

## Moving West

Members of Yankton's Bravo battery have begun their annual training, this year at Camp Guernsey in Wyoming. The caravan of vehicles traveled west during the weekend, and reports said they were greeted at many towns through which they passed. This photo was taken in O'Neill, Nebraska. The National Guard unit will train on its multiple launch rocket system battery. (Courtesy photo)



# Yankton Clinic To Celebrate National Health Center Week

The Yankton Clinic is celebrating National Health Center Week 2015 as part of National Campaign celebrating 50 years of success in healthcare delivery.

The Clinic is marking National Health Center Week 2015 (NHCW) with a children's coloring contest, as part of a weeklong campaign (Aug. 9-15) to raise awareness about the mission and accomplishments of America's Health Centers the largest and most successful system of primary healthcare.

One of the bright spots in America's health care system, health centers started 50 years ago as a pilot project during President Lyndon Johnson's War on Poverty. Today, they have compiled a significant record of success that includes:

- Reducing income and ethnic health disparities nationwide
- Reducing infant mortality rates
- Producing \$24 billion in annual

health system savings

- Reducing unnecessary hospitalizations and unnecessary visits to the ER
- Maintaining patient satisfaction levels of nearly 100 percent

Health centers serve more than 23 million people nationwide — that's one in 15 Americans, including 7 million children and 260,000 veterans. Health centers are also increasingly becoming the trusted provider of choice for many families, whether they are insured or not. Evidence shows patients choose health centers because they are convenient, affordable, and offer a range of services from a team of caring professionals. Studies also show the quality of care at a health center is as good or even better than private practices.

"Every day in our waiting rooms I witness the value of having a patient-centered health care home," said CEO, Brad Bertrand. "When people have a place to

go for regular care, they use it and stay healthier. We provide a range of services onsite — primary care services, pediatrics, geriatric, dentistry, even mental health services. Our patients not only get the care they need under one roof, but they are treated as individuals, with dignity and respect. This is what health care should be, and what we celebrate during National Health Center Week."

Although local solutions, health centers need sustained investment to meet the growing demand for their services and help more Americans gain access to affordable healthcare.

To learn more about health centers and the #Access is the Answer campaign please visit the following links: National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC) at [www.nachc.org](http://www.nachc.org). [www.healthcenterweek.org](http://www.healthcenterweek.org). You can also follow the #CHC50 hashtag on Twitter.

## Crofton

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"We are putting together a team of experts to inspect our system top to bottom," Mayor Wendell Strom said in the news release.

Strom could not be reached by the Press & Dakotan for additional comment.

At this point, city officials aren't releasing many details, Hendrix told the Press & Dakotan.

However, the City Council has placed the matter on its agenda for the next regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday in City Hall, she said. Should the meeting draw a large audience, the proceedings

could be moved to the neighboring city auditorium, she added.

The meeting will provide residents with information on the review team and its work, Hendrix said.

"My hope is to release a preliminary report to the public that will set forward as clearly as possible what the (review) team is, how it works and why the team is formed," she said.

The meeting also looks to provide information on the alleged reporting irregularities themselves, Hendrix said.

"We had initially thought it would take four to six weeks to get the preliminary information, but we should have enough to be able to present most, if not all, of it on Monday," she said. "The committee will continue and still needs to meet."

A written report of preliminary

information will be made available to the public, Hendrix said in the news release. Updates will be available at all regularly scheduled council meetings.

"We need the public to be part of this process," she said. "If anyone has information that they think might assist in the investigation, we ask that they please come forward."

In the news release, Councilman Michael Guenther said the city wants to clear up any questions surrounding city operations.

"The City of Crofton is a great place with a great reputation," he said. "We will do what it takes to keep it that way."

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## OBITUARIES

### Robbie Edison

Funeral services for Robbie Lee Edison, 47, will be held Friday, July 31, 2015 at 2:30 p.m. at the Mundwiler Funeral Home in Milbank, South Dakota with Reverend Keith Bicknese of the Emanuel Lutheran Church officiating. Inurnment will be in the Osceola #2 Cemetery in Marvin, South Dakota. Rob passed away on Thursday, July 23, 2015 in Douglas, Wyoming.

Robbie Lee Edison was born May 3, 1968 in Milbank, South Dakota the son of Thomas Albert and Sandra Lynn (Bunting) Edison. In July of 1969, Rob welcomed his little brother, Michael. The family moved to various places due to Tom being in the United States Army. At the age of six, Rob moved to Upper Beaconsfield, Victoria, Australia with his dad and step-mom, Becky (Natick) Edison. There Rob helped out with the chores and learned how to swim along with surfing. At the age of eight the family moved to The Dalles, Oregon near the Columbia River. In 1983 Rob moved to Douglas, Wyoming to be with his mother, step-dad, Dan Garner, brother, Mike, and two little sisters, Dawn and Crystal Garner. Rob finished high school in Douglas and worked several jobs in Douglas, including Chinook Pipeline, Degaugh Oil Field Service, and Northwinds of Wyoming. He worked alongside his step-dad and uncle, Todd Bunting. Rob was a hard worker and quick learner. In 1987 he met Kelli Degaugh and they were married in 1992. They moved to Oklahoma where their first child, Chelsea, was born. They would later move to Texas and have two more children, Dylan and the youngest, Zachary. Rob and Kelli divorced in 1999 and he moved to the family farm in Milbank. There he enjoyed welding, riding horses, helping on the farm, four wheeling, being with family, and listening to Grandpa Bunting's war stories and jokes. In 2009 Rob moved to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, where he worked as a welder for a construction company. In 2013 his daughter, Chelsea, gave birth to a girl, Ava Elyse



Edison

Nova Edison, he had never gotten the chance to meet her, but showered her with gifts. Throughout his life Rob had made many friends, some of his closest were Fred Leinweber, the late Shane Degaugh, and the late Kevin Menter. Rob learned to play guitar at an early age, never knowing how to read musical notes, but played by ear. He could play various songs from all genres, acoustic and electric. He also learned to play the harmonica for his love of the Blues. Rob was a great artist, he loved to draw free hand and write poems. Rob loved the outdoors, camping, fishing, and especially being in the mountains. People remember him for his smile, his blue eyes, and how he could make people laugh. His friends and family have many memories with him. During the last five years of his life, Rob's faith and relationship with God had grown stronger. He attended church regularly, reading scriptures and inspirational books. He will truly be missed by many.

Rob is survived by his children, Chelsea Edison of Douglas, Dylan Edison of San Angelo, Texas, and Zachary Edison of Junction, Texas; parents, Sandy (Dale) Wellnitz of Milbank and Tom (Marge) Edison of Chatsworth, California; siblings, Mike (Pam) Edison of Cottage Grove, Minnesota, Dawn Coombs of Morgantown, West Virginia, and Crystal (Brad) Crawford of Douglas; half sisters and brother, Dakota Edison, Jake Edison, and Lily Edison all of Chatsworth; granddaughter, Ava Edison, of Douglas; maternal grandparents, Gerald and Iris Bunting of Milbank; step dad, Dan Garner of Douglas; and step mother, Becky Natick-Edison of Victoria, Australia.

Serving as pallbearers will be Kevin Bunting, Todd Bunting, Randy Melham, Austin Silsby, Tyler Silsby, Dylan Edison, and Zach Edison. Family and friends may call at the Mundwiler Funeral Home in Milbank on Thursday, July 30, 2015 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The Gorman Funeral Homes-Converse Chapel of Douglas, Wyoming and Mundwiler Funeral Home of Milbank, South Dakota are in charge of the arrangements. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.gormanfh.com](http://www.gormanfh.com).

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### Joey Vavra

Joey Vavra, 87, of Winner, SD passed away on Friday, July 24, 2015 at the Winner Regional Long Term Care Facility in Winner, SD. Funeral service will be held on Wednesday July 29, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Winner. Burial will follow in the Winner City Cemetery.

A visitation will be held on Tuesday, July 28, 2015 from 6-7 p.m. with a prayer service beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Mason Funeral Home in Winner, SD.

Joey attended rural schools close to the Colome family farm until his parents moved to Winner, SD. He graduated from Winner High School and went to Mitchell Business School in Mitchell, SD where he received a degree in business. Joey went to work at the Winner Cold Storage and a Winner Gas Station where he worked in the office.

Joey joined the United States Army and was stationed at various bases around the country during the Korean War Conflict and was honorably discharged in February 1953. He worked in the mail department which led to a job for the US Post Office in Winner where he worked for 35 years. Joey first worked as a mail carrier and later as a clerk. He was well-liked by his patrons and co-workers.

Joey was an active and lifetime member of the American Legion, VFW and

the Elks Club. For many years Joey marched in the Labor Day Parade. He also served as Commander of the American Legion and was Grand Marshall for the Labor Day Parade. Joey was care taker for his father for many years until his father passed away.

Joey liked to read and was a stamp and coin collector. He was an avid sports fan, he also enjoyed car races and listening to the local school ball games on his radio. Joey enjoyed traveling when he was younger, a highlight for him was to see a Viking's game in Minneapolis. Joey occupied his free time with his dog Snoopy, his vegetable and flower garden, his farm, farm animals, listening to Bohemian music, and spending time with his family and friends. Joey was a kind, giving, and warm-hearted man. He always had a warm smile and hello for everyone that made them feel special and wonderful.

Joey was preceded in death by his parents Martin and Mary Vavra; sisters Betty Vavra and Lillian Varilek; brother-in-law George Varilek; brothers Edward Vavra and George Vavra; niece Joan Smith; grandniece Denise Gish; grandnephew James Varilek; nephews Lindy Gish, Wayne Musilek and Dennis Smith.

Joey is survived by his sister Ethel Vavra; nephews Martin Varilek, Leroy (Sheila) Varilek, James (Martha) Pajl; nieces Marilyn Gish, Betty Musilek, Karen (Dennis) Burdick and Janet Whittaker; numerous grandnephews, grandnieces, two great-great grand nephews, cousins and friends.

In lieu of flowers the family will be directing memorials to the Winner American Legion,



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## Events Scheduled For Recreation Area

The following events are scheduled for the Lewis and Clark Recreation Area for this week.

It's your last chance to register for the youth fun camps on July 28-30. Camps for ages 4-7 run from 9-11 a.m., and camps for ages 7-10 run from 1-3 p.m. To register, call 605-668-2985

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

- Archery Classes — 9 a.m., 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.

### THURSDAY, JULY 30

- Archery Classes — 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

### FRIDAY, JULY 31

- 10 a.m. — Camouflaged Critters Program and Craft: Chief White Crane Amphitheater
- 1-3 p.m. — Beach Party: Limbo, Sandcastle Building and Cool Fun Water Games: West Midway Beach
- 7 p.m. — National Park Service Program on Lewis and Clark: Lewis and Clark Amphitheater
- 9:30 p.m. — Outdoor Nature Movie: Lewis and Clark Amphitheater

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 1ST

- Archery Classes — 9 a.m., 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.
- 10 p.m. — "Searching Through a DARK PARK" (Geocaching): Gavins Point Shelter # 2

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

- 10:30 a.m. — Interdenominational Church Service

## Rollick Hotel Featured At 1 Million Cups

Shawn Bouley of Rollick Hotels will be the featured speaker at Wednesday's 1 Million Cups meeting, set for 9 a.m. at the Avera Professional Pavilion in Yankton.

Rollick Hotels is a temporary hotel business that provides extra vacancy during events, conferences or festivals so that lodging never has to be an issue to host an event for the community. Bouley would like to bring this business to Yankton, but first needs to find out if this is possible and he is looking for feedback.

## Boy Scouts To Hold Paper, Can Collection

Yankton Boy Scout Troop No. 133 will hold its monthly scrap newspaper and aluminum can collection Saturday, Aug. 1. Papers and cans will be picked up at the trailer courts and apartment complexes in Yankton. Also, paper and cans will be picked up at Riverside Acres.

Have newspapers and cans secured in sacks or small cardboard boxes and ready to be picked up by 9 a.m. Saturday.

Paper and cans may also be taken to the Riverview Park Reformed Church parking lot, 1700 Burleigh, between 9:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday.

For more information on the newspaper and aluminum can collection, call 665-0685. The Boy Scouts cannot handle tin or plastic. These need to be placed with the recycling the city picks up or taken directly to the landfill for recycling.

## Yankton Duathlon To Be Held August 7

The City of Yankton's Recreation Department will host the third annual Yankton Duathlon for youth ages 6-15 years on Friday, Aug. 7, at Riverside Park.

This free event will include biking and running and is open to participants from Yankton and the surrounding area. Participants are required to wear a helmet and are encouraged to bring a water bottle.

Registration forms may be picked up and returned to the Summit Activities Center by Thursday, Aug. 6. For additional information, visit the Summit Activities Center at 1801 Summit Street or call 668-5234.

Winner Hospice and or the American Cancer Society.  
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### Mark Voy

Mark Lynnell Voy, 54, the son of Dr. Brooks and Vi Ranney, of Yankton passed away Monday, July 27, 2015, at the Alcester Care and Rehab Center, Alcester.

Memorial services will be 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 30, at the United Church of Christ (Congregational), Yankton, with the Rev. Molly Carlson officiating. Burial of his cremated remains will be in the Yankton Cemetery, Yankton.

Mark's family will greet friends after the service in the Pilgrim Hall while we share Mark's favorite dish, ice cream and chocolate syrup.

The Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, is assisting with the service details.

### Billie Sawatzke

Billie J. Sawatzke, 90, of Crofton, Nebraska, died Monday, July 27, 2015, at the Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton.

Mass of Christian Burial will be on Wednesday, July 29, at 10:30 a.m. at the St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Crofton with the Rev. Michael Schmitz officiating. Burial will be in the St. Rose of Lima Cemetery in Crofton with military honors provided by the Crofton American Legion Post 128 and the American Legion Riders.

Visitation will be on Tuesday from 5-8 p.m. with a Vigil Service at 7 p.m. at the Wintz Funeral Home in Crofton. Visitation will begin one hour prior to services on Wednesday at the church.

To view the video tribute or to send online condolences, please visit [www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com).

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