

New Teachers Luncheon



ALISSA WOOCKMAN/P&D

In anticipation for the new school year, both new and old teachers gather for a luncheon at the Riverfront Tuesday afternoon. With over 40 teachers in attendance, this meet and greet gave the new teachers a chance to mingle with the current teachers in a relaxed setting before preparing for the busy week ahead. The luncheon is sponsored by the Chamber business members in conjunction with the Chamber's Business Educational Development Committee. In addition to the luncheon, new school faculty participates in a FAM tour of Yankton to help them become more acquainted with the community.

'Deadliest Catch' Captain Had Heart Attack

STURGIS (AP) — Preliminary autopsy results say a ship captain on the Discovery Channel television program "Deadliest Catch" who died in Sturgis, South Dakota, during its famous motorcycle rally had a heart attack.

Meade County Sheriff Ron Merwin says an autopsy was completed Monday but says he's still waiting on a toxicology report for 50-year-old Alaska native Tony Lara. The sheriff says he doesn't suspect the toxicology results will show anything that would have contributed to Lara's death.

Task Force Assigned To Take Next Steps On Setting Up River-Basins Management

BY BOB MERCER
 State Capitol Bureau

PIERRE — South Dakota's new task force on excess surface water meets this week to begin discussing where the lines should be drawn for nine new natural-resource districts. The Legislature created the panel as part of calling for districts that would cover each of the major river basins. The group also will suggest the alignments for three sub-districts within each one. The river-basin framework came from the Legislature's previous advisory task force on watersheds. Lawmakers approved the concept earlier this year but in a compromise stripped out all tax authority and regulatory power, at least for the time being. One of the arguments made by advocates during the legislative debates was that water doesn't observe county lines. That's reflected in the topographic quilt of the nine basins. Many counties such as Codington, Yankton, Davison, Hughes and Pennington are each in multiple basins, while other counties such as Brown

and Lawrence are each in just one. The basin configurations are: The Red River and Minnesota River in portions of Brookings, Codington, Day, Deuel, Grant, Marshall and Roberts counties; The Big Sioux River in portions of Brookings, Clark, Clay, Codington, Day, Deuel, Grant, Hamlin, Kingsbury, Lake, Lincoln, Marshall, McCook, Minnehaha, Moody, Roberts, Turner and Union counties; The Vermillion River in portions of Brookings, Clark, Clay, Hamlin, Hutchinson, Kingsbury, Lake, Lincoln, McCook, Miner, Minnehaha, Turner, Union and Yankton counties; The James River in portions of Aurora, Beadle, Bon Homme, Brown, Clark, Davison, Day, Douglas, Edmunds, Faulk, Hand, Hanson, Hutchinson, Hyde, Jerauld, Kingsbury, Marshall, McCook, McPherson, Miner, Potter, Roberts, Sanborn, Spink, Turner and Yankton counties; The Upper Missouri River trench in portions of Camp-Beale, Corson, Dewey, Edmunds, Faulk, Haakon, Hughes, Hyde, McPherson, Potter, Stanley, Sully, Walworth and Ziebach counties; The Lower Missouri River trench in portions of Aurora, Beadle, Bon Homme,

Brule, Buffalo, Charles Mix, Clay, Davison, Douglas, Faulk, Gregory, Haakon, Hand, Hughes, Hutchinson, Hyde, Jackson, Jerauld, Jones, Lyman, Pennington, Potter, Stanley, Sully, Tripp, Union and Yankton counties; The Little Missouri River, Cannonball River, Moreau River and Grand River in portions of Butte, Corson, Dewey, Harding, Meade, Perkins and Ziebach counties; The Belle Fourche and Cheyenne River in portions of Butte, Custer, Fall River, Haakon, Lawrence, Meade, Oglala Lakota, Pennington and Ziebach counties; and The White River and Niobrara River in portions of Bennett, Fall River, Gregory, Jackson, Jones, Lyman, Mellette, Oglala Lakota, Pennington, Todd and Tripp counties. The task force's first meeting is Thursday at the Capitol starting at 10 a.m. CT in room 413. It has eight members, including four current legislators. The state law creating the districts requires the legislative membership have political balance. The two Republicans are Sen. Arthur Rusch of Vermillion and Rep. John Wiik of Big

Stone City, and the two Democrats are Sen. Jason Frerichs of Wilmot and Rep. Steven McCleerey of Sisseton. Frerichs and McCleerey are from the same legislative district and are farmers and ranchers. Rusch is a retired circuit judge and Wiik is a parts manager. The four non-legislators are: Paul Casper, a Lake Preston farmer who's been a leading promoter of soybeans; Former state Rep. Kim Vanneman of Ideal, whose family produces wheat; Karl Jensen, a Whitewood rancher active in soil and water conservation; and Denny Kiner, a Davison County commissioner with experience in drainage-board issues. Frerichs and Vanneman served on the previous watershed advisory group. The panel has another immediate responsibility this year. That is to help develop a pilot plan for water management on the Red and Minnesota rivers. In turn the panel is to work next year on recommending guidelines to be used by districts in developing their water management plans.



RANDY DOCKENDORF/P&D

The Rural Office of Community Services (ROCS), based in Lake Andes, has provided assistance for those in need for the past 50 years. An open house celebrating the anniversary will be held at the Lake Andes office from 1-3 p.m. Thursday.

ROCS

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she said. "It amazes me how appreciative they are for what we can do for them, whether it's one month's rent or a utility bill. It's an eye opener." However, not all ROCS programs are based on income, and not all programs are offered in all 22 counties, she said. Interested persons can gain more information on programs from the ROCS headquarters in Lake Andes or outreach offices in Yankton, Mitchell, Chamberlain and Winner. ROCS has grown to meet demand over the years. The agency has operated in Charles Mix County since Aug. 13, 1965. It was founded as Charles Mix County Community Action Program (CAP) in 1965. In 1966, the name was changed to South Central Community Action Program serving eight counties. In 1981, the agency changed to its current name. "I remember, when I started working here, that it was 12 counties," Cahoy said. "Then, we expanded to 16 and now 22 counties." As one of its major pro-

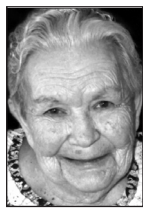
grams, ROCS offers public transportation for both in-town and out-of-town needs, depending on the community. "We have both buses and vans. People get rides for medical appointments, social outings and jobs," Cahoy said. "A lot of times you can't get all of your medical appointments right there in small towns, so we've scheduled routes (for traveling to regional centers like Yankton). We find that doctors are very good at scheduling (appointments) around public transportation." Another major program is the Dakota Senior Meals elderly nutrition program for those at least age 60, with a suggested fee for the meal. Guests below age 60 are welcome to the meals for a set fee. Other programs include: • Weatherization assistance for both homeowners and renters, with eligibility based on income. In the case of renters, the landlord must be involved with the process and pay a fee. For eligible homes, a qualified energy auditor will perform diagnostic testing to determine how to make the house more airtight and energy efficient. In addition, furnaces can be tested to determine if they are working and safe.

• Emergency services to help with things like rent or a utility bill. • Assistance with school supplies, with eligible households receiving \$20 per child in K-12. The voucher can be taken to a local store to purchase supplies. • Navigator programs offering assistance offering education and outreach for health care, including the Affordable Care Act. • Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) which helps individuals using the E-Z forms complete their income tax. • A garden project for low-income individuals and households. This program will provide vegetable seeds, vouchers for equipment and plant sets, and tilling vouchers to income qualified households. • Referrals to another agency if ROCS can't offer assistance. The number and types of programs have varied greatly through the years depending on government funding, Cahoy said. "Through the 1980s, it was pretty plush. Then, in the 1990s and 2000s, the government funds tightened up and programs aren't out there anymore," she said. "Now, the federal and state governments

require a tremendous amount of local matching money that we have to find." For some programs, ROCS must cover 50 percent of the amount, she said. The agency raises funds through fundraising, set fees and suggested fees. "One of the biggest challenges is finding local match money," she said. "Everyone is asking for money. A lot of city and county governments have a lot of organizations apply for money (from them)." The heightened competition for money means becoming more aggressive and turning to more sources, Cahoy said. "We beg from everybody," she said. Still, Cahoy remains optimistic about the future. "We look for more programs all the time and hopefully benefit a lot of people," she said. The ability to help others continues to offer tremendous satisfaction, Cahoy said. "It's one of the most fulfilling jobs I've ever worked," she said. For more information about ROCS, visit online at www.rocsinc.org, write to 140 S. Highway 50, Lake Andes SD 57356 or call (605) 487-7634. Follow @RDockendorf on Twitter.

Margaret Heard

Margaret Lou Heard, age 81, formerly of Yankton, South Dakota, died Saturday, August 8, 2015, at Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.



Heard

Funeral services will be 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 13 at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton with Delight Paulson officiating. Burial will be in the Rose Hill Cemetery in Shenandoah, Iowa. Visitation will begin at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, at the Wintz & Ray Funeral

Home in Yankton, with the family present from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Pallbearers are Jason Ash, Wade Ash, Bob Kirk, Gene Kirk, Lee Kirk and Brian Stucky. On August 8, our beloved Momma, Grandma, Nana and Aunt was called home to eternal peace. Margaret Lou Heard was born to Willie Bernice and Guy Kirk on March 27, 1934. She and her nine brothers and two sisters grew up on various farms in Missouri and she attended country school graduating the 8th grade. Margaret had the intelligence and desire to proceed to high school; however, her father refused to send her. Years later when he complained about her work-

ing in a cleaners, she would remind him that she had to do such hard work because he refused to let her further her education. Margaret was also an accomplished seamstress having created many wedding dresses in the '70s. Margaret married Coy Heard on December 19, 1959, in Nebraska City, Nebraska. They made their home in Shenandoah, Iowa. To this union two daughters were born, Cindy and Linda. In 1967, the family moved to Yankton, South Dakota. Margaret was a wonderful wife, momma and friend. She nursed her husband through his many illnesses before his death on November 28, 1977. Margaret and Peter Knoll shared a special

relationship for almost 20 years before his passing on September 22, 1999. Margaret enjoyed sewing, watching soap operas and dancing. She was a 40+ year breast cancer survivor. The light of Margaret's life was her two grandchildren and her daughter. For the last 2 1/2 years, Margaret made her home in the Lennox Good Samaritan Center. Her family would visit often and she was the envy of all the residence when she'd get kisses and hugs from her young grandson. Margaret provided grandma care for her granddaughter when she was young and became her best friend and confidant. She was also her daughter's touch-stone, always ready with a sym-

pathetic ear and shoulder to lean on. We are grateful for her long life and rejoice that she no longer will be in pain from old age but will have everlasting life and a restored body with Our Lord. Left to cherish her memory are her daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Brian Stucky of Tea, South Dakota; beloved grandchildren, Chantelle and Brett Stucky, special nieces and nephews, Linda and Wade Ash of Shenandoah, Iowa; Janelle King of Washington; Jason Ash of South Dakota; and the Knoll family. She was the last surviving sibling however she also leaves many nieces, nephews and in-laws including Betty Kirk, Marie Kirk, Rex Siddens and

AlaMarie Kirk. Rejoicing at their reunion in Heaven will be her husband Coy, daughter Cindy Lou who passed away at birth on November 4, 1963, special friend, Pete Knoll, Brianna Knoll, her parents and siblings. To send an online message to the family, please visit www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com. Yankton Press & Dakotan August 12, 2015



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Louis Packard

Louis Raymond "Flying Hawk" Packard made his "journey to the spirit world" on July 29, 2015 after a series of health issues. He is survived by his wife Sherron of Berryville, VA, son Matthew Packard of Charlotte, NC and grandchildren Matthew Jr., Warren, Alexander and Owen; daughter Megan Packard of Dulles, VA; along with sisters Gwendolyn Packard of Albuquerque, NM and children Brian, Genevieve and Rita; Claire Packard of Gayville, SD and children Lyman, Sarah, Rayna, Sonia and Lucas; and Ruth Packard-Smith of Gokona, AK and children Blossom and Amelia; brother Robert Alan Packard of Berlin, Germany and daughter Laura; and two grandchildren, Danielle and Blossom from his son, Louis Daniel.



Packard

He is preceded in passing by his parents, Orval and Blossom Packard, brother,

Lyman Packard and most recently his son, Louis Daniel Packard in April 2015. A Warrior and decorated war hero, Louis served two tours of duty in Vietnam as a Ranger with the 101st Airborne Division. Leadership, integrity, strength, bravery and courage are words that come to mind when we think of Louis; he was so kind, generous and respectful; he loved and valued life, all life including our relatives, the four-leggeds, the ones that fly, swim and move upon this planet. He will be deeply missed by all who came to know him. Toksa! Ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery and Greenwood, South Dakota are pending. In lieu of flowers please send donations to Disabled American Vets (DAV), www.dav.org/. Arrangements are being handled by Enders & Shirley Funeral Home, Berryville, VA. To view obituary and send condolences online, please visit www.endersandshirley.com. Yankton Press & Dakotan August 12, 2015

Gloria Lippert

Gloria (Aune) Lippert, age 68, of Yankton, South Dakota, died Monday, August 10, 2015 at Avera Yankton Care Center. Memorial services are 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 15 at Riverview Reformed Church in Yankton with Reverend Rodney Veldhuizen officiating. Inurnment will be at the Garden of Memories Cemetery in Yankton. The family will receive friends from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., on Friday, August 14 at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton with a time of sharing and video tribute at 7:00 p.m. The family will also receive friends one hour prior to the memorial service at church on Saturday. To send an online message to the family, please visit www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com. Ernest Aune Ernest C. Aune, age 92 of Yankton and formerly of Irene, passed away July 13, 2015 at Avera Yankton Care Center, Yankton, SD. Memorial services will be 10:00 a.m. Saturday, August

15 at the Calvary Lutheran Church in Irene, SD. To send online condolences, visit HansenFuneralHome.com. Merrill DeWald Merrill DeWald, 96, of Wagner died Sunday, August 9, 2015 at the Good Samaritan Society in Wagner. Funeral Services are 10:30 a.m. Friday, August 14 at the United Methodist Church in Wagner. Burial is in the ZCJB Cemetery, rural Wagner, with Military Honors. Visitation will be at the church on Thursday from 5 to 7 p.m., followed by a Prayer Service at 7. Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home in Wagner is in charge of arrangements. Alverna Rathgeber Alverna Rathgeber, age 92 of Coleridge, Nebraska and formerly of Norfolk died on Tuesday, August 11, 2015 at Park View Haven Nursing Home in Coleridge. Funeral Services will be on Saturday, August 15 at 10:30 a.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Coleridge with the Rev. Debra Valen-

tine officiating. Burial will be at the Lawn Ridge Cemetery in Coleridge, NE. Visitation will be on Friday from 5-8:00 p.m. with a prayer service at 7:00 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church in Norfolk with the Rev. Justin Wiese officiating. Visitation will continue on Saturday at the church in Coleridge from 9:30 a.m. until service time. Arrangements are under the direction of the Wintz Funeral Home in Coleridge.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Dorothy Reppert
 2:00 PM, Wednesday
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Margaret Lou Heard
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Gloria (Aune) Lippert
 3:00 PM, Saturday
 Riverview Reformed Church
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