

## Bingo Available Twice Each Week At The Center

The Center, 900 Whiting Drive in Yankton, reminds the public that it hosts bingo at 7 p.m. every Tuesday and Friday night. Play is open to everyone.

For more information, contact Tammy Matuska at 605-665-4685 or director@thecenteryankton.org.

## Grand Island To Host Archaeology Meeting

GRAND ISLAND, Neb. — The Nebraska Archaeological Society (NAS) quarterly meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m. at the Grand Island Public Library, in Grand Island, Neb., on Saturday, Feb. 4. The Grand Island Library is located at 211 North Washington St. The meeting is open to the public and anyone interested in archaeology is encouraged to attend.

At the conclusion of a brief business meeting, professional archaeologist Nolan Johnson will be the featured guest speaker. His presentation will focus on the his findings from last summer's archeological investigations at the Abbott Sports Complex Motocross Facility located in Lincoln, Neb. Come and hear about a current archaeological investigation in Nebraska.

Learn how you can be a part of the Nebraska Artifact Show to be held on Aug. 25 at Seward, Neb. The annual show continues to grow with collections from all over Nebraska and several surrounding states. The show is an opportunity for the general public to view rarely seen world class displays and enjoy several educational programs designed for attendees of all ages.

For more information, contact Jerry and Nancy Carlson at nrcarlsh@hotmail.com (402-993-6055) or Kevin Hammond at hammond100@windstream.net and put "NAS" in the subject line.

## Parent/Child Aquatics Classes Begin Feb. 7

Avera Sacred Heart Wellness Center will be holding two Parent/Child Aquatics Classes. The first will begin Feb. 7 and the second will begin March 6.

These American Red Cross Classes are for children ages 6 months to 3 years old.

Classes are 30 minutes in length, last four weeks, and are limited to the first eight participants for each session. The last session is an advanced class for students who have participated in these classes in the past.

For more information, contact Avera Sacred Heart Wellness Center or call 668-8357.

## HHS 'Meet And Greet' Scheduled For Feb. 4

Heartland Humane Society is inviting the community to meet its dogs for adoption on Saturday, Feb. 4, at the Alcoa 4H Center and Ice Arena, located at 902 Whiting Drive in Yankton. The event runs from 10 a.m.-noon.

"Right now we have several larger breeds and a few small breed dogs," said Kerry Schmidt, executive director at Heartland Humane Society.

In addition, the shelter will be open from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. to view or adopt cats and kittens. The shelter is located at 601 1/2 Burleigh Street in Yankton.

Schmidt encourages anyone interested in adopting an animal to fill out an application prior to the Meet and Greet. Applications must be reviewed and approved prior to adoption. You can pick up an application at the shelter or find it online at www.heartlandhumanesociety.net

For more information on either event, contact Heartland Humane Society 605-664-4244 or email hhs@midconetwork.com. You can view all animals up for adoption on the shelter's website or on Petfinder.com.

Heartland Humane Society is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that serves Yankton and Clay counties in South Dakota, Cedar County in Nebraska and surrounding communities, protecting and enhancing the lives of companion animals by promoting healthy relationships between pets and people. Visit Heartland Humane Society online at www.heartlandhumanesociety.net.

# Students

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Instead of simply talking to the camera, the students — about 50 in total — came up with the idea of presenting one word that described a personality or character trait that would showcase what they do have on the reservation. The students shot, directed and edited the video, said Johnny Whirlwind Soldier, a 17-year-old senior.

The YouTube video, titled "More Than That," has been watched more than 35,000 times since it was uploaded in December, and several of the students who created it have been invited to attend a national conference on Native American education issues.

Whirlwind Soldier is among six students traveling to Washington next month to present the video at the National Association of Federally Impacted Schools conference. NAFIS is a nonprofit organization created to educate Congress on the importance of federal aid.

The students will take part in a question-and-answer session about the video on Feb. 27 to share how they battle stereotypes.

Feather Colombe, an 18-year-old senior at Todd County High

School, also is going to Washington. She said she wants people to understand that she and other American Indian students don't need money or possessions for a rich life. Colombe is featured in the video with the word "honesty" written on her arm.

"I think we wanted to make this video and needed to, because what the other people — the outsiders — they don't know is that us Natives, we choose to live a certain way and we never wanted all this poverty. We just live our lives happily ... We see ourselves rich," she said.

Colombe said the stereotypes about American Indians used to bother her, but she has learned to focus on herself and the positives.

"I focus on sports, school, focus on graduating. It really keeps me going, taking that leadership role and moving forward, basically believing in myself and knowing I'm capable of it," she said.

ABC has not responded to an email seeking comment about the students' video.

Elwood, who has worked in American Indian education for about 10 years, said the video is helping to change perceptions.

"We want people to know outside the reservation system that we have great kids here and they have a lot of potential and have the means to do great things," he said.

## OBITUARIES

### Edith Bickerstaff

Edith Mae (LaPointe) Bickerstaff, age 79, of Santee, NE, passed away in her home Thursday, January 26, 2012.

Funeral services will be at the Oyate Oyanke Community Center in Santee, NE on Monday, January 30th, 2012 at 1 p.m.

She will be at the center for visitation to begin at 5 p.m. on Friday, January 27th, 2012 continuing through Monday at 1 p.m. Evening services will be held on: Friday, January 27, 2012 at 8 p.m., Saturday, January 28, 2012 at 7 p.m., and Sunday, January 29th, 2012 at 7 p.m. Burial will be in the Catholic Cemetery, Santee, NE.

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

Pallbearers will be: Rodney Bickerstaff, Melvin Pike, Wyatt Thomas Jr., Gene Hawk, Alonzo Denny, Kevin Campbell, Don LaPointe Jr., and Anthony Johnson. Honorary Pallbearers will be all Sundancers and Santee Community Members. She will be truly missed at all Sundances on the Santee Land.

Wakanhdi Ota Win: Lots of Lightning Woman

Edith Mae Bickerstaff was born on January 21, 1933 to Laura Mae Jones and Virgil LaPointe in Winnebago, NE. She entered into eternal life on January



Bickerstaff

of Arts.

She married Wylie "Pete" Bickerstaff in 1975.

She worked as a CHR for many years at the Santee Health Center before working at Santee Community School as a Custodian Janitor for 17 years. She also worked at the Nebraska Indian Community College before moving on to working at the Ohiya Casino before she fully retired.

Edith was a member of the American Indian Movement in the 70's, she was a veteran of the Wounded Knee (reign of terror) standoff. She devoted her life living as a traditional woman. She started Sundancing at a young age when Sundance wasn't allowed and danced until she was 73 years of age. She believed that living a Dakota way of life was the only way to be free inside. She also believed and respected the ways of the sacred pipe. Until the day of her passing, she prayed for everyone else even at the time of her Journey through

and children Raegan and Mason; Scott (Diane) and children Miranda, Karissa, Jamie and Camille as well as Camille's children Maci and Milo; James; Sandra (Kevin) and children Jake and Kindra; Stacy and child Briston; Summer and child Cadence; Dustin

(Laura) and children Raquel and Malikia; Chance; Jordan; Shawna (Adam) and child Landon; and Casey and child Gavin; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Family members that preceded her in death are her parents, Ray and Gertrude Crow, sister Maxcene, brother Eugene, son Donald, two granddaughters, Kimberly and Andrea, and son in law Robert (Bud) Wilson.

Joyce suffered with Parkinson's since 1993. In place of flowers the family suggests memorials to Sanford Hospice, 20 South Plum, Vermillion S.D. 57069-3346, or your favorite Charity in honor of Joyce Hagemann.

A memorial service will be held 2:00 p.m. Thursday, January 26 at Wass Funeral Home in Beresford. A second memorial service was held 2:00 p.m. Friday, January 27 at St. John Lutheran Church in Madison, SD with burial to follow at Graceland Cemetery in Madison.

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### Carol Mayer

Carol Mayer, 72, of Yankton died Friday, Jan. 27, 2012, at Avera McKennan Hospital, Sioux Falls.

Funeral services are pending with Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton.

### Cheryl Olson

NORTH BEND, Neb. — Cheryl Olson, 62, of North Bend, Neb., formerly of Niobrara, Neb., died Friday, Jan. 27, 2012, at her home in North Bend.

Funeral services are at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Niobrara Lutheran

this battle she endured with Cancer. She held her Pipe close to her heart through all times in her life.

She is survived by her Aunt; Dorothy Lunderman, her brothers: Kenneth (Marcella) LaPointe, Clarence (Carmen) LaPointe, Donald (Diane) LaPointe, a hunka Sister Martha (John) Campbell, and a very special relative Thelma (Ron) Thomas. Five children: Winona Enyard, Carl (Pansy) Thomas, Rodney Thomas Sr, Harlan Thomas and Wyatt (Lorene) Thomas. Grandchildren she raised: Erinn Thomas, Monie Tommie, Rodney Thomas Jr, Raymond Thomas. Many other Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren and Great Great Grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband Wylie Bickerstaff, her parents: Laura and Virgil LaPointe. Two brothers: Harold LaPointe and Curtis Frazier. 3 children: Merle Gene Thomas, Rudolph Merle Thomas Jr, and Gloria Jean Fuller and numerous grandchildren.

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Church, Niobrara, with the Rev. Kelley Pedersen officiating. Burial is in the L'Eau Qui Court Cemetery, Niobrara.

Visitation is 5-8 p.m. Monday at Brockhaus Funeral Home in Niobrara.

### Lloyd Claassen

SPENCER, Neb. — Lloyd Claassen, 81, of Spencer, Neb., died Thursday, Jan. 26, 2012, at Butte Health Care Center.

Funeral services are at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Spencer, with the Rev. Glen Stahlecker officiating. Burial is in Union Cemetery, Spencer. Military honors will be conducted by American Legion Post 78 of Spencer.

Visitation is 3-7 p.m. Sunday at Brockhaus Funeral Home, Spencer.

### Leland 'Chris' Swensen

WAKONDA — Leland Leroy "Chris" Swensen, 72, died Friday, Jan. 27, 2012, at the Wakonda Heritage Manor after battling

### Delphine Schmidt

SCOTLAND — Delphine Schmidt, 77, of Scotland passed away on Friday, January 27, 2012 at her home in Scotland after a courageous bout with cancer.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, January 30 at St. George Catholic Church in Scotland with Fr. Mathew Vazhappilly as Celebrant. Interment will follow in St. George Catholic Cemetery, Scotland.

Visitation will be held on Sunday from 3:00 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. at the Goglin Funeral Home in Scotland. There will be a Scriptural wake service at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday evening at St. George Catholic Church.

Online condolences may be sent at www.goglinfh.com .

In lieu of flowers, the family prefers memorials to the Scotland Library, which will be used to purchase books for the visually impaired.

## Goglin Funeral Home

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cancer.

Memorial services are at 10 a.m. Feb. 4 in the United Methodist Church, Wakonda, with burial to follow in the Union Cemetery, rural Wakonda.

For obituary and online condolences, visit hansenfuneralhome.com

### John Riibe

WYNOT, Neb. — John F. Riibe, 93, of Wynot, Neb., and formerly of Hartington, Neb., died Friday, Jan. 27, 2012, at the Golden Living Center, Hartington.

Mass of Christian Burial is at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Hartington, with the Rev. Eric Olsen officiating. Burial will be in St. Michael's Cemetery, Hartington, with military services provided by the Hartington VFW Post 5283.

Visitation is 4-8 p.m. Monday at the Holy Family (Sacred Heart) Catholic Church, Wynot, with a vigil service at 7 p.m. Visitation will begin one hour prior to services on Tuesday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

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## IN REMEMBRANCE

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**Patricia "Pat" Davis**  
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## Grateful Words of Thanks

The family of Charles Barron would like to express a thank you. Yet, there are no words as immense as the support, generosity and kindness that the family felt as they mourned the loss of a husband, father, and Papa. Their grief and heartache would have been impossible to bear without the support and love from those who lost Charles themselves. The depth of Yankton's community connectedness is powerful and the family feels humbled from such endless compassion.

Sincerely,  
The family of Charles Barron

## Thank You

We wish to thank you for the many cards, flowers, food, acts of kindness and monetary gifts at the loss of our dear sister, Ruth Fischer. Thank you to Father Jim Keiter for the kind words and beautiful service. Thanks to Ali Lammers for the lovely music and solo and also to the pallbearers. Thank you to Wintz & Ray Funeral Home for the comforting care shown to the family, and to Diane Hegge for hosting the reception. God bless you all for your kindness.

Lorraine (Gerald) Pederson of Hartington, NE, Darlene (Jacob) Keiter of Hartington; Gerald (Donna) Fischer of Hartington, Shirley (Duane) Lackas of St. Louis, MO, Pat (Orville) Steffen of Hartington, LeRoy (Diane) Fischer of Hartington, Keith (Sue) Fischer of Greenville, TX, JoAnn (Warren) Placek of Tyndall, SD, Ronald (Jeanne) Fischer of Ladonia, TX, Janice Hansen of Spearfish, SD, Donald (Marlys) Fischer of Clearwater, NE, and Rodney (Nancy) Fischer of Hartington; brother-in-law, Robert Kutcha; and many nieces and nephews, and great nieces and great nephews.

