

**Oscar-Winning Film To Be Shown At MMC**

"A Separation," which won the 2012 Oscar for best foreign film, will be shown Sunday at Mount Marty College. It focuses on a middle-class Iranian couple going through a separation. Problems arise when the husband has to hire a lower-class care-giver to look after his father, who is suffering from Alzheimer's. This is the first in a series of films the Gregorian Club will be showing on Sundays through the end of February. "Shoeshine" will be shown Feb. 3, "Grave of the Fireflies" will be shown Feb. 17 and "Autumn Sonata" will be shown Feb. 24. Screenings are at 2 p.m. in Room 108 at Mount Marty's Scholastica Learning Center. The public is invited to attend.

**Fundraiser Planned For Yankton Bowl**

Yankton's Big Friend Little Friend, a local non-profit mentoring organization, is planning our 17th annual Bowl-A-Thon fundraiser. The Bowl-A-Thon will be held April 6 at Yankton Bowl. Organizers are looking for businesses to sponsor or co-sponsor a team, as well as businesses to donate prizes. For more information, call Stacy at 665-6365.

**Community Health Fair Set For Vermillion**

VERMILLION — Sanford Vermillion Medical Center is sponsoring a Community Health and Wellness Fair in Saturday, Feb. 2, running from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Lee Medicine Building on the University of South Dakota campus. It is important to be proactive about your health and participate in annual screenings. Early detection is vital for appropriately managing and preventing chronic health conditions. Sanford Vermillion is once again partnering with students in health professions and business school programs at the University of South Dakota to host a community health and wellness event. The health fair focuses on the importance of knowing your individual "numbers" and understanding what they mean with respect to your overall health and wellness. Free health screenings offered include blood pressure, blood sugar, body fat/body mass index analysis, lung/breathing test, and oral cancer screen. Reduced cost screenings available include cholesterol, PSA Blood screen for men, and a special Health Fair screen including CBC w/o differential, lipid panel, and basic metabolic panel. In recognition of Heart Health Month, several new options will be available this year. Sanford Heart Screen will be onsite to provide an Adult and a Youth Heart Screen. These screens should be scheduled in advance by calling (605) 33HEART. Participants are encouraged to walk through the Mega Heart display to learn more about how our heart works. In addition, there will be two varieties of CPR education available. Check our website (sanfordvermillion.org) for more details. Community Blood Bank of Sioux Falls mobile unit will be onsite for blood donations. Participants are encouraged to attend one of the healthy cooking seminars; "Healthy Fats ... Really?" offered at 10 a.m.-noon. Also, parents should know this is a family friendly gathering with a supervised children's activity room and Youth Health Fair.

**Health Department Sponsoring Training**

PIERRE — Preventing antibiotic-resistant bacteria is the subject of a Feb. 7 symposium for South Dakota health providers. The training will be held in Aberdeen and is in response to a cluster of carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriaceae (CRE) infections reported in South Dakota in 2012. It is sponsored by the Department of Health. Presenters for the "Bugs and Drugs: Carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriaceae (CRE) Control & Antibiotic Stewardship Symposium" are Dr. Alex Kallen and Dr. Loria Pollack from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta. Dr. Kallen is a Medical Officer in CDC's Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion where he coordinates the division's response to healthcare-associated outbreaks. He is board-certified in internal medicine and infectious diseases. Dr. Pollack is also a Medical Officer in the division where her focus is preventing healthcare-associated illness and addressing antibiotic resistance through antimicrobial stewardship. She is board-certified in internal medicine and board-eligible in preventive medicine. Enterobacteriaceae bacteria such as Klebsiella and E. coli are found in the human digestive system and can become resistant to carbapenem antibiotics. Patients on ventilators, urinary or intravenous catheters, or long courses of certain antibiotics are most at risk for CRE infections. Healthy people are not at risk. The symposium will be held in Aberdeen at the State Street Medical Center, 105 S. State Street, with two separate sessions at 6:45 a.m. and 10 a.m. It will also be offered as a videoconference for hospitals. There is no charge for the symposium but pre-registration is required. Registration details can be found on the Department of Health website at doh.sd.gov/Calendar/2013CREAgenda.pdf.

**Libraries Recognized For Accreditation Efforts**

PIERRE — Seven South Dakota libraries were accredited by the South Dakota State Library in 2012, under a relatively new system of tiered accreditation that began three years ago. The libraries were recognized during a ceremony before lawmakers and the public in the Capitol Rotunda Thursday afternoon. Public libraries are accredited at one of three levels: Essential, Enhanced or Exemplary. Accreditation at the Essential level means a library satisfactorily provides the basic services required by state law and federal guidelines. Each subsequent level of accreditation builds on the previous level with additional indicators that libraries must meet. Exemplary is the highest level of service. Libraries are evaluated in the following areas, as outlined in South Dakota Public Library standards: governance, administration, access, collections and resources, funding, staffing, technology, and public relations. The three levels of accreditation are based on the number of indicators achieved in each of the standards. "We encourage all our libraries, large or small, to take a look at the standards — to use the standards as benchmarks in their goals and improvement plans," said Interim State Librarian Daria Bossman. "All these South Dakota public libraries set as their goal to serve their communities and reach above and beyond what is set as minimum standards for public libraries in South Dakota." The following area South Dakota public libraries were accredited in 2012 by the South Dakota State Library: North Sioux City Community Library — Essential; Scotland Community Library — Essential. Detailed requirements for each level of tiered accreditation, as well as a complete list of accredited libraries, are available on the South Dakota State Library's webpage at www.library.sd.gov.

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**City To Consider Voting Center Option**

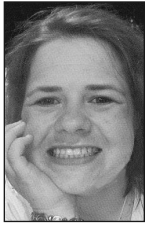
From P&D Staff Reports

The Yankton City Commission will consider Monday utilizing voting centers in its upcoming April election. Yankton County first used voting centers during last year's general election, and the city is looking at that option, too. The centers would allow voters to use any polling location in the city and not restrict them to voting within a precinct. The proposed centers are JoDean's, City Hall and the Yankton County 4-H facility. In other business Monday, the Commission will consider final approval of a business improvement district and a couple of rezoning requests. The meeting gets under way at 7 p.m. in the City of Yankton Meeting Room, located at the Technical Education Center, 1200 W. 21st St.

**OBITUARIES**

**Stacy Merkel**

Stacy Jayne Madonna Merkel, age 34 of Yankton, SD formerly of Hartington, Nebraska, died on Thursday, January 24, 2013 at the Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls, SD.



Merkel

Mass of Christian Burial will be on Monday, January 28, 2013 at 10:30 a.m. at the Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Hartington with Rev. Jeffery Loseke officiating. Burial will be in St. Michael's Cemetery in Hartington. Visitation will be on Sunday from 4-8 p.m. with a Vigil Service at 7 p.m. at the church. Visitation will begin one hour prior to services on Monday at the church. The Wintz Funeral Home in Hartington is in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers will be Ron Arens, Jeff Arens, Larry Arens, Frank Arens, Mike Schenbeck and T.J. Schenbeck. Stacy was born on June 30, 1978 in Yankton, SD to Roger and Bette (Arens) Merkel. At the age of 4 Stacy began her formal schooling at the Omaha Hearing School for the Deaf and then various other Omaha school systems. She graduated from Hartington High School in 1997. Stacy lived in Sioux Falls, SD from 2000 to 2010 and moved to Yankton in August of 2011. She loved her ABS family and friends in Yankton but especially loved coming home on weekends to be with

her family. Stacy loved her family and was so proud to be a god-mother to her niece, Kristine. Her newborn niece, Lucy, was also very special to her. Stacy loved to play cards with her family, especially with her grandmother, Mary Arens. She also enjoyed teaching sign language classes.

Stacy is survived by her parents, Roger and Bette Merkel of Hartington; 2 brothers, Jason Merkel of Lincoln, Nebraska; Justin (Judd) Merkel and his wife Joan and their daughter Lucille (Lucy) of Omaha, 2 sisters, Sheila Becker and her husband, Doug, and their children, Elly, Easton, Kristine and Kally of Hartington; Allison Merkel and her fiancée, Skyler Curry of Omaha; maternal grandmother, Mary Arens of Hartington; her godfather, Ron Arens of Hartington and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, Joseph, Caroline and Mildred Merkel, maternal grandparents, Julius and Lucille Arens, god-mother, Donna Schenbeck, uncles, Dave Arens, Mike Merkel, Bob Merkel and cousins, Steve McGregor, Jonathon Kuchta and Scott Schenbeck.

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**Fredrick Nelsen**

Fredrick Raymond Nelsen, 62, of Yankton died Thursday, Jan. 24, 2013, at home. Memorial services are at 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 28, at Calvary Baptist Church, Yankton, with the Rev. Rick Slattery officiating.

Visitations begin at 6:30 p.m. Sunday at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton with a 7 p.m. Scripture service. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

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**Legislature**

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ministrators Association and the South Dakota Education Association, the state's main teachers union. Lawmakers supporting the bill said they believe school officials don't want the responsibility of deciding whether staff or volunteers can carry guns in school. Rob Munson, executive director of the School Administrators Association, said people become teachers and administrators because they want to educate children, not serve as armed guards. He said his military service in the Middle East taught him the importance of knowing when to pull the trigger and when to hold fire. Teachers are not trained or prepared to make those decisions, he said. A person has a one in a million chance of being struck by lightning on any given day, but there's only a one in 3 million chance a school will be attacked on that day, Munson said. "Schools are safe environments. Introducing weapons into that school environment changes that whole factor," Munson said. The bill would allow individual school boards to create so-called sentinel programs, authorizing the arming of school employees, hired security officers or volunteers. The county sheriff would have to approve such a program, and school employees could not be forced to take part. The committee on Friday ap-

proved a change in the bill to require that anyone taking part in such a program complete training that would be designed by the same commission that sets training standards for law enforcement officers. The bill's main sponsor, Rep. Scott Craig, R-Rapid City, said he was working on the bill even before the Dec. 14 elementary school shooting in Newtown, Conn., that left 20 children and six adults dead. He said experts have suggested putting more armed people in schools. Craig said schools are inviting targets to mass shooters because they are gun-free zones. Arming school personnel could discourage attackers or at least let teachers and others stop those attackers, he said. "The intent of this bill is to provide the option for the school districts that want to provide an armed presence, that do not want to be another school that when law enforcement arrives, the deed has already been done," Craig said. Rep. Timothy Johns, R-Lead, said no one has shown that South Dakota schools are unsafe. He said the state needs to assess each school building to determine if additional security measures are needed. Additional counseling services for students and more secure building entrances would help, he said. Armed personnel in a building might not do much to stop attackers, Johns said. "Usually, these things are over before somebody from the other end of the school can even react," Johns said.

**Frances Rokusek**

Frances R. Rokusek age 94, of Tabor, SD passed away early Thursday, January 24, 2013 at Avera St. Michael's Nursing Home, Tyndall, SD.



Rokusek

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m., Monday, January 28, 2013 at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church, Tabor, with Rev. Joe Forcelle celebrating and Msgr. Carlton Hermann concelebrating. Burial will be in the parish cemetery.

Visitations will begin at 5 p.m., Sunday, January 27, 2013 at the Opsahl-Kostel Memorial Chapel, Tabor, with a wake service at 7 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Frances was born March 7, 1917 in Brainard, NE to John and Frances (Novak) Fiala, and was one of three children. Frances graduated from Crete High School and married James Rokusek on March 25, 1940 in Oakes, ND. James was her lifelong soul partner whom she cherished forever. Frances and Jim spent 47 summers at

Okobogi selling Sno Kones and Carmel Corn. The winter months were spent in Tabor at the Wonder Shop. She was a member of the Tabor Chamber of Commerce, Czech Heritage Society, Catholic Sokol Social Club, Tabor Senior Citizens Center, and a lifelong member of St. Wenceslaus Parish and Altar Society. She was a member of the Kortan-Hatwan American Legion Auxiliary of which she held many different offices and was especially honored to be Chaplain.

She is survived by her son, Tom (Norma) Rokusek of George, IA; daughter, Kay (Dave) Kline of Mitchell, SD; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, James, parents, sister, Alice (Fiala) Rokusek and brother, John Fiala.

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**Regina Johnson**

Regina Mary Johnson, 73, of Hartington, Neb., died Friday, Jan. 25, 2013, at the Parkview Haven Nursing Home, Coleridge, Neb. Funeral Services are pending at the Wintz Funeral Home, Hartington.

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The family of **Wayne Buckman** wishes to thank everyone for the many expressions of sympathy at the loss of our brother, father, and grandfather. The cards, memorials, food, hugs, memories, visits, and prayers are appreciated. Thank you to all who attended the visitation and funeral. We would also like to thank Reverend Ralph Egbert for his support and officiating and the Gayville Lutheran Church ladies (Marie Erickson) for the delicious lunch. Thank you to Wintz-Ray Funeral Home for their support and services, the Rudolf-Christensen Legion Post No. 237, Gayville, and the honorary guard for the military honors. Thanks also to Dr. Frank, Vets Hospital, Autumn Winds, and Sister James Nursing Home for his care. A very special thank you to all his friends, family, and community who gave us support at this difficult time; we know he is at peace. Memorials are made to the Gayville American Legion and the Alzheimer's Association.

**Deb Buckman - (Bill Metzger) & Family**  
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Mere words cannot express our gratitude for everyone who shared thoughts, prayers, cards, food, and visits to our home and hospitals during Lee's recent medical concerns. There are too many folks to name individually, but may God bless each of you who shared your time, talents, and compassion during the healing process. We want to thank the first responders, medical and rehabilitation staff at Yankton Avera and the staff at the Heart Hospital in Sioux Falls, all of whom took such good care of us, and continue to do so. Special thanks to our neighbors and friends who picked up the pieces immediately after the emergency and to the mystery angels who still assist by shoveling the snow from our sidewalk and driveway. We send our appreciation to our employers, M.R. Henderson & Company and Wilcockson Eye Associates, for their support in our absence and for flexibility as we worked back into a new normal routine. Much gratitude goes out to Pastor Rick and all our extended church family at the United Church of Christ (Congregational) for their many words and acts of kindness - you are truly a blessing to us and to our community. We cannot begin to thank all of you by name as there was such an outpouring of caring and sharing. Thank you again for anything and everything you have done. May God bless you as you have blessed us!

**Lee and Suzan Gass and family**