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Heidi Steffen, a native of Fordyce, Nebraska, and a student at North Central University in Minneapolis, recently had the opportunity to study in Israel and Jordan as part of a 3 1/2-week program.

Area Student Studies In Israel

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Heidi Steffen, a Fordyce, Nebraska, native attending North Central University, Minneapolis, traveled to the Middle East as a student. The Center for Holy Land study offered a 3 1/2-week academic study of Israel and Jordan.

Steffen describes a three-dimensional setting of the Bible land in a personal way.

"When we flew into Tel Aviv airport, I was surprised by the amount of people who spoke English. I also didn't realize there would be so many other tourists," she said.

With a glow, she continues, "The Jewish people were so welcoming. I felt very safe, at times seeing the Israeli military patrolling.

"Marc Turnage, director, unwrapped our lessons like slowly opening a gift," Steffen said. "I felt like I was sitting in front of a fire hydrant of information."

Each day typically began at 6:15 a.m., and she had to eat breakfast and be on the bus by 7:30 a.m.

The first week included primarily Old Testament study, included sites such as: Elah Valley, where David took down Goliath, snorkeling in the Gulf of Elat,

and Wadi Rum, camel and jeep trek, to name a few.

"When we hiked the same NahalZin valley as Moses and the children of Israel walked when they came out of Egypt, I understood their discomfort," she said.

The area is void of life and reminded Steffen of the Grand Canyon.

They crossed into Jordan and everything changed: the language, now Arab, and the culture.

"We had to be in groups and dress very modest for our own safety," she said.

"Being in Israel, made me feel safe and like I was in God's promise land."

Second week: The Sea of Galilee, primarily the New Testament, started with Megiddo, and then places like Bethlehem, Tel-Jezreel and Nazareth. On the evening of the 10th day the group had a lecture of "The Cultural Nature of the Galilee in the First Century." They dressed in simple robes and experienced life in Jesus's day.

"We made bread as they did and visited a first century house," Steffen said. Meals were important in those days and people loved eating together. It was a time for fellowship and community.

Third week: Jerusalem. "This was my favorite part of the experience. Jesus

stood in the Temple Mount and looked out over Jerusalem. I had the same view and wondered what went through his mind when he stood there," she said.

From that vantage point they could see the Mount of Olives, the Dome of the Rock and several other sites of the holy city.

Steffen described the site of the crucifixion of Jesus, as one walking the same path as Jesus walked and listening to lectures of Orthodox Jews. One said, "As called, 'The Chosen People,' we don't believe we're better than everyone else. It's like being called out of an audience of people and used as an example."

Concerning the crucifixion of Jesus, Steffen said, "Jesus, taken in the middle of the night, as not to cause an uprising, dispels the myth that many of the Jews in Jerusalem cried 'crucify him.'"

She continues. "The cross near the entrance to Jerusalem, placed eye level, created the greatest terrifying effect."

Steffen says this of her experience: "Before the trip, I had so many prescribed thoughts about the Middle East and even the Jewish people" Her face turns downward. "I felt awful that I had been so judgmental. However, after being in Israel for nearly a month I could see their (Jewish People) love for God and for others."

OBITUARIES

S. Yvonne Duppong OSB

S. Yvonne Duppong OSB, age 94, died on Saturday, June 27, 2015.

A wake service will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 1, 2015 and the Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, July 2, at 10:30 a.m., both in Bishop Marty Memorial Chapel in Yankton, South Dakota. Burial will be in the monastery cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Yankton.

Eleanora was born on September 6, 1920, the second child of twelve to Anton and Anna (Wert) Duppong of Glen Ullin, North Dakota. She attended Sacred Heart School in Glen Ullin and Curlew Country School. After completing grade school, she was employed in domestic work



Duppong

June 23, 1943 and received the name Yvonne. She made first profession on June 24, 1944 and made final profession on June 24, 1947.

S. Yvonne spent several years in the Ecclesiastical Vestment Department, and as assistant housekeeper for the chaplains at Sacred Heart Monastery. She was assigned to the Bishop's residence in Sioux Falls from 1950-52 and from 1960-62. In 1969 while she was in Victoria, British Columbia, she became convinced of her call to work with the aged and handicapped. In May 1972, she received a degree in Sociology from

at Sacred Heart Rectory in Glen Ullin. Eleanora entered Sacred Heart Monastery in November 1942. She was invested as a novice on Mount Marty College. She began ministry to the aged in Canon City, Colorado and later at Madonna Care Center, Lincoln, Nebraska. After receiving clinical pastoral education in Bismarck, North Dakota in 1983, she began pastoral care ministry. From 1984 to 1989, she ministered in Albion, Nebraska, and then continued pastoral ministry in Mandan, North Dakota. She retired to the monastery in Yankton in 1992 and worked in Care Center as Activities Director until 1997.

S. Yvonne, a talkative, helpful person, was generous with her time. She enjoyed receiving cards and letters, reviewing them often and praying for others. She was interested in people and devoted to her family and her hometown of Glen Ullin. S. Yvonne believed that those who had gone before her in this life were spiritually and intuitively present and con-

nected with her forever.

S. Yvonne is survived by her Benedictine community and her siblings: Emma Braun, Catherine Fox, Teresa Clark, Mary Graeme, Esther Karch, and Clarence Duppong, and nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brothers: Carl, Albert, and Edwin, and her sisters: Eva Schirado and Helen Duppong.

To send an online message to the family, please visit www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

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Karen Cihak

Karen Mae Cihak, 72, of Yankton died Saturday, June 27, 2015 at Avera Sister James Care Center in Yankton.

Mass of Christian Burial is 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 1, at St. Benedict Catholic Church in Yankton with Father Ken Lulf officiating. Burial will be in the Garden of Memories Cemetery in Yankton.

Visitation is from 5-8 p.m. Tuesday, June 30, at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton with a vigil service at 7 p.m. Visitation continues one hour prior to the funeral at church.

To send an online message to the family, visit www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

James Spottedbear

James Michael Spottedbear, 71, of Yankton died Sunday, June 28, 2015, at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton.

Arrangements are pending with the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Yankton.

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Menno Hosts Independence Day Parade

MENNO — The annual Menno Independence Day celebration will be held in Menno July 4.

The American Legion Rames-Bender Post 152 of Menno will sponsor a Fourth of July Parade, starting, at 11 a.m. The theme is "Honor Those Who Served." If you wish to enter the parade, contact Roger Mensch at 605-387-5558 or arrive and register at the old school gym at 9 a.m. All parade entries are first come-first served. Three cash prizes will be awarded in the following three categories: Adult Organizations; Youth Organizations and Commercial Entries.

The celebration will concluded with a baseball game at 7:30 p.m., followed by a fireworks display at approximately at 10 p.m.

Swim Carnival At Memorial Pool July 4

Cool off at the free annual swim carnival held at Memorial Park Municipal Pool on Saturday, July 4, from 12:30-4 p.m.

There will be races, coin dives, watermelon, and a great deal of fun for all.

This event is sponsored by First Dakota National Bank and the Yankton Department of Parks and Recreation.

For further information, call 668-5234 or stop by the Summit Activities Center at 1801 Summit Street.

All Volumes Of SJ Bible To Be Displayed

The Benedictine Institute of Leadership, Ethics and Social Justice is pleased to host The Saint John's Bible at Mount Marty College in Yankton for the 2015 year. Two volumes of a seven-volume Heritage Edition set have been available at MMC since the start of 2015.

The public may now view all seven volumes of The Saint John's Bible on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and Wednesdays from 6-8 p.m. in the boardroom on campus.

The first public opportunity to view all seven volumes of The Saint John's Bible will be Wednesday, July 8, in the boardroom at MMC. The event will be from 6-8 p.m. and will include a DVD and viewing of the bible, along with a free reception. The boardroom is located in the Scholastica Learning Center (SLC) just down the hall from the library.

The Saint John's Bible, the first hand-written, hand-illuminated bible in more than 500 years, was made possible through the efforts of St. John's University and the monks of St. John's Abbey in Collegeville, Minnesota.

Other viewings and arrangements for groups and organizations to engage with The Saint John's Bible can be made by contacting Andrew Henrickson, 605-668-1495, ahenrickson@mtmc.edu. Arrangements may also be made for a volume of The Saint John's Bible to be brought to you. Visit www.mtmc.edu/benedictineinstitute/stjohnsbible.aspx for more information.

SD 4-H Character Speaking Contest Set

BROOKINGS — 4-H members from more than 40 Eastern South Dakota counties are invited to participate in the annual 4-H Public Speaking Contest at the Sioux Empire Fair Aug. 5, 2015. The registration deadline is July 17.

All 4-Hers who participate will receive five gate passes, five lunch tickets and \$20 to spend at the fair.

"The Contest provides 4-H members the opportunity to use their critical thinking, writing and speaking skills to tell an audience how CHARACTER COUNTS! fits into a 4-H project area, current event or a personal experience," said Karelyn Farrand, SDSU Extension 4-H Youth Character Education Field Specialist.

All contestants will present their speeches in morning rounds. There are two divisions, Juniors, ages 8-13, and Seniors, ages 14-19. Within these two divisions, the top two senior speakers and the top junior speaker at each judging station will advance to the championship round.

Prizes for the contest include: in the senior division, the first place winner receives a \$1,000 certificate of deposit and the second place winner receives a \$500 certificate of deposit. In the junior division, the first place winner will receive a \$500 certificate of deposit and the second place winner will receive a \$250 certificate of deposit.

A Novice Junior and Novice Senior Division will be offered for contestants who are new to the 4-H Character Public Speaking Contest. A \$100 cash award will be awarded to the top speaker in both the Novice Junior and Novice Senior Divisions based on the points earned in the morning competition. Novice competitors will not advance to the championship round.



For more information on the S.D. 4-H Character Public Speaking Contest and to register, visit the iGrow Events page.

The contest is hosted by SDSU Extension 4-H Youth Development Program, Sioux Empire CHARACTER COUNTS!, Sioux Falls Chamber of Commerce with generous sponsorship from First PREMIER Bank/PREMIER Bankcard.

The 4-H CHARACTER COUNTS! Public Speaking Contest held during the Sioux Empire Fair is open to 4-H members in the following South Dakota counties: Aurora, Beadle, Bon Homme, Brookings, Brown, Brule, Campbell, Charles Mix, Clark, Clay, Codington, Davison, Day, Deuel, Douglas, Edmunds, Faulk, Grant, Hamlin, Hand, Hanson, Hughes, Stanley, Sully, Hutchinson, Hyde, Jerauld, Buffalo, Kingsbury, Lake, Lincoln, Marshall, McCook, McPherson, Miner, Minnehaha, Moody, Potter, Roberts, Sanborn, Spink, Turner, Union, Walworth, and Yankton counties.

If you have any questions, contact Phil Olson, Contest Coordinator by email here or at 605-212-6175.

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While most people are not at all adverse to purchasing life insurance, relatively few have planned for death. If insurance companies called their product "death insurance," they might have a more difficult time presenting its appeal to the public to buy it. The funeral industry may not be so fortunate; while funeral preplanning functions as life insurance to protect the families of the deceased, they can hardly be called "life preplanning." The funeral industry must simply rely on educated consumers to take the necessary and responsible steps needed to deal with financial and logistical end-of-life issues. Although religious or moral convictions often dictate final arrangements, funeral preplanning ensures that these preferences are effectively communicated to family members.
Many people who get over their initial resistance to the idea actually find funeral planning to be a freeing experience. For more information, please call WINTZ & RAY FUNERAL HOME at (605) 665-3644. We are here for you when you need us, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. We are located at 2901 Douglas Ave. Learn more about us at www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com.
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