

### Final One-Act Play Results Announced

ABERDEEN — The final results of last week's South Dakota State One-Act Play Festival were announced Tuesday by the South Dakota High School Activities Association.

In Class AA, Yankton's production of "The Yellow Boat" won a superior rating. The play was directed by Keith Goeden.

In Class A, Vermillion's production of "The Hairy Ape" won a superior rating. Randy LaMie of Vermillion won an Outstanding Individual honor, and the Vermillion cast won an Outstanding Ensembles citation.

Also in Class A, Beresford's production of "4 a.m." garnered Outstanding Individual honors for Shelby Jensen, Alinia Houser and Danika Taylor-Peterson.

In Class B:

- Tripp-Delmont's production of "Crush!" featured Outstanding Individual performances by Algren Dylan Peters and Drake DuPlessis;
- Menno's production of "Law and Order: Fairy Tale Unit" produced Outstanding Individual awards for David Schelske, Shelby Huber and Stiltskin Shiloe Rich. Menno also brought home an Outstanding Ensembles honor.
- Freeman Academy's performance of "We Loathe Our Customers" netted Outstanding Individual honors for Emily Epp, Brennan Waltner, Brooklyn Ries and Christina Hofer.

### ASH Weight Watchers Online Portal Available

The Avera Sacred Heart Weight Watchers Online Portal is now available. The new Weight Watchers Online Portal is a new format for online monthly pass registrations. The Online Portal delivers more convenience and flexibility. Research has shown people who attend Weight Watchers meetings and use e-Tools lose 50 percent more weight than those who just attend meetings.

If you are interested in being a member of the Avera Sacred Heart Hospital Weight Watchers meetings, contact the Wellness Center. Meetings will be every Monday with weigh-in from noon-12:30 p.m. and the meeting from 12:30-1 p.m. in the Benedictine Center Conference Room.

For more information or to obtain your Weight Watchers login information, contact the Avera Sacred Heart Hospital Wellness Center at (605) 668-8357.

### The Center To Hold March For Meals Campaign

The Center's Meals on Wheels program has announced that it will be participating in the national 2012 March For Meals campaign. The Center's March For Meals events include a 5K run and Pizza Ranch and Hy-Vee fundraisers. Register at [www.yanktonseniorcenter.org](http://www.yanktonseniorcenter.org).

"In this tough economy, the food and human contact we provide to seniors in this community is needed more than ever," said Tameka Matuska, executive director of The Center. "We need the community to come out and support our March For Meals events. Our clients are counting on us. We can't let them down."

March For Meals is a national campaign held during the month of March, initiated and sponsored by the Meals on Wheels Association of America (MOWAA), to raise awareness of senior hunger and to encourage action on the part of local communities. Senior Nutrition Programs across the United States, like (Meals on Wheels), promote March For Meals through public events, partnerships with local businesses, volunteer recruitment and fundraising initiatives. This year, Meals on Wheels programs across the country are also celebrating the 40th anniversary of the inclusion of Senior Nutrition Programs in the Older Americans Act (OAA). The OAA is the primary piece of federal legislation that authorizes and supports vital nutrition services, both congregate and Meals on Wheels, to Americans age 60 and older.

### Free Tax Preparation Being Offered By MMC

For the 18th year, Mount Marty College students will assist Yankton area residents with preparing their individual tax returns without charge. Students enrolled in the tax clinic course will help prepare required federal and state tax returns for low-income clients. The students will meet with each client for an initial interview and then prepare the necessary tax returns. A second, short appointment will then be conducted to go over the results of the tax returns before filing.

Each tax return will go through a verification process to ensure accuracy before being returned to the client for filing. At the conclusion of the tax return preparation process, the client will be given a paper return to mail to the Internal Revenue Service along with a full and complete copy for their personal records. No data relative to any tax returns will be maintained by Mount Marty College or the students providing the service.

Those interested in taking advantage of this free service should email [taxprep@mtmc.edu](mailto:taxprep@mtmc.edu) or call Mount Marty College at 605-668-1011 to schedule an appointment. Appointments will be scheduled on Mondays from 4-7 p.m., Tuesdays from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and Thursdays from 3-6 p.m. Appointments will be taken through April 9.

# Senate Panel Approves Watershed Districts Bill

P&D Staff Reports

PIERRE — The South Dakota Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee on Tuesday gave unanimous support to a bill that would create certain watershed districts in the James River valley to deal with continued water problems caused by increased moisture in the state over the past few years.

Senate Bill 169 was passed by a vote of 9-0 in the Senate committee.

If it gets approval by the full Legislature, SB 169 will establish the James River Water-

shed District which "may include any conservation district, or any watershed district that is formed under any conservation district, located in Aurora, Beadle, Bon Homme, Brown, Clark Davison, Day, Douglas, Edmunds, Faulk, Hand, Hanson, Hutchinson, Hyde, Jerauld, Kingsbury, Marshall, McCook, McPherson, Miner, Sanborn, Spink and Yankton counties," according to the language of the bill.

The watershed district, if formed, would have taxing authority to raise funds to pay for projects that will help deal with the water problems. It would be made up of a board of

managers who would come from conservation or watershed districts which vote to be included in the regional watershed district.

The bill was amended in the Senate committee to also establish a Regional Watershed Advisory Task Force that would advise the watershed district on "matters relating to drainage, erosion, flood control, reclamation, environmental protection, and improvement of lands, soils, waters, and all other authorized purposes," according to the amendment.

The bill will move to the Senate floor for consideration at a later date.

## Marty Sites Added To National Register Of Historic Places

PIERRE — The Marty Indian Gymnasium and St. Therese Hall in Marty is one of two South Dakota properties added in January to the National Register of Historic Places, according to the South Dakota State Historical Society.

Also added was the Hardy Ranger Station in Lawrence County.

The National Register is the official federal list of properties identified as important in American history, architecture, archaeology, engineering and culture. The State Historic Preservation Office of the State Historical Society at the Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre works in conjunction with the National Park Service,

which oversees the National Register program.

The Marty Indian School, formerly known as Marty Mission School, is located in Marty on the Yankton Reservation. The gymnasium, built in 1935, is a three-story brick building in the Stripped Classicism style, which was popular at the time. Designed in the Art Deco style using brick and limestone, the four-story St. Therese Hall was completed in 1945.

These buildings are listed on the National Register in the areas of Education, Art, Religion, Ethnic Heritage and Architecture. The school's buildings embody important historical trends about 1930s school architecture, early

20th century Sioux artwork, the development of the mission and community around Marty, as well as the history of Catholic missions to American Indian tribes in South Dakota.

South Dakota's history is rich in American Indian culture, pioneer life and change," said Jay D. Vogt, state historic preservation officer and director of the State Historical Society. "Properties listed on the National Register are important for their role in South Dakota's culture, heritage and history. And when properties get listed, it shows that their owners take pride in their role in preserving that culture, heritage and history."

Buildings, sites, structures

and objects at least 50 years old possessing historical significance may qualify for the National Register, according to Vogt. Properties must also maintain their historic location, design, materials and association. Listing on the National Register does not place any limitations on private property owners by the federal government.

For more information on the National Register or other historic preservation programs, contact the State Historic Preservation Office at the Cultural Heritage Center, 900 Governors Drive, Pierre, SD 57501-2217; telephone (605) 773-3458 or website [history.sd.gov/Preservation](http://history.sd.gov/Preservation).

## Center

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surrounding area."

In that regard, rural residents will not only enjoy access to the city-owned facility but also pay the same rental rates as city residents, Tjaden said.

The change from a gym-annex to a community center had its roots when the Freeman Public School system brought all of its students under one roof, said City Administrator Dennis Nelsen.

"The old elementary school was torn down (in 2009), and the school district constructed a new elementary building where the high school campus is located," he said.

The school board and administration approached the city about taking over the unattached gym-annex which remained standing, Nelsen said. The council agreed to the change, and ownership was transferred to the city, he said.

The gym-annex had no heating and cooling when the city assumed ownership, Nelsen said. The facility never had cooling, and the heating had been provided by the now-demolished elementary school, he said.

In order to resolve the issue and to prepare the community

center for year-round use, the city pursued and received a state energy-efficiency grant of \$369,375 for installing a geothermal system, Nelsen said.

"This (geothermal) project wouldn't have been done without the grant," Tjaden said, noting the grant kept the total facility costs feasible.

In determining the city's financial contribution toward restoration, the council followed the same formula used for the new emergency center and new library during the past decade, Tjaden said.

The city pledges up to \$90,000 and serves as the conduit for receiving state and federal money, the mayor said. The projects also draw upon private funding, he said.

"It's a model that we have used," he said. "With limited funds, everybody has to buy in. If not enough people buy in, then it won't be done."

A key part of that "buy-in" for the community center was private donations totaling \$142,224.86, Tjaden said. The city appointed a fundraising committee that reported to the city council at its monthly meetings, he said.

Another key development came when the contractor, Westmar Construction, covered the \$30,000 difference when bids came in higher than expected, the mayor said.

During Monday night's city

council meeting, Tjaden appointed a five-member government board to guide the community center's operation. In turn, the mayor and council will oversee the board members.

The government board members, who serve two-year terms, consist so far of city councilmen Charly Waltner and Royce Breneman, along with city residents John Koch and Norm Kaufman. The mayor is waiting for an answer from the fifth person, a rural resident, invited to serve on the board.

The community center offers not only a great deal of space but also a variety of offerings, Tjaden said.

The west half of the building contains the basketball court and bleachers, while the east half includes the lunchroom and classrooms. The facility has new ceilings, and the stage stands between the two halves of the building.

With the community center now ready for use, Tjaden sees tremendous potential.

"We put the feeler out about what we can dream (for the building) and what it can be in the future," he said. "We could look at the seating, improve the stage for plays, get a movie screen and hold movie weekends, that kind of thing, to make it more than just a big space for occasional use."

The idea of showing movies re-

ceived a major boost when the Lorraine Theatre at Armour provided its old projector to the Freeman Community Center, Tjaden said.

"Armour did us a big favor," he said. "They received a grant for a digital movie projector, so we got their old one."

The mayor also foresees the community center providing tremendous possibilities for business recruitment and economic development.

"The east end, with its classrooms, provides an area for business incubators and adult education. We could help businesses get on their feet," he said. "We have several manufacturers up here (in Freeman) who need help, and we are talking with an area technical training center. We have this building, so why not get together and try to marry up some deals where people can get education and get employed?"

The new community center offers much more space than the city would have pursued if starting from scratch, Tjaden said.

"Truthfully, if the city was going to build a brand new community center, it would be half as big. But the building was already there, and it was available for Freeman," he said. "This (facility) should be another avenue of entertainment and expansion for business in our area."

### OBITUARIES

#### Alice Frasch

MENNO — Alice H. Frasch, age 83 of Menno, died peacefully Sunday, February 5, 2012 at the Menno-Olivet Care Center in Menno.

Funeral Services will be 10:30 a.m. Thursday, February 9, 2012 at Grace Lutheran Church in Menno with Rev. Leon Schulz officiating.

Visitations will be one hour prior to service at the church. Burial will be in the Menno Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Lon Baldridge, Lydell Frasch, Lornell Frasch, Chad Pond, Bob O'Conner, and John Cody.

Aisenbrey-Opsahl-Kostel Memorial Chapel, Menno is in charge of the arrangements.

Alice was born September 4, 1928 in Freeman, SD to Wilhelm and Annie (Rolof) Bartsch. She was baptized on April 7, 1929 and confirmed in 1943. She graduated from Menno High School in 1946. She married Berthold Frasch on September 29, 1957.

She was patriotic and could be seen at the Legion Hall or riding in the ambulance as an EMT. She worked at some of the local eating places around Menno and cleaned many houses and business places in the area with her



Frasch

two friends. She made doll clothes and quilts for the family and worked on many crossword puzzles.

Alice is survived by her stepchildren, Donald (Jo Ann) Frasch of Mission Hill, SD, June (Roger) Treick of Scotland, SD; step daughter-in-law, Ursula Frasch of Rapid City, SD; two sisters, Mary Gunderson of Yankton, SD and Esther Luikens of Menno, SD; 9 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and 11 great-great-grandchildren, as well as, several nieces, nephews and a special friend, Bill Pond of Menno, SD.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Berthold (Bert) Frasch, a stepson, Randolph Frasch, her parents, 2 brothers, Arnold and Leon, and a sister, Edna.

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#### Viola Soukup

WAGNER — Mass for Viola L. "Toots" Soukup, 99 of Wagner will be held 10:30 a.m. Friday, February 10, 2012 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Wagner, with Father Joseph Forcelle as celebrant. Burial will be in the parish cemetery.

A Rosary/Wake will be held 7:00 p.m. Thursday at the church. Visitation will be Thursday from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. at the Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home in Wagner.

Viola L. "Toots" Soukup was born January 30, 1913 at Wagner, South Dakota, the daughter of John and Eva Mae (Eddy) Fincke. She died Friday, February 3, 2012 at Avera St. Benedict Health Center in Parkston. Toots attained the age of 99 years and four days.

Toots attended Wagner High School. She was united in marriage to Albert Soukup on February 6,



Soukup

1939 in Wagner. Together they farmed south of Wagner until they retired in 1975 and moved into Wagner.

Toots was a member of St. John's Catholic Church, Catholic Daughters and Altar Society. She did a lot of volunteer work and volunteered at the Good Samaritan Center in Wagner for many years.

Toots will be remembered for her love of quilting, embroidering, baking and cooking. She was known for her potato salad, potato dumplings, kolaches, long johns and donuts.

Thankful for having shared her life are her four children: Francis and wife Louann Soukup of Wagner; AJ and wife Nancy Soukup of Springfield; Christine and husband David Taylor of Noel, MO; and Kate and husband Ed Bader of Burleson, TX; 20 grandchildren; 29 great grandchildren; two sisters-in-law: Marthann Peters of TX and Mary Fincke of Belvidere, IL; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Toots was preceded in death by her husband, Albert on January 29, 1997; parents; sister, Mabel Fincke;

and four brothers: Clarence, Arthur, Leonard and Ollie Fincke.

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#### June Droppers

RAPID CITY — June (Gerlach) Droppers, 68, of Rapid City died Monday, Feb. 6, 2012.

Services will be Saturday, Feb. 11, at 3 p.m. at Seventh Day Adventist Church, Rapid City, with Pastor Clarence McKee as celebrant.

Behrens-Wilson Funeral Home is in the care of the arrangements. Condolences may be conveyed to the family at [www.behrenswilson.com](http://www.behrenswilson.com).

#### Aina Wamberg

Aina N. Wamberg, 103, of Wausa, Neb., died Sunday, Feb. 5, 2012, at Golden Living Center, Wausa.

Funeral services are at 2 p.m. Friday at Evangelical Covenant Church, Wausa, Pastor Matt Norlen

will officiate, with burial in Woodlawn Cemetery in Wausa.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the services at Evangelical Covenant Church in Wausa.

Brockhaus Funeral Home, Wausa, is in charge of arrangements.

#### Berle Petersen

Berle A. Petersen, 78, of Yankton died unexpectedly on Sunday, Feb. 5, 2012, at the Chandler Regional Hospital, Chandler, Ariz. She is the wife of Henry Petersen.

Mass of Christian Burial is at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Yankton, with the Rev. Mark Lichter officiating. Burial will be in the Sacred Heart Cemetery, Yankton.

Visitation is 3-8 p.m. Friday, with a rosary at 7 p.m. and a Scripture Service at 7:30 p.m., at Wintz & Ray Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Yankton. Visitation will be one hour prior to services on Saturday at the church.

## Thank You

The family of **Roger Hagen** wishes to express our heartfelt thanks to our families, friends and neighbors for your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Also thank you for words and cards of sympathy, memorials, flowers, gifts of food, calls, and visits to the house and just being here with us.

A special thanks to the Yankton County EMTs, Reverend Lance Lindgren for your comforting words. The pallbearers and to the VFW Post 791 for the military honors. Thank you also to the VFW Ladies Auxiliary for serving the lunch and to Wintz-Ray Funeral Home for your kindness and guidance.

Roger loved his family, friends, pets and community. We will miss him very much and his smile and laugh. God bless you all.

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