

What Are You Thankful For This Year?

The *Press & Dakotan* wants to know. On Wednesday, Nov. 23, we are planning to run a story in which readers tell us what they are thankful for as the holiday season sets in. Please keep your responses to 150 words or less.

To submit your response, mail it to: Thankful, c/o Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan, PO Box 56, Yankton, SD 57078; or email it to news@yankton.net.

Please have your responses to us by Monday, Nov. 21.

NRCS Announces Program Signups

HURON — Annually, applications for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) are batched for funding consideration. Dec. 2, 2011, is the date by which an operator or landowner must sign an application at their local Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) office for Fiscal Year 2012 funding consideration, according to Denise Gauer, Resource Conservationist with the NRCS, Huron.

The EQIP program provides financial and technical assistance to help producers implement voluntary conservation practices to improve their natural resources. Payment is provided for variety of practices to maintain or improve resource concerns such as water quality, grazing land health and productivity, soil erosion and soil quality, and wildlife habitat development.

The WHIP program is designed for landowners that wish to develop and improve wildlife habitat on private land. The NRCS provides technical and financial assistance to eligible operators or landowners.

"The ranking period for these two popular conservation programs is quickly approaching," says Gauer.

Applications for all NRCS conservation programs are continuously accepted, however the application batching date, or call for ranking, is Dec. 2 for both EQIP and WHIP. She encourages any operator or landowner not to wait until the last minute to visit their local U.S. Department of Agriculture Service Center.

For more information about the EQIP and WHIP, please contact your local NRCS office. For more information about technical assistance and conservation programs go to <http://www.sd.nrcs.usda.gov>.

Yankton Library To Close For Thanksgiving

The Yankton Community Library, 515 Walnut, will close at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 23, for the Thanksgiving holiday. The library will reopen at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 26.

JOB FAIR FOR VETERANS



KELLY HERTZ/P&D

Approximately 50 vendors were on hand at the Yankton National Guard Armory Wednesday for a Veterans Job Fair, sponsored by the South Dakota Department of Labor and various local agencies. The fair was aimed at veterans and their families to help place them in new or better jobs. Free food was provided by the Yankton VFW Ladies Auxiliary. Organizers said they plan to hold another veterans' job fair in Yankton next year.

ON THIS DATE

75 YEARS AGO

Tuesday, November 17, 1936

• A new feature of the fourth annual electric show, which opens Wednesday evening will be an exhibit and demonstration by the electric trades department of the Yankton High School, according to Paul Wakefield, student chairman of the exhibit.

• The boys of this department will demonstrate "electric service with safety" and "better sight with better light." They will show in their exhibit modern wiring practices and there will be samples of the work done by the high school students. They will also

show equipment needed for farm electrification, which should be of interest to many in this section.

50 YEARS AGO

Friday, November 17, 1961

• Work was started November 10, by Domestic Seed & Supply Co., on the construction of a fertilizer plant to serve southeast South Dakota farmers and dealers.

• The plant will have 700 tons of vertical type storage, will be of the dry blend type operation, have a capacity of 20 ton per hour and is located between the lumbar yard and railroad

tracks at Irene. It will be opened and operated by Domestic Seed & Supply Co., Irene and Madison.

25 YEARS AGO

Monday, November 17, 1986

• The Vermillion City Council will discuss a proclamation setting a Tim Johnson Day at its meeting today at 7:30 pm at the Vermillion Public Library.

• There will also be a decision by the council on a resolution of appreciation for Johnson. Johnson a Vermillion Democrat, was recently elected to the U.S. House of Representatives.

South Dakotans Are Reminded To Buckle Up During Holiday

Thanksgiving is coming up, and it's feasible many of us are going to eat way too much. There's the turkey, the dressing, the cranberry salad, the sweet potatoes, the buns, and of the course the pumpkin pie.

The outcome? Fully satisfied taste buds and a belt that no longer goes all the way around your waist.

Here's the good news ... your seatbelt is adjustable. So no matter how much you eat, you can still stay safe on your drive home from Thanksgiving dinner.

The South Dakota Highway Patrol Motor Carrier Services reminds you to buckle up, every trip, every time.

BOARD OF TRADE

CHICAGO (AP) — Grain futures fell Wednesday on the Chicago Board of Trade.

Wheat for December delivery fell 16 cents to \$6.1675 a bushel; December corn fell 2.75 cents to \$6.4275 a bushel; December oats fell 4 cents to \$3.18 a bushel; while January soybeans fell 12.50 cents to \$11.8775 a bushel.

Beef and pork futures traded mixed on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. December live cattle rose 0.33 cent to \$1.2205 a pound; January feeder cattle rose 0.50 cent to \$1.4887 a pound; while December lean hogs fell 0.90 cent to 86.55 cents a pound.

OBITUARIES

George Novak

SCOTLAND — Memorial services for George E. Novak of Scotland will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 19 at the Zion Lutheran Church in Scotland with Rev. Jonathan Vehar officiating. Organist will be Dorothy Bietz. Inurnment will follow in Rosehill Cemetery, Scotland, with military graveside rites by the Paul Grossheusch VFW Post #2966 of Scotland, the Joseph Verm American Legion Post #155 of Scotland, and the South Dakota Army National Guard Military Funeral Honor Guard.

Visitation will be held from 9:30 a.m. until the time of service on Saturday at the church.

Arrangements are under the direction of Goglin Funeral Home of Scotland and online condolences may be sent at www.goglinfh.com.

George Edward Novak was born on Saturday, December 19, 1925 at Scotland, South Dakota to Frank and Mary (Varilek) Novak. He grew up on a farm west of Scotland and worked for room and board to go to high school. He served in the US Army during World War II, from December 1, 1945 through January 1, 1947. Following his military service, George was united in marriage to Doris Darlene Gunn on March 29, 1948 at the Lutheran Parsonage in Scotland. Together, they owned and operated the Scotland Café and later the Rec Bar and Bowling Alley. He also worked for Allied Feeds and the SD Department of Weights and Measures. George and his family moved to Menno in 1964 when he became a rural mail carrier. He delivered mail in the Menno area for over 20 years. After George retired from the Postal Service in 1989, he and Doris moved back to Scotland. George loved music, especially polka music, and played drums with a few local groups. He was a great dancer. He enjoyed keeping up a nice looking yard and helped his wife with her many flowers. George was always proud of his Scotland Community and promoted it every chance he could. He was Mayor of Scotland, a Bon Homme County Commissioner, and first President of the Scotland All-School Reunion. He was a member of Zion Lutheran



George Novak

Church, Disabled American Veterans, the V.F.W. and the El Riad Shrine. George passed away on Saturday, November 12, 2011 at the Royal C. Johnson Veteran's Memorial Medical Center in Sioux Falls, having attained the age of 85 years, 10 months and 23 days.

Grateful for having shared his life are his two daughters: Linda (Guy) Wold of Cass Lake, Minnesota and Sharon (Brian) Maas of Salem; three grandchildren: Kendra Lyn Wold (Jim) Detwiler of Cass Lake, Minnesota, Tonia Marie (Tim) Karbowski of Buffalo, Minnesota and William "Ben" Brown, currently with the US Army and in transit from Afghanistan; one great-granddaughter, Leah Raye Karbowski; a brother, Edward Novak; nieces Agnes, Margene, Joyce, Betty, Judy, and Jeanette; and nephews Larry, Allan, and Steven.

Preceding George in death were his wife, Doris, on May 1, 2011; an infant son; his parents, Frank and Mary Novak; three brothers and their wives: Louis (Evangeline) Novak, Harry (Helen) Novak, and Milo (Signe) Novak; a sister, Violet Eichner; a niece, Shirley; and a special cousin, Buddy Dufek.

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Paul Berka

BRANDON — Paul R. Berka, of Brandon, SD passed away at age of 60 at the Dougherty Hospice House in Sioux Falls on Saturday, November 12, 2011.

Paul was born November 9, 1951 to Frank & Marie (Kinzie) Berka in Tyndall, SD. He grew up on a family farm. He attended South Dakota School for the Deaf.

Following his high school, he worked at various places ... Tyndall John Deere for 4 years, Tyndall Chev and Stinson Chev for 3 years, then John Morrell for 9 years, then Soukup Services for 14 years. Then later CSD Lawn & Snow Removal for another 9 years. He was a life-long member of SD Association for the Deaf and SD Deaf Anglers.

He was well-known for bring a great help to those who needed help with their vehicles. His favorite hobbies were to ride on his Harley, fishing and hunting.

He is survived by his 4 brothers, James (Bonnie) of Salem, OR, Emil of Seattle, WA, Charles (Lynn) of Aumsville, OR, and Edward of Tyndall, SD; his 3 nephews, Justin Schenkel of Tyndall, Mike (Sandy) Schenkel of Avon, and Joey (Becky) Schenkel of South Korea; his brother-in-law, Dave Schenkel of Tyndall; 1 niece, Jodi (Gary) Eich of Silverton, OR; his special friends, Larry Fahy and Marge Morse both of Sioux Falls.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and his sister, Mary Schenkel.

Memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, November 19, 2011 at Trinity Lutheran Church of the Deaf with visitation one hour prior to the service at the church.

In lieu of flowers, the contributions may be made to Paul Berka Memorial Tree Fund to be planted at Communication Service for the Deaf, 102 N. Krohn Place, Sioux Falls, SD 57103.

Kober Funeral Home of Vermillion is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be posted online to www.koberfuneralhome.com.

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Melba Ridgway

AVON — Funeral services for Melba Ridgway, 91, of Avon are 11 a.m. Saturday, November 19, 2011 at the First Presbyterian Church in Avon. Burial is in the Trinity Presbyterian Cemetery, rural Avon.

Visitation will be Friday at the church from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., with the family present.

Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Chapel in Avon is in charge of arrangements.

Minnie Melba Ridgway was born June 13, 1920 at Lampasas, TX, the daughter of Charles and Lessie (Reeder) Nance. She died Tuesday, November 15, 2011 at the Good Samaritan Society in Tyndall, SD. Melba attained the age of 91 years, five months and two days.

Melba graduated from Stevenville High School in Stevenville, TX in 1938.

Melba married Richard "Dick" Ridgway on March 20, 1945 at Lampasas, TX. They moved to South Dakota in 1946. Together they farmed near Avon. In 1965, Melba started working at the Tyndall Good Samaritan Society and worked there until 1977.

Melba was a baptized member of the Baptist Church in TX.

Melba will be remembered for her enjoyment of gardening, reading, making quilts, crocheting and watching birds. She was a very good cook.

Thankful for having shared her life are her 11 children: June (Darrell) Ekeren of Mission Hill; Linda Greger of Wagner; Barb (Garry) Johnson of Yankton; Sandy (Bruce) Schweitzer of Scotland; David of Virginia Beach, VA; Ray (Kathy) of Avon; Robert (Tammie) of Avon; Janice (Larry) Vanderlei of Springfield; Gloria (Ted) Sauers of Mitchell; Brenda (Brian) Martin of Mitchell; and Dwaine (Kim) of Sioux Falls; 44 grandchildren; 65 great grandchildren; and 15 great-great grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Melba was preceded in death by her husband Dick on December 10, 1987; parents; two sons: Tommy Criswell and Richard Ridgway; two daughters-in-law: Mary and Patsy; son-in-law,



Ridgway

Leonard "Tyke" Greger; six brothers: Carl; Jewitt; Byron; Wilbur; Woodrow and William; and three sisters: Clara Nance; Lessie Ward and Mildred Sherrill.

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Robert Kost

VIBORG — Robert "Bob" Kost, 85, died Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2011, at Pioneer Memorial Hospital, Viborg.

Services are at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Spring Valley Lutheran Church, rural Viborg.

Visitation is 4-8 p.m. Friday, with family present from 7-8 p.m., at the Viborg Funeral Home.

Register online at www.viborgfuneralhome.com.

Chad Lammers

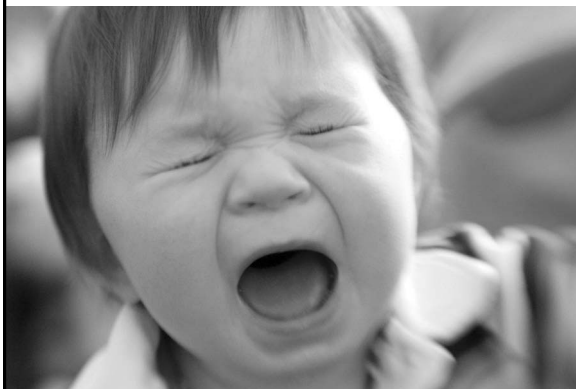
NORTH SIOUX CITY — Chad Lammers, 32 of North Sioux City and formerly of Fordyce, Neb., died at his residence on Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2011, due to heart problems.

Mass of Christian Burial is at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Fordyce, with the Rev. David Fulton officiating. Burial will be at St. John the Baptist Cemetery, Fordyce.

Visitation is 5-8 p.m. Friday, with a vigil service at 7 p.m., at the church. Visitation will continue on Saturday at church one hour prior to services.

Arrangements are under the direction of Wintz Funeral Home, Hartington.

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