

## S.D. State Officials Advise Public Of Alternate Heat Source Safety Tips

PIERRE — Officials with the Department of Public Safety would like to remind residents to observe proper safety procedures when using alternative heat sources.

In order to keep you and your family safe when using alternative sources of heat, please remember the following safety tips:

- Kerosene heaters:
  - Read and follow the procedures in the owner's manual.
  - Learn the safety and maintenance procedures to safely operate the heating unit.
  - Never use gasoline or other volatile fuels in the unit.
  - Keep anything flammable at least three feet away from the unit.
  - Never refuel the unit indoors or while it is still hot.
  - Always provide adequate ventilation for the unit.
  - Gas-fueled heaters:
    - Properly vent fuel-burning

equipment to the outside:

- Keep all combustible materials away from portable and space heaters.

• Liquid-fuel safety:

- Use the proper grade fuel for your liquid-fueled space heater. Never use a substitute or lower-grade fuel and never use gasoline in any heater not approved for gasoline use.
- Fireplaces:
  - Clean chimney once a year and have it inspected before using your fireplace.
  - Make sure the damper is open before starting a fire.
  - Use a metal mesh screen in front of the fireplace opening.
  - Leave glass doors open while burning a fire.
  - Never use flammable liquids.
  - Use only seasoned hardwood.
  - Never leave a fire unattended.
  - Soak hot ashes in water and

place them in a covered metal container outside and away from your home.

As always, remember to have a working smoke alarm installed on every level of your home. Also, remember to practice a home escape plan with your family that includes a meeting place away from the home.

- If a fire should occur please observe the following:

- Alert everyone in the house to the fire.
- Get out as quickly as possible.
- Call 911 from your neighbor's house or a cell phone from outside the house.
- Never break any windows, this will cause the fire to spread rapidly.
- When the fire department arrives, tell them immediately if anyone is still in the structure.
- Never go back into a burning building for any reason.

### OBITUARIES

#### Mary Tritschler

Mary Frances Stotz Tritschler, age 80, passed away on Sunday, January 24, 2010 at her home.

Funeral services will be at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, January 28, 2010 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Chapel, Yankton with Chaplain Mary Hochstein officiating. Burial will be in the Yankton Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 4:8 p.m. Wednesday, January 27, 2010 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton. Visitation will resume

one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Pallbearers will be Connor Stotz, Jim Mount, Rick Knock, Tim Dull, Rick Stotz and Sean Tritschler.

Mary was born on May 31, 1929 to Charles and Frances (Malcolm) Reeder in Fulton, SD. She was baptized on June 28, 1936 in Mitchell, SD. She was united in marriage to Eugene Stotz on December 5,



Tritschler

1948. She was employed by the Hilton and Netherland Hotels as a chief telephone operator in Cincinnati, OH. Mary married Jack Tritschler on February 2, 2002. She enjoyed puzzles, her computer, and spending time with family and friends on the patio. She was a member of the Yankton VFW Ladies Auxiliary.

Mary is survived by her sons: Richard (Lorna) Stotz of Yankton, SD and Steven (Susan) Stotz of Englewood, CO; 4 grandchildren: Lindsay, Abbey, Connor and Daniel Stotz and a great-grandson, Austin Stotz.

She was preceded in death by her parents, 5 brothers and sisters, ex-husband, Eugene Stotz and husband, Jack Tritschler.

The family requests that memorials be directed to Avera Sacred Heart Hospice, 501 Summit, Yankton, SD.

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Online condolences at:  
[www.opsahl-kostelfuneralhome.com](http://www.opsahl-kostelfuneralhome.com)

#### Debra Schulte

REDFIELD — Debra Ann Schulte, 54, of Redfield, SD died peacefully on January 25, 2010 at Mericare Hospital in Fargo, ND from brain cancer.

Mass of Christian Burial will be Friday, January 29, 2010 at 1:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Yankton, SD. Fr. Bob Lacey will celebrate the Mass.

Burial will be in the Sacred Heart Cemetery in Yankton. Pallbearers will be David Aune, Jim DeLozier, Charlie Larsen, Jason Larsen, Dean Lippert, and Larry Schulte.

Visitation will be Thursday from 1-4:00 p.m. at Thelen Funeral Home in Redfield with a rosary and scriptural wake service at 5:00 p.m. at St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Redfield. Visitation will continue until 8:00 p.m. at the church in Redfield and then one hour prior to the funeral service at the church in Yankton on Friday. ([www.thelenfuneralhome.com](http://www.thelenfuneralhome.com))

Debra Ann Schulte was born April 5th, 1955 in Yankton, SD to Wayne & Dolores (Sylliaasen) Schulte Ahern. She attended Yankton Public School and graduated from high school in Yankton in 1973. She attended college at the University of Colorado in Greeley, CO where she earned her Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education in 1977. Her teaching career began in Wood, SD. She earned her Master of Arts majoring in Special Education at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion in 1987. The summer of 1987 she and her daughter, Marissa moved to Redfield, SD. She began teaching at the Redfield Public School where she has touched the lives of many children the past 23 years. Her passion was teaching kindergarten and had a special place in her heart for children in special education. Debra enjoyed spending time with her family and friends, scrapbooking, and quilt-

ing. She especially loved spending time with her granddaughter, Charisma. She spent time volunteering as a Modern Woodmen leader, Girl Scout leader and for the Good Samaritan Center.

Debra is survived by her daughter, Marissa Schulte of Fargo, ND; Granddaughter: Charisma Schulte of Fargo, ND; step-sisters: Mary Ann (Ron) Gerk of Lakeville, MN, and Pat (Randy) Koster of Mesa, AZ; Stepbrother, Jim (Tudy) Ahern of Phoenix, AZ; and her mother, Dolores (Dory) Ahern of Yankton, SD.

She was preceded in death by her father, Wayne Schulte; step-father, Russ Ahern; maternal grandparents, Alice and James Sylliaasen; and paternal grandparents Lewis and Lena Schulte.

The family has requested that in lieu of flowers, donations will be accepted and put toward an academic scholarship in memory of Debra Ann Schulte.

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#### Francis Meirose

STURGIS — Francis J. Meirose, 80, Sturgis, died Sunday, (Jan. 24, 2010) at Sturgis Regional Senior Care.

Funeral services are at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Sturgis, with the Revs. Arnold Karl and Bryan Sorenson officiating. Burial with military honors provided by the Sturgis Veterans Honor Guard will follows at the Black Hills National Cemetery near Sturgis.

Visitation is noon-5 p.m. Thursday at Kinkade Funeral Chapel, Sturgis. A Christian wake service will be held at 7 p.m. at the church.

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#### Donald Stewart

TYNDALL — Funeral services for Donald J. Stewart, 79, of Tyndall will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday at St. John Lutheran Church in Tyndall with Rev. Dean Schroeder officiating. Interment will follow in the Tyndall Cemetery.

Visitation will be held on Thursday from 3:00 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. at the Goglin Funeral Home in Tyndall. There will be a prayer service at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday evening at the church.

Don passed away on

Tuesday, (Jan. 26, 2010) at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton.

Online condolences may be sent at [www.goglinfh.com](http://www.goglinfh.com).

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[www.goglinfh.com](http://www.goglinfh.com)

#### Verna Hindsman

ATLANTA, Texas — Verna Mae Hindsman, 70, of Atlanta, Texas, and formerly of Yankton, died Monday (Jan. 25, 2010).

Arrangements are pending with Wintz & Ray Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Yankton.

#### Arlis Konken

HARTINGTON, Neb. — Arlis F. Konken, 62, of Hartington, Neb., died Tuesday (Jan. 26, 2010) at Avera

Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton.

Memorial services are at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Trinity Lutheran Church, Hartington, with the Rev. Bob Bryan officiating. Burial of her ashes will be at the Crofton City Cemetery at a later date.

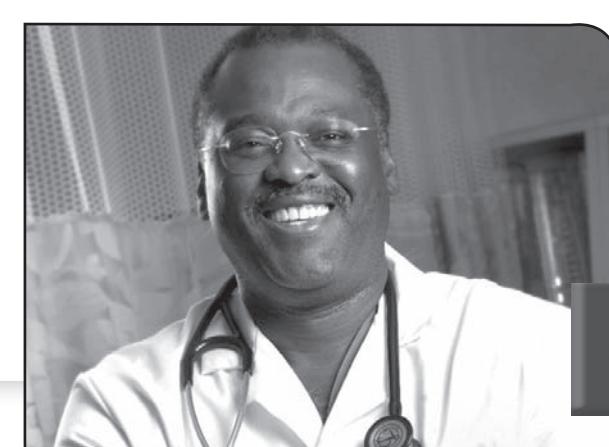
There will be no visitation, but there will be a prayer service at 7 p.m. Thursday at the church. The family will be present at 10 a.m. Friday at church.

Arrangements are under the direction of Wintz Funeral Home, Hartington.

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## REGION DIGEST

### Two-Vehicle Accident Results In Injuries

From P&D Staff Reports

Dense fog resulted in a two-vehicle injury accident in Knox County, Neb.

The accident occurred between 7-7:30 a.m. Friday, according to the Knox County sheriff's office in Center, Neb.

The department and the Bloomfield, Lindy and Crofton, Neb., rescue units responded to the accident at the intersection of Nebraska Highway 12 and 543 Ave.

The drivers were Alan J. Crosley of Niobrara, Neb., and Dawn Smith of Bloomfield, Neb. They were the lone occupants in their vehicles.

Smith was northbound on 543 Avenue, while Crosley was eastbound on Highway 12 when the two vehicles collided, according to the sheriff's office.

The Crosley vehicle rolled at least once before stopping in the field northeast of the intersection. The Smith vehicle went into the same ditch but did not roll.

Crosley was taken by the Bloomfield rescue unit to Mercy Medical Center in Sioux City, Iowa. Smith was taken by the Crofton rescue unit to Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton.

The sheriff's office had no further word on the two drivers' conditions.

Both vehicles are considered a total loss, and both airbags were deployed, the sheriff's office said.

The Knox County sheriff's office conducted the investigation into the accident.

### Johnsons Welcome Their Sixth Grandchild

Sen. Tim Johnson and his wife, Barbara, have announced the birth of their sixth grandchild, Aureja Johnson.

Aureja was born on Friday, Jan. 22. She weighed in at nine pounds and one ounce.

The newest member of the Johnson family was born to the senator's eldest son, Brooks Johnson, and his wife, Naida Snipes Johnson. Brooks is in the National Guard in Massachusetts following Army service in Bosnia, Kosovo, South Korea, Afghanistan, and Iraq. This is their second child.

Brooks and Naida also have a son, Arijus, and Sen. Johnson's other son, Brendan, and his wife Jana Beddow Johnson, have four children: Traulem, Peneal, Sutton and Cooper.

### Yankton School District Teacher Inservice Fri.

A one-day inservice program for Yankton School District teachers will be held on Friday, Jan. 29. There will be no school for students in preschool through Grade 12 on that day.

An additional teacher inservice day for the 2009-2010 school year will be held on Friday, Feb. 26. A teacher workday will be held on Friday, March 12.

There will be no school for students in all grades on these days.

### Wagner Blood Drive Rescheduled To Jan. 29

WAGNER — The Siouxland Community Blood Bank has rescheduled its blood drive in Wagner for Friday, Jan. 29. Donations will be accepted from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Wagner Fire Hall.

This replaces the blood drive that had been cancelled on Monday, Jan. 25, due to the winter storm.

To be eligible to donate, one must be at least 16 years old (16-year-olds require a signed parent permission slip), weigh at least 110 pounds, be in generally good health and have not donated whole blood in the past 56 days. A photo ID is needed at the time of registration and donors are asked to bring a list of any medications they may be currently taking.

For more information or to make an appointment for this blood drive, call 1-800-798-4208 or visit [www.siouxlandbloodbank.org](http://www.siouxlandbloodbank.org).

### Reminder: Put Out Garbage Before 7 A.M.

The City of Yankton would like to remind residents to have their garbage placed by 7 a.m. on the day of their scheduled pickup.

Two 33-gallon containers with lids and handles are allowed per household.

■ Get Updates At Yankton Online ([www.yankton.net](http://www.yankton.net))

### IN REMEMBRANCE

#### B. L. "Buck" Singer

Thursday, 10:30 AM  
Wintz & Ray Funeral Home  
Yankton

#### Arlis F. Konken

Friday, 10:30 AM  
Trinity Lutheran Church  
Hartington

#### Doris M. Nelson

Saturday, 2:00 PM  
First Congregational United Church of Christ  
Hartington

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