

Special Ed. Reports Now Available Online

PIERRE — Information regarding school districts' performance on improving the educational outcomes of students with disabilities is now available online. Results of early childhood services for infants and toddlers with developmental delays are also available. The Annual Performance Report is divided into two parts. One part addresses the federal special education program known as Part B. The Part B report identifies school districts' ability to meet federal special edu-

cation requirements on 14 indicators. This report is based mainly on data from the 2009-10 school year. Cumulative statewide data also is available. To view the Part B reports, visit http://doe.sd.gov/oess/sped_SPP.aspx#reporting. The other part of the Annual Performance Report addresses the federal special education program known as Part C. This report identifies the ability of early childhood serv-

ices, called the Birth to Three program in South Dakota, to meet 14 federal special education requirements. Statewide and regional data is available. To view the Part C reports, visit <http://doe.sd.gov/oess/Birthto3Fed.asp> and look under the Documents listing on the right-hand side of the page. Click on "Part C Annual Performance Report" or "Regional Programs Data."

OBITUARIES

Gordon 'Gordie' Orton

Gordon "Gordie" W. Orton, age 77, of Yankton, South Dakota, died Sunday, May 29, 2011, at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton.



Orton

A Memorial Service will be 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 1, 2011, at First United Methodist Church in Yankton with Reverend Ron Johnson officiating. Burial will be in the Gayville Cemetery in Gayville, South Dakota.

A gathering of friends and family is Tuesday from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton with a prayer service and video tribute at 7:00 p.m.

Honorary Pallbearers will be Gordie's grandchildren: Katie Hayes, Rachel Orton, Jessica Tripp-Fenton, Nicholas Tripp, Bethany Meek, Reid Sorensen, Layne Droppers, Zachary Orton, and Jaime Orton.

Gordon "Gordie" W. Orton was born June 30, 1933, to Paul and Nora (Olson) Orton in Volin, South Dakota. He grew up in Volin and Gayville graduating from Gayville High School in 1951. He married Julietta Huitema on August 20, 1952, in Yankton, South Dakota. After their marriage, Gordie worked for Means Cleaners in Yankton. He later worked as a milkman for Keating Creamery and later Wells Blue Bunny, which he continued for several years. He delivered bread for Wonder Bread and later worked at RadioShack and Alumax Extrusions.

Gordie loved to fish and go bow hunting, racing and fixing stockcars, working in his garage, watching sports, riding his Segway in parades, but he especially loved spending time with his family and grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife, Julie Orton of Wakonda Heritage Manor, Wakonda, South Dakota; five children: Dan (Jean) Orton of Yankton; Susan (Robert) Scott of Vermillion, South Dakota; David (Mary Jo) Orton of Omaha, Nebraska; Syndee (Mark) Droppers of Yankton; and Doug (Jill) Orton of Blair, Nebraska; nine grandchildren; one brother, Jim Orton of Gayville, South Dakota; one sister, Sharon Taggart of Gayville; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers: Gene and Eldon Orton; and sister, Julie Ann Hudson.

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

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Online condolences at: www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com

Mae Cressy

Mae Cressy, age 88, of Yankton, South Dakota, died Thursday, May 26, 2011 at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton.

Funeral services are 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 2, 2011 at the First United Methodist Church in Yankton with Reverend Ron Johnson and Bob Cappel, Pastoral Assistant officiating. Burial will be in the Garden of Memories Cemetery in Yankton.

Visitation is from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton with a VFW Auxiliary Service and Prayer Service at 7:00 p.m. Visitation resumes one hour prior to the funeral at the church.

Pallbearers are Mae's nephews: Clifford Hrdlicka Jr., Gary Hrdlicka, Jeff Branaugh, Greg Branaugh, Mark Branaugh, and Pat Branaugh.

Lula Mae Cressy was born March 12, 1923, in Charles Mix County, South Dakota to Edward and Fay (Lanning) Branaugh. She attended country school at Kennedy No. 1 in Charles Mix County. On February 15, 1941, Mae married Vernon Cressy in Hartington, Nebraska. After their marriage, they lived in Yankton where Mae kept very busy raising her three boys



Cressy

while her husband served in World War II. As her boys grew older, Mae started working for Johnson's Bakery. She worked there for several years before becoming employed at Cottonwood Package Company where she made fillers for egg cases. Then she worked for almost 30 years as an assembler for Dale Electronics until she retired in 1990. Mae was a member of the VFW Auxiliary, the Yankton Senior Citizens Center and First United Methodist Church. She enjoyed traveling to spend time with her family in California and decorating cakes. Mae also enjoyed reading, caring for her dog, Penny, and making sure the neighborhood stray cats were well fed during the winter. Above all, Mae loved her family. She was the bond that made the family complete. She dearly loved cooking for large family gatherings at her kitchen table during special occasions and holiday meals. One of her recent and more cherished traditions was having family gather around on Sunday evenings for popcorn, root beer floats, and family time. Her smile never beamed as brightly as when she

held babies. The love that flowed from her to her family was a feeling of special contentment and wonder. She will be deeply missed by all.

Mae is survived by one son, James (Marta) Cressy of Yankton; eight grandchildren; eighteen great grandchildren; two daughters-in-law, Mary Ann Cressy of California and Sharon Hladky of Yankton; one sister, Gladys Hrdlicka of Armour, SD; five brothers: Fred Branaugh of Yankton, Charles Branaugh of Yankton, Billy (Betty) Branaugh of California, Robert Branaugh of California and Tommy (Carol) Branaugh of Kentucky; Betty Herboldt of Yankton and many other nieces and nephews.

Mae was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Vernon on April 8, 1989; two sons, Ronald and Daniel Cressy; brother, James Branaugh; and an infant sister, Frances.

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Robert Christensen

RAPID CITY — Robert Christensen, age 85, of Rapid City, SD and formerly of Yankton, SD, passed away of an apparent heart attack Friday, May 27, 2011 at the University Hospital Medical Center, Minneapolis, MN.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 31, 2011 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Yankton, with Rev. Dan Smith officiating. Burial will be in the Sacred Heart Cemetery, Yankton, with military graveside rites by the Ernest-Bowyer VFW Post #791 Honor Guard and the SDARNG, Sioux Falls.

Visitations will be one hour prior to the service at the church. The Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton is in charge of arrangements.

Robert was born to Fred and Carrie (Ackerman) Christensen at home in rural Utica, SD. After graduating from the 8th grade and working various jobs during the Great Depression, he joined the US Navy (1943-1946) and served on the destroyer, USS Stack, in the Pacific theater during WWII.

Robert married Margaret Ann Dixon (rural Wakonda, SD) at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Wakonda on August 16, 1948. He and Margaret raised six children. Robert had several careers



Christensen

before fully retiring at the age of 81. He worked over 20 years for the Cimpr family as a butcher in their Tabor, SD grocery store and as a plant manager in their meat packing plant in Yankton. He then managed the Tavern Bar in east Yankton for several years before returning to the meat butchering business as a butcher for the SD Human Services Center in Yankton where he worked for 15 years until retiring. Retirement did not last long for Bob who kept busy by starting a small engine repair business and also working as a Pinkerton guard for Dale Electronics in Yankton. He stayed active in both of these endeavors for approximately 15 years, ultimately "fully" retiring in 2007.

Robert was especially proud of his WWII military service. He loved his country and the freedoms and values it represented. He was active in veteran associations for many years. A special time for Robert was returning to Pearl Harbor in 2009 with his sons, Kevin and Dale, to visit various WWII memorials and sites. During this trip, he received special recognition as a WWII veteran. He shared many stories

and received numerous personal thanks for his service from other visitors at these memorials. An especially poignant moment in this trip was his visit on board the current day US Navy destroyer, USS Chung-Hoon. Upon boarding, he was announced to all personnel as a WWII veteran, met by the ship's captain who presented him a ship's coin, and taken on a personal tour of the ship.

Survivors include sisters, Betty Wawrzyniakowski (Jerry), Pearl, sons Luverne, Keith (Tracy), Dale (Mary), Kevin, Doug (Carol) and daughter Kathleen Anderson (Mike); grandchildren Rob Christensen (Stephanie), Tara Boysen (Mark) Jon Paul Christensen, Jared Christensen, Jana Christensen, Shellie Dillmon, Jake Anderson and six great-grandchildren.

Bob was preceded in death by Margaret, his wife of 60 years, his parents, brothers, Henry and Roy, and sisters, Florence and Ellen.

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Renatta Claudio

Renatta Claudio, 69, of Yankton died at her residence Sunday, May 29, 2011, surrounded by her family.

Memorial services are at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Chapel, Yankton, with the Rev. Paul Opsahl officiating. Visitations begins at 7 p.m. Thursday evening at the funeral home.

Viola Coles

Viola M. Coles, 93, of Yankton and formerly of Scotland, died Monday, May 30, 2011, at the

Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton.

Funeral services are pending under the direction of Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton.

Margaret Donovan

Margaret M. Donovan, 84, of Yankton died Monday May, 30, 2011, at Wakonda Heritage Manor.

Funeral services are at 10 a.m. Thursday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Yankton, with Father Mark Lichter officiating. Burial will be in the St. Patrick's Ceme-

tery in Wakonda immediately following the Mass.

Visitation will be at 5 p.m. Wednesday at Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, with a rosary at 7 p.m. and prayer service at 7:30 p.m.

Sobriety Checkpoints Are Planned In June

PIERRE — The South Dakota Highway Patrol has sobriety checkpoints scheduled in June in the following counties: Beadle, Brookings, Brown, Clark, Clay, Codington, Edmunds, Fall River, Gregory, Hughes, Lincoln, McCook, Roberts, Spink, Walworth and Yankton. For sobriety checkpoint text message alerts, visit actcivilized.com.

'History Of Yankton' Pageant June 4-5

The Lewis & Clark Theatre Company, the City of Yankton and MT & RC Smith Insurance have announced the performance dates for the upcoming production "A History of Yankton: A Pageant" for Yankton's 150th anniversary celebration.

"A History of Yankton: A Pageant" will be performed at 2 p.m. June 4-5 in the amphitheatre at Riverside Park. Admission is free.

"History" is a theatrical storytelling of the birth of the city of Yankton written by Joseph Mills Hanson and is deeply rooted in Yankton's past and traditions. It tells the story of our city's beginnings; starting at the initial settling by the Sioux natives, to the passing through of Lewis and Clark, the founding of Fort Yankton and everything in between.

This is only the third time "History" has ever been produced. The first time was after Hanson finished writing it in June 1916, followed by a production of it in 1961 for Yankton's 100th anniversary. Now we bring it to you once again for Yankton's 150th.

Walleye Tourney To Benefit B&G Club

Captain Norm's Walleye Classic is scheduled for June 4 on Lewis & Clark Lake.

Five walleyes can be weighed in. Trophies and cash prizes will be awarded to the top 10 teams. The tournament is limited to 75 teams.

Twenty percent of the registration and Calcutta fee will be donated to the Boys & Girls Club of Yankton.

To register, stop by Captain Norm's on Lewis & Clark Lake.

Mental Wellness Conference June 8-9

The 13th annual Yankton Area Mental Wellness Conference will be held at Mount Marty College in Yankton June 8-9.

Dean Auferderheide with be keynote presenter and Lt. Gov. Matt Michels will be featured speaker. The conference will have 36 breakout sessions. Professional development credit and college credit will be available.

For registration and more information, visit www.yamwi.org.

Young Eagles Event At Chan Gurney Airport

A Young Eagles event will be held at the Chan Gurney Airport terminal building on Saturday, June 11, running from 9 a.m.-noon.

The Yankton Chapter 1029 of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) and the Yankton Regional Aviation Association are holding the 19th annual event.

The Young Eagles Program of the EAA has the goal of giving 100,000 kids age 8 to 17 a free airplane ride in 2011. The EAA achieved their previous goal of flying 1 million kids by Dec. 17, 2003, which was the 100th anniversary of powered flight first accomplished by the Wright Brothers. The current total is 1.6 million Young Eagles.

The YRAA has flown more than 2,300 kids in Young Eagle events at local airports including Yankton, Bloomfield, Gregory, Hartington and Vermillion during the past 18 years.

A parent of guardian must sign a registration form that will be available at the registration desk in the airport terminal. Young Eagles receive a flight certificate, free web-based ground school training (ages 13-17 years old), and their name is placed in the world's largest logbook at www.young eagles.org.

For more information, contact Steve Hamilton at 605-665-8448.

CDWC To Celebrate 10th Anniversary June 11

SOUTH YANKTON, Neb. — The Corps of Discovery Welcome Center, located just south of Yankton on Highway 81, will be hosting its 10-year anniversary celebration on Saturday June 11, running from 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

There will be entertainment, speakers, wine tasting (Nissen Winery), food and a silent auction at this family-friendly event.

For more information, contact Greg at 402-667-6557.

President

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In addition to serving as dean of the University of North Dakota's Graduate School, Benoit has been a professor for the Department of Pharmacology, Physiology & Therapeutics since 2001. Prior to his work in North Dakota, he served as director of graduate studies and professor at the University of South Alabama, College of Medicine, in Mobile, Ala.

Benoit completed his Ph.D. and undergraduate degree in basic medical sciences at the University of South Alabama, and a B.S. in biology/chemistry at the University of Southwestern Louisiana.

According to Jean Reed, current chair of Mount Marty College's

Board of Trustees, the board was impressed with Benoit's experience and commitment to higher education and are confident that the college will thrive under his leadership.

"There are many good things happening at Mount Marty, and Dr. Benoit is the right choice to lead the college in new and exciting directions," she said.

Mount Marty College is a Catholic Benedictine center of higher education founded in 1936 by the Benedictine Sisters of Sacred Heart Monastery, who continue to sponsor the institution today.

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Our care and concern does not end with the funeral service. This week we remember with family and friends the anniversary of the deaths of:

Nellie Bernice Nielsen
who passed away on
June 1, 2010

Elizabeth Nadeau
who passed away on
June 3, 2005

Lisa Ann Frick Welter
who passed away on
June 3, 2004

This remembrance is brought to you free of charge. If you have a loved one you would like remembered, contact us at Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory. Guiding and serving families with compassion and trust.

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