

### Play Production State Event Set For Neb.

NORFOLK, Neb. — The 2013 Nebraska School Activities Association State Play Production Championships will be held Dec. 11-13 at the Johnny Carson Theatre in Norfolk, Neb.

Both Hartington (Class C2) and Wausa (Class D1) are competing in the event. Wausa performs at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11, and Hartington performs at 10:45 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 12.

The performances are open to the public. Admission will be charged.

### Neb. Highway Commission To Meet

LINCOLN, Neb. — The State Highway Commission will hold its next regular meeting at 8:30 a.m. Dec. 13 in Room 103 at the Nebraska Department of Roads' Central Headquarters, 1500 Highway 2, in Lincoln. The October meeting was cancelled.

An agenda for the December meeting will be posted on the NDOR website, www.transportation.nebraska.gov/news/meetings.htm, approximately two weeks prior to the meeting or by calling (402) 479-4871.

The State Highway Commission meetings are conducted in compliance with the Nebraska Statutes of the Open Meetings Act.

### Cramer-Kenyon To Host Open House

The Cramer-Kenyon Heritage Home at 509 Pine Street which was first occupied in 1880 by Alice Bullfinch and Nelson J. Cramer and then bequeathed to Esther and Herbert Kenyon in about 1929, is now occupied by nearly 100 angels who are just waiting for the annual Christmas Open House, set for Dec. 13-15.

Visitors are invited to enjoy the main floor of the beautiful Victorian home where the angels are exerting their guiding influence upon all who enter, experience the ambience of the holiday decorations and sample a home-made cookie or two. This event is a gift from the Cramer-Kenyon Board of Directors, under the leadership of Ann Swift, president.

No reservations are required, but visiting hours will be strictly observed. Friday, Dec. 13, the home will be open from 5-7 p.m. On Saturday, Dec. 14, the Open House hours are from 1-5 p.m. and the same schedule will be adhered to on Sunday, Dec. 15.

### Daring To Be Different



COURTESY PHOTO  
The Webster Elementary 5th graders recently participated in their DARE graduation on Monday, November 25. Many guests and parents were able to attend to help congratulate these students. Officer Shoburg of the Yankton Police Department continues to be a reliable source for our DARE program and offers so much to our students about making good choices and pledging to stay drug-free. He is also present in our lunchroom, other classrooms, and on the playground. We appreciate the support he provides to the Webster Winners!



COURTESY PHOTO  
The fifth graders at Lincoln School held their DARE graduation Tuesday, December 3. Officer Monty Rothenberger guided the students through the DARE lessons. They are pictured here with teachers Alyssa Roth and Deb Jensen and Officer Rothenberger.

## County Property Sold At Auction Monday

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A small strip of property at the former Yankton County Highway Shop site was sold at auction Monday. Joe Schieffer was the sole bidder during the auction, which was managed by East River Auctioneers. The winning bid was \$2,000, according to Yankton County Commission Chairman Bruce Jensen.

In August, Schieffer put in a bid of \$21,000 for the 50-foot by 94-foot strip on the south side of West 11th Street that has Broadway Avenue frontage and adjoins his auto business.

"We couldn't take it because it wasn't 90 percent of the appraised value, which was \$47,000," Jensen said.

After waiting for the amount of time stipulated by state law, Jensen said the county was able to sell the property Monday for a more realistic price.

In August, Schieffer was also the winning bidder on the neighboring Highway Shop property, which included 4,600 square feet of land with several buildings. He paid \$142,000 for it.

You can follow Nathan Johnson on Twitter at [twitter.com/AnInlandVoyage](https://twitter.com/AnInlandVoyage). Discuss this story at [www.yankton.net/](http://www.yankton.net/).

### Spirit Of St. Nicholas



Fifth grade students at Sacred Heart attended an Advent Retreat at the Sacred Heart Monastery. Students learned about the spirit of St. Nicholas, the meaning behind Advent, made boxes from recycled Christmas cards, and heard the Legend of the Candy Cane. Pictured is Simon Hacecky receiving a blessing from St. Nicholas. (Courtesy Photo)

### OBITUARIES

#### Danny Barta

Danny Paul Barta Sr., 63, of Gayville, SD passed away Saturday, December 7th, 2013 at his home in his sleep.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, December 12, 2013 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Yankton with Rev. Mark Lichter officiating. Burial will be in the St. Boniface Catholic Cemetery, Menominee, NE, followed by a reception at Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Visitations will be from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, December 11, 2013 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton with a 7 p.m. rosary followed by a video tribute and a Scripture service at 7:30 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Pallbearers are: Steve



Barta

Achen, Tommy Huether, Jess Barta, Mark Leader, Brent Barta and Ryan Barta. Honorary Pallbearers are Danny's grandchildren and his former Softball Teammates.

He was born on October 8, 1950 in Viborg, SD, to Robert "Buzzy" and Vivian (DeCorra) Barta. He married Carlene Kuchta on November 30, 1974 in Menominee, NE. Danny attended Gayville Public School and graduated in 1969. He went on to work in the hay business for many years, then worked for Concrete Materials until 2011. Danny was a very talented man with many interests and hobbies, including softball, bowling, hunting and fishing with his friends,

children, grandchildren and extended family. Camping or spending time at the river with his entire family was another of his favorites. His spontaneity and optimism were some of the most loveable qualities about him, but most of all he was proud and protective of his children and grandchildren.

Danny is survived by his wife, Carlene Barta of Gayville, SD; his children: Stacy Barta (Steve Achen), Mindy (Tommy) Huether, both of Gayville, SD, Danny Paul Barta Jr. (Jess) of Wausa, NE, and Hillary Barta (Mark Leader) of Crofton, NE; grandchildren: Alec Barta, Maia Achen, Jax Achen, Kelia Barta, Chase Huether, Brady Huether, Olivia Barta, Benjamin Barta, Leila Barta and Trystin Leader; father, Robert "Buzzy" Barta; sib-

lings: Robert Jr. (Pam) Barta, Linda Ryken, Mike (Judy) Barta, Donny (Myrna) Barta, and Debbie Barta.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Vivian (DeCorra) Barta.

Condolences can be sent to PO Box 233, Gayville, SD 57031. We would like to thank all of our family and friends for their support and prayers during this time. Danny was a generous man with a gentle smile for anybody. The positive impact he had on others will be a living legacy. We all look forward to the day we are together with him again when we can sit forever and the fish don't bite.

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#### Cleo Crusan

Cleo L. Crusan, 96, of Sioux City, IA passed away Monday, December 09, 2013 at the Wakonda Heritage Manor Avera in Wakonda, SD.

Cleo Donahue was born October 9, 1917 in Wakonda to Joe and Leona (Dwyer) Donahue, she graduated from Wakonda High School in 1935 upon graduation she worked at the Court House in Vermillion for a short time before moving to California. She worked for Prudential Life Insurance Company for 33 years in the Santa Monica office.

She married Wally Crusan of Van Nuys, on July 3, 1954 and after retirement they moved back to the mid-west and made their home in Sioux City.

Wally died in 1974 and Cleo continued to live in Sioux City before moving into the Wakonda Heritage Manor. Cleo was a devout Catholic, an avid reader and enjoyed doing cross word puzzles.

She is survived by first cousins; Elizabeth Asbra and Donna Dwyer of Sioux City, and Jim Dwyer of Vermillion.

Funeral Mass will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, December 11, 2013 at the St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Wakonda with father Jeff Norfolk officiating and burial in the St. Patrick's Cemetery in Wakonda. [hansenfuneralhome.com](http://hansenfuneralhome.com).

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#### Rudy Unruh

Rudy R. Unruh, who was born Aug. 24, 1945, in Yankton, SD to Reuben and Anna Unruh, passed away in Omaha, Neb., on Dec. 8, 2013.

Rudy attended High School at Marion, SD and was the Valetictorian. He earned his B. S. and Masters degrees from South Dakota State University. Fresh out of College he went to work at Daktronics, and then M-Tron Industries in Yankton, SD, then Valmont Industries in Valley, Ne. Rudy also had a business in Yankton, SD called Audio Masters.

He is survived by cherished friend, Mary Wysuph, and many other friends at the Phoenix.

Private services will be held.

Arrangements are handled by John A. Gentleman Pacific St. Chapel, 14151 Pacific St., Omaha, Ne. 68154.

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#### Walter Roth

Funeral services for Walter Roth, 93, of Tripp will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 14 at Emmaus Lutheran Church in Tripp with Rev. C. Brian Bucklew officiating. Interment will follow in Gracehill Cemetery, Tripp.

Visitation will be held on Friday from 5:00 p.m. until a 7:00 p.m. prayer service at the Goglin Funeral Home in Tripp.

Walter died on Saturday,

December 7, 2013 at Bormann Manor in Parkston. Online condolences may be sent at [www.goglinfh.com](http://www.goglinfh.com).

**Goglin Funeral Home**  
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Peggy died Saturday, Dec. 7, 2013, at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, Neb.

**Melissa (Locken) Roubideaux**  
Melissa Ann (Locken) Roubideaux, 29 of Aurora, Colo., and formerly of Yankton, died Sunday, Dec. 1, 2013, in Aurora as a result from injuries sustained in a car-pedestrian accident.

Memorial Mass is at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, at Sacred Heart Church, Yankton, with the Rev. Dan Rutten officiating. Burial will be in the Sacred Heart Cemetery.

Visitations are 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13 at the Opsahl-

Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton, with a prayer service at 7:30 p.m.

**Gary Anderson**  
Gary A. Anderson, 71, of Coleridge, Neb., died on Sunday, Dec. 8, 2013, at Parkview Haven Nursing Home, Coleridge.

Funeral services are pending at the Wintz Funeral Home, Coleridge, Neb.

#### Martha 'Peggy' Doering

Funeral services for Martha E. "Peggy" Doering, 77, of Bloomfield, Neb., will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 13, 2013, at Christ Memorial United Methodist Church, Bloomfield. Pastor Trudy Hanke will officiate, with burial in the Bloomfield City Cemetery.

Visitation is 4-7 p.m. Thursday at Brockhaus Funeral Home, Bloomfield.

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**Tuesday, December 10**  
7:40 am The Center (Christy Hauer)  
8:20 am Book Signings (Marilyn Kratz)  
8:45 am Dakota Museum (Crystal Nelson)

**Wednesday, December 11**  
7:40 am YC Observer (Kathy Church, Kristy Wyland)  
8:20 am Hy-Vee Foods (Chef Staci)

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