

Avon

Club Fundraiser Slated

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AVON — The Avon Kids Club started as a branch of the Boys and Girls Club of America in 2004. In 2013 it was re-organized into the current organization.

A huge vendor fair is scheduled at the Kids Club, Friday, June 5, (running from noon-7 p.m.) and Saturday, June 6 (9 a.m.-2 p.m.) with kid rummage, food and drinks served all day both days.

This 501(C) 3 charitable organization provides an after school program for kids in grades Kindergarten-6.

“This last year we had 33 enrolled as members of the approximately 132 students in the K-6 public school,” said Director Carol Frey.

Assistant Judy Ratzlaff has been with the club since the doors were opened in 2004. She cooks homemade meals for the kids and helps them with their homework and life skills.

Marie Fennema, a 4.0 senior student, assists the kids with their homework. She’s been with the club since she was in first grade, then became a junior associate and now has graduated to a paid position.

Annie Santos has also been with the club since second grade. She has climbed the ranks, first becoming a member, then a junior associate, and next year will also become a paid staff. “The kids just love the teenagers,”



PHOTO: RANDY TRAMP

Marie Fennema helps some members of the Avon Kids Club with their activities recently. The club is holding a fundraiser June 5-6.

Frey said. “They help each child with their homework, projects, social skills and games.”

Frey has been with the club since 2010. She saw a need and filled it, thinking it would be for a short period

of time, but after five years, she is still mentoring children.

Jim Frey formed the club’s board

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OBITUARIES

Glennys Pederson

Glennys Pederson, age 92, of Yankton, South Dakota, and formerly of Mission Hill, South Dakota died Thursday, May 28, 2015 at Avera Yankton Care Center in Yankton.

A memorial service will be 11:00 a.m. on Monday, June 1, 2015, at the United Church of Christ Congregational in Yankton with Reverend Molly Carlson officiating. Burial of the urn will take place on Monday in the Mission Hill Cemetery in Mission Hill, South Dakota following the lunch.

The family will receive friends from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. on Monday at the church.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton.

Pallbearers are Sharon Rolfs and Milo Schnider.

Glennys Pederson was born April 18, 1923, in Yankton, South Dakota, to Edward and Signe (Westlund) Nord. She grew up in Mission Hill, South Dakota, and attended school there until her senior year when she graduated from high school in Madison, Wisconsin. After high school she moved to California to help with the war effort. She married Harlan Pederson on March 21, 1945 in Glendale, California. They lived in Inglewood, California until moving back to Mission Hill in 1948. Glennys raised her family in Mission Hill and was very proud to have lived in Mission Hill for most of her life. They moved to Yankton in 2002.

She was a member of the United Church of Christ Congregational in Yankton where she loved playing in the bell choir. She



Pederson

was a past president of the local American Cancer Society, lifetime member of the VFW Auxiliary, and was very active

in the Royal Neighbors. She enjoyed quilting, crocheting, camping, traveling, and baking cookies for the neighborhood. Glennys was the keeper of the family history and loved letting people know she was 100% Swede.

Survivors include her two children: Lennis (Gloria) Pederson of West Des Moines, Iowa and Leanne (John) Patterson of Gillette, Wyoming; seven grandchildren; six great grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Harlan on October 24, 2014; son, Duane; daughter and son-in-law, Leah and Mark Staloch; four brothers; and one sister.

Memorial may be directed to the Mission Hill Cemetery or to the United Church of Christ Congregational.

To post an online sympathy message visit wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

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Darlene Williams

Darlene E. Williams age 76, of Yankton, SD passed away unexpectedly Wednesday, May 27, 2015 at Sister James Care Center, Yankton, SD.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 2, 2015 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Yankton, SD with Rev. Robert Wullweber officiating. Burial will be in the St. Vincent Cemetery, rural Springfield, SD at approximately 1:15 p.m. Tuesday afternoon.

Visitations will begin at 6:00 p.m. Monday, June 1, 2015 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, with a rosary at 7:00 p.m. followed by a Scripture service at 7:30 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Pallbearers are Alex Williams, Ian Williams, Kevin Elliott, Charles Elliott, Stephanie Schmidt and Alan Fossum.

Darlene was born on December 21, 1938 to Chauncy and Mary (McElroy) Elliott in Gregory, SD, the youngest of nine children. She was raised on the family farm 5 miles west of Dallas, SD. She graduated high school in Colome, SD in 1956 and received her Teacher Certificate in 1957 from Southern State Teacher’s College in Springfield, SD. She married Donald L. Williams on October 25, 1958. To this union, three children were born:



Williams

Maureen and twins, Brian and Bruce.

Darlene began working at JC Penney in Rapid City in 1978 and retired in 1999. They

began wintering in Texas that year and made their summer home in Yankton in 2001. Darlene enjoyed traveling, reading, knitting and feeding and watching wildlife from the deck of her home. She enjoyed the company of her Texas friends and the solitude of her Yankton home.

Darlene is survived by her children, Maureen (Bob) Frier of Lubbock, TX and Brian (Anne) of Sioux Falls, SD; grandsons, Ian and Alex Williams of Sioux Falls, SD and Israel Tesch of Mesa, AZ; great-granddaughter, Sydney Tesch of Mesa, AZ; brother, Merle (Dee) Elliott, of Colome, SD and several nieces and nephews.

Darlene was preceded in death by her parents, Chauncy and Mary Elliott, her husband, Donald and infant son, Bruce Williams.

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Rockin' Ribfest Volunteers Needed

Yankton's ninth annual Rockin' Ribfest will be held Saturday, June 6, at Memorial Park. Admission to the park is free and the all-day event offers something for everyone including live music, drinks, and great BBQ food sold throughout the day by professional vendors.

Organizers are looking for volunteers to assist with the event. There are many opportunities available. Call Kathy at 605-665-2263 to sign up.

Questions can be emailed to info@yanktonribfest.com or by calling 605-665-2263. Visit www.yanktonribfest.com and follow Rockin' Ribfest on Facebook and Twitter.

Summer Concert, Art Fest Tuesday

A beloved community kick-off-to-summer tradition, the first Yankton Area Summer Band Concert and Kids Art Fest are scheduled to take place on Tuesday evening, June 4, at Riverside Park in Yankton.

Yankton Area Arts will be hosting the 22nd annual Kids Art Fest from 5-7:30 p.m. at Riverside Park inside the picnic shelter next to the ball field. Challenging, creative, art-related projects offered by a dozen local organizations will be available and free to elementary-age children.

The first Yankton Area Summer Band concert will follow at 8 p.m. at the Riverside Park Amphitheatre under the direction of guest conductor Gwen Van Gerpen. Rehearsal begins at 6:30 p.m. for all volunteer musicians (high school or older) interested.

The all-volunteer band will present six concerts this summer on June 4, 11, 18, 25, July 2 and 9 and boasts an average annual membership of 70-100 musicians ranging from students to professionals from Yankton and the surrounding communities.

Following the Yankton Area Summer Band Concerts, Yankton Area Arts will continue its summer concert series with five pops concerts also at Riverside Amphitheatre: The Bumblebees on July 4; Chris Vadala and the South Dakota Jazz Orchestra on July 16; Rockerville on July 23; The Not Yet Famous Bassoon Band on July 30; and the Hegg Brothers Duo on Aug. 6.

If there is inclement weather, all band rehearsals and band/pops concerts will be held at the Summit Activities Center Theater, 1801 Summit Street. For late changes due to weather, tune to local radio stations.

L&C Fun Camps Coming Up

There will be a 2015 Fun Camp at the Lewis and Clark Recreation Area in Yankton. Days available are June 2-4, 9-11 and July 14-16 and 28-30.

It is a free, fun, two-hour event for children ages 4-6 and 7-10.

The 4- to 6-year-old session will be from 9-11 a.m. each day and the 7- to 10-year-old session will be from 1-3 p.m. each day.

Pick one of four three-day sessions which will include exciting and educational games, stories, songs, crafts, nature talks, hikes and hands-on exploration.

For registration and other information, email lewis-clark@state.sd.us or call the Park office at 605-668-2985.

Loren Furney

Loren Furney, 64, of Freeman passed away on Thursday at the Menno-Olivet Care Center.

Funeral Services will be held on Tuesday, June 2,

at 10:30 a.m. at Fellowship Harvest Community Church of Freeman, located at 702 S. Highway 81.

Visitation will be from 4-6 p.m. Monday at the Walter Funeral Home in Freeman.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Glennys Pederson

11:00 AM, Monday
United Church of Christ
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Yankton

Ann (Hoelsing) Rooney

10:30 AM, Wednesday
Holy Trinity Catholic Church
Hartington



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