

## Museum Brown Bag Honors Photogs.

The Dakota Territorial Museum will be hosting their monthly Brown Bag Lunch from noon-1 p.m. on Friday, May 2, in the museum conference room (across the street from Avera Sacred Heart Hospital).

This month, the museum will have an open house for their new exhibit honoring the early photographers of the Dakota Territory. "Photography Dakota" will give visitors a chance to learn a little about these recorders of history and life on the prairie. Bernie Hunhoff will be the featured speaker and will discuss South Dakota Magazine's newest book, "South Dakota 125 Years, A Pictorial History." Refreshments will be served.

The museum's monthly Brown Bag lunches are the first Friday of each month and are open to the public. There is no charge, but a free will donation is accepted.

## MMC Set To Host Color Run

The Mount Marty College Student Government Association is sponsoring a 5K "Running in Color" to be held at 11 a.m. May 4. It is open to MMC faculty and students, as well as the public.

The "Running in Color" race will be a 5K Run/Walk along the Mount Marty College campus. Runners and walkers will get "hit" with five different colors of paint during the event making it an interactive experience for everyone. Participants are invited to join in fellowship after the race for a meal in the Cyber Café patio.

"Running in Color" isn't about race times or who finishes first; it focuses on fun, community, and enjoying some exercise outdoors. The proceeds from the race will go to purchase new play equipment for the Mount Marty College daycare center.

Registration forms can be found at [www.mtmc.edu/runningincolor](http://www.mtmc.edu/runningincolor). Not a runner or walker? Volunteers are always needed. Questions or information can be directed to MMC Student Government at [sga@mtmc.edu](mailto:sga@mtmc.edu).

# River

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Dutch oven cooking, disc golf and kayaking. There will be hands-on opportunities. For example, you can try your hand at archery," he said. "We'll also have things like the rocket launch zone. And you can watch the Pinewood Derby at 11 a.m., near the amphitheater."

In addition, the Heartland Humane Society will offer its "Meet And Greet" with pets starting at 10 a.m. The day also features re-enactor John Timm portraying Dakota Territory Gov. Arthur Mellette.

The weekend kicks off Friday with the sixth annual educational festival. This year's registration finds 285 students from Yankton Middle School, Sacred Heart School of Yankton, Elkhorn Valley, Laurel-Concord, Lynch Public School, Andes Central, Scotland and Gayville-Volin.

This year's festival features 24 stations with a variety of topics, said Mary Robb with the City of Yankton. "We have a mix of history, science

and culture, with time for question-and-answer at each station," she said.

The festival offers experiences that can't be duplicated in the classroom, Robb said.

"The kids get to see real life instead of just learning about it from a textbook," she said. "And if the students are interested in going to college for these careers, it could pique their interest along those lines."

The National Park Service's mobile ranger station will be on hand both Friday and Saturday, offering another attraction, Smith said. The vehicle shares the history, culture and scientific facts about the Missouri River.

The 11th annual river clean-up returns on Saturday, with registration beginning at 8 a.m. at the Riverside Park boat ramp, Smith said. A safety talk begins at 8:15 a.m. "We'll hit the water by 8:30 a.m. We'll go from Gavins Point Dam to two miles east of Rush Island," Smith said. "We'll have nine boats provided by state and federal agencies or private parties. If people aren't comfortable on boats, they can work the

shoreline at Riverside Park or across the (Meridian) bridge on the Nebraska side."

Besides volunteers, the effort receives assistance from Yankton Minimum Unit inmates who stay on the dock and unload trash.

The clean-up continues to make a difference even after a decade of collecting trash and debris, Smith said. "We've collected more than 100 tons of trash that's never going back into the river. It's really made an impact on keeping the river beautiful," he said.

This weekend's events provide a springboard into the Clean Boat Event May 3-10, said Paul Lepisto with the Izaak Walton League of America.

The event sends teams to seven boat ramps above and below Gavins Point Dam, Lepisto said. The brief outreach reminds boaters and anglers about the importance of clean boats in fighting invasive species.

"I think, if the weather allows us to do it, it's going to impact the same amount of boaters in that time period as when we did it over multiple weekends," he said.

In the past, the Clean Boat

Event suffered setbacks by sticking to weekends, Lepisto said. Some weekends had terrible weather, and the boating season was well under way toward the end of the multi-weekend campaign.

"The invasive species are literally at the face of Gavins Point Dam," he said. "They haven't gotten into Lewis and Clark Lake yet. We have kept them out of the reservoir, but they have gotten into the (downstream) James River."

Stopping the spread of invasive species remains critical, Lepisto said. Interested volunteers can contact him at (605) 220-1219.

"The old adage that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure is really true with invasive species," he said. "It's virtually impossible to eradicate them once they are introduced into a new body of water."

Smith believes the festival activities will only grow in coming years. "Our communities have strong ties to the river, and these events really showcase our environment and how unique it is," he said.

You can follow Randy Dockendorf on Twitter at [twitter.com/RDockendorf](https://twitter.com/RDockendorf). Discuss this story at [www.yankton.net](http://www.yankton.net).

## OBITUARIES

### Ronald Nyberg

Ronald G. Nyberg, age 78, of Yankton South Dakota, went home to his Lord on Monday, April 28, 2014.

Funeral services are 2:00 p.m. on Friday, May 2, 2014 at Calvary Baptist Church in Yankton with Pastor Rick Slatery and Pastor Tony Gulbrandsen officiating. Burial will be at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 3 at the Swede Plain Cemetery in rural Polk, Nebraska with military honors by the Lemuel-Wilcox Post No. 160.

Visitation is from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 1, at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton with a prayer service at 7:00 p.m. Visitation resumes one hour prior to the funeral at the church.

Pallbearers are Jonathan Lutes, Tyler Nyberg, Michael Gulbrandsen, Tucker Nyberg, Timothy Gosselin, Stacy Nyberg, and Tracy Nyberg. Honorary pallbearers are Kathryn



Nyberg

Lutes, Shannon Gulbrandsen, Amanda Gosselin, Tasha Nyberg, and Trina Gulbrandsen.

Ron and his twin brother, Don, were born October 29, 1935 in Polk, Nebraska to Walter and Rose (Lind) Nyberg. He graduated from Polk High School in 1953 and then attended Norfolk Junior College. Ron was very active in sports in both high school and college. On December 18, 1955, he married Marilyn Sanders in Silver Creek, NE. Ron then served in the United States Army from 1955 to 1957 and then in the Army Reserves for 4 years. He worked for Firestone Tire Company for 35 years. In 1969, Ron was promoted to Retail Sales Manager and supervised 10 company stores in Nebraska, Iowa and South Dakota. In

1971, he moved to Yankton and became an owner/manager of the Firestone Store in Yankton. Over the years, Ron received many awards and trips in recognition of his outstanding accomplishments.

Ron loved the Lord and was an active member at Calvary Baptist Church where he served in many different capacities. He was a Sunday School Teacher and Superintendent, Boys Brigade Instructor, Choir Member, Soloist, Adult Bible Study Leader and Pulpit Committee Member. Ron also served on the Board of Deacons, Church Board, Trustee Board and helped in the construction of the new church. Ron was active in many community activities as well, including the Jaycees in Nebraska, the Yankton Sertoma Club where he received the Sertoma Centurion Award. Ron was a member of the Yankton Community Forum. He assisted in the Yankton Centennial activities and the construction of

the Yankton baseball and softball complex where he also served as an umpire. Ron was active with the Boy Scouts for many years and received multiple awards for his work in scouting, including the Silver Beaver in 1993. Ron enjoyed singing and music was a big part of his family. He enjoyed hunting and fishing and loved the camaraderie of his good friends and coffee groups.

Ron is survived by his wife, Marilyn of 58 years; four children: Ken (Elita) Nyberg of Bridgewater, SD, Lori Nyberg Lutes of Lawrence, KS, Marci (Tony) Gulbrandsen of Racine, WI and Kirk (Melissa) Nyberg of Baldwin City, KS; eight grandchildren: Jonathan Lutes, Kathryn Lutes, Shannon Gulbrandsen, Amanda (Timothy) Gosselin, Michael (Trina) Gulbrandsen, and Tyler, Tucker and Tasha Nyberg; two sisters, Virginia Samuelson of Polk, NE and Shirley Shackle of Paola, KS, four sisters-in-law, Julie

Nyberg of Loves Park, IL, Jane Nyberg of Polk, NE, Marilyn Nyberg of Central City, NE, and Norma Sanders of Holdrege, NE; brother-in-law, William Sanders of Lincoln, NE and many nieces and nephews.

Ron was preceded in death by his parents; beloved daughter, Sheri Williams and son-in-law, Michael Williams; four sisters: Elaine Ascanio, Margaret McCutcheon, Doris Smith and Rose Marie Stranberg; and four brothers: Duane, John, Dale and Don Nyberg.

To send an online message to the family, please visit [www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com).

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## Student Directed One-Acts Slated For MMC

Three one-act plays will be presented as final projects for the Spring Play Directing course at Mount Marty College's Yankton campus. The evening of short plays will be presented in the Bistro Second Stage, located in Bede Hall Room 127 tonight (Thursday) at 9 p.m. and Friday, May 2 at 7 p.m.

The plays are "The Game" by Louise Bryant, Jonathan Rand's "Check Please," and "One for the Road" by Harold Pinter. (The latter is rated PG-13.)

The plays are open to the public free of charge.

## All-School Visual Arts Exhibit Set

The 19th annual All-School Visual Arts Exhibit is this Friday, May 2, from 11 a.m.-8 p.m. and Saturday, May 3, from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Yankton Middle School Old Gym.

Sponsored by Yankton School District 63-3, Yankton Area Arts and PTAs, the exhibit showcases artwork from students in preschool-grade 12. The student exhibit includes a wide range of techniques and media.

This year, the exhibit will feature Raku fired ceramic projects from Yankton High School.

The public is invited. Free admission.

### Stephen Koupal

Funeral Mass for Stephen A. Koupal, 88, of Wagner will be 2:30 PM, Friday, May 2, 2014 at the Assumption Catholic Church in Dante. Burial is in St Mary's Catholic Cemetery, rural Dante.

Visitation will be from 3 to 5 PM Thursday at the Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home in Wagner, followed by a 7 PM Rosary/Wake Service at the church in Dante.

Stephen Adolph Koupal, son of Mike and Rose (Schuch) Koupal was born August 3, 1925 on the farm south of Dante, SD. He died peacefully at the Good Samaritan Society in Wagner, surrounded by his family on Tuesday, April 29, 2014.

Steve attended school in Dante. He helped his family on the farm until enlisting in the Army. Steve served in the US Army as a military policeman during WW II in Japan.

Steve was united in marriage to Helen Bambas at St. Leo's Catholic Church in Tyn-dall on April 26, 1949. Together they farmed south of Dante until retiring in 2005. They stayed on the farm until Steve entered the Good Samaritan Society in 2007. They celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary this year. Four children were blessed to their union.

Steve was a member of the Assumption Catholic Church, VFW, Rouse School Board and the Dante Lake Club.

Steve will be remembered for his love for his grandchildren, goose hunting, playing cards, bowling, polka dancing, playing ball, Twins baseball,



Koupal

farming and his Hereford cattle.

Thankful for having shared his life are his wife Helen of Wagner; four children: Diane (Dennis) Tolsma of Wessington Springs; Dwayne (Rosie) Koupal of Dante; Terry (Vicki) Koupal of Wagner; and Suzanne Tessier of Yankton; nine grandchildren; seven great grandchildren; a sister, Maxine Lovelace of OH; and half-brother, Mike (Sharon) Koupal of Yankton.

Steve was preceded in death by his parents, step mother Josephine; son-in-law Todd Tessier; five brothers: Charlie; Ralph; Tony; Leonard and Joe Koupal; and a sister, Katherine Slaba.

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Norman Glen Herren, long-time resident of Vermillion, South Dakota, died on April 28, 2014 in Fargo, North Dakota. He was born in a logging camp near Eldred, Illinois on September 7, 1921 to George and Flora Herren. He had three older sisters



Herren

(Geneva, Leona, Margaret) and one older brother (Harold). He attended elementary school in Perks, Illinois and graduated from Karnak High School (Illinois) in 1939. He graduated from Southern Illinois University (Carbondale) in 1943 with a bachelor's degree in economics.

On September 8, 1942 he enlisted in the United States Naval Reserve V-7 program and was put on inactive duty for one year. After completing the V-7 program at Notre Dame University, he was commissioned as Ensign in the United States Navy in January 1944. He was assigned as Communication Officer aboard USS LST 528 for the duration of World War II. He was aboard this ship at daybreak of June 6, 1944 off Normandy Juno Beach.

He married Mildred Ward on January 26, 1944 in South Bend, Indiana. After he was released to inactive duty in the United States Naval Reserve in February 1946, he joined Mildred in Winchester, Illinois where she had a teaching job. He managed lumber yards in Winchester and in Fremont, Nebraska prior to moving to Vermillion, South Dakota in February 1954. On August 11, 1969 he opened his own business — Norm Herren Building Supply — in Vermillion. He

continued operating this business until 1998 when he sold it to Curtis Schempp and Scott Schempp.

Norman was involved in community activities including Lions Club, Masonic Lodge, American Legion, Vermillion Development Club, Chamber of Commerce, and First Baptist Church, among others. He was honored as South Dakota Lumberman of the Year (1986) and Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons (1993-1994). He and Mildred supported both the academic and athletic programs at University of South Dakota (USD) from which she and both their children earned degrees. Norman was proud that the USD Track and Field program began the Norm Herren High School Invitational Track Meet in 2007.

After Mildred retired from thirty years of teaching third grade at Jolly School in 1985, they enjoyed going on more than 20 cruises including Alaska, Hawaii (twice), Panama Canal, and 50th Anniversary of D-Day. Other cruises involved traveling with current and past members of the St. Louis baseball team, of which Norman had been a fan since growing up in southern Illinois.

Norman was preceded in death by his wife, his parents,

his three sisters, and his brother. He is survived by son Stan Herren (Karen Froelich) of Fargo, North Dakota, daughter Norma (James) Woodall of Louisville, Kentucky; two grandsons, Patrick (Amanda) Woodall of Magnolia, Delaware and Jason Woodall of Lexington, Kentucky; granddaughter Jill (Nathan) Colvin of Waynesville, Ohio, and two great-granddaughters, Liesl Colvin and Lucille Colvin.

Funeral services will be at 3:00 p.m., Saturday, May 3, 2014, at First Baptist Church in Vermillion with Rev. Elmer "Sandy" Aakre officiating.

Visitation will be from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday at the church. Burial will be in Bluff View Cemetery in Vermillion with military honors conducted by V.F.W. Post 3061, American Legion Post 0001, and the Patriot Guard Riders.

Kober Funeral Home of Vermillion, South Dakota is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be posted online to [www.koberfuneralhome.com](http://www.koberfuneralhome.com)

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The **Sam A. Nusz** family wishes to express a belated "Thank You" for words of kindness, prayers, cards, memorials and heartfelt acts of kindness at the time of Sam's death. Special thank you to Menno/Olivet Care Center staff, caregivers, and Dr. Kirtlin for the good care Sam received. Thank you to Avera Sacred Heart and McKennan Hospital staff, doctors, and caregivers to reduce Sam's pain. Thank you to Pastor Michael Hecht for the awesome service. Women of the church, thank you for doing the lunch. All was and is truly appreciated and cherished.

**Family of Sam A. Nusz**

**Thank you**

We want to express our sincere gratitude for the thoughtful words, floral, and gifts sent in memory & honor of **Dennis Hacecky**. In addition to those who helped us honor his love of life and lay him to rest, we've been continually blessed with love and support from so many that knew Dennis.

A special thanks to Opsahl Kostel Funeral Home, St. Benedict Church, and Father Ken Lulf for their help and support.

We appreciate your sympathy and kindness. Knowing you will miss him too makes our burden a bit easier to bear.

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