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## Nebraska Police Investigating New Scam

CENTER, Neb. — The Creighton Police Department and the Knox County Sheriff's Office are investigating what appears to another scam with a twist.

A Knox County business in Creighton received a phone call from a "restricted" number at about 6:20 p.m. on June 20. The caller claimed to be an officer with the Knox County Sheriff's Office. The caller also said he was contacting businesses in Knox County and requesting donations for the sheriff's office. When the businessman requested a call back number, he was given a number to call back of 877-616-2677. The businessman called the number and was told someone would call him back. The person did call back and asked for a \$250 donation and asked for the businessman's bank information, account number and routing number.

The Knox County Sheriff's Office has not authorized any telemarketers to call and ask for donations.

The sheriff's office is asking anyone who has received this type of call and has donated to call their bank immediately and let bank officials know of this fraudulent activity. You should then contact the sheriff's office.

If you are contacted by someone, write down all the information they will give you and contact your local police department or the Knox County Sheriff's Office at 402-288-4478.

## Yankton Summer Reading Program In Full Swing

The Yankton Community Library summer reading program for children of all ages is in full swing. More than 600 children have registered and are attending programs, reading books and collecting prizes. Children ages preschool through high school who are not registered and wish to join the fun may still do so by stopping at the library, 515 Walnut Street, or on the web at <http://yclib.sdlm.net/>.

June 24-June 28 is Dinosaur Week. Come in for some roaring good fun at story time at 6:30 p.m. Monday evening. At 1-2 p.m. Tuesday, June 25, representatives from the Sioux Falls Washington Pavilion will be at the library to share information about dinosaurs. Come and meet Louie and see their collection of dinosaur eggs and real dinosaur egg shells. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Yankton Community Library.

At 10:15 a.m. Wednesday, June 26, the Missouri National Recreational River Teacher Rangers will share story time, leading the group on a scavenger hunt. The week's final story time will be at 10:15 a.m. Thursday, June 27.

Dinosaur week concludes with giant dinosaur egg making sessions on Wednesday and Thursday, June 26 and 27, at 1-2 p.m. both days. Note that this is a two-session activity.

Friday is Game Day with the Wii for both individuals and teams, beginning at 1 p.m.

For more information, contact the library at 668-5275.

## 'One Book' Author Touring South Dakota

PIERRE — This summer, readers throughout South Dakota will have 20 opportunities to meet Danielle Sosin, author of "The Long-Shining Waters," on her 2013 One Book South Dakota Author Tour (see schedule below).

Sosin, a Duluth, Minn. resident and past Festival of Books presenter, will travel to one region of South Dakota each month, beginning in June and culminating in her keynote appearance at the 2013 Festival of Books ([www.sdbookfestival.com](http://www.sdbookfestival.com)) in Deadwood, Sept. 20-22.

At each tour event, Sosin will discuss various themes related to the 2013 One Book South Dakota, "The Long-Shining Waters." She will also answer readers' questions and sign books.

In "The Long-Shining Waters," Sosin weaves an intricate tale revolving around Lake Superior. The novel provides numerous opportunities for discussion of the 2013 SDHC programming theme of water, along with many other issues.

The area appearances scheduled for the One Book South Dakota tour are as follows:

- June 24 — Yankton Community Library, 6:30 p.m.
- July 23 — Vermillion Public Library, 7 p.m.

All tour events are free and open to the public.

Each community will have 20 copies of "The Long-Shining Waters" to give away. Readers can also contact local tour coordinators and area booksellers for information about purchasing the novel prior to the event.

Visit <http://www.sdhumanities.org/onebooktours.htm> for more information about the tour.

The South Dakota Humanities Council also encourages members of the public to apply to hold their own One Book South Dakota reading and discussion programs.

For more information, call 605-688-6113 or visit [www.sdhumanities.org/](http://www.sdhumanities.org/).

# S.D. Summer Climate Outlooks Mixed

BROOKINGS — New outlooks released for South Dakota for the rest of summer offer a mixed message based on outlooks from the Climate Prediction Center.

New climate outlooks for the rest of the summer, as well as the new drought outlook, give few strong indications for temperature and precipitation.

"The new outlooks for July indicate equal chances for below and above average temperature and precipitation," said Laura Edwards, SDSU Extension Climate Field Specialist.

"There are very mixed messages based on the variety of computer models and tools available about what will be happening in July. Thus, the equal chances condition is indicated."

In the 90-day outlooks southwestern South Dakota has an increased chance for above average temperatures. Precipitation, as is often the case in the summer, is difficult to assess in the longer term outlooks.

"Summertime precipitation is impacted much more local features

and it is thus more difficult to forecast in the longer term. Climatologically, we expect monthly precipitation to fall off as we reach mid to late summer," said State Climatologist, Dennis Today.

Drought conditions have been largely eliminated in the eastern part of South Dakota, while much of western South Dakota is still in moderate to severe drought. Chances for further improvement in drought in the western part of the state are limited, according to the most recent U.S. Seasonal

Drought Outlook map released today. Much of southwestern South Dakota is projected to have drought persisting through September.

"After late May average precipitation begins to decrease," said Today. "And with increased water use by growing plants during warmer conditions, soil moisture begins to be depleted faster. Thus, chances for further recovery become limited."

## OBITUARIES

### Harry Kuchta

Our dad passed away peacefully at home on June 12 with his family by his side. He was 93 years



Kuchta

old and we were so

blessed to have

him as long as we

did.

Dad was hard

working and kept a

close eye on his

pennies. But, he

was very giving

with his acts of

kindness for others.

We believe that

is why so many

people called him, "Grandpa

Harry".

He was born in Scotland to

Bozanna and John Kuchta. He lived

in South Dakota with his parents

and four siblings where they

farmed. When he graduated from

high school he went to work at the

State Hospital. There he met his

future wife of 49 years, Carmelita.

They moved to California when he

joined the Navy and had five children.

His first job was working for

Frank Corda as a Dairyman in Gonzales.

In the early 50's he bought

the ranch in Arroyo Seco and

started his own dairy with the help

of his family. He had the dairy until

the mid 60's when the boys went

into the service. He then sold the

dairy and started hauling for Corn

Nuts. He grew row crops and hay

which he never quit doing. He also

helped his kids plant their vine-

yard in 1997 and later opened

Sycamore Cellars Tasting Room.

Visitors would often see him driving

around in his red fat cart. He

loved visiting with those who

stopped by.

Harry loved his family uncondi-

tionally and was always around to

give his advice. He enjoyed recycling

and looked forward to his

monthly trips to town to turn in his

cans and buy an ice cream with the

earnings.

Harry leaves behind his son,

Dennis(Joan); daughters, Barbara

(Robbie) Madsen and Kathy Taver-

netti; six grandkids, seven great

grandkids and his brother, Lloyd.

Harry is preceded in death by

his wife Carmelita; sons, David and

Steven; his parents; sister,

Dorothy; brothers Paul and Lewis;

son-in-law, Marvin Tavernetti.

A Celebration of Dad's life will

be held at 1 p.m., Friday, June 28,

2013 at the Kuchta Ranch.

Those wishing to may make donations

to the American Heart Association

or charity of your choice.

Arrangements have been entrusted

to Eddington Funeral Services,

333 East San Antonio Dr., King

City, CA, (831) 385-5400, [www.EFS-Cares.com/](http://www.EFS-Cares.com/).

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Joyce Adrianna Andela was born April 17, 1947, in Hudson, the oldest of 11 children born to Andy and Beulah (Wold) Andela. Joyce began school at Blanchard country school and then West Branch country school, both near Hudson. The family moved to Hudson when Joyce was in the 5th grade where she completed her education, graduating from Hudson High School. The large family had many struggles and Joyce had to take on adult responsibilities at a very young age. She assisted her mother with the care of the home and in raising her 10 brothers and sisters.

Joyce married Robert Fitch in Hudson on August 14, 1964. The couple had three children, Robert Jr., Suzanne and Daniel. They first lived on a farm at Fairview; moved to Sioux Falls in 1966; and then to Yankton in 1974 where they lived until 2004. They then moved back to Hudson into a new home on the Fitch Farm.

Joyce had several jobs in Yankton. She worked 10 years at Flora-Craft in the Yankton Mall and nearly 10 years in the business office at the Yankton Medical Clinic. The most important job to Joyce was to be a loving wife, mother and grandmother.

Joyce is survived by her husband Robert of Hudson, son Bob Jr. and wife Kathy of Hawarden, IA; daughter Suzy Jones and husband Ben of Hartford; and son Dan and girlfriend Connie Faulk of Yankton. She is also survived by grandchildren Cole, Hannah, Ellie, Henry, and great grandson Robby; and by nine siblings: Jack (Cindy) Andela of Hawarden, Chip (Becky) Andela of Canton, Ken (Betty) Andela of Harrisburg, Lois (Kevin) Wagner of Parkston, Chris (Tammy) Andela of Canton, Debbie (Kendall) Roti of Sioux Falls, Petra (Todd) Thorpe of Baltic, Eva (Carter) Horner of Hudson and Richard (Peggy) Andela of Harrisburg.

She was preceded in death by her parents Beulah and Andy Andela; a sister Barbara DeSmet; and father- and mother-in-law Donald and Mary Fitch.

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### Mildred Armentrout

Funeral services for Mildred Poelstra Armentrout, 95 formerly of Springfield and Armour, will be 1:30 Tuesday, June 25, 2013 at the United Church of Christ in Springfield, with burial in the Springfield Cemetery.

Visitation will be at the church an hour prior to the services. Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home of Springfield is in charge of the arrangements.

Mildred Ethel Poelstra Armentrout, youngest child of Chester Warren and Grace (Starks) Tolles, was born September 29, 1917 at Laurel, NE. She died Thursday, June 20, 2013 at Dow Rummel Village in Sioux Falls. Mildred attained the age of 95 years, eight months and 23 days.

Mildred was a graduate of East High School in Sioux City. She attended Morningside College for two years and the University of Nebraska Teachers College for two years. Mildred graduated in 1940 with a degree in business education.

Mildred began her teaching career in Springfield, where she taught four business classes at St. Mary's Episcopal School for Indian



Armentrout

### Joyce Fitch

HUDSON — Joyce Fitch, 66, of Hudson, passed away on June 20, 2013, at the Dow Rummel Memory Care Unit in Sioux Falls.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, June 24, at Hudson Lutheran Church with Rev. Tim Worthington officiating.

Visitation will be Sunday, June 23, from 6-7 p.m. at Hudson Lutheran Church, with a prayer service at 7 p.m. In lieu of flowers, please direct memorials to the Dow Rummel Memory Care Upgrade Fund. Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.porterfuneralhomes.com](http://www.porterfuneralhomes.com).



Fitch

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