

## REGION DIGEST

## May 22 Canoe And Kayak Event Cancelled

Due to the dangers of high winds, the May 22 Canoe and Kayaking event on the Missouri River from Highline to Mulberry Point has been cancelled. Visit [www.mnrwatertrail.org](http://www.mnrwatertrail.org) for further information. The South Dakota Canoe and Kayak Association hopes to schedule another float in September. The May 29 Missouri River Race has not been cancelled.

## Memorial Park Pool To Open May 29

The Yankton Department of Parks and Recreation announces Memorial Park Pool will open at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 29, not May 22 as was reported in Thursday's *Press & Dakotan*. The date has been changed by city officials.

The season will still close at 8:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 15. The Summit Activities Center pool will be available on May 22-28 for open swim. Pool times will be:

- Saturday and Sunday, May 22-23 — 1-5 p.m.
  - Monday-Friday, May 24-28 — 1-5 p.m. and 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- The Summit Activities Center will be available for open swims on Monday/Wednesday/Friday evenings from 6:30-8:30 p.m. for the remainder of the summer season.
- The summer hours for Memorial Pool will be
- Daily Pool Hours — 1-4:45 p.m.; 6-8:30 p.m.
  - Family/Adult Swim - Thursday and Sunday Evenings: 6-8:30 p.m.
- For further information on times and rates, call 668-5234 or stop by the Summit Activities Center at 1801 Summit Street, Yankton.

## Bethlehem Cemetery, Midway, Clean Up Set

Bethlehem Cemetery, Midway, clean up will be at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 22. The rain date is 6 p.m. Monday, May 24.

## Blackberry Workshop at RTEC May 25

If you own a Blackberry and you have questions about how to make it work for you, you'll want to attend a Blackberry Workshop being sponsored by Wireless World and RTEC from 6-8 p.m. on Tuesday, May 25.

The two-hour workshop, which will be held at RTEC at 1200 W. 21st St. in Yankton, will teach you how to make your Blackberry make your life easier. Topics to be covered include:

- Typing shortcuts;
- Ways to back up and secure data;
- Applications you can use to make your life simpler and easier;
- How to use Facebook from your phone;
- Question-and-Answer session.

Because the presentation will cover almost any Blackberry on any network, you do not need to be a Verizon Wireless subscriber to attend.

For more information or to register, call RTEC at (605) 668-5700. You can also stop in at 1200 W. 21st St. in Yankton or visit RTEC online at [www.rtecedu.org](http://www.rtecedu.org).

## YSD's Recognition Social To Be Held Tuesday

Yankton School District's annual Recognition Social will be held at Minerva's on Tuesday, May 25, running from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

A brief program will begin at 5:30 p.m. Teachers and staff members who have served the district for 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 40 years as well as retirees will be recognized. School board member, Doug Ekeren, who did not seek re-election to the board this year, will be recognized for his nine years of service to the district, and the Yankton Education Association Teacher of the Year will be announced.

In addition to school staff, friends, family and patrons are welcome to attend. Tickets will be available at the door.

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## EMS

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transmit important medical data to the emergency room while en route to the hospital.

"It typically has to be done in a hospital, but we can do it in a pre-hospital setting and transmit that study directly to the ER," Hawkins said. "Before we get that patient to the hospital, the doctor is able to see if the patient is actually having a heart attack."

Until the last year, the EKGs could be done in the ambulance, but they could not be transmitted to the hospital ahead of time.

"As the American Heart Association says, 'Time is muscle,'" Weibert said. "They want to be able to treat that patient within the least amount of time that they can."

It's been a good year with lots of progress, but the Yankton County EMS isn't about to sit idle, Hawkins said.

Work has been under way to meet new state guidelines that will improve care for trauma patients.

"I think one of the things we're going to see as time goes on is, we're going to work more closely with emergency management and the fire department because of how the industry itself is pushing the incident command system," Weibert added. "When there is any type of incident, you're going to have more response from different agencies, and they all will have to work together."

During National EMS Week, the local emergency responders also want to remind citizens of some things they should keep in mind year-round:

- Children should always wear helmets while riding bicycles;
- If you come across an accident or other emergency situation, always slow down and keep an eye out for emergency responders along the roadway; and
- Always wear a seat belt. "You'd be surprised how many people can get up and walk away from a horrible accident just because they wore a seat belt," Hawkins said. "We see a lot of people who don't wear their seat belts and are seriously injured."

## News Groups Appeal Closure Of Trial

BY CHET BROKAW  
Associated Press Writer

PIERRE — Three news organizations asked the South Dakota Supreme Court on Thursday to strike down a circuit judge's rulings that restricted public access to records and courtroom proceedings in a trial dealing with a financial dispute among owners of a Black Hills tourist attraction.

Circuit Judge John Delaney of Rapid City sealed many court records and closed much of the trial to the public last month after ruling that financial information about Bear Country USA should be protected. Lawyers for those involved in the dispute had asked for that financial information to be kept confidential.

The trial was to determine the fair value of the family owned business, giving co-founder Pauline Casey and three of her children a chance to buy out the shares of four other children. At the end of the trial, the judge set a value.

The Associated Press, Rapid City Journal and South Dakota Newspaper Association filed documents Thursday with the Supreme Court challenging Delaney's decisions imposing a gag order on those taking part in the trial and closing substantial portions of the trial and court records.

The news organizations asked the state's highest court to order Delaney to rescind the gag order and closure order.

The gag order, which prevented those involved in the case from talking about it, unlawfully interfered with the news organizations' First Amendment right to gather and report the news, according to the request filed with the high court. The closure of most of the trial and the court records also violated the First Amendment and the common-law right of

access to courts, the news organizations argued.

"The combination virtually eviscerated media's newsgathering right," lawyers for the news organizations wrote in their request for a Supreme Court review.

David Bordewyk, general manager of the South Dakota Newspaper Association, said the news organizations had to challenge the judge's order because it appears to go beyond closure orders in previous cases. The public and news organizations need access to courts as a basic part of democracy, he said.

A Supreme Court ruling not only could open records from the Bear Country trial, but also provide guidance in future court cases, Bordewyk said.

"I don't think it's wise to let this go untested, even though the case has concluded. Left untested, it would spell potential problems down the road in future cases in South Dakota court coverage," Bordewyk said.

Lawyers for Bear Country owners did not immediately return calls seeking comment Thursday.

Bear Country USA, located in the black hills near Rapid City, features a three-mile drive through pine forests and meadows where visitors can see black bears, elk, reindeer, deer, cougars, bobcats, mountain goats, bighorn sheep and buffalo.

Lawyers representing family members involved in the dispute had argued that Bear Country's financial information amounts to trade secrets that should be kept confidential so competing tourism businesses cannot find out about Bear Country's inner workings and financial dealings.

The news organizations contend that Bear Country differs substantially from other tourism businesses in the area, so the trial was unlikely to reveal any trade secrets that would harm its ability to compete with those other businesses.

## Charges Upgraded In Santee Murder Case

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Charges have been upgraded for a man indicted in a shooting death on the Santee Sioux reservation in northeast Nebraska.

The U.S. attorney's office says Shannon Thomas will face a first-degree murder charge, rather than second-degree, at his June 22 trial in U.S. District Court. He also faces weapons violations.

A message left Wednesday for his public defender was not immediately returned.

Thomas is suspected in the death of his former girlfriend, 46-year-old Dawn Starlin. Authorities believe he shot her hours after she was accused of vandalizing the house of Thomas' current girlfriend.

If convicted, Thomas could face life in prison.

## PARK

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Fire pits are still on the rangers' to-do list and will be dug soon. In order to use the overnight camping area, the horse owners must stop at the Weigand-Burbach area for permission and pay a \$7 overnight fee for the facilities. The rangers will then unlock the camping grounds for use.

Holmberg said there is a parking area where horse owners can leave their livestock trailers while they head out for a leisurely ride on the new trail.

Local horsepeople Fred and Karen Steffen are excited to see

the changes in the trail. They have been enjoying it since its beginning and appreciate the work it has taken to create.

"When it was first developed, it was like our own personal horse trail; but not so any more," Fred Steffen said.

The word is getting out and horse trailers from outside the Crofton area have made their way to the South Shore Trail.

The Steffens also said the new trail is used by Crofton Community School Cross Country runners as a practice course.

"We have ridden the trail a couple times this spring," said Karen Steffen. "There are not a lot of places to ride so when we find a good one, we use it a lot."

She said new trails have been hacked out since last season and

the criss-cross pattern adds a lot of diversity to a ride.

Fred Steffen added the trails are really designed to follow the contours of the land, but there is not a lot of strain on humans or animals. There is head room and open spaces as well.

He does admit the mountain bikers they see biking the trail do sometimes cut their own path up and down the gulleys but that's OK.

"If you are looking for a nice, relaxing horse ride where you can just go and enjoy the day, South Shore is one to try," Steffen said.

He compliments the rangers for the nice job on the project and the great upkeep as the year goes along. The course is not as severe as some of the routes they have ridden as part of trail

rides. Hikers don't have to wait long for rest areas as there are shelters and benches positioned along the way.

"It gives a person a good feel for what our country was years ago and what it is today with the amenities to make it comfortable to use," said Steffen.

Holmberg also said the park office in the Weigand-Burbach area sells hunting and fishing permits.

The Game & Parks Web site will also contain GPS coordinates of facilities in the Lewis & Clark Recreational Area. "We mapped the route of this trail by following deer tracks and sometimes we were on our hands and knees hacking away the brush and tree limbs," Holmberg said as he thought back on the beginnings of the trail idea.

## OBITUARIES

## Virginia Cuka

Virginia Cuka, 78, of Yankton died unexpectedly Wednesday (May 19, 2010) at her residence.

Funeral services are at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, rural Irene, with the Rev. Dana Steinwand officiating. Burial will be approximately 1:15 p.m. Tuesday at the Garden of Memories, Yankton.

Visitations is 5 to 9 p.m. Monday at Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, with a Scripture service and video tribute and 7 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

## Goldie Nelson

HARTINGTON, Neb. — Goldie R. Nelson, 94 of Hartington, Neb., died Thursday (May 20, 2010) at the Golden Living Center, Hartington.

Memorial services are at 2 p.m. Saturday at First Congregational United Church of Christ, Hartington, with the Rev. Gary Kimm officiating. Inurnment will be in the Pleasant View Cemetery in Plainview, Neb., under the direction of Wintz Funeral Home, Hartington.

There will be no visitation. Memorials are preferred to the First Congregational United Church of Christ.

## Vincent Varilek

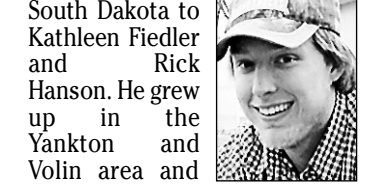
VOLIN — Vincent Fredrick Varilek, age 19, of Volin, South Dakota died Monday, May 17, 2010 at Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota from injuries he sustained in a motorcycle accident.

Mass of Christian Burial is 2:00 p.m. Friday, May 21, 2010 at St. Vincent Catholic Church in Springfield, South Dakota with Reverend Gerald Thury officiating. Burial will be in the St. Vincent Catholic Cemetery in Springfield.

Visitation is from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton, South Dakota with a video tribute and time of sharing at 7:00 p.m. Visitation resumes one hour prior to the funeral service at the church.

Palbearers are Keith Allen, Matt Allen, Taylor Boeckmen, Jesse Gullikson, Arron Ness and Nick Wuebben. Honorary pallbearers are Corey Allen, Kayci Allen, Karl Fiedler, Danae, Darci, Devin and Drew Aslesen. Vincent was born August 20,

1990 in Yankton, South Dakota to Kathleen Fiedler and Rick Hanson. He grew up in the Yankton and Volin area and attended schools in Yankton, Wakonda, and Gayville before graduating from Yankton High School in 2009. As a teenager, his first job was for E Circle E Hunting Lodge located east of Gayville and then he worked at Tractor Supply Company in Yankton. Vincent was always interested in cooking so he took a job as a cook at CJ's at the Lake and then Tony's Steakhouse near Norfolk, NE. He was planning to attend the Culinary Art Institute in Los Angeles, California. Besides cooking, Vincent also enjoyed golfing, fishing, hunting pheasant, deer, and mushrooms, playing video games with his friends and fixing up old cars.



Varilek

Vincent will be missed by his mother and stepfather, Kathleen and James Haines of Volin; father, Rick Hanson of Pierre, SD; step sisters: Hope, Brandy, Robin and Ruth; maternal grandparents, Fred and Doris Fiedler of Springfield; paternal grandmother, Sylvia Hanson of Dawson, MN; adoptive grandmother, Wilma Haugen of Brandon, SD; step grandparents, Jim and Rosalie Haines of Sioux City, IA; a niece and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Vincent was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Harold Hanson, adoptive father, Frank J. Varilek and an uncle, Marc Carl Fiedler.

To post an online sympathy message or to view Vincent's video tribute, please visit [wintzrayfuneralhome.com](http://wintzrayfuneralhome.com).

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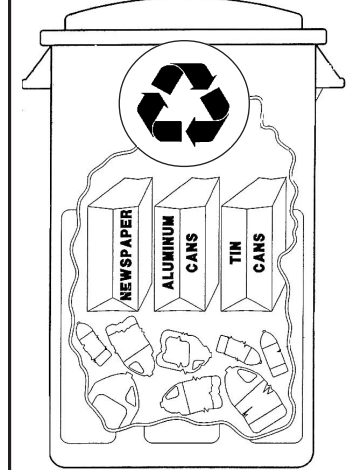
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## Memorial Day Deadlines

The Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan will be closed Monday, May 31st, for the Memorial Day holiday.

The following deadlines will apply:

Out On The Town — Wednesday, May 26  
Tuesday, June 1 newspaper — 5 p.m., Wednesday, May 26  
Wednesday, June 2 newspaper — 5 p.m., Thursday, May 27  
Thursday, June 3 newspaper — 5 p.m., Friday, May 28

There will be no newspaper on Monday, May, 31, 2010.

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