

Contact Center Taking Applications

The Contact Center will be taking applications for low-income families needing help with school back packs for their children for the coming school year.

Last year, 212 children were provided a voucher for a back pack. This number was up from 2011. Funding for this project is provided by local donations.

This year the Contact Center will be supplying the back pack again for grades K-8. Families must sign up their children by Aug. 19. They may sign up by coming in to the Contact office located in the County Government Center, lower level. Families must have an active SNAP Card to be eligible.

Any donations to this project can be sent to the Contact Center, 321 W. Third St., Suite B02, Yankton, S.D. 57078.

Those needing help with school supplies can call ROCs-Rural Office of Community Services at 1-877-254-6110 for an application.

NDEAM Accepting Employer Nominations

The National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) local Yankton committee is accepting nominations for the awards of Outstanding Employer of the Year and Outstanding Employee with a Disability.

The employer award is offered for outstanding achievements in improving employment opportunities for people with disabilities. The employee award is given to an employee with a disability in recognition of outstanding achievements in competitive employment by overcoming a disability as well as providing inspiration for other individuals with disabilities.

If you would like to nominate a person or business for either of these awards, e-mail Jennifer Trenhaile at Jennifer.Trenhaile@state.sd.us, and she will forward a nomination form; or call Jennifer at (605) 668-3050 and request a form be mailed to you.

The deadline for submitting nomination forms is Aug. 15.

Area School Supply Program Available

The Rural Office of Community Services, Inc., in Lake Andes is sponsoring a School Supply Project to provide vouchers to low-income families for the purchase of necessary school supplies.

Qualified low-income households will receive a \$20 voucher per school aged (K-12) student in their household. Vouchers can be used at a number of local vendors to purchase the school supplies needed to participate fully in school.

Income guidelines apply to this program: For a two person household, annual income must be at or below \$19,388; for a three person household, income must be at or below \$24,413; four person household, \$29,438. For each additional household member, add \$5,025.

Counties eligible for this program include Aurora, Bon Homme, Brule, Buffalo, Charles Mix, Clay, Davison, Douglas, Gregory, Hanson, Hutchinson, Jerauld, Jones, Lyman, Mellette, Sanborn, Todd, Tripp, Union and Yankton.

To receive an application or for more information, call 605-487-7634 or email bsieh@roccsinc.org.

Diabetes Support Group To Meet

The Yankton Area Diabetes Support Group will meet Monday, Aug. 12, in the Pavilion Conference Room 2 on the Avera Sacred Heart Hospital campus. The group will meet from 1-2 p.m.

Dr. Michael McVay will present stress management. The conference room 2 is on first floor and wheelchair accessible. Everyone is welcome and a snack is provided.

The next meeting will be held on Sept. 9.

Budget

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related to sales tax revenue.

"As retail develops on the Menards site or the Human Services Center property, that's our best chance of growing that economic pie so we can do more of the things we want to do in the city," Nelson said.

The proposed budget assumes 2 percent growth in the city's sales tax revenue for 2014 for a total of \$4.62 million. Additionally, property tax revenue is projected to be \$2.35 million.

Nelson said her budget philosophy is basic.

"I treat the public's money like my own and am careful about how and how much I spend," she stated. "I make a conscious effort to be a good steward of these funds by striking a balance between providing high levels of public services while enhancing quality of life. We have to maintain the infrastructure and facilities we have while at the same time plan for future growth and amenities."

The proposed budget can be found on the City of Yankton website (www.cityofyankton.org).

"I would encourage the public to review the budget and feel free to contact me if you have questions about it," Nelson said. "After all, it is their money we are entrusted with."

You can follow Nathan Johnson on Twitter at twitter.com/AnInlandVoyage

Yankton To Host 2013 Writer's Conference

Writers in the four-state region are invited to attend a one-day writer's conference sponsored by Northern Plains Professional Writers (NPPW) on Friday, Oct. 18. The conference runs from 8:30 a.m. through 4 p.m. at Yankton's Kelly Inn, 1607 E. Highway 50.

The event offers writers of multiple genres and levels of experience the opportunity to learn, network and interact with others interested in the writing industry.

Keynote speaker Dawn Nelson of VIP Digital Marketing will engage conference attendees in discussion about the use of social media to build an author platform, generate buzz about new titles/works, and maximize marketing efforts on a limited budget.

Additional conference presentations will focus on writing, editing, poetry and research. Conference presenters include South Dakota authors Marilyn Kratz, Loretta Sorensen and Christine Mager Wevik and Nebraska editor Nanette Day.

In addition to creating children's fiction for "Highlights for Children" for the past four decades, Kratz has authored four books, numerous articles for local publications and a variety of poetic work.

Sorensen has worked as an independent journalist for more than 25 years. Her articles regularly appear in more than 20 national and regional publications. She has authored and co-authored books, ghostwritten book-length works and assisted numerous authors with self-publication through her Yankton-based business, Prairie Hearth Publishing, LLC.

Wevik has published a humorous non-fiction self-help book and written a work

of fiction.

Day, owner of Inkwell International, serves writers around the world in editing their written works.

Hour-long conference presentations include "Anatomy of a Magazine Article," "Poetry — Transforming Language into Literature," "Releasing Your Creative Spark," and "Your Novel — Sit Down and Do It." The day will conclude with a panel discussion of self-publishing options. A full schedule for the day, including all presentation descriptions, is available on the NPPW web site at www.nppwriters.com/.

NPPW is a collaboration of professional writers who facilitate education, guidance and mentorship for other writers in the Northern Great Plains. NPPW's goal is to provide a forum enabling writers in all stages of their career to hone their skills while navigating the industry. Additional information about the organization is available at www.nppwriters.com/.

Registration can be completed online or with the printable registration form at www.nppriters.com/.

Published authors will have opportunity to sell their books throughout the conference. Details are provided on the conference registration form.

Overnight accommodations include a conference-related 20 percent discount on rooms booked at the Best Western Kelly Inn by Sept. 1 (605-665-2906). Additional accommodation options are provided on the NPPW website.

Additional information is available by calling 605-660-0378 or contacting NPPW at nppwriters@gmail.com.

Couple

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damaged a third. No one was injured in the blaze.

The Springfield fire department responded to a call of smoke coming out of Libby's around 2:30 a.m. the night of the fire. Avon, Lesterville, Tabor, Tyndall and Yankton fire departments were called in to assist with the blaze.

Libby's Steakhouse was a one-story building, as was the adjoining Boschma Legal Services building also destroyed

in the blaze. Bon Homme Insurance received smoke and water damage. Mr. Golf Car, Inc., was reported to have received minor damage.

The South Dakota state fire marshal's office investigated the cause of the blaze.

The state Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) handled the case.

Charles Johnson will report for prison Sept. 15, while Kimberly Johnson will report Jan. 15, according to Bon Homme County Clerk of Courts Joanne Balvin. The Johnsons remain free on bond until beginning their sentences,

the clerk said.

However, the sentencings don't mark the end of court proceedings in the case, Balvin said.

An Aug. 28 hearing in Tyndall will deal with prosecution costs and also restitution in an amount exceeding \$500,000.

The Johnsons will need to repay the costs of their court-appointed attorneys, Balvin added. Kimberly Johnson was represented by Yankton attorney Creighton Thurman, while Charles Johnson was represented by Menno attorney Ken Bertsch.

In addition, the Johnsons were each charged a total of \$208 in court costs.

OBITUARIES

Ruth Olson

Ruth Lucille Mack Olson passed away peacefully on Monday, August 5, 2013, surrounded by her family.

Ruth was born May 1, 1919, to William and Agnes (McHendry) Mack. She was born on the family farm near Dixon, SD. She was the youngest of eight children.

In high school, Ruth excelled in debate and in college she became a national debate champion. She attended Augustana College and Springfield State College. She earned her teaching degree and taught at various country schools.

Ruth married Pete Olson on April 5, 1941, in Ainsworth, NE. To this union, 13 children were born.

Ruth was an active member of the Ideal Presbyterian Church, Ladies Aid, and the Ideal Homemakers Club. She was also a member of the Southern Belle CowBelles and president of La Leche. Ruth was very social and enjoyed Wednesday lunches in town with her friends. She also enjoyed dancing polkas



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and waltzes. Ruth was a wonderful seamstress and made many clothes for her children, including prom dresses, wedding dresses and bridesmaid dresses.

Ruth was an incredible cook and always welcomed everyone to the table. She loved her family, especially all of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She always enjoyed having a full house! Ruth never lost her witty sense of humor.

Ruth is survived by Weldon Peter "Pete" Olson, her husband of 72 years and her children: Dorothy (Ken) Qualm of Torrington, WY; Mary (Gary) Engen of Mounds View, MN; George (Norma) Olson of Witten, SD; Susan (Bill) Zanin of Spicer, MN; Sandra Olson of Piedmont, SD; Carol Olson of Seabrook, TX; Avis (Perry) Clark of Lewisville, TX; Scott (Donna) Olson of Ideal, SD; Marjorie (Wayne) Kindle of Yankton, SD; and Heather (Mike) Johnson of Yankton, SD; 20 grandchildren, and 15 great grandchildren.

Ruth was preceded in death by her children Aggie, Duane and infant child.

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Carol Smith

Carol Lynn Smith, 66, of Sioux City, Iowa, passed

away at Mercy Medical Center in Sioux City on August 5, 2013.

A visitation will be held from 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m., with a prayer service beginning at 7:00 p.m., on Thursday, August 8, 2013, at the Kober Funeral Home of Vermillion.

A funeral service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, August 9, 2013, at Trinity Lutheran Church of Vermillion with Rev. Trisha Boese officiating. Burial will take place immediately following the service at Bluff View Cemetery in Vermillion.

Carol was born on September 11, 1946, in Hudson, South Dakota, to Gordon and



Smith

Opal (Wold) Smith. After graduating from Vermillion High School she went on to Stewart's School of Hair-styling, where she learned the skills of a cosmetologist, a profession she loved and stayed with the rest of her working life.

Carol was also active in promoting the National Cosmetology Association of Iowa. She held the offices of director, treasurer, vice president, and president while a member of the association.

In her free time, Carol loved to take cruises, and was an avid collector of various trinkets and collectables. She was also known as an animal lover, especially her dog who "was not spoiled at all."

Carol is survived by her mother, Opal Smith of Vermillion; her siblings, Janet (Dean) Voss of Loretto,

Minnesota, Patricia Smith of Yankton, South Dakota, and Ronald Smith of Vermillion; her nephews, Kevin (Heidi) Voss of Delano Minnesota, and Scott (Amy) Voss of Rockford, Minnesota; her great-nephews, Sam Voss, Jack Voss, and Ben Voss; her great-nieces, Megan Voss, and Allison Voss; and her goddaughters, Dakota Tomlinson, and Jersey Tomlinson.

She is preceded in death by her father, Gordon Smith.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

Services have been entrusted to Kober Funeral Home of Vermillion.

Condolences may be posted online at www.kober-funeralhome.com.

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JoAnn Nicholls

JoAnn V. Nicholls, 77, of Yankton died unexpectedly Tuesday, Aug. 6, 2013, at her home in Yankton.

Funeral services are pending with the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton.

Sharon Holy

Sharon L. Holy, 70, of Yankton died unexpectedly at home early Tuesday, Aug. 6, 2013.

Funeral services are at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 10, at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Chapel, Yankton. Burial will be in the Yankton Cemetery.

Visitations are from 4-7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 9, at the funeral home with the family present. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

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