

Open House Being Held For Matuska

An open house for Tammy Matuska, who is leaving her job as executive director at The Center, will be held at 2-5 p.m. Thursday at The Center, 900 Whiting Drive, Yankton. The public is invited to attend.

Event Being Held For Prospective Cub Scouts

A swimming event for any kids interested in joining the Cub Scouts will be held at 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the Memorial Park Swimming Pool in Yankton. Scouts and new recruits will be able to use the pool for free. Representatives from all four Yankton packs will be present: Pack No. 102: Cub Master — Amy Tejral; Pack No. 138: Cub Master — Kyle Rhode; Pack No. 258: Cub Master — Randy Eichacker; Pack No. 259: Cub Master — Todd Becker. A registration fee and parent signature is required for each new recruit. For more information, contact Tejral at 605-661-6200.

Couple May Be Charged Under Death Reporting Law

WAGNER (AP) — Prosecutors are considering using a new state law to charge the legal guardian of a slain 2-year-old rural Wagner girl and the woman's husband with failing to promptly report the death to authorities. A 12-year-old male cousin of the girl was taken into custody following her July Fourth death, which authorities have deemed a homicide. He has not been charged and is being held on a temporary custody order, said Charles Mix County State's Attorney Pam Hein. She declined to elaborate, citing the boy's age and the fact that if he is charged it will be in juvenile court, where proceedings are closed to the public. The girl's guardian, who is the boy's mother, and her husband, who isn't the father of either child, were being held on minor, unrelated charges, Hein told The Associated

Press on Tuesday. She said she doesn't think either adult has an attorney. Hein said a "significant" number of hours passed before police were notified about the girl's death. She said decisions on charges against the boy and the two adults hinge on autopsy results and reports from more than a dozen local and state law officers working the case. "There's a lot of speculation and a lot of rumor (and) we're just trying to clear that up," she said. Autopsy results could take a month. Authorities have not identified the adults or the children involved. Four other children who lived in the home were placed in protective custody, Hein said. Under a state law passed earlier this year, a parent or guardian who knowingly fails to

report a child's death within six hours could face a felony charge punishable by up to five years in prison. South Dakota's new law is modeled after "Caylee's Law," which was passed in Florida in response to the death 2-year-old Caylee Anthony, who wasn't reported missing until 31 days after she vanished in 2008 in Orlando. South Dakota's law, which also makes failure to report a missing child within 48 hours a misdemeanor, has not yet been used, though there are "a few" open cases in the state where it might apply, Attorney General Marty Jackley told the *Argus Leader* newspaper. "I had hoped that we would never have to use it, but it may be coming sooner than I thought," Jackley said.

Fair

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9 p.m. "Firehouse is a band from the '90s, so some of the tunes should be familiar," Dybdal said. "And 3D In Your Face has fireworks and different things they do on stage that will be really good." The country rock band Confederate Railroad will perform the next night at 8 p.m. The group has released 10 albums with 10 Top 40 hits, and is best known for its hits "Trashy Women," "Daddy Never Was the Cadillac Kind," "Jesus and Mama," and "Queen of Memphis." "Confederate Railroad always has good music and brings in a good crowd," Dybdal said. Sioux Falls-based Dueling Duo Pianos will close out the music entertainment on Sunday, July 22. The group will hold perform-



Independent 4-H club member Jewel Kneiff of Hartington, shown here during the Cedar County Fair's exotic animals show last year, is one of the many 4-Hers who will be participating this year. The fair will feature a variety of 4-H events, including static exhibits, animal shows and judging contests.

ances at 7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m., with fireworks at 9:30 p.m. following the first show. Other featured events include

the Sunday parade, which will begin at the public high school at 1 p.m., and the new wine tasting event later that day at 4 p.m.

Along with preparing for the rodeo and grandstand events, workers have also been spending much time and effort getting ready for the numerous 4-H exhibits, competitions and events that will be presented throughout the week. According to Cedar County Extension educator Jackie Steffen, it takes many superintendents, assistant superintendents and volunteers to make sure everything runs smoothly. "This summer has been amazing for adult and youth volunteers," Steffen said. "We're getting ready, and we're almost there." In addition to the presentation of more than 1,000 static exhibits, 4-Hers will be involved with various animal shows, livestock judging, a Skillathon knowledge test and a scavenger hunt. The University of Nebraska-Lincoln Mobile Beef Lab will also be making its first appearance at the fair. The lab, sponsored by the Bank of Hartington, will be available from 1-5 p.m. Sunday to

provide hands-on experience to help both youth and adults learn about ruminant animals. The fair will also feature numerous open class exhibits and competitions. Open class departments include horticulture; vegetables, fruits and nuts; domestic science; plants and flowers; needle work; quilts; fine arts, crafts and ceramics; photography; and small animals. Along with those who have donated their time to get the fair ready, Dybdal said he appreciates the support from local businesses, as well. "We'd like to give a big thank you to the sponsors," he said. "There are several businesses that have donated funds and material to help make the fair a success." For more information and a complete schedule of events, visit <http://cedarcountyfair.net>. You can follow Derek Bartos on Twitter at twitter.com/d_bartos

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2013, leaving lawmakers with no additional money beyond what had been expected. Board members have credited state agriculture for helping lift the economy, despite a weak housing market and retail sales. In February, several said that some of Nebraska's largest cities — Omaha, Lincoln and Kearney — were faring well and trying to recruit workers for unfilled jobs. Lawmakers and the governor rely on the board's projections when setting the state's two-year budget. Board members predicted in October that the state would collect nearly \$52 million in additional revenue for the fiscal year that ended June 30, and roughly \$62 million in the following fiscal year.

OBITUARIES

Ervin Ptak

MENNO — Ervin Ptak, age 73 of Menno, SD died Sunday, June 8, 2012, at Avera Daugherty Hospice Cottage in Sioux Falls, SD. Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m. at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church, Tabor, SD, with Msgr. Carlton Hermann and Fr. Dan Morris officiating. A rosary will be prayed at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday morning prior to the service. Burial will be in St. Wenceslaus Cemetery, Tabor. Visitations will be begin at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, June 11, 2012, at the Aisenbrey-Opsahl-Kostel Memorial Chapel, Menno, SD. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church. Pallbearers are Dylan O'Borsky, Jeff Ptak, Kevin Ptak, Jeff Koupal, Jim Koupal, John Ptak, Jim Zavadil and Corey Langerock. Honorary Pallbearers are his grandchildren and his former students. Ervin Ptak was born January 2, 1939, to Charles and Lillian (Manas) Ptak in Yankton, SD. He attended Breezy Hill, St. Wenceslaus, and Tabor Elementary schools before graduating from Tabor High School in 1956. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of South Dakota in Springfield and his graduate degree at USD in Vermillion. Erv was a talented athlete in several sports at both the high school and college



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level. His interest in athletics continued after his playing days as he enjoyed watching his children and grandchildren participating in their various athletic activities. His career as a teacher, coach, and administrator spanned 36 years; 35 of them in Menno. On June 13, 1960, he was united in marriage to Jean Koupal at St. Wenceslaus Church in Tabor. Five children blessed this union. Erv is survived by his wife, Jean; his children: Dan (Rhonda) of Allen, TX; Sally (Mike) O'Borsky of Buffalo, MN; Gary (Amy) of Sioux Falls, SD; and Kevin (Kristen) of Prior Lake, MN; his 13 grandchildren: Jeff, Kevin, Dylan, Erica, Ava, Ryan, Zack, Justin, Kayla, Gavin, Keira, Carter and Nora; brother, Melvin (Nancy) of Marion, SD; sister, Rene (Jim) Schroeder of Yankton, SD. He was preceded in death by his parents and infant daughter, Judy Anne.

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Online condolences at: www.opsahl-kostelfuneralhome.com

Lois Sage

Lois M. (Hansen) Sage, daughter of Christian & Caroline (Soll) Hansen, was born June 16, 1924, at Bloomfield, NE. Lois attended Bloomfield High School. After graduation, she taught at a rural school north of Bloomfield. On July 3, 1943, Lois was united in marriage to Duane Sage at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Bloomfield. The couple was blessed with three children, Kathleen, James and Marcia. Lois and Duane raised their children on the family farm north of Bloomfield, before moving into Bloomfield in 1999. Lois was a homemaker while the children were growing up and helped Duane on the farm. Later she worked at JC Penney in Yankton, and then worked at Region 4 in Bloomfield before retiring. Lois was a life-long member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Bloomfield. She was also a member of the St. Mark's WELCA. She and Duane enjoyed many winters in Texas where they made many friends. Lois resided at Majestic Bluffs Assisted Living in Yankton, SD the last six months of her life. She enjoyed her apartment and visiting with friends before her health declined. She died at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton, SD on July 7, 2012 at the age of 88. She is survived by her children, Kathleen (Larry) Ryken of Yankton, SD; James (Marilyn) of Crofton, NE; and Marcia (Detlef) Gartzke of Lincoln, NE; Grandchildren Michelle (Lucky) Boyd of Sioux Falls; Dean (Jamie) Ryken of Yankton; Edward (Tina) Sage of Crofton; Dustin (fiancé Amberlee Chambers) Sage of Wisner; Lanna Acuff of Crofton; Amanda (Karl) Barfuss of Norfolk; Rachel (James) Krier of Sioux Falls; Steve Sage of Crofton; Zachary (Laura) Gartzke, San Jose, CR; and Ian (fiancé Ashley Hackney) Gartzke of Lincoln; 10 great grandchildren; sister, Leila (Bill) Landprecht of Bloomfield, NE, and many nieces and nephews. Lois was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Duane Sage; sisters, Lucille Hansen and Luella Wood; and brothers, Eugene Hansen and Wayne Hansen. Memorials to St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Bloomfield, NE or Christian Worship Hour, Box 002, Aberdeen, SD 57402. Yankton Press & Dakotan July 11, 2012



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Marge Kaufman

FREEMAN — Marjorie Kaufman, 89 died Sunday, July 8, 2012 at the Freeman Regional Medical Center. Memorial services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, August 11, 2012 at the Salem Zion Mennonite Church (North), Freeman with burial in the church cemetery. Visitation with family present will be on Friday, August 10, 2012 from 6-8 p.m. at the Hofmeister-Jones Funeral Chapel, Marion. Marjorie G. Christensen was born on March 11, 1923 on the family farm southeast of Freeman to Albert and Daisy (Christensen) Christensen. She attended Salem District #27 county school and continued her education at Freeman High School and Freeman Junior College. She graduated from Yankton College, Magna Cum Laude in 1973. She taught in rural schools for 8 years and the last 17 years were spent in the Marion Public School system. She was nominated by a former student for inclusion in the 1992 "Who's Who Among America's Teachers." On June 5, 1945 she was united in marriage to Orlando "Chevy" Kaufman at the Salem Zion Mennonite Church and remained a member until her death. They farmed until moving into Freeman in 1987. God blessed them with 55 years of marriage. Her husband died in 2001. After moving into Freeman she worked in the public library for 10 years. Grateful for having shared her life are her sons, Steve (Susan) Kaufman, Port Hueneme, CA and Loren (Kim) Kaufman, Freeman; 2 grandchildren Scott and Dana; a sister Beverly Spomer, Sioux Falls; and special friends Judy Rechnagel, Cylie Svartoiem, and Arlene Preheim. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and a brother Glenn. Visit www.hofmeisterjones.com. Yankton Press & Dakotan July 11, 2012



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Marie Miralles

SOUTH SIOUX CITY, Neb. — Marie M. Miralles, 64, of South Sioux City, NE passed away at a Sioux City, IA hospital on Tuesday, July 10, 2012. Marie was born in Chicago, IL on April 14, 1948, the daughter of Alphonse and Clara (Di Pasquale) Santaniello. She graduated from high school in Chicago. She then moved to Chatsworth, CA. She married Frederick Miralles in Westlake Village, CA on June 2, 1984. She worked as a Secretary for the City of Long Beach. After the death of her husband on September 26, 2011, she moved to Crofton, NE to live with her daughters. Marie was a loving wife and mother. She loved watching the Dodgers. Survivors include two daughters, Taylor Miralles, and her fiancé, Steve Anthony of Crofton, NE and Morgan Miralles of South Sioux City, NE; her mother, Clara Santaniello and two sisters, Phyl-



Marie Miralles is pictured with her husband, Frederick, on their wedding day in 1984. Frederick died in September 2011.

lis Santaniello and Clare Santaniello, and her husband, Gary Shapiro, all of California; and 3 nephews. Marie was preceded in death by her husband, Frederick Miralles; one son, Colleen Miralles; her father, Alphonse Santaniello; and her brother, Alan Santaniello. Yankton Press & Dakotan July 11, 2012

Paul Neth

A memorial service for Paul M. Neth, 46, of Minneapolis, MN will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 14 at the Goglin Funeral Home in Scotland with Rev. Ron Shifley officiating. Inurnment will be in Rosehill Cemetery, Scotland. There will be one hour of visitation prior to the service at the funeral home. Paul passed away at his residence in Minneapolis on Thursday, July 5, 2012.

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

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Kathryn Means

Kathryn "Kay" B. Means, 92, of Yankton died Tuesday, July 10, 2012, at Avera Sister James Care

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

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