

# P&D Journalist Wins Honors

From P&D Staff Reports

Yankton *Press and Dakotan* regional editor Randy Dockendorf has won four awards in the National Newspaper Association (NNA) 2015 Better Newspaper Editorial Contest.

Dockendorf, a native of Corsica, won first place for Best Feature Story (Daily Division), second place for Best Business Feature Story (Daily Division), third place for Best Health Story (Daily & Non-daily Division, circulation 6,000 or more) and honorable mention for Best Sports Story (Daily & Non-daily Division, circulation less than 9,000).

The judges' comments were as follows:

- First Place, Best Feature Story, Entry Title: "A Teachable Moment":



Dockendorf

Off": "Clever lead. Good job of collecting facts and presenting story."

- Third Place, Best Health Story, Entry Title: "Peanut Ban Enacted To Protect Student": "This writer did a great job of calling attention to the food allergy problem in a manner that was both matter-of-fact and not overly alarmist. I imagine the parents of the

"Randy Dockendorf proved that he's a great story-teller. His feature about a teacher with breast cancer was the favorite of this judge."

- Second Place, Best Business Feature Story, Entry Title: "Santee Sioux Gamble Pays

student who is dangerously allergic to peanuts appreciated both his and the school district's level-headed treatment of the problem and the useful information that was provided."

- Honorable Mention, Best Sports Story, Entry Title: "Overcoming Obstacles": "Good example of taking an ordinary situation and turning it into a story with appeal. Human interest and reader appeal are key elements. Writer builds on these and works in interesting information gained through research and successful interviewing. Well written."

The awards will be presented at the NNA's 129th annual Convention and Trade Show Oct. 1-3 in St. Charles, Missouri.

## Kick Off The School Year In SD's Largest Classroom

HURON — Registration forms are now available for South Dakota's Largest Classroom at the South Dakota State Fair. Teachers and students from across the state are invited to kick off the 2015-2016 school year by participating on Thursday, Sept. 3, and Friday, Sept. 4.

This educational program gives students an opportunity to experience things they may not otherwise have a chance to see in a regular classroom environment.

While attending, students will be able to watch Aussie Kingdom sponsored by American Bank & Trust, visit the exotic animal petting zoo and take part in Value Added Ag activities. The FFA Animal Nursery, a one-room schoolhouse, the Dakotaland Museum and 4-H and open

class exhibits are also part of the classroom agenda.

Schools are encouraged to register as soon as possible. Students that are home-schooled are also encouraged to register. Last year, more than 900 students and teachers attended. The program is free to students, teachers and chaperones. Lunch and parking will also be provided. The registration form can be obtained by calling (605) 353-7340.

The 2015 South Dakota State Fair will run from Thursday, Sept. 3, through Monday, Sept. 7. Channel Seeds preview night will be Wednesday, Sept. 2. This year's theme is "Sew it. Grow it. Show it." For more information on State Fair events, contact the Fair office at 800-529-0900, visit [www.sdstatefair.com](http://www.sdstatefair.com), Facebook or Twitter.

## Workgroup To Focus On Child Autism Therapy

PIERRE — The Applied Behavior Analysis Provider Workgroup established during the 2015 South Dakota Legislative Session will have its first meeting July 21.

A bill signed into law March 30 by Gov. Dennis Daugaard established the workgroup to study the certification and licensure of applied behavior analysis therapy providers. The 16-member workgroup — comprising representatives of the Legislature, state government, therapy providers, families, insurers, and a licensing board — will meet three times before advising and making recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature by Dec. 1.

The first meeting will focus on workgroup tasks

as well as informational presentations about applied behavior analysis, including an overview of a previously conducted study in South Dakota, and national certification.

"The overarching goal is to ensure appropriate licensing and certification of practitioners of applied behavior analysis in South Dakota," said state Department of Human Services Secretary Gloria Pearson, chair of the workgroup.

All Applied Behavior Analysis Provider Workgroup meetings will take place in Pierre. Workgroup information will be posted to [dhs.sd.gov](http://dhs.sd.gov) as it becomes available.

## Highway Official: 16 fatalities in 14 days

PIERRE — South Dakota Highway Safety officials are again reminding motorists to be careful in the wake of 16 fatalities that have occurred on South Dakota roads since July 1.

In a majority of the nine fatal crashes so far this month, alcohol and speed were believed to be factors as was the non-use of seat belts. Office of Highway Safety Director Lee Axdahl says those are issues that need constant attention.

"Unfortunately, those factors always seem to be part of most fatalities," he says. "We know vehicle crashes can happen in an instant for a variety of reasons. But doing things such as not drinking and driving, slowing down and wearing your seat belt increases the chances of you and your passengers staying alive."

The first two weeks of July this year have been deadlier than the same period in 2014. There were seven crashes and seven fatalities the first 13 days in July of last year.

"One crash-related death is one too many," Axdahl says.

"Too many family members and friends are grieving right now over unnecessary and fresh tragedies. That doesn't include the emotional burdens felt first by responders, including law enforcement, firefighters, paramedics and others who witness the horrible scenes at those crashes." Axdahl says the Department of Public Safety will continue to promote highway safety messages through public events and advertising campaigns.

The Office of Highway Safety is part of the Department of Public Safety.

## House Numbers Must Meet Requirement

The City of Yankton reminds property owners that emergency personnel as well as delivery services depend on address numbers being displayed properly. When doing exterior maintenance chores this summer be sure to check the visibility of your house numbering.

City Ordinance requires all buildings display numbers on the door or front of the structure that are a minimum of 3 inches in height and are visible and legible from the street immediately in front of the building. Numbering on mailboxes, in landscaping or on curbs is not sufficient.

## Superhero Fun Run & Walk Event July 18

The Southeast CASA Program, a local non-profit organization serving Yankton, Clay and Bon Homme counties, will host the Superhero Fun Run/Walk for CASA on Saturday morning, July 18, at Memorial Park in Yankton.

This event will raise money for the Court-Appointed Special Advocates program, and will help Southeast CASA to recruit, screen, train and coach volunteers to advocate for the best interests of abused or neglected children.

The Superhero Fun Run/Walk will kick-off with registration and kids' activities at 9 a.m. at the event headquarters, near 19th St. and Douglas Avenue. Superhero capes, masks and arm cuffs for both kids and adults will be available for purchase. Costumes are encouraged, but not required.

Kids can enjoy a bounce house, balloon animals and other entertainment. Local heroes from the Yankton Fire Department, the Yankton County EMS, the South Dakota National Guard, and the Yankton County Sheriff's Department will have special activities for the children. Awards will be given to recognize the best and most creative superhero costumes. A hot dog lunch will wrap up the event.

To pre-register, visit [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com), or register on-site on July 18. Call Southeast CASA for more information at 605-760-4825.

## Post-Czech Days Meeting Slated July 20

TABOR — The Czech Days committee will hold a post-Czech Days meeting on Monday, July 20, at 7 p.m. in the Tabor Community Center.

Anyone from the general public interested in discussing Czech Days 2015 is invited to attend. Bring your thoughts and ideas along for discussion.

## Yankton Golf Advisory To Meet Monday

The City of Yankton Golf Advisory will meet at noon Monday, July 20, at the Fox Run Golf Course, 600 W. 27th St. This is an open meeting.

## The Center Set To Hold Ice Cream Social

The Center, 900 Whiting Drive, Yankton, will hold an Ice Cream Social on Tuesday, July 21, running from 2-3 p.m.

For more information, call 605-665-4685 or email [oa@thecenteryankton.org](mailto:oa@thecenteryankton.org).

### OBITUARIES

#### Ryan Nguyen

Ryan Nguyen, age 39, of Yankton, South Dakota, died on Sunday, July 12, 2015, as the result of an automobile accident near Yankton, South Dakota.



R. Nguyen

Mass of the Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. on Friday, July 17, 2015, at Cathedral of the Epiphany in Sioux City.

Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday at Nelson-Berger Northside Chapel in Sioux City.

Nelson-Berger Northside Chapel is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be left at [www.meyerbro-schapels.com](http://www.meyerbro-schapels.com).

Ryan, son of Tha and Huong Nguyen, was born January 17, 1976, at Hue City, Vietnam. He grew up in Vietnam and moved to Sioux City, Iowa when he was 17. He graduated from Heelan High School and owned his own nail salon in Yankton. Ryan was also the Head Choir Director for Vietnamese Mass at Cathedral of the Epiphany in Sioux City. He will always be remembered as a happy person and was a caregiver with much love and passion.

Ryan is survived by his wife Vivian Nguyen of Sioux City; two daughters: Sephora and Selena; siblings: Tuan, Kim, Tien, Duy and Thanh; and his stepmom Chin Phan.

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#### Khuyen Nguyen

Khuyen Nguyen, age 52, of Yankton, South Dakota, died on Sunday, July 12, 2015, as the result of an automobile accident near Yankton, South Dakota.



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Khuyen, daughter of Huong and Bao Nguyen, was born May 23, 1963, in Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam. She spent most of her life in Vietnam where she was a business owner and stay at home mom. While she loved her brother and sister in Vietnam, Khuyen was glad to be reunited with her family a few months ago when she moved to the United States. She cared greatly about her husband, and was a loving and caring grandma who loved to spend time with her grandchildren.

Khuyen is survived by: her four children: Vivian Nguyen, Trisha Nguyen, Tram Nguyen and Giang Nguyen; two granddaughters: Sephora and Selena; her ex-husband Cuu Nguyen; four brothers: Thien, Nien, Bang and Tru; and four sisters Uy, Tuyen, Khuyen and Tien.

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19, 2015, at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton. The family will greet friends one hour prior to the memorial service. Burial will be in the Garden of Memories Cemetery in Yankton.

To send an online message to the family, visit [www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com).

#### Frances Austin

Frances M. Austin, 96, of Rapid City, South Dakota, formerly of Vermillion, passed away on June 23, 2014, at Golden Living Center in Rapid City, South Dakota.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 2:00 p.m., Friday, July 17, 2015, at Pleasant Valley Lutheran Church in rural Vermillion with Rev. Anna Peck officiating.

Burial of ashes will take place following the service at the Pleasant Valley Cemetery of rural Vermillion.

Frances was born on September 23, 1917 in Clay County, South Dakota to Jay and Blanche (Peterson) Jensen.

Frances started her childhood in South Dakota near the small community of Westerville growing up on a farm south of Westerville. She attended a rural school west

from the farm. She graduated from Wakonda High School in 1936 where her son, Roger was superintendent for many years.

She was a professional photographer for many years and worked in a various jobs until her retirement. In her free time, she loved doing crocheting and often spending time in her garden.

She is survived by her son, Roger (Pat) Tigert of Vermillion, and her daughter, Sharon Schuff of Rapid City; her eight grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and 6 great-great grandchildren along with her nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her brothers, Otto Jensen & Verne Jensen; and her sister, Ruth Moritz.

The Kober Funeral Home of Vermillion has been entrusted with the services.

Condolences may be posted online at [www.kober-funeralhome.com](http://www.kober-funeralhome.com).

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#### Clifford Petersen

Clifford M. Petersen, 88, of Volin died Wednesday, July 15, 2015, at Avera Yankton Care Center in Yankton.

Arrangements are pending with the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Yankton.

#### Shirley Margheim

Shirley L. Margheim, 79, of Vermillion passed away Wednesday, July 15, 2015, at Wakonda Heritage Manor in Wakonda.

Upon her wishes, cremation has already been taken place and no services are being planned.

Kober Funeral Home of Vermillion is entrusted with the arrangements.

#### Rodney Anderson

Rodney A. Anderson, 86, died on Monday, July 13, 2015 at ActivCare at Bressi Ranch in Carlsbad, California.

Memorial services are 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug.

### IN REMEMBRANCE

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Friday - Saturday - Sunday

Friday, July 17th  
10:00 am – 9:00 pm  
Saturday, July 18th  
10:00 am – 5:30 pm  
Sunday, July 19th  
Noon – 5:00 pm