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Jolene Green Earns Masters Award For 2014 Sales Production

Harvey Youngberg, broker/owner of Century 21 Professional Real Estate announced Jolene Green, broker associate with the office, recently earned the Multi-Million Dollar Club Award following her 2014 sales success.

The Multi-Million Dollar Club award honors Century 21 Realtor's that earned 20-32 closed award units within a calendar year.

"Jolene places her real estate wisdom and passion for life into her everyday business, helping to make clients more comfortable with the real estate transaction as they make what may be the most significant purchase of their lives," said Harvey Youngberg of



Green

Century 21. "Jolene is a valued and trusted real estate resource for the Yankton community and surrounding area and a major contributor to the overall success of Century 21 Professional Real Estate and the Century 21 System as a whole."

"It is truly an honor to receive the Multi-Million Dollar Club Award and be recognized among such talented and dedicated group of real estate sales professionals," said Green.

Crofton School Plans Preschool Roundup

St. Rose School at Crofton is planning a Preschool roundup and open house for parents and potential new preschoolers on Monday, March 16, at 7 p.m. at the St. Rose Preschool and Education Center. This roundup is for students not currently enrolled in preschool, but who are planning to enroll for the next school year.

First Grade roundup and open house at St. Rose School is set for Monday, March 23, at 7 p.m. at the First Grade classroom. Parents and potential first grade students are welcome to attend, tour the school and meet teachers and staff members. Both open houses will include activities, snacks and opportunities to ask questions.

For more information on new student registration or other school activities, contact the office at 402-388-4393 or visit the St. Rose School Boosters Facebook page.

State Senate Refuses Debate On Transgender Policy, House Revives It

BY BOB MERCER
State Capitol Bureau

PIERRE — A majority of state senators barely rejected what seemed to be the final attempt Tuesday to debate the transgender participation policy adopted last year by the South Dakota High School Activities Association.

But hours later, the state House of Representatives revived the fight, by inserting the anti-SDHSAA legislation into another measure, and sending that to the Senate.

The Senate will have to hold a roll-call vote, possibly as early as today (Wednesday), on whether to declare the SDHSAA policy void.

Rep. Jim Bolin, R-Canton, said a minor shouldn't be allowed to choose to contradict the gender information on her or his birth certificate.

Bolin was prime sponsor of HB 1195, which the Senate refused to debate Tuesday. He counterattacked by putting the language of HB 1195 into a placeholder bill, SB 140, that was introduced as a vehicle for late-session use when it could become something else.

SB 140, whose prime sponsor is Sen. Dan Lederman, R-Dakota Dunes, originally said, "In case a title affecting education or the ordinary operating expenses of South Dakota is needed to accommodate the legislative process, this bill is being introduced to accomplish that purpose."

Lederman and Bolin happen to

serve from same legislative district.

After Bolin's amendment was inserted, the House voted 45-23 to send the measure to the Senate. Bolin said he wanted to see whether the Senate would concur, or agree, with it.

Rep. Roger Hunt, R-Brandon, spoke forcefully on behalf of Bolin's move. Hunt said SDHSAA didn't follow the rule-making process that state government must use in adopting the policy.

"No one in state government has ever looked at these rules before they were implemented," Hunt said.

He said the purpose of Bolin's move was to send the message "we are in control of education" as the Legislature and not some other organization.

The Senate began work Tuesday by rejecting the attempt to debate Bolin's original bill, because it had been defeated in the Senate Education Committee on a 4-3 vote.

Sen. Ernie Otten, R-Tea, asked Bolin's original bill declaring the SDHSAA policy as void be placed on the Senate debate calendar.

"I believe it is something the citizens of South Dakota would appreciate," Otten said.

The vote was 16-19, however, two ayes short of the 18 necessary for the bill to be debated.

The legislation, HB 1195, would have classified participants in high school activities by the gender on their birth certificates or physical ex-

aminations, rather than the gender they think they are as allowed by the SDHSAA policy.

Bolin's original measure attempting to void the policy had already won approval from the House 51-16 on Feb. 10.

Sen. Deb Soholt, R-Sioux Falls, said the Senate Education Committee voted 5-2 Monday to recommend again that the bill doesn't pass.

Sen. Brock Greenfield, R-Clark, used a rule known as a smoke-out Monday to ask for the opportunity for the bill to be debated, after the committee rejected it the first time last week.

Soholt, the committee chair, said last week that she would work during the months ahead with SDHSAA officials and directors and with opponents of the transgender policy.

The SDHSAA policy, adopted last June, allows a student to seek a gender classification change through the student's school. An SDHSAA review panel would consider the matter. The change would remain in effect until the end of the student's time in high school.

The student would only have to think he or she is of the different gender.

Now the Senate must take a vote on Bolin's bill, under a different number. Lederman voted aye Tuesday morning to put Bolin's original bill on the Senate calendar.

Creative Writing Camp And VLP Literary Festival Slated March 27-28

VERMILLION — Writers high school age and up are invited to register for the VLP Literary Festival and Sorcerer's Apprentice Creative Writing Camp, to be held Friday-Saturday, March 27-28, at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion. No experience with creative writing is necessary.

The Vermillion Literary Project (VLP), an award-winning student organization, and the Dakota Writing Project (DWP), a local teachers' organization affiliated with the National Writing Project, are hosting the event. This year, they're combining the VLP Literary Festival and the Sorcerer's Apprentice Creative Writing Camp. The general public can register for individual events on either or both days. High school students register for Sorcerer's Apprentice Camp events on Saturday, March

28, while they also have the option of registering for individual events on Friday, March 27.

Friday events feature a writing marathon, a craft talk, a poetry slam mini-workshop, and a public poetry slam as Friday's culminating event. Saturday events feature workshops on short fiction, poetry, creative nonfiction, revision, performance, and publication, followed by a public reading as the culminating event.

Visit the festival/camp website <http://sites.usd.edu/dwp/camp> for a complete schedule, registration forms and fees, descriptions of the workshops, writer/presenter biographies, and other information. Email dwp@usd.edu with questions.

If you are a person with a disability and require special accommodation to fully participate, please contact Disability Services 48 hours before the event at 605-677-6389 or e-mail disabilityservices@usd.edu.

The Dakota Writing Project is a non-profit teachers' organization that focuses on improving the teaching of writing through an invitational summer institute for teachers and a variety of other activities. For more information, visit <http://sites.usd.edu/dwp/>.

The Vermillion Literary Project, a student organization at the University of South Dakota, publishes an annual literary magazine and hosts literary events for the university community and the general public. For more information, visit <http://sites.usd.edu/projlit/>.

Vermillion Library To Hold Social Media Class

VERMILLION — The Edith B. Siegrist Vermillion Public Library will host a class in "Social Media 101" at 3 p.m. Thursday, March 19, at the library, located at 18 Church St.

Are you confounded when you hear about tweets, status updates, likes, and friend-ing? Looking for additional ways to stay connected to your family and friends? Whatever your experience or inexperience, the library staff will advise you about what you should and shouldn't be doing on today's most-popular social networks.

Call or stop by our circulation desk to register. There are no fees for this workshop. For more information, call (605) 677-7060, email susan.heggstad@vermillionpubliclibrary.org or visit vermillionpubliclibrary.org/.

OBITUARIES

Violet Waters

Violet E. Waters, age 92, of Yankton, South Dakota, died Sunday, March 8, 2015, at Avera Sister James Care Center in Yankton.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. on Friday, March 13, 2015, at First United Methodist Church with Reverend Ron Johnson officiating. Burial will be in the Tyndall Cemetery in Tyndall, South Dakota.

Visitation is from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 12, 2015, at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton. Visitation will resume one hour prior to the funeral on Friday at the



Waters

Chris Smosna and Steven Boyle.

Violet E. Waters was born May 6, 1922 in Avon, South Dakota to Carl and Bertha (Wouda) Knoll. She grew up on the farm in rural Avon and attended high school in Avon. She went on to graduate from Sacred Heart School of Nursing in Yank-

ton in 1943. She moved to Denver, Colorado where she met Edward Allen Waters, whom she married on November 11, 1944. Edward was deployed a month after their marriage and Violet moved to Texas while Edward was overseas. After Edward returned from the war, they moved to Athens, Georgia where Violet worked in a hospital. They moved to Yankton in 1950, where she lived the rest of her life. Violet began working at the Yankton Medical Clinic in 1957, where she worked as a Registered Nurse for Dr. Clark Johnson and later Dr. Robert Neu-

mayr until her retirement in 1984.

Violet was a member of the VFW Auxiliary and First United Methodist Church, where she was very active in the United Methodist Women. She enjoyed fishing, camping, reading, sewing, her roses and violets, baking, politics, the Minnesota Twins and Vikings, but she especially loved spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Violet was the epitome of what a strong woman should be. She was very proud to be a nurse and was commonly referred to as Doc Waters at the medical

clinic. Her door was always open to anyone in need and she became the neighborhood doctor for all of the children in her neighborhood.

Survivors include her three children: Vicki Barron of Yankton; Robert "Bob" (JoAnn) Waters of Costa Mesa, California; and Carl "Bud" (Steph) Waters of Yankton; five grandchildren; three great grandchildren; special nephews: Jeffery and Curtis Knoll, and several other nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Edward on September

29, 1995; son-in-law, Charles Barron; grandson, Jodi Gilbaugh; and two brothers, Peter Knoll and James "Bud" Knoll.

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

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Margaret Harts

Margaret Harts, age 96 of Yankton, SD, passed away early Sunday, March 8, 2015 at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton, SD.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 2:00 p.m. Friday, March 13, 2015 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Yankton, SD with Rev. Robert Wullweber officiating. Burial will be in the Sacred Heart Cemetery,



Harts

Home & Crematory, Yankton, with a rosary at 7:00 p.m. followed by a Scripture service at 7:30 p.m. Visitation will resume one hour

prior to the service at the church.

Pallbearers are her granddaughters: Jean Friedenbach, Cori Smith, Sarah Kurgeweit, Julie Zenisek, Cindy Schwager, and Rochelle Jacobsen. Honorary pallbearers are grandsons, Dean Harts, Denny Harts, Dale Harts, Danny Harts, Jeffrey Harts, Joshua Harts, Jesse Harts, Joel Harts, Larry Eilers, Danny Eilers and Alan Eilers.

She has 28 great grandchildren, and two great great grandchildren.

Margaret was born October 19, 1918 to Thomas & Hazel (Pugh) Pesicka. She attended Cement country school & Yankton High School. She was a member of Women of the Moose and lifetime member of the Ladies VFW Auxiliary. She worked for JC Penney for 29 years.

She married Walter Harts

on August 17, 1939. He passed away June 7, 1979.

Surviving are sons, Ronald (Myrna) Harts of Stacy MN, Gerald (Patricia) Harts of Yankton, SD, Darold (Kathy) Harts of Norfolk, NE, Darwin (Cheryl) Harts of Norfolk, NE and daughter, Laverla (Don) Eilers of Mission Hill, SD.

Margaret was preceded in death by her parents, husband, sisters, Frances Schramm Goeken and Mil-

dred Hunhoff, brothers, Thomas (Henry) Pesicka and one infant brother.

Online condolences may be sent at www.opsahlkostelfuneralhome.com/.

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Allan Sathe

Allan Gene Sathe, 80, of Yankton passed away on Monday, March 9, 2015, at his home surrounded by family.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 14, at St. Benedict Catholic Church, Yankton, with the Rev. Ken Lulf officiating.

After the services, burial of his cremated remains will be in the Sacred Heart Cemetery, Yankton, at a later date.

Private family military graveside rites by the Ernest-Bowyer VFW Post #791, Honor Guard and the SDARNGHG of Stoups Falls.

Visitations will begin at 4 p.m. Friday, March 13, at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home

& Crematory, Yankton, with a Scripture service at 7 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Milo Sheldon

Milo Sheldon, 74, of Yankton passed away Monday, March 9, 2015, at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton.

Memorial services will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, March 13, at the United Church of Christ (Congregational), Yankton, with the Rev. Molly Carlson officiating. Burial of his cremated remains will take place at a later date.

Visitations will be 5-7 p.m. Thursday, March 12, at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, and then one hour prior to

the service at the church.

Virginia Peterson

Virginia Louise Peterson, 69, of Wakonda passed away suddenly on Sunday, March 8, 2015, at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton.

A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m., Friday, March 13, at Pleasant Valley Lutheran Church in rural

Vermillion with Rev. Anna Peck officiating.

Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service on Friday at the church.

Burial will take place immediately following the service at the Pleasant Valley Cemetery of rural Vermillion.

The Kober Funeral Home of Vermillion has been entrusted with the services.

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Don McNeely

Don M. McNeely, 69, of Tabor passed away Tuesday, March 10, 2015, at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital,

Yankton.

Funeral services are pending with the Opsahl-Kostel Memorial Chapel, Tabor.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Amber E. Johnson
11:00 AM, Wednesday
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Violet E. Waters
10:30 AM, Friday
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Gladys Irene Fleener
2:00 PM, Thursday
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