

OBITUARIES

Stacey Myers

Stacey Myers, age 23, of Yankton, South Dakota, died on Saturday, June 16, 2012 as a result of a car accident.

Funeral services are 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 20, 2012 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Yankton with Reverend David Wildermuth officiating. Burial will be in the Garden of Memories Cemetery in Yankton.

Visitation is from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Yankton with a prayer service at 7:00 p.m. Visitation resumes one hour prior to the funeral at the church. Arrangements are under the direction of the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home and Cremation

**Myers**

Yankton, South Dakota to Bruce and Carol (Danielsen) Myers. She attended Stewart Elementary, Yankton Middle School and graduated from Yankton High School in 2007. Stacey worked at Carmike Cinemas during high school and enjoyed dancing at the Academy of Dance. She was attending the University of South Dakota in Vermillion

Services in Yankton.

Pallbearers are Gary Lane, Ray Steffen, Adam Lane, Justin Lane, Ethan Breen and Drew Delvaux.

Stacey was born on September 30, 1988 in Yankton, South Dakota to Bruce and Carol (Danielsen) Myers. She attended Stewart Elementary, Yankton Middle School and graduated from Yankton High School in 2007. Stacey worked at Carmike Cinemas during high school and enjoyed dancing at the Academy of Dance. She was attending the University of South Dakota in Vermillion

working towards a degree in counseling and also working at the Elks Lodge in Yankton. Stacey donated her time and energy to help the Nikki's Fund project.

Stacey enjoyed spending time with her family and many friends. She had a passion for her dog, Kirby. Stacey was a kind, loving and thoughtful person who went above and beyond for her family and friends.

Stacey is survived by her parents, Bruce and Carol Myers of Yankton; sister, Rachel Myers of Bellingham, WA; grandmother, Beverly Danielsen of Yankton; aunts and uncles: Sharon (Gary) Lane of Sioux Falls, Betty (Ray) Steffen of Yankton, Linda Myers of Omaha, NE and John Myers of

Genoa, NE; and many cousins and good friends.

Stacey was preceded in death by her maternal grandfather, Harold Danielsen; paternal grandparents, Vernon and Allison Myers; uncle, Dale Danielsen and aunt, Terri Perkins.

To send an online sympathy message, please visit wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

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www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com

Joseph 'Joe' Vlcek

TABOR — Joseph "Joe" Vlcek, age 73, of Tabor, SD, passed away at home surrounded by family on Saturday, June 16, 2012 after a battle with cancer.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 20, 2012 at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church, Tabor, with Rev. Joe Puthenkulathil and Msgr. Carlton Hermann co-celebrating. Burial will be in the parish cemetery with Military Graveside Rites by the Kortan-Hatwan American Legion Post #183.

Visitations will begin at 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, at the Opsahl-Kostel Memorial Chapel, Tabor, with a wake service and rosary beginning at 7:00 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the funeral chapel.

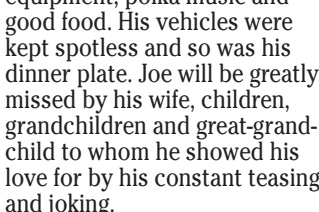
The Opsahl-Kostel Memorial Chapel, Tabor, SD in charge of arrangements.

Joe was born to James and Albina Vlcek on January 30, 1939 on the Rezac farm east of Tabor, SD. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Wenceslaus church in Tabor, SD. He had to give up high school to take over the family farm due to his father's poor health. While farming, he served in the Army National Guard. Joe married the love of his life, Betty Soukup, on August 29, 1959 at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Dante, SD. They were blessed with three children Teresa, Marie and John. He lived his entire life on the same family farm where he made a good life for his family. Joe was always active in the community and St. Wenceslaus parish. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends. Joe particularly liked traveling and going for long drives with the people he loved. He has a passion for his vehicles, farm equipment, polka music and good food. His vehicles were kept spotless and so was his dinner plate. Joe will be greatly missed by his wife, children, grandchildren and great-grandchild to whom he showed his love for by his constant teasing and joking.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years Betty, of Tabor, SD; daughters, Teresa (Scott) Winckler of Yankton, SD and Marie (Tim) Foxhoven of Yankton, SD; son, John (Lisa) Vlcek of Tabor, SD; eleven grandchildren: Brandon (Leah) Winckler, Audrey Winckler, Logan, Brady, Tanner, Weston, Tucker, Parker Foxhoven, Jessi, Ali and Kolton Vlcek; one great grandchild, London Winckler; Ann (Greg) Kronaizl and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Albina Vlcek, sister, Violet Zdenek-Povandra and brothers-in-law, Gust Zdenek and Steve Povandra.

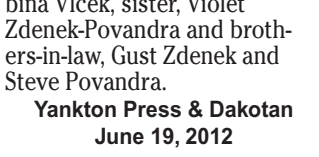
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Funeral service will be Wednesday, June 20, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home. Cremation will follow all services. Arrangements entrusted to Schildknecht Funeral Home and Cremation Services, O'Fallon, IL.

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Wagner Has School Board Election Today

From P&D Staff Reports

WAGNER — Voters in the Wagner School District head to the polls today (Tuesday) to decide two school board races.

In the first race, voters will elect three candidates for three-year positions. The field includes incumbents Dennis L. Merkwan and Gene Niehus and challengers Jodi Lyn Zephier, Richard Sully, Todd Doom and Janice Coleman.

In other race, incumbent Michael Denker faces challenger George Langdeaux for the one-year term.

New Benefits Slated For Unemployed Veterans

PIERRE — The South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation announces unemployed veterans may qualify for additional education, vocational rehabilitation and employment benefits through the Veterans Opportunity to Work (VOW) to Hire Heroes Act of 2011.

This act provides seamless transition for service members, expands education and training opportunities for veterans, and provides tax credits for employers who hire veterans with service-connected disabilities.

"The Veterans Retraining Assistance Program (VRAP) offers 12 months of retraining assistance to unemployed veterans who meet certain criteria," said State Labor and Regulation Secretary Pam Roberts. "The program will train the veteran for a high demand occupation."

Nationwide, the VRAP is limited to 45,000 participants from July 1, 2012, through Sept. 30, 2012, and to 54,000 participants from Oct. 1, 2012, through March 31, 2014.

Veterans who previously completed a VA vocational rehabilitation program and have used the initial 26 weeks of unemployment benefits may qualify for an additional 12 months of VA vocational rehabilitation benefits.

"Veterans can apply for the additional benefits now, and the education or training may begin June 1, 2012," said Secretary Roberts.

VA may offer incentive payments to encourage employers to hire and train program participants. An employer may be reimbursed up to one-half the annual salary of the participant for six months or longer.

To apply or learn more about retraining assistance, vocational rehabilitation and employer incentives, contact a South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation local office. An office directory is available at www.sdjobs.org.

More information on the VOW to Hire Heroes Act of 2011 is available at <http://benefits.va.gov/vow/index.htm>.

USS Maddox Destroyer Assoc. Reunion Slated

RENO, Nev. — The USS Maddox Destroyer Association is looking for former shipmates for a reunion to be held in Reno, Nev., on Aug. 16-19, 2012.

For more information, contact Dennis Stokhaug, 571 West 14562 Hidden Creek Ct., Muskego, WI 53150; Phone: 262-679-9409; Email: maddox64@aol.com.

Orville Kirchner

Orville Louis Kirchner, age 86, of Yankton, South Dakota, died on Saturday, June 16, 2012 at his residence.

Funeral services are 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 21, 2012 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Yankton with Reverend David Gunderson officiating. Entombment will be at the Garden of Memories Cemetery in Yankton with military honors provided by the Ernest-Bowyer VFW Post No. 791.

Visitation is from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton with a prayer service at 7:00 p.m. Visitation resumes one hour prior to the funeral at the church.

Pallbearers are his sons: Darrell, Steven, Leslie, Terry, Kevin and Randy Kirchner.

Orville Louis Kirchner was born to Fred and Caroline Kirchner on April 7, 1926 on a farm southwest of Lawrence, NE. Orville was baptized on the 2nd of May, 1926 at Zion Lutheran Church near Lawrence, NE. His sponsors were Louis Brandt and Clara Kirchner. His Christian education began with his parents and continued by attending grades one through eight at Zion Lutheran Parochial school. He was confirmed into the Christian faith by Rev. Walter Seefeldt in May 1940. After graduation,

**Kirchner**

he went to Eckley High School, northwest of Guide Rock, NE, where he took part in baseball, basketball, and football, graduating in 1944. Orville entered military service on March 19, 1945. After serving in Okinawa, Japan, he was honorably discharged as a Tech 5 from the 176th Signal Replacement Company on November 28, 1946. After being in the service, he worked for the Navy Ammunition Depot located a few miles east of Hastings, NE as a carpenter's helper and a carpenter. After contracting polio in 1952, he worked as a time keeper there until they closed the depot. He then moved to Crete, NE and worked for Fairmont Foods, keeping an inventory of all frozen foods. In the fall of 1956, Orville moved to Huron, SD and worked in the USDA office there for a year. In the fall of 1957, he began working as a soil conservation service technician with the U.S. Dept of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service, in Yankton until his retirement in 1986. While working for the USDA, Orville continued his education by taking Ag related courses at Fort Robinson, NE and the Midwest Training Center in Lincoln, NE. In 1966,

Orville was given a certificate of Merit Award in appreciation for his efforts in presenting the soil and water conservation story to rural school children in Yankton County and the Boy Scouts. In 1976, Orville received a letter of commendation from the U.S. Dept of Agriculture Secretary Earl Butts for his service to the youth and farmers of Yankton County.

On April 18, 1954, Orville was united in marriage to Betty Bangert at Calvary Lutheran Church in Rosemont, NE where he was a charter member. This union was richly blessed with two girls and six boys. When they moved to Yankton, they became members of St John's Lutheran Church. At St John's, he served as an elder, trustee, Sunday school superintendent, sang in the choir for many years, and was also an active participant of the over 50 fellowship group. Orville was also a member of the VFW and served on the board of the Services Center Federal Credit Union for several years. Orville loved his family above all else. He was often found on the sidelines of soccer and softball games, cheering on his kids and grandkids, and rarely missed a game. He loved to instruct his loved ones in the growing pains of life. Orville loved to attend the grandkids' band competitions, concerts, and recitals. He also

enjoyed the summer concert series. But more than anything, he loved to be surrounded by his family and share stories of himself and of his kids as they were growing up.

Orville is remembered, missed, and loved by his wife, Betty of Yankton; his eight children: Kathy (Mike) Larson of Boise, ID, Darrell of Yankton, Karen (Willie) Williams of St Augustine, FL, Steve (Julie R) of Yankton, Les (Julie A) of Yankton, Terry (Dawn) of St Augustine, FL, Kevin of Yankton, Randy (Susan) of Yankton; 16 grandchildren; 5 great grandchildren; sisters, Dorothy Krack of Chula Vista, CA and Florene Wolfe of Salem, OR; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Orville was preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Caroline; sisters, Edna and Esther; brother, Lloyd; and granddaughters, Desirae and Hannah.

To send an online sympathy message, please visit wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

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Laurie Goehring

Laurie A. Goehring, age 38 passed away early Friday, June 15, 2012 at the Menno-Olivet Care Center, Menno, SD.

Memorial services will be 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 19, 2012 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church, Menno with Rev. Kenneth Soyk officiating. Burial of Laurie's cremated remains will be in the St. Peter's Lutheran Cemetery, Clayton, SD at approximately 4:00 p.m. Tuesday afternoon.

Visitations will begin at 5:00 p.m. Monday, (today), at the Aisenbrey-Opsahl-Kostel Memorial Chapel, Menno with a 7:30 p.m. prayer service. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Laurie Ann Goehring was

**Goehring**

born to Leroy and Lucille (Werning) Goehring on June 20, 1973 at Parkston, SD. She was baptized at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Clayton, SD, on July 22, 1973 and her Sponsors were Darrold and Alice Keiper. In 1987, she was confirmed at St. Peter's Lutheran Church at Clayton, SD by Rev. Neal Ahart. Laurie attended Emery Public Schools, graduating from high school in 1991 as Salutatorian. She then attended USD, graduating in 1995 with a C.P.A. degree. Laurie worked for Pam Oil Accounting Department for one year. She worked as an Investment Bankers at Valley Bank

when she became disabled. She also worked in the customer service department at the Empire Mall for 15 years.

Laurie helped take care of her mother and then helped take care of her sister, Lisa, as long as she was able. She entered the Menno-Olivet Care Center on July 1, 2009.

Laurie and Lisa loved to go to the drive-in theater in Luverne, MN. She enjoyed her dog, Matty.

Survived by her father Leroy (and step-mother Cheryl) of Emery, SD; sister, Lisa Goehring of Menno, SD; brothers, Leland (Lori) Goehring and son Ben (Hannah) all of Humboldt, SD, Corey Goehring and son Kody (Peggy) Goehring all of Hartford, SD; sister-in-law, Dawn Anderson and daughter Brittany of Bridge-water, SD; step-siblings: Kenneth

Kayser of Emery, SD, Kathy Kayser of Emery, SD, David (Lori) Kayser of Emery, SD, Todd Kayser of Parkston SD and 6 step-nieces and nephews; roommate and friend, Ruth also all the caretakers, who so lovingly took care of her.

She is preceded in death by her mother, Lucille and brothers, Curtis and Craig; grandparents, William and Marie (Guericke) Werning and Andrew and Martha Goehring.

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Nathan Johrdal, Bethany Johrdal, boyfriend Tom Dhure of Granite City, IL, dear friends; Julie Stroh and Amber Bolich, both of O'Fallon, IL, and many other dear and special friends and extended family.

Memorials may be made to the Lympeidema Network or the Lyla Thompson Trust Fund. Donations will be accepted at the Funeral home. Expressions of sympathy may be made at www.schildknechtffh.com.

Visitation will be held Tuesday, June 19, 2012 from 5-8 p.m. at Schildknecht Funeral Home, O'Fallon, IL and Wednesday, June 20, 2012 from 7 a.m. until time of service.

Funeral service will be Wednesday, June 20, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home. Cremation will follow all services.

Arrangements entrusted to Schildknecht Funeral Home and Cremation Services, O'Fallon, IL.

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Jeffrey Potts

CROFTON, Neb. — Jeffrey Leo Potts age 47 of Crofton, NE was pronounced dead on Saturday, June 16, 2012.

Mass of Christian Burial is at 10:30 a.m. Friday at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church,

plication or the grant requirements:

- Website: <http://dss.sd.gov/victimservices/vc/vcAccessVisitation.asp>.
- Contact: Lori Martinec at 605-773-3109 or Lori.Martinec@state.sd.us.

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