

## Horse Power To Speak At 1 Million Cups

At this week's 1 Million Cups meeting at the Avera Professional Pavilion in Yankton, Tasha Anderson of Horse Power out of Sioux Falls will discuss a business that provides equestrian programs and therapies for individuals with physical, emotional and/or cognitive challenges in a quest for personal independence, accomplishment, self-pride and well-being.

The meeting starts at 9 a.m. and is open to the public.

## Library Will Close For The Holiday

Due to the July 4 holiday, the Yankton Community Library will close on Thursday, July 2, at 5 p.m. The library will reopen on Monday, July 6, at 9 a.m.

## SAC Closed For Independence Day

The Summit Activities Center will be closed on Saturday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day. The Summit Activities Center will go back to normal summer business hours on Sunday, July 5.

Note there will not be fitness classes at the SAC Friday, July 3, and Saturday, July 4.

For further information, call 668-5234.

## Harvest Of The Month Program Set

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 vegetables featured 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.

# Kids Sell Lemonade For A Cause

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Most kids use a lemonade stand to earn extra money for that elusive summer toy. But some Yankton kids are putting a lemonade stand to better use. They are raising money for their best friend's family, Karen Hauck and Jason Gruenstein, of Columbia who lost their daughter, Mikayla Gruenstein, who drowned in Lake Oahe early Sunday afternoon.

"It sounds like they got into a deep spot and she got caught in the undertow," said David Allen, a friend of the family.

Allen's daughter Emerson and her friend, Megan Nolan, decided to put their summer vacation to good use by selling lemonade to benefit the victim's family.

"Our friend passed away and we are going to give the money to their family," said Megan Nolan.

Aberdeen natives Chad and Dora Nolan currently live in Yankton and have



ALISSA WOOCKMAN/P&D  
**These neighborhood kids decided to open a lemonade stand on Monday to raise money for the family of their friend, Mikayla Gruenstein, who drowned in Lake Oahe Sunday. (Left to right) Emerson Allen, Megan Nolan, Thatcher Nolan and Macalister Nolan**

been friends of the Gruenstein family for years. When they heard about the accident, they traveled up to (Aberdeen/Mobridge) for support and entrusted their friends, the Allen's to take care of the house and their children.

While Chad and Dora Nolan are in Columbia help-

ing the family, friends are making good use of their time down here to help in any way they can during this tragic time.

"We are going to try to get some money and see if we can't get them some flowers or whatever these kids decide to spend it on," Allen said.

# Soil Health Field Day Scheduled For July 15 In Pierre

PIERRE — Internationally known soil and crop experts are headlining the Soil Health Field Day at the Dakota Lakes Research Farm on July 14, near Pierre.

The event features "Ray the Soil Guy" Archuleta, Conservation Agronomist, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Greensboro, North Carolina, and Dwayne Beck, Manager, Dakota Lakes Research Center, Pierre. While Archuleta and Beck will focus on cropland soil health, South Dakota conservation professionals Stan Boltz and Jeff Hemenway, both with the NRCS, Huron, will reveal and interpret key soil health indicators for grassland soils.

"Our sampling sites across South Dakota are showing drastic differences in the grassland soil's ability to capture and hold precipitation," explains Hemenway. "There are distinct correlations between the species of grassland surface vegetation, use of livestock, the biological activity happening beneath the soil's surface, and infiltration rates. On July 14, we're going to help people visually recognize indicators, then, discuss options for landowners and operators for improving the health of their soil."

Production agriculture is dependent upon the soil's capacity to function properly. Doug Sieck, S.D. Soil Health Coalition Board Member

who ranches near Selby, is one of the event organizers who is hoping to help people further understand natural resources thus adding value to their current agricultural production, "Soil is more than just a medium for growing crops and grass. It is composed of relationships between billions of living organisms. It's amazing how they respond to feeding and management just as a herd of cattle, or a grain crop responds to feeding and management."

Robert Nehl, Corson County; Brian & Jamie Johnson, Spink County; and Bill Nelson, Lake County, will tell their soil management success stories during the Farm and Ranch

Producer Panel.

The free Soil Health Field Day is July 14 at 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Dakota Lakes Research Center located 17 miles east of Pierre on south side of S.D. Highway 34. Lunch will be provided, but RSVP by July 10 to be counted for the meal to Judge Jessop at (605) 280-0127 or judge.jessop@sdconservation.net. CCA CEU's are available. The event is made possible at no cost due to the sponsorship of the SD Soil Health Coalition, SD Grassland Coalition, SARE, SDSU Ag Experiment Station, SDSU Extension, USDA NRCS, SD No Till Association and the Dakota Lakes Research Farm.

## OBITUARIES

### Mary Gannon

Mary was raised in Tulsa, Oklahoma and attended school, graduating from Will Rogers High. She attended Oklahoma A&M and Tulsa University. She married Donald R. Gannon in 1953 where they resided in Tulsa until Don completed his undergraduate degree in psychology at Tulsa University. They lived in New Orleans for several years where Mary Helen worked for an ad agency and Don taught at LSU. Don received a job offer from the veterans hospital in Augusta, Georgia where they lived for three years - during which time their two children David and Jinnie were born. They moved to Yankton in 1974 and Mary began her extraordinary 30-year career founding the Contact Center, Women's Abuse Shelter and the Homeless Shelter. After retiring, she enjoyed reading to elementary school kids, visiting her grandkids, reading and doing Vegas whenever there was a chance.

Mary passed away peacefully in Albuquerque, New Mexico on Wednesday, June 24 with her family by her side.

She is survived by her husband of 62 years, Don Gannon, her two children, David Gannon and Jinnie Gannon Welliver, two granddaughters Bloom and Hadley, and a grandson, Harrison.

A memorial service/celebration of life, will be scheduled in early September.

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### Mary Hittle

Mary Ann Ida Hittle, 91, passed away on June 21, 2015. Mary Ann was a resident of Colorado Springs, Colorado for 38 years and was formally a resident of Sioux City, Iowa and Crofton, Nebraska.

Funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. today (Tuesday, June 30) at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 3122 Poinsetta Drive, Colorado Springs. A reception will be held following the Mass at The Hope House at Holy Trinity. Interment will be at Evergreen Cemetery, 1005 Hancock Expressway, Colorado Springs, Colorado at 1 p.m. the same day.

Memorials in Mary Ann Hittle's name may be made to Pikes Peak Hospice, 2550 Tenderfoot Hill Street, Colorado Springs, Colorado 719-633-3400.

### Karen Cihak

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

Mass of Christian Burial is 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, July 1, 2015 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 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., on Tuesday, June 30 at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton with a vigil service at 7:00 p.m. Visitation continues one hour prior to the funeral at church.

Pallbearers are Roy Thomas Kammer, Matthew



Cihak

pallbearers are all of her nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

Karen was born May 6, 1943 in Wagner, South Dakota to Thomas and Olga (Nedved) Cihak. She grew up on a farm southeast of Dante, South Dakota and attended Lonetree No. 57 Country School. Karen lived in Yankton all of her adult life working at Avera Sacred

Kammer, Kory Braunesreither, Joshua Kammer, Ben Kaiser, Shane Simonsen, Vince Hodge and Stan Wroblewski. Honorary

Shrine of Remembrance, 1730 E. Fountain Blvd. Colorado Springs, is handling arrangements.

p.m. today (Tuesday) at the American Legion Hall in Wagner.

Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home in Wagner is in charge of arrangements.

### Ruby White Horse

Ruby White Horse, 83, of Wagner died Saturday, June 27, 2015, at her home in Wagner.

Funeral Services are 1 p.m. Wednesday, July 1, at the Holy Spirit Episcopal Church in Wagner. Burial is in the Holy Fellowship Episcopal Cemetery, rural Greenwood.

Wake services are 8

### James Spottedbear

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

Memorial services will be held at 1:30 p.m., on Thursday, July 2, at Avera Yankton Care Center in Yankton.

Arrangements are under

Heart Hospital, Red Owl Grocery Store, M-tron Industries, Vishay Dale Electronics, HyVee, Cimpl's, and finally Casey's General Store. She was a member of St. Benedict Catholic Church and the Yankton VFW Auxiliary. Karen enjoyed traveling, gardening, flowers, dogs and word search puzzles. She also enjoyed going to the casino and visiting with her friends. Karen was the "mother hen" of the family and treasured the time spent with her sisters, nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews.

Karen is survived by her three sisters: Kathy Braunesreither of Yankton; Kay (Dennis) Kammer of Bloomfield, NE and Kari (Don) Kaiser of Yankton; eight nieces and

nephews; many great nieces and nephews; and many close friends.

Karen was preceded in death by her parents and brother-in-law, Marvin Braunesreither.

To send an online message to the family, please visit [www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com).

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### Arnold Mockler

Arnold Joseph Mockler, 85, of Vermillion, SD passed away Friday, June 26 at his home.

Arnold was born March 21, 1930 in Burbank, SD to

Albert and Margaret (Muhlenkott) Mockler. He attended Bruyer Country School and graduated the 8th grade. He worked most of his life as a farmer, he and enjoyed music and playing for several bands for over 30 years. He continued to play his accordion and the organ until shortly before his death.

He is survived by his

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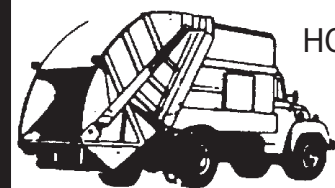
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Thursday & Friday routes will be picked up on Thursday, July 2nd.  
All other routes as scheduled.

**CLOSED SATURDAY, JULY 4TH**

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