever is less. Applicants should be aware that application and qualification for the Homestead Exemption Program make them ineligible for the Senior and Disabled Citizens Sales and Property Tax Refund Program. Interested individuals must apply annually to their county treasurers for the Property Tax Homestead Exemption Program. Applications are available at county courthouses, the Department of Revenue's Property and Special Taxes Division, or in downloads from the department's Web site at: http://www.state.sd.us/dr/2/forms/propertytaxforms.htm (see form PT-38C). For more information, call the department's toll-free helpline at 1-800-829-9188 and press "2" for the Division of Property and Special Taxes.

## OBITUARIES

### Marvin Merchen

Marvin Lowell Merchen, 84, left this world to join his Lord on April 19, 2013, at Avera Sister James Care Center in Yankton surrounded by his loved ones. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. on Friday, April 26, 2013, at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton, with Reverend Amanda Jertson officiating. Burial will be in the Beaver View Cemetery in rural Crofton. Visitation is from 5-8 p.m. on Thursday, April 25, 2013, with a prayer service and time of sharing at 7 p.m. Visitation will resume Pallbearers are Marvin's grandsons and great grandson. Honorary pallbearers are Marvin's granddaughters and great granddaughter. Marvin Lowell Merchen, son of Fred and Leona (Karin) Merchen was born September 21, 1928 in White River. He was baptized and confirmed in Norris. Marvin attended country school in Mellette County and in White River for 3 years of high



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school, moving with his family to Bloomfield, NE for his senior year. He married Marilyn Jean Schulz on September 6, 1950, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Bloomfield. Marvin spent many years farming in Pierce and Knox counties, and later worked for Hesse's Implement in Crofton. Marvin was a great neighbor and friend, helping anyone who needed a hand and sharing a good story with everyone who stopped for coffee, desserts and a chat. He raised fine crops, good livestock and a bunch of pretty good kids – which he considered his greatest accomplishment. In retirement, Marvin and Marilyn moved to Yankton where they spent some time in the kindness and tender care of Avera Sister James staff at Majestic Bluffs. Left to mourn are his children: Deborah (Robert) Oleson

of Steen, Minn.; Yvonne Moody of Chadron, Neb.; Paulette (Chuck) Schmidt of Crofton; Rod (Jean) Merchen of Yankton; Rhonda (Beth Hanson) Merchen of Yankton; and Stacy (Patrick) Chedester of Sioux Falls; 12 grandchildren: Christina Oleson and Scott Oleson, Kent (Valerie) Moody, Karlin (Chuck Mader) Moody, Paul Schmidt and Kyle (Cara) Schmidt, Matt Merchen, Tim Merchen, and Max, Madison, Olivia and Maria Chedester; and two great-grandchildren: Kody and Julia Schmidt. Marvin is also survived by siblings: Joyce (Myron) Frevert, Rose Marie Kolar, Alice June (Donald) Gilsdorf, Fern (Roger) Nohr, JoAnn (Al) Kuper, Connie (Norman) Rentschler, and Neal (Gloria) Merchen; and in-laws: Donald (Shirley) Schulz, Eunice Kauth, Frank (Janice) Schulz, Arleen Brunken and Paul (Taylor) Reudi. Marilyn preceded Marvin in the journey to heaven along with Marvin's parents, Fred and Leona Merchen; mother and fa-

ther-in-law, Ernst and Anna Schulz; son-in-law, George Moody; and three brothers-in-law: Francis Kolar, Walt Kauth, and Norman Brunken. Marvin's kindness and humor will be missed by all who knew him. He always appreciated the visits and time shared with family and friends, and even a few strangers. Remember, life is short, don't hesitate to say "I love you" and eat dessert first! To send an online sympathy card, please visit wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

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### Lillian Kuhler

Lillian M. Kuhler, 91, of Wakonda, died Friday, April 19, 2013 at Wakonda. Her funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 23, 2013, at the United Methodist Church in Wakonda with Pastor Mark Gronseth officiating. Burial will be in the Union Cemetery at Wakonda. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday, April 22nd at the Hansen Funeral Home in Irene with a prayer service at 7 p.m. Monday evening. The family prefers memorials to the Wakonda Community Health Foundation. Visit www.hansenfuneralhome.com.



Kuhler

Lillian Mae Hennings was born May 24, 1921, to Henry and Margaret (Buss) Hennings on a farm near Wheatland, North Dakota. She was the ninth of eleven children. Lillian attended Everest District School #102 using a buggy, horseback, or walking the two miles to the school. She graduated from Lincoln High School in Casselton, North Dakota, and from St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing in Fargo, North Dakota in 1943. While she was employed at the Veterans Hospital in Fargo, she met her future husband, Warren Kuhler of Wakonda, South Dakota. They were married February 14, 1945, at the American Lutheran Church in Fargo. After their marriage, Lillian worked at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo, Texas and also in Clovis, New Mexico while her husband was in the US Army Air Corps. Following his discharge from the Air Corps, she worked at Methodist Hospital in Sioux city, Iowa while Warren finished college. In August 1956, they moved to California, where Lillian was the P.M. supervisor of the entire Kaiser Hospital in Fontana, California. They moved to Wakonda in 1958, and in 1959, she began employment at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Viborg, where she worked for thirty years. Lillian took anesthesia training at Sacred Heart Hospital

School of Anesthesia, graduating on October 1, 1960, and became licensed as a certified registered nurse anesthetist. At Pioneer Memorial Hospital she held various positions including administrator, director of nursing and nurse anesthetist. She also taught many nurse aide/CNA classes and was honored by the South Dakota Hospital Association in 1984 for outstanding service as an educator. Lillian enjoyed traveling with Warren. They visited six continents and fifty states during their retirement years and spent several winters in Texas. She enjoyed crocheting and won several blue ribbons at the South Dakota State Fair for her work. Her baked goods and crocheted items were provided for many a church fundraiser and as gifts to many. She was a member of the Wakonda United Methodist Church, Dorcas Circle, United Methodist Women, and was a Heritage Manor volunteer and auxiliary member.

She was preceded in death by her parents; five brothers, Martin, John, Henry "Bud", Dethlef and Robert Hennings; and five sisters, Esther Miller, Delia Ommen, Mabel Reinken, Minnie Gross and Lenore Bart. Survivors include her husband of 68 years, Warren of Wakonda; her children, George (Deborah) Kuhler of Huron, Margaret (Stevan) Peterson of Wakonda, and Karen (Jeff) Trammell of Sioux Falls; six grandchildren, John (Kelli) Peterson of Wakonda, Karen (Chad) Hutchinson of Sioux Falls, Carrie Peterson (Nathan Clark) of Aalborg, Denmark, Ellen (Kersten) Kappmeyer of Sioux Falls, Alyssa (Trent) Schafer of Watertown, and Eric Chesley of Sioux Falls; three great-grandchildren, Julia Hutchinson and Braxton and Mason Chesley; her sister-in-law, Mary Ellen Rowley of Sun City, California; and many nieces and nephews.

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### Kevin Naber

A memorial service for Kevin D. Naber will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 27, 2013, at the Trinity Lutheran Church, 403 Broadway

Ave., Yankton.

He died Dec. 13, 2011, in the Philippines where he was living with his wife and son.

### Maynard Jensen

Maynard F. Jensen, 81, of Yankton died Sunday Morning, April 21, 2013 at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton, with family present. Funeral services are at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 24, at Calvary Baptist Church, Yankton, with the Rev. Jon Cooke officiating. Entombment will be in the Garden of Memories with military graveside rites by the Ernest-Bowyer VFW Post No. 791, Yankton, and the SDARNG, Sioux Falls. Visitations are 4-7 p.m. Tuesday, April 23, at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton, with a 7 p.m. prayer service. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

### Kenneth Varns

Kenneth Varns, 55, of Vermillion, passed away Friday, April 19, 2013 at his residence. Ken touched the lives of many people with his love for the Lord, his quick wit, and he maintained his trademark sense of humor all the way to the end. Ken was born December 10, 1957 in Chinon, France to Harvey and Virginia (Solomon) Varns. He graduated from Spearfish High School in 1976 and on June 29, 1977 he married the love of his life, Earleen Bachhand in Sturgis. He entered the Army in 1977 serving for 23 years retiring in 2000. He was currently employed as an inspector for the State of South Dakota. He is survived by his wife Earleen of Vermillion, two sons: Stephen of San Diego, CA and Brian (Melissa) of Fort Riley, KS, his parents Harvey (Virginia) Varns of Spearfish, three brothers: Ron of Gillette, WY, Don (Adrienne) of Valley Center, KS and Rick (Julie) of Rossville, IL. He is also survived by



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four sisters; Debbie (Monty) Colvin of Vermillion, Barbra (Doug) Hitzel of Auburn, NE, Penny (Roy) Mixon of Houston, TX and Ginny (Chuck) O'Brien of Lancaster, CA. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 24 at the Hillside Community Church in Vermillion with burial in the Black Hills National Cemetery in Sturgis. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. Tuesday, April 23 at the Hansen Funeral Home in Vermillion. Visit hansenfuneralhome.com.

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*who passed away on*  
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*who passed away on*  
**April 26, 2012**

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*who passed away on*  
**April 27, 2012**

**Darlene Kuchta**  
*who passed away on*  
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