

Interstate Information Centers Set To Open

PIERRE — South Dakota's 12 Interstate Information Centers open Thursday, May 24, to welcome and aid guests as they travel through the state.

At the centers, visitors can find literature and posters about businesses, attractions and accommodations throughout the state. Travel counselors are also available to answer travel questions and provide background on South Dakota attractions.

The centers are open seven days a week, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., and are located along Interstates 29 and 90 near Chamberlain, New Effington, Salem, Spearfish, Tilford, Valley Springs, Vermillion, Vivian, Wasta and Wilmot. The South Dakota Department of Transportation maintains kiosks at each center with road and weather information that is accessible 24 hours a day, year-round.

More than 675,000 people stop at the Interstate information centers each year.

"South Dakota Stories" is a series of CDs that covers driving routes, attractions, and historic sites along several routes in South Dakota. The travel CDs can be checked out at any of the 12 information centers. The information centers also offer picnic shelters and pet exercise areas.

The centers in Chamberlain, Vermillion and Valley Springs remain open through October to accommodate out-of-state hunters and increased numbers of travelers during the fall season. All other centers close in mid to late September.

The Interstate Information Center travel counselors are hired by the South Dakota Department of Tourism.

OBITUARIES

Roy Johnson Sr.

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

A Memorial service will be held on Monday, May 21, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. at the Wintz Funeral Home in Crofton with the Rev. Leonard Kayser officiating. Burial of his ashes will be at the Beaver View Cemetery in rural Crofton with military rites by the Crofton American Legion Post 128. The American Legion Riders will also provide their Veteran tribute.

Visitation will be held on



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Monday one hour prior to services at the Wintz Funeral Home in Crofton. Honorary pallbearers will be his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Roy William Johnson was born on April 30, 1918 in Bloomfield, Nebraska to Alfred William and Mary Amanda (Allenson) Johnson. Roy grew up and lived on the same farm all his life. He married Hazel Kammer on June 15, 1945 in Laverne, Minnesota. Roy served in the United States Army Aircorp during WWII. He

was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and the Crofton American Legion Post 128. He served as a former board member of the REA Board for 24 years. He was a 15 year school board member of the New Home District 19 and a Crofton Public School Board member for 10 years. Roy enjoyed traveling and building & flying model airplanes.

Roy W. Johnson Sr. is survived by his five children and their spouses; Billie Leader of Yankton, SD; Candice Thunker of Bloomfield, NE; Roy and Nancy Johnson of Bloomfield, NE; Gordon and Jeanine Johnson of Crofton, NE; Lee and Alice Johnson of Bloomfield; 21 grandchild-

ren; 31 great grandchildren; and 1 great great granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Hazel on May 3, 2008 at the age of 83 years; son-in-law Jim Thunker; grandson Aaron Johnson; and sister Izola Cooper.

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oppose that."

Obama warned of hard days ahead. Still, he said NATO envisions a decade of transformation after 2014, with the United States still contributing money and some residual forces but out of the war itself. The alliance was sealing plans on Sunday and Monday to shift foreign forces off the front lines next year to put Afghan troops up front.

"What this NATO summit reflects is that the world is behind the strategy that we've laid out," Obama said after lengthy talks with Afghan President Hamid Karzai. "Now it's our task to implement it effectively."

The shift to Afghan forces, despite their uneven performance under U.S. and other outside tutelage so far, is in large part a response to plummeting public support for the war in Europe and the United States, contributors of most of international troops now fighting the Taliban-led insurgency.

No other nations have announced plans to follow suit behind France and remove troops early. More such shifts appear likely, however, as each country eyes the clock and its own tight pocketbook. Although the 130,000-member fighting force — dominated by 98,000 U.S. troops — could absorb combat withdrawals by other partners in the Afghan coalition, alliance leaders are struggling to maintain the status quo.

A deal is expected during the summit that would see France bring combat forces out of the sometimes restive province where they are based, but leave training forces or other support in place. That is the model followed by the Netherlands, Canada and probably Australia, which intends to bring most of its 1,550 combat personnel home next year.

In all cases, politicians were heeding political imperatives about a war that has gone on much longer than ever envisioned.

A majority of Americans now say the war is unwinnable or not worth continuing. Only 27 percent of Americans say they back the effort while 66 percent oppose the war, a new low, according to an AP-GfK poll released earlier this month.

Presidential politics shadowed the summit. Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney accused Obama of overseeing looming defense cuts that he said would undermine NATO's

mission, without noting that many Republicans voted for the deal.

"An alliance not undergirded by military strength and U.S. leadership may soon become an alliance in name only," Romney wrote in an op-ed in the Chicago Tribune. "At the same time that President Obama has been weakening our military, he has sent the message — intentionally or not — that the worth of NATO has diminished in America's eyes."

Thousands of demonstrators upset with the war in Afghanistan, climate change and the erosion of union rights marched through downtown Chicago as the leaders met.

Some are calling for the dissolution of the 63-year-old NATO military alliance. Others carried signs that read: "War(equals)Debt" and "NATO, Go Home."

Karzai said his nation is looking forward to the end of war, "so that Afghanistan is no longer a burden on the shoulder of our friends in the international community, on the shoulders of the United States and our other allies."

With all the talk of the war winding down, Allen's comments served as a sobering reminder that the transition to Afghan leadership in the fighting does not drop the curtain on combat for the coalition.

"I don't want to understate the challenge that we have ahead of us," he said. "The Taliban is still a resilient and capable opponent." Even with the Afghans in the lead, "we fully expect that combat is going to continue."

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton met Pakistani President Asif Ali Zardari on Sunday to discuss efforts to reopen major roads used to supply NATO fighting forces in Afghanistan. White House officials said no deal was in place to reopen the supply lines but they cited "positive" signs in the ongoing discussions. "We believe we're moving in the right trajectory," said Deputy National Security Advisor Ben Rhodes.

Pakistan closed the roads nearly six months ago in protest of an errant NATO air strike that killed Pakistani soldiers. The two nations are now haggling over the price the alliance will pay, with Pakistan demanding many times more per truck than they were paid a year ago, U.S. officials said.

William Carda

LAKE ANDES — Memorial Mass for William D. Carda, Jr. 76 of Lake Andes will be held 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 23, 2012 at St. Mark's Catholic Church in Lake Andes, with inurnment at the parish cemetery.

Visitation will be 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the church, with the family present. There will be a 7 p.m. Rosary service, followed by a Wake service.

William Dean Carda, Jr., son of William and Nellie (Nelson) Carda, Sr., was born February 1, 1936 on a farm near Lake Andes, SD. He died Friday, May 18, 2012 at the Wagner Community Memorial Hospital. Bill attained the age of 76 years, three months and 18 days.

Bill attended country school through the eighth grade and graduated from Lake Andes High School. He received his Bachelor's degree in 1958 from Southern State Teachers' College and his Master's degree in Math and Science in 1962 from the University of South Dakota. He did additional graduate work in the field of educational administration at the University of South Dakota and SDSU.

Bill's first love was teaching. He taught at Hoven for one year and then Miller for two years. In 1962, he and his family moved to Lake Andes, where he taught math and served as principal. Bill became the superintendent of Andes Central in 1967, retiring from this position in 1991. He continued to teach math there for 10 years and one year at Marty. Bill also taught math classes at the Tribal college in Marty for several years.

Bill married Mary E. Morgen on August 6, 1958 at St. John's Catholic Church in Wagner. Four children were blessed to their union.

Bill was an active member of St. Mark's Catholic Church where he served as president of the financial council and cemetery board; the Knights of Columbus, where he held every office; the Lake Andes City Council; the Lakers; and the SD Retired Superintendents Association.

Bill will be remembered for his love of his children and grandchildren and attending their various school activities. In his younger years, he loved to play baseball and then became an avid golfer, but his favorite sport was track. In the past 40



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years, he rarely missed a State Track Meet. Bill and Mary enjoyed dancing and golfing and later in life took up gardening. Bill doing the vegetables and Mary the flowers. Bill took great pride in being the caretaker of St. Mark's Cemetery.

Thankful for having shared his life are his wife, Mary of Lake Andes; his children; Natalie (Tom) Kellner, Las Cruces, NM, Jonathan (Paige), Sioux Falls, Susan (Clifford) Johnson, Lake Andes, and Michael (Gina) of Bennington, NE; 15 grandchildren: Angela, Timothy, Jeffrey and Theresa Kellner; Nathan, Keegan, William and Isabel Carda; Brienne and Cliffey Johnson; David Gregerson; and Brayden, Nolan, Corbin and Leighton Carda; one great granddaughter, Mallory Moralas; one brother, Terry (Joyce), Yankton; three sisters: Shirley (Leo) Dvorak and Shari (Gary) Boetel, all of Lake Andes, and Bridget (Arden) Hanson, Elk Point; and many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Corrine Tronvold; and a brother Duane and his wife Mary Rae.

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Avon, where Kenny worked in law enforcement for many years. He died October 1, 1998. Due to failing health, Sylvia entered the Good Samaritan Society in Tyndall in March of 2011.

Sylvia was a member of the First Baptist Church and a 50 years member of the American Legion Auxiliary, where she served as president for many years.

Sylvia will be remembered for her enjoyment of doing jigsaw puzzles.

Thankful for having shared her life are her children: Kevin Lee of Forest River, ND and Kathy Lynn (Richard) Leyden of Yankton; two grandsons: Matthew and Kelly; and two sisters: Pearl Hepler of the GSS in Tyndall and Alice Biesma of Avon.

Sylvia was preceded in death by her husband; infant daughter, Kimberly Kay; parents; a brother Paul who died in infancy; and two sisters: Golda Sell and Edith Jensen.

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John Wells

John Maurice Wells, age 72, passed away May 18, 2012, at his home near Hot Springs, SD.

John was born October 14, 1939, in Dayton OH, to Maurice Joseph and Leona Grace (Zinck) Wells. He received his BS degree from the University of Dayton, Dayton, OH in 1961, his MS, PhD from the University of California, Berkeley in 1969 and his MD in 1984 from the University of California San Francisco Medical Center. He worked in private practice in Yankton, SD from 1984 until 2004, and became Chief Radiologist at the VA Hospital in Hot Springs, SD, in 2005. He was a member of the American Medical Association; the American College of Radiology; American Mathematical Association; American Chemical Society; Sierra Club, Humane Society; Defenders of the Wilderness and the ASPCA.

John married Irene Hoh Swee Har in 1997. He was previously married to Marcella Ann Sakalas of Yankton, SD. He had an unending thirst for knowledge and loved all the sciences; he strived to understand in graphic detail how all things worked. John's hobbies included scuba diving, mycology; mushroom hunting, woodworking, and support for rescued pets. He had a recent intense interest in the Hadron Collider project in Europe.



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Sylvia Mudder

AVON — Funeral services for Sylvia M. Mudder, 85 of Avon will be 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 22, 2012 at the First Baptist Church in Avon, with burial in the Trinity Presbyterian Cemetery, rural Avon.

Visitation will be Monday from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home in Avon.

Sylvia Mae Mudder, daughter of Charles J. and Ida (Voigt) Bochman, was born July 24, 1926 at Tyndall, SD. She died Saturday, May 19, 2012 at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton. Sylvia attained the age of 85 years, nine months and 26 days.

Sylvia attended Fairview Country School through the eighth grade and graduated from Avon High School in 1944. In her younger years, she worked at Pudwill's Cafe and Weidenbach Grocery Store. After graduation, she went to work for S.B. Gelfand's Grocery Store. Sylvia later worked at C.R. Industries in Springfield for 20 years and then retired.

Sylvia married Kenneth Mudder on November 13, 1947 at the First Baptist Church in Avon. Three children were born to their union. They made their home in

Survivors include his wife, Irene; son, Matthew Wells of Houston, TX; step-son, Aelius Cercle of Bellevue, WA; brother, Frederick J. (Martha) Wells of Houston, TX; step-brother, James (Nell) Orndorf of Ohio and step-sister, Elizabeth (Lee) Buchanan of Franklin, OH.

Wake services will be held 6:00 p.m. Friday, May 25, 2012, at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Hot Springs.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held 10:00 a.m. Saturday, May 26, 2012, at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Hot Springs with Fr. Peter Kovarik officiating.

Memorial donations may be made to The University of Texas MD Anderson Melanoma Cancer Center, 1515 Holcombe Blvd., Houston, TX 77030.

Arrangements have been placed in the care of McColley's Chapel of the Hills in Hot Springs. Written condolences may be made at www.mccolleyschapels.com.

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Russell Johnson

VERMILLION — Russell Johnson, 79, of Vermillion died Saturday, May 19, 2012, at Craig General Hospital, Vinita, Okla.

Funeral arrangements are pending with Kober Funeral Home, Vermillion.

Marvin Nohr

CROFTON, Neb. — Marvin G. Nohr, 84, of Crofton, Neb., died, Saturday, May 19, 2012, at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton.

Mass of Christian burial is at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at St. Boniface Catholic Church, Menominee, Neb., with the Rev. David Fulton officiating. Burial will be in the Aten Cemetery, Aten, Neb., at approximately 1:15 p.m. Tuesday afternoon.

Visitations begin at 5 p.m. today (Monday) at St. Boniface Catholic Church, Menominee, with a Scripture service at 7 p.m. by Rev. Tim Lange. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, is in charge of arrangements.

Melba Kremer

CROFTON, Neb. — Melba Kremer, 76, of Crofton, Neb., died Sunday, May 20, 2012 at the Golden Living Center, Hartington, Neb.

Her services are pending at Wintz Funeral Home, Crofton.

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Tuesday, May 22

7:40 am EMS Week (Troy Cowman)
8:15 am Hy-Vee Dietician (Rachel Pinos)