

## SING ALONG WITH SARAH



Country music singer Sarah Buxton got some help from audience members in singing her hit song "Outside My Window" during Buxton's performance at the Cedar County Fair in Hartington, Neb., Friday night. Her performance was part of a two-pronged country lineup at the fair, as Lonestar took the stage Saturday night.

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## REGION DIGEST

## State Parks Offer Weekend Events

PIERRE — South Dakota state parks are offering a variety of weekend events for visitors to enjoy July 23-24. The free activities are a great way for people of all ages to enjoy the outdoors. Make plans to attend the following:

- Geocaching 101, Chief White Crane Recreation Area near Yankton, July 23, 7 p.m. Join an introductory class to geocaching — the modern-day treasure hunt aided by GPS units. Info: 605-668-2985
- Fossils at our Feet, Lewis and Clark Recreation Area near Yankton, July 24, 10 a.m. Participants will walk and look at fossils along the shoreline. Info: 605-668-2985

## Neb. Outlaw Trail Committee To Meet Tues.

SOUTH SIOUX CITY, Neb. — The Nebraska Outlaw Trail Scenic Byway meets at the Ketch-A-Kup Café in South Sioux City at 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 20. All interested individuals are invited to attend.

## DNR Agency Review Committee To Meet

PIERRE — The Department of Environment and Natural Resources Agency Review Committee will meet at 10 a.m. July 21 in Pierre. The meeting will be held in Room 413 of the State Capitol. The public is invited to attend.

In the morning, the committee, chaired by Sen. Tom Hanson (R-Huron), will hear a presentation by Secretary Steve Pirner about the history of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and the environment in South Dakota. The committee will also receive presentations about the operations of the Division of Financial and Technical Assistance.

In the afternoon, the committee will tour the office of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources. Also, an overview of the functions of the Division of Environmental Services will be presented. Some of the areas covered include: Air Quality Program, Drinking Water Program, Ground Water Quality Program, Minerals and Mining Program, Surface Water Quality Program, Waste Management Program and Water Rights Programs.

The task force members include Sens. Jim Bradford (D-Pine Ridge), Art Fryslie (R-Willow Lake), Tom Hansen, Chair (R-Huron), Frank Kloucek (D-Scotland) and Larry Rhoden (R-Union Center); and Reps. Thomas Brunner (R-Nisland), Jason Frerichs (D-Wilmot), Peggy Gibson (D-Huron), Charles Hoffman (R-Eureka), Larry Lucas (D-Mission), Dean Schrempff (D-Lantry), Larry Tidemann (R-Brookings) and Kim Vanneman, Vice Chair (R-Ideal).

## Ribbon Cutting Ceremony To Be Held Thurs.

The public is invited to attend Ability Building Services Ribbon Cutting and Open House celebration at its new residence located at 210 Locust St. on July 22. The event runs from 1-3 p.m.

## Sesquicentennial Committee To Meet Thurs.

The Yankton Sesquicentennial Committee is meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 22, in the training room at the new fire station, located at 201 W. 23rd Street.

The purpose for the meeting is to discuss ideas for the festivities for the weekend events slated for the first weekend in June 2011. All interested individuals are invited to attend.

For more information, contact the city manager's office at 668-5221.

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## Park Service To Offer Teacher Workshop In Yankton Aug. 2

The Missouri National Recreational River and the National Park Service staff and Teacher-Ranger-Teachers will be conducting a teacher workshop from 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 2, starting at the Yankton Community Library.

The day will include presentations of the draft education plan and K-12 curriculum conceptual framework that's been developed based on information provided by teachers and education partners during the park's first workshop on June 15. The staff will also pilot test some of the initial lesson plans and take a field trip to Niobrara State Park, which will include an optional hike down to the confluence of the Missouri and Niobrara National Wild and Scenic Rivers.

Pre-registration is required. A minimum of 10 teachers registered is needed. Free professional development hours and documentation will be provided for all participating teachers. Approval of a credit option is pending; if approved, there will be a fee for the 1 credit option. There are no additional costs for the workshop and teachers will also receive copies of the draft lessons plans and planning documents.

To register or for more information, e-mail [anne\\_doherty-stephan@nps.gov](mailto:anne_doherty-stephan@nps.gov) or call Anne Doherty-Stephan, Chief of Interpretation and Education for Missouri National Recreational River, at (605) 665-0209, ext. 29. Registration deadline is July 29.

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## NSP Warns Of Craigslist Car Scam

LINCOLN, Neb. — The Nebraska State Patrol is urging citizens to be aware of fraudulent automobile sale ads that have been appearing on Craigslist. The motor vehicles in question are listed for sale by out-of-state owners.

Investigators with the Nebraska State Patrol Auto Fraud Division say they have received several complaints from Nebraska residents who have lost money due to these types of scams. The victims have provided

payment for vehicles only to find out the vehicle does not exist, nor does the individual they were communicating with. Individuals placing the ads appear to be Nigerian scam artists operating overseas.

"These are tough situations for the individuals involved," said NSP Auto Fraud Investigator Gene True. "They are out a good deal of money, and because the individuals they were dealing with are out of the country there are very few options for prosecution."

The Nebraska State Patrol reminds individuals, while there are many good, legitimate deals available via the internet, when it comes to big ticket items such as a motor vehicle, if you can't see it, touch it, or drive it, you may not want to buy it.

For additional information on scams and identity theft, visit the Nebraska Attorney General's website at [www.ago.state.ne.us](http://www.ago.state.ne.us) or call the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division at 1-800-727-6432.

## 'Welcome Link'

## Open House Slated July 27

If you or an employee of an area company are new to Yankton in the last year or are ready for a better connection to Yankton because of a new stage in life, or you've been here and you are ready to meet other women, the Yankton Area Chamber of Commerce Women Community Leaders Committee invites adult females to attend the "WelcomeLink" Open House. The open house is 4:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 27, at the Yankton Chamber & Visitors Center located at 803 E. 4th St.

Light refreshments are being provided by Southeast South Dakota Chapter Society of Human Resource Management (SE SD SHRM).

One of the goals of this committee is to welcome and link newcomers. The intent is to create an avenue for female adults to come together and be introduced to other newcomers, get to know someone to contact, gain information and ask questions about the area so they might feel more at home in Yankton. During the open house, people will be able to come and go. Those attending will have a chance to meet other new women, learn more about the Yankton community during ongoing presentation in the background by the Yankton Convention & Visitors Bureau, and meet women from the community who will assist you in helping make you feel even more welcome as they are there to answer questions, have a conversation and show support that a newcomer may just need.

For more information, contact the Yankton Area Chamber of Commerce at [chamber@yanktonsd.com](mailto:chamber@yanktonsd.com) or (605) 665-3636.

## GREYHOUND GREATS



TRAVIS GULBRANDSON/P&D

The members of Yankton College's 1970 football team, pictured above, were among those who were inducted into the Y-Club Hall of Fame this past Saturday. The inductions took place as part of the Yankton College 2010 All-Class Reunion, which started Wednesday and concluded Saturday night.

## Celebration Picnic Planned In Lake Andes

LAKE ANDES — The Rural Office of Community Services, Inc., of Lake Andes is celebrating 45 years of Community Action Partnership with a celebration picnic on Friday, Aug. 13, at the City Park in Lake Andes.

A free lunch will be served and presentations will be given by past and present directors and board members, as well as state program directors. The celebration will be held from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Any and all who have ties to Community Action are welcome to attend.

Community Action in Charles Mix County was officially formed in 1965 to begin serving low income individuals and families in need.

The agency began serving only Charles Mix County as the Charles Mix County Community Action Partnership and, through 45 years, has expanded to serve 22 counties as the Rural Office of Community Services, Inc. The first executive director was Elmer Blair, formerly of Geddes, and the first federal grant received by the agency was for \$22,607 to be used for the development of the agency.

In 1966, the agency changed its name to the South Central Community Action Program, Inc., in order to incorporate other counties into the agency. At this time Gregory, Bon Homme, Douglas, Hutchinson, Davison, Aurora and Brule counties were

added to the service area.

One of the major programs for the early Community Action Program was Head Start. It also provided services for community beautification, streets, libraries and parks.

Today, the Rural Office of Community Services, Inc., provides services in four major programs: Weatherization, Public Transportation, Dakota Senior Meals and Emergency Services. The executive director is Deb Cahoy of Bonesteel. The agency's current operating budget is \$9.6 million from federal grants, state grants, private grants, local donations and in-kind support.

## OBITUARIES

## Marian Wiedmeier

Marian J. Wiedmeier, 86, of Yankton, South Dakota, died Thursday, July 15, 2010, at Avera Sister James Care Center in Yankton.

Funeral services will be on Tuesday, July 20, 2010 at 10:30 a.m. at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Yankton with Rev. David Lund officiating. Entombment will be in the Garden of Memories Cemetery in Yankton.

Visitation will be on Monday from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with a Prayer Service at 7:00 p.m. at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Yankton. Visitation will be one hour prior to services on Tuesday at the church.

To send online condolences, please visit [www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com).

Honorary pallbearers will be Chance and Zane Wiedmeier and Ryan and Kimberly Ahern.

Marian was born on June 2, 1923 at Rapid City, South Dakota to Glenn and Louise (Talley) Shaw. She grew up in Whitewood, South Dakota and graduated from Belle Fouche High School in Belle Fouche, South Dakota. She worked as an accountant at Northwestern in Rapid City, South Dakota. On June 2, 1949 she married Floyd F. Wiedmeier at Rapid City. In 1953 they moved to Martin, South Dakota and moved to Hot Springs, South Dakota in 1957. In

1978 they moved to Brookings, South Dakota and then moved to Yankton in 1983. She had been a resident of the Avera Sister James Care Center since December of 2006.

Marian was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church and loved needle work and canning food.

Marian is survived by a daughter, Nancy Buchanan of 60 East Jackson Road, Artesia, New Mexico 88210; a daughter-in-law, Julie Wiedmeier of Rapid City, South Dakota; 4 grandchildren, Chance Wiedmeier of Spearfish, South Dakota; Zane Wiedmeier of Phoenix, Arizona; Ryan Ahern of Fort Sill, Oklahoma; Kimberley Ahern of Gilbert, Arizona; 3

great-grandchildren, Krysta and Alexis Ahern and James Doyle Ahern.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Floyd who died on June 5, 2003 at the age of 77, a son, Larry Wiedmeier, a son-in-law, Doyle Buchanan and 2 brothers, Chester and Maclyn Shaw.

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## Ruth Bertsch

MILLER — Ruth Bertsch, 98, of Miller died Sunday (July 18, 2010) at the Miller Good Samaritan Center.

Funeral services are at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Trinity Lutheran Church, Miller, with the Rev. Bob Ohnstad officiating. Burial will follow at the St. Lawrence Cemetery.

Visitation is 5-7 p.m. Wednesday followed by a 7 p.m. prayer service at Reck Funeral Home, Miller.

Survivors include a son, Ron (Jan) Bertsch of Yankton.

Reck Funeral Home of Miller has been entrusted with Ruth's arrangements. Visit [www.family-funeralhome.net](http://www.family-funeralhome.net).

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## Solitaires

A social group of widows/widowers of all ages that meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month in the Hospitality Center on the grounds of Wintz & Ray Funeral Home.

## Wednesday, July 21

6pm Potluck Dinner • 7pm Speaker

Speaker will be Gwen Steckler, RN, Healing Touch Practitioner  
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## Mark Your Calendars for These Events

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