

## 2 JSAP Sessions Slated For Area

The South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation will host Job Search Assistance Programs (JSAP) this week in Yankton and Vermillion.

A session will be held in Yankton today (Wednesday) from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at 3113 Spruce St., Ste. 124. For more information, call 605-668-2900 or visit www.sd-jobs.org/.

A session will be held Friday in Vermillion at 1024 Cherry St. The session runs from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Parties interested in attending should register by calling 605-677-6900 before 5 p.m. today.

## Reminder: Keep Sidewalks Clear

The City of Yankton reminds property owners that public sidewalks are to be kept clear of snow and ice. Property owners who have snow covered sidewalks adjacent to their property need to make arrangements for snow and ice removal within 24 hours after the end of a snowfall. Snow removed from driveways, sidewalks or parking lots cannot be placed in the streets.

Contact the City of Yankton at 605-668-5251 for more information.

## Dumped Snow Can Cause Problems

PIERRE — The South Dakota Department of Transportation reminds the public and commercial snow removal operators that it is illegal to place or dump excess snow on highway right of way, which includes driving surfaces, shoulders and ditches.

"Piling snow in the state highway right of way can be very dangerous," says Greg Fuller, director of operations. "Snow piles can restrict sight distance, as well as present an extreme hazard if a vehicle leaves the roadway. Snow piles that remain adjacent to the road may cause additional drifting and visibility problems posing more safety hazards to travelers, as well as additional expenses for manpower and equipment to remove the illegally dumped snow."

Violation of the anti-dumping law is a Class 1 misdemeanor, with a penalty of up to one year in jail, \$2,000 in fines, or both. It is the policy of the SDDOT to remove snow that has been illegally piled within the highway right of way that may be a safety hazard. In addition, violators will be billed for the costs of removing illegally dumped snow.

Property owners and access users are reminded it is their responsibility to remove snow from the ends of driveways and around their own mailboxes.

Fuller asks landowners and commercial snow-removal operators to keep excess snow on private property or haul it to legal dumping sites.

## HHS Meet And Greet Is Saturday

Heartland Humane Society will have dogs available for adoption at the former Yankton Motor Building this Saturday, March 1, from 10 a.m.-noon. The building is located at 3400 East Highway 50 in Yankton.

"Meet and Greets allow our dogs waiting for adoption to get out into the public and make new friends," said Kerry Schmidt, executive director at Heartland Humane Society.

The shelter currently has more than a dozen dogs, ages ranging from two months to 12 years. All dogs available for adoption can be found on the shelter's webpage.

Schmidt encourages anyone interested in adopting an animal to fill out an application prior to the Meet and Greet. You can pick up an application at the shelter or find it online at www.heartlandhumane.org/.

For more information, contact Heartland Humane Society 605-664-4244.

## OBITUARIES

### Harold Kniffen

Harold "Sonny" Kniffen, age 86, of Yankton, passed away on Monday, February 24, 2014, at the Avera Yankton Care Center, Yankton, SD.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m. on Friday, February 28, 2014 at St. Benedict Catholic Church, Yankton with Rev. Ken Lulf celebrating and Msgr. Carlton Hermann con celebrating. Burial will be in Lakeview Cemetery, Lake Andes, SD at approximately 2:00 p.m. with military graveside rites.

Visitations will begin at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 27, 2014 at St. Benedict Catholic Church, Yankton with a Rosary at 6:30 PM followed by a 7:00 p.m. Scripture service. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the



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service at the church. The Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton are assisting with service details. Pallbearers will be Scott Kniffen, Adam Kniffen, Chris Kniffen, Tyler Kniffen, Travis Dvoracek, and Zachary Wiese. Honorary pallbearers will be his grandchildren.

Harold was born on February 2, 1928 in Platte, SD to Harold W. and Pauline (Fyler) Kniffen. He served his country in the United States Air Force for four years earning the rank of Staff Sergeant as a pilot flying secret missions. In 1956, he married Germaine

Carda at Lake Andes and in 1989 she passed away.

Harold worked as a County Executive Director for ASCS for 33 years before retiring in 1986. As his sons played baseball, Harold announced their games for years. In 1991, Harold married Pauline (Kutilek) Ekern at Tyndall.

Harold was very involved in the Lake Andes community serving as a member on the School Board for 9 years, member of the Parish Council for St. Mark's Catholic Church for many years, Knights of Columbus, and a Board member of the Ft. Randall Golf Course. Harold was a life member of the VFW Post #3239, Lake Andes where he served as a Post Commander for 2 years.

Harold enjoyed many outdoor activities such as hunt-

ing, fishing, golfing, and farming. He also enjoyed bowling and polka dancing.

Those who will cherish his memory are his wife, Polly Kniffen of Yankton, SD; 3 sons: Doug (Karol) Kniffen of Wagner, SD, daughter-in-law (Bruce's wife), Ladonna Kniffen of Yankton, SD, Robert (Lila) Kniffen of Canton, SD, Bryon Kniffen of Orange City, IA; 4 step daughters: Cindi (Brian) Goeden of Crofton, NE, Deb (Myron) Kubel of Palmdale, CA, Judy (Mark) Dvoracek of Fargo, ND, and Karen (Jeff) Wiese of Pipestone, MN; 17 grandchildren; 19 great grandchildren; a great great granddaughter; his sisters and brothers: Luella Thomson of Mason City, IA, Dean (Bev) Kniffen of Lake Andes, SD, Elmer Kniffen and special

friend, Connie of Greeley, CO, Ken (Sharon) Kniffen of Greeley, CO, Charlotte Carda of Dueschene, UT, and Claudette (Robert) Pesicka of Cheyenne, WY; sister-in-law, Joan Kniffen of Loveland, CO and many nieces and nephews.

Harold was preceded in death by his first wife, Germaine, his son, Bruce Kniffen, his parents and 2 brothers, Robert and Darold Kniffen, brothers-in-law, Ernie Carda and Ed Thomson, and great grandchild, Chase Besette.

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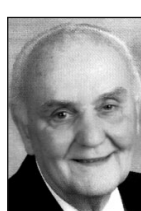
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### Donavon Janssen

Donavon Richard "Don" Janssen, age 85 of Omaha and formerly of Yankton passed away quietly, with family next to him, on Sunday, February 23, 2014 at the Golden Living Center in Omaha, NE.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 2:00 p.m. Friday, February 28, 2014 at St. Benedict Catholic Church, Yankton, with Rev. Ken Lulf officiating. Burial will be in the Beaver Creek Cemetery, rural Crofton, NE at approximately 4:00 p.m. with Military Graveside Rites.

Visitations will begin at 6:00 p.m. Thursday evening at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, with a rosary at 7:00 p.m. followed by a Scripture service



Janssen

at 7:30 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church. Donavon Janssen was born in Aten, Nebraska on January 3rd 1929 to William and Mary (Kollars) Janssen. He was on this earth for 85 years and he lived a full life. Don grew up on a small farm, just over the river, south of Yankton, South Dakota. He attended High School in Yankton and graduated with the class of 1947. After graduating high school, at the age of 18, Don enlisted in the United States ARMY. He served at many duty stations to include Wa-

tertown, New York, Fort Eustis, Virginia, South Korea, Guam, Germany and France. Twelve years of his total 21 years of service was spent serving and traveling in Europe during the "Cold War". It was when he was in Paris, France that he met the love of his life Gerritje "Gerry" Atsma. They were married in 1954 and they had two children, William and Henry Janssen. In 1968, Don retired from the Army and the family moved back to Yankton. Don and Gerry bought a house on Spruce Street and they lived happily there for over 30 years. Don worked at businesses such as Montgomery Ward, Heles Supply and finally Wal-Mart. Recently he received his pin for 20 years of employment

there. His days were occupied with his job, tending to his garden, yard work and spending time with his wife, children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and his good friend, Phyllis. He had many loving people near him all the way up to his transition to the afterlife to include his loving daughter-in-law, Jennifer. He will always be loved, admired and remembered by his family. We are happy that he is in a better place and with those who have gone before him in heaven.

He is survived by his two sons, William (Mary) of Olivet, SD and Henry (Jennifer) of Omaha, NE; nine grandchildren: William, Rebecca, Alexa, Brittany, Peter, Ashley, Montana, James and

Jenna; and nine great grandchildren: Kyra, Clayton, Kaden, Michaela, Kasmira, Kasen, Marshall, Michael and Desmond and one of the way.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Mary, his wife, Gerritje, two sisters, Elfrida and Gertrude, his brother, Wilfred, nephew, Douglas, and sister-in-law, Mary.

The family requests memorials to the charity of your choice.

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### Ila Hornstra

Funeral services for Ila Hornstra, 84, of Yankton will be 1:30 p.m. Thursday, February 27, 2014 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Yankton. Burial will be in the Pioneer Cemetery, rural Springfield.

Visitation will be at the church on Thursday from 12:30 to 1:30. Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home in Springfield is in charge of arrangements.

Although her parents were from Custer, while her mother was visiting a friend in Spearfish, Ila Margaret Rice took it upon herself to escape from solitary confinement and expose herself to the world on March 14, 1929. She was the last of a family of 10, the daughter of Harvey and Gertrude (Brunner) Rice. She died peacefully in the arms of her daughter Karla, on Sunday, February 23, 2014 at Avera Sister James Nursing Home at Majestic Bluffs in Yankton.

Ila was lovingly cared for by a devout and devoted mother. Unfortunately she died unexpectedly when Ila was but five years old. In that year, three of Ila's older siblings married. Two of them, Leslie and wife Eunice and Katherine and husband George, took it upon themselves to share in raising Ila. There was another development that greatly influenced Ila's upbringing during these early years. Ila's father, Harvey was a carpenter and was building a house for a widow named Clare Shortell on a ranch west of Custer. Sometimes he would take Ila along and let her play while he worked. Clare became very fond of Ila and became a virtual surrogate mother to her. After Clare remarried a gentleman who owned the Black Hills Cafe, she saw to it that Ila got a summer job at the cafe. Their special relationship continued not only through her school years but for the rest of her life. Ila attended elementary and high school in Custer. In spite of her unconventional upbringing, Ila became known as a most pleasant young lady and popular student. Her classmate and dear lifetime friend Patti Christensen remembers Ila as a very sweet girl and a loving friend.

Ila married Fred Hornstra on April 29, 1951 in Rapid City. Ila worked to help put Fred through the School of Mines. They moved to Minneapolis before moving to Chicago, which led to Fred's job at the University of Chicago's Argonne National Laboratory,

where he worked as Chief of Operations of the Zero Gradient Synchrotron. After a brief time in Los Alamos, NM, they moved back to the Chicago area. They lived there for the next 17 years, where they raised their two children. Ila was a devoted stay at home mother but after their children graduated, she obtained her Realtors License. Fred accepted a job offer from the University of Hamburg, Germany, where they lived for four years. In 1991, they moved back to the US and chose to build their dream house west of Yankton overlooking Lewis and Clark Lake. Ila was instrumental in choosing the location, design and construction of their new home.

They continued to travel extensively, visiting every state in the US and every province in Canada. They enjoyed traveling the world and highlights include Russia behind the Iron Curtain, Leningrad through Moscow. They traveled throughout Europe from Sweden to Rome and everywhere in between. Ila particularly enjoyed Switzerland and visiting the Silent Night Chapel in Austria on Christmas Eve for the Commemorative Service.

Ila was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in St. Charles, IL and served as Superintendent of a large Sunday School there. She later became a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Yankton. She was also a member of the Downtown Theatre group in Yankton and the National Music Museum in Vermillion.

Ila will be remembered for her love for her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was a very selfless and devoted mother. She was a very devoted person to her loved ones and friends, which was a hallmark of her personality. She made friends easily and established long lasting friendships including many international friends. Ila also loved her flower garden, enjoyed square and ball-room dancing and was an excellent Contract Bridge player.

Ila's family would like to extend special thanks to Jane and Merlyn Pugh. They are super caring people and served as tour guides on trips to Australia, Tasmania, New Zealand, China and several other foreign and domestic trips. Also special thanks to Dr. David Krohn for his expert, knowledgeable and compassionate care of Ila.

Thankful for having shared her life are her husband Fred of Yankton; daughter, Daria

Kay (Brent) Miller of Charlotte, NC and their children: Jason (Leslie) Miller and their children, Connor and Lynlee; Brian (Brie) Miller; and Britany Miller and her children, Karissa and Bradley; daughter, Karla Renee (Kevin Krippner) Akwa of Bloomington, IL and their children, Noah and Anayah Akwa; sister Virginia (Fred) Fernbaugh of Hot Springs; sisters-in-law, Eunice Rice, and Lucille Garcia; and many other relatives and friends.

Ila was preceded in death by her parents, five sisters: Hazel Baker, Helen Eberle, Bessie Baumgartner, Katherine Barnes, and Noreen in infancy; and three brothers: Glenn, Robert, and Leslie Rice.

In lieu of flowers Ila's family prefers memorials to be directed to the Organ Transplant Fund of the Trinity Lutheran Church or Sister James Nursing Home.

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### Carolyn Whipple

Carolyn Whipple, 79, of Reno, Nev., died Feb. 5, 2014. She was born June 5, 1934, at Chicago, Ill., to William and Alvina Bee.

Carolyn is survived by three siblings: Doris Hussing, Yankton, S.D.; Evelyn Klein, Hemet, Calif.; and William Bee, Hemet, Calif.

Carolyn's son, Kevin Bourgo of Reno, was caretaker. She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Alvina Bee, and sister Virginia Bee.

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### Jeanette Anderson

Jeanette Anderson, 88, died Feb. 12, 2014, at Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton.

A Memorial Mass of Christian Burial is at 10:30 a.m. March 1, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Yankton, with Rev. John Rutten officiating. Burial of her cremated remains will be in Sacred Heart Cemetery.

Visitation begins at 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 28, at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, with a rosary at 7 p.m. followed by a Scripture service at 7:30 p.m.

### Bonnie Nielsen

Bonnie Nielsen, 88, of Hartington, Neb., died Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2014, at the Golden Living Center in Hartington.

Funeral Services are pending at the Wintz Funeral Home in Hartington.

### Tommy Troxel

Tommy Lynn Troxel, age 70, of Springfield, South Dakota died Sunday, February 23, 2014 at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton, South Dakota.

Mass of Christian Burial is 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 27, 2014 at St. Vincent Catholic Church in Springfield, South Dakota with Father Joe Forcelle officiating. Burial will be in the St. Vincent Catholic Cemetery in Springfield with military honors provided by the Dwight Wood American Legion Post No. 132.

Visitation is from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 26 at St. Vincent Catholic Church with a wake service at 7:00 p.m.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Yankton. Pallbearers are Casey, Thomas, Ryan, Theron and Megan Troxel and Jeremy Dudley.

Tommy "Trox" Troxel was born August 28, 1943 in San Diego, California to Theron Otis and Donna Lee (McGehee) Troxel. He grew up in Pittsburgh, Kansas and graduated from Pittsburg High School at the age of 16. The following year, Trox entered the US Air Force and worked in the weather division. He was stationed at Paris, France and Adana, Turkey and then in 1967, he served at Sac Air Force Base in Omaha, NE. There he met Edith Gleason and asked her to marry him two weeks later. They were engaged for six months and married on June 21, 1968 at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Coleridge, NE. They enjoyed 45 wonderful years of marriage. In 1973, the family moved to California and Trox began his career in the restaurant business, first as a waiter, then as a manager, and finally as the lead person opening restaurants in California, Florida and South Carolina. In 1988, they moved back to Coleridge, NE and Trox worked for Mid-America Cheese Plant in Hartington, NE until his retirement due to health problems. He went back to school in 1999, graduating with a degree in fine arts from the University of South Dakota in Vermillion. In 2002, they moved to their beloved

Springfield, SD where he restored their 100 year old home. Trox was a member of St. Vincent Catholic Church and served on

the parish board and cared for the flowers. He was an artist who loved painting, knitting, crocheting, needle point and sewing quilts. Trox also enjoyed cooking, camping in tents, going to the beach, gardening and planting flowers. He was a history buff, especially Egyptian history and WWII. He knew more about Hitler than Hitler knew about himself. Trox loved finding the best possible deals on eBay and watching The Weather Channel. For the past six years, he finished quilts with Edith in their quilting business in Springfield.

He is survived by his wife Edith Troxel of Springfield; four children: Casey Troxel of Ladson, SC, Thomas (Danell) Troxel of Logan, IA, Ryan (Laurie) Troxel of Omaha, NE and Theron (Stacey) Troxel of Adams, NE; 13 grandchildren: Jonathan, Jeremy, Megan, Emily, Molly, Shannon, Ellyanna, Kattie, Brady, Samuel, Erica, Tyler and one due in July; his mother, Donna Marchbanks of Moreno Valley, CA; mother-in-law, Pat Gleason of Coleridge; sister, Sulyn Jones of Moreno Valley, CA; two brothers: Jerry (Carolyn) Troxel of Springfield, OR and Howard (Tina) Marchbanks of Santa Ana, CA; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Trox was preceded in death by his father, Theron Troxel and grandparents, Lionel and Anzel McGehee and Miles and Myrtle Troxel.

To send an online message to the family, please visit www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

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