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### Freeman Community Center Open House Sun.

FREEMAN — The Freeman Community Center Fundraising Committee will host an open house at 1:30-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12, to celebrate the completion of the first phase of converting the for-mer Freeman Elementary Gym to a multi-use community center. The facility is located on 224 S. Wipf Street,

Phase one included the installation of a geo-thermal heating/cooling system that was made possible through grants, City funds and wide-spread community support — raising more than \$650,000.

The open house will showcase the heating/cooling system, new ceilings and light fixtures that have been installed in the front lobby and in the rooms east of the stage. Community volunteers have come forward to clean and paint all the rooms and are working on other cosmetic improvements. The facility is now available for rental purposes.

The fundraising committee, Dan Engebretson, general contractor of Westmar Construction, and Freeman City officials will be available to answer questions. Refreshments will be served.

## Meetings Set For Alzheimer's Caregivers Group

The Alzheimer's Association of South Dakota is presenting a support group for caregivers of persons with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. This group will meet every second Tuesday of the month in the board room at The Center, 900 Whiting Drive, Yankton. The meetings are scheduled to last from 5-6:30 p.m.

The first meeting is at 5 p.m. Feb. 14.

For more information contact Char at 605 689 0424 or Chris at 605 668 8961.

## VCDC Seeks Nominations For Two Awards

VERMILLION — The Vermillion Area Chamber & Development Company (VCDC) is seeking nominations for the 2012 Vermillion Area Community Leader Award and the 2012 Vermillion Area Family Business Award.

The VCDC is looking for a Vermillion area individual with a strong record of success, community involvement, and community service. This award recognizes the accomplishments of a Vermillion area individual and his/her contributions to our community.

The VCDC is also looking for a Vermillion area family business with a strong record of success, family involvement, community service, multi-generational culture, and a positive family business structure. This award recognizes the accomplishments of a Vermillion area family business and their contributions to our community.

The VCDC invites you to nominate your choice for one or both awards. The winners will be presented their awards at the annual Vermillion Area Chamber & Community Awards Banquet on March 20 at Pro's Bar & Grill. Nomination forms are available at www.vermillionchamber.com or at the VCDC office at 116 Market Street, phone 624-5571. The nomination deadline is Feb. 20.

# USD To Host 'Cardiac Arrest Jail' Feb. 15

VERMILLION — The Psi Chapter of Alpha Phi at the University of South Dakota is hosting its first "Cardiac Arrest Jail" philanthropy event partnering with Sigma Alpha Epsilon at the Munster University Center on Wednesday, Feb. 15 from noon to 3 p.m.

The event is open to everyone in the area, including faculty members, Vermillion residents and students. Participants will be able to put certain faculty members, student-athletes, student leaders and others in jail for \$3 for a short period of time.

Proceeds from the event will directly benefit the Alpha Phi Foundation, which supports causes that raise awareness of and fund research for woman's heart health.

If you'd like more information about this topic or to schedule an interview with Alayna Ackerman, contact her at 605-431-6984 or email at Alayna.A.Ackerman@usd.edu.

# **DOWN AND OUT**



A City of Yankton employee uses a chainsaw to cut away the stump of a green ash tree that was taken down Thursday afternoon behind Cotton Oil on Fourth St. The tree was located next to the downtown mailboxes, which had a roof placed over them several years ago in part to protect the boxes from the bird droppings that fell from the tree. The crew assigned to the project had a good day in which to work, with the temperature reaching 43 degrees. Much colder conditions are in store today (Friday), with the high not expected to reach 20 degrees. For details, see page 2A.

# South Dakota Horse Fair Set For March 16-18 Is Now Open To Entries

SIOUX FALLS — Entries are open for the South Dakota Horse Fair at the W. H. Lyons Fairgrounds in Sioux Falls, March 16-18. The website

www.SDHORSEFAIR.com has forms to print for clinics, events and participation. Space is limited. Postmarked deadlines vary from Feb. 15 to March 1.

Only 14 riders with horses may register for nationally known Al Dunning's clinics: 9 a.m. Friday, March 16, Working Cow Horse Clinic or 1 p.m. Horsemanship Clinic. If unable to attend with your horse, anyone paying gate admission can "audit" each clinic on Friday for \$25. Dunning will give additional presentations on Saturday and Sunday included in your gate admission.

Any breed of horse and 25 riders can enter the three-day Horseman's Challenge competition to find the South Dakota Horse Fair's "Great American Horseperson." Ranch Horseman-

ship opens the contest at 6 p.m. Friday, Ranch Cutting is 3 p.m. Saturday. "Finals" start 10 a.m. Sunday with Western Trail and Roping. The Horseman's Challenge is a true "challenge to compete over three days, just as a horse and rider "working team" must do in any given week, as the daily tasks on a real working farm or ranch are completed. Well known riders and horses trained in many skills are common. Others enter to improve their competition knowledge. In addition to the \$2000 purse awarded to the overall highest placing winners, the South Dakota Ouarter Horse Association, and the Center of the Nation Appaloosa Club will pay \$100 to the highest placing registered horse from their respective breed. If you feel ready, enter the contest to "challenge" you and your horse as a "working team." Much will be learned over the weekend!

Four-person horse and rider teams can enter the Ranch Rodeo held at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 17. All three "ranch tasks" in this competition will be timed. Returning teams from the Midwest are expected as prize money and bragging rites are at stake. Only 15 teams are allowed to compete.

If you are not ready to compete on horseback, your horse's genetics can be displayed on Breed Boulevard or Stallion Avenue all weekend. The large three-day Trade Show may have an opening left for your business. Program ads or sponsorships are always an option, too.

The South Dakota Horse Council offers nationally known equine learning and top-notch competition opportunities at the 2012 South Dakota Horse Fair. Visit www.SDHORSEFAIR.com for entry forms and admission info, along with schedule updates.

# **USD Forum To Discuss Possible War** With Iran

VERMILLION — "Is War with Iran Inevitable?" will be the topic of the next monthly University of South Dakota International Forum, set for noon on Monday. Feb. 13, at Farber Hall in Vermillion.

Both the U.S. and the European Union are tightening economic sanctions against Tehran, making it difficult for Iran to export its oil and collect payments for it.

Iran has threatened to close the Strait of Hormuz, through which about 20 percent of the world's oil supplies flow. However, a second U.S. aircraft carrier and several British and French naval vessels just passed through it on their way to the Persian Gulf.

The U.S. also recently transferred more than 10,000 additional troops to both Israel and Kuwait.

There is also much fear that Israel is considering bombing Iranian nuclear facilities, as it has in the past in Iraq and Syria.

Oil prices could reach \$150 a barrel, with gasoline prices in the U.S. reaching \$5 a gallon, causing a collapse of any economic recovery both in the U.S. and elsewhere.

These and other topics will be discussed by the panelists: Col. Damian Donahoe (USD Military Science and who returned last July from a one-year assignment to Afghanistan) and Dr. Benno Wymar (Economics and who worked as a civilian for about three years in Afghanistan, Iran and Saudi Arabia).

The moderator is Dean Tom Sorenson USD Law School & former host of "South Dakota Forum" on South Dakota Public Radio.

The event is sponsored by the USD Beacom School of Business and is open to the public at no charge.

### OBITUARIES

#### **Margery Tauber**

WATERTOWN — Margery Adams Tauber of Watertown, SD, age 92, died Saturday February 4, 2012 at Avera

McKennan Hospital. Margery



zen of the Year. Her family and friends have been blessed with her sense of humor, her genuine love and caring for her fellow human beings and her commitment to the standards she set for herself both personally and professionally.

### **Florence Axlund**

WAKONDA — Florence Eleanor Axlund, age 100, of Wakonda passed away on February 8, 2012 at

Wakonda Heritage Manor. Visitation will

for the past several years.

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She is survived by her daughter in law, Dianne Axlund of Mitchell, three granddaughters, Brenda Canfield and Lois (Todd) Yttreness both of Sioux Falls, and Helen (Michael) Paus of Lincoln, Nebraska, five great grandchildren, and several nieces and

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Fred, two

sons; Irwin and Marvin, brother

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HARTINGTON, Neb. - Monsi-

gnor Cyril J. Werner, 91, of Hart-

Feb. 8, 2012, at his residence.

Catholic Church, Hartington,

with the Most Rev. George J.

ington, Neb., died on Wednesday,

Mass of Christian Burial is at

9:30 a.m. Monday at Holy Trinity

Lucas, Archbishop of Omaha, of-

ficiating. Burial will be at the St.

Michael's Cemetery, Hartington.

Visitation begins at 3 p.m.

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Knights of Columbus and a Vigil service at 7 p.m. by the Rev. Michael W. Grewe.

Monsignor Werner will remain in church overnight for an allnight vigil during perpetual adoration.

Arrangements are under the direction of Wintz Funeral Home,

#### **Raymond Pavlish**

Raymond A. Pavlish, 66, of Yankton died Thursday, Feb. 9, 2012, at the Tyndall Good Samaritan Center, Tyndall.

Memorial services are at 11 a.m. Monday at the United Church of Christ (Congrega-

Adams, daughter of Dr. George and Valborg (Smith) Adams, was born April 13, 1919 in Yankton, South Dakota. She grew up and graduated

Tauber from high school there. She then attended and graduated from the University of Minnesota.

She was united in marriage to Dr. Kurt Stephan Tauber in Yank-ton in 1945. Dr. Tauber passed away in 1951.

Marge spent forty years as a li-brarian, beginning as director of the Milbank Carnegie Library and from 1967 until her retirement in 1991 as director of the Watertown Regional Library. While in Watertown, she directed the move from the downtown Carnegie library to its current location. She started the South Dakota Reading Room, the Adult Literacy Program and the Special Services Librarian position to deliver library materials to those who are unable to get to the library. Marge was the recipient of many awards including Cel-ebrate Literacy, South Dakota Librarian of the Year, WEA Friend of Education, Chamber of Commerce Star of the Month and the Watertown Public Opinion's Citiladies, and all who were in her sphere were blessed and enriched.

Marge was simply the grandest of

Grateful for having shared her life are her two daughters, Vir-ginia Bader, Austin, TX, Katherine Kringen, Wentworth, SD, three grandchildren, Katie Bader-Riezebeek and David (Maria) Bader, both of Austin, TX, Anne (Tom) Bara. Interlochen, MI, three great grandchildren, Luke and Jake, of Austin, TX, and Andrew, of Interlochen, MI.

Her parents, a brother George "Bud" Adams, and three sisters, Janet Bickford, Jean Thomas and Virginia Dau, also preceded her in death.

A Celebration of Life service will be held this summer at Trinity Episcopal Church in Watertown.

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#### **Elouise Simpson**

Elouise M. Simpson, 84, of Yankton died Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2012, at Sunset Manor Nursing Home, Irene.

Funeral services are pending under the direction of Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton.

# be from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on

Home in Irene, SD.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Monday February 13, at the United Methodist Church in Wakonda with burial at the Union

She was born December 23, 1911 to Frank and Winifred (Jenness) Rederick at the farm in Wakonda. She attended school and graduated from Wakonda High School in 1930. She married Fred Axlund on March 11, 1936 and they farmed near Irene until they relocated to Wakonda in 1942 where they farmed until retirement. She gave birth to two sons, Irwin in 1943 and Marvin in 1946.

She was active in the Wakonda United Methodist Church as a Sunday school teacher, choir member and United Methodist Women organizations, The Wakonda Community Club, the Round About Club, Home Extension Club and was a volunteer at the Wakonda Heritage Manor nursing home, where she had been a resident

Words of Thanks

The family of **Leland "Chris" Swensen** wish to thank you. We greatly appreciate all your kind words, sympathy, food and monetary donations, and the beautiful floral arrangements and plants we received. We realize how truly blessed we are to have such wonderful friends and family during times like this. Your expressions of sympathy will never be forgotten.

Our Dad was blessed with so many great friends. We want to express our heartfelt gratitude and say thank you to each one of you for being there for him over these last several months. He will have a special place in all our hearts, and through our cherished memorials he will live on forever.

We send special thanks out to the entire staff of the Wakonda Heritage Manor, Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, and the Avera Hospice team for your loving care. And also to



Hansen's Funeral Home, the Wakonda American Legion, the Navy Honor Guard, and the Patriot Guard Riders for helping us honor our Dad's final wishes with dignity and grace.

Laurie and Dave Carlson Keith, Debbie, Christina, and David Swensen Hartington.

# Lois Malmstrom-**Brasch**

WAUSA, Neb. — Lois E. Malm-strom-Brasch, 91, of Wausa, Neb., died Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2012, at Golden Living Center, Wausa.

Funeral servicesd are at 2 p.m. Monday at Thabor Lutheran Church, Wausa. Pastor Michelle Oetken will officiate, with burial in the Lutheran Cemetery at Wausa.

Visitation is 5-7 p.m. Sunday at Brockhaus Funeral Home, Wausa.

tional), Yankton, with Dr. Richard W. Jensen and the Rev. Paul M. Opsahl officiating.

Ray's family will greet friends one hour prior to the service at the church.

**Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home** & Crematory, Yankton, is in charge of arrangements.

# **NEWS AROUND THE CLOCK**

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#### IN REMEMBRANCE



Sunday, February 12 with a prayer service beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Hansen Funeral

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