

OBITUARIES

Robert Hajek

Funeral Mass for Bob Hajek of Tyndall will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, July 12 at St. Leo Catholic Church in Tyndall with Fr. Joe Forcelle as Celebrant. Organist is Marcene Kniffen with special music by Kathy Koenig and Eleanor Mikolash. Interment will follow in St. Leo Catholic Cemetery, Tyndall, with military graveside rites by Pike-Wagner American Legion Post #2 and Simek-Ptak VFW Post #6895, both of Tyndall, and the South Dakota Army National Guard Military Funeral Honor Guard. Pallbearers and casketbearers will be Bob's grandchildren.

Visitation will be held on Thursday from 3-5 p.m. at the Goglin Funeral Home in Tyndall. There will be a wake service at 7 p.m. on Thursday at the church.

Online condolences may be sent at www.goglinfh.com. The family requests that memorials be directed to Good Samaritan North Point/Hospice.

Robert Edward "Bob" Hajek was born on November 18, 1922 to Frank and Vlasta Hajek. He attended country schools through the 8th grade and graduated from



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Tyndall High School in 1939. He attended Southern State Normal at Springfield, and taught rural schools for three years. In 1944, Bob enlisted in the U.S. Navy Air program, and served until his honorable discharge in 1946. He married Lucille Marek on October 6, 1947 at St. Leo's Catholic Church in Tyndall. They farmed south of Tyndall until 1957, when he accepted employment at Security State Bank in Tyndall. He greatly enjoyed his career at the bank, and the close relationships he had with his colleagues and many customers. He retired from the bank in 1996, and remained on the board until 2011.

Bob served his community in many ways. He served

as City Treasurer for nearly 40 years, as Commander of Pike-Wagner Post of the American Legion, Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus, President of the Tyndall Rotary Club, and for 60 years, as President of the WFLA (ZCJB) Lodge. He served as Treasurer of Tyndall Community Pool, Bon Homme Country Club, the Tyndall Veteran's Memorial, and many other community organizations. Bob delighted in music and sang in St. Leo's Choir from 1947 forward. He loved to play his trombone, was a member of many polka bands over the years, and performed regularly until a few weeks before his death. In his earlier years, Bob also loved playing amateur baseball as a third baseman for the Tyndall Arrows, later managed the team, and announced games for several years.

Bob was deeply grateful for the service of veterans. He was also a devoted fan of the Minnesota Twins. So it was a joyful moment in his life when on April 28, with 38 of his family members standing beside him, he raised the U.S. Flag in front of a capacity crowd at Target Field in Minneapolis.

Bob passed away on Monday, July 8, 2013 at the Good Samaritan Society of Tyndall at the age of 90 years, 7 months and 21 days.

Survivors are sons Don (Michele) and Doug (Anne) of Sioux Falls; daughters Cynthia (Mike) Gorman of Yankton, Karen (Jim) Kirk of rural Springfield, and Margaret (Todd) Kniffen of Williamsburg, Iowa; 14 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren; sisters Arlene (Don) Nelles of Scotland and Carol (Duane) Grimme of Yankton; and sisters-in-law Patsy Hajek and Audrey Hajek, both of Tyndall. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Lucille in 1991, his sister Mariana (Frank) Denouden, and brothers Gordon and Leonard Hajek.

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George Liebl

George W. Liebl, age 58 of Menno passed away peacefully at his home on Sunday, July 7, 2013 in Menno, SD.

Memorial services will be 11:00 a.m. Friday, July 12, 2013 at Grace Lutheran Church in Menno with Rev. Theresa Jacobson officiating. Private family burial of the cremated remains will be held at a later date at the Rademacher Cemetery, Clayton, SD.

Visitations will be from 5-8 p.m. Thursday, July 11, 2013 at Aisenbrey-Opsahl-Kostel Memorial Chapel, Menno with the prayer service and memory sharing at 7 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Aisenbrey-Opsahl-Kostel Memorial Chapel is in charge of the arrangements. Honorary Urmembers: Menno High School Class of '73 and co-workers at Gehl Manufacturing.

George Walter Liebl was born April 27, 1955 to Wilma Louise (Knittel) and Vernon Francis Liebl in Freeman. He was baptized and confirmed at Grace Lutheran Church, Menno.

George attended Menno Public Schools, graduating from Menno High School in 1973. George attended Mitchell Vo-Tech for one year.



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After attending vo-tech, George traveled to Wisconsin and Colorado where he was employed in manufacturing and recreation businesses. He then moved back to Menno and worked for Fair Manufacturing. George married Linda Thrann in 1977. He enjoyed spending time with her and her two daughters, Teresa (Tess) and Della. He later divorced from Linda. He then moved to Sioux Falls and worked at ChiChis Mexican restaurant.

George married Tammy Romsdahl on July 7, 1990. He treasured Tammy's daughter, Kathie. George and Tammy bought Vern's Beer Garden from his folks and operated it from April 1, 1991 until they divorced in March of 1996.

George returned to work at Fair Manufacturing of Menno and later began his fifteen year career with Gehl Manufacturing working the night shift until the time of his death.

Countless people remember George for the acts of kindness and friendliness he extended. He was a friend to everyone he met.

George loved the NFL football games and MLB base-

ball games. He was an avid Chicago Bears fan and enjoyed watching all of their games. He also was an avid fan of the New York Yankees. He enjoyed a trip to watch the Yankees and Twins at Target Field two years ago with his brothers and sister-in-law. George took pleasure in relaxing in the outdoors; he loved to camp and fish. He took delight in the annual Liebl campouts in the summer and in tenting and fishing down by the James River. He treasured his time with all of his family and was a special uncle and great uncle to all of his nieces and nephews. George took joy in visiting with his many friends and family. He looked forward to fishing with his friends from high school each summer and had just attended his 40th class reunion. He was an excellent story teller and got a kick out of telling good jokes. When gathered with friends and family, George was quick to join in a game of pinocle. At home, George spent much time reading; he had a large collection of Stephen King novels.

Thankful for having shared his life are his four brothers: Francis (Karen) Liebl of Newton, IA, Greg (Marilyn) Liebl of Menno, Dan Liebl of Yankton, and Jeff (Jacque) Liebl of Menno; seven nieces and nephews:

Jennifer (Andy) Elbert of Newton, IA, Jon (Jolene) Liebl of Newton, IA, Coleen (Ryan) Smith of Mitchell, Mark (Amanda) Liebl of Dell Rapids, Melissa (Kevin) Cole of Centerville, Sarah (Aaron) Anderson of Yankton, and Ryan Liebl of Menno; twelve great-nieces and nephews: Spencer and Austin Elbert of Newton, IA, Jaya Liebl of Newton, IA, Zakary and Hope Smith of Mitchell, Joshua and Kate Liebl of Dell Rapids, Riley and Lucas Cole of Centerville, Tyrell, Easton, and Kobe Anderson, all of Yankton; aunt, Marie Liebl of Yankton; uncle, Derold Liebl of Omaha; and many extended relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his dad, Vernon, on September 22, 1995, his mom, Wilma, on November 13, 2010, his grandparents, George and Emma Liebl and Walter and Louise Knittel, aunt and uncle, Alitha and Jake Pollman, aunt and uncle, Janice and Denny Buehner, aunt and uncle, Gladys (Lee) Liebl and Jack Taylor, and sister-in-law, Nancy Liebl.

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Highway

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lenge even to maintain roads and bridges at the current level."

DOT officials are looking at bridge programming through 2023, Voeltz said. "The county needs are now, but they can't be addressed for 10 years," he said.

For a project, bids may be let one year but the work done another year, he said.

Voeltz reviewed a number of major projects in District III, which covers south-central and southeast South Dakota.

• FY 2014 projects include \$3.6 million for resurfacing 11.3 miles of S.D. 50 in Charles Mix and Bon Homme counties; and \$3.5 million for resurfacing 12.3 miles of S.D. 37 in Bon Homme County.

In addition, \$1.5 million was funded for work on the U.S. 81/S.D. 50 intersection on the north side of Yankton.

• FY 2015 projects include \$6 million for work on 14 miles of S.D. 50 from Tabor to Yankton; and \$5.5 million for resurfacing 14 miles of S.D. 44 in Hutchinson County, from the junction with S.D. 37 to the James River.

In addition, \$8.3 million was funded for 1.6 miles of work on S.D. 50 in Yankton. The project covers East Fourth Street from Broadway to Ferdig Avenue, along with work at Marne Creek.

• FY 2016 projects include \$9 million for 8.8 miles of work on S.D. 50 in Yankton County, between Yankton and Gayville.

• FY 2017 projects include \$17 million for 17 miles of work on U.S. 18 in Hutchinson

and Turner counties, from U.S. 81 to S.D. 19.

During Wednesday's meeting, Douglas County officials asked for additional safety measures at the junction of U.S. 281 and S.D. 44, three miles south of Corsica.

Douglas County Commissioner Ewald Fink said his county was seeking rumble strips to alert motorists approaching the intersection. "This could be a safety issue, because people fly through those stop signs. They are running stop signs east and west," he said.

Former state legislator Frank Kloucek of Scotland, who represented District 19 which includes Douglas County, said he was helping Harvey Ymker of rural Corsica circulate the petitions seeking DOT safety measures.

"I have talked with people who have had far too many close encounters (with near-miss accidents)," Kloucek said. "At the least, we're looking for rumble strips. We would like flashing lights, like you see for Highways 46 and 25."

A number of options are available, said DOT area engineer Ron Peterson of Yankton. Rumble strips and road markings of "Stop Ahead" would be used first, with flashing lights used as a later option because of maintenance and other issues, he said.

In separate comments, Voeltz told the *Press & Dakotan* that separate federal funds are available for safety projects. Accident rates and other factors help identify where assistance is needed.

Peterson told the *Press & Dakotan* a DOT team inspects areas with safety concerns. His crew works with features such as smoothing out shoulders, striping roads and in-

stalling rumble strips.

"Safety is Number One for us, for both the public and for our employees," he said.

After Wednesday's meeting, Yankton Community Development Director Dave Mingo said he was pleased with recent DOT projects around the city. In addition, he was glad to see major local projects stay on the DOT schedule.

The preliminary STIP meetings, such as the one in Yankton, are very helpful in meeting DOT officials and focusing on local needs, Mingo said.

"(District III executive director) Greg Henderson and the other planning districts are providing an opportunity for additional information before the (regional meetings). Kudos to them for doing it," he said. "We have more face time with the DOT, and we have built a better working relationship because of it."

Yankton officials plan to attend two regional STIP meetings, Mingo said. They will attend the July 17 meeting at the Ramkota in Sioux Falls and the July 18 meeting at the MTI Technology Center in Mitchell. Both meetings begin at 7 p.m.

Voeltz told the *Press & Dakotan* he encourages peo-

ple to attend the regional meetings. DOT officials will be in attendance or can listen to audio of the testimony.

"People need to speak up and make their voices heard," he said. "We also have testimonial forms that we provide at the meetings, and we have email forms."

The DOT plans to solicit public comment until Aug. 2, so the state Transportation Commission can gather the input before their Aug. 22 meeting, Voeltz said.

"The DOT commissioners will read comments before they finalize decisions, and they will make adjustments as they see fit," he said.

"We hope to get these (DOT) projects approved at the Aug. 22 meeting, so it can go to the feds. By mid-September, we should have (federal) approval, and by Oct. 1, it's part of the new 2014 plan."

For more information about STIP and the regional meetings, visit online at sddot.com.

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Yvonne Dirks

Yvonne Dirks, 76, of Fontana, Calif., died Wednesday, July 10, 2013, in Fontana.

USD

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on behalf of USD," Staben said, "an agreement that I'm sure would not have come to fruition without Professor Lu's help.

The eight institute graduates wore gowns and mortarboards for Wednesday's ceremony. Each student was also "hooded" by Staben and Kurt Hackemer, professor of history at USD.

The institute, which began July 7, marks the second time that a delegation from China has traveled to USD to take part in an entrepreneurial program. The inaugural institute was held in April, 2012.

Earlier during Wednesday's ceremony, Staben talked about the value of the institute, which provided a delegation of 12 business leaders from China with information about investments in the United States. The four-day session included lectures, tours and demonstrations of South Dakota's economic capabilities.

"We've learned some academic items, and we've learned a lot about each other's cultures," Staben said. "We've laughed a lot, because we find there are things that we all experience as people, whether we are Chinese or American."

Staben noted that the institute wasn't all work. Participants took time to become involved in a variety of activities, from trap shooting to taking tours of the National Music Museum in Vermillion.

Staben noted that Wednesday's graduation ceremony for the participants was "wonderful because it recognizes an important transition in our lives," he said. "In this graduation, I think we are all experiencing a bit of a transition together. Our students have some new knowledge about investment and finance in the United States, but more importantly, all those who participated in the institute have a greater understanding and an enhanced friendship with one another."

"I know you've had some fun experiences, but I hope you've also enjoyed learning about investing in South Dakota," Gov. Dennis Daugaard told the institute's graduates. "It is good for

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China and South Dakota to develop business relationships. South Dakota is exporting more than \$100 million in goods to China now."

The governor noted that three years ago, China was South Dakota's fifth largest trading partner.

"Now China is our third largest trading partner. However, it wasn't really until I traveled to China as part of our trade mission that I truly appreciated the opportunities that we have to work together," he said.

Daugaard said he has been part of two trade missions to China since taking office.

"Thanks to Dr. Lu and others in China, I realize what great opportunities there are in China for partnerships and international trade," he said.

The governor said he hopes graduates of South Dakota's public universities may one day join forces with the graduates with the graduates of this week's institute.

"I hope everyone here today hopes that you will join the South Dakota graduates to invest in South Dakota and work together to make South Dakota an even better place," he said.

"This is the second time that I've led entrepreneurs from China to come to visit America, and, in fact, this tour is even more excited and passionate," Lu said. "I would like to turn this visiting institute into a long-term partnership."

Lu talked about the strong friendship he has developed with Nygaard, who operates Valiant Vineyards in Vermillion.

"South Dakota, in my heart, is my second home," Lu said, "because Eldon introduced this beautiful and peaceful state to me."

He also thanked Gov. Daugaard for conducting trade missions to China and further developing a strong relationship between his nation and South Dakota.

Lu noted that the number of participants was less than expected because half of the group's visas were rejected.

"Even though half of our candidates were held up in China because of the rejection of visas, they still have this great hope that one day they will come to South Dakota to learn," he said. "They sincerely hope that they can come to South Dakota to extend their earning."

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Thank You

We want to thank everyone who attended our 50th wedding anniversary open house. Thanks also for all the cards & gifts that we received.

We want to give a special thank you to our children and grandchildren for making this special occasion a day that will be long remembered. God Bless All.

Judy & Paul Nielson

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