

Sack Pack Donation Deadline Is Friday

The Sack Pack program provides sacks of food that go home at the end of the week with kids in need of food for the weekend during the school year.

The program puts together a larger pack for the holidays. This year, organizers are asking for donations of peanut butter and saltine crackers. If anyone would like to donate one or both for the Sack Pack program, they can leave them at the following places: Ability Building Services at 909 West 23 St. or Wells Fargo at 200 Cedar St.

Deadline to donate is by Dec. 13.

If you have questions about the Sack Pack peanut butter donation, call Sandi Kramer at 605-660-5430.

Live Nativity Set For Saturday In Yankton

The First United Methodist Church, 207 W. 11th Street, Yankton, will be hosting a live Nativity on Dec. 14 at 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.

A brief pageant and music will be performed featuring the talents of local First United Methodist actors, actresses and musicians.

In addition, the Nativity will feature two camels, goats, sheep, miniature cattle and a donkey.

This free performance is open to the public and spectators are welcome to attend either performance. The public is invited to join in the refreshments that will be served immediately following in the church's Wesley Hall. The manger will be located just to the west of the church.

For additional information, contact Lexy Klinkhammer at 605 201-3495.

SAC Pool Will Be Unavailable On Sat.

The Summit Activities Center pool will be unavailable to members and guests on Saturday, Dec. 14, due to the Yankton Swim Team Meet. The weight and fitness area, track and gymnasium will still be open for members and guests as normal.

For further information, call 668-5234 or stop by the Summit Activities Center at 1801 Summit Street. Remember to follow the Yankton Parks and Recreation on Facebook.

Scandinavian Celebration Set For Sat.

VERMILLION — The Dalesburg Scandinavian Association hosts its 36th Celebration of the St. Lucia Tradition at 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, at Dalesburg Lutheran Church, 30595 University Road, north of Vermillion.

The celebration will feature a Lucia Court with one girl being crowned Lucia for the event. There will be a program with a Scandinavian theme and a buffet of Scandinavian food.

A freewill collection will be received for area food pantries.

The celebration remembers the generosity and commitment of St. Lucia to those in need and to her faith.

For information or in case of inclement weather, call 605-253-2575.

MMC To Hold Fall Commencement Dec. 14

Dr. James Sullivan, Ph.D. will be the keynote speaker at the fall commencement exercises to be held at Mount Marty College. The ceremony will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, at Marian Auditorium, 1105 West 8th Street, Yankton.



Sullivan

Speaking to more than 80 students receiving various degrees, Sullivan's message will be, "Learning to See: Liberal Arts in the 21st Century."

Sullivan attended Creighton University earning a Bachelor of Arts in 1972 and a Master of Arts in 1974. He continued his studies at St. Louis University

and earned a Ph.D. in English in 1982. He began teaching at Mount Marty College in 1984 and was for ten years the faculty advisor of The Moderator and Midstream.

Dr. Sullivan edited "A South Dakota Response to Economic Justice for All: Catholic Social Teaching and the U.S. Economy" for the Sioux Falls Diocese. He served for seven years on the Mayor's Commission for Recon-

ciliation in Yankton and has for 25 years served as a community scholar for the South Dakota Humanities Council leading book discussion groups in Platte, Scotland, Irene, Gayville, Vermillion, Yankton and the Yankton Federal Prison Camp. He has presented papers on Chinese, Japanese, Indian and American literature at regional and national conferences and has published interviews, book reviews, and poetry in many literary journals.

The fall commencement will include the first graduates from the Master of Science in Nursing Degree program.

Foundation Helps Build Future With B&G Club

The mission of the Boys & Girls Club is to inspire and enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens. Together, the Traditional Unit (5th-12th grade) and Academy Unit (Pre K-5th grade) serve approximately 200 of this community's youth each day.

The William H. Donner Foundation has partnered with the Boys & Girls Club to help provide this great service through a \$27,476.50 grant that will support general operating.

The Boys & Girls Club of Yankton has an annual operating budget of over \$540,000. All youth are able to attend for a very low cost. Programs focus on three Priority Outcomes: Academic Success, Good Character & Leadership and Healthy Lifestyles and are offered in safe, positive and fun learning environments throughout Yankton.

These funds will help the Club purchase new equip-



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ment for programs such as Clubs Against Tobacco. This program educates members on the dangers of tobacco and provides programming to help them say no to destructive activities. They will also support Healthy Lifestyles programs by allowing the Club to purchase healthier after-school snacks and new sports equipment. The Club's Character and Leadership programming will also be enhanced, giving

the Torch and Keystone Clubs access to a larger starting block for their volunteer services and fundraising campaigns throughout the community.

"Having more equipment would help us play more exciting games when we take trips to Memorial Park. It would be cool to learn how to play softball if we could all have gloves," commented Club member Megan, who is 15 years old.

"Any funds we receive are truly helpful. What's nice about receiving a grant for general programming is that we can use it towards any project we might have at a given time. Right now, we have been seeing a need for a type of transportation-this grant from the William H Donner Foundation will help put us over that mark!" comments Jesse Bailey, Lead Academy Teacher.

The Boys and Girls Club of Brookings Corporation serves Brookings, Moody County and Yankton. The mission of the Club is to inspire and enable all young people, especially those that need us most, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens. The before/after school programs, summer programs, and other camps provide fun, educational activities and opportunities for all youth at a very affordable cost.

To get involved with the club in any way, visit www.greatfuturedd.org or call 605-668-9710.

OBITUARIES

Melissa (Locken) Roubideaux

Melissa Ann (Locken) Roubideaux, age 29 of Aurora, CO and formerly of Yankton passed away Sunday, December 1, 2013 in Aurora, CO as a result from injuries sustained in a car-pedestrian accident.

Memorial Mass will be 10:00 a.m. Saturday, December 14, 2013 at Sacred Heart Church, Yankton with Rev. Dan Rutten officiating. Burial will be in the Sacred Heart Cemetery.

Visitations will be at 6:00



Roubideaux

p.m. Friday, December 13, 2013 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton with a prayer service at 7:30 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Melissa was born January 16, 1984 in Yankton, SD to Robert Locken and Jacqueline M. Roubideaux. She was baptized at Vangen Lutheran Church, Mission

Hill, SD. She attended Stewart Elementary and attended high school in Aurora, CO. She spent her early years in Wakonda, SD and grew up in Yankton, SD with her mother, brothers, sisters, grandparents, aunts, uncles and many cousins. She also spent a lot of time with her best friend, Heather Wells. Melissa was a bright and beautiful little girl whose hobbies included collecting stamps and rocks that she would find. She also loved to write stories and had quite an imagination. She was eager to learn

and also enjoyed roller skating and swimming. Melissa was a petite girl with a beautiful smile. She had a cute voice that made you smile at the sound of her giggles. Those who knew Melissa well loved her, enjoyed her company and were grateful for the times they shared with her.

Melissa met her father, Robert (Bob; aka: Slack) Locken who lived in Aurora, CO. They spent time together and she was happy to have him in her life. After her ten years spent with her mom and siblings, her life

changed, as her mother passed away on March 6, 1995. That summer she went to stay with her dad in Aurora, CO and he continued to be there for her, raised her and knew her best for the remaining years of her life. While living with her dad, she enjoyed spending time with her dog "Teddy" and her cat, "Sammy", and shared many memories of her brothers and sisters with her dad.

Melissa is survived by her father; sisters, Eleanor "Ellie" and Cassandra "Cassie", both of Yankton,

SD; brothers, Joseph "Joe" and Jason, both of Yankton, SD; grandmother, Annette Roubideaux of Yankton, SD; nieces, nephews, many aunts, uncles and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her mother, grandparents, and uncle, Harold Roubideaux.

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Ardell Hatch

Ardell K. Hatch, 93, of Vermillion, SD passed away Monday, December 9 at the Sanford Vermillion Hospital.

Ardell was born July 3, 1920 in Wakonda, SD to Cyrus and Clara (Utesch) Hatch. He graduated from Wakonda High School and served in the 147th field artillery regiment of the US Army from 1940-1945. Upon returning from the service, he started working in his families furniture store in Wakonda and he retired in 1985 and moved to Vermillion in 1973, where he took over the Hatch Furniture store in Vermillion. He married Rula Facer on January 1, 1945 in Wakonda.

Second only to his love of family was his love for USD, all Coyote Athletics and the communities of Wakonda and Vermillion. Ardell was an integral part of bringing a domed stadium to USD and the City of Vermillion. In addition, he was instrumental in the creation of the high school football playoff system and bringing the football playoffs to the Dakota Dome. He served many years on the event committee and established the Joe Robbie award, named for his friend and Miami Dolphins Football team owner, which recognizes the most valuable performer in each playoff game. He and Rula served many



Hatch

years as a host family for out of town football teams. In 1997 he was presented with the distinguished Service Award by the SDHSAA. The University, athletic teams and community have recognized Ardell's dedication by naming him and his wife Rula as the Dakota Dome's First Couple for the Dome's 30th anniversary.

In 2001 Ardell received the Noel Olson Volunteer of the Year Award from the NCC. The USD School of Business honored him with a Distinguished Service Award in 1981 and he received the USD Honorary Alumnus Award in 1988. In 1989 USD presented him with one of his most cherished awards by naming him to the Coyote Hall of Fame as a Special Contributor.

He is survived by his wife Rula of Vermillion, his two daughters; Natalie (Bob) Sturm of Sioux Falls, SD and Kimberly (Guy) Di Benedetto of Pierre, SD a brother Warren (De) Hatch of Yankton, SD, six grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m. Thursday, Decem-

ber 12 at the United Church of Christ in Vermillion with burial to follow in the Bluffview Cemetery in Vermillion. Visitation will be Wednesday, December 11 beginning at 5:00 p.m. with a Prayer Service at 7:00 p.m. all at the church. hansenfuneralhome.com.

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Gary A. Anderson

Gary A. Anderson, 71, of Coleridge, Neb., died on Sunday, Dec. 8, 2013, at Parkview Haven Nursing Home, Coleridge. He is the husband of Judith and five surviving children.

Memorial services are at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church, Coleridge, with the Rev. Katherine Russell officiating. Burial of his remains will be at the Concord Cemetery, Concord, Neb.

There will be a gathering at the church one hour prior to services.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Wintz Funeral Home, Coleridge.

Donald Toczek

Donald Lee Toczek died suddenly at his home in Oak Harbor on November 29, 2013 at the age of 83.

He was born October 20, 1930 in Phillip, South Dakota to Emil and Alice Toczek. Don was married to Doris Abelson on June 28, 1955 in Yankton, S.D. Don served in the U.S. Army for a time and then transferred to the U.S. Air Force. He left active duty, but remained in the Reserves, retiring in 1990.

Don and Doris moved to Oak Harbor in 1966, when he was hired at NAS Whidbey Island as a Utility Worker. Twenty years later Don retired. Following retirement, Don worked as a Security Officer for several locations, but his main job was as security



Toczek

for the Swinomish Casino.

Don enjoyed hunting and fishing, was an active member of the North Whidbey Sportsman Club, was a member of the NRA and loved working with his tractor. He was a member of the Concordia Lutheran Church of Oak Harbor.

Don is survived by his wife Doris and three children and their spouses: Debby Nydam and Jerry of Winslow, AZ; David Toczek of Phoenix, AZ, and Douglas Toczek and Tammy of Graham, WA and one brother Tony Toczek of Yankton, SD. Six grandchildren and four great grandchildren also survive.

Memorial services are scheduled for Thursday, December 5, 2013 at 10 a.m. at Concordia Lutheran Church with Pastor Mark Hanson officiating. The family suggests memorials to Little Lamb's Pre-School, C/O Concordia Lutheran Church, 590 N. Oak Harbor St., Oak Harbor, WA 98277

Friends and family are encouraged to offer condolences and share memories utilizing the Book of Memories hosted by Wallin Funeral Home at www.wallinfuneralhome.com/.

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Donald Munkvold

Donald A. "Donny" Munkvold, age 58, of Tabor died unexpectedly of an apparent heart attack Monday evening, Dec. 9, 2013, at the Landmann-Jungman Memorial Hospital, Scotland.

Mass of Christian Burial is at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 13, at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church, Tabor, with the Rev. Joe Forcelle officiating. Burial will be in the parish cemetery.

Visitations begin at 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, at the Opsahl-Kostel Memorial Chapel, Tabor, with a wake service at 7 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the chapel.

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