

OBITUARIES

Leone Sejnoha

Leone Sejnoha, 91, died at Golden Living Center in Armour on July 28, 2015. Funeral Service will be Saturday, August 1 at 10:30 a.m. at the United Methodist church in Geddes, SD. Visitation will be Friday July 31 from 5-7 p.m. with a 7:00 p.m. prayer service at the United Methodist Church in Geddes, SD.



Sejnoha

Leone (Varuska) Sejnoha of Geddes was born July 16, 1924, to John and Tillie (Kriz) Varuska. She had three sisters, Maxine, Betty and Charlene and two brothers, Verlin and Leonard who passed away at two years of age. Charlene is the only one living.

She attended Glendale school and graduated from the 8th grade. After she graduated, she started babysitting and cleaning houses.

On September 4, 1943, she married William Sejnoha, and they worked around Lake Andes. He worked for File Nelson on the farm, and she painted and cleaned houses for ladies in Wagner, Pickstown and Lake Andes. Her husband served in the Navy for one year. When he came home, they moved to a farm east of Geddes, SD. They had six children: Sherry (Orville) Dvoracek, children: Mike, Aimee, Terry, Kristin; Bryan (Charlene), children: Sheldon, Sheila; Rhonda (Gary) Bartekoske, children: Bradley, Aaron, Jason, Traci; Robert, children: Michelle, Bobby, Jill, Mandi; Kirby (Ruth), child: Joe; and Dawn (Lyle) Tegethoff, children: Casey, Mackenzie, Seth, McKayla.

In 1980, they moved into Geddes due to the dry weather and no grass for the cattle. Her husband worked on a farm for Jim Schulte, and she worked as a janitor in the United Methodist Church for 20 years. Leone was known for her pie baking skills, where she earned numerous awards. She was a lifetime member of the Women's Legion Auxiliary and United Methodist Church and belonged to the Women's Circle.

Her husband died April 17, 1988, of a heart attack. She lost two sons five months apart. Robert died July 15, 2003, while working for Johnson Farms in Geddes of a heart attack, and Kirby died December 29, 2003, while working at Graphic Packaging in Mitchell also from a heart attack.

She had 19 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren, and three great-great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her husband, two sons, two brothers, two grandchildren and her parents.

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Helen Gottsleben

Helen Louise Hess Gottsleben, 92, of Brookings, passed away Monday, July 27, 2015 at Stoneybrook Suites, in Brookings. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, August 4, 2015 at St. Thomas More Catholic Church in Brookings.



Gottsleben

Visitation will be from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday at Rude's Funeral Home with a Liturgical Wake Service beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Helen Louise Hess was born on March 31, 1923 in Clark County, South Dakota the daughter of Peter and Laura (Bickett) Hess.

Helen attended grade school at Hess School and attended Junior High at Moberg, SD. She graduated from Clark High School in 1940. She continued her education at the South Dakota Beauty Academy in Sioux Falls and graduated in 1941. She was employed at Roberts Beauty Shop in Arlington, SD until 1943 when she was appointed by J. Edgar Hoover to work in the Personnel Department of the FBI, in Washington D.C. for three years. She was united in marriage to Bernard J. "BJ" Gottsleben on June 24, 1946 in Clark, SD. They lived in the communities of Doland, Winfred, Montrose, Lake Preston and Brookings, SD. Helen was employed by the Lake Preston School District as school secretary from 1975 until 1984, when she and BJ retired and moved to Brookings.

She was an active volunteer in church and community organizations in the communities where they lived. She was a member of the St. Thomas More Catholic Church where she was a lector and Eucharistic Minister. Helen served as the President of the South Dakota American Legion Auxiliary from 1973 until 1974 and was active on the national level for the next ten years. She received appointments in the various programs sponsored by that organization which included National Vice President, Northwestern Division and National Field Service Director. She was involved in the American Legion Auxiliary Girls State of South Dakota for 33 years including 17 years as Director and Chairperson. She was also a Girls

Nation Counselor in Washington, DC in 1975, 1976 and 1982. She enjoyed singing, spectator sports, crafts, contemporary writing, art, government and current events. She especially enjoyed attending her children's and grandchildren's activities in school and in the community.

Helen is survived by her two daughters, Mary Barse and husband Steve, of Norman, OK and Sheila Hazelroth and husband John, of Maitland, FL; one son, David Gottsleben and wife Helen, of Yankton, SD; five grandchildren - Matthew Barse, Laura Barse Anderson, Kendra Gottsleben, Matthew Hazelroth and Dasha Hazelroth, two step-grandchildren, two great grandchildren, two step-great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; two brothers, Francis and Albert Hess and two sisters, Genevieve Hynes and Kathryn Heim.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, a donation be made to the South Dakota Art Museum, 936 Medary Ave., Brookings, SD 57007.

Condolences may be sent to the family through www.rudesfuneralhome.com.

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Lillian Mueller

Lillian Marie (Duplic) Mueller, age 102, passed away on Wednesday, July 29, 2015 at Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton, SD. Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. Monday, August 3 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Yankton with Rev. Dave Gunderson officiating. Burial will be approximately at 1:30 p.m. at Rosehill Cemetery in Scotland, SD. Visitations will be 6:00 p.m., Sunday, August 2 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton with a 7 p.m. prayer service. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church. Online condolences can be sent at www.opsahl-kostelfuneralhome.com.

Construction Requires Alternate Route

Construction on 5th Street from Mulberry Street to Burleigh Street is scheduled to begin on Monday, August 3rd. All through traffic is encouraged to utilize alternative routes. Each block will be closed to traffic during removals and then reopened temporarily until paving begins.

The intersections will remain open, at all times, to the north-south bound traffic, only. Traffic control signage will be posted to aid the travelling public in reaching their destination. The scope of work involves replacement of the curb & gutter and pavement. The construction is scheduled to be completed on or before October 1, 2015.

Signatures Needed For Bypass Petition

If you have not signed the petition in support of the concept of a truck bypass around Yankton it is not too late.

You can contact Dave Voeltz at the South Dakota DOT by email Dave.Voeltz@state.sd.us with your comments in support of such a bypass. Please consider doing so this weekend. The deadline is Monday August 3rd at 5 pm.

Thank you to those of you that have expressed strong support for such a proposal. Talking points in support of the Yankton bypass are public safety [including pedestrian and bicycles] reduce traffic congestion downtown [18,500 vehicles on Broadway / Hwy 81 daily, 10,000 vehicles daily including 1000 trucks on current 4th street route], increase efficiency of freight moving in area by avoiding costly delays, smooth manageable traffic flow, reduced cost to taxpayers over time with proposed bypass, and many others.

There will be a Dept. of Transportation meeting in Tyndall on Monday evening at 7 pm at the Tyndall community center to discuss changing 5 four lane crossings into two lane crossings with a turning lane: on Highway 50 at Tabor, Highway 25 Jct, Tyndall, Highway 37 crossing by Country Ford and Hwy 37 crossing by Terry Schuurmans farm. This would be an excellent opportunity to visit with the DOT about the Yankton Bypass as well.

Please consider emailing Dave Voeltz. Dave.Voeltz@state.sd.us with your views this weekend.

Thank you. Frank Kloucek 29966 423rd ave. Scotland, South Dakota 57059

Sobriety Checkpoints Planned For Aug.

South Dakota's Highway Patrol plans sobriety checkpoints in 17 counties during the month of August.

The monthly checkpoints are done as a way to discourage people from drinking and driving.

August checkpoints will be done in the counties of Brown, Butte, Charles Mix, Codington, Custer, Davison, Fall River, Hughes, Jackson, Kingsbury, Lake, Minnehaha, Moody, Pennington, Roberts, Spink and Yankton.

The Highway Patrol is part of the South Dakota Department of Public Safety.

Transfer Station Offers Branch Dumping

Yankton citizens may drop off tree branches blown down by the July 28 storm free of charge through Saturday, Aug. 1, at the Yankton Transfer Station.

Tree branches will NOT be picked up curbside.

Signs Not Allowed in Right of Way

The South Dakota Department of Transportation reminds the public that signs are not allowed to be placed in the right of way.

The use of right of way is reserved for official highway signage. All signs in the right of way that are not required for traffic control, as authorized by law (SDCL 31-28-14), are prohibited and will be removed.

Unofficial signs can create a safety hazard for motorists by limiting sight distance or be an obstruction if a car should leave the roadway.

Municipal ordinances regulating placement and removal of signs within towns and cities do not have precedence over state jurisdiction and supervision of state highway rights of way within municipalities.

Holiday Prompts Harvest Festival

DANTE — Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Dante, is holding its annual Harvest Festival fundraiser Sunday, Aug. 9. Serving will begin at 4 p.m. in the air-conditioned hall with two serving lines.

The menu includes a broasted chicken meal with homemade rollicky, kolaches, and desserts. Bingo, a raffle and games for all ages will also be available.

Senator Set To Visit Yankton

A staff member from the office of Sen. Mike Rounds (R-S.D.) will visit Yankton on Tuesday, Aug. 11, to assist residents with any issues they may have dealing with federal agencies.

The staffer will be at the Yankton County Government Center, First Floor Commission Chambers, 321 W. Third St., from 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

Questions or concerns regarding this visit can be directed to Senator Rounds' Sioux Falls office at (605) 336-0486, or by visiting www.rounds.senate.gov.

Fountain Springs Finalization Of Phase 1



JAMES CIMBUREK/P&D

Phase 1 of the Meridian Bridge Project is complete. Now community members will get to enjoy a little summertime oasis after an afternoon walk across Meridian Bridge. The area south of the fountain will now be roped off in preparation for the construction of phase 2.

The Meridian Bridge Plaza phase 1 fountain area, located to the north of the upper level bridge entrance and south of 2nd Street at the south end of Walnut Street is open to the general public.

The public is advised to stay out of areas that are roped off as some work

items in the plaza will need to be completed in the coming weeks. Please stay clear of barriers and work areas when workers and equipment are present.

The spray jets in the plaza area can be turned on using the green push button highlighted with an orange post cap that is on the silver

pole on the east side of the area. The spray jets operate for a short period of time (approximately a couple of minutes) after the button is pushed and can be repeatedly turned on to entertain.

The Meridian Bridge Plaza Phase 2 construction area, which will be south of the phase 1 area, will be bar-

ricaded off as work begins in this area in the coming weeks. The trail connections to the upper level of the bridge, and the trail connection leading south to the lower level of the bridge, will be open during this project.

Fire Department Seeks Artifacts

The Yankton Fire Department is looking for any artifacts regarding the fire department such as pictures, postcards, ribbons or equipment that might have been used or represents the fire department.

These items will be placed in the future museum that is planned for later this year at Station No. 2.

If you have any items to offer or information or would like to donate to the project, contact Deputy Chief Larry Nickles at 605-661-2785 or stop by the fire station at 201 West 23rd street.



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