

Iraqi Minority Group Set To March

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — An Iraqi minority group with strong ties to Lincoln is set to march to the Nebraska Capitol to mark the anniversary of attacks by Islamic State militants. Organizers say the group will convene at 23rd and O Streets in Lincoln at 10 a.m. on Monday, and will then march to the Capitol and back. The march will commemorate the Yazidis who suffered and died in last year's massacre in northern Iraq. Lincoln has the largest concentration of Yazidis in the United States, with many coming to America after serving as translators for U.S. forces during the first Gulf War. The Yazidis staged a rally outside the governor's residence last year to call attention to the casualties in Iraq and plead for humanitarian assistance.

Nonprofit Buys 2 Historic Movie Theaters

VERMILLION, S.D. (AP) — A nonprofit trying to improve Vermillion's downtown cultural attractions has acquired two historic movie theaters with help from the University of South Dakota and other groups. The Vermillion Downtown Cultural Association has bought the theaters from March Films, Inc., which owned them for over 40 years.

Death Penalty Group 'Cautiously Optimistic' About Signatures

BY GRANT SCHULTE Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — Organizers of a campaign to reinstate Nebraska's death penalty say they're cautiously optimistic that they'll gather enough signatures to place the issue on the 2016 ballot, triggering a showdown with opponents who pledge to wage a strong campaign of their own. Nebraskans for the Death Penalty has less than a month remaining to gather about 58,000 signatures before the Aug. 27 submission deadline. The group was launched on June 1, with heavy financial backing from Gov. Pete Ricketts and his father, TD Ameritrade founder Joe Ricketts. "I don't want to discount the sheer

magnitude of what it takes to get out and collect signatures, but it has gone well," said Chris Peterson, a spokesman for Nebraskans for the Death Penalty. "We're cautiously optimistic that we're going to be successful." Peterson declined to release the specific number collected but said the campaign has received signatures from all counties except Sioux County in northwestern Nebraska. Peterson said the campaign has relied on several hundred petition circulators, both paid and volunteer. The volunteers include the parents of Andrea Kruger, one of four people fatally shot by Nikko Jenkins in Omaha in 2013, and Vivian Tuttle, whose daughter Evonne Tuttle was murdered during a botched 2002 bank robbery in Norfolk.

Lincoln Strategy Group, an Arizona consultant hired by the group, is managing the campaign's paid circulators. If the measure reaches the ballot, voters could repeal a law approved by the Legislature in May, when senators overrode Ricketts' veto by the narrowest possible margin. Nebraska was the first traditionally conservative state to abolish the death penalty since North Dakota in 1973. To prevent the law from going into effect before the 2016 election, Nebraskans for the Death Penalty would have to collect about 115,000 signatures. In either case, the signatures must come from at least 5 percent of the registered

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OBITUARIES

Roy Anderson



Roy Glenmore Anderson, age 82, of Yankton, South Dakota passed away on Friday, July 31, 2015 at the Good Samaritan Center in Scotland, South Dakota. Funeral services are 10:30 AM, on Tuesday, August 4, 2015 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Yankton with Reverend Steve Weispfennig officiating. Burial will be in the Martinus Lutheran Cemetery in rural Utica, South Dakota with military honors provided by the Ernest-Bowyer VFW Post No. 791. Visitation is from 5:00 to 8:00 PM, on Monday, August 3, at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton with a prayer service at 7:00 PM. Visitation continues one hour prior to the funeral at church. Pallbearers are grandsons: Robert Anderson, John Bloom, Joshua Bloom, Jason

Plath, Brent Warner and Phil Goodwin. Honorary pallbearers are all of his caregivers. Roy was born December 15, 1932 on the Anderson homestead in Turner County to Fred and Lizzie (Wenzlaff) Anderson. At the age of 12, the family moved to their farm west of Irene. He was baptized and confirmed on July 21, 1946 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church near Midway. Roy attended country school and then graduated from Irene High School in 1950. He then worked at Freeman Company in Yankton building airplane parts. He also drove truck, did bridge construction on Hwy 46 and

helped his dad farm. Roy was drafted into the US Army on May 19, 1953 and was stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, MO. He was then shipped to RAF Molesworth-Hunts in England rebuilding bomb damaged runways. Roy was a heavy equipment operator in "B" company, 801st Engineer Aviation Battalion. He earned the National Defense Service Medal and the Engineer Battalion Medal for his service. He also had the opportunity to visit Germany, Sweden, Austria, Italy, Denmark, France, Amsterdam, Holland and Switzerland. At the end of his service, Roy was stationed in Fort Sheridan, IL and was honorably discharged at the rank of Corporal First Class on April 27, 1955. On returning to South Dakota, he farmed with his dad and brother until his marriage to Lois Mae

Frohreich on May 11, 1956 at Martinus Lutheran Church in rural Utica. Roy and Lois farmed rented land until they purchased the family farm in 1958. They farmed together for many years until health problems required him to slow down. They moved into Yankton on May 1, 1987 and Roy continued to farm with his son, Rod, until he had two severe strokes in November 2007. After many months of healing and therapy, Lois decided to move him home and give him a lot of tender, loving care with the help of some very special care givers. Roy enjoyed sitting in his sunroom watching the birds and squirrels. He also enjoyed watching the Minnesota Twins and Vikings. Roy loved the Lord, his faithful wife Lois of nearly 60 years, his family, RED tractors, music, the land, fishing, hunting and telling

stories. In the last few years, he also loved and enjoyed his seven great grandchildren. Roy was a faithful member of St. John's Lutheran Church and continued attending even in his wheelchair. As his health declined, Roy spent the last 2 1/2 years at the Good Samaritan Center in Scotland. Roy is survived by his wife, Lois of Yankton; four children: Rod (LouAnn) Anderson of Yankton, Daniel (Beverly) Anderson of Lakeview, CA, Steve (Barbara) Anderson of Yankton and Debra (Jeff) Bloom of Madison, SD; 10 grandchildren: Kristin (Jason) Plath, Karin Anderson (Drew), Tricia Anderson (John), Robert (Laura) Anderson, Elizabeth (Blaine) Fairchild, Tracy (Brent) Warner, Kate (Phil) Goodwin, John (Stacey), Kallyn and Joshua Bloom; seven great grandchildren; and many nieces,

nephews and cousins. Roy was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Lillian (Harry) Westergaard and Eileen (LuVern) Swensen; brother, Ray (Darleen) Anderson; niece, Ruth Anderson; and an infant brother. Memorials may be directed to Martinus Cemetery Association at 605 Applewood Dr. in Yankton or St. John's Preschool at 1009 Jackson St. in Yankton. To send an online message to the family, please visit www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com.



Kelli Jo Burbach



Kelli Jo Burbach, age 49 of Glenwood Springs, Colorado and formerly of Wynot, Nebraska died unexpectedly on Monday, July 26, 2015 at her residence in Colorado. Mass of Christian Burial will be on Tuesday, August 4, 2015 at 10:30 at Holy Family (Sacred Heart) Catholic Church in Wynot with the Rev. Eric Olsen officiating. Burial will be at the Sacred Heart Cemetery in Wynot. Visitation will be on Monday, at the church, from 4-8:00

p.m. with a vigil service at 7:00 p.m. Visitation will continue Tuesday one hour prior to services. Arrangements are under the direction of the Wintz Funeral Home in Hartington. Pallbearers will be Matt Burbach, Forrest Dendinger, Jeff Beste, Russ Beste, Chuck Stockwell, Ron Stockwell,

Michael Stockwell, Brent Pick, Ryan Pick, Carl Bruening, and Terry Burbach. Honorary pallbearers are Kathy Wieseler, Maureen Bosshard, Pam Connors, Jessica Eskins, John Eskins, Tom Mason, Kevin Morrison and Beth Mourning. Kelli was born Feb. 7th, 1965 in Yankton, SD to Dr. Daniel Burbach and Diane (Forinash) Burbach-Wuebben. She attended Wynot Public School K-12, graduating in 1983. She attended University of Nebraska-Kearney for 1 year. Kelli moved to Winter

Park, CO in the fall of 1984, working at Pizza Hut. She started working at the Title Company of the Rockies in Winter Park in 1987. She was promoted to manager of the Aspen Branch in later years, working 25+ years in the title insurance business. Kelli enjoyed snow skiing, floating on the river, traveling, and going to concerts, especially Allen "Baby" Jackson. She loved doing jigsaw puzzles with her Mom and spending time with her family and friends. Survivors include

her mother, Diane Wuebben and very special step-dad, Maurice Wuebben, Wynot; 2 brothers, Tim (Fay) Burbach, Hartington and Loni Burbach of Norfolk; nieces, Ashley (Forrest) Dendinger of Hartington and Casey Burbach of Omaha; Nephew-godson, Matt Burbach of Columbus, NE; great nephew and niece, Teyton & Hadley Dendinger, Hartington; and many aunts and uncles and cousins; also, her cat "Gus." Kelli was preceded in death by her father Dr. Daniel Burbach on

January 22, 1979 at the age of 42 years; maternal grandparents, Louis & Albe Forinash; and paternal grandparents, Werner & Marjorie Burbach.



Michael Avok

Michael Alan Avok, 45, of Norfolk, Neb., died Thursday, July 30, 2015, at Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha. A family graveside service will be scheduled at a later date. Michael was born August 18, 1969, in Benson, Minn. His family later moved to Yankton, S.D., and he graduated from Yankton High School in 1987. It was at Yankton High that Michael first discovered his talent for and love of journalism, and his devotion to that profession would guide much of the remainder of his life. After graduating from YHS, Michael attended South Dakota State University in Brookings, S.D., earning his bachelor of arts degree in journalism in 1993. Michael's dedication to reporting and writing was, in large part, due to his love of people. And that especially meant family. He married Carol Lintner on April 16, 1999, in Sioux Falls, S.D. A devoted husband, Michael also loved his family and his in-laws and had a special place in his heart for his nieces and nephews. Most of his working life was spent as an editor or reporter in the newsrooms of papers of various sizes, from The Huron Plainsman in Huron, S.D., to the Omaha World Herald in Omaha and the Pierre Capital Journal in Pierre, S.D. He also covered the Nebraska Legislature for The Associated Press in 2012. At the time of his death, Michael was a reporter and editor for the Norfolk Daily News, covering everything from politics and immigration to agriculture and education. At the same time, he

was a freelance writer and photographer for Thomson Reuters. That versatility was part of what made Michael an old-school journalist in the best way. He cared for the people who were the subjects of his articles, and he was absolutely dedicated to getting their stories correct. He was also a true believer in the importance of newspapers to a community, which led him to stick with the profession he loved and serve as a mentor to younger reporters through many challenging years. His incredible work ethic was always part of his personality, whether he was trying to meet a newspaper deadline or manage a McDonald's restaurant, which he also did for several years. No matter what he was doing for work, Michael's outstanding sense of humor and innate ability as a storyteller were sure to brighten any room. He would do almost anything to get a laugh, but he also would offer advice or just a listening ear when someone was struggling. This self-proclaimed typical Norwegian will be greatly missed and fondly remembered by all who knew him. Michael is survived by his wife Carol, mother Judy Lowe and her husband Kenrick, sister Angela Avok, aunt Janel Rodahl, brothers-in-law Robert Allen Lintner and Morris Lintner, sisters-in-law Kathy Kohl and her husband Mitch, Jan Fullner and her husband Dan, and Marilyn Boe, niece and nephews Allen Freudenburg and his wife Beth, Andrew Freudenburg, Brittini Boe and her fiancé Jason Koch, Dustin Boe and his fiancée Stephanie Kudara, and great niece Avery Freudenburg. Michael is preceded in

death by his father Roger, grandparents Elmer and Emily Avok and Carroll and Virginia Rodahl, father-in-law and mother-in-law Robert and Bernice Lintner, and brother-in-law Jeffery Boe.

Burial is in St. Paul's Catholic Cemetery in Marty. Wake services began Saturday at the gym. Crosby-Jaeger

Funeral Home in Wagner is in charge of arrangements.

held at a later date. The Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory is assisting with the arrangements. Online condolences can be sent to www.opsahl-kostelfuneralhome.com.

Roger Copper

Roger Fay Copper, age 82, of Yankton, South Dakota, died Friday, July 31, 2015 at the Dougherty Hospice House in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. A memorial service will be 11:00 AM on Friday, August 7, 2015 at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton with Reverend Jon Cooke officiating. Burial will be at a later date in the Black Hills National Cemetery in Sturgis, South Dakota. Visitation will be one hour prior to the memorial service at the funeral home on Friday. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Yankton Lions Club or the Yankton Homeless Shelter. To post an online sympathy message visit wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

Solomon Holiday

Solomon Holiday, 40, Marty died Friday, July 31, at his home in Marty. Funeral services will be 2 p.m., Tuesday, August 4, at the Marty High School Gym in Marty.

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