

Vermillion Library Offering Amnesty Plan Storm

VERMILLION — In keeping with the season of giving, the Edith B. Siegrist Public Library will offer amnesty to patrons owing fines in the month of December, in exchange for donations of personal care items.

The “Forgiving for Giving” campaign will officially kick-off during our annual Holiday Open House, on Friday, Dec. 4, following the Vermillion Chamber and Development Company’s Downtown Parade of Lights, at approximately 7 p.m.

The “Forgiving for Giving” campaign will collect donations of full-sized personal care items that will then be distributed by the Vermillion Food Pantry

and the Domestic Violence Safe Options Services during the holidays. Patrons who have accumulated overdue fees, with certain restrictions, will be able to have those fines waived in exchange for donations of much-needed items, such as diapers, toothpaste, body wash, shampoo, deodorant, disposable razors, hand soap, dish detergent, toilet paper, etc. A more detailed list, and further details about the amnesty restrictions, is available by stopping by our Circulation Desk or calling the library at 677.7060.

Holiday Open House visitors will be invited to participate in the creation of

festive holiday gift bags, which will also be donated to the chosen charities. In addition, our open house features an opportunity to have pictures taken with Mr. & Mrs. Claus, a variety of holiday-themed crafts, and tasty treats and hot cocoa.

The Edith B. Seigrist Vermillion Public Library is located at 18 Church Street, Vermillion.

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towed at the owner’s expense.

Other area snowfall totals included Menno and South Sioux City, Nebraska, both 6.5 inches; Bloomfield, Nebraska, and two miles southeast of Vermillion, both 5 inches; and Tyndall, 4 inches.

A number of schools closed early or cancelled classes altogether, giving students and staff an extended Thanksgiving holiday break. The hazardous travel created problems for Mount Marty College and University of South Dakota students and staff returning for classes.

Drivers across the region were dealing with slick, snow-packed roads and reduced visibility, said Todd Heitkamp, a National Weather Service (NWS) meteorologist in Sioux Falls, where police reported more than 70 accidents by midday.

And the treacherous driving conditions may continue today. “If people don’t need to be traveling, they shouldn’t be,” Heitkamp told The Associated Press. “Let the road crews do their jobs.”

The early snowfall reports showed 6-8 inches east of Yankton with smaller amounts to the west, according to South Dakota state climatologist Dennis Today.

The two-day storm is a little out of the ordinary, Today told the *Press & Dakotan*.

“The length of the storm is a little longer than usual,” he said. “The main accumulation is with this early part of the storm. But we could see some additional lighter totals around the area.”

Temperatures are hovering around the freezing mark, which Today believes should result in water-filled snow of heavier weight. He figures 10 inches of this snow should produce the equivalent of one inch of precipitation.

“That helps keep the snow from blowing too much,” he said. “We also really have not had much wind with this system yet. There will be a little more (wind on Tuesday).”

El Nino, the weather pattern which comes off the Pacific Ocean, has affected the current storm to some extent, Today said.

“The rest of South Dakota will get some moisture (from this storm), but not as much,” he said. “It still aligns with what we had seen with previous strong El Nino events.”

The South Dakota Rural Electric Association (SDREA) cooperatives in the southeast region didn’t report any major outages or issues on Monday, according to SDREA spokeswoman Brenda Kleinjan.

The *Press & Dakotan* didn’t receive any reports Monday of power outages by NorthWest Energy in Yankton. Also, there were no reports of power outages in northeast Nebraska.

As the current storm moves out of the region, the Decem-

ber forecast calls for warmer temperatures, Today said.

“The December outlook shows a high likelihood of being above-average temperatures throughout the northern plains in December. That’s not a surprise given the current El Nino,” he said.

“The computer models agree keeping most of the cold away from the region. That will allow snow to begin melting more quickly. Relatively warm soils will also help that providing some heat from below. That’s already happened with the snow from last week.”

Farmers seem happy with the outlook, Today said. “One producer was pleased in that more of the moisture from the snow could enter the soil and add moisture,” he said.

Schardin said he will remain pleased as long as his electric lines remain free of ice.

“In the utility business, we don’t like to see the frozen ground,” he said. “So what if it snows for three days? It’s not a bad deal as long as you don’t have snow and (ice). I don’t get much sleep when I’m worrying about freezing rain.”

The storm has forced some postponements and cancellations:

* RTEC’s Holiday Wreaths class, which was originally scheduled to be Monday, has been postponed to Wednesday, Dec. 2. It will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at RTEC, 1200 W. 21st St., Yankton.

* United Way & Volunteer Services of Greater Yankton will be modifying the #givingtuesday collection event “United for Kids.”

Donations of food, children’s toys, toiletries and books can still be dropped off Tuesday at Hy-Vee in drop boxes located in both north and south entry ways. Donations can also be delivered on Wednesday, Dec. 2, through Friday, Dec. 4, to the United Way Nonprofit Center, 610 W. 23rd Street between the hours of 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

If donating monetarily, go online to www.yanktonunitedway.org/give or text the word YANKTON to the phone number 41444. Callers will then be prompted to donate with a credit card.

* Yankton Public Schools dismissed classes at 11:30 a.m. Monday. Numerous schools in the area closed early or didn’t open because of Monday’s weather.

* The Mitchell/Ethan-Hanson-Parkston/Yankton Gymnastics Triangular that was originally scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Monday in Yankton has been rescheduled for Thursday, Dec. 3, at 5:30 p.m. in Yankton.

Also, the Yankton Winter Sports Kickoff will still be held as originally scheduled on Thursday, Dec. 3, at 6 p.m. in the YHS Commons.

* The deadline for submitting nominations for the 2015 Citizen of the Year has been pushed back to 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3. The original deadline was Monday.

* The Mount Marty College Oral Interpretation Contest that was scheduled for Tuesday at MMC in Yankton has been postponed to Tuesday, Dec. 8.

* The Clothing Closet in Yankton will be closing on Tuesday due to inclement weather and will, tentatively, reopen Friday Dec. 4, with regular hours from noon-5 p.m. depending on the weather.

Starting immediately, the Clothing Closet will follow the Yankton School District’s closing schedule and not open when school is called off for bad weather.

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Stella Colwell

Funeral services for Stella E. Colwell, age 89, of Niobrara, Nebraska will be 10:30 a.m. Thursday, December 3 at Niobrara Lutheran Church. Reverend Beverly Rautenberg-Panko will officiate, with burial in L’Eau Qui Court Cemetery in Niobrara.

Visitation will be Wednesday from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the church.

Brockhaus Funeral Home in Niobrara is in charge of arrangements.

Stella died Thursday, November 26, 2015, at Alpine Village in Verdigre, Nebraska.

Stella Elaine (Miller) Colwell was born September 10, 1926, to Marius and Anna (Thomsen) Miller in Mission Hill, South Dakota. She attended school in Irene and Gayville, South Dakota, graduating from Gayville in 1945. On February 15, 1953, Stella was united in marriage to Frederick Dean Colwell at St. John’s Lutheran Church in Yankton, South Dakota. Five children were born to Dean and Stella: Carol, Nancy, Mary, Robert and Richard.

Stella took nurses training at Sacred Heart School of Nursing in Yankton, South Dakota, graduating in 1948. After graduation, she worked for Drs. Smith, Hill, and Reaney in Yankton, South Dakota. After marriage, Stella worked for many years in Verdigre, Nebraska for Dr. Carlson. She finished out her nursing career before retirement at the Bloomfield Good Samaritan Center in Bloomfield, Nebraska.

Dean and Stella lived on the family farm east of Niobrara, Nebraska from 1953, until they moved to Niobrara in 2000. Dean passed away in 2009 and Stella moved to Alpine Village in Verdigre, Nebraska in July of 2011.

Stella was a member of Niobrara Lutheran Church and the VFW Auxiliary. Stella always had a large vegetable garden and did a lot of canning while on the farm. She liked flowers and always had gladiolas, four-o’clocks and zinnias planted around the yard. Stella was very devoted to her family. She was very artistic and was always doing projects with her children when they were small. When her children were in school, she was always involved in their school activities. Stella loved reading stories to her children and grandchildren. She always loved to sing or hum along to her favorite tunes. She was an excellent speller and her passion was doing Word Search and Jumble puzzles.

Stella passed away November 26, 2015, at Alpine Village in Verdigre, Nebraska.

Stella is survived by her children: daughters, Carol and husband Gale Hendrickson of Elm Creek, NE, Nancy and husband Gale Wynia of Sioux Falls, SD, and Mary and husband Kent Snowdon of Niobrara; sons, Robert Colwell and wife Betty of Coleridge, NE, and Richard Colwell and wife Joy of Stanton, NE, 16 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law, Evelyn Miller and Charlotte Miller; sister-in-law, Lois Colwell; and brother-in-law and wife, John and Carolyn Colwell.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dean, her parents, her brothers, Milo and Herley Miller, her brother-in-law, Lyle Colwell, and brother-in-law and wife, Thomas and Darlene Colwell.

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Roana Ostrom

Roana Jo Ostrom, 74, Las Cruces, New Mexico and formerly of Vermillion, died Friday, Nov. 20, 2015.

Tillie Lane

Tillie Lane, age 98, of Yankton, passed away Sunday, November 29, 2015 at Avera Yankton Care Center, Yankton.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, December 2 at St. Benedict Catholic Church, Yankton with Rev. Ken Lulf officiating. Burial will be in the Sacred Heart Cemetery, Yankton.

Visitations will be one hour prior to the service at the church. The Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory,

Yankton, is assisting with service details. Online condolences may be sent at www.opsahl-kostelfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements are pending.

William Hensley

William James Hensley, 63, of Harrisburg, SD passed away November 30, 2015 at the Avera Heart Hospital in Sioux Falls, SD with his loving wife Gloria by his side.

Bill was born March 25, 1952 to James and Lois (Stangel) Hensley in Vermillion, SD. Bill graduated from Vermillion High School and served in the US Army from 1972-1978. He served six tours of duty in Korea where he contracted Agent Orange. He returned to South Dakota and worked for Wilson Trailer in Yankton, retiring for health reasons after 34 years. He married his longtime friend Gloria (Baldwin) Barnes in February 21, 2012 in Vermillion. He always said the best years of his life and happiest were with Gloria, and said she was the best thing that ever happened to him. They did everything together and especially enjoyed riding their Harley and going to out of the way places to eat. They enjoyed Poker Runs for charity and helping sick children.

The couple moved to Harrisburg in 2013 to be closer to larger medical facilities. Bill was a great cook and loved grilling and trying new dishes. Friday afternoon was always their date and they would seek out interesting places to eat. Bill said they should be food critics and be paid for this. Bill was very proud of his family and thought the “grands” were outstanding and bragged about them all the time.

Bill is survived by his wife Gloria of Harrisburg, children: James (Kristen) Hensley, Coon Rapids, MN, Susan (Larry) Hudson, Vermillion, Sheri (Eric) Speckan, Farmington, MN, Michael (Maria) Stach, US Army, Fairbanks, AK. Grandchildren: Meghan and Chase



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near Utica. She attended Wilson District 54 School, Utica, SD. Tillie married Edward Lane on March 30, 1937 and to this union, one son was born on July 14, 1950. She worked for the Fuller Brush Company as a sales lady. Tillie and her husband loved to travel. Their travels took them to Alaska, Florida, Hawaii, Arizona, Canada and Catalina Island. They enjoyed entertaining with friends and dancing. Tillie

Hensley, Coon Rapids, Bobbi Greenfield, Sioux Falls, SD Mollie Greenfield, Vermillion, Luci Hudson, Vermillion, Zachary and Annabelle Speckan, Farmington, Ryder Stach, Yankton, and Ashton Bush, Savannah, GA. He is also survived by a sister Mary (Gary Bottolfson) Chicone, Vermillion and a niece Melissa (John) Baatz, Charleston, SC.

The family suggests memorials be directed to the Vermillion Backpack program.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, December 5 at the First United Methodist Church in Vermillion with a visitation from 5-7 p.m. on Friday, December 4 at the Hansen Funeral Home in Vermillion.

Bill requested that his ashes be spread at Spearfish Canyon at a later date.

Online condolences can be made at HansenFuneralHome.com.

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Elaine Gilbertson

Elaine Joyce Gilbertson, age 69, of Overland Park, KS passed away on November 24, 2015. She was born in Yankton and grew up in Irene, South Dakota. She graduated from Irene High School in 1964. Elaine graduated from South Dakota State University in 1968 with a degree in Home Economics. She moved to Kansas



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City after college graduation. She went to work for Rival Food Company in food testing department. She wrote one of their cookbooks for cooking with a crockpot. Elaine had several jobs in the Kansas City area including becoming a computer instructor.

Elaine was preceded in death by parents, George and Marcine Gilbertson.

She is survived by her sister-in-law, Jackie Gilbertson, Yankton; nephew, Eric Gilbertson, Yankton; niece, Jessi Gilbertson, Eugene, Oregon; one great nephew, George Gilbertson, Yankton and one great niece, Josi Gilbertson, Yankton. She will also be mourned by many good friends and her church family.

Memorial Services will be at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 7851 West 119th Street, Overland Park, KS 66213 on Friday, December 4 at 11:00 a.m. Inurnment will be at Irene, South Dakota. Online condolences may be left at www.mcgilleyhoge.com.

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Curtis Nelsen

Curtis Nelsen, 31, of Yankton passed away on Monday, Nov. 30, 2015, in Yankton.

Funeral arrangements are pending with Kober Funeral Home of Vermillion.

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