

LIFE DIGEST

Czech Days Parades Getting Organized

TABOR — Darrell and Ann Beran are busy organizing the 62nd annual Czech Days Giant Parade, which will be held on Friday, June 18, beginning at 1 p.m. in Tabor.

The Kortan-Hatwan Post No. 183 of the American Legion is in charge of handling the parade activities. Anyone interested in entering the parade should contact the Berans at P.O. Box 247, Tabor, SD 57063 or call 605-463-2238 as soon as possible to get your assigned number and route of the parade information. You may download an entry form at <http://www.taborczechdays.com>.

Any boy or girl interested in being selected as Czech Days Prince or Princess must be between the ages of 8 years old and not yet 12 years old at the time of selection. The prince and princess will be selected by drawing names at random at the Sokol Park stage following the Kiddie Parade and entrants must be dressed in a Czech costume such as the Beseda Dancers wear.

Participating in the Kiddie Parade is encouraged but not mandatory. The children should be living in the immediate area as there are parades and other events that they will be expected to participate in.

Wakonda's 125th Celebration July 1-4

WAKONDA — Wakonda's 125th celebration, organizers are scrambling to finish last-minute details and to begin soliciting entries for the various activities.

The celebration, which takes place July 1-4 in Wakonda, will feature two street dances, a 5K and one-mile run, the Sonny Clare Bike Ride and kids' bike rodeo, a tractor show, golf scramble, kids carnival, a volleyball tournament, a horseshoe tournament, beard and costume contests, the 125th pageant, "Prairie Hearts," a poker run, parade, and much more.

The 125th Grand Parade will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 3. Entries are currently being sought for the parade. Families, organizations, businesses, and others are encouraged to enter the parade, which is being organized under the theme: "Wakonda: Past, Present, Future." Register by June 14. Visit www.wakonda.net and download a form from the 125th Celebration site. Call Angie Logue for more information at 267-3121 or Bob Logue at 660-5605.

Entries are needed — particularly from the 1950s and 1960s — for the Vintage Fashion Show, which takes place at 2 p.m. Friday, July 2, at the Father McMahon Center in Wakonda. Clothing items of all sorts (formal and casual) are needed so they can be worn in the show or for display only. Download an entry form at www.wakonda.net or call Lea Gustad at 267-2359. Entries will be collected for the show on June 5 or by special arrangement.

For more information about Wakonda's upcoming 125th Celebration, visit www.wakonda.net.

Quilts Needed for FA Auxiliary Quiltfest 2010

FREEMAN — Freeman Academy Auxiliary is sponsoring Quiltfest 2010 at the Freeman Academy campus in Sterling Hall on Saturday, June 26, running from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Featured quilter this year is Phyllis Kaufman and the raffle quilt was made by Carol Penner, drawing to be held at 5 p.m.

One of this year's features will be live demonstrations of various quilt making techniques. There will also be an outdoor display of quilts. Light lunches will be available on site with strawberry shortcake for dessert.

In conjunction with Quiltfest, Ribs at the Ranch will be held in the Pioneer Hall parking lot from 4:30-9 p.m. Come to Freeman on June 26 for a full day of beautiful quilts and delicious ribs.

The committee invites area quilters to enter their old or new quilts for display. For more information and entry blanks on both events, go to www.freemanacademy.org or 605-925-4437/Quilts or 605-321-7351/Ribs.

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B.S.N. To Begin Accepting Students Next Summer

VERMILLION — The South Dakota Board of Regents announced recently that The University of South Dakota has received degree authority for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.) to complement the University's long-standing and highly-regarded Associate of Science in Nursing (A.S.N.) program.

This new program will provide registered nurses with access to a B.S.N. by accepting all credits in the A.S.N. degree, and delivering nursing and support courses through several options, including distance education. Post-licensure A.S.N. graduates can join the workforce and practice as an R.N., continue as a full-time student and immediately earn a B.S.N., pursue the online B.S.N. while working or return later to complete the B.S.N.

"The post licensure B.S.N. is a seamless continuation of USD's A.S.N. program," said Debra Leners, R.N., Ph.D., PNP, CNE, chair of the Department of Nursing at USD. "USD Nursing is responding to the national call for increased access to the B.S.N. and other advanced nursing degrees in nursing."

According to Leners, the call for more baccalaureate-prepared registered nurses in professional nursing is based on research demonstrating that hiring more nurses with higher education in acute health care settings significantly decreases morbidity and mortality in patient care outcomes.

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Fritz Wyatt's
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Additionally, Leners cited a key recommendation by the Carnegie Foundation that a B.S.N. become a basic requirement to enter to practice in the future of the nursing workforce.

"Shorter lengths of stay, higher patient acuity, and more complex technology and procedures increase the difficulty of planning and coordinating high quality patient care," added Leners, "which places greater demands for greater evidence-based nursing knowledge and critical problem-solving in practice."

USD is expected to begin accepting students into the B.S.N. program starting in summer 2011, following approval from the state Board of Nursing. No new state resources or additional student fees have been requested to implement the program. USD's associate degree in nursing, which produces the majority of the state's two-year degrees, will also continue with no changes.

For more information about the Department of Nursing, which is part of The U.S. School of Health Sciences, visit the department's Web site at www.usd.edu/nursing or call (605) 677-5006.

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No Cons In Removing Air Dam — Really

BY TOM AND RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:
So the air dam on my '91 Chevy C1500 has taken a beating and is starting to come off. Rather than try to rig it back on or replace it, I want to simply remove it and be done with it. The truck is my only vehicle, used primarily for driving to and from work. However, I do take it "off road" on a farm from time to time, even though it has two-wheel drive, and that is where the damage comes from. I've been warned that the air dam is not simply a cosmetic piece but that it serves several functions for the truck. I'd love to get some advice on the pros and cons of not having one. Thanks!

— Brad

TOM: You can tear it off, Brad. **RAY:** It has three purposes. One is cosmetic, but I'm guessing that's not a major concern on a 1991 truck that you use on a farm.

TOM: The second purpose is that it decreases the turbulence of the air that goes



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under the truck as you drive, and therefore helps to increase the mileage a little bit — a very little bit. The dents in the side of the truck probably are doing more, these days, to disrupt your air flow and mileage than a missing air dam would.

RAY: The air dam's third purpose is to fall off after about 80,000 miles and create a road hazard.

TOM: In case you're interested, it would cost you about 14 bucks to buy a new one on the Internet. But I'm guessing you'd rather invest that in half a tank of gas these days, and you can do so with our blessing, Brad.

Stop the madness! You can stop driving like a knucklehead, and you'll help your car in the process. Learn how your driving habits can harm your car in Tom and Ray's pamphlet "Ten Ways You May Be Ruining Your Car Without Even Knowing It!" Send \$4.75 (check or money order) to Ruin, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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Catering To 'Man's Best Friend' In Style

BY KATHY HAIGHT

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CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Allie jumps from her wrought-iron bed and runs to the window of the presidential suite, past the flat-screen TV tuned to "Animal Planet" just for her.

The black shih tzu presses her nose against the glass overlooking the lobby of Pet Paradise Resort, one of Charlotte, N.C.'s newest boarding facilities for dogs and cats.

Here is Allie's view from the resort's ritziest, \$70-per-night room:

Framed portraits of terriers, bulldogs and spaniels hanging on all four walls of the lobby. Chairs upholstered in fabric printed with black and yellow labs.

And visible through a window behind the reception desk, a golden retriever-poodle mix splashes outside in a bone-shaped swimming pool.

"A lot of people say, 'We don't treat him like he's a dog,'" says resort manager Dina Beam. "We say, 'Great! That's what we cater to.'"

This Club-Med-for-mutts near Charlotte/Douglas International Airport is part of a growing trend toward luxury pet boarding — where businesses calling themselves "hotels" and "spas" pamper pooches with everything from golf cart rides and "Yappy Hour" ice cream to bedtime stories and orthopedic mattresses.

'DO YOU WANT A BLUEBERRY FACIAL?'

"Ten to 15 years ago, there started to be a dramatic change in how people viewed their pets," says Joan Saunders, CEO of the Colorado-based trade group Pet Care Services Association. Pets became "members of the family," she says, rather than animals that stayed mostly outdoors.

The shift left some pet owners unsatisfied with boarding Puff and Spot in a cage behind the vet's office. They wanted more deluxe services and were willing to pay for them.

Spending on boarding, daycare, grooming and other non-medical pet care is growing at a rate of more than 5 percent a year despite the sluggish economy, Saunders says. Many boarding facilities have expanded to offer daycare, retail boutiques and other amenities.

"You might drop your dog off for the weekend," Saunders says, "and the facility owner might say, 'Do you want your dog groomed while they're here? Do you want a blueberry facial and their nails done?'"

It is with our deepest gratitude that we wish to express our Thank You, in the loss of our loved one **Kevin Rokusek**. To all who brought food to our home, cards, phone calls, plants and flowers, those with comforting words, hugs and prayers at this time in the loss of our dearest, kind, loving and most wonderful son, father, husband, and brother. Thanks to Father Hermann and Father Puthenkulathir for a beautiful mass. Thanks to all who served cookies and coffee at the wake services, Altar Ladies for serving lunch, the Lectors, servers, singers, Kim and Scott Olson for the special music. Thanks to the Kostel-Opahl Funeral Home for all the compassion to our family. Kevin will always be loved and in our hearts. May the Lord bless him.

If anyone was forgotten please accept this as a Thank You.

Kevin's Loving Family

Son of Arnold & Janice Rokusek • Husband of Roxann Rokusek
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Doggies love the pool at Pet Paradise Resort in Charlotte, North Carolina, April 21, 2010.

GOLF CART RIDE FOR FIFI

Tuscarora's Country Club for Dogs comes complete with golf carts, as any proper country club should. And that's just what Fifi is riding in this afternoon.

The white Maltese with a pink bow on her rhinestone collar is bouncing along Tuscarora's 3/4-mile nature trail in the back of a cart, held securely by staffer Kim Culley.

"In the summertime, we let them swim in the creek," Culley says, as Fifi sniffs the woody air along Cabarrus County's Little Buffalo Creek.

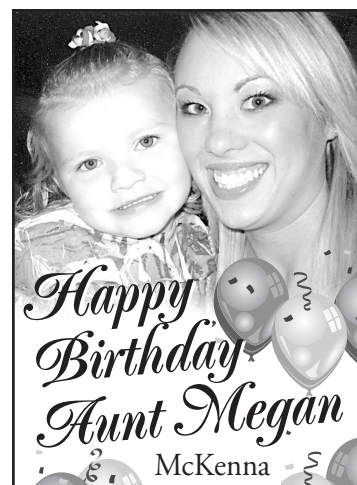
The 33-acre club has a summer-camp feel that attracts the pets of a few Charlotte Bobcats as well as former Bank of America chief executive Ken Lewis and his wife, Donna.

The tab for pick-up and delivery starts at \$30 one way, added to Tuscarora's boarding fees which start at \$25 for dogs, \$20 for cats.

DOGGY DVDS AND 'MOZART FOR CATS'

At Best Friends Pet Care in Pineville, N.C., pups bed down on synthetic lambs' wool pads after nighttime readings from books like "The Pokey Little Puppy" and "Lady and the Tramp."

The \$43-per-night luxury suite is tricked out with a toddler bed — complete with orthopedic mattress — and wall-mounted TV playing doggy DVDs.



Happy Birthday Aunt Megan McKenna

REWARD
For any information leading to the safe return of Bailey or any information would be appreciated. He has been lost in the lake area vicinity since Sunday, June 6.
PLEASE CALL 605-857-0260

Thank You

The family of **Ken Spence** would like to sincerely thank everyone for their prayers, comfort, cards, flowers, food and memorial gifts, given in memory of Ken. Everything is greatly appreciated and we're pleased to know Ken touched so many lives. Thank you to the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home, Pastor Wildermuth, ladies of Trinity Lutheran, Jan Schiferl and Eugene Brinkmeyer for their guidance, the beautiful church service and visitation.

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Thank you to Tonya, Chris and the rest of the HyVee family for their care, understanding and working with me through Ken's illness.

Thanks to everyone for being a part of Ken's life. Ken will be dearly missed. May God Bless each and every one of you.

**Diana Spence • Darrell & Cindy Spence
Fred & Teresa Hawlik • Gene & Krista Spence
Brian & Lynn DeLoach & Families**