

## YHS BOYS/GIRLS STATERS ANNOUNCED



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The junior students from Yankton High School who will be participating in Girls and Boys State were recently announced. They include: **Boys State Representatives:** First row Tyler Bryan, Dustin Dvorak, Devin Westerman and Joshua Arens. Last row: Adam Spencer, Nicholaus Robinson, Drew Konopasek. **Girls State Representatives:** First row Megan Ford, Abigail Mitchell, Alyssa Klimisch, Melissa Gonsalez, Theresa Barnes and Brianna Newman. Second row Sarah Hicks, Savannah Chambers, Holly Bouza, Frae Binder, Kayla Sylvester and Whitney Specht. Last row Allyssa Schroeder, Olivia Christopher, Regen Specht, Mikala Hora, Katelyn Greenaway, Kelsey Fitzgerald and Kelsey Butler.

## AAA S. Dak. Predicts A 1.3 Percent Increase In Memorial Day Travel

ST. LOUIS — AAA projects 105,740 South Dakotans will drive 50 miles or more from home over the long Memorial Day holiday weekend, an increase of 1.3 percent — or 943 travelers — from the number of South Dakotans who traveled one year ago. The Memorial Day holiday travel period is defined as Thursday, May 24 to Monday, May 28. Nationally, AAA expects 30.7 million Americans to drive to holiday destinations this year, a 1.2 percent increase over Memorial Day, 2011.

AAA is predicting 5,351 South Dakotans will fly on Memorial Day vacations this year, a 5.9 percent drop from the number who flew last year. Nationally, 2.5 million Americans will take to the skies over the holiday, a decline of 5.5 percent from the 2.7 million who booked flights one year ago. Almost nine out of ten holiday travelers (88 percent) will take to the nation's roadways during the Memorial Day weekend, keeping automobile travel in the traditional lead as the dominate mode of holiday travel transportation.

A survey of intended travelers found that 53 percent said this spring's increases in gasoline prices would not impact their Memorial Day holiday travel plans. Of the remaining 47 percent of travelers who said gas prices would impact their travel plans, 9 percent are planning to take a shorter trip, four percent will travel by an alternate mode of transportation and 34 percent will economize in other areas. Those who intend to economize in other areas plan to reduce spending on entertainment (65 percent), stay at a lower priced hotel (34 percent), stay with friends and relatives instead of reserving a hotel room (31 percent) or stay in a hotel that includes value-added amenities like free breakfast and internet (27 percent).

National and state gasoline prices may have peaked in April despite seasonal highs in early spring when motorists experienced average price increases for all but four days in February and March. April experienced a full reversal as prices fell for 23 of 30 days during the month, helping to break a streak of 911 days since the national average price was lower than the previous year.

According to AAAFuelGaugeReport.com, the South Dakota statewide average price for regular self-serve gasoline today stands at \$3.66, compared to \$3.92 this time last year. Nationwide, the average today is \$3.72, which is 23 cents below the price last year.

Many Americans consider summer travel a mainstay and are committed to traveling despite higher prices in many sectors impacting household budgets. As Americans seek ways to economize travel budgets, like the 65 percent of Memorial Day travelers who say they will cut entertainment costs, a trend has emerged. To trim costs and maximize travel experiences, an increasing number of travelers are choosing cost-inclusive vacation options like cruises and tour travel packages. These valued added travel options provide consumers an effective way to budget, pay vacation costs up front and decrease entertainment costs during their holiday weekend.

The cost of a cruise typically includes cabin accommodation, entertainment, all meals, onboard gratuities, non-alcoholic beverages and taxes. Tour cost inclusions can vary from all-inclusive resort vacations that include all costs up front to multiple-destination tours that include accommodations, airfare, sightseeing and some meals. Some tours and cruises are now including

free or discounted airfare.

According to a survey of traveler intentions, the average distance traveled by Americans during the Memorial Day holiday weekend is expected to be 642 miles, which is 150 miles less than last year's average travel distance of 792 miles.

The decline in expected air travel is a factor in the travel distance decrease as fewer flying miles can be contrasted with the slight growth in automobile travel. Median spending is expected to be \$702, only slightly more than the \$692 median spending last year.

## OBITUARIES

### Anita Payer

WAGNER — Mass of Christian Burial for Anita Raye Payer, 65 of Wagner will be held 10:30 a.m. Friday, May 18, 2012, at St. John Catholic Church in Wagner, with burial in the parish cemetery. Visitation will be 12 noon to 5 p.m. Thursday at the Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home in Wagner, followed by a 7 p.m. rosary/wake service at the church.

Anita Raye Payer, daughter of Elmer and Edna (Wiechmann) Herbert, was born February 6, 1947 at Mariemont, OH. She died unexpectedly Tuesday, May 15, 2012 at the Wagner Community Memorial Hospital. Raye attained the age of 65 years, three months and 10 days.

Raye graduated from Wagner High School. She married Wallace John Payer on February 6, 1967 at Vermillion. They made their home in Wagner and started Payer Truck Line. Wally and Raye ran this business for 44 years, retiring in 2011.

Raye was a member of St. John Catholic Church and its January Band. She also was a member of the VFW Auxiliary.

Raye was an avid gardener, always planting more and more. She loved cactus in her house and seeding milkweeds to attract butterflies. Raye will be remembered as a devoted Mom and Grandma.

Thankful for having shared her life are her husband, Wallace of Wagner; five children: Jeff and wife Jodi of Yankton and their children: Logan, Lance and Madeline; Joshua and wife Nalini of Sioux Falls and their children: Alicia and Tyler; Rhiana Martinson and husband Rob of Chanhassen, MN and their children: Ethan and Elsa; Jeremy of Sioux Falls; and Waylon of Yankton and his children: Evan, Dylan and Gabrielle; sister, Bonita Kaye Asper of Sioux Falls; and many cousins, relatives and friends.

Raye was preceded in death by her father, Elmer; mother, Edna Herbert Uecker; brother, Gene Herbert; and step father, James Uecker.

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### John Harnois

VERMILLION — John A. Harnois, 75, of Vermillion, SD passed away peacefully Monday, May 14 at his residence after a three-year battle with cancer.

John was born October 19, 1936 in Vermillion, SD to Hector and Mary Rose (Weidenfeller) Harnois. He attended school in Vermillion, graduating in 1954. He attended the University of South Dakota and received his bachelor degree in accounting.

John married Maryln Mart on May 13, 1957 in Wakonda, and they lived in Vermillion 55 years. He and Maryln owned their family business, Vermillion Auto Parts, until 1986. He was a businessman for over 60 years, taking his retirement from Sturdevant's Auto Parts in January, 2012.

John served as a Vermillion city councilman two terms. He was a lifetime member and past-president of the Vermillion Eagle's Club and a long-time member of Vermillion AA. John played saxophone in a dance band from age 15 to the year 1991. He was well-respected and had many friends.

He is survived by his wife Maryln of Vermillion, four sons; Richard (Raquel) of Pierre, SD, Harold (Jody) (Marcia) of Vermillion, John (Karmen) of Buffalo, MN and Thomas (Tina) of Pierre, SD, a daughter Karla Harnois of Sioux Falls, SD and a sister Judy (Joe) Nedved of Wagner, SD. He is also survived by five grandchildren; Michael, Thomas, Michelle, Chantel and Sean and six great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents and one daughter, Michelle.

A celebration of life will begin at 10:30 a.m. Monday, May 21 at the St. Agnes Catholic Church in

Vermillion with burial of ashes and military honors at the Calvary Cemetery in Vermillion. hansenfuneralhome.com.

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### Rose Welchert

WAKONDA — Rose M. Welchert, 82 of Wakonda and formerly of Yankton, died Tuesday, May 15, 2012, at the Wakonda Heritage Manor, Wakonda.

Arrangements are pending under the care of Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton.

### Donald Hanson

ELK POINT — Donald M. Hanson, 82, of Elk Point died Wednesday, May 16, 2012, at Sanford Vermillion Hospital.

Funeral arrangements are pending with Kober Funeral Home, Elk Point.

### Dick Neeman Jr.

WAUSA, Neb. — Dick Neeman, Jr, age 84 of Wausa, Neb., died Wednesday, May 16, 2012, at Faith Regional Health Services, Norfolk, Neb.

Funeral services are pending at Brockhaus Funeral Home, Wausa.

### Joyce Ritchey

LINCOLN, Neb. — Joyce E. Ritchey, 85 of Lincoln, Neb., and formerly of Wausa, Neb., died Wednesday, May 16, 2012, in Lincoln.

Funeral services are pending at Brockhaus Funeral Home, Creighton, Neb.

To sign the guestbook, or leave online condolences, visit www.brockhausfuneralhome.com

## Independent Progress Offers Free Concert

Independent Progress, a rock band with three members originally from Yankton, recently finished a 25-day tour of Europe in support of New Jersey rock band Hudson Falcons. The members of Independent Progress are celebrating their return to Yankton with a free show on Friday, May 18, at Cheers Bar and Grill.

This show is free and 18-plus. Support acts are Barstool Prophets and T.C. Steckelburg.

## Yankton Rec. Summer Openings Available

Are you looking to get your child involved this summer? The Yankton Recreation Department has several openings in a variety of summer activities. Visit www.cityofyankton.org to get a full listing of all the exciting programs offered.

You can view, register and submit payment for all of the summer programs and activities directly from the City of Yankton's website, or walk in and register at the Summit Activities Center Monday through Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

For further information, call 668-5234 or stop by the Summit Activities Center at 1801 Summit Street. Don't forget to follow the Yankton Parks and Recreation Department on Facebook.

## Dedication Ceremony To Be Held In Ponca

PONCA, Neb. — A dedication ceremony for the Eric Wiebe Memorial Shooting Complex at Ponca State Park will be held at the park near Ponca at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 19.

Wiebe was well-known within the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission and Ponca region for his dedication to Hunter Education, mentored youth hunts and shooting sports. In late 2009, Eric lost a hard-fought battle with cancer. In 2010, to honor his contributions to Ponca State Park, the family of Eric Wiebe generously donated money for improvements and additions to the shooting facility. From this initial donation, a fundraising campaign was initiated with over \$50,000 raised regionally. Partners in this project include: The National NRA, Friends of NRA (Nebraska, South Dakota and Iowa Chapters), Scheels, Better Ponca Foundation, MROE Expo Board, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, and the Nebraska Conservation Officers Association. The complex was built entirely by Nebraska Game and Parks Commission staff and community volunteers.

Following the event, the park will host free public shooting (instructors and equipment provided) from 1:30-4:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend this event.

## Jessie Snodderly

Jessie E. Snodderly, age 95, of Yankton, SD passed away on Monday, May 14, 2012 at Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton, SD.

Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday, May 19, 2012 at the First Assembly of God, Yankton, with Rev. Jeff Mantz and Rev. Kathy Dehring officiating. Burial will be in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Gregory, SD at approximately 2:45 p.m. Saturday afternoon.

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

The Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, is entrusted with arrangements.

Jessie E. Snodderly was born March 5, 1917 north of Gregory, SD to Guy and Cora (Mosher) Parish. She went to country school several years, then her parents moved to Dixon, SD where she attended school for several years, then finished school in Gregory. She went to Omaha, NE with a girlfriend to get jobs. While there, she met Gerald Snodderly. They were married July 3, 1938 in Omaha, NE. In 1942 they moved to Los Angeles, CA where Gerald worked as a supervisor at Fansteel Metallurgical Corporation. He welded on the first satellite that was launched. While in



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Los Angeles, Jessie spent 3 years in Bible College. After her graduation, they moved to Torrance, CA where they made their home, when Gerald retired in 1975. They traveled around for

several years, then moved to Hemet, CA where they spent several years before moving to Yankton in September, 1988. Her husband passed away at home on March 4, 1989.

Survivors include: 2 brothers, Elvin (Erma) Parish of Scotland, SD, Martin Parish of Hawthorne, CA; 2 sisters: Verna Stroh of Sioux Falls, SD, and Naomi Roggow of Burke, SD and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1989, parents, 4 brothers, Dale, Ray, Guy Jr., and Neal in WWII and 3 sisters, Gladys, Shirley, and Mary Ann and 2 in infancy.

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## Memorial Day Deadlines

The Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan will be closed Monday, May 28th, for the Memorial Day holiday.

The following deadlines will apply:

Out On The Town — Wednesday, May 23  
Tuesday, May 29 newspaper — 5 p.m., Wednesday, May 23  
Wednesday, May 30 newspaper — 5 p.m., Thursday, May 24  
Thursday, May 31 newspaper — 5 p.m., Friday, May 25

There will be no newspaper on Monday, May 28, 2012.

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## IN REMEMBRANCE

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