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Lucas Negus, Northeast Nebraska Weed Management Area chair and NE Game & Parks Grove Lake Superintendent, shows a native Phragmites plant and points out how the river systems have this as well as the non-native noxious variety too.

Weed Control Workshop Was Very Informative

The Northeast Nebraska Weed Management Area (NNWMA) in cooperation with the Northeast Nebraska RC&D Council and the Nebraska Environmental Trust held a tour recently at Niobrara State Park. "The Good, The Bad and The Ugly of Noxious Weed Control" offered the 32 participants an education on noxious weeds and control methods being used.

First stop was the Niobrara Public School to hear from the student leaders about their Purple loosestrife bucket garden. Students rear the insects the feed on this weed and then later release them into infestations of the plant. These biological control insects feed exclusively on that plant. Students shared with the group the many life skills they've learned in doing this project. The NNWMA and the South Dakota/Nebraska Purple loosestrife groups have assisted teacher Sharla Hanzlik and the students over a number of years with this project.

A visit to the Niobrara boat ramp offered a look at native Phragmites and Purple loosestrife in their natural environment.

Experts pointed out that both native and non-native Phragmites are growing in the area, and often in the same spot, so control methods are difficult to implement.

Salt cedar is another noxious weed that has shown up along the Missouri River in Nebraska and South Dakota. The NNWMA and partners have been vigilant each spring and now in late summer as well, to get out on the river and the sandbars to keep up the fight. They use boats to get to the areas of infestation and then walk with backpack sprayers and buckets. They spray the larger ones and pull out (and carry out) the small plants in an effort to control its spread.

The group was shown Canada thistle and Phragmites in an infested area which NE Game & Parks Commission manages. Previous efforts to control this particular situation haven't worked so well so plans are to conduct a prescribed burn to clean up the field and then farm it for a couple of years. If they get the weeds in check then they'll reseed with native grasses and forbs.

Johnson To Be Honored At NFPW

National contest winners will be honored at the National Federation of Press Women (NFPW) annual conference in Greenville, South Carolina, Sept. 4-6. South Dakota winners included a third place for Brenda K. Johnson of Yankton. She is a freelance writer for the Yankton Press & Dakotan.

Her winning stories were about Dot Blaha and her mason bees and about Jay Gurney and his plant hobbies from articles in 2013. South Dakota State University faculty and South Dakota Newspaper Association members judged the South Dakota entries for the national NFPW competition.

Johnson has a monthly "Plant Exchange" in the Press & Dakotan, other articles, and posts a weekly plant blog at www.brendakjohnsonplantexchange.wordpress.com/.

YHS Class Of 1953 And 1954 Celabrete

Yankton High School graduating class of 1953 is joining with the class of 1954 to celebrate the 6th decade since leaving the building which had been known as Yankton High School and is now known as Walnut Village.

Anyone who attended during that time and WOULD have graduated in 1953 or 1954 is invited to take part in the events scheduled for Sept. 12-13.

Friday night, Sept. 12, will feature registration and socializing with appetizers and a no-host bar at Minerva's from 7-9 p.m.

On Saturday there will be a no-host breakfast at 9:30 a.m. at Yesterday's; at 1 p.m. a tour of the historic Mead Building on the old HSC campus is being offered and that evening the Reunion Banquet will be held at Murdo's, in Crofton, beginning with a social hour at 5:30 p.m.

On Sunday morning the group will once again gather at 10 a.m. in a private dining room at Kelly Inn (Minerva's) where they will enjoy the breakfast buffet.

Anyone who attended YHS and who was scheduled to graduate in 1953 is welcome to attend. Call Marge Becker at 665-7425 for registration information.

City Has Ordinance For Temporary Sign

Yankton ordinance states that election signs and other temporary signs may be posted on private property up to 75 days before an event and must be removed within seven days after.

A good general rule is to keep election signs to the inside (house side) of the public sidewalk or about 15 feet from the roadside curb if there is no sidewalk.

For the safety of all drivers and pedestrians signs cannot be posted in boulevards, attached to utility poles, street signs, street trees, light poles, or be placed in parks.

Signs posted in the public right of way will be removed. For more information on sign placement and permits, visit cityofyankton.org or call (605) 668-5251.

OBITUARIES

Arnold Schaeffer

Arnold J. Schaeffer, 89, passed away on August 26, 2014, at Unity Hospice, Jack and Engrid Meng Residence, Ledgeview, WI.

Arnold was born on a farm near Menno, SD on September, 22, 1924, to the late William and Anna (Bender) Schaeffer. He graduated from Menno High School in 1942 and studied for a year at South Dakota State University in Brookings, SD. The war effort required his return to the family farm to fill in for two brothers who had been drafted into the Army. In 1953, he left the farm and enrolled at Lakeland College (Mission House) in Sheboygan County, WI earning his bachelor's degree in 1957. He also earned a Master of



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Arts degree and pursued post-graduate studies at a German Language Institute in Germany.

On June 3, 1956, he married Virginia Mae Raquet who was an enthusiastic and energetic partner with Arnold as he taught in Wisconsin Middle Schools and High Schools in Ontario, Port Washington and Green Bay. Virginia died in 1989 following an accidental fall. Arnold and Virginia had no children of their own, but served as



devoted aunt and uncle to all of their nieces and nephews. They accompanied them to many school events and on many fishing trips, camping excursions and numerous roads trips. Following Virginia's death Arnold met June Lindeke at the Green Bay YMCA. In 1998 Arnold married June at St. John's Lutheran Church in DePere. They always enjoyed their winters in Weslaco, Texas, visiting with family and friends. Arnold was a life-long member of the United Church of Christ Menno, SD and of First United Church of Christ in Green Bay.

Arnold is survived by his wife of 16 years, June of Green Bay and her daughter, Pamela Lindeke of Milwaukee; five brothers: Marvin of Freeman, SD; Alfred (Leona)

of Menno, SD; Gideon (Mary Jane) of Tuscan, AZ; Victor (Darlene) of Yankton, SD; John (Darleen) of Grimes, IA; three sisters: Selma Fischer of Menno, SD; Verina (Elton) Tiede of Parkton, SD; Geraldine (Amos) Schultz of Menno, SD; three sisters-in-law: Harriett Schaeffer of Menno, SD, Betty Lou (Raquet) Felsing of Sheboygan, Janice (Roth) Brooks of Milwaukee; and a special nephew and his wife, Terry and Phyllis Felsing of Sheboygan.

Arnold's extended family reaches coast to coast and includes cousins, nieces, and nephews, along with their wonderful families. Arnold's gracious and loving spirit also created many special and dear friendships throughout the years which

he treasured deeply.

Arnold was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Virginia Mae; June's son, Bill Lindeke; mother and father-in-law, Harvey and Margret Raquet; two brothers, Johannes and Elton; two brothers-in-law, Karl Felsing and Wilben Brooks; two sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Pat (Roth) and Ed Brunette and Gilbert and Audrey Roth; and Arn's trusted furry companion, "Fred."

Friends may call at the Proko-Wall Funeral Home, 1630 E. Mason St., from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Tuesday and after 10:00 a.m. Wednesday at First United Church of Christ, 509 S. Webster Ave., until the time of service. Funeral service begins at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday at the

church with Rev. Robert Laubenstein officiating. Entombment at Nicolet Memorial Gardens. On-line condolences may be sent to the Schaeffer family at www.prokowall.com. Memorial donations can be made payable to Arnie's church, First United Church of Christ.

The family thanks Unity Hospice and its staff for the wonderful care and respect shown to Arnold during his final days. They also extend special thanks to Robert and Jane Laubenstein for their friendship and spiritual support shown to Arnold throughout the years.

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Enid Sejnoha

Enid Dorraine Sejnoha, 85, of Yankton, passed away early Thursday, August 28, 2014 at the Avera Yankton Care Center, Yankton, SD. Graveside services will be 11:15 a.m., Tuesday, September 2, 2014 at the Czech National Cemetery, Tyndall, SD. Visitations will be 5 to 7 p.m., Monday, September 1, 2014 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton,



Sejnoha

08, 1929 to John and Winnie (Homan) Avery in Omaha, NE. Enid grew up and attended school in Omaha, and was 1 of 9 children in the Avery family.

On November 18, 1950, Enid was united in marriage to Joe Sejnoha. Enid and Joe had 4 children: Cheryl, Jim, Gary and Elaine. Together, they farmed in the Tyndall area for several years. They moved to Yankton in the early 1980's, where Enid worked at several businesses: managing East Meadows Apartments, owning and operating Rest Haven Assisted Living Center, cooking at The Senior Center, JoDean's Restaurant and

Dairy Queen. She was an extremely good cook and enjoyed making meals and baking (especially Kolaches) for just about anyone. Bingo was one of her favorite hobbies and she hardly missed a game.

Enid was a kind and loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt, cousin and friend, who enjoyed every minute she could spend with her cherished family and dear friends.

Enid is survived by her children: Cheryl (Bruce) Alver of Laveen, AZ, Jim Sejnoha of Tabor, SD, Gary (Dianne) Sejnoha of Yankton, SD and Elaine (Steve) Talley of South Sioux City, NE; eight grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; many nieces; nephews; cousins; sisters-in-law, Rose Novak and Evelyn (Joe) Schuch and brothers-in-law, Frank Blazka and Roger Jones.

She was preceded in death

by her parents, brother, Howard, sisters: Bessie, Harriet, Mabel, Mary Jane, Bernice, Bertha, Naomi and one great-grandson.

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Norma Merrigan

Norma Jean Merrigan, 80, of Omaha NE, passed away on August 29th, 2014 at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Norma was born on January 2, 1934 in Yankton, SD and graduated from the Wakonda High School. She married to Darell Merrigan on August 2nd 1954; they were married 14 years before Darell's death in 1968.

Norma and Darell owned and operated Ideal Billards in downtown Vermillion, SD before converting the business into the Charcoal Lounge in 1965. Norma continued to operate the busi-

ness after Darell's death in 1968.

Norma was married to Ted Jelke from 1970-1980.

Norma is survived by sisters; Ruth Nedved, Geneva Mueller, daughters; Colleen (Tom) Alspaugh, Cheryl Ahlgrim, Carolyn Merrigan, Kellie Merrigan. Sons: Mark (Denise) Merrigan, Morris (Jeannie) Merrigan, Kevin Merrigan, John (Ali) Jelke, 13 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren and other family and friends.

Norma was preceded in death by her parents and her husband Darell Merrigan.

Norma will be remem-

bered by her children and grandchildren as a Loving Mother and Grandmother. She was a devoted Catholic who throughout her life carried out many selfless acts.

A wake will be held on Monday September 1st at 7 p.m. at the Hansen Funeral Home in Vermillion, SD with a rosary followed by photos and music. The funeral service will be held at St. Agnes Catholic Church at 11 A.M on Tuesday September 2nd.

Visit hansenfuneralhome.com/.

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Roger Haberer

Roger Jerome Haberer, 56, of Coleridge, Nebraska died on Thursday, August 28, 2014 as a result of an accident on a fishing trip in Canada.

Arrangements are pending with the Wintz Funeral Home in Hartington.

Rayder Swanson

Funeral services for Rayder L. Swanson, 58, of Niobrara, Nebraska, are pending at Brockhaus Funeral Home

in Niobrara.

Rayder died Friday, August, 29, 2014, at the Univer-

sity of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, Nebraska.

IN REMEMBRANCE

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**Are pleased to announce that
Thomas P. Reynolds has joined
the firm as an associate.**



Thomas graduated with honors from the University of South Dakota School of Law. He also has a Master's Degree in business from the University of South Dakota and a Bachelor's Degree in business from the University of North Dakota. After law school, Thomas served as law clerk for the First Judicial Circuit of South Dakota. He practices in the areas of business law, family law, and personal injury and is licensed to practice in South Dakota and Nebraska.

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