

## St. Rose's Unity Supper Slated Feb. 14

CROFTON, Neb. — On Saturday, Feb. 14, guests at the St. Rose Unity Supper and Grand Auction at Crofton will be treated to an evening of "fun and fantasy" with this year's theme, "The Wonderful World of Disney."

The highlight of the evening will be a raffle drawing for a chance to win a trip for two for a Disney vacation. The trip is valued at \$3,000.

Doors will open at 3:30 p.m. for silent auction bidding (early bidder's names will be put in a special drawing); Mass at 5 p.m.; social time begins at 6 p.m.; catered meal will be served at 6:30 p.m. Grand Auction bidding begins promptly at 7 p.m. The event will be held at the St. Rose Parish Center.

Through the contributions of businessmen, individuals, community members, parishioners, farmers, retirees, students, alumni and area residents, St. Rose has raised thousands of dollars to assist in the operational expenses of St. Rose School. Auction items include specialty meals, quilts, seed corn, various toys and toy tractors, farming and veterinarian supplies, Husker packages, brunches, foods, desserts, tailgate party supplies, vacation get-aways,

gift certificates, family trips, specialty meats and baskets, concrete, kitchen utensils, sports and tools, subscriptions, propane, gas, diesel, plus 100s of useful and unique one-of-a-kind items.

Due to this year's bountiful corn harvest, a "Grain Bank Auction" has been set up at the Crofton Elevator and will be on the list of items to be bid upon also. To donate for the grain auction, contributions can be directed to Carol at the Crofton Elevator (402-388-4377).

Windsor loin, roast beef, cheesy baby potatoes and all the trimmings will be offered as this year's menu, brought back by popular demand.

To purchase tickets, contact St. Rose School or Parish Office. Tickets are also available at several Crofton businesses including People's Grocery, Kayton International, Farmers and Merchants State Bank, Crofton Farm Supply or Stefan's Service. Disney trip raffle tickets are \$25 each or 5 for \$100, also available at the same locations.

While guests are encouraged to wear their "Disney-themed" attire, they are not required to and can choose whatever makes them the most comfortable, however, prizes will be awarded for "best dressed."

## Outlaw Trail Scenic Byway Meeting Set

The Outlaw Trail Scenic Byway meeting will be held at the Corner Bar in Butte, Nebraska, Friday, Feb. 13. Committee meetings are at 10 a.m. and a business meeting is at 1 p.m. Lunch will be available at 11 a.m. off the menu. Make reservations by calling 402-775-2050.

## NRCS State Technical Committee To Meet

HURON — The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will hold the State Technical Committee (STC) meeting on Thursday, Feb. 19, at the Crossroads Hotel and Convention Center located at 100 4th Street SW, Huron. The meeting is open to the public and will begin at 10 a.m. The STC serves as an advisor to the NRCS State Conservationist.

The tentative agenda for the meeting will include Wetland Compliance Action Plan update, State Offsite Methods update, Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 Program Summary, FY2015 Allocation Breakdown, Conservation Planning Prioritization, Wetland Mitigation Subcommittee update, Conservation Reserve Program and 2014 Farm Bill Conservation Compliance Guidelines for individuals not currently participating in Farm Bill Programs.

Persons needing special accommodations should contact Jeff McGuire at (605) 352-1228 or jeffery.mcguire@sd.usda.gov at least one week in advance of the meeting date.

For more information, go to www.sd.nrcs.usda.gov or call (605) 352-1200.

# Bald Eagle Days Soar

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Karla Zeutenhorst, park ranger with the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, has organized 11 "Eagle Days" since she became the Lewis & Clark Visitor Center manager. The center is located on Highway 121 west of Yankton above Gavins Point Power Plant. The Corps sponsored the event with help from National Park Service staff.

She organized eight raptor presentations over two days and 856 visitors of all ages attended this year. The annual event is held the last weekend in January. Visitors came from Yankton, Sioux Falls, Tea, Lennox, Armour, Woonsocket, Tyndall, Irene, Vermillion, Elk Point, Lemars, Battle Creek, Correctionville, Hartington, Wausu, Ponca, Crofton and Norfolk.

"People come here to see a Bald Eagle up close but also to be in this environment," Zeutenhorst said. "We're on a bluff over the Missouri River."

The center panoramic windows are a perfect design for viewing eagles in flight.

"Nature cooperated this time and we had eagles flying by us, sitting in trees, and fishing below Gavins Point Dam. This year we had a good snow geese migration and eagles follow them," Zeutenhorst said.

Eagles eat fish from the open water but also geese, ducks, other animals and carrion.

"In winter, eagles want to be close to a food source," she said.

Now is a great time to observe eagles with the center's spotting scopes. The center does not charge admission, is handicapped accessible, and open 8 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays. For more information, call 406-667-2546.

"Once they nest, you don't see them as much. They stay on the nest and don't tolerate other eagles near the nest," she said. "When spring thaw comes, eagles go."

### ATTENDEE REACTIONS

Those attending the Eagle Days event enjoyed the experience.

"We come every year,"



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Bald eagles and other raptors were showcased recently at the annual Bald Eagle Days event hosted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at the Lewis and Clark Visitor Center near Gavins Point Dam.

said Madison Reisner, a fifth grader at Beadle Elementary in Yankton. "We see all the birds — owls and eagles. We see some different birds every year. I like it when they feed the animals."

She has attended Eagle Days four or five times. Her dad is quite interested in birds and they talk about it later, she said.

Isaac Wunder, a second grader from Armour, said his dad awoke him at 6:27 a.m. that morning to make the trip. His younger brother, the rest of his family, his cousins and his grandparents also came to see Bald Eagles.

"I'll be looking for raptors," Isaac said. "They eat meat and have talons and a sharp beak. I want to know what eagles do through the seasons."

After the presentation, Isaac said, "I got to see all different kinds of raptors. I saw a Bald Eagle, Peregrine Falcon, an owl and a Red-Tailed Hawk."

Nathan Wunder, Isaac's dad, explained a part of his son's interest and the family trip here.

"There's a kindergarten teacher in Armour, Mrs. Preheim. She's an avid bird watcher. She teaches and relates it through birds," Nathan said.

"When Isaac was in kindergarten and (his brother) Grant was in pre-school, Grant got interested in it already. Now that Grant is in kindergarten, Isaac is still interested. We go to the dam and bird refuge at Ft. Randall where there are eagles, too, with the open water

like here."

Another attendee, Dalton Zeutenhorst, is a freshman at River Valley High School in Correctionville, Iowa, and came to see the presentation with his family. Dalton, who is Karla's grandson, attended Eagle Days a few years ago and thought he might see how eagles and other raptors live throughout the year.

After the presentation, he said, "I didn't know the actual name 'peregrine falcon,' only the generic name. They talked about the Arctic Owl and its differences. I was surprised they sprayed water in the mouth of the owl because its feathers made it hot."

He added: "They said not to use lead shot, instead copper or aluminum. People buy lead because it's cheaper. But eagles (or other raptors) eat leftovers from a killed deer and lead affects their brains."

In fact, one of the raptors in the presentation had lost its sight due to lead poisoning and couldn't be returned to the wild. It is now used in educational presentations.

### MORE BIRD RESOURCES

As an interpreter for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Karla Zeutenhorst informs the public about the agency's environmental mission. Carol Ryan, the former center manager, started Eagle Days and Zeutenhorst has continued it since 2003. She works with raptor rehabilitation centers in Minnesota, South Dakota and Iowa to bring in the birds for presentations. Different raptor centers, different pre-

senters or programs, and different birds keep Eagle Days new each year.

"We always have the Bald Eagle, but also have American Kestrels, Rough-legged Hawk, every kind of owl you can think of, and Turkey Vultures. They're temperamental, by the way," she said.

Eagles were removed from the Endangered Species List in 2007, but are still protected by Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

"Most animals are protected unless there is a hunting season on them," Zeutenhorst said. "Both laws protect eagles from killing, selling or harming eagles or their nest or eggs."

Zeutenhorst suggests alternatives to learn about eagles in a safe and responsible way. For observing live eagles as they nest this season, search online for the Decorah Eagle Cam. To learn more about eagles she recommends the South Dakota Game Fish & Parks "Eyeing Eagles in South Dakota" brochure at: [https://gfp.sd.gov/outdoor-learning/bald-eagle-awareness-days/eagle\\_brochure2007.pdf](https://gfp.sd.gov/outdoor-learning/bald-eagle-awareness-days/eagle_brochure2007.pdf).

This year, Saving Our Avian Resources (SOAR) — a raptor rehabilitation, education and research center in Denham, Iowa, east of Sioux City — gave the presentations with their raptors. Zeutenhorst said that audience feedback was positive and the SOAR staff was enthusiastic to be here.

"(SOAR) presenters are proponents of using non-lead shot when hunting," she said. "SOAR isn't anti-hunting. It's about (lead) we are using that has an affect the Bald Eagle and other birds that scavenge."

As part of her conservation efforts, Zeutenhorst works with conservation officers from Nebraska Game & Parks and South Dakota Game, Fish & Parks who find dead raptors.

"X-rays (sometimes) show they ingested lead shot, and then tests show they had lead poisoning. Raptors are scavengers and a deer carcass is great for them," she said. Lead fishing weights another source of scavenger lead poisoning.

Baby owls fallen from nests are another raptor problem Zeutenhorst hears about. She suggests leaving them alone. Keep cats and dogs away, and let the mother owl care for the birds.

## OBITUARIES

### Eugene 'Gene' Burbach

Gene F. Burbach, age 77 of Hartington, Nebraska, died on Sunday, February 8, 2015 at his residence.

Mass of Christian Burial will be on Thursday, February 12, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Hartington with the Rev. Jeffery Loseke officiating. Burial will be at St. Michael's Cemetery in Hartington.

Visitation will be on Wednesday at the Wintz Funeral Home in Hartington from 4-8:00 p.m. with a vigil service at 7:00 p.m. The Burbach family will be present from 5-8 p.m. Visitation will continue on Thursday at church one hour prior to services.

Pallbearers will be his six grandchildren; Amanda, Katie, Christopher, Nicholas, Sarah and Nathan. Honorary Pallbearers will be Don Bergman, Harold Eickhoff, Jerome



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Feilmeier, Marv Griess, Pat Guy, Claire Hansen, Louie Herbolzheimer, Gayle Hochstein, Jerry Hof-

fort and Roger Schwartz.

Gene was born January 24, 1938, in St. James, NE to Arthur and Gertrude (Wieseler) Burbach. He moved to Hartington when he was in grade school. He graduated from Holy Trinity High School in 1955. He attended Barber College in Omaha, NE. He worked as a barber for 50 years. Gene continued to make home visits and called on the nursing home residents to cut their hair until two years ago.

He married Marcella (Sally) Barnes on April 29, 1961 at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Gene was elected to the Hartington City Council and served 22 years as a public servant,

five terms as a city council member and President and one term as mayor.

Gene was a member of the Holy Trinity Catholic Church. He served on the Parish Council. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and served as an officer. He was an EME and usher at church for many years. Gene was a member of the Hartington Chamber of Commerce. He was an avid golfer. His faith and praying the rosary were important to him.

Gene is survived by his wife, Sally Burbach of Hartington, three children and six grandchildren. Mark Burbach and special friend Patti Boehner of Lincoln, NE; Brian (Susan) Burbach of Minneapolis, MN, children Amanda of Minneapolis, Katie of Omaha, Christopher, and Nicholas of Minneapolis; Lisa Schiltz of Sioux City, IA, her children Sarah and Nathan of Sioux City, IA; two sisters, Claudia Hesselgesser and husband Dean of Phoenix,

AZ, Romaine Murphy-Cole and husband Al of Omaha; and two brothers, Chuck Burbach of North Carolina and Richard Burbach of Minneapolis, MN; brothers-in-law Al Bruns of Minneapolis, MN and Dennis Chapman of Omaha.

He was preceded in death by his parents Arthur and Gertrude Burbach; son Steven; three brothers Donald, Gerald, and Arthur Burbach; and three sisters Della Bruns, Karen Chapman, Mary Burbach in infancy.

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### John Shelburg

John "Jack" Wendel Shelburg, age 75, of Yankton, SD passed away Monday, February 9, 2015 at the Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton, SD.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m. Thursday, February 12, 2015 at the 1st United Methodist Church, Yankton, SD with Rev. Ron Johnson officiating. Burial will be in the Mission Hill Cemetery at approximately 3:15 p.m. Thursday afternoon.

Visitations will be two hours prior to the service at the church.

The Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, SD is assisting with service details.

John was born March 25, 1939 in Des Moines, IA to Earl and Lela (Dougherty) Shelburg. He graduated from Yankton High School in 1958. He lived in Des Moines, IA working with his brother, Lewis. During this time, he met his wife, Wilma and they were married on April 2, 1960. To this union, three sons were born. They moved to Yankton, SD in 1962 where John worked at Yankton College for twelve years. He also



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worked at the American State Bank for over 20 years before retiring. John enjoyed fishing and

hunting, but his greatest joy was spending time with his family and friends. John was truly a nice guy and will be missed.

John is survived by his sons, Tim Shelburg and Kevin (Judy) Shelburg, both of Sioux Falls, SD and Adam (Betty) Shelburg of Derby, KS; six grandchildren; brother, Jim Shelburg of Houston, TX and sister, Marlene Shelburg of Yankton, SD.

John was preceded in death by his wife, Wilma, brothers, Louis, Charles, Jerry and Donny, one sister, Barbara and one grandchild, Darren Shelburg.

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www.opsahl-kostelfuneralhome.com

### Carol Eaton

Carol Kay Eaton, 74, of Salina, passed away Saturday, January 31, while in the company of family members, at Kenwood View Rehab & Health Care.

Carol was born in Vermillion, SD on February 13, 1940, a daughter of the late Genevieve (Haley) and James Walsh. She enjoyed baking, crocheting, volunteering, camping, sewing and most of all, quilting. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Salina.

Survivors include three daughters, Karla Bartz, of Salina; Theresa Medina, of Larned; Angela, wife of Gregg Lyon, of Salina; four sons Rodney, husband of Cindy Bartz, of Wichita; Randy Bartz, of Salina; Arlan, husband of Terri Bartz, of Vero Beach, Florida; Jeff, husband of Julie Bartz, of Olathe; a step son, Richard Eaton, of Great Bend. She is also survived by Daughter-in-law, Sandi Bartz of Larned, KS; Grandchildren, Darcy, Ashley, Shayla, Teran, Stephen Lyon,



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AJ Medina, Brian Medina, Payten, Scott Lyon, Jayme, Jeremy Bartz, Jordan Bartz, Brandon Bartz, Trevor Bartz; great grand-

children, Landen, Parker, Bradyn, Hunter, Eli, Leyum, Brylee.

She was preceded by: husband and father of children, Melvin Bartz; husband and travel companion, Dale Eaton; Sons, Michael and Joey Bartz; daughter-in-law, Jolyn Bartz, son-in-law, John Medina; grandson, Dustin Bartz; and brother, Merrill Walsh.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Salina, at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 4th.

Visitation will be Tuesday, February 3, 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. with the family receiving friends 5:00-7:00 p.m. A Rosary will be held Tuesday at 7:00

p.m. at Carlson - Geisendorf Funeral Home & Crematory. Burial will be held at St. Rose's Cemetery in Crofton, Nebraska at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 5.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Salina Food Bank.

For more information or to leave online condolences please visit [www.carlsonfh.net](http://www.carlsonfh.net) or Facebook.

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### Kenneth Mincks

Kenneth "Kenny" D. Mincks, 81, of Warsaw, Missouri, formerly of Vermillion, passed away Friday, Feb. 6, 2015 at his home.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12, at First Baptist Church in Vermillion. Burial will be in Gayville Cemetery with military honors conducted by V.F.W. Clay Co. Post 306.



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 includes spaghetti & meatballs,  
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