

Cribbage Club Forming In Yankton, First Meeting Is Slated June 4

There will be a meeting to form a Yankton Cribbage Club at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 4, at the VFW, 209 Cedar in Yankton. Any interested cribbage players, 18 or older, are invited to attend. The plan is to form a year-round monthly cribbage club in Yankton conforming to the rules of the American Cribbage Congress (ACC). Former ACC President Scott Kooistra will be the club director. For more information, contact Kooistra at 605-661-7081 or scott@kynt1450.com.

OBITUARIES

Margaret Bates

Margaret D. Bates, of Yankton, died early May 24, 2013 at the age of 98 years.

Burial of cremated remains will take place at a later date in Canistota, SD. A private family service will be held at that time. Margaret was born on October 27, 1914 to Dave and Katie Dreyer. She was the seventh of ten children. Margaret grew up in the Montrose area. As a child she worked on the family farm and had many memories of working cattle in the morning before school would start. She attended country school through 8th grade and High School in Montrose.

Margaret was a wise woman who was self taught in the investment business. She enjoyed time with her clients advising them of money matters. She carried this into her later years by giving financial advice to her friends, family and neighbors. She loved to talk about smart investments to anyone who would listen.

Margaret made her home in Sioux Falls where she married Richard Bates. She lived in Sioux Falls until moving to Yankton in 1995. She enjoyed her neighborhood friends at Greenview Town homes. She was always ready to invite them in for tea and conversation. She loved to sit in her sunroom and watch the cars driving by on the highway or watch birds that she would feed out her back door. She stayed active by doing word puzzles, walking around her neighborhood, making sugar cookies, giving a good foot rub and visiting her friends and family for tea and conversation. Margaret loved to spend time teaching her great-grand-



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children. She was a member of the Federated Woman's Club, attended many of her grandchildren's activities, and was an active member of the Christian Science Church where she read almost weekly.

In December 2009, Margaret moved into Avera Majestic Bluffs Assisted Living where she made new friends and bragged about the best food she had ever been served day after day. She always spoke of how well she was treated and that she didn't have to worry about anything there. In April 2013, Margaret moved to Avera Sister James Care Center where she passed away.

Her memory will be cherished by her daughter, Margo Mehrman, of Yankton, granddaughter Jennifer (Chad) Kapla of Yankton, grandson Mason (Theresa) Mehrman, Harrisburg, Great-grandchildren Jace, Eli and Sydney Kapla and Jacoby, Sadie and Quincy Mehrman and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her nine siblings and parents, her husband in 1992, and her son-in-law, Fred Mehrman in 2007.

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

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City Warns Against Vandalism

When pranks and "destructive fun" go over the line, it's not fun — it's a crime. Broken glass, graffiti, theft, arson, willful damage, and on-site substance abuse are all types of problems the City of Yankton Parks Department would like citizens' help in stopping.

These and other acts of vandalism are deliberate assaults on private and public property in Yankton. They cost hundreds or thousands of dollars to repair and they degrade our efforts to provide high quality parks and facilities.

Parks, trails, cemetery, community buildings and other shared public places are the biggest targets of vandalism. Local neighbors and park/trail users are asked to contact the police department when vandalism is taking place so the criminals can be apprehended. Citizens' help is needed to stop vandalism in public places in the community.

If you think vandalism isn't your problem, think again. Here are a few reasons why vandalism hurts everyone.

- Vandalism destroys what your tax dollars have created. Each year vandals destroy thousands of dollars' worth of park facilities and equipment funded by tax dollars. A few minutes of destructive "fun" can add up to huge losses for our City's parks.

- Vandalism takes dollars away from recreational programs and facilities. Replacing destroyed trees, benches, picnic tables, removing or painting over graffiti, all involve department labor and material costs. The money that could be spent on new amenities and programs is spent on repairing vandalized items.

- Vandalism is not cool. Damaging public property through vandalism is both cowardly and not cool. Individuals who tag or use

spray paint for artistic expression on public property are breaking the law and are no "cooler" than the person who breaks a window, destroys a young tree, or pulls down a basketball hoop on purpose. Please use peer pressure to encourage people to not vandalize public property.

Help stop vandalism. Always call 9-1-1 to report any crime in progress, including vandalism. If you have information about a crime that has occurred in a park, but that does not require an immediate police response, call 605-668-5210.

Finally, if you want to remain anonymous, you may want to call Yankton Crime Stoppers at (605) 665-4440. Each caller is assigned a code number and not asked for their name for the purpose of insuring anonymity.

Kayak

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Dahlmeier said his favorite place to paddle is the Yankton-Ponca stretch of the Missouri River and added that he enjoys it because the river is always changing each time he is out on it.

He said planning for this year's event went well.

"Some of the racers have come from as far away as Rhode Island and Georgia," Dahlmeier said Friday. "Water levels are a bit low this year, which will make for a new challenge looking out for sandbars and navigating the channel. But we know participants will be eager for the challenge."

He added that some people in the race are doing it to challenge themselves, and not necessarily the other racers.

"If they do the challenge in their first year, they could look back next year and try to beat the time they had set," Dahlmeier said.

Dahlmeier and Bies placed volunteers all along the river — including in Yankton, Myron Grove, Bolton and Sioux City — to monitor riders and safety.

The race began at 7 a.m. Saturday with a gunshot start. Riders were placed into one of two categories: the competitive class, for riders with more experience; and the adventure class for less expe-

rience paddlers.

"The competitive class is fun to watch. The kayakers in that group are serious and in it to race," Dahlmeier said. "The adventure class has a number of people, some are more competitive and others are there just to paddle and enjoy the river."

The average time it takes riders to complete the course is typically around 15-18 hours. Last year, the first place finisher took just about eight hours to complete the 72-mile course.

"This is a challenging course," Dahlmeier said. "The upper stretches of it are part of the national park. Some of it is does not have a channel, is wild and changes depending on the flows out of Gavins Point. Each year the main channel may move to another part of the river, so kayakers need to use their best judgment to navigate where the channel is in the river."

Kayaker Ben Busser, from Brookings, said Friday night he didn't plan to get too competitive during the race, but was looking forward to it.

"This is something new for me to do," he said. "I've been kayaking for about two years and came here with a group of four people. We haven't kayaked at all this spring so this will be interesting."

Dahlmeier said he appreciates the support from local communities, include the Yankton and Vermillion Chambers, city councils and parks departments in the area.

"It would be hard to move the race from Yankton because of the

great support we have around here," he said. "We plan on continuing this every year as long as we can. We don't want it to grow too big that we can't handle the race anymore. We need to be respectful of the resources we have and make sure the checkpoints don't ever get too big."

The results of the 2013 Kayak Challenge are as follows:

- Women's Tandem/Competitive — Carol Heffinghaus, Rolla, Mo./Joan Twillman, St. Charles, Mo.: 11 hrs, 59 min.

- Men's Tandem/Competitive — David Lackey, Ashland, Mo./Matt Green, Jefferson City, Mo.: 8 hrs, 51 min.

- Women's Solo/Competitive — Nancy Smidt, Sturgis: 12 hrs., 24 min.

- Men's Solo/Competitive — Calvin Hassel, Grand Island, Neb.: 8 hrs, 58 min.

- Women's Solo/Adventure — Katherine Albers, Sioux Falls: 14 hr., 28 min.

- Men's Solo/Adventure — Chad Cadwell, DeKalb, Ill.: 9 hrs., 51 min.

- Mixed Tandem/Adventure — David Deslauriers, Brookings/Erinn Ipsen, Brookings: 16 hrs., 10 min.

- Men's Tandem/Adventure — Justin Herreman, Rapid City/Steve Jones, Rapid City: 11 hrs., 37 min.

- Women's Tandem/Adventure — Jennifer Brown, Vermillion/Danielle Quist, Vermillion, 15 hrs., 45 min.

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Rain

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Lincoln County Highway 135 was closed south of Newton Hills State Park after the road washed out overnight.

Harold Timmerman, the county's emergency manager, told KELO television Monday that other township roads may also be covered in water. He urged drivers to use extreme caution.

Timmerman said workers were also putting sandbags at the west entrance of Liberty Elementary School in Harrisburg on Monday morning to stop floodwater from pouring into the building. The school has water in the gym and hallways.

But Timmerman said most water levels were dropping in the communities of Harrisburg, Tea, and Canton.

Gillispie said more thunderstorms are expected late Monday, but rainfall totals should be less than in previous nights.

Dean Luikens

Funeral services for Dean C. Luikens, 62, of Scotland will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, June 3 at St. George Catholic Church in Scotland with Fr. Mathew Vazhappilly officiating. Interment will take place on Monday, June 3 at 4 p.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Waverly, South Dakota.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, June 2 from 3-5 p.m. at the Goglin Funeral Home in Scotland. There will be a 7 p.m. prayer service on Sunday, June 2 at St. George Catholic Church in Scotland.

Dean died on Wednesday, May 22, 2013 at Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls.

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

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Lois Vogel

Funeral services for Lois M. Vogel, 96, of Tyndall will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 29 at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Springfield with Rev. Ken Johnson officiating. Interment will take place on Wednesday at 1 p.m. at Gracehill Cemetery in Tripp.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday from 3-5 p.m. at the Goglin Funeral Home in Tyndall. Lois died on Friday, May 24, 2013 at the Good Samaritan So-

ciety of Tyndall. Online condolences may be sent at www.goglinfh.com.

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Veronica (Dwyer) Fredrickson

Veronica (Dwyer) Fredrickson died May 25, 2013, at Sanford

Medical Center in Vermillion at the age of 95 years, 6 months.

Arrangements are pending with the Hansen Funeral Home, Vermillion.

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mediately but he chose to stay abroad and continue to serve."

Hunhoff also told the story of Sig Anderson, who was a war hero in the Navy and would go on to serve as governor of South Dakota from 1951-1955.

But, the District 18 lawmaker said his most memorable story of a soldier in South Dakota was about a Native American who served abroad.

Eagle Elk, who would be re-named Clarence Wolf Guts by his father, grew up speaking the Lakota language.

"He would join the Army in high school and became a code talker while serving (during World War II)," Hunhoff said. "He would translate language into the Lakota language and the Japanese were never able to crack the code of the language. He survived the war and said that the one thing he was most proud of was being able to defend the freedom of our country."

Hunhoff added that every day Wolf Guts would pray he could come home to South Dakota after the war ended.

Hunhoff also told the story of Don Smith, who grew up in Belle

Fourche and was a football star at South Dakota State University.

"Smith was a pilot when he served and decided, in order to complete a mission, they needed to strip the plane down of extras in order to add additional gas tanks," he said. "After he dropped bombs in Japan, his plane landed in the water near China. He had to paddle all the way onto the Chinese mainland."

Hunhoff added that when Smith arrived in China, he was cheered by the Chinese. He also ended up on the cover of Life Magazine for his heroism serving.

"Smith returned to South Dakota in April 1942, and his wife had a baby," he said. "He went back to war in November of that year and his plane ended up crashing, and he passed away as a result of the accident."

Hunhoff said that the stories he told are why it's important that people gather on Memorial Day to remember fallen veterans.

"We need to remember those who paid the ultimate sacrifice to give us our freedom," he said. "This is something we can be proud of."

The event also featured music by Haylee Heinemeyer, Mary Schmidt and Rachel Wood. Post Commander Rich Wright acted as the Master of Ceremonies.

"These ceremonies are very important," Hunhoff said. "Soldiers should be remembered for their sacrifices and their stories tell us more about who we are."

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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:

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- Thelma Lunt**
who passed away on
May 28, 2012
- Clayton D. Oien**
who passed away on
May 28, 2012
- Beatrice 'Bea' Johnson**
who passed away on
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- Wilfred 'Willie' J. Schieffer**
who passed away on
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