

## REGION DIGEST

### Weight-Loss Seminar At Chamber Wednesday

A free weigh-loss seminar by Tim Callahan, national development coordinator for Ideal Weigh of America, will be held Wednesday, Jan. 5, at the Yankton Area Chamber of Commerce, 803 E. Fourth St., Yankton.

Registration starts at 5:30 p.m., with the presentation set for 6 p.m. To RSVP, call 605-689-1234 or e-mail yankton@idealweighcenters.com.

### Preschool Story Time Program Commences

Preschool story time has begun its winter term at the Yankton Community Library, 515 Walnut.

Preschool children are invited to attend each week on Monday at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday at 10:15 a.m., or Thursday at 10:15 a.m. The winter session, "Winter Wonders," will be held each week through March 24.

"Baby and Me," a lap sit program for newborns through 1 year and their parent, has also resumed. The next session is at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 5. Additional sessions will be held at 5:45 p.m. Jan. 17, and 11 a.m. Jan. 19.

For more information, call the library at 668-5275.

### Kloucek To Hold Listening Meetings

Rep.-Elect Frank Kloucek (District 19-Scotland) will host public listening meetings on Wednesday, Jan. 5, to obtain input for the 2011 session.

Weather permitting, Wednesday's schedule is:

- Parkston — Boom's Café, 1:30 p.m.
- Marion — Backwoods Café & Lounge, 4 p.m.

For more information, contact Kloucek at 583-4468 or fkloucek@hotmail.com.

### Free Ice Skating At Alcoa Arena Friday

The free ice skating at the Alcoa Ice Arena that was cancelled on Dec. 31 because of weather has been rescheduled for 6-10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 7. The entire family is welcome at this free event.

### BFLF Hosting Free-Coffee Event This Month

In honor of National Mentoring Month, Big Friend/Little Friend (BFLF) of Yankton is inviting the public to stop by the parking lot at Roger's Pharmacy, 218 W. Fourth St., from 7:30-8:15 a.m. each Friday during January, where BFLF volunteers will pass out free Starbucks coffee. It is part of the group's "Thanks a Latte" project to thank the community for its support.

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### Donia Talsma

SPRINGFIELD — Memorial services for Donia Talsma, 99, of Springfield will be 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, January 5, 2011 at the Friedensberg Bible Church in rural Avon. Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home in Springfield is in charge of arrangements.

The family requests in lieu of flowers, that friends and family donate to Samaritans Purse, Box 3000, Boone, NC 28607.

Donia Elva Talsma, daughter of Peter and Amalia (Dirks) Unruh, was born September 10, 1911 at her parents' home in rural Avon, SD in Bon Homme County. She died peacefully at her home in rural Springfield on January 1, 2011. Donia attained the age of 99 years, three months and 22 days.

Donia was privileged to have graduated from Springfield High School. She married Ray Talsma at her parents' home in rural Avon on September 1, 1931. Nine children were blessed to their union. Donia was a hard working, loving wife, mother and farm/ranch helper. Her husband died September 20, 1974.

Donia had been a member of Friedensberg Bible Church and Grace Bible Church.

Donia loved gardening and reading her Bible. She will be remembered for gathering her children together and reading Bible stories and encouraging her children and grandchildren in their Christian faith. Donia spent time every day in prayer and meditation on the Word of God, praying specifically for her family, our nation and the spreading of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. She was a true prayer warrior.

Thankful for having shared her life are her children: Joyce Lukkes of Springfield; Merle and wife Sharon of Iona, SD; Mollie Nichols and husband Wayne of Wray, CO; Rose Adema of Winthrop, MN; John and wife Gladys; Pete and wife Tommie; Larry and wife Georgia, all of Springfield; Robert and wife Mary of Norfolk, NE; and Lyla Brandt and husband Dennis of Avon; 26 grandchildren; 42 great grandchildren; nine great-great grandchildren; sister Alda (Unruh) Ferwerda and husband Bill of Springfield; and sister-in-law, Grace (Unruh) Hemeyer of Spearfish..

Donia was preceded in death by her husband; parents; brother

Wally Unruh; sister Delphia at age four; granddaughters: Tanya Talsma and Kay Brandt; great grandson JD Corfield; and daughter-in-law Shirley Talsma.

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### Herman Fuerniss

DELMONT — Herman Fuerniss, 84, of Delmont was at home when he entered eternal life in Christ, January 2nd, 2011 at the age of 84 years, 6 months, and 2 days.

Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Wednesday, January 5th, 2011 with a Prayer Service at 7 pm, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Armour, SD.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, January 6, 2011, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Armour, SD. Lunch following the service. Interment at St. Paul Lutheran Church cemetery south Delmont, with military honors.

Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home in Wagner is in charge of arrangements.

Herman Konrad Fuerniss was born June 1st, 1926 on the Fuerniss homestead farm, nine miles south and one and one-half east of Delmont, SD. He was baptized June 20th, 1926 at St. Paul Lutheran Church south Delmont by the Rev. F. C. Gade. He was confirmed June 30th, 1940 by the Rev. L. J. Fuchs. Herman's confirmation hymn was #335, My Maker, Be Thou Nigh and confirmation verse, Psalm 1:1,2.

Herman attended school at Choteau Creek (Hilltop) #9 and graduated from Hillmont High School in May of 1944. He entered the United States Army December 15th, 1950 beginning his service at Camp McCoy, WI, then, leaving for Germany September 21st, 1951. He returned to the United States November 20th, 1952 and was honorably discharged at the military rank of T. Sgt. December 11th, 1952 at Custer, MI.

Herman married Alice Marie Gunnare December 4th, 1955 at the home of Erik and Anna (Innala) Gunnare south of Delmont, SD. Herman and Alice farmed south of Delmont, the last 52 years on the Fuerniss homestead — they never retired. Herman and Alice were members of St. Paul Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod) south Delmont until the church closing in



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### Oswald Elbe

Oswald F. Elbe, age 90, of Yankton, South Dakota died Saturday, January 1, 2011 at the Wakonda Heritage Manor in Wakonda, South Dakota.

Memorial services are 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 5, 2011 at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton, South Dakota with Reverend Nelson Stone officiating. Inurnment will be in the Yankton Cemetery.

Oswald F. "Oz" Elbe was born February 16, 1920 at Racine, Wisconsin, the son of Julius and Augusta (Sabrofske) Elbe. He graduated from Horlick High School in 1938. After working on the family farm, he left to attend Yankton College, graduating in 1943 and from the YC School of Theology in 1944. He was ordained in 1944 at the Congregational Church at

Hudson, SD. He married Ruth A. Stuelpnagel on June 12, 1947. From 1950 to 1955, he served the yoked parish of Elk Point, SD and Westfield, IA, while earning an MA from USD. The family moved to Yankton 1955, where Oz taught at the Yankton High School for three years. He entered the life insurance business on a part-time basis and eventually became a Field Underwriter for Monarch Life Insurance of Springfield, MA. He received the C.L.U. designation in 1977. In 1973, he accepted the position of Executive Secretary/Treasurer of Yankton Consistory, retiring from this position in 1987. From 1955 to 1968, he served over 50 different churches as pulpit supply and from 1968 to 2004, he served as interim pastor and then as pastor of the UCC church at Wakonda. (Until their closing,

the churches at Mission Hill and Lesterville were also a part of a three-point charge.) During that time, Elbe mentored student assistants, several of whom later entered the ministry. In 2004, he received a plaque from the South Dakota Conference of the United Church of Christ commemorating his 60th anniversary of his ordination. During his entire ministry in the church, his wife Ruth S. Elbe was an active helpmate; she was choir director and organist in many of the churches he served. Rev. Elbe joined the Masons in 1947; he received the honorary 33 degree in 1977. He served as Chaplain of the South Dakota Elks Association for twenty years. After Ruth suffered a stroke in 1999, Oz became her principle caregiver until her death in 2003. After developing NPH, he became a resident of Walnut Village and lived there

for two years until his condition necessitated a move to the Wakonda Heritage Manor.

He is survived by daughter, Elizabeth Elbe of Yankton; sisters, Esther Nation of Oregon and Louise Laib of Washington; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife; daughter, Carolyn; his parents; 3 brothers and 4 sisters.

To post an online sympathy message, please visit wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

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nephews and nieces.

Herman was preceded in death by his father and mother, Emil A. and Augusta (Vesper) Fuerniss, one brother, Walter Fuerniss and one sister, Lillian (Fuerniss) Fauth, brother-in-law, Helmut Fauth, brother-in-law, Norbert Peters, nine brothers-in-law and six sisters-in-law in the Gunnare family, three nephews and one niece.

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### Donna Holbrook

Donna Jean Holbrook, 71, of Yankton died Monday (Jan. 3, 2011) at the Golden Living Center, Lake Norden.

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

### Louise Huff

Louise A. Huff, 75, of Yankton died Sunday (Jan. 2, 2011) at Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton.

A memorial service is at 5:30 p.m. Saturday at the Yankton Baptist Church, 607 East 15th Street, Yankton, with the Rev. Matt Green officiating.

Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton, is in charge of the arrangements.

### Delvin Amundson

VERMILLION — Delvin D. Amundson, 48, of Vermillion, SD passed away Sunday, January 2, 2011 at the Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, SD.

Delvin was born January 13, 1962 in Viborg, SD to Dean and Ila Jean (Cleland) Amundson. He spent his younger years in the spirit mound area while attending Vermillion schools, graduating from Vermillion High School. He then went on to manage the coyote and the Vermillion theatres. He then moved to Sioux City, IA to manage the Orpheum theatre and the Southern Hills Mall Six Plex. He became a trouble shooter for 20th Century Fox and moved to Arizona where he then became a plumber and lived in that area for 14 years, finally returning to Vermillion.

Delvin loved basketball, fishing and hunting and had a special love for motorcycles, but most of all loved his daughters and grandchildren.

Delvin was preceded in death by his grandparents Elvin and



Amundson

Lovail Cleland, his grandfather Burdette Amundson, a great grandmother Louella Amundson and his step father Leroy Moe.

He is survived by his father Dean Amundson of Vermillion, his mother Ila Jean Cleland Moe of Vermillion, his two daughters; Ashley and Alyssa and two grandchildren Kylee and Ethan all of Queen Creek, AZ. He is also survived by a grandmother Lillian Amundson of Vermillion and two brothers; Troy Moe of Vermillion and Shawn (Lynette) Moe of Homer, NE, and several Aunts and Uncles.

A celebration of life will be held at 2:00 pm Friday, January 7 at the Hansen Funeral Home in Vermillion. Burial of ashes will be at a later date. Online condolences and obituary: hansenfuneralhome.com.

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### Valerie Rubida

JEFFERSON — Valerie Theresa Rubida, 49, of Jefferson died Monday (Jan. 3, 2011) at her loving partner's residence in Jefferson.

Funeral arrangements are pending with Anderson-Siecke-Kober Funeral Home, Elk Point.

## RADIO

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Culhane expressed that this is an important way for he and his wife to mix their faith with their love of radio. He also said that their goal is to eventually bring Catholic radio to the entire state.

Culhane acknowledged that, without the community supporting him through the last 17 years, their newest project would not be possible. Because of that, he expresses his gratitude.

"I think what we would simply like to say is thank you to the communities that we have served the last 17 years," he said. "We couldn't have done any of this without all of them."

Culhane said that the decision to sell was not easily reached.

"You always sit back and look where you have been, what you have done and where you want to go in your life," Culhane said. "My wife and I sat down and looked at some things, and we decided if an opportunity presented itself (to sell the stations) at this time in our

lives it would be something we would take a look at."

Culhane admits that, through the years, there have been other opportunities, but the timing was just not right.

"It is almost like having a child, you watch it grow up," he said. "So, yes, it was a difficult decision. The employees that we have had over the years, the clients, our listeners — it has all just been a rewarding 17-plus years. It is always tough to close a chapter of your life and walk away from it. (Closing the sale) was a little bitter-sweet."

Much like a child, Culhane said the stations have gone through maturation processes.

"We started out in a small building in Vermillion in 1993. Sales were very low at the time," he said. "We watched a metamorphosis take place over the years, with more clients, more revenue being added, the formats changing and then moving to Yankton in 1997-1998. It was a tough decision, but from a business standpoint it was the right decision. A number of our clients were in Yankton, another group wanted to be in Yankton and it really was because we listened to our client base more than any-

thing else that made us decide we needed to be in here."

In August 2002, the two stations were moved into one building in Yankton, a change that Culhane said reflects the changes he has seen in the community itself.

"We progressed when we came here," he said. "The changes I have seen in the Yankton community to move forward are very similar. The community is very proactive."

Culhane detailed the format changes that the stations underwent through the years, all in an effort to help his clients reach the most listeners possible.

He explained that, when they bought the stations, 1570 was a country station and 106.3 was a top 40. During the next several years, the stations would undergo many changes. In May of 2000, they made KVTK sports talk, and in 2007 they settled KVHT into a classic hits format.

"When we moved to all sports on the AM side, we became the first 24-hour 7-day per week ESPN radio affiliate in South Dakota," Culhane said. "For FM, we kind of did a blend of adult contemporary/top 40 and flowed into mix 106 in the late 90s to early 2000 and stayed that way until 2007, when we changed it to a

mer, while the other man had a shovel. Mackedanz is suspected of hitting the man with the hammer, after which the victim fled the scene.

Police were still attempting to locate the man late Monday afternoon.

Hisek said the incident remains under investigation.

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