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## **HHS Offers Cats At Discounted Adoption Price**

Ready to add a pet to your home this summer? Adopt a cat or kitten from Heartland Humane Society at a low adoption cost now through May 31.

Kitten season has sprung on us and we are once again out of space at the shelter. We are offering a special pricing for our fabulous felines so more families can add the charm of cats to their lives and Heartland can continue to help stray and surrendered cats in need," said Kerry Schmidt, Executive Director for HHS. "We have cats ranging from 6 weeks old to 12 years old with all sorts of personalities."

Cat adoption prices during the event will be \$20 for adult cats and \$40 for kittens. All cats at HHS have been spayed or neutered if age appropriate, have received their boosters and rabies vaccinations

Every adoption includes a free health check with HHS's participating vet clinics. All adopters must complete an adoption application and be approved.

For more information, visit www.heartlandhumanesociety.net or call 605-664-4244. Heartland Humane Society is located at 601 1/2 Burleigh Street in Yankton. Shelter hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturdays, or by appointment.

The shelter will be closed Monday, May 28, for Memorial Day.

### **Wellness Center Announces Summer Hours**

Avera Sacred Heart Wellness Center announces its summer hours effective Saturday, May 26:

Summer Wellness Center hours from May 26-Sept. 2 are as fol-

- Sunday 1-6 p.m.; Monday-Friday 5:30 a.m.-8 p.m.;
- Saturday 7 a.m.-1 p.m.

For more information, call Avera Sacred Heart Wellness Center at

# **AAA Urges Parents To Focus On Safety**

SIOUX FALLS — Summer is the deadliest time of year for teen drivers and passengers. with seven of the top 10 deadliest days of the year occurring between May and August. AAA urges parents to increase their focus on safety during the school-free months ahead.

"During the summer, teens tend to drive more often and with less supervision than they do during the school year," said Marilyn Buskohl, spokeswoman for AAA South Dakota. "That's why AAA urges parents to establish a driving agreement that keeps teens off the road at night and restricts riding in cars with multiple passengers. This agreement should be in place all year long, but especially during the high-risk summer

According to AAA, an average of 399 teens died in traffic crashes during each of the summer months (May-August), compared to a monthly average of 346 teen deaths during non-summer months. The seven most dangerous days on the road for teens during summer are May 20, May 23, June 10, July 4, July 9, Aug. 8 and Aug. 14. More than 16 teens are killed in car crashes on each of these

To keep teens safe during these dangerous months and year round, AAA Insurance suggests the following tips for parents:

• Eliminate trips without purpose. Teens have three times as many fatal crashes as all other drivers, based on amount of miles driven, and a teen's crash risk is highest during the first year of solo driving. Limit teens' driving to essential trips and only with parental permission for at least the first year of driving.

• Limit passengers. Crash rates increase with each teen passenger in the vehicle. In fact, fatal crash rates for 16- to 19-year-olds increase fivefold when two or more teen passengers are present versus when teens drive alone. Also, riding in a vehicle with a teen driver can be risky for teen passengers. Establish passenger limits and restrict teens from riding as a passenger with a teen driver.

• Restrict night driving. A teen driver's chances of being involved in a deadly crash doubles at night. Many parents limit driving during the highest-risk late night hours, yet they should consider limiting evening driving as well, as more than half of nighttime crashes occur between 9 p.m. and midnight.

• Teach your teens how to drive. Summer offers the perfect opportunity for teens to learn how to drive. AAA offers a parenttaught driver's education kit called Take the

Wheel that is inexpensive, totally complete, and qualifies teens for standard auto insurance Driver's Ed. discounts. Visit www.AAA.com/TakeTheWheel or any AAA

• Establish a parent-teen driving agreement. Written agreements help set and enforce clear rules about night driving, passengers, access to the car, and more. AAA offers a parent-teen driving agreement on its teen driver safety website, Keys2Drive. The website also provides a variety of additional tools and resources for parents and teens as they progress through the learning-to-drive

• Use driving training tools. Enhance your teen's driving, critical thinking and decisionmaking skills with driver training resources. AAA offers programs like teenSMART, which can earn a very good discount on your teen's AAA auto insurance upon completion.

• Be there. Make sure your teen knows that if they need help, advice or a ride, they can call you at any time. Extend this offer often and let your teen know that you are always available, and that they will not be judged or punished should they need your

# **Drainage**

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being taken for membership, and the drainage commission will likely be appointed at the County Commission's initial June meeting. A meeting of the new drainage commission is expected to take place in late June.

"I think, if we're going to have a good commission, we need to have a strong representation of producers, hunters, recreationalists, naturalists, etc.," Garrity stated, encouraging people to

He said the concept of the ordinance is very basic. If water is being drained, it must go into a

"blue line," which refers to the color natural waterways, such as creeks, streams or other flowing water features appear on a U.S. Department of the Interior Geological Survey.

A landowner can't just put tile up to a fence line and let it trickle across a hay meadow to get to Marne Creek, for example.

"He has to have a way to make the water go through either a solid line or drainage line into the creek," Garrity said. "If he can't make it go into a waterway on his own property, than he has to come to an agreement with corresponding landowners as to where that water is going to land. Once the water is in a blue line, the subservient landowners must accept that water and let it go through."

The county is fortunate to have the Missouri River as its southern border, Garrity noted.

"We have a way of making all that water go away," he said. "We're also fortunate that we have fairly good topography to work with. But by the same token, we do have topography that can be a hurdle.'

In the Lesterville Township. for example, drainage through natural waterways is a difficult

prospect.
"That's the kind of thing we want to get in front of to say, if we're going to drain that we have to come up with a coordinated effort to do it," Garrity said. "You can't just dump it on a neighbor's property.'

In such instances, landowners have an option to form a coordinated drainage district that can levy taxes and create a drainage ditch that goes to a natural waterway.

When it comes to drainage, Garrity said South Dakota is at a disadvantage compared to a state like Minnesota, where a system of drainage ditches was engineered generations ago.

"What happened in South Dakota was, we never allowed for an engineered ditch system to enable the water to go into waterways," he stated. "We were short-changed as far as I'm concerned. By not doing that, we're now taking an engineered tile system on a field and trying to adapt it to a natural system. Once it hits that natural system, there is nothing engineered about it. That creek could be

anywhere from three to four inches deep and three feet wide to vice versa. It can meander. It's totally natural, and there is no way we can go in and make them unnatural — you can't engineer them. We don't have the money."

Yankton County Commissioner Garry Moore, who served on the drainage ordinance task force, said implementation of the law is about 50 years overdue.

"I'm excited to see the drainage ordinance finally put in place and have some direction in relationship with drainage issues," he said. "Hopefully, we can keep them out of circuit court and deal with them at the county

Landowners can now be held accountable for drainage decisions, according to Moore.

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"We didn't want people draining water on somebody else without it going into a blue line," he said. "That wasn't happening in some instances."

Moore said there will initially be a few bumps in the road with

"But we're going to get those bumps worked out, and this ordinance will be to the benefit of everyone in Yankton County," he stated.

To read the drainage ordinance, visit the Planning and Zoning Department page at www.co.yankton.sd.us.

You can follow Nathan Johnson on Twitter at twitter.com/AnIn*landVoyage* 

## **OBITUARIES**

## **Rose Welchert**

WAKONDA — Rose M. Welchert, age 82 of Wakonda and formerly of Yankton passed away on Tuesday, May 15, 2012 at the Wakonda Heritage Manor, Wakonda, SD.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 22, 2012 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Yankton with Rev. Mark Lichter officiating. Burial will be in the St. Joseph Cemetery, Constance, NE approximately at 1·45 n m

Visitations will begin at 5 p.m. Monday, May 21, 2012 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton with a 7 p.m. rosary followed by a 7:30 Scripture Service. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Rose was born February 9, 1930, to Henry and Mary (Marx) Welchert, on a farm near Hartford, South Dakota. The fourth child of thirteen children, Rose was born at home, as were her siblings.

She attended public school for her elementary years except for one year when she boarded at St Mary's in Epiphany, South Dakota, in preparation for her

First Communion. After graduating from Burbank, a rural high school, Rose attended Mount Marty College for one year, earning a Normal Certificate.

Rose did not want to teach. She began her career employment at Sacred Heart Hospital, working for Sister Harriet, at the Sacred Heart School of Nursing, as secretary/receptionist at Benet Home, later becoming Librarian for the Nursing School. The diploma program closed in 1963 and Rose went to work for tne Sisters at Mount Marty College. She was secretary to the President, worked in the library, and was Financial Aid Director for the college. When Rose was asked to work at the Benedictine Monastery, she accepted the challenge, working there until retirement in 1996.

Rose was the first lay person to work in the Monastery Business Office. Her job required integrity and professional skills, and offered diverse challenges.

Rose was an Executive Secretary, performing a wide range of tasks, and was also a Notary. Rose loved to work, as much as she loved her family, card games, and travel. Rose joined Nell Melheim's Adventurers'

Travel Club, which originated in Sioux City. She soon found other travel group offers, too. Rose enjoyed sharing travel experiences with many different groups of people. The Branson tour was one of her favorite travels. Rose enjoyed people.

As the Welchert family grew, Rose soon counted more than 50 nieces and nephews, and at least that many grand nephews/nieces. Rose is survived by one brother, Ted (RoseMarie) of Tucson and four sisters: Gertie van Peit of Howard, South Dakota; Fran Mahoney of Kimball; Theresa (Duane) Fowler of Marquette Michigan; and Mary Welchert of Vermillion.

She was preceded in death by her parents; five brothers: Tom, Ray, Charlie, Dave, Dan; and two sisters: Virginia Paradeis, and Anna Stratton.

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Agnes Nora Mettler, age 100, of Menno, SD went to be with the Lord on Thursday evening, May 17, 2012.

**Agnes Mettler** 

Funeral Services will be 10:30 a.m. Monday, May 21, 2012 at Zion Reformed Church, Menno with Rev. Travis Grassmid officiating. Burial will be in the Menno City Cemetery.

Visitations will be from 5-8 p.m. Sunday, May 20, 2012 at the Aisenbrey-Opsahl-Kostel Memorial Chapel, Menno, with a Scripture service at 7 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Pallbearers will be Dennis Aisenbrey, Chris Fergen, David Fergen, Ronald Mettler, Steven Mettler and Larry Streyle.

Agnes Mettler was born on a farm near Menno on February 5, 1912, to Daniel and Martha (Bender) Schnabel. She was baptized by Rev. M.C. Buettell and was later confirmed by Rev. Wm. Huenemann on July 3, 1927, at Zion Reformed Church. Agnes was united in marriage to Leo H. Mettler on March 5, 1933, by Rev. Wm. Huenemann. Agnes and Leo farmed north of Menno and had two sons, Alton and Myron. She was a lifetime mem-



Mettler

etable and flower gardens, making braided rugs, embroidering and creating art. She also enjoyed spending time with her grand-

daughter. Agnes is survived by her two sons, Alton (Bertha) Mettler and Myron Mettler of Menno, SD; granddaughter, Joni (Nicholas Johnson) Mettler of Galveston, TX; sister, Nora Aisenbrey of Menno, SD; sister-in-law, Viona Schnabel of Freeman, SD and

several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Leo H. Mettler, brother, Tillman Schnabel and brother-in-law, Edwin Aisenbrey. Yankton Press & Dakotan



www.opsahl-kostelfuneralhome.com

## **Alice Klemme**

SCOTLAND — Funeral services for Alice Klemme, 87, of Scotland will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 22 at the Salem Reformed Church in Menno with Pastor Michael Hecht officiating. Burial will follow in Rosehill Cemetery, Scotland.

Visitation will be held on Monday from 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the Goglin Funeral Home of Scotland.

Alice passed away on Thursday, May 17, 2012 at the Good Samaritan Society of Scotland.

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





# **Matt Yule**

 ${\tt SPRINGFIELD-Funeral\ serv-}$ ices for Matt A. Yule, 19 of Springfield will be 1:00 p.m. Mon-

day, May 21, 2012 at the Emmanuel Reformed Church in Springfield, with Pastor Ken Johnson officiating. Burial will be in the Springfield Cemetery.

Visitation will be 5 to 7 Sunday with the family present, followed by a 7 p.m. prayer service at the church. Črosby-Jaeger Funeral Home

of Springfield is in charge of the arrangements. Matt Addam Yule, son of Jerry and Roylene (Jelsma) Yule, was born September 16, 1992 at Yankton, SD. He died Thursday, May 17, 2012 at St. Benedict Health

Center in Parkston.

Matt lived his short 19 years around the Springfield community. He attended Springfield Elementary School, with his summers filled with swimming and baseball. Matt graduated from Avon High School in May of 2011. He had planned to attend Mitchell Technical Institute in the Fall of 2011 and major in telecommunications.

Matt loved to work. He was always willing to help his family and friends with odd jobs and helping in the community with public gatherings. Matt was an honorary fireman for the Springfield Fire Department.

Matt's favorite pastimes were spring golfing with his brothers and friends, summer stock car races, hunting pheasants and deer in the fall and snowmobiling

in the winter. Thankful and happy to have

shared his life are Jerry and Wanda Yule, Springfield; Roylene and Jerry Kneen, Mitchell; Reed and Will Yule, Springfield; Allen and Sadie Schauer, Rapid City; Ken and LaVonne Yule, Springfield; Roy and Jana Jelsma, Springfield; and numerous uncles, aunts, cousins and friends.

by his great grandparents; and Uncle Paul Hemiller. Yankton Press & Dakotan

Matt was preceded in death

May 19, 2012

## **Lonnie Nowak**

Lonnie R. Nowak, 60, of Yankton died Thursday, May 17, 2012, at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton.

Arrangements are under the

care of Opsahl-Kostel Funeral

Home and Crematory, Yankton.

Private family services will be

## **Harlan Merkwan**

GEDDES — Harlan Merkwan, 88, died at Avera St. Benedict Hospital, Parkston, on May 17, 2012.

Funeral service is 10:30 a.m. Monday at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Geddes with burial following in St. Ann's Catholic Cemetery, Ğeddes. Visitation is 5-7 p.m. Sunday at

St. Ann's Catholic Church, Geddes, with a prayer service at 6:30

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

# **Roy Johnson Sr.**

CROFTON, Neb. — Roy William Johnson Sr., 94, of Crofton, Neb., died Thursday, May 17, 2012, at the Osmond General Hospital, Osmond, Neb.

A Memorial service is at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Wintz Funeral Home, Crofton, with the Rev.

Leonard Kayser officiating. Burial of his ashes will be at the Beaver View Cemetery, rural Crofton.

Visitation will be held on Monday one hour prior to services at the funeral home.

# **Donald Hanson**

ELK POINT - Donald M. Hanson, 82, of Elk Point, died Wednesday, May 16, 2012, at Sanford Vermilion Hospital. Memorial service is at 2 p.m. today (Saturday) at St. Paul Lutheran Church, rural Elk Point, with burial of ashes to follow at the church cemetery with military honors.

Visitation is one hour prior to the service at the church. Kober Funeral Home, Elk Point, is in charge of arrange-



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