

REGION DIGEST

YHS Wins 'Superior' At One-Act Play Festival

Yankton High School brought home a Superior rating from the South Dakota State One Act Play Festival, held in Brandon Feb. 4-6.

YHS performed "Marat/Sade" by Peter Weiss. A public performance of the play will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Summit Activities Center theatre.

Also, Gavin Brandt and Ellie Tieszen of YHS were honored with Outstanding Individual citations in the AA division, while the Yankton cast won an Outstanding Ensembles honor.

The Yankton production was directed by Keith Goeden, with student directors Michaela Wuestewald and Nicole Westerman. Pam Kallis served as coach.

In Class A, Vermillion won a Superior rating for its production of "The Arkansas Bear" by Aurand Harris. The play was directed by Mary Begley.

Vermillion actors winning Outstanding Individual honors included Sarah Axtell, Julie Renner, Hannah Ford, Garret Olson, Rosie Ahmed, Joe Ford and Nathan Ford. Vermillion also won an Outstanding Ensembles award.

Also in Class A, Bon Homme's Amanda Putnam, Kate Koch, Daniel Vellek and Anna Robertson won Outstanding Individual honors for the BHHS production of "The Sequence" by Vincent Delaney. The play was directed by Linda Haar and Bernard Kastein (student director).

In Class B, Freeman Academy earned a Superior rating with its production of "Twelve Angry Pigs" by Wade Bradford. Brittney Ries, Christina Hofer, Lillie Koerner and Caroline Schrag won Outstanding Individual honors. The play was directed by Gwen Ortman and Lauren Unruh (student director).

Also in Class B, Menno won an Outstanding Ensembles citation for its production of "Teenage Nightmare" by Laura Toffenetti. The play was directed by Betsy Knodel and Kay Smidt.

Yankton School Board To Discuss Enrollment

Student enrollment numbers for the Yankton School District will be discussed during the monthly meeting of the Yankton School Board at 5:30 p.m. tonight (Monday) at the Technical Education Center.

Other items on the agenda include a boundary change request, a truancy and absenteeism report, and a report on the 2010 Yankton High School Summer School Program.

This meeting is open to the public.

Woman Sustains Burns Lighting Cigarette

One person was hospitalized with head burns after an emergency call in Yankton Sunday morning.

According to the Yankton Fire Department, emergency personnel were summoned to the Sir Charles Apartments in the downtown district at 8:40 a.m. for an unknown call. A female was found to have sustained burns on her head while attempting to light a cigarette. It is believed she had been using an inhaler prior to lighting the cigarette.

She was transported to a Sioux Falls hospital with first- and second-degree burns on her head.

Habitat For Humanity Seeking Applicants

The local chapter of Habitat for Humanity is seeking qualified applicants for 2010. Applications are available at the Yankton Community Library, 515 Walnut Street and the Habitat for Humanity office located at 231 Broadway Ste. 8 through March 1.

Partner families are selected based upon their need for housing, ability to repay their mortgage and their willingness to partner with Habitat by providing 300 sweat-equity hours. Partner families pay the full price of their home as well as property insurance, taxes and utilities. The homes are kept affordable through donations of material and time in addition to a 0 percent interest rate for the life of the loan.

For more information, go to habitatyanktoncounty.com or call Julie Dykstra at 605-260-4224.

Classes Offered By Southeast Job Link

Southeast Job Link (SEJL) of Yankton is offering the following computer programs during February and March:

- Introduction to bookkeeping basics (12 hours: Feb. 16-18)
- Quickbooks Pro 2007 (20 hours: Feb. 22-26)
- Intermediate Excel 2007 (8 hours: March 10 and 12)
- Adobe Photoshop (8 hours: March 29 and 31)

Southeast Job Link is located at the Technical Education Center (just north of the Summit Activities Center), 1200 West 21st Street, Yankton, SD 57078. Call 605-668-3480 for more information or visit www.southeastjoblink.org.

■ Get Updates At Yankton Online (www.yankton.net)

Building Permits Set Record In Brookings

BROOKINGS (AP) — Some South Dakota cities saw a rise in building permits last year but a drop in the value of construction.

The number of building permits issued in Brookings in 2009 increased more than 5 percent from the year before, setting a record. However, the total value of construction fell nearly 11 percent from 2008.

City Engineer Jackie Lanning

says a lot of smaller remodeling permits were issued last year, which could explain the rise in the number of permits but the fall in total construction value.

The situation was much the same in Pierre, which saw an increase in permits but a drop in construction value. Building inspector John Irvine says the reason is some bigger, more expensive projects in 2008.

Corn Palace Featured On Oprah Site

MITCHELL (AP) — Mitchell and its famous Corn Palace have been included in a feature on a Web site run by and focused on television talk show host Oprah Winfrey, prompting the director of the local visitors bureau to say that she's "thrilled" and especially pleased by the article's timing.

Hannah Walters, director of the Mitchell Convention and Visitors Bureau, learned last month that Mitchell would be featured on the Web site (<http://www.oprah.com/>). The article's author, Bradford Dworak, contacted the CVB Jan. 20 and asked a series of questions

about the Palace, especially inquiring about the impact the building has on the community and the basic lifestyle that Mitchell enjoys.

"No way" was my first response when I got the message that a writer from "Oprah" called," Walters said. "I honestly was surprised, yet very excited."

The article, titled "Explore small-town USA," is included in the Web site's "America the Beautiful" section.

It begins by noting that "Mitchell, South Dakota, is still the type of Midwest community where

residents leave their front doors open for the neighbors, share their keys and watch each other's pets."

Mitchell's claim to fame, Dworak notes, is "a treasure that would seem better suited to the far-off lands of Europe — a palace."

The article goes into detail about the annual process to change the murals and also makes mention of "antique and gift shops, art galleries and restaurants," as well as the George McGovern Legacy Museum, the Prehistoric Indian

Village and Lake Mitchell.

The timing is great, Walters said, because potential visitors to the region are just now starting to consider and plan their spring and summer vacations.

"We can't buy this kind of editorial coverage," she said. "And even if we could, we couldn't afford Oprah's expansive reach. It continues our efforts to increase awareness of Mitchell, provide interactive content and invite more consumer dialogue online and generate media coverage. These are key elements in our marketing plan."

OBITUARIES

Beverly DeLozier

Beverly Ann DeLozier, age 67 of Yankton, South Dakota, peacefully entered the arms of Jesus Saturday February 6, 2010 after a courageous two-year battle with cancer. Bev was at her home surrounded by her husband, children, and grandchildren.

A Celebration of her life will be held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, February 10, 2010 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Yankton with Rev. Dave Wildermuth officiating. A lunch will follow the service at the Ernest-Bowyer VFW Post #791, Yankton.

Visitations with family present will be from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday, February 9, 2010 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Beverly was born June 24, 1942 in Yankton, South Dakota to Lloyd and Nancy (Brewer) Sparby. Lloyd was killed in action on June 16, 1944 in France. He was awarded posthu-



DeLozier

ously the Purple Heart and Bronze Star. Bev graduated from Yankton High School in 1961. She was united in marriage to Jerry DeLozier on Saturday, January 11th, 1964 to whom three children were born, Denise, DaNell, and Darrik. Bev worked at various places in Yankton including Dale Electronics, Yankton School Food Services, Home Health Aide, Save U More/HyVee, and eventually retiring from the Human Services Center in July 2009. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and the Yankton VFW Ladies Auxiliary.

She enjoyed going for car rides, walking, shopping, garage sales, dancing, cooking and was known for her macaroni salad. Bev loved spending time with her family especially her grandchildren. She always had a heart for the less fortunate and once

you met her you were her friend for life.

Bev is survived by her husband, Jerry of Yankton, SD; children: Troy and Denise (DeLozier) Telthoester and their children, Logan (15) and Rachel (14) of Savage, MN, Joe and DaNell (DeLozier) Tucker and their children, Hayden(2) and Henry (3 months) of Savage, MN, and Darrik and Theresa (Schurman) DeLozier and their children, Makenzie (10), Meghan (7) and Brooks (1) of Yankton, SD; her sister, Barb Hallum of Lenexa, KS, nephew Bill Jungclaus, KS, and niece Amy Meier of MO; brother, Robert Sparby of Yankton, SD special friends, Ken and Susie Harts of Liberty, MO; her sisters and brothers through marriage are: Delmar and Nyla Eddie of Carroll, NE, Jim and Mary DeLozier of Yankton, SD, Loran and Kathy Tramp of Yankton, SD, Doug and Cheryl DeLozier of Brooksville, FL, Suzie Harmsen of Hecla, SD, Melissa and Randy Nieman of Fremont, NE, Joe

Sedlacek of CA, Jim and Shelly Sedlacek of WI, Jerry and Polly Sedlacek of WA, Mary and Bruce Sorensen of AZ, and John Sedlacek of Yankton. Also survived by her mother-in-law, Evelyn Sedlacek of Yankton, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Angels greeting her in Heaven are her mother, Nancy Sparby, her father, Lloyd Sparby, father-in-law, Melvin DeLozier, Grandpa and Grandma Harry and Agnes Sparby, and many other loved family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations made to the Yankton Relay For Life/Team Name, Bev's Believers or the American Cancer Society.

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Sydney Jones

Sydney Anne Jones, age 21, died of complications from a massive heart attack at Creighton University Medical Center on February 4, 2010.

Significant dates and events of Sydney's life included: She was born on March 22, 1988 to Troy and Mary Jones in Pierre, South Dakota. She was baptized on May 14, 1988 at St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church. She received her First Holy Communion on April 7, 1996 at St. Lambert Catholic Church. As a 10 year-old flew by herself to New York City to visit her sister, Becky. In the summer of 2002 went on a "girl's trip" to New York with Mom, Grandma, Coleta, Aunt, Kendall, and Cousin, Brianne. In the summer of 2004 went on a Christian pilgrimage to Rome and joined 1 million other Catholic young people for World Youth Day in Cologne, Germany. Sydney was confirmed at St. Lambert's Parish on February 20, 2005. She graduated from O'Gorman High School in 2006. In the winter of 2006 served as a legislative page. Sydney will graduate from Creighton University on May 15, 2010.

Sydney loved to travel on family vacations, to see her friends at various colleges, ski trips, pheasant hunting, to visit family in Tennessee and Arizona, her cousin's fashion shows, and sporting events in Kansas City with the Grebles.

But these only give a glimpse of the depth and goodness of Sydney. She gave of her time and talent volunteering in support of children in high school and college and participated in life prayer chains at O'Gorman and Creighton. Sydney bought her own car with money earned collecting aluminum cans, babysitting, working at HyVee and Minnehaha Country Club. She had a special enthusiasm for family get-togethers. She couldn't wait to get there; she didn't want them to end, and to keep people from going to bed she proposed "one more game of Frustration."



Jones

Her siblings were her most intimate friends and confidantes and she, theirs. She loved when her nephews and niece visited her at school, stayed in her apartment, rode in her "blue car blue car" or just hanging out with them. Sydney gave back more than she was given. To be her friend, she asked much but gave more. Sydney depended on her older sister for advice and generously provided advice for her younger sister; even though she didn't like taking advice from her parents.

Sydney is survived by her parents Troy and Mary, siblings Becky (Damian Greble), Steven (Amy Hamberger) and McKenzie; nephews, Noah & Zachariah Greble and Jonah and Eli Hamberger; niece and Goddaughter, Ella Greble; grandparents, Coleta and Royal Koch; uncles, Mark Kelley (Jacquie), Mike Kelley (Jo), Romney Jones

(Susan), and Trevor Jones (Wendy), aunts Kendall Jones (Jeff), Pat Flett (Steve), and Cathy Winckler (Tom); 18 cousins, several step-aunts, uncles and cousins and a large extended family who Sydney loved deeply.

Sydney was preceded in death by her Grandmother, Alverna Auch; Grandfathers, William Kelley and Troy Jones; and Cousin, Jodi Beringer Larabee.

Mass of Christian Burial will begin at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, February 8, 2010 at St. Lambert Catholic Church, 1000 S. Bahnson Avenue, Sioux Falls, SD. Visitation will begin at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday at St. Lambert's with a Liturgical Wake Service and Rosary beginning at 7:00 p.m.

The family is requesting that in lieu of flowers, memorials be sent to the: Sydney Anne Jones Memorial Fund, Catholic Foundation of Eastern South Dakota 523 N Duluth Avenue Sioux Falls, SD 57104.

An online registry is available at www.georgeboom.com.
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Mary Grimme

TYNDALL — Funeral arrangements for Mary J. Grimme, 78, of Tyndall are pending with Goglin Funeral Home of Tyndall.

Mary passed away on Sunday, February 7, 2010 at Avera St. Michael's Hospital in Tyndall.

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who passed away on
February 8, 2009

Allen Kokesh Jr.
who passed away on
February 7, 2006

Martha Wiczorek
who passed away on
February 13, 2005

Elmer Foxhoven
who passed away on
February 7, 2003

Jean Hunhoff
who passed away on
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