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He also considers the Dec. 26 gathering as a tribute to ancestors in internment sites that the Santee Sioux consider concentration camps.

Those stories still arouse searing emotions and lingering resentment, he said. "There is a lot of feeling there," he said.

Trudell spoke of the four stages of life and the changing roles from birth to the elderly. However, other influences in modern life are overtaking traditional Dakota ways, which he called "a vanishing way of life."

"Somewhere along the line, we are losing that part of it," he said. "We have children who are abandoned or given up for adoption. We have the drug problem

that makes things worse. We have abuse. We have parents killing their children. That is never meant to be, and we must never accept that."

"We need to educate ourselves and make our hearts Dakota again," he said.

Despite such challenges, the Santee Sioux have overcome much in their history, Trudell said. He called on tribal members not to continue carrying their anger and to draw strength from their ancestors honored Wednesday.

"This is a very hard day if you know the history of our people, but it's also a good day," he said.

Santee Sioux tribal member Redwing Thomas said the Dec. 26 anniversary holds special meaning for him.

"It's more important than Christmas for me," he said. "The rest of America had a warm house with a Christmas tree (in

1862), worrying about the kinds of gifts they were going to get. My (ancestor) was probably cold and hungry, and knowing that he was going to die the next day."

Thomas said he had a difficult time letting go of his strong feelings about the hangings.

"People say, 'Get over it, it's the past, it's already happened,'" he said. "But I can't. Their blood runs through my body."

Like many other speakers, he choked back emotions as he read each of the 38 names, accompanied by a drum beat.

"When the drum sounds, all eternity stops and looks," he said.

Santee Sioux tribal member Thelma Thomas said she holds special feelings as the Dec. 26 anniversary nears. "When our nation comes together to remember our ancestors, it's really good," she said.

A number of activities were

planned in Minnesota and South Dakota for the 150th anniversary, but the Santee Sioux in Nebraska knew they wanted their own special observance, Thomas said.

The Santee Sioux Nation has lived in exile since the 1862 hangings, with tribal members arriving on the Nebraska reservation June 11, 1866, she said.

Thomas showed special awe and gratefulness when she spoke of possessing a picture of her great-grandmother.

"(My great-grandmother) was 3 years old in the concentration camp. If she didn't survive, the whole female side of our family wouldn't have survived," Thomas said.

The 38 showed honor, respect and courage by shaking hands with their executioners at the gallows, Thomas said. Their descendants have fought for tribal sovereignty, she said.

"It's home, and our history as

we know it. It's a true history, but a hard history," she said. "We will rebuild our nation with our children and grandchildren."

Wednesday's program included recognition for James Star Comes Out, who made the horse regalia with the year "1862" on the mask. He was offered \$25,000 for it but wouldn't sell it.

The program also recognized Rosebud Sioux tribal member Mike One Star, who participated in Wednesday's trail ride as a show of support for the Santee Sioux.

The afternoon featured a large display of Santee history researched by tribal historian Duane Whipple. The tribe also maintains a historical website at www.santeesiouxdakota.com.

Rick Thomas, with the tribal historical preservation office, said he found a "lump in his throat" at his findings during

research of the hangings and war.

By knowing the painful past, the Santee Sioux can maintain their pride as a people while also beginning the healing, he said.

"People say they don't want to look back, that it's too emotional," he said. "But there's no way to have pride if you don't know what you're proud of, and there's no way to grieve if you don't know what you are grieving."

Even amidst the healing and moving forward, the Santee Sioux cannot forget their past, Thomas said.

"When you look at 1862, what happened to our people, the DNA is still there," he said. "It's been 150 years for Santee. We were born Dakota, and we're going to die Dakota."

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OBITUARIES

Dolores Foxhoven

Dolores M. Foxhoven, age 87, of Yankton, South Dakota, died December 23, 2012, at Avera Sister James Care Center in Yankton.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 29, 2012 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Yankton with Reverend Mark Lichter officiating. Burial will be in St. Rose of Lima Cemetery in Crofton, Nebraska.

Visitation is from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, December 28, 2012 at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton with a rosary and vigil service at 7:00 p.m. Visitation will resume one hour prior to the Mass at Church on Saturday.

Pallbearers are Ryan Foxhoven, Tim Bulleigh, Jake Bulleigh, Ken Schurman, Duane Schurman, and Jeff Rydsom.



Foxhoven

Honorary pallbearers are Jeff LaBrune, Matthew Foxhoven, and Anne Eskeldson.

Dolores was born September 13, 1925 in Dupree, South Dakota, to Paul and Rose (Marx) Schurman.

She lived in South Dakota for a few years and her family later moved to northeast Nebraska where she attended country school. She worked at Bogner's in Crofton for a few years and later at Knoll Freeman Defense Plant in Yankton. She married Allan Foxhoven on July 27, 1948 in St. Helena, Nebraska. They moved to their farm northwest of Crofton where Dolores helped on the farm and raised their family. After they retired from farming they moved to Yankton where they lived on Douglas Avenue

and were surrounded with wonderful neighbors.

Dolores was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and was active in The Center in Yankton. She loved gardening, music, ballroom dancing, and square dancing. She had a heart of gold, a funny sense of humor, and was an excellent seamstress and cook. The grandchildren would always look forward to having grandma's homemade buns and pickles. Dolores and Allan had an unconditional love for each other. They did everything together and could almost always be seen holding hands. They truly were inseparable.

Survivors include her husband of 64 years, Allan Foxhoven of Yankton; three children: David (Cindy) Foxhoven of Doniphan, Nebraska; Gary (Connie) Foxhoven of Bennington, Kansas; and Judy (Ron) LaBrune of Lexington, Nebraska; seven grand-

children; 25 great grandchildren with one on the way; three great great grandchildren; four brothers: Larry Schurman of Yankton; Norman Schurman of Yankton; Willie (Cleopha) Schurman of Crofton, Nebraska; and Paul Schurman of Randolph, Nebraska. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Romaine and brother Jim.

To post an online sympathy message, visit wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

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Online condolences at: www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com

Leonard Gleich

Leonard Gleich, age 91, of Yankton, left this earthly world in the early morning hours of Monday, December 24, 2012 at the Avera Yankton Care Center, Yankton, SD.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 2:00 p.m. Saturday, December 29, 2012 at St. Benedict Catholic Church, Yankton, SD, with Rev. Ken Lulf officiating. Burial will be in the Sacred Heart Cemetery, Yankton, SD.

Visitations will begin at 5:00 p.m. Friday, December 28, 2012 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home



Gleich

Wells, Terry Haas, Tim Haas, Brian Dobesh, Trevor Haas and Dylan Haas.

Leonard was born October 15, 1921 to Joseph and Albina

& Crematory, Yankton, with a rosary at 7:00 p.m. followed by a Scripture service at 7:30 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Pallbearers are Joe Gleich, David

(Pokorney) Gleich. He was baptized in the Lakeport Church, rural Yankton, SD and attended Lakeport School, District 13. He farmed all his life ten miles west of Yankton, SD. He belonged to the Farmers Union Coop, Moose Lodge, and National Farmers Organization (NFO). His life revolved around his farm work which he shared with his parents and brother, Emil.

He is survived by 4 nieces: Mary (Russell) Steffen of Rising City, NE, Monica (Warren) Haas of Yankton, SD, Judith Van Kley of Columbus, NE, and Theresa Wells

of Yankton, SD; 4 nephews: Edward Gleich, John (Jane) Gleich, James (Shannon) Gleich, and Robert Gleich, all of Yankton, SD.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Emil, and sister-in-law, Rita.

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Sister Madeleine LeCompte

RAPID CITY — Sister Madeleine Rita LeCompte, OSBS, 89, died Wednesday, December 19, 2012 at Rapid City Regional Hospital Auxiliary Hospice House.

Sister Madeleine was born August 3, 1924 to Anna Blackbird and Frank LeCompte at their home in Moberge, SD. She was baptized shortly thereafter in St. Bede's Church in Ft. Yates, Wakpala, SD. Sr. Madeleine is an enrolled member of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe. She attended St. Joseph's Indian School for eight years in Chamberlain, SD. Her high school years found her at the Rosebud government school for two years. Desiring a more Christian education, Fr. Louis Gall, SJ, helped her to transfer to St. Francis Mission to be taught by the Jesuits and Franciscan Sisters where she graduated in May, 1941. Right after graduation, she entered into a new Religious Community established on the Yankton Sioux Reservation, the Oblate Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament.

At the time of her 50th jubilee, Sr. Madeleine wrote: "Various ministries have been my lot. I began with the boys' sewing room at Marty as a Postulant and Novice. Then word was in the wind that Fr. Sylvester wanted me in the office. The mission was existing through the contributions from the campaign. I got the "run down" on my new position to take over the office. That call was to last 23 years. In between I was Food Service Director at Marty, administration in the Oblate Community, a short term as teacher in grades 1-8 in Greenwood, SD, but then Fr. Sylvester recalled me! I learned so very much under his direction. After his death in 1948, I had to bridge the gap with a new Superintendent and Superior of St. Paul's mission ... this was to last another



LeCompte

Marty to serve another term as Community Leader. Sr. Madeleine began her service at the Kateri Convent in Rapid City, SD, in 1988. She was then called back to Marty to serve as Pastoral Administrator of St. Paul's for two years. Since that time, she returned to Rapid City and has resided there until the Lord chose to call her home.

Sr. Madeleine was preceded in death by her parents, her sisters: Bern Johnson, Mildred Hill, Evelyn LeCompte; and one brother Frank.

She leaves to mourn one brother, George (Betty) LeCompte, several nieces and nephews, her faithful companion and caretaker to the end, Sr. Joan Vittengl, OSBS; and her other Oblate Sisters: Inez Jetty, Patricia Mylott, and Miriam Shindelar.

Mass will be offered at 10:00 a.m., Friday, December 21 at St. Isaac Jogues in Rapid City with Rev. David Matzko, SJ presiding.

Another Mass will be offered at 11:00 a.m. CST, Thursday, December 27, at St. Paul's Church in Marty, with Fr. David Tickerhoof, T.O.R. presiding.

Burial will follow in Marty. In lieu of flowers, memorials have been established to the Rapid City Regional Hospital Auxiliary Hospice House and St. Paul's Church in Marty.

Osheim & Schmidt Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Her online guestbook is available to sign at www.osheimschmidt.com.

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Patricia Wells

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Patricia L. Wells passed away on December 23rd at the Dougherty Hospice House in Sioux Falls after a lengthy battle with ALS while her husband David and sister Nanette held her hands as she ascended into Heaven.

Patti was born in Fargo, ND and grew up in Yankton, SD. She graduated from Yankton High School and received her Bachelor's Degree (with honors) and Master's Degree from the University of South Dakota. Patti was a lifelong educator and touched the lives of many of her students from 4th grade through college.

As an educator, Patti received much recognition over the years but it was her volunteer work that she was most proud of. As an Army spouse, Patti headed the Family Readiness Group during two combat deployments in which she mentored young wives of deployed Soldiers. She was honored as the Fort Riley, KS Volunteer of the Year in 2004. Patti was the recipient of the Dr. Mary Walker Award, Molly Pitcher Award, NISOD Award for



Wells

Excellence in Teaching among her many accolades and achievements.

Patti was lucky to have two families that loved her very much and that love was reciprocated. As an adopted child, she also had strong ties to her biological family. Survivors include her husband David Wells, son Zach Albrecht, mother, Mary Albrecht of Yankton, Biological parents Jack Kushman and Pam Hutchison, sisters Nanette Hulscher, Nancy Wenande, Stacey Basher, and Steph Kushman, brothers John Kushman and Nick Hutchison. She was preceded in death by her father Paul Albrecht and her grandparents.

Patti continues to give to others in death as she did in life. She has donated her body to science.

A memorial service and celebration of Patti's life will be held on her birthday, January 4th with the place and time to be determined.

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LeRoy LeFebvre

LeRoy Darius LeFebvre, son of Joe LeFebvre and Hillary McCann of Yankton, was stillborn Monday,

Dec. 24, 2012, at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton.

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

Nancy Robinson

Nancy Leigh Robinson, 55, of Vermillion, SD passed away Sunday evening, December 23, in her home with her husband and children at her bedside.

Nancy Leigh Robinson was born on August 24, 1957, the daughter of Don and Virginia Jensen of Burbank, SD. She graduated from Vermillion, High School in 1975, attended the University of South Dakota for one year, and then transferred to Minnesota State University in Mankato, MN where she graduated with a degree in social work.

After working for the American Cancer Society in Minneapolis, MN for a year, she married the love of her life, Curt Robinson, of St. Thomas, ND at Dalesburg Lutheran Church on August 15, 1981. The couple moved to Watertown, SD where they lived until 1987 and Nancy worked for Jenkins Methodist Home as a social worker. After Curt was hired by Edward Jones Investments to open an office in Vermillion, the couple moved in 1987 and Nancy worked in the Edward Jones office full time for three years, and then on a part time basis until 2009.

Grateful for the opportunity to have shared her life are her husband of 31 years, Curt Robinson, and their four children: Jordan of Minneapolis, MN, Sam, Valerie and Daniel all of Vermillion. She is also survived by her mother, Virginia



Robinson

Nancy was blessed to have many close friends and relatives that were a very important part of her life. She was an inspiration throughout her cancer illness with her positive attitude and strong faith. Her priorities of serving and loving others were a testimony to her faith and love of Jesus Christ and the church. She was active with women's ministry, youth groups, Sunday school, missions work and service wherever she was needed and was a wonderful mother.

Nancy was preceded in death by her father, Don Jensen.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, December 28th at Grace Baptist Church in Vermillion, with Pastor Steve Ford officiating. Burial will follow in Bluffview Cemetery Vermillion.

Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, December 27th with a prayer service beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the church.

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Avoid the Holiday Buzz with New Year's Fun Week

Free Family Games - Boys and Girls Club (BGC) - Dec. 27, 1-4 pm.

High School Hollidazzle Teen Dance - ShBooms/Bowling Alley - Dec. 27, 6-10:30 pm, \$5 pre-sale tickets at BGC, \$7 at the door, Proceeds go to BGC of Yankton. Must show valid High School ID for entry.

Middle School Dance - Sacred Heart Link Auditorium - Dec. 28, 7-10 pm. \$5 admission. Proceeds go to Parents for a Safe Prom.

Coalition Theater Productions - Yankton City Hall - Activities and skits for all ages - Dec. 29th, 6-9 pm.

Family Movie Night - Carmike Cinemas - Dec. 30, free youth ticket with purchase of every adult ticket.

Free Swim and Gym - Summit Activities Center - Dec. 31, 1-4 pm.

Talent show and Faux Fireworks - Yankton City Hall - Dec. 31, 6-9 pm.

Free Ice Skating - Alcoa Arena - Dec. 31, 6-9 pm.

Door Prizes! Refreshments! A family friendly, alcohol, tobacco, & drug free celebration.



For more info, contact Jennifer Berg, Community Prevention Specialist at L&C Behavioral Health **605.665.4606**



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The family of **Ralph Wieseler** would like to extend our thanks and appreciation to all our friends and family who were there for us when we lost our Dad, Grandpa, and Great Grandpa.

To Steve Klug and the CCW ladies for the meal. To Mary Klug and the choir for the beautiful music. A special thanks to Jerry Wintz and Wintz Funeral Home for being professional and compassionate.

To Tammy, John, Amy, Sheryl, Brenda, Claudette and the whole staff at Park View Nursing Home. We were truly blessed to have such wonderful people taking care of dad. You guys are second to none.

To Fr. Olsen and Deacon Shane Kleinshmit for the beautiful services and support to our family. And to anyone we may have forgotten, many thanks. We are blessed to live in such a caring community.

God Bless All of You!

*Bob and Kathie Wieseler
Ron and Paulette Wieseler
Carol and John Olsen
Lois and Joe Nigrin*

*Darrell and Barbara Wieseler
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