

A Moving Concert

Young classical musicians were on the move Thursday night, converging at the YHS/ Summit Activities Center for the Yankton All Schools Orchestra Concert. The musicians, under the direction of Kim Evander, presented the program “Moving Along.” Musicians ranging from fourth grade through high school presented selections ranging from “The Best of the Ballet” and “Orchestra March” to more contemporary tunes such as “Don’t Stop Believin’,” “Boogie Fever” and “We Will Rock You,” as well as a classic piece of another sort — “The Chicken Dance.” (Kelly Hertz/P&D)



OBITUARIES

Phyllis Schulte

Phyllis I. Schulte, age 76, of Yankton, South Dakota and formerly of Wynot, Nebraska, died Wednesday, April, 22, 2015 at Avera Sister James Care Center in Yankton.

A gathering of friends and family will be from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 25, 2015 at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton. Phyllis's cremated remains will be placed in the cemetery at a later date.

Phyllis Schulte was born October 30, 1938, to Alvin and Josephine (Hoelsing) Eckhardt. She grew up in Wynot, Nebraska and graduated from Wynot High School in 1956. After her graduation, she began



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teaching country school near St. Helena, Nebraska for three years. She married Martin Schulte on September 7, 1959 at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Phyllis became a homemaker and lived in many different places during Martin's career in the Army. She lived in Leavenworth, Kansas; Germany; Iowa; Fort Lawton in Seattle, Washington; Bangkok, Thailand; San Francisco, California; and Omaha, Nebraska when Martin retired in 1977. They

then moved back to Wynot in 1985 and Phyllis began helping as a teacher's aide in the school. Their last move was to Yankton, South Dakota in 2014.

Phyllis loved gardening and traveling south for the winters with their camper, but she especially loved children and being around children.

Survivors include her husband., Martin of Yankton; two children: JoAnne (Dan) Hayes of Milan, Illinois and Richard (Patty) Schulte of Omaha, Nebraska; six grandchildren: Douglas, Erin and Rosie Hayes and Julianna, Christina, and Rachael Schulte; three brothers: Paul Eckhardt of Coleridge, Nebraska; Charles (Joyce)

Eckhardt of Crofton, Nebraska and Chris Eckhardt of Crofton; sister, JoNell (Jerry) Bockman of Boone, Iowa; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; son, Joseph L. Schulte; and brother, Dan Eckhardt.

To send an online message to the family, please visit www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

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Wilma Rahn

Wilma L. Rahn, age 88, of Yankton, South Dakota, passed away Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at her daughter's home in Omaha, Nebraska.

Funeral services are 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 25, 2015 at First United Methodist Church in Yankton with Reverend Ron Johnson officiating. Burial will be in the Garden of Memories Cemetery in Yankton.

Visitation is from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, April 24 at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton. Visitation continues one hour prior to the funeral at the church.

Pallbearers are Bill Bobzin, Mert Cady, Ted Mickelson, Kent Nelson, Jim Thomas, Jon Thomas and Harvey Youngberg. Honorary pallbearers are Dennis Brunick, Doug Nelson and the late Gary Thomas.

Wilma was born October 4, 1926 in Aten, Nebraska to John and Cora (Kelly)



Rahn

Nelson. She attended Aten Grade School and graduated from Yankton High School.

in 1944. Wilma excelled at typing and was hired by the US Treasury Department in Washington DC as a typist for one year. She then lived in Hastings, Nebraska and worked for the Naval Ammunitions Depot before moving back to Yankton where she worked at Montgomery Ward's. On May 16, 1948, Wilma married Russell W. Rahn in Yankton. After their marriage, they continued to live in Yankton and Wilma worked at the Federal Land Bank for 10 years. In 1960, they moved to Columbus, Nebraska and then to Tacoma, Washing-

ton but then returned back to Yankton a few years later. Wilma then started selling real estate which she thoroughly enjoyed. She first worked for Ted Mickelson and then for Bill Bobzin and Harvey Youngberg at Century 21, retiring in 1985 at the age of 59. Wilma loved flower gardening and was part of the local gardening club. She also enjoyed bowling, playing cards and doing crafts. She was active in The Center and Meals on Wheels Program. Wilma was also very involved in the First United Methodist Church as a Sunday school and confirmation teacher as well as assisting with soup kitchens and the church food stand at Riverboat Days. She was a wonderful wife, mother and grandmother and will be deeply missed.

Wilma is survived by her husband, Russell W. Rahn of Yankton; son, Jan N. Rahn of Yankton; daughter, Cheryl

(Tom) Wildy of Omaha, NE; two granddaughters, Elisa and Alexa Wildy; brother, Marion "Sam" (Eleanor) Nelson of St. Helena, NE; and many nieces and nephews.

Wilma was preceded in death by her parents; brother, John "Unkie" Nelson; and three sisters: Olive Cady, Eleanor Hennings and Neola Thomas.

Family would prefer memorials to the First United Methodist Church or your favorite charity.

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Larry Larson

Larry Gene Larson, 66, of Yankton, passed away early Thursday, April 23, 2015, at his residence surrounded by his family.

Memorial services will

be 2 p.m. Monday, April 27, at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Chapel, Yankton, with the Rev. Dani Jo Ninke officiating.

Visitations will be one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Military

flag presentation by the U.S. Navy Funeral Honor Guard.

Leonard Jansen

Leonard C. Jansen, 97, of Menominee, Nebraska,

died Thursday, April 23, 2015, at the Park View Haven Nursing Home in Coleridge, Nebraska.

His services are pending at the Wintz Funeral Home in Hartington.

HHS Meet & Greet Set

Heartland Humane Society (HHS) welcomes the community to meet its dogs and puppies available for adoption on Saturday, May 2, from 1-5 p.m. at the Missouri River Festival, Cleanup & Rendezvous.

The event will take place at Riverside Park in Yankton. HHS will have different sizes, ages and breeds of dogs available for the general public to meet and possibly adopt. There will be a booth with information for those considering adopting or volunteering.

"Meet and greets allow our dogs waiting for adoption to get out into the public and make new friends. Since they are placed in foster homes, this is a great way

for the public to meet them," says Christa Kranig, Shelter Coordinator at Heartland Humane Society.

Staff at HHS encourages anyone interested in adopting the day of the event to fill out an application prior. Applications must be reviewed and approved before adoption. You can pick up an application at the shelter or find one on the organization website (www.heartlandhumane.org).

For more information on this event, contact Heartland Humane Society at 605-664-4244 or email hhs@midconet-work.com. You can view all animals available for adoption on the shelter's website or on Petfinder.com.

Vavra

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this office in good form."

Vavra said there's plenty of work to do over the next few months to prepare.

"I'm familiar with a lot of what (Marchand's) done as far as the investing and stuff like that," she said. "I'm going to have to learn some laws and there's a lot of things I'm going to have to learn, and I'm looking forward to learning. ... Next month I'm going to a spring workshop. I've been to a couple of deputy workshops, but never to this one (because it's) actually for the treasurers. I'm hoping to learn a lot there and from other treasurers. I think there's a lot of good ones — especially around here in neighboring counties — that I'm looking forward to working with and being able to lean on a little bit."

Vavra said the move didn't come as a shock.

"It wasn't really a totally unexpected thing," she said. "She named me her first deputy about six or seven years ago. ... As time progressed, she taught me more things and then she was planning on retiring. The hope was I would take her place, so it was something we were kind of hoping for anyway."

Marchand said she's been helping prepare Vavra for quite some time.

"This has been in my plan for at least a year, possibly two years, and so slowly, I talked to her about, 'When I leave,

would she want to do this job?" and she showed some interest," she said. "We've gone over different things I do like tax certificates, tax problems, DMV and showed her how to do everything."

Going forward, Vavra said the biggest challenge will be a mostly-new staff.

"My first deputy, she's got six years of experience, so she's been with us for quite some time, and she's good and comfortable," she said. "But now we've got pretty much all new people other than that. I think it's going to be a little bit of a challenge, but I think it's also going to be a good thing."

She added her main goal will be to increase the department's use of technology.

"We've been, over the years, trying to get a little more automated," she said. "We're hoping to be more efficient — not that we're not efficient now — and do more things online."

Marchand said she'll continue to provide support in any way she can.

"Because Patty will be taking over and I'll be staying in Yankton, I'm just a phone call away if there is anything (she needs)," she said. "But I'm sure she'll do a great job and won't have very many questions at all."

Vavra said she's ready for the challenge.

"I'm looking forward to further serving the taxpayers of Yankton County and everybody else who comes through our doors," she said.

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Website

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kiosk advertisements in cities around the region.

The campaign also has ignited debate about the mayor's authority to spend taxpayer money without consulting the City Council. City officials spent more than \$35,000 building the website

and buying advertising before City Council members and the public learned of the project.

Smith said officials kept the campaign secret until the launch to prevent the plans from being prematurely leaked to the press and the public. Councilman Greg Jamison said he plans to introduce a proposal to change the way the city solicits professional services.

IN REMEMBRANCE

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