

## Yankton Christmas Bird Count Set For This Weekend

Birders and nature enthusiasts in the Yankton area will join birders across the western hemisphere and participate in Audubon's longest-running wintertime tradition, the annual Christmas Bird Count (CBC), held on Sunday, Dec. 16, in Yankton.

This year, more than 2,000 individual counts are scheduled to take place throughout the Americas and beyond from Dec. 14, 2012, to Jan. 5, 2013. The Christmas Bird Count is an all-day census of birds found in a particular area.

Last year, 30 people observed a total of 71 bird species on the Yankton count day with

an additional five species noted during the count week period.

It's the longest-running citizen science project in the nation, and organizers of the 113th Christmas Bird Count are looking for new participants. People of all levels of birding experience from beginners to experts are welcome to participate. You can participate by going birding in the field or by watching the birds at your backyard feeder and reporting your count. There is a special need for more feeder watchers in the Yankton area this year. Call for some simple guidelines.

The 113th CBC is expected to be larger

than ever, expanding its geographical coverage and accumulating information about the winter distributions of various birds. A total of 2,248 counts were completed last year by 63,223 volunteers. The CBC is vital in monitoring the status of resident and migratory birds across the Western Hemisphere, and the data, which are 100 percent volunteer generated, have become a crucial part of the U. S. government's natural history monitoring database.

For more information about CBC participation as either a field observer or feeder watcher, contact Roger Dietrich at 665-7240 or rogerd@iw.net.

## SACRED HEART STUDENTS GRADUATE FROM D.A.R.E.



Thirty one fifth grade students from Sacred Heart graduated from D.A.R.E. Tuesday night. Officer Greg Shoberg spent twelve weeks teaching the students how to say "No" to drugs and alcohol, how to safely report bullying, how to communicate confidently, and how to use the DARE decision making model when faced with a difficult situation. Officer Nolz and his drug dog, Grief, gave a demonstration on how Grief locates drugs and how they work together as a team on the force. Natalie Woerner, Parker Sandal, and Morgan Heine read their graduating essays and certificates were handed out to the graduates for completion of the course. Students concluded the evening by singing the DARE song.

(Courtesy Photo)

## OBITUARIES

### Vlasta 'Lassie' Miller

Funeral services for Vlasta "Lassie" Miller of Tyndall will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, December 14 at the United Methodist Church in Tyndall with the Revs. Duane Coates and Donna McLaird officiating. Organist will be Kathy Koenig and soloist is Lisa Knoll. Interment will follow in the Czech National Cemetery, Tyndall, with auxiliary rites by presented by the Simek-Ptak VFW Post #6895 Auxiliary of Tyndall. Honorary casketbearers are members of the Czech Heritage Preservation Society.

Active casketbearers are Bradley Miller, Ronald Miller, David Ruman, Todd Woods, Trevor Woods and Richard Wurts. Visitation will be held on Thursday from 3:00 p.m. until a 7:00 p.m. prayer service at the Goglin Funeral Home in Tyndall. Online condolences may be sent at [www.goglinfh.com](http://www.goglinfh.com).

Vlasta "Lassie" (Ruman) Miller was born on Friday, April



Vlasta 'Lassie' Miller

27, 1923 at Tyndall, South Dakota to Alois and Alice (Hladky) Ruman, Sr. She graduated from Tabor High School in 1940. She received her teaching certificate from Southern State Normal School in Springfield, then taught school for four months. She was a civil service clerk for the War Dept. for one year in Washington, D.C. and three years in Detroit, Michigan. She married Orville Henderson in December of 1945 and they had a son, Roger. After returning to South Dakota, Lassie worked for the ASCS for 31 years, retiring in 1981. Lassie married

Gerald "Jerry" Miller on August 6, 1960 at the United Methodist Church in Tyndall. She was an active member of the Methodist Church and was treasurer for 17 years. She was a member of the WFLA for over 50 years and was a nominee for "Fraternalist of the Year." She served as secretary for 39 years and also 2 years for the state chapter. She was a member of the Czech Heritage Preservation Society and was secretary for that organization for 32 years. She was a member of the Tyndall VFW Auxiliary and was secretary for 31 years. She enjoyed bowling and was secretary of the Women's Bowling League in Tyndall for 20 years and president for 4 years. Lassie passed away on Saturday, December 8, 2012 at the Good Samaritan Society of Tyndall at the age of 89 years, 7 months and 12 days.

Grateful for having shared Lassie's life are her husband Jerry Miller of Tyndall; her son, Roger (Marc) Henderson of Bloomington, Minnesota; two grandchildren: Sean (Andrea)

Henderson and Jodi (Dustin) Lotz; one great-grandson, Zachary Parker Lotz; two brothers: Lumir (Marcy) Ruman of Tyndall and Alois Ruman, Jr. of Tabor; a sister-in-law, Esther Ruman of Marquette, Michigan; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Alois and Alice Ruman, Sr., she was preceded in death by two brothers: Edward Ruman and Robert Ruman; and two sisters-in-law, Irene (Mrs. Robert) Ruman and Mildred (Mrs. Alois) Ruman.

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### Richard Bottolfson

Richard E. Bottolfson, 79, of Vermillion, South Dakota, died unexpectedly on Wednesday, December 12, 2012, at Sanford Hospital in Vermillion.

Visitation will be held on Friday, December 14, 2012, from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m., with a prayer service beginning at 7:00 p.m., at Trinity Lutheran Church in Vermillion, SD.

Funeral Service will be held on Saturday, December 15, 2012, at 1:30 p.m., at Trinity Lutheran Church in Vermillion, SD with Pastor Trisha Boese.

Burial will take place immediately following the service at Bluff View Cemetery in Vermillion.

Richard was born on August 19, 1933, in Vermillion, to Elmer and Esther (Kilness) Bottolfson. He graduated from Vermillion High School in 1951. Richard went on to attend the University of South Dakota, where he earned his Business Degree and graduated in 1955.

On March 16, 1958, Richard married the love of his life, Darlene Davis. They raised two sons, Jay and Mark. Richard taught his boys everything he knew. The three of them, along with Richard's grandchildren, worked together to sustain the farming legacy he started. Richard had a passion for traveling, farming, socializing and learning.

Richard served eight years in the Army National Guard. He also spent many dedicated years



Bottolfson

rector of Farm Mutual Insurance, Vermillion School Board and the 4-H Foundation.

Richard is survived by his wife, Darlene; his sons, Jay (Kirstina) Bottolfson, and Mark (Beth) Bottolfson; his brothers, Leonard (Mary) Bottolfson, Gary (Mary) Bottolfson, all of Vermillion, and Larry (Nita) Bottolfson of Gilbert, AZ; his sisters, Julie (David) Nelson of Ruthven, IA, and Beverly Bottolfson of Vermillion; and his grandchildren, Stacy (Kyle) Hubert, Megan Bottolfson, Breanna Bottolfson, and Blaine Bottolfson, all of Vermillion.

He is preceded in death by his grandson, Jason Bottolfson; his sister, Lois Kryger; his brother, Russell Bottolfson; and his parents, Elmer and Esther (Kilness) Bottolfson.

Services have been entrusted to Kober Funeral Home of Vermillion.

Condolences may be posted online at

[www.koberfuneralhome.com](http://www.koberfuneralhome.com).

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### Karen Nelson

Funeral services for Karen Ann Nelson, 65, of Scotland will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 15 at the First Presbyterian Church in Scotland with Rev. Mark Werner officiating. Interment will follow in Ebenezer Cemetery, rural Scotland.

Visitation will be held on Friday from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., with family present to greet visitors from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., at the Goglin Funeral Home in Scotland.

Karen passed away on Tuesday, December 11, 2012 at the Good Samaritan Society of Scotland.

In lieu of flowers, the family has established a memorial in Karen's name to benefit the Scotland Library.

Online condolences may be sent at [www.goglinfh.com](http://www.goglinfh.com).

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### Ruth Carpenter

BLOOMFIELD, Neb. — Ruth Louise Carpenter, 82 of Bloomfield, Neb., and formerly of Kentucky, died Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2012, at the Bloomfield Good Samaritan Center, Bloomfield, Neb.

There will be a private family service at a later date in Kentucky for Ruth.

Arrangements are under the direction of Wintz Funeral Home, Hartington, Neb.

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Use your smart phone to scan this QR Code to take you to our e-Edition.

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## Yankton School Board To Hold Special Meeting

The Yankton school board will hold a special meeting at 5 p.m. today (Thursday) at the school district administration building on West City Limits Road. (The wrong date was listed in Wednesday's edition; we apologize for the error.)

The board will enter into executive session to conduct employee contract negotiations. No action will be taken.

## Area Conservation Officer Wins Honor

From P&D Staff Reports

South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks conservation officer Brian Humphrey has been honored by Shikar-Safari Club International as the South Dakota Wildlife Officer of the Year.

Humphrey, the conservation officer for Hutchinson and Turner counties, has been with GFP since 1997.

The Shikar-Safari Award is awarded annually in all 50 states and in 10 Canadian provinces by the worldwide conservation organization. It has been presented to a South Dakota officer each year since 1968. The award honors wildlife officers for their performances in wildlife protection, wildlife law enforcement, and in the implementation of wildlife conservation programs.

## Cramer-Kenyon Home Holiday Open House Set

The Cramer-Kenyon Historic Home at 509 Pine Street in Yankton, and its new curator, Doug Hellmers, are ready to add to the spirit of Christmas and the holiday season.

Beginning on Friday evening, Dec. 14, running from 5-7 p.m. and continuing on Saturday, Dec. 15, and Sunday, Dec. 16, from 1-4 p.m., the home will be ablaze with lights and will be populated by Frosty the Snowman personifications from decades past. You'll notice Frosties never before seen.

The holiday music will be playing, the cider is warmed to your specifications and there are home-made cookies waiting to be sampled. Children are welcome, but good behavior is expected.

There is no admission price for this Holiday Open House, but donations will be gratefully accepted. Come and make some memories and take some pictures.

## YC Alumni, Friends Invited To Open House

Yankton College alumni, friends and volunteers are invited to attend a Holiday Open House at 1-3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14, at the Yankton College office located at 1801 Summit, Door No. 9, the north entrance of the Summit Activities Center.

A special invitation goes to local students who received financial aid from a Yankton College scholarship.

New preservation methods using archival materials to encapsulate the Yankton College Historical Collection of commencement, athletic and fine arts program booklets dating back to the late 1800s will be on display.

Yankton College apparel and accessories with Greyhound motif will be available. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, call (605) 665-3661 or visit [www.yankton-college.org](http://www.yankton-college.org).

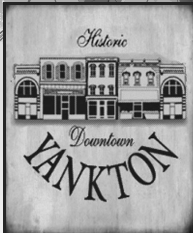
## MMC To Hold Fall Commencement Dec. 15

James Reese, Ph.D. will be the keynote speaker at the Fall Commencement exercises to be held at Mount Marty College. Speaking to more than 70 students receiving various degrees, his message will be, "Appetite is the Road to Life and Culture." The ceremony will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 15, 2012, at Marian Auditorium, 1105 West 8th Street, Yankton.

Reese is an associate professor of English; director of the Great Plains Writers' Tour at Mount Marty College in Yankton; and Editor-in-Chief of PADDLEFISH. Reese's poetry and prose have been widely published, most recently in New York Quarterly, Poetry East, Paterson Literary Review, Louisiana Literature Review, Connecticut Review, and elsewhere. His book "ghost on 3rd" (NYQ Books 2010) was nominated for the Pulitzer Prize in letters by New York Quarterly Books and was a finalist for the 2010 Milt Kessler Poetry Award.

Other recent awards include a 2012 Allen Ginsberg Poetry Award and a 2012 Distinguished Public Service Award in recognition of Reese's exemplary dedication and contributions to the Education Department at the Yankton Federal Prison Camp. Since 2008, Reese has been one of five artists-in-residence throughout the country who are part of the National Endowment for the Art's interagency initiative with Department of Justice's Federal Bureau of Prisons.

Reese and his family live in Yankton. For more information about Reese's work visit [www.jimreese.org](http://www.jimreese.org).



**Yule Tide Downtown Yankton**

**- Yuletide Yankton Celebration -**

*Jar Count Contest winners to be announced and will be eligible for a \$500 prize.*

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