

REGION DIGEST

Yankton Man Gets Time For Molesting Teen

STANTON, Neb. (AP) — A 23-year-old South Dakota man has been given one-to-two years in a Nebraska prison for molesting a 13-year-old.

On Monday, Judge Robert Ensz of Stanton County District Court also ordered Jesse Bowman of Yankton to register as a sex offender.

Bowman had pleaded guilty in December to one count of sexual assault of a child.

Court records say he molested the teenager in Stanton, Neb., between April 1, 2008, and May 31, 2008. Bowman was living in Stanton at the time.

The records say Bowman had been arrested in South Dakota on a warrant that charged him with a probation violation, owing to the Nebraska allegation.

Tyndall American Legion To Meet Feb. 6

TYNDALL — Pike-Wagner American Legion Post No. 2 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 6895 of Tyndall will be having High Stakes Bingo at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, at the Tyndall Auditorium.

There will be 14 games of regular bingo, with a 15th being a \$500 blackout. Soft cards will be sold. Free lunch included after the bingo.

St. Benedict To Host Winter Social Feb. 13

The St. Benedict Catholic Church Parish of Yankton will host its annual Winter Social at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13. There will be fine dining as well as musical entertainment by The McNeills.

For more information or for tickets, call the church office at 605-664-6214.

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New Voting Initiative Provides Student Voice To Kids Voting South Dakota Program

RAPID CITY — The Chiesman Foundation for Democracy (CFFD) recently was awarded a project grant through the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC).

Through the grant, Kids Voting South Dakota (KVSD), a non-profit, non-partisan, grassroots organization and a project of the Chiesman Center for Democracy, will implement a comprehensive mock election project for students and teachers in South Dakota that especially targets school districts on South Dakota's Indian Reservations and other underserved minority populations. The program, Teens Electing To Impact Change (TETIC), will enhance the role of the students as conduits for democratic participation. The goals are to increase the percentage of students participating in KVSD mock election by 20 percent and add new programs to six of the nine Indian reservations in the state.

An advisory group of students and mentor teachers participating in TETIC will have the opportunity to attend local and regional trainings, along with planning a state-wide KVSD Youth Kick-off Convention in the fall of 2010. The first orientation meeting for participants is planned for Tuesday, February, 9th in Pierre at the Kings Inn and Convention Center. Students will receive an overview of the Kids Voting

program in South Dakota; discuss their role in the TETIC youth advisory council; provide a youth perspective with suggested ideas for their individual KV sites and the state; share networking opportunities; attend an address by Secretary of State, Chris Nelson; and visit the State Capitol to attend session in the afternoon. The second meeting session will involve the understanding of the deliberative process and learning how to moderate an issue forum. The South Dakota Issues Forums model allows deliberation of public policy issues in a nonpartisan, non confrontational way while learning different points of view and understanding the complexity of issues.

Student leaders in TETIC will understand that civic leadership means responsible citizenship. It means being a leader who seeks knowledge of the election process, the candidates, and the issues in order to contribute their guidance to other youth about the importance of being an educated voter. TETIC leaders will develop the skills they need to make informed decisions that strengthen their connection and commitment to their school and community when it comes to civic participation. They will contribute in a constructive manner and understand how leadership is education in action for the common good. Leaders will help other students better

define and understand what it means to have an impact on society and that their vote and civic engagement is relevant and has an impact on society as a whole. TETIC will provide students with an opportunity to learn leadership skills, practice professionalism, network with other youth, contribute to the mission and goals of KVSD, and give back to their communities.

Kids Voting South Dakota is dedicated to building a more informed generation of voters and providing an exciting and useful civics education program for all K-12 South Dakota students. The program begins with teachers incorporating the hands-on Kids Voting Curriculum in the classroom and culminates on Election Day when students go to official polling sites and cast their votes on the same candidates and issues as adults. In the 2008 election almost 80,000 students across South Dakota participated. The Kids Voting South Dakota mission is to promote voter participation and to educate students regarding the voting process.

To learn how you can get involved, contact your local school district or DeVee Dietz, Civic Education Programs, Kids Voting South Dakota at the Chiesman Center for Democracy, (605) 341-4311 or visit www.chiesman.org.

OBITUARIES

Bernie Box

MOLINE, Ill. —Bernie Rae Box, 77, of Moline, died Tuesday, February 2, 2010 at Trinity Medical Center West, Rock Island.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be 11:30 a.m. Saturday, February 6, 2010 at Sacred Heart Church, Moline, where she was a member. Visitation will be 10-11 a.m. Saturday at Rafferty Funeral Home, 2111-1st Street A, Moline.

Visitation one hour before the service Monday, February 8 at Sacred Heart Church, Riverside, IA with a Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. Burial will be at St. Peter's Cemetery, Jefferson, SD. Larkin Funeral Home, Sioux City, IA is assisting the family with arrangements in Iowa. Memorials may be made to Sacred Heart Church, Moline and Sacred Heart Church, Riverside, IA.

Bernie Rae was born November 8, 1932 in Sioux City, IA, the daughter of Clarence and Bernadette Fontaine Bernard. She married Frank Box in 1961 in Jefferson, SD. He preceded her in death.

Bernie started her long career in the hotel business near her home town in 1953 at the age of 21 at the Warrior Hotel in Sioux City, IA. In later years, after moving to the Quad City area, she was involved in working the hotel front desk and 3rd shift night audit at several hotels including the former LeClaire Hotel in Moline, the Fort Armstrong and the former Rock Island Sheraton Motor Inn, Quality Inns International and the Historic Blackhawk Hotel in Davenport. She began her service at the Blackhawk Hotel in 1987 and was still employed to date with the Isle Casino and Hotel, who had formerly owned the Blackhawk Hotel from 2001. She will be deeply missed by her friends, co-workers and others that were lucky enough to be touched by her sincere kindness and warm heart.

Bernie Rae was a member of Sacred Heart Church and National Catholic Society of Foresters Court 956.

Survivors include her brothers, Marcus Bernard, Jefferson, SD and Daryl Bernard, Yankton, SD and nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Buddy Bernard, Jr.

Condolences may be left at www.RaffertyFunerals.com. Yankton Press & Dakotan February 4, 2010

Myrtle Thormodsgaard

Funeral services for Myrtle Thormodsgaard will be 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6th at Nathanael Lutheran Church in Alcester.

Visitation will be Friday from 3-7 p.m. at Wass Funeral Home in Alcester with the family present from 5-7 p.m.

Myrtle Ihlene Peterson was born August 21, 1917 in Clay County, near Centerville, to Amund and Ida (Mellem) Peterson and entered into death on February 2, 2010 at Avera Yankton Care Center in Yankton, South Dakota at the age of 92 years, five months and 11 days.

Myrtle attended Ash Creek rural school and was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith at Scandia Lutheran Church. She worked at Norway Center Store, where she met her future husband, Albert Thormodsgaard. They were united in marriage on August 22, 1941 in Canton, SD. Myrtle was a member of Nathanael Lutheran Church and enjoyed her circle and sewing quilt tops with the other quilters.

The couple farmed south of Alcester until 1977 when they moved into an apartment in Alcester. Albert died on October 14, 1994 in Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton. In March of 2001, Myrtle moved to Sunrise Apartments in Yankton to be closer to her daughter and son-in-law. On July 18, 2009 she fell in her apartment and has resided in the nursing home until her death.

Her parents, three brothers, five sisters, her husband and a daughter preceded her in death.

Those who survive and gratefully shared her life are her daughter, Janet Neibergall (Bob) of Yankton; son-in-law, David Braastad (Ann) of Westhampton, MA; six grandchildren, Lisa Swartz of Pierre, SD, Dr. Corey Braastad of Southampton, MA, Jared Belkey of Houlton, WI, Ryan, Dane and Andrew Braastad of MA; five great-grandchildren, Logan and Easton Swartz of Pierre and Lauren, Aiden and Ethen Braastad of Southampton.

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Kathleen (Holmes) Teget

Kathleen G. (Holmes) Teget, 93, of Yankton, South Dakota, died Monday, February 1, 2010 at Walnut Village in Yankton.

Memorial services are 11:00 a.m. on Friday, February 5, 2010 at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton. Inurnment will be at the Rose Hill Cemetery in Shenandoah, Iowa at a later date. Friends may join the family a half-hour prior to the service to visit, and are invited to join them following for a light lunch and to continue sharing memories.

Kathleen was born April 28, 1916 in Shenandoah, Iowa to Howard and Hazel (Gwynn) Holmes. She graduated from

Charles Bingen

BURBANK — Charles Merle Bingen, 62, of Burbank, SD, passed away Monday, February 1, 2010 at Sanford Vermillion Hospital after a long battle with pain resulting from work-related accident in July 2008.

Charles was born on June 2, 1947, the son of Charles H. and Evelyn (Bartholow) Bingen in Presho, SD. He was one of the five children. Charles graduated from Presho High School in 1965 and continued his education at the University of South Dakota from 1994 - 1998. He married Jan (Larsen) in 1971 in Vermillion, SD where they made their home. Charles spent most of his life working in the construction business as a heavy equipment operator.

His greatest job in life was spending time with his children and grandchildren. He also enjoyed classic cars, hunting, and auctions.

Charles is survived by his wife, Jan of Burbank; his five sons, Charles (Kate) and their four children, Christopher "Kip" (Deana) and their five children, and Michael and his three children, and Erik (Amanda Granaas), all of Vermillion, and Chad and his two children of Casper, WY; his sister, Gail Byre of Mason City, IA and his brothers, Kent Bingen of Rapid City, and Joel (Kim) Bingen of Lead, SD.

Shenandoah High School and continued her education in Mason City and later at the University of Iowa where she earned a B.A. After college, Kathleen returned to Shenandoah where she met and later married Marvin "Bud" Teget on June 1, 1939. In 1961, Bud and Kathleen moved to Yankton. Kathleen loved living in Yankton and was active in the community.

Throughout her adult life she took great enjoyment in being a homemaker, mother, grandmother, and participant in community activities. She was involved in Yankton in a number of organizations including, PEO Chapter K, Questers, Book Club and the

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, Randy Bingen, and his brother-in-law, Dale Byre.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, February 6, 2010 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Vermillion with Rev. Ed. Anderson officiating. Burial will be in Bluff View Cemetery and the reception will follow at the church after the committal service. Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday, February 5, 2010 with the family present from 6 to 7 p.m. at Iverson-Siecke-Kober Funeral Home, Vermillion with a prayer service at 7 p.m.

Condolences may be sent online to www.koberfuneralhome.com

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Dellano Hoelsing

FORDYCE, Neb. — Dellano H. Hoelsing, 77, of Fordyce, Neb., died Wednesday (Feb. 3, 2010) at

the Golden Living Center, Hartington, Neb.

Funeral services are at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Boniface Catholic Church, Menominee, Neb., with the Rev. David Fulton officiating. Burial will be in the parish cemetery. Visitations begins at 4 p.m. Friday at Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton, with a 7 p.m. rosary followed by a 7:30 p.m. Scripture service. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Ole Overby

VIBORG — Ole Overby, 87, died February 3, 2010, at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Viborg.

Services will be held on Saturday at 1:00 p.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Viborg. Visitation is Friday from 1 to 8 p.m. with family present from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Viborg Funeral Home. Survivors are a son John

death by her parents and husband, Marvin H. "Bud" Teget.

The family suggests that memorials may be given to Avera Sacred Heart Hospice or the Yankton Public Library.

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

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