

Local Tax Return Assistance Is Available For Taxpayers

WASHINGTON — Assistance is available at locations throughout the state to help South Dakotans prepare and file their yearly income tax returns, the office of Sen. Tim Johnson (D-S.D.) has announced.



Johnson

A special toll-free number and website have been created by the IRS to help taxpayers find local resources and information on the documents needed to file their return.

"I encourage South Dakotans to take advantage of the many helpful resources available to make it easier to prepare and file returns correctly," Johnson said. "Yearly tax returns can often be complex. Fortunately, there is assistance available."

South Dakotans can find information on the nearest Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) tax preparation locations by calling 1-800-906-9887.

The TCE Program allows senior citizens aged 60 and above to seek free tax preparation assistance. The VITA Program allows for military personnel and their families as well as any individual or family with an income of generally \$49,000 or less to seek free assistance with preparing their taxes.

Volunteers at tax preparation sites across the

state will utilize software to prepare non-business tax returns for 2010 tax forms due on April 18.

Taxpayers can log on to <http://www.irs.gov/individuals/article/0,,id=107626,00.html> to find more information about the volunteer sites.

Items taxpayers need to bring to the VITA/TCE sites to have their tax returns prepared include photo identification; Social Security card; current year tax information, including wage and earning statement(s) Form W-2, W-2G, 1099-R from all employers; interest and dividend statements; a copy of last year's Federal and State returns and bank routing and account numbers for direct deposits (such as a blank check); and other documents required by IRS guidelines.

Taxpayers are encouraged to utilize the above resources to ensure they are prepared when visiting tax preparation sites. Additional locations throughout South Dakota could become available as the filing deadline approaches, so taxpayers are encouraged to seek up-to-date information.

The IRS also recently completed a Return Preparer Review, which is a comprehensive review of the paid tax return preparer industry. The review offers advice for taxpayers who are considering hiring tax preparers to help with tax filing. To read more about the review, visit <http://www.irs.gov/taxpros/article/0,,id=210909,0.html>.

MRAPS Draft Scoping Summary Report Available Online

OMAHA, Neb. — The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has announced the release of the Draft Scoping Summary Report for the Missouri River Authorized Purposes Study (MRAPS). Comments received during the summer 2010 scoping period have been taken into account, analyzed and addressed by the Corps in the draft report.

The draft report can be downloaded at <http://www.mraps.org>.

The Corps is hosting seven public feedback meetings to facilitate communication and feedback pertaining to the draft report. One of the public feedback meetings will take place March 31 in Sioux City, Iowa, at Stoney Creek Inn, located at 300 Third St. The public meetings will run from 5-7 p.m. with a Corps presentation from 5-6 p.m. The second hour (6-7 p.m.) will be a public speaker feedback period regarding the Draft Scoping Summary Report.

Feedback may be submitted at the public meetings or online through April 30, 2011, at <http://www.mraps.org>. Feedback can also be mailed to: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Kansas District; ATTN: MRAPS, Trisha Dorsey, PM-PF; 601 E. 12th Street; Kansas City, MO 64106; all mailings must be postmarked by April 30, 2011.

REGION DIGEST

'Champion For Children' Nominees Sought

SIoux FALLS — South Dakota Voices for Children is seeking nominations statewide for its 2011 Champion for Children awards. The awards honor significant contributions to the well-being of South Dakota children in the following four categories.

- Volunteer — individual
- Volunteer — organization or community group
- Professional — individual
- Professional — organization

Areas in which nominees have improved the lives of children may include early learning, health, mental health, safety, juvenile justice and efforts to lift children and families out of poverty.

Champions for Children and Honor Roll recipients will be honored at the April 29 Champion for Children Awards Luncheon, to be held in the Sioux Falls Ramkota Hotel. Underwriting support for the event is provided by Xcel Energy and Midcontinent Communications.

Nomination forms are available at www.sdvoicesforchildren.org or by calling South Dakota Voices for Children at 605 367-9667.

Nominations must be postmarked by March 25 or delivered by 5 p.m. that day to the office of South Dakota Voices for Children, 808 N. West Avenue, Box 2196, Sioux Falls, SD 57101-2196. Typewritten nominations may also be faxed by the deadline to 605 335-3836.

The mission of South Dakota Voices for Children is to improve the lives of children through policy and program advocacy.

Drainage Task Force Seeks Suggestions

Yankton County Commissioners are accepting applications for a Drainage Task Force to hold public hearings to solicit comments and suggestions from the general public regarding the establishment of a Yankton County Drainage Ordinance.

The task force will consist of 7-10 members to include farmers, rural landowners, representatives from hunting organizations, conservation representatives, agricultural services representatives, rural community representatives, county commissioners and planning commissioners. The task force will meet once a month with the first three months public input meetings and the next three months to formulate recommendations for a drainage comprehensive plan and drainage ordinance to present to the County Commission.

Yankton County Planning & Zoning will provide meeting schedules, clerical work, meeting minutes, publicity arrangements and other support functions. The Planning & Zoning office will provide a template for a comprehensive plan and drainage ordinances from a few area counties.

Those who want to be considered for an appointment are asked to submit a written statement describing their background to the Yankton County Planning & Zoning, PO Box 1076, Yankton, S.D. 57078. All applications will be submitted to the Yankton County Commissioners for review and selection.

All application must be received by 5 p.m. Friday, March 11. For more information, contact Yankton County Planning & Zoning Department at 605-260-4445.

4-H Exchange Program Host Families Sought

This coming summer, open your mind to a new world and your heart to a new lifelong friend!

Yoshiko Hatano is a 13-year-old girl from Nagoya, Japan who loves playing piano, outdoor activities, sports and photography. She would like to enjoy the everyday life in a different culture and the interaction with a South Dakota family, while making many new friends. Yoshiko is one of 22 Japanese teenage girls and boys, ages 12-15, who will be staying with local families as part of a two-way exchange program sponsored through 4-H. The Japanese youth come eager to live our everyday life and make friends that will last a lifetime. The exchanges will stay with their South Dakota host families from July 24-Aug. 20, 2011.

The program accepts host families with children of the same gender and within two years of age. Families without children in this age range are encouraged to host an adult chaperone for two weeks. Families do not need to be involved in 4-H to host, just a willingness to share your home and your world. There is no need to know the Japanese language. The students have been studying English, and are anxious to use it. "The program gives host families a chance to share their culture, friendship and family life with an exchange student, and at the same time learn about Japanese life," said Alan Lambert, SD 4-H International Exchange Programs Coordinator. "The home stays last only a month, but the effects last a lifetime."

Host family applications and brochures about the program are available by contacting your local 4-H coordinator in your county extension office. They can provide additional information or direct those interested to: Alan Lambert, South Dakota 4-H Intl. Programs Coordinator. (605-366-6107) alanelambert@yahoo.com.

■ Get Updates At Yankton Online (www.yankton.net)

OBITUARIES

Louise Bennett

Louise C. (Hartmann) Bennett, age 82, of Yankton, South Dakota, passed away on Tuesday, March 8, 2011, at Avera Yankton Care Center in Yankton, South Dakota.

Funeral Services will be on Friday, March 11, 2011 at 10:30 a.m. at Calvary Lutheran Church in Irene, South Dakota, with the Reverend Mark Ostrem officiating. Burial will be in the Garden of Memories Cemetery in Yankton.

Visitation will be on Thursday from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. with a prayer service at 7:00 p.m. at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton. Visitation will resume one hour prior to service



Bennett

Louise C. (Hartmann) Bennett was born June 4, 1928, in Yankton County, South Dakota, to Carl and Katherine (Sorensen) Hartmann. She grew up on the family farm and attended Anderson Country School District 52 in rural Yankton County. She married Kenneth Bennett on April 20, 1946, in Hartington, Nebraska. After their marriage they moved

on Friday at the church.

Pallbearers are Scott Domangue, Tony Morrison, Kenneth Vielmette, Duane Bennett, David Fuller and Mark Domangue.

to Kenneth's homestead until purchasing their farm in rural Irene, South Dakota. They later moved to Yankton in 1996. She was a member of Calvary Lutheran Church in Irene. She enjoyed crafts, playing cards, raising her ducks and chickens, bowling, dancing, and baking.

Survivors include her two brothers: Verner (Cleora) Hartmann of New Sharon, Iowa and Dennis (Dawne) Hartmann of Yankton; four sisters: Arlene (Kenneth) Vielmette of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Alice Domangue of Sioux Falls; Linda Johnson of Sioux Falls; and Mary (Welfred) Fuller of Fulda, Minnesota. She is also survived by several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by

her parents; husband, Kenneth on July 26, 2009; three sisters: Anna Adeline Sorensen, Ethel L. Hartmann, and Karen Hartmann; and two brothers: Hans E. Hartmann and Bert Hartmann.

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

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Online condolences at:
www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com

Dallas Mulford

Dallas Mulford, age 69, of Yankton, passed away Tuesday, March 8, 2011 at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital after a short battle with Lou Gehrig's Disease (ALS).

Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday, March 12, 2011 at Kingsway Christian Church, Yankton, with Rev. John DeGross officiating. Burial will be in the ZCJB Cemetery, Tabor, SD at approximately 1:15 PM, Saturday afternoon.

Visitations will be one hour prior to the service at the church.

The Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory is in charge of arrangements.



Mulford

Dallas was born in Lindy, NE to Samuel and Mable (Hill) Mulford on October 17, 1941. He went to school in Lindy and Niobrara NE. Dallas worked for Motors in Niobrara for several years before moving to North Platte to work as a carpenter. He moved to the Yankton area in 1979 where he married Susan Jane Black (Denton) on March 13, 1980. He worked at Morgen Manufacturing for approximately 28 years. He then retired and they moved to western Nebraska and enjoyed his retirement until

he became ill. At that time, they returned to the Yankton area to be near family and friends. Dallas enjoyed the simple things in life. He spent his free time drawing and painting. He enjoyed drives in the country, fishing, hunting, and restoring antique tractors. The thing he loved the most was spending time with his grandkids.

He is survived by his wife, Susan of Yankton, SD; his daughter, Kathy Anderson (Dudley) of Winner, SD and their children: Kayla (Chancey) Kartak, Kaitlin, NaShara; his son, Kelly (Nikki) Denton of Tabor, SD and their children: Shania, Shaeley, Jayde and Jacob Dallas; one great granddaughter, Keasha Kartak; brother, Charlie Mulford and a

sister, Bonnie Cash, both of Niobrara, NE; extended family Sandy Taggart, Todd (Kris) and their children: Emma and Abby; Tonya (Mike) Colby and their children: Mikayla and Addison, nieces, nephews and many friends and family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his two brothers: Eugene and Dennis, and his sister, Dixie Mulford.

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Online condolences at:
www.opsahl-kostelfuneralhome.com

Lillian Blaha

WAGNER — Lillian Blaha, 91, of Wagner died Tuesday, March 8, 2011 at the Good Samaritan Society in Wagner. Funeral Mass will be 11 a.m. Saturday, March 12, 2011 at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Catholic Church in Dante, with burial in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, rural Dante.

Visitation will be Friday from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home in Wagner.

Lillian Veronica Blaha was born February 25, 1920 on the family farm north of Dante, the daughter of Frank and Ann (Carda) Hron. She died Tuesday, March 8, 2011 at the Good Samaritan Society of Wagner. Lillian attained the age of 91 years and 11 days.

Lillian attended country school through the eighth grade. She helped on the farm and helped her sister Adeline Kotab in the raising of her children.

Lillian married Ralph Blaha on November 4, 1941 at the



Blaha

Dante. They moved into Wagner in February of 1977. Ralph died September 4, 1984. Lillian became a resident of the Good Samaritan Society in Wagner on March 27, 2008.

Lillian was a lifetime member of St. Mary's Altar Society. She also was a member of the Assumption Catholic Church and KD.

Lillian will be remembered for her enjoyment of playing Bingo, gardening and quilting.

Thankful for having shared her life are her children: Frances Hochstein and husband Gerry of Fordyce, Ne, Sylvia Beeson and

husband Larry, Charlene Beeson and husband Gary, all of Wagner, Joe and wife Berin of Vallejo, CA, and Cindy Ishmael and husband Joe of Winner; 12 grandchildren; 20 great grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Lillian was preceded in death by her husband; parents; a great

grandson; three brothers: William "Bill", Jim and Adam; and seven sisters: Emma Simon, Mary Hron, Stella Hron, Clara Kafka, Sophie Kafka, Helen Rados and Adeline Kotab.

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Jacob Allen Miller

SCOTLAND — Funeral services for Jacob Allen Miller, 4 months, of Scotland will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 12 at the United Church of Christ in Scotland with Rev. Gordon Harris officiating. Burial will follow in Rosehill Cemetery, Scotland.

Visitation will be held on Friday from 2:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the Goglin Funeral Home in Scotland, with the family present from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Jacob passed away on

Tuesday, March 8, 2011 at Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls.

Online condolences may be sent at www.goglinfh.com.



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Louise C. (Hartmann) Bennett
10:30 AM, Friday
Calvary Lutheran Church
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1:30 PM, Friday
Trinity Lutheran Church
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10:30 AM, Saturday
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Yesterday's Solution

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