

Dog Owners Reminded To Pick Up Waste

The Yankton Parks Advisory Board would like to take time this spring to remind Yankton dog owners to be responsible and obey the local ordinance for dog waste.

The ordinance states, "The person in control of any dog shall be required to remove and properly dispose of any fecal material deposited by said animal on public property or property other than the property of the dog's owner." This would include fenced-in ball fields in the community's parks system that some citizens use as private off-leash dog parks.

Each dog's owner/handler is responsible for picking up and disposing of their dog's waste. This will help keep the park environment and other people's property clean so that dogs, children and adults are happy and healthy. Pet waste left behind can transmit harmful diseases to other pets and children.

Dog feces is one of the most common carriers of the following diseases: Heartworms, Whipworms, Hookworms, Roundworms, Tapeworms, Parvo, Corona, Giardiasis, Salmonellosis, Cryptosporidiosis and Campylobacteriosis.

The Parks Advisory Board believes dog owners should pick up their dog's waste because:

- It's a common courtesy. Only irresponsible dog owners leave their dog's waste for others to look at, step in or clean up. In addition to creating a foul odor, leaving your dog's waste encourages other dogs to mark that spot.

- Dog waste is unhealthy to the animals, children and adults who come into contact with it. Removing dog feces prevents infestation of your dog from exposure to infective worm eggs and larvae. Dog feces can transmit diseases from your dog to young children and adults who play or work in their yard/dirt when the dog feces is present. Ocular larva migrans — an eye disease caused by parasitic worms found in dog droppings can cause serious eye damage to young children.

- Dog waste biodegrades slowly.
- Dog waste being left behind makes ALL dog owners look bad. Not picking up after your dog tops the list of complaints about dogs.

- Your actions set example for others. Teach children how to properly clean up after a pet.

- Are you a good neighbor dog owner? Dog feces and urine can result in lawn burn or dead patches. When it's your dog on your neighbor's lawn, it causes a great deal of hostility — toward you, and your dog.

This Week Is Emergency Medical Services Week

PIERRE — South Dakota is recognizing men and women involved in emergency medical services as a vital part of public safety during Emergency Medical Services Week, May 19-25.

"The emergency medical services system consists of emergency physicians, emergency nurses, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, firefighters, educators, administrators," Gov. Dennis Daugaard said in an official proclamation. "The access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury."

The week is set aside to honor the people on the front lines of medicine, says Marilyn Rutz, director of Emergency Medical Services in the State Department of Public Safety.

"These people do the job because they have a commitment to their communities and to the people who live there," Rutz said. "It takes immense sacrifice and dedication, both from the responders and the family members who support them."

Nearly 80 percent of South Dakota's emergency medical technicians are volunteers. They volunteer many hours to train, to keep certification and skills up to date and to provide the vital emergency services to their communities, Rutz said.

For more information about the South Dakota Emergency Medical Services, visit http://dps.sd.gov/emergency_services/emergency_medical_services/.

Sertoma Club Honors Local Dance Teacher

The local Yankton Sertoma Club held its annual banquet on Saturday, May 4, 2013. The 2012-2013 Service to Mankind Award, which is the local club's highest honor for a community member, was presented to Judi O'Connell.

Fondly referred to as "Miss Judi," Judi O'Connell has brought the joy of dance to many in the Yankton area. Teaching children of all ages, from 3 to 86. She has been a mom, teacher and confident and friend to all. Her contributions over the years to not only dance but also all forms of art in Yankton is outstanding.

Many of her students attribute Judi to helping them to become the adults they are today by shaping their childhoods and instilling in them discipline and self confidence. She taught generations of students manners, positive body awareness, theatre etiquette and personal communication skills.

Judi has taught dance, tumble and choreography for 40-plus years. Judi opened her dance studio in her basement in 1973, at a time when not many women owned their own businesses. Her basement studio started with 20 students and grew to a downtown business with more than 400 students. Judi didn't think of



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herself as a forerunner in business, but she was then and is now.

Judi mentored, encouraged and taught many dancers how to teach dance. In terms of education, she has been the supervising teacher for many dance student teachers. Many of her students went on to teach dance or become education professionals.

Judi was there for her students through difficult times, sometimes providing the outlet they needed when situations at home were not ideal or parents

were going through a divorce.

Judi wanted all of her students to exceed and excel, even if they didn't have the financial support to pay for dance classes. She allowed more than one student to clean the dance studio in exchange for dance lessons or to help pay for dance costumes.

Judi had a great support system at home. Her husband Barry got used to fixing dinner, doing laundry and cleaning the house while Judi spent evenings teaching dance lessons. Barry also got used to the many dance road trips Judi would take her stu-

dents on.

Dancing was definitely a family affair as Barry even helped teach classes. Judi and Barry would give ballroom dancing lessons to young couples before their weddings, to help them perfect their first dance. Daughter Kristi also helped teach classes to Judi's students.

There were times when Judi would need to put her personal life on hold to help a student.

Judi found plenty of "stages" for her students to perform on. Her students have performed at every single nursing or assisted living home in the Yankton area, same goes for Senior Centers and hospitals. Her students have also performed at every community celebrations from the Crazy Days at the Yankton Mall and downtown to every single Riverboat Days.

Judi has persevered and made a huge difference in the lives of the young people who have danced through her life. She has been a positive force in the Yankton community for 40 years and she has lived her life as our local Sertoma Grace states, "to conduct this day and our lives in such a way as to make our city a better and more meaningful place to live."



LAST PACK OF THE YEAR

The final 2012/2013 school year Sack Pack was completed by: Stewart Elementary Student Council members as well as the RSVP and ABS weekly volunteers. Included in the pack was a jar of peanut butter, thanks to the generous outpouring of the community for the Sack Pack peanut butter drive. Pictured (front row left to right): Jaidyn Wishon, Kloe Gall, Jenna Diede, Tristan Redman, Taryn Bailey, Lois Reade, Bernadette Myer; (back row left to right): Gary Bartunek, Jerome Klimisch, Matthew Mors, Wil Pease, Weston Schwartz and Genevieve Lichter. (Submitted Photo)

OBITUARIES

Angeline Balvin

Mass of Christian Burial for Angeline "Angie" Balvin, 94, of Tyndall will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, May 24 at St. Leo Catholic Church in Tyndall with Fr. Joe Forcelle and Fr. Charles Cimpr concelebrating. Interment will follow in St. Leo Catholic Cemetery, Tyndall.

Visitation will be held on Thursday from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Goglin Funeral Home in Tyndall. There will be a scriptural wake service on Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. at the church.

Angie passed away on Satur-

day, May 18, 2013 at St. Michael's Hospital Avera in Tyndall.

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

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Joseph Rauscher

Joseph Mark Rauscher, 11, of Yankton died Saturday, May 18, 2013 at his residence.

Funeral services are at 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 22, at Riverview Reformed Church, Yankton, with the Rev. Rod Veldhuizen officiating. Burial will be in the Yankton Cemetery.

Visitations begin at 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 21, at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, with a Scripture service at 7 p.m. Visitations will

resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Cleo Johnson

Cleo M. Johnson, 90, of Bloomfield, Neb., died Sunday, May 19, 2013, at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton.

Funeral services are pending at the Wintz Funeral Home, Crofton, Neb.

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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:

Marvin Killian
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More Options Available For Online Study At State Schools

BROOKINGS — Students seeking degrees in fields ranging from human sciences to business now have new options at two South Dakota public universities to complete their studies entirely by distance delivery.

The South Dakota Board of Regents approved requests from the University of South Dakota and South Dakota State University to deliver four existing degree programs online, with no new state resources or student fees required. All of these programs are designed especially for adult learners who seek the flexibility to pursue new careers or advanced study without relocat-

ing or commuting to a residential campus.

The approvals apply to the following programs and are effective this fall:

- Bachelor of business administration degree in management at USD.

- Designed to provide a broad-based understanding of business disciplines, students may select emphasis areas to meet their individual needs, such as accounting, economics, finance, marketing, and e-commerce.

- Master of arts degree in kinesiology and sport science at USD.

This graduate program will be offered online, with select

courses delivered at off-campus university centers in Sioux Falls and Rapid City. The program is aimed at individuals working as coaches or athletic directors, and in intercollegiate athletics, professional sport, sport facility management, and non-profit sport organizations.

- Master of science degree in human sciences at SDSU.

The field of human sciences encompasses a broad range of potential careers, with a focus on people-oriented professions. The degree program offers specializations in family and community services, adult development in the workplace, family and con-

sumer sciences education, family financial planning, and merchandising.

Approval for distance delivery of the following program is effective with the summer 2013 term:

- Master of arts degree in interdisciplinary studies at USD.

This graduate program will be offered online, with select courses offered in Sioux City, Iowa, and at off-campus university centers in Sioux Falls, Rapid City, and Pierre. Graduates of this program are prepared for a wide variety of careers in higher education, business and industry, and healthcare or to pursue continued graduate study in Ph.D. or professional programs.

Memorial Day Open House

Monday, May 27th ~ 8:30-11:30am

Memorial Service
10:00am

- **Military Honors**
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