

## Habitat For Humanity Seeks Homeowners

Habitat for Humanity of Yankton County is seeking homeowners for our 2012 build. Applicants must live or work in Yankton County, demonstrate a need for housing, be willing to partner with Habitat for Humanity and they must have the ability to repay a zero percent interest mortgage loan.

Applications are available at at 610 W. 23rd Street, Ste. 11, in Yankton.

Habitat for Humanity is a Christian housing ministry that builds homes in partnership with our community and families in need of a decent affordable housing.

To request an application or for more information, call Julie at 605-260-4224.

## Johnson Announces 'Angels in Adoption' Award

Sen. Tim Johnson (D-S.D.) announced that he is accepting nominations for the Angels in Adoption program. Each year, Johnson recognizes South Dakotans who have made a difference in the lives of children in need of a family.

"As the grandfather of two adopted children, I understand the tremendous impact that adoption has on both children and the families that welcome them into their homes," Johnson said. "Throughout our state, hundreds of families have opened their homes to children in need and I encourage people to nominate deserving individuals or families."

To nominate a South Dakota family, visit <http://tinyurl.com/SDAdopts>.

Angels in Adoption was established in 1999 by the Congressional Coalition of Adoption Institute to raise awareness about the importance of adoption.

The deadline for nominations is July 20. To nominate a South Dakota family, visit <http://tinyurl.com/SDAdopts>.

## Yankton Co. Offering Property Info Online

Technology approved by the Yankton County Commission during the last few years has significantly improved the reliability, security, efficiency and now accessibility of property records.

The improvements made will continue to benefit Yankton County taxpayers for years to come. Most recently, the County Commission approved Beacon, provided by The Schneider Corporation, an interactive public access tool that allows users to interact and view county information, public records and Geographic Information Systems (GIS) via an online portal.

Yankton County's Beacon portal features a public site (<http://beacon.schneidercorp.com/>) that includes important property taxation and assessment information. Additional information is available by subscription, including in-depth search capabilities and the ability to view an interactive map of the county's GIS data and aerial photography, as well as convenient tools to collect specific parcel information.

Look for the Beacon website link on the Director of Equalization page of the Yankton County website at <http://www.co.yankton.sd.us/>.

For information on obtaining a subscription, contact the Yankton County Director of Equalization Office, 321 West Third St., Suite 203, Yankton. Call the department at (605) 260-4400 opt. 3.

## Free Demonstrations To Be Held At S.A.C.

The Summit Activities Center will be offering free demonstrations on all weight and fitness equipment for both adult and youth ages 12-14 years. The demonstrations will be conducted by Summit Activities Center weight and fitness staff and are open to all SAC members.

Youth weight and fitness demonstrations will be held on Saturday, July 14 at 11:00 a.m. and Thursday, July 26 at 7:00 p.m. Youth participants, ages 12-14 years, that complete the class will be allowed to use the weight and fitness area at the SAC.

Adult weight and fitness demonstrations will be held on Thursday, July 19 at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, July 28 at 11:00 a.m. Upon completion of the adult demonstrations, members will receive a free personal training session.

To sign up for the class or request further information, call 668-5234 or stop by the Summit Activities Center at 1801 Summit Street. Don't forget to follow the Yankton Parks and Recreation Department on Facebook.

## YHS Class Of 1992 To Hold Reunion, Seeks Classmates

Yankton Senior High School Class of 1992 will hold a 20-year reunion on Riverboat Days weekend, Aug. 17-19, at the shelter east of the beer garden in Riverside Park. The shelter is reserved for the entire weekend so families will have a place to eat and gather throughout the weekend.

The tentative schedule includes gathering at the shelter at 6 p.m. Friday. On Saturday, there will be a class photo at 4 p.m., followed by a meal and socializing. There will be an after-hours party following the closure of the park Saturday night. Sunday plans include a 1 p.m. lunch at the shelter.

There are several students missing from the class that reunion organizers are trying to locate. If you know where these people are, have them contact Margo Buchholz-Logue at 605-661-9717 or via email at [miss.margo@gmail.com](mailto:miss.margo@gmail.com). On Facebook, search Margo Logue.

Missing graduates include: Kristin Bruening, William Collignon, Gail Crow, Charisse Dohn, Daniel Flittie, Travis Gause, Rebecca Gergen, Andrew Goates, Travis Goeden, Elizabeth Haas, Jesse Hacecky, Brad Hague, Heather Hamilton, Sonja Hansen, Tabitha Harris, Kelly Healy, Gerald Hill, Laura Hillesland, Shad Hochstein, Paul Hoebelheinrich, Micheal Hoefs, Janet Hoss, Brian Idt, Damon Isburg, Eric Jensen, Amy Juffer, Rob Kostroun, Liane Lapp, Amy Lippert, Jennifer Meyer, Kerri Olson, Tracey Osborne, Anthony Paulsen, Solon Payne, Chad Pickner, Jeremy Pinkelman, Keith Plavec, Holli Price, Joe Robertson, Robert Ross, Dana Salonen, Jennifer Schmidt, Trent Schmidt, Greg Schram, Amy Schumacher, Janet Schwartz, Justin Shuff, Julie Triebwasser, Rich Vellek, Steven Warner, Casey Weissner, Patrina White, Dave Wiepen, Misty Winter and Erica Wright.

# Area Students Practice Debate Skills At SDSU

BROOKINGS — High school students practiced, prepared and presented arguments during the 26th annual Speech Communication of South Dakota and South Dakota State University Debate Workshop June 25-30.

Thirty-four students attended the workshop at SDSU and learned from debate and argumentation lectures to improve listening skills and understand both sides of an issue.

"Lectures were the most helpful part of camp," said Alexander Zell, a debate student from Huron. "We learned about different parts of arguments and the leaders explained debate strategies. All of our camp leaders made it a great experience."

Douglas Tschetter, a high school teacher from Milbank, led the six-day workshop. "It was exciting to watch the students do well at competition after we worked with them at camp. More importantly, the relationships the kids established at camp are



COURTESY PHOTO

**Students discussed policy issues as a group during the 2012 Debate Workshop at South Dakota State University. From left, Emily Meier, Aberdeen; Jackie Meyer, Brookings; Joe Miller, Vermillion; Jackson Shriver, Watertown; Joshua Arens, Yankton; Ashley Hussein, Yankton; and Tristan Kenny, Aberdeen.**

ones that last a lifetime."

Students researched and wrote argument cases for a tour-

nament held at the end of the week. Debaters were separated into two groups, one focused on

the Lincoln Douglas Debate, and policy debaters focused on transportation issues.

Lincoln Douglas debaters reiterated the 1858 Abraham Lincoln and Stephen A. Douglas debate that concentrated on slavery, morals and values.

Policy debaters explored whether or not to increase the federal government's investment into its transportation infrastructure in the United States.

"I had a lot of fun hanging out with my debate friends," said Rob McFall, a debate student from Vermillion. "My debate coach encouraged me to come to the camp, and I am definitely glad I got this experience."

Area participants included:  
 • Vermillion – Chelsea Gilbertson, Anna Hackemer, Rob McFall, Joe Miller, Erica Moen and Owen Swallow.

• Yankton – Joshua Arens, Patrick Binder, Dylan Chang, Aliyah Greaver, Ashley Hussein and Hunter Koch.

## Yankton College Alumni Advisory Board To Host 200 Alumni At Reunion

Yankton College alumni are reuniting for the 2012 All-Class Reunion in Yankton, July 19-21, at Avera Daugherty Hospice Cottage in Sioux Falls, SD. Over 200 alumni from nationwide are expected, according to Ron Bertsch, a Yankton College graduate and former YC faculty member and administrator, now Chair of the sixteen-member Alumni Advisory Board. "This is our party for the alumni. They travel a great distance to visit Yankton. It's the responsibility of the AAB to make sure the alumni feel welcome at the reunion. The AAB assists with preparations and attends the events. The alumni will know who we are by the badges that we'll wear."

The reunion schedule includes: touring the old campus, (now a U.S. Federal Prison Camp), visiting displays of College memorabilia and historical records at the YC office, enjoying the YC Talent Show in YC Alumni Hall and hanging out with old friends. Alumni who pre-registered for the reunion will have a chance to ring the College Bell in Old Middle at the FPC.

Events also include recognizing the achievements of Greyhound athletes and honoring career achievements of distinguished alumni.

The AAB met to determine the eight 2012 distinguished alumni and friends who will be recognized at the All-Class Reunion Banquet for their career achievements and service. AAB Vice-Chair, Cindy Filipis said, "It's our privilege to honor these alumni who have made outstanding contributions in their chosen field or to Yankton College after receiving their liberal arts education. We look forward to welcoming all the alumni."

Jan Garrity, Executive Director for Yankton College, agrees that the reunions connect the alumni and helps keep Yankton College alive. "Yankton College has continued to exist because of the fortitude of its alumni. The AAB and others will do all it can to keep its existence and vibrancy strong by hosting these reunions for as long as possible."

To register for the 2012 All-Class Reunion, contact Yankton College at (605) 665-3661 or visit [www.yanktoncollege.org](http://www.yanktoncollege.org).

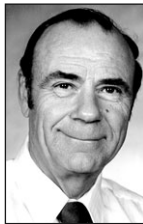
## OBITUARIES

### 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., Thursday, July 12, 2012 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 began at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, July 11, 2012, at the Aisenbrey-Opsahl-Kostel Memorial Chapel, Menno, SD. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.



Ptak

Pallbearers are Dylan O'Borsky, Jeff Ptak, Kevin Ptak, Jeff Koupal, Jim Koupal, John Ptak, Jim Zavadil and Corey Lange-rock. 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 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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### Wilfred Schmidt

VERMILLION — Wilfred J. Schmidt, 86, of Vermillion died Tuesday, July 10, 2012, at his residence.

Wilfred was born April 17, 1926 in Menominee, NE to Albert and Josephine (Leader) Schmidt, and spent his life farming in Nebraska and South Dakota. He was

a member of the St. Agnes Catholic Church in Vermillion.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three sisters; Helen, Marcella and Lucille and a brother Harold.

Willie is survived by three brothers; Roman, Ernest and Carroll and two sisters; Marina Payne and Berniece Pearson.

A Memorial Service will be 7

p.m. Monday, July 16 at the St. Agnes Catholic Church in Vermillion with burial of ashes at a later date. Visit [hansenfuneralhome.com](http://hansenfuneralhome.com).

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### Roger Bosse

ELK POINT — Roger R. Bosse, 93, of Elk Point died at Veterans's home in Elk Point.

Funeral arrangements are pending with Kober Funeral Home, Elk Point.

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