

S.D. Code Commission To Meet Jan. 15

PIERRE — The South Dakota Code Commission will hold a meeting at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 15, in Room 499, Fourth Floor of the State Capitol in Pierre.
 The purpose for this meeting is to review proposed legislation to allow the contract for the publication of the codified laws to be extended for more than one year and to codify legislation enacted in 2013. The agenda is available on the South Dakota Legislature's web site at <http://legis.sd.gov/Interim/Documents.aspx>.
 The five-member commission is chaired by Michael DeMersseman. Other members of the commission are Margaret Gillespie (Vice Chair), Representative Brian Gosch, Senator Shantel Krebs, and Tom Lee.
 The public is invited to attend.

JRWDD Board To Hold Meeting Wed.

HURON — The James River Water Development District Board of Directors will be holding its annual meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 15, at the American Legion in Pierre noon.
 Items on the agenda are:
 • Funding request from United States Geological Survey for operating and maintaining gauging stations on the James River near Stratford, Redfield and Yankton;
 • Election of 2014 officers;
 • Designation of official newspapers;
 • Designation of official depository;
 • Update on TMDL activities on the James River;
 • Any other business that may come before the Board.

Applications For CSP Are Due Jan. 17

HURON — The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is opening the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) for new enrollments for federal fiscal year 2014. Running through Jan. 17, producers interested in participating in the program can submit applications to NRCS.
 "Through the Conservation Stewardship Program, farmers, ranchers, and forest landowners are going the extra mile to conserve our nation's resources," NRCS Chief Jason Weller said. "Through their conservation actions, they are ensuring that their operations are more productive and sustainable over the long run."

The CSP is an important Farm Bill conservation program that helps established conservation stewards with taking their level of natural resource management to the next level to improve both their agricultural production and provide valuable conservation benefits such as cleaner and more abundant water, as well as healthier soils and better wildlife habitat.
 Weller said this announcement is another example of USDA's comprehensive focus on promoting environmental conservation and strengthening the rural economy, and it is a reminder that a new Food, Farm and Jobs Bill is pivotal to continue these efforts. CSP is now in its fifth year and so far, NRCS has partnered with producers to enroll more than 59 million acres across the nation.

The program emphasizes conservation performance - producers earn higher payments for higher performance. In CSP, producers install conservation enhancements to make positive changes in soil quality, soil erosion, water quality, water quantity, air quality, plant resources, animal resources and energy.

Some popular enhancements used by farmers and ranchers include:
 • Using new nozzles that reduce the drift of pesticides, lowering input costs and making sure pesticides are used where they are most needed;
 • Modifying water facilities to prevent bats and bird species from being trapped;
 • Burning patches of land, mimicking prairie fires to enhance wildlife habitat; and
 • Rotating feeding areas and monitoring key grazing areas to improve grazing management.

Eligible landowners and operators in all states and territories can enroll in CSP through Jan. 17 to be eligible during the 2014 federal fiscal year. While local NRCS offices accept CSP applications year round, NRCS evaluates applications during announced ranking periods. To be eligible for this year's enrollment, producers must have their applications submitted to NRCS by the closing date.

A CSP self-screening checklist is available to help producers determine if the program is suitable for their operation. The checklist highlights basic information about CSP eligibility requirements, stewardship threshold requirements and payment types.

Learn more about CSP by visiting the NRCS website at <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/site/national/home/> or a stop by your local USDA Service Center.

Parents' Night Out Event Set For Jan. 18

The Yankton Community Library and the Recreation Department are sponsoring a Parents' Night Out on Saturday, Jan. 18, from 5:30-8:30 p.m., for boys and girls ages 6-12, at the Summit Activities Center. Participants will make craft projects, eat pizza, play organized games in the gym, and take a swim in the SAC pool.

Registration forms are available at the Summit Activities Center or the Yankton Community Library. A limited number of scholarships will be available for this program. The registration deadline is Friday, Jan. 17. Registration forms and payment should be turned in at the Library.

For additional information, call (605) 668-5275, (605) 668-5234 or stop by the Yankton Library at 515 Walnut Street or Summit Activities Center at 1801 Summit Street.

Pheasants

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deer were down amid lower populations, he said, while sales were up for mountain lion and non-resident fishing licenses.
 State biologists confer each summer to make their forecasts on license sales for the following year.
 "So it's not an exact science," Simpson said. "It's a somewhat complicated process."
 The commission, expecting downturns, made corresponding budget adjustments last year.

AT A GLANCE

Here's a snapshot of major license categories for pheasant hunting. Sales are for 2012 and 2013.
 • Resident small game: Fell from 27,876 to 21,015.
 • Resident 1-day small

game: Fell from 1,121 to 925.
 • Resident youth small game: Fell from 5,746 to 4,949.
 • Resident combination (fishing and small game): Fell from 46,183 to 45,788.
 • Junior combination: Fell from 8,178 to 8,111.
 • Senior combination: Increased from 5,242 to 6,458.
 • Non-resident small game: Fell from 95,298 to 76,301.
 • Non-resident youth small game: Fell from 3,064 to 2,401.
 • Non-resident annual preserve: Fell from 483 to 321.
 • Non-resident 5-day preserve: Increased from 9,398 to 9,687.
 • Non-resident 1-day preserve: Increased from 1,109 to 1,113.

Note: Combination licenses cover small game and fishing. They are available to residents only.

MMC Recognizes Family Of The Year

Mount Marty College recognized the Scheich family of Ethan, South Dakota as the 2013-14 family of the year at the College's family weekend held in November.

The Family of the Year decision takes into consideration a set of criteria. Generosity in home community or the MMC community, commitment to Christian Values, ability to touch the lives of many people, and the involvement of the family with Mount Marty College and it's loyalty to the instruction and their church and civic involvement.

Len and Patti Scheich's have a daughter, Johanna, who is currently a senior English major at Mount Marty College.

The Scheich's exemplify all that the College and committee were looking for in the Family of the Year. Mrs. Scheich is a phlebotomist in Mitchell, SD at Avera Queen of Peace Hospital and Mr. Scheich is an anesthetist at the same facility. Both are extremely involved in all aspects of their church and have shown and strong commitment to their faith and family. Examples of this include their volunteer time at their church and family mission trips. Most of all, the ones that have benefitted from their dedication, have been their children. Together they made a great team and have set a high standard for their children.

Obadiah Scheich is a pharmacist at Avera McKennan in Sioux Falls, Emily Scheich Wisnowski is currently a lawyer in Omaha, and Johanna who is a highly involved student at MMC. Johanna is currently the Student Government President, a student-athlete, a



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member of the MMC Choir and Smooth Benediction, active in the theatre department, a writer for The Moderator, and a member of numerous campus committees.

Mount Marty College Vice President and Dean of Student Affairs, Sarah Carda, is pleased with this year's family of the year choice. "The Scheich's couldn't be a more deserving family of this honor. They give greatly to their community and others and those traits have easily been passed down to their

children. Some students hear the call of service and Johanna has been one that answers - and not many do that. Being involved and serving others seems to be a way of life for her. It really is a blessing for Mount Marty to have families, such as the Scheich's, as a part of our community."

The Family of the Year was honored with a plaque at a special brunch during family weekend which was held November 8-9th.

OBITUARIES

Irma Helgeland

Irma Helgeland died unexpectedly on Wednesday, January 8, 2014 in Yankton, SD.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 AM, Saturday, January 11, 2014 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Yankton, with Rev. John Rutten officiating. Burial will be in the Sacred Heart Cemetery, Yankton, SD.

Visitations will begin at 6:00 p.m. Friday, January 10, 2014 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, with a rosary at 7:00 p.m. and Scripture service at 7:30 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Irma was born on March 15, 1924 in Emery, SD to Edward and Mary (Schiltz) Olinger. She was one of 9 children. Irma grew up on the family farm and graduated from Emery High School in 1942. She married Les Helgeland at St. Martin Church in Emery on November 27, 1947, and they lived in Mitchell until their move



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to Yankton in 1967.

Irma enjoyed being home to raise their four children. She was a devout Catholic and was devoted to the

Blessed Virgin Mary and praying the rosary. She was President of Beta Sigma Phi, President of Holy Family Altar Society, a CCD teacher, a 50 year member of the Catholic Foresters, and a member of the Catholic Daughters, Hospital Auxiliary, St. Jude's Craft Circle, Oblates, and the Sacred Heart Funeral Choir. Irma was employed by various fabric stores in Yankton, including Fran's Fabric, Dawn's Fabric, and JoAnn's Fabric. In 2012, she moved into Majestic Bluffs Assisted Living and enjoyed the many friendships she developed while living there.

Irma was an avid and competitive card player, and enjoyed crocheting,

going to community concerts, watching PBS, dancing, and attending her grandchildren's sporting and musical events. She was a gifted seamstress and enjoyed sewing beautiful quilts and clothing, including her daughters' wedding dresses. She and Les enjoyed traveling and had plans to do more before his sudden death in 1982. Irma enjoyed cooking for her family and was best known for her chicken noodle soup and the many treats she made for her grandchildren. She appreciated the simple things in life such as a good steak, fried chicken, and chocolate! Most recently, Irma was excited as she became a great-grandmother on January 1, 2014.

She is survived by her four children Patricia Helgeland, Sioux Falls; Dave (Patty) Helgeland, Brookings; Deanna (Jeff) Branaugh, Yankton; and Mary (Rob) Marchand, Mitchell; her six grandchildren Leah Branaugh, Huron, SD; Jay (Karmyn) Marc-

hand, Sioux Falls; Molly Branaugh, Yankton; Kate Marchand, Sioux Falls; Maggie Helgeland, Brookings; and Matt Helgeland, Brookings; and one great grandchild Dax Robee Marchand, Sioux Falls. She is also survived by her sisters Rosella Tammen, Bridgewater; Sister Dorothy Olinger OSB, Yankton; and her brother Ray (Helen) Olinger, Long Beach, Mississippi; sisters-in-law Irene Olinger, Loretta Neuharth, and Lois Johnson; and a large extended family and group of friends and neighbors.

She was preceded in death by her husband Les, her parents Edward and Mary, her sisters Mary Scharffenberg and Lenora Olinger, and brothers Anthony, Joe, and Bill Olinger.

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Ann Silvernail

Ann M. Silvernail, age 40, of Yankton passed away unexpectedly at her residence early Tuesday morning, January 7, 2014.

Memorial services will be held at 2:00 PM on Friday, January 10, 2014, at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Chapel, Yankton with Pastor Randy Tramp officiating. Burial of her cremated remains will be at the Yankton Cemetery following the funeral service.

Visitations will be held one hour prior to services at the funeral home.
 Ann was born April 16, 1973 to Charles Silvernail



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and Lauri (Daniels) (Silvernail) Leyden. She married Tim Davis in Salt Lake City, Utah. The couple settled in Foreman, Arkansas where they had three sons: Steven Davis of Sioux Falls, Jordan Davis and Christian Davis both of Yankton.

After her divorce, Ann met Dan Rogan in 2008 and the couple was together until her passing. Ann loved to cook and bake as well as camping and fishing. From an early age, Ann had a pas-

sion for drawing and painting. She enjoyed singing and dancing but most of all, she loved her children.

Ann is survived by her parents, Charles Silvernail of Sioux Falls, SD and Lauri Leyden of Yankton, SD; her sons: Steven Davis of Sioux Falls, SD, Jordan Davis and Christian Davis, both of Yankton, SD; her brothers: Jason (Jacki) Silvernail of Yankton, SD, Brian Leyden, Yankton, SD and James Leyden, of Yankton, SD; boyfriend, Dan Rogan of Yankton, SD and many aunts, uncles, two nephews, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Jessica

Silvernail; her brother, Charles Silvernail; grandparents: Rosalyn Souhrada, Clifford Daniels, Art Silvernail, Leantina Silvernail; aunt, Margaret Kostal and cousin, Tim Kostal.

The family wishes for memorials to be directed to: Jordan and Christian Davis Benefit, Services Center, Federal Credit Union, 609 W. 21st Street, Yankton, SD 57078.

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Elmer Zirpel

Funeral services for Elmer G. Zirpel, 86, of Appleton, Wis., formerly of Yankton and Parkston, are at 11 a.m. today (Friday) at Trinity Lutheran Church, 300 Broad St, Menasha, WI 54952 (920-722-2662).

Visitation is one hour prior.
 A Prayer Service without viewing will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 13, at Faith Lutheran, Parkston. Committal and lunch will follow.

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