

Antique Tractor Ride Set For July 7-9

The annual WNAX/Tri-State Old Iron Antique Tractor Ride will be held July 7-9 in Yankton. The rallying point is Paddlewheel Point south of the Chamber of Commerce building. More than 180 tractors, with some drivers coming from as far away as New York, are expected to be on hand. Tractors will drive a South Dakota route on July 8 and a Nebraska route on July 10. Also, the annual tractor parade will be held at 6 p.m. Friday, July 8, in downtown Yankton.

YHS Graduates To Perform Recital July 10

A music recital featuring Yankton High School graduates Scott Arens, Sara Otteman, Sophie Genevieve Stevens and Elizabeth Wright will be performed at 7 p.m. Sunday, July 10, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Fifth and Broadway, in Yankton. The recital is free and is open to the public. In light of the recent budget cuts to secondary education in South Dakota, a free-offering will be collected with all proceeds going directly to the YHS Music and Theatre Departments. All attending are invited to attend a reception immediately following the performance.

Monday Bike Rides Being Held During Summer

Monday night bike rides will be held starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Summit Activities Center in Yankton through Aug. 8. These weekly bike rides are open to all ages. Helmets are required. For more information, contact Tammy Matuska at 605-660-9483 or yssc@midconetwork.com, or visit yanktonseniorcenter.org.

USDA Rural Development Can Assist With Homes

HURON — How is your house holding up against this stormy weather? Need a roof or a new air conditioner to keep you cool? How about your windows or flooring? USDA Rural Development has money available for the 504 Home Repair Loan program for rural residents of South Dakota. These loans can be made for up to \$20,000 with a repayment term to 20 years at 1 percent interest rate. This Loan program is available to very low income rural homeowners who need repairs or improvements to their home but cannot afford them on their own. Very low income is defined as household income no more than \$22,200-\$27,700 for 2 people. The limits vary by county and household size. Common repairs are window replacement, insulation, roof replacement/repair, new hot water heater/plumbing, heating and air conditioning repair or replacement, handicap accessibility and general home improvements. Other eligible purposes include plumbing improvements, septic systems, wells, public utility connection fees, and modifications to make a home accessible. Grants of up to \$7,500 may be available to those 62 or older who cannot meet their home repair needs with loan funds. The grant

funds can only be used to remove health or safety hazards. **NEED A HOME OF YOUR OWN?** The USDA Rural Development 502 Direct Home Loan Program now is accepting applications. This is a 100 percent mortgage program that can include most closing costs and necessary repairs. The loan can be used to buy an existing home or to build new. The program is designed to give low income families the opportunity to become homeowners. As with the 504 Home Repair Loan Program, income limits vary by county and family size. The limits for a 4 person household range from \$44,400 - \$55,650. The current interest rate is 4.250 percent as of July 1, 2011 and can be subsidized by Rural Development to as little as 1 percent for 33 years. **INCOME TOO HIGH?** USDA Rural Development provides loan guarantees to lenders for mortgage loans that require no down payment and no private mortgage insurance. The Guaranteed Rural Housing Loan Program is similar to the 502 Direct Home Loan Program, but has higher income limits. A 1 to 4-person household may qualify if their income does not exceed

\$74,050-\$80,300. Income limits vary by county. For guaranteed rural housing loans, contact an approved lender. Most mortgage lenders in South Dakota are approved. Call Roger Hazuka, Housing Program Director, at (605) 352-1132 or roger.hazuka@sd.usda.gov for more information. Additional information can be found at <http://eligibility.sc.egov.usda.gov/>. USDA Rural Development has eight offices in the state that assist rural communities. Office locations include a state office in Huron, along with area offices in Aberdeen, Mitchell, Pierre, Rapid City, Sioux Falls, Watertown and Yankton. USDA, under its Rural Development mission area, administers and manages more than 40 housing, business and community infrastructure and facility programs through a network of 6,100 employees located in 500 national, state and local offices. These programs are designed to improve the economic stability of rural communities, businesses, residents, farmers and ranchers and improve the quality of life in rural America. Rural Development has an existing portfolio of more than \$134 billion in loans and loan guarantees.

OBITUARIES

Velda Mehlhaff



Velda Mehlhaff

TRIPP — Funeral services for Velda E. Mehlhaff of Tripp will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, July 4 at Frieden's Reformed Church in Tripp with Rev. Greg Way officiating. Organist is Shelly Finck. Soloists are Scott Mehlhaff and Sharon Brandt. Interment will follow in Frieden's Cemetery, Tripp. Casketbearers are Velda's grandchildren. Arrangements are under the direction of Goglin Funeral Home of Tripp and online condolences may be sent at www.goglinfh.com. Velda Edna Mehlhaff was born on Monday, March 5, 1928 on the Frey homestead to Emanuel and Louise Frey (Weisser). Velda was baptized into the Reformed faith on April 6, 1928 and confirmed on June 5, 1942. She graduated from the

8th grade at Lake Point. On April 3, 1949, she married Ruben Mehlhaff. They were blessed with three children: Sharon, Roger and Scott. Velda helped Ruben on their farm southwest of Tripp. She enjoyed raising chickens, ducks and geese. After Ruben died on April 3, 1987, she moved to Yankton where she worked at the Sacred Heart Day-care, made doughnuts at Sun-

shine and cleaned homes. In 1999, she moved to the Pine Lane Assisted Living Center, and in 2001 she moved to the Springfield Assisted Living Center. When her health began to decline, she wanted to move "back home." On May 26, 2005, she became a resident of the Good Samaritan Society of Tripp and enjoyed her remaining years there. Each day she looked forward to her favorite activities of Bingo, bowling, singing, polka music and laughing. She loved to watch birds and cardinals fascinated her. Each day was made complete by wearing jewelry and eating chocolate. Velda looked forward to visits from family and was especially delighted when she could beat Grant or Katriana at a game of Uno. Her birthday each year was a big celebration to her and she always requested pepperoni pizza for her birthday meal.

Velda was a member of the Frieden's Reformed Church and also a member of the American Legion Auxiliary. She passed away on Thursday, June 30, 2011, having attained the age of 83 years, 3 months and 25 days. Thankful for sharing her life are her three children: Sharon Brandt and husband, Doug, of Avon, Roger Mehlhaff and wife Gail of Tripp, and Scott Mehlhaff and wife Chris of Detroit Lakes, Minnesota; nine grandchildren: Gregg Brandt, Kim Boettcher, Corey Mehlhaff, Brian Brandt, Julie Galloway, Sheila Brandt, Jill Nuebel, Katriana Mehlhaff and Hans Mehlhaff; eight great-grandchildren; a sister, Arlene (LaVern) Schaefer of Tripp; three sisters-in-law: Adaline (Maynard) Dewald of Tripp, Elaine Mehlhaff of Freeman and Darlene Weisser of Wagner; and many nieces and nephews. Those who preceded her in

death are her parents, Emanuel and Louise; her stepfather, Paul Weisser; husband Ruben; a brother, Harvey Weisser; a sister, Shirley Bloch; five brothers-in-law: Frank Bloch, Herbert Mehlhaff, Paul Mehlhaff, Edwin Mehlhaff, and Otto Guthmiller; and a sister-in-law, Wyona Guthmiller.

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Sylvan Jiricek

Sylvan Jiricek, 87, of Yankton died Monday, July 4, 2011, at the Avera Yankton Care Center. Ospahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton is handling arrangements.

HONORING THEIR MEMORY
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Our care and concern does not end with the funeral service. This week we remember with family and friends the anniversary of the deaths of:

- Ralph Christopherson**
who passed away on July 4, 2010
- Laverne Malik**
who passed away on July 6, 2010
- Bonnie Lou Hehn**
who passed away on July 9, 2010
- Frank Zdenek**
who passed away on July 10, 2010
- Elton Bertsch**
who passed away on July 4, 2008
- Tom Dobbs**
who passed away on July 6, 2008
- James Schurman**
who passed away on July 5, 1996

This remembrance is brought to you free of charge. If you have a loved one you would like remembered, contact us at Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory. *Guiding and serving families with compassion and trust.*

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John Burke



Burke

OMAHA, Neb. — John David Burke, age 91 of Omaha, Nebraska and formerly of Coleridge, NE died on Thursday, June 30, 2011 at the Immanuel Fontenelle Home in Omaha. Mass of Christian Burial will be on Wednesday, July 6, 2011 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Coleridge with the Rev. Jeffrey Loseke officiating. Burial will be in St. Michael's Cemetery in Coleridge. Visitation will be on Tuesday from 4-8:00 p.m. with a Vigil Service at 7:00 p.m. at the Wintz Funeral Home in Coleridge. Visitation will continue on Wednesday at the church one hour

prior to services. Pallbearers will be Martin Burke, John Burke, Gerald Burke, James Burke, Joseph Burke, and Clair Guthrie. Honorary Pallbearers will be John's Daughters Eileen Burke, Mary Guthrie, Angela Benal, and grandchildren. John David Burke was born on a farm near Randolph, NE on August 29, 1919 to William and Anna (Shoemaker) Burke, who were originally from O'Neill, NE. John farmed with his brother Vincent Burke west of Coleridge until he moved to Omaha in 1956. John worked at the Swift

meat packing plant in Omaha for one year. While in Omaha John met Rosemary O'Connor. John and Rosemary were married at St. Mary's Catholic Church in south Omaha on November 30, 1957. John and Rosemary raised their eight children on a farm west of Coleridge. John was an active member of St. Michael's Catholic Church where he served as a Eucharistic Minister, Lector, was a member of the church choir for over 50 years, and the Legion of Mary. He also taught CCD. John served on the school board of Hartington Cedar Catholic High School. John moved into Coleridge in 1994, and spent much of his time volunteering at Park View

Haven Nursing Home. In 2001 John moved to Lincoln to be closer to his children and grandchildren. In the fall of 2007 John moved to Omaha and resided at the New Cassel Retirement Center. John is survived by his eight children, Martin Burke of Salina, KS, John Burke Jr. of Rapid City, SD, Eileen Burke of Lincoln, NE, Gerald and his wife Mary Burke (Damon) of Omaha, NE, Mary and husband Clair Guthrie of Lincoln, NE, Angela Benal of Lincoln, NE, James Burke of Omaha, and Joseph Burke of Lincoln, NE; 12 grandchildren; two sisters, Lucrecia Mysenberg of Columbus, NE, and Mary Coring of Omaha. John was preceded in death

by his parents, wife Rosemary on June 7, 1992 at the age of 66 years; infant son Francis; three brothers, Leo (Father Ambrose), Paul and Vincent Burke, and sister Loretta Wisniski. Yankton Press & Dakotan July 5, 2011

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John Swatek



Swatek

WAGNER — John H. Swatek, 65 of Wagner died Friday, July 1, 2011 at Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls, SD. Mass of the Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m. Monday, July 4, 2011 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Wagner. Burial will be in St. John Catholic Cemetery, rural Wagner, with military honors. Visitation will be at Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home in Wagner from 2 to 5 Sunday, followed by a 7 pm rosary and wake at the church. John Henry Swatek, son of Henry and Agnes (Rezac) Swatek, was born April 16, 1946. He died

Friday, July 1, 2011 at Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls, SD. John attained the age of 65 years, two months and 16 days. John attended country school south of Wagner and graduated from Wagner High School in 1964. He joined the U.S. Air Force after high school and was honorably discharged in 1970. John then came home to help with the family farm. John married Sandra S. Schacht on August 7, 1976 at St. John Catholic Church in Wagner, SD. Four children were blessed to their union. John farmed the family land until 1997. During and after that time, he worked at various livestock auctions in the area for a number of years. He also managed the City Municipal Bar in Wagner. John will lovingly be remembered for Uncle John's Ice

Cream Truck which he owned and operated. John was a member of St. John Catholic Church in Wagner, the Knights of Columbus, Greer American Legion Post, and a neighborhood pitch club. John enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, playing dominoes (Bones), watching westerns, listening to polka music, playing cards, fishing and visiting with his friends. Thankful for having shared his life are his wife Sandra of Wagner; two daughters: Kerry Svatos and husband Josh of Yankton and Molly Gambrell and husband Ryan of Germantown,

OH; three grandchildren; two brothers: Stanley and wife Sandee and Ken and wife Vicki, all of Wagner; four sisters: Dorothy Andersh and husband Richard of Wagner, Mary Ann Reeves of Colorado Springs, CO, Regina Broderick of Littleton, CO, and Wilma Wyman of Colorado Springs, CO; brother-in-law Francis Cuka of Wagner; and many

nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. John was preceded in death by two sons: Curtis and Kevin; his parents; sister Mildred Cuka; and infant brother Joe; and three brothers-in-law: Bill Reeves, Johnny Broderick and Woody Wyman. Yankton Press & Dakotan July 5, 2011



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