

OBITUARIES

**LaVerna Folkers**

LaVerna E. Folkers, age 92 of Hartington, Nebraska died on Wednesday, June 17, 2015 at the Golden Living Center in Hartington.

Mass of Christian Burial will be on Tuesday, June 23, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Hartington with the Rev. Jeffery Loseke officiating. Burial will be at St. Andrews Cemetery in Bloomfield, Nebraska.

Visitation will be on Monday from 5-8 p.m. with a Vigil service at 7:30 p.m. at the Wintz Funeral Home in Hartington. Visitation will continue on Tuesday at church one hour prior to services.

Pallbearers will be grandsons Matthew Folkers, Michael Folkers, Gerard Kast, Karl Kast, Leland Folkers, and Lonnie Folkers. Honorary pallbearers will be grandchildren Lisa List, Amy Gustad, Julie Kleinschmit, Janie Folkers, Paul Folkers, Jenny Folkers, Joe Folkers, Angie Johnson, Mark Folkers and Nick Folkers.

LaVerna E. Folkers was born on October 25, 1922 in Cornelia, NE to Othmar and Lena (Brandt) Gilsdorf. She moved to Bloomfield when she was five years old and attended St. Andrews Catholic School. LaVerna lived on the farm and worked for numerous area families. She married Carl Donald Folkers on April 27, 1943 in Bloomfield, NE. She and Carl moved to a farm north of Randolph where they lived for 40 years. They built a home in Hartington in 1982. Carl died on February 2, 2002 at the age of 87 years. LaVerna moved to the Golden Living Center on October 12, 2014 and then to the assisted living on 12/3/2014. She then transitioned into the Alzheimer's unit there on March 25th of 2014. LaVerna was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic



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Church, the Church Guild, and Christian Mothers. She loved her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

LaVerna enjoyed playing Bridge with her Hartington friends and she did a lot of Rug Looming (weaving).

She is survived by her four children and their spouses Diane and Ron Kast of Fordyce, David and Rosie Folkers of Hartington, Dennis and Dayna Folkers of Randolph, LaVonne Folkers and husband Leonard Fuxa Jr. of Omaha; 16 grandchildren; 52 great grandchildren; six siblings and spouses Marjorie Kronberg of Bloomfield, Earl and Kathleen Gilsdorf of Bellevue, Donald and Alice June Gilsdorf of Bloomfield, Melvin and Barbara Gilsdorf of Bellevue, Clifford and Holly Gilsdorf of Gayville, SD, Elva Mae and Marvin De La Roi of Bloomfield; sisters-in-law Lena Gilsdorf of Bloomfield, Marian Gilsdorf of Norfolk; many nieces and nephews.

LaVerna was preceded in death by her parents, husband Carl; granddaughter Geraldyn Kast; three brothers, infant Irvin, John and Orville Gilsdorf; sister Darlene and husband Richard Bartetic; brother-in-law Charles Kronberg.

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**Viola Auch**

Funeral services for Viola Auch, 96, of Scotland, South Dakota will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 23, 2015 at Zion Lutheran Church in Scotland with visitation beginning prior to the service at noon. Burial will follow in the Rosehill Cemetery, Scotland.

Viola passed away on Friday, June 19, 2015 at the Good Samaritan Society of Scotland. Funeral arrangements

are being handled by the Goglin Funeral Home of Scotland. Online condolences may be sent at www.



**Vermillion Sustainability Group Earns Community Foundation Award**

VERMILLION — The goal of making Vermillion "the Greenest Little Town in South Dakota" has earned a University of South Dakota professor some financial backing to accomplish it.

Meghann Jarchow, who teaches in the sustainability program in the College of Arts & Sciences, is also board chairwoman of the nonprofit organization Greening Vermillion. The South Dakota Community Foundation recently awarded the group a \$9,250 Community Innovation Grant toward its goal of combining and expanding various sustainability programs in the city into one unified effort.

"I think that having a vision for a sustainable and desirable Vermillion will be helpful to USD directly by providing us a roadmap," Jarchow said, adding that no community can thrive without a clear vision for its future.

She hopes the Greening Vermillion effort will help connect the town's 10,700 residents with the 10,000 students at the University of

South Dakota. Jarchow said her positions as both the organization's chairwoman and an assistant professor of sustainability will help forge a relationship between students and local residents, as both can contribute resources and enthusiasm to the program.

The group already has helped develop a canoe/kayak trail along the Missouri River and has organized hikes along it. Several other projects are in the works including outdoor classrooms at two parks, a children's maze at Spirit Mound, an improved recycling program that reaches more people and accepts more materials, and the planting of more trees to literally make Vermillion more green.

For more information, Jarchow can be reached at (605) 677-3115 or Meghann.Jarchow@usd.edu/.

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**Rita Swedean**

Rita M. Swedean, age 96, of Yankton and formerly of Sioux City, IA passed away late Thursday, June 18, 2015 at Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton, SD.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m. Monday, June 22, 2015 at the Majestic Bluffs Gathering Place with Rev. Tim Lange officiating. Private family committal services will be held at a later time.

Visitations will be one hour prior to the mass.

The Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory is assisting with the funeral arrangements. Online condolences can be sent at www.opsahl-kostel-funeralhome.com.

Rita was born October 31, 1918 in St. Helena, NE to John and Regina (Gulde) Peters. She spent her early years in Wynot, NE and graduated from Wynot High School. She was employed at Wynot Post Office after graduation. Rita spent time in Spokane, WA then Sioux City, IA where she was employed as a sales clerk at Montgomery Ward. She married Robert Swedean at Cathedral of the Epiphany on January 14, 1956. They lived in



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Sioux City, IA and Dakota Dunes, SD before moving to Majestic Bluffs in Yankton, SD. Rita was a former member of Immaculate Conception Parish in Sioux City, IA and Ladies Altar Society where she served on the Bereavement Committee.

Rita is survived by her two sons, Kevin (Wendy) Swedean of Sioux Falls, SD and Tim (Lisa) Swedean of Sioux City, IA; four grandchildren: Ashley Swedean, Ryan (Kristi) Swedean, Dr. Sandra (Dr. Jeremy) Granger and Laura (Andrew) Spaulding; one sister, Viola Peters of Yankton SD and two great-grandchildren, Joanna and Oliver Granger.

Rita was preceded in death by her husband, Robert; her parents, and her eight brothers and three sisters.

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**Richard Soukup**

Funeral mass for Richard E. Soukup, 78, of Scotland, South Dakota will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 23, 2015 at St. Leo Catholic Church in Tyndall. Burial will follow in the St's. Cyril & Methodius Catholic Cemetery, Vodnany-Rural Tyndall, South Dakota.

Visitation will be held from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 22 at the Goglin Funeral Home in Tyndall with a rosary held at 7:00 p.m. later that evening at the church. Richard passed away

on Friday, June 19, 2015 at Menno-Olivet Care Center in Menno, South Dakota.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by the Goglin Funeral Home. Online condolences may be sent at www.goglinfh.com.



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**Yankton 4-H To Offer 'Harvest Of The Month' Program For Kids**

Harvest of the Month is an educational program for kids ages 5-9 designed to help you add more fruit and vegetables to your daily routine more often — at home, work, school and everywhere in between. Each fruit and vegetable fea-

tured during our lesson makes learning easy, tasty and fun.

Programs are set for the Yankton 4-H Office, 901 Whiting Drive, on July 7 and 9, July 14 and 16 and July 21 and 23. The cost is free.

**Father's Day Dinner**  
Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>  
Roast Beef Dinner  
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**Tuesday, June 30, 2015  
Kiwanis/4-H Building  
709 Whiting Dr., Yankton  
Catered by Rollin Smoke BBQ**

**Schedule of Events**

5:00 p.m. Doors Open  
5:30 p.m. Social Hour  
Exhibitors  
6:30 p.m. Prime Rib Dinner  
7:30 p.m. Program

**\$40<sup>00</sup>**  
per person

**Guest Speaker:**  
SD Secretary of Agriculture Lucas Lentsch  
**Master of Ceremonies:**  
SD Lt. Governor Matt Michels

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**Deadline for tickets - June 29**



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Ross' topic will be  
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