

Roadshow Offers Chance To Cash In On Collectibles

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In the current economic climate, many people are feeling the pressure of making ends meet. Finding cash in their closets, jewelry boxes or attics may seem far-fetched but the Treasure Hunters Roadshow gives prospective clients just that chance.

"We have a network of 5,000-6,000 collectors who put what they're looking for in a database and when we people bring those items in we offer a fair price," said Will Gross, Treasure Hunters Roadshow representative. "The most sought-after items are old toys, musical instruments, Civil War, World War I and World War II items including uniforms, swords, knives, banners, badges and photos."

The Treasure Hunters Roadshow, based in Springfield, Ill., has 25 teams that travel the U.S., Canada and Europe looking for and purchasing antiques, collectibles and gold and silver coins and jewelry.

Gross said precious metals are some of the most profitable items to bring in, as silver and gold prices are high at the moment.

"A lot of people bring in one earring and leave with more than they paid for the whole set originally," he said. "We'll buy broken jewelry, mismatched anything that is real gold or sterling silver. A lot



TERA SCHMIDT/P&D
Will Gross of Treasure Hunters Roadshow examines an antique toy while answering questions from a visitor at the event. The Treasure Hunters Roadshow will be open from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday at Minerva's in Yankton.

of women have yellow gold and they now prefer white gold so they bring in their entire collection and get money to buy new white gold."

Treasure Hunters Roadshow has been seeing area clients at Minerva's since Tuesday, and Gross said they've seen a lot of interesting items and talked with more than 85 people each day.

"A gentleman brought in an oil painting and a physician's diploma," Gross said. "The diploma turned out to belong to Wild Bill Cody's physician. We took pictures and sent off information and hope-

fully we'll be able to get back to (the owner) tomorrow."

Gross said Treasure Hunters Roadshow works with Heritage Auction in Dallas to appraise and find buyers for historical items.

"We also had a man who brought in 40 pocket watches," Gross said. "About a third of them were solid gold. He had been collecting them for a long time and decided it was time to let them go."

Visitors to the Treasure Hunters Roadshow have had to wait approximately 35-40 minutes

before seeing a representative, but Gross said the wait time is shorter in the mornings.

"It's still a lot better than the last show people were waiting up to 3 1/2 hours," he said. "There were some unfortunate extenuating circumstances, we were in Jamesville, Wis., and a big manufacturing plant had just closed its doors. People were selling things so they would be able to make the mortgage and pay the bills."

Gross said since the economic downturn they have seen more people willing to part with their collections.

"The company started out 14 years ago as a toy purchaser, but we've moved into other things as that wave has kind of come and gone," he said. "We offer fair market value for items minus a small fee because we have to make it worth traveling also. We see it as a win-win for us and our clients."

Gross, who said he worked in manufacturing before his plant was closed, said most of the Treasure Hunters Roadshow employees have a background in antiques, collectibles or jewelry.

"We also have access to a network of experts. If we don't know we take a picture and send it to another team member for analysis," he said.

The Treasure Hunters Roadshow continues through today (Saturday) at Minerva's. For more information visit treasurehuntersroadshow.com/.

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REGION DIGEST

Crest Road To Be Closed Monday Morning

The road that crosses Gavins Point Dam, also known as Crest Road or the spillway, will be closed on Monday, May 3, from 8 a.m. to noon. This is being done to conduct maintenance on the intake.

Peninah Street To Be Closed Until June 16

Peninah Street from Karen Drive to 21st Street will be closed due to construction on Monday, May 3.

The existing pavement will be replaced with concrete along with new storm sewer. Traffic on the street will not be allowed during the project.

The tentative completion date for the project is June 16.

Parks Advisory Board To Meet On May 3

City of Yankton will hold their next Parks Advisory Board meeting at 5:30 p.m. Monday, May 3, at the Regional Technical Education Center.

Sixth Grade Parent Orientation Meeting Set

Parents/guardians of present fifth-grade students are encouraged to attend a Parent Orientation meeting for Yankton Middle School at 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, May 4, in the Middle School Lecture Hall.

A short presentation will be given explaining the sixth-grade curriculum, schedules, registration and open house. There will be time for questions after the presentations.

Current fifth grade students who wish to attend with their parents may do so, but they are not required to attend the orientation. If you have any questions, call the school at 665-2419.

Walk MS: Yankton Walk On May 8

The first Walk MS: Yankton Walk will be held Saturday, May 8, beginning at the Technical Education Center on 1200 W. 21st St. There will be a three-mile route for participants to walk.

The money raised from this event will be used to support programs, services and research for individuals in South Dakota living with MS.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. and the walk starts at 10 a.m. For more information, contact Amy Koch at 605-336-7017 (opt 2) or amy.koch@mms.org, or visit www.myswalk.org.

Riverside Park Trail Under Meridian Closed

The Department of Parks and Recreation has announced that the Riverside Park Trail under the Meridian Bridge will be closed due to construction on the bridge. Citizens should not enter the construction zone areas and respect all fences and barriers as areas that should not be entered.

The detour for the trail to allow people to travel around the construction area would be Levee Street.

For more information, call the Park and Recreation Department at 668-5231.

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OBITUARIES

Kenneth Spence

Kenneth C. Spence, age 61, of Utica, South Dakota, died April 27, 2010, at his home in Utica.

Funeral Services will be 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 1, 2010, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Yankton, with Reverend David Wildermuth officiating.

Entombment will be in the Garden of Memories Cemetery in Yankton.

Pallbearers will be Mike Barington, Craig Spence, Frank Potts, Doug Kortan, Darrell Cwach, Kellin Koenig and Jace Koenig. Honorary pallbearers will be Milo Hagen, Donnie Doracek, Steve Hermanson, Sonny Olson, Dan Tacke, Jerry Tannahill and Jim Kooima.

Kenneth was born September 26, 1948, to Clifford and Helen (Kralicek) Spence in Eugene, Oregon. He spent his toddler years in Yankton until moving to Pierre while his dad worked on the dam. He attended grade school and high

school in Pierre. His family later bought a farm and moved to Yankton. He graduated from Yankton High School in 1966. He married Diana Barington on March 26, 1966 at the Congregational Church in Mission Hill, South Dakota. After their marriage Kenneth worked at Kolbergs and also started raising hogs with his dad. In 1973 he quit Kolbergs and Ken and Diana bought their farm in the Utica area, where their children were raised, which Kenneth continued farming until 2006. While he was farming he was involved in the Pork Producers and Farm Bureau. He was also a 4-H Leader in shooting sports. Ken enjoyed farming, raising hogs and cattle and always looked forward to spring when baby calves started arriving. Ken loved every bit of farm life taking pride in producing good crops, a



Spence

huge fruitful garden and maintaining a large lawn.

Kenneth was proud of everything he had. He was a very intelligent, simple man with great advice, well known to his neighbors as a friendly man who was always willing to help. Kenneth found sobriety in Alcoholics Anonymous in 1994. He was a recovering alcoholic who found comfort and support in the 12 step program at AA. Together with Diana, he worked the program while Diana attended Al-Anon. The friends and fellowship at AA greatly influenced Kenneth's life. He enjoyed visiting with anyone he could, gardening, hunting, fishing, playing cards, traveling, working in his yard and on his farm, but he especially loved spending time with his grandchildren and family.

Survivors include his wife, Diana of Utica; four children, Darrell (Cindy) Spence of Yankton, Terri (Fred) Hawlik of Omaha, Nebraska, Gene (Krista) Spence of Gold Coast, Australia, and Lynn

(Brian) DeLoach of Omaha; 9 grandchildren, Kellin, Krista, and Jace Koenig, Jennica and Amber Spence, Emma and Keaton Spence, Makenzie Koher and Brayden DeLoach; brother, Lee (Loretta) Spence of Burnsville, Minnesota; two sisters, June (James) Maples of Pleasant Valley, New York and Cera (Mark) Pugliese of Burnsville, Minnesota; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

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

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Joseph Schmidt

Funeral Mass for Joseph Schmidt, 70, of Rapid City and originally of Scotland will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 4 at St. George Catholic Church in Scotland with Fr. Matthew Vazhappilly as Celebrant. Interment will follow in St. George Catholic Cemetery, Scotland.

Visitation will be held on Monday from 3:00 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. at the Goglin Funeral Home in Scotland. There will be a rosary and liturgical wake service at 7:00 p.m. on Monday evening at the church.

Joseph passed away on Friday, April 30, 2010 at Rapid City Regional Hospital.

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

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Dorothy Cox

WAUSA, Neb. — Dorothy E. Cox, 93, of Wausa, Neb., and formerly of Yankton, died Thursday (April 29, 2010) at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton.

Funeral services are at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Thabor Lutheran Church, Wausa, with the Rev. Michelle Oetken officiating. Burial will be in the Magnet Cemetery.

Visitation is one hour prior to the funeral service at the church in Wausa.

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

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Ken and Gerry Pederson

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Ardell Horst

GEDDES — Ardell J. Horst, 83, died at Centennial Sanford Hospice Cottage in Sioux Falls Thursday (April 29, 2010).

Funeral services are at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at St. Ann's Catholic Church, Geddes, with burial to follow in Pleasant Lawn Cemetery, Geddes.

Visitation is 3-5 p.m. Monday at the church in Geddes with a prayer service at 7 p.m.

Arrangements by Koehn Bros. Funeral Home, Armour/Geddes.

Donavin 'Bud' Sudbeck
HARTINGTON, Neb. —

Donavin "Bud" Sudbeck, 74, of Hartington, Neb., died Friday (April 30, 2010) at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton.

Funeral services are at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Holy Family (Sts. Peter & Paul) Catholic Church, Bow Valley, Neb., with the Rev. Eric Olsen officiating. Burial will be in the parish cemetery in Bow Valley.

Visitation is 4-8 p.m. Sunday at church, with a vigil service at 7 p.m. Visitation will continue on Monday one hour prior to services at the church.

Arrangements under the direction of Wintz Funeral Home, Hartington.

Thank You!
I want to thank everyone who helped make my 80th birthday so great. All my family and Linda May for planning it. All the people at the Vets and the Gullikson Bros. band. To all the people who came, all those who sent cards, gifts & good wishes. It was a fabulous time that I will never forget. I hope all of you can have a birthday like that someday.
Thank you all and Bless you all.
Ed "Red" Nelson

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Julia is a native of Yankton and resides in Santa Barbara, California.
Reception to follow the recital

IN REMEMBRANCE

Lorenz M. Fox 10:30 AM, Saturday St. Benedict Catholic Church Yankton	Donavin "Bud" Sudbeck 10:30 AM, Monday Holy Family (Sts. Peter & Paul) Catholic Church Bow Valley
Kenneth Spence 10:30 AM, Saturday Trinity Lutheran Church Yankton	Dorothy E. Cox 11:00 AM, Tuesday Thabor Lutheran Church Wausa NE
Leona K. Olofson 2:00 PM, Saturday Wintz & Ray Funeral Home Yankton	View Our Video Tributes on-line at... www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com

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