

## YCOEM To Hold Full-Scale Disaster Response Exercise

The Yankton County Office of Emergency Management (YCOEM) continues its preparation to respond to potential weather related disasters with an emergency operation center (EOC) full-scale exercise this month. The May 15 event follows a similar table top exercise held recently in Yankton.

This year, the planning includes the use of an HO scale city replica diorama.

Paul Scherschlight, who heads up the YCOEM, says the new 3D training tool allows local emergency

agencies to better plan their response to emergency situations.

Responders from local law enforcement, fire and EMS first used the diorama in a two-hour preliminary training session April 24.

Scherschlight says the upcoming day-long, full-scale exercise is expected to include several participants from many local emergency and governmental departments responding in real time to a large-scale weather disaster.

Additionally, the YCOEM is sponsoring a Federal

Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) training class the same day for elected governmental officials, focusing on their role in such a disaster. The same officials will be included in the full-scale exercise following their training.

Scherschlight says this type of planning is an integral part of what emergency management is all about. Doing regular table top and full-scale exercises can help in both response and recovery, and can ultimately save lives and protect property.

## Avera To Break Ground On New Care Center

Officials at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital are announcing plans for a new replacement facility for Avera Yankton Care Center with plans for a separate six-bed hospice facility. The new facility will be built as two new "neighborhoods" of Avera Sister James Care Center at the Majestic Bluffs campus with the hospice facility separate, but attached.

Groundbreaking for the project at Avera Sacred Heart Majestic Bluffs, South Dakota's premier senior living community, is planned to take place May 12. The project will bring to fruition plans that have been in the making since the Majestic Bluffs campus opened in 2001. Once constructed, the "town square" concept will become part of the central cornerstone of the complex. This will include a deli, general store, pub, theater, children's play area, bank, post office and beauty salon. Majestic Bluffs is already home to independent and assisted living apartments, townhomes and the 113-bed Avera Sister James Care Center.

"Our original goal has always been to make this the ideal senior living community for all of our residents," said Tony Erickson, executive director of Senior Services. "This is 'home' to our residents and we do everything in our power to make

them feel at home. Adding the town square concept will add to the strong sense of community we already feel."

With walking paths, a private pond (that is stocked for residents and their families) and a beautiful view of the Missouri River Valley, Avera Sacred Heart President and CEO Pamela J. Rezac states that the facilities are unmatched in the region.

"This has been years in the making — really going back to the dream of Sister James Souhrada," Rezac stated. "We respect and honor our elders and want them to enjoy their golden years. This means giving them an environment in which the focus is on their needs, wants, comfort and, most importantly, their involvement. Majestic Bluffs has always been a remarkable facility, now it's just going to get that much better."

Physicians, staff, residents and their families and Sisters were involved in the planning of this replacement facility, Sister Mary Kay Panowicz, OSB, who was part of the original Avera Sacred Heart Majestic Bluffs facility committee in 2000-2001 and also served on this project was pleased to see her fellow late Sister James Souhrada's dream come to fruition.

"Having been involved in

the initial planning for Avera Majestic Bluffs, it is very exciting to see this new expansion of the campus with additional long-term care neighborhoods, hospice and other services for all who call Majestic Bluffs home," she said. "The dream Sister James Souhrada had many years ago of a free-standing nursing home has been realized far beyond what she could have ever imagined with the wide continuum of services available. This new addition speaks of the continued commitment of the Benedictine and Presentation Sisters through Avera Health to serve our elders and the sick as Christ would serve them."

Adding the hospice facility has also been in the long-range planning for the campus. Although Avera Sacred Heart, and now Avera@Home, has always provided in-home hospice care and two hospice rooms were recently added to the hospital's Medical Floor, the hope has always been to have an independent hospice residential cottage — with the capacity to double in size — for those needing end-of-life care.

Avera Sacred Heart purchased the 74-bed Yankton Care Center in 2000. Future plans for the existing 45-year-old structure are still undetermined.

Cost for the project is expected to be \$11.5 million.

### OBITUARIES

#### Rolly Burkett

Rolly Dean Burkett, age 90 of Crofton, Nebraska died on Wednesday, May 7, 2014 at Faith Regional Health Services in Norfolk, NE.

Funeral Services will be on Monday, May 12, 2014 at 10:30 a.m. at the United Church of Christ Congregational in Crofton, NE with the Rev. Gary Kimm and Rev. Woodrow Weidner officiating. Burial will be at the Crofton City Cemetery with military honors provided by the Crofton American Legion Post 128 and the American Legion Riders.

Visitation will be on Sunday at the Wintz Funeral Home in Crofton from 5-8:00 p.m. Visitation will continue on Monday at church one hour prior to services. To view the video tribute or to send online condolences, please visit [www.wintzfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintzfuneralhome.com).

Pallbearers will be Michael Dowden, Brian Wong, Nick DeRoos, Monte Wieseler, Chris Wieseler, Jim Wilson and Chuck Gilson. Honorary Pallbearers will be Billie Sawatzke, Terry Buschelman, Barry Buschelman, Mark Kiely and Kim Sawatzke.

Rolly was born November 9, 1923 to Clarence McClellan "Clegg" and Clara Adelpha (Parsons) Burkett in Crofton, Nebraska. He moved with his parents to Hartington where he attended Hartington High School, where he was a standout football player.



Burkett

Rolly entered the US Navy in January, 1942 and served until 1948. On November 10, 1944 he married Frances Gilson in Crofton. They owned and operated the Cozy Nook Cafe with her parents, Charles and Ruth Gilson until 1957. Rolly was employed at the Crofton Co-op Creamery until 1962. He was tank wagon agent for Standard Oil and the Farmers Union co-op until his retirement in 1985. He also drove a school bus for many years. Rolly entered Majestic Bluffs in Yankton on July 2011. He moved to Norfolk Veterans Home in January 2014. The family would like to thank the staff of both facilities for the loving care of Rolly.

Rolly was a member of the Crofton United Church of Christ, lifetime member of the Crofton American Legion Post #128, Yankton VFW Post #791 and a charter member of the Crofton Lakeview Golf Course Association. Rolly was a proud member of the Crofton Volunteer Fire Department for many years. He loved to play golf, camp, hunt, fish, travel, watch the Nebraska Cornhuskers, be with his family and do woodworking. Many family and friends have something he has made.

He is survived by his

daughters Carolyn (David) DeRoos and Deborah (Tom) Hillman all of Crofton; four grandchildren Michael (Angie) Dowden, Cheryl (Monte) Wieseler, Brian Wong and Nick (Erin) DeRoos, six step grandchildren Jeff (Nancy) DeRoos, Robert DeRoos, Tricia Walter, Angela Hillman, Leslie (Brian) Dollinger and Justin (Leslie) Hillman; 10 great-grandchildren; niece Sharlene Cordes and family, nephew Jim (Sheree) Wilson and family; sisters-in-law Mary Jane Buschelman of Yankton and Gloria Gilson of Springfield, SD; brother-in-law BH Davidson of Riverside, CA and numerous nieces and nephews and special friend Billie Sawatzke of Crofton.

He is preceded in death by his beloved wife Frances on Dec 23, 2001 at the age of 75, an infant granddaughter, Lisa DeRoos, his parents, brothers Harold and Russell Burkett, sister Beatrice (Punky) Wilson, a niece, Betty Jo (Wilson) Stanton; brothers-in-law Richard Gilson and Cletus Buschelman, nephew LeRoy Cordes, and special friend Shirley A. Sawatzke.

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#### Ann 'Miss Ann' Souhrada

Ann T. "Miss Ann" Souhrada, age 97, of Menominee, NE passed away peacefully Thursday, May 8, 2014 at the Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton, SD.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m., Monday, May 12, 2014 at St. Boniface Catholic Church, Menominee, with Rev. David Fulton and Msgr. Carlton Hermann concelebrating. Burial will be in the St. John the Baptist Catholic Cemetery, Lesterville, SD at approximately 1:15 p.m.

Visitations will begin at 6:00 p.m., Sunday, May 11, 2014 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, SD, with a Wake service at 7:00 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Ann Souhrada (Miss Ann) was born on March



Souhrada

25, 1917 on a farm near Lesterville to Joseph and Mary (Mudloff) Souhrada. She attended Cedar Grove Country School and St. Wenceslaus Catholic School in Tabor. She attended Mount Marty High School her freshman year and three years at Lesterville Public High School. She received her teacher's certificate from Notre Dame College in Mitchell in 1935.

Ann taught grade school at Cedar Grove and Lesterville. In 1947, she began keeping house for Father Louis Miller. After Lesterville, they were in parishes in Aurora, Colman and Elkton. Following Father Miller's death in 1968, she moved to Menominee, NE where she taught. During this time, she also attended USD and received her Mas-

ter Degree in Teaching and retired from teaching in 2002.

She taught mass servers, wrote petitions, folded bulletins at St. Boniface Church in Menominee, and always had a garden with vegetables and beautiful flowers. She was a member of Foresters and Catholic Workmen. She entered Avera Sister James Care Center on April 17, 2008.

She is survived by one sister, Irene Dvoracek of Yankton, SD; four nieces and one nephew.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three sisters: Sister James, Sister Lucille and Sister Amelia, all of Sacred Heart Convent, Yankton, SD, and three brothers: Joseph, Albert and August.

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Online condolences at  
[www.opsahl-kostelfuneralhome.com](http://www.opsahl-kostelfuneralhome.com)

#### Marilyn Eisenhauer

Funeral services for Marilyn R. Eisenhauer, 69, of Wausa, Nebraska, will be 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 13,

2014, at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Bloomfield, Nebraska, with the Rev. Tim Koester officiating.

Visitation is 4-7 p.m. Mon-

day at Brockhaus Funeral Home in Bloomfield.

Marilyn died Wednesday, May 7, 2014, at the Golden Living Center in Wausa.

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WEEKDAYS MONDAY-FRIDAY  
Monday, May 12  
7:40 am Yankton City Manager (Amy Nelson)  
8:20 am Yankton School Board (Wayne Kindle)  
Tuesday, May 13  
7:40 am The Center (Christy Hauer)  
8:20 am Organ Donors (Roger & Mary Jo Renner)

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Happy Mother's Day  
Sunday, May 11th  
Greatest MOM ever!  
Grilled Chicken topped with garlic herb shrimp  
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## May Is Mental Health Awareness Month

PIERRE — "Mind Your Health" is this year's theme for Mental Health Awareness month during the month of May. Mental Health Awareness month began in 1949 as a way to raise awareness of mental health conditions and mental wellness.

The South Dakota Department of Social Services (DSS) is stressing the importance of good mental health as a key to overall health and wellness. Research shows that stress is closely linked to high blood pressure, heart disease and obesity. It also shows that people who feel depressed or chronically stressed may have a greater risk of physical illnesses.

"Mental health is the ability to cope with daily life and the challenges it brings," said Lynne Valenti, Secretary of the Department of Social Services. "DSS partners with community mental health centers across the state to help individuals adopt healthy choices and steps to strengthen their mental health."

During the month of May, use these effective tools to mind your own health:

- Build social support — Connect with family and friends to help decrease stress.
- Maintain a healthy lifestyle — Exercising can help to prevent the onset or worsening of depression, anxiety and other mental health conditions.
- Eat with your mental health in mind — Eat a variety of healthy foods and drink plenty of water.
- Recognize the signs of stress — Being able to recognize common stress symptoms can give you a jump on managing them.
- Know when to reach out for help — Do not hesitate to seek professional help.

There are community mental health centers located across South Dakota that provide mental health services. For more information, go to: <http://dss.sd.gov/behavioralhealthservices/community/centers.asp/>.

**We need death panels.** Well, maybe not death panels, exactly, but unless we start **allocating health care resources** more prudently — rationing, by its proper name — the exploding cost of Medicare will swamp the federal budget.

— Steven Rattner, former Obama Czar, "Beyond Obamacare," New York Times Op-Ed, 16 Sept 2012

[G]overnment health care will not reduce the cost; it will simply refuse to pay the cost. **And who will suffer the most when they ration care? The sick, the elderly, and the disabled, of course.** The America I know and love is not one in which my parents or my baby with Down Syndrome will have to stand in front of Obama's 'death panel' so his bureaucrats can decide, based on a subjective judgment of their 'level of productivity in society,' whether they are worthy of health care. **Such a system is downright evil.**

— Sarah Palin, Facebook post, 7 Aug 2009

I think he said **what we have to do is not call it rationing**, because clearly there is from H.M.O. days a concern about rationing.

— Gov. Mike Rounds, after meeting with President Obama on Healthcare Reform, "Obama Steers Health Debate Out of Capital," New York Times, 29 Jun 2009

Some of people's concerns have grown out of bogus claims spread by those whose only agenda is to kill reform at any cost. The best example is the claim, made not just by radio and cable talk show hosts, but prominent politicians, that **we plan to set up panels of bureaucrats with the power to kill off senior citizens.** Such a charge would be laughable if it weren't so cynical and irresponsible. It is a lie, plain and simple.

— President Barack Obama, Health Care Address, 9 Sep 2009

One major problem [with the Affordable Care Act] is the so-called Independent Payment Advisory Board. **The IPAB is essentially a health-care rationing body.** By setting doctor reimbursement rates for Medicare and determining which procedures and drugs will be covered and at what price, **the IPAB will be able to stop certain treatments its members do not favor by simply setting rates to levels where no doctor or hospital will perform them.**

— Howard Dean, former Chairman of the Democratic National Committee, "The Affordable Care Act's Rate Setting Won't Work," Wall Street Journal Opinion, 28 Jul 2013

**If you like your doctor, you can keep your doctor.**

— President Barack Obama, several media sources, 2009-2010

**Obamacare is bad for the country and I have always opposed it.**

— Mike Rounds, President of Fischer-Rounds insurance company and current candidate for U.S. Senate, Facebook post, 30 Jul 2013

Our primary purpose is to explore how states can move forward in providing health insurance under the Affordable Care Act. **I am delighted to be working with Gov. Rounds on this.**

— Tom Daschle, "Former Gov. Rounds joins health insurance task force," Rapid City Journal, 11 Feb 2011

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