

Composting Class Offered At Library

A class on "How to Start Composting" will be held at the Yankton Community Library at 7 p.m. tonight (Tuesday). The class will be taught by the Missouri Valley Master Gardeners. This is a free class and there is no need to register. For more information, contact Betts Pulkrabek at 605-463-2206.

Pleasant Valley Ice Cream Social July 10

VERMILLION — The women of Pleasant Valley will be holding their annual Ice Cream Social on Wednesday, July 10, running from 5-7:30 p.m. in the church basement. They will be serving taverns, ham sandwiches, pie, ice cream and beverages for a free-will donation. Pleasant Valley Church is located at 45918 308th St., rural Vermillion.

'Late Night For Teens' Swim Event Set

The Yankton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring its second "Late Night for Teens" of the summer, on Friday, July 12, at Memorial Pool from 8-10 p.m. The events theme is "Lazy, Hazy, Crazy Days of Summer!" Come dance the night away with this popular teen event. Teen nights are for middle and high school students only. For further information, call 668-5234 or stop by the Summit Activities Center at 1801 Summit Street, Yankton. Remember to follow the Yankton Parks and Recreation on Facebook.

'Sibling Silly' Class Offered July 20

Expecting a new sibling in your family? If so, come join our Sibling Silly Class for ages 3-8 Saturday, July 20, running from 3-3:45 p.m. at the Avera Sacred Heart Hospital Birthing Center in Yankton. Sibling Silly class prepares young children for their new brothers and sisters, and teaches them positive sibling skills about the special contributions they can make as big brothers and sisters. Children will learn what new babies do, how to help mom and dad, their role as a big brother or sister and will become familiar with the Women's Birthing Center. Children will also learn how to safely hold babies and adjust to being a sibling. The class is free and open to the public. Make reservations by calling 668-8080 as space is limited.

Fish Hatchery 5K Fish Run/Walk Slated

The annual Gavins Point Fish Hatchery 5K fish run/walk will be held July 13 at the fish hatchery on Highway 52 west of Yankton. The walk is at 8 a.m., and the run begins at 8:30 a.m. It is sponsored by The Friends of Gavins Point National Fish Hatchery. Complete details and registration forms at the Aquarium gift shop, which is open daily from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

JOAD Club To Host Bingo Fun Shoot

The Yankton JOAD Club will hold a Bingo Fun Shoot at 7 p.m. Friday, July 19, at the NFAA Easton Yankton Archery Complex to raise money for their upcoming trips to the Easton JOAD Nationals and the U.S. National Target Championships in Hamilton, Ohio. For additional information, contact Meredith Hunhoff at meredithhunhoff@hotmail.com/.

Niobrara

Suspect Sought In Drinking Incident

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NIORBARA, Neb. — Authorities are searching for a Niobrara, Neb., man charged with providing alcohol for a party, resulting in a teenager's hospitalization.

Knox County Sheriff Don Henery said he is seeking information on the location of Steven Lee Hoffman, a 40-year-old American Indian. Hoffman's last known address is 86 Maple Road, Niobrara.

Hoffman is currently wanted on a Knox County warrant for procuring alcohol for minors. The warrant was issued as a result of an investigation by the Knox County sheriff's office into a May 4 teenage alcoholic party southwest of Niobrara.

The high school graduation party resulted in the hospitalization of a 15-year-old boy, Henery said.

The boy was taken from the party to the Niobrara Valley Hospital, at Lynch, Neb., passed out and bubbling at the mouth, Henery said. The boy was trans-

ferred to Norfolk, Neb. and then to Children's Hospital in Omaha, where he was unconscious.

The teenager, whose name was not released, has since returned home, Henery said.

The Knox County Sheriff's Office, assisted by the Nebraska State Patrol, conducted the investigation.

Anyone with information on Hoffman or his whereabouts is asked to contact the Knox County sheriff's office at (402) 288-4261.



PHOTO: YANKTON FIRE DEPARTMENT
Yankton firefighters Ryan Kaiser and Jody Johnson work to retrieve an 8-year-old boy who got stuck climbing a tree Monday night. The boy was stuck about 40 feet off the ground, but was rescued.

Young Boy Rescued From Tree

From P&D Staff Reports

Yankton firefighters have occasionally been summoned to get a cat out of a tree. On Monday night, they faced a twist: It was an 8-year-old boy who was stuck in a tree.

According to Deputy Fire Chief Larry Nickles, a call was received early Monday night reporting that a child had climbed a dead tree along E. Eighth St. and was stuck in the branches about 40 feet off the ground.

Nickles said family members had tried to use a ground ladder to reach the child, who had become stuck in the limbs, but were un-

able to get a clear path to him. That's when the fire department was called.

Nickles said firefighters had to use a ladder truck to get to the boy, who was brought down safely to the ground.

The family was grateful for the response and the resolution to the situation, said Nickles, who added that he had never had a call quite like this before.

Nickles did note there was one minor hitch in the overall rescue effort.

"(The boy) was kind of disappointed we didn't have the sirens running when we pulled up," he said.

Storm

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strike at Sunrise Apartments in the 2000 block of Green Street.

"The fire alarm panel took a hit and was damaged," Nickles said.

"Every one of the calls Sunday night we investigated, stood by and then went back to the station," he added, noting that no fires had to be extinguished.

Yankton had .53 inches of rain from the storm.

According to the National Weather Service, there were reports of flash flooding in Charles Mix County, as well as of downed trees and a shed that was blown over.

Tree damage was also reported in Bon Homme and Clay counties.

According to reports, rainfall totals were:

- 2.37 inches in Geddes;
- 1.88 inches in Tyndall;
- .59 inch in Pickstown;
- .07 inch in Vermillion;
- and
- 1.50 inches in Wynot, Neb.

You can follow Nathan Johnson on Twitter at [Twitter.com/AnInlandVoyage](https://twitter.com/AnInlandVoyage)

OBITUARIES

Don Fechner

The funeral for Don Fechner, 65 of Wagner will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 10, 2013, at St. John Lutheran Church in Wagner. Burial will be in the ZCJB Cemetery with military honors. Visitation will be at the church from 5 to 7 Tuesday, followed by a prayer service. Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home of Wagner is in charge of the arrangements.



Fechner

Donald Lee Fechner, son of Albert and Edna (Jerke) Fechner, was born April 5, 1948 at Parkston, SD. He died peacefully, surrounded by his family, Sunday, July 7, 2013 at the Avera St. Benedict Health Center in Parkston, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Don grew up in Armour as a young boy and graduated from Armour High School in 1966. He served in the US Army from 1967 to 1969, with a tour of duty in Vietnam with the 9th Infantry Division, Mobile Riverine Force. Don was very proud of his service to his Country.

Don married the love of his life, Sandra Bastemeyer, on February 13, 1970. Two sons, Chris and Ryan, were born to their union. Together they made their home and worked in Wagner. Don worked at Vern's Body Shop, Zylstra Body Shop and Nick's Chrysler-Plymouth. In 1973, Don, his brother Dennis and their father Al bought out Nick's and became Fechner Motors Inc. In 1992, they became Chevrolet dealers. Don and Dennis also purchased the Ford dealership in Parkston in 1990.

Don was a member of St. John Lutheran Church, the Wagner VFW and the Wagner Chamber of Commerce. He was a 25 year member of the Wagner Fire Department and also served on the Wagner Labor Day Committee and the Wagner City Council. Don was a member of the South Dakota Auto Body Association, a board member of the South Dakota Auto Dealers Association and also a board member of Randall Hills Country Club.

Don loved restoring and driving street rods and going to car shows. He loved his grandkids and enjoyed going to their many sporting events. Don was so proud to go the State A Tournament

this past Spring to watch the Tea Titans, coached by his son Chris. The most special event for him recently was witnessing the wedding of Ryan and Amy, and the blending of their families.

Thankful for having shared his life are his wife Sandy of Wagner; sons: Chris and wife Kristin and Ryan and wife Amy, all of Tea; 10 grandchildren: Taylor, Brady, Jordan and Colby Fechner and Ashton and Isabella Fechner and Vanessa Johanneson, Brayden, Nathan and Nichole Nyborg; brother Dennis of Wagner; two sisters: Dianne Moore and husband John of Sioux Falls and Debbie Drietz and husband Kenny of Canton; his brothers and sisters-in-law, who were his extended family; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Don was preceded in death by his parents; grandparents; niece DeNelle Fechner; and nephew Jay Moore.

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Dylan Becker

Mass of Christian Burial for Dylan Jacob Becker, 4, son of Eric and Miranda (Sukup) Becker of Hartington, Neb., is at 10:30 a.m. Friday, July 12, 2013, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Hartington. The Revs. Jeff Loeske and Jeff Lorig will be concelebrants, with burial in the St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery, Hartington.

Visitation is 5-8 p.m. Thursday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Hartington, with a 7 p.m. vigil service. Brockhaus Funeral Home,

Creighton, is in charge of arrangements.

Dylan entered his Heavenly home on Thursday, July 4, 2013, at Avera Creighton Hospital, Creighton, Neb.

Doris Voigt

Funeral service Doris J. Voigt, 92 of Avon, will be 10 a.m. Thursday, July 11, 2013 at First Baptist Church in Avon, with burial in the church cemetery, rural Avon. Visitation will be at the church Wednesday from 5-7 p.m. followed by a prayer service. Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Chapel of Avon is in charge of the arrangements.



Voigt

Doris Jeannette Voigt, daughter of Merton and Grace (Crittenden) Hinckley, was born August 3, 1920 at Armour. She died Saturday, July 6, 2013 at the Good Samaritan Society in Tyndall. Doris attained the age of 92 years, 11 months and four days.

Doris joined a family of five brothers. At a young age, due to the illness of her mother, she went to live with her Uncle and Aunt Elmer and Charlotte Edwards in rural Armour. Doris graduated in 1938 and attended SDSU where she received her degree in Home Economics. After graduation, she taught in Delmont and Avon. While teaching in Avon, she met a young farmer named Milton Voigt. They were married May

26, 1944. Doris took a break from teaching while raising her seven children. After her youngest was in grade school, Doris taught for one year at Lake Point 92 Country School, two years at Springfield High School and Tripp High School for 17 years.

Milton and Doris farmed in the Avon area and moved into town in the fall of 1997. Due to failing health, both of them became residents of the Good Samaritan Society in Tyndall. Milton died December 19, 2005.

Doris was a member of the First Baptist Church. She taught Sunday School for many years and was a member of the Women's Missionary Fellowship. Doris also was a member of the Nova Neighbors, Reading Club and Extension Club.

Doris loved gardening and flowers, selling Avon products, reading and doing crossword puzzles.

Thankful for having shared her life are her children: Kenneth of Armour; Janice Wagner of Hot Springs; Wallace and wife Deb of Avon; Bruce of Tyndall; Bev Archambeau of Ft. Meade; and Brenda Tappendorf of Box Elder; 17 grandchildren: Monica Rotert, Dean Voigt, Robert Wagner, Janelle Dorr, Jolene

Yasar, Amy Yost, Nikki McMillin, Steven Ferwerda, Trisha Ferwerda, Joe Voigt, Josh Voigt, Kari Voigt, Jennifer Brennan, Jessica Carda, Jillian Cordova, Christina Voigt, Ryan Voigt; 14 great grandchildren: a sister-in-law Alida Hinckley of Armour; and many nieces and nephews.

Doris was preceded in death by her husband Milton; parents; two daughters: Belinda who died in infancy and Barbara in 2011; daughter-in-law Barb (Zilla) Voigt in 2012; grandson Levi Voigt died in 2007; and her five brothers: Allen, James, Everett, Donald and Wayne.

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Lawrence Axemaker

Lawrence Axemaker, 92, of Bridgewater died July 2, 2013, at Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls.

Funeral services are at 10 a.m. Friday, July 12, at St Paul's Presbyterian Church, Emery, with burial to follow in the Bridgewater City Cemetery.

Visitation is 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the Walter Funeral Home, Bridgewater.

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