

SDSU Appoints New Youth Program Advisors

BROOKINGS — SDSU Extension announces the appointment of 10 new 4-H Youth Program Advisors who will serve youth in 17 South Dakota counties.

"SDSU Extension will ultimately hire 32 4-H Youth Program Advisors, who will be located across the state. These positions will support the county-specific needs of the 4-H program," said Karla Trautman, Associate Director of SDSU Extension. SDSU Extension and South Dakota counties share the cost of 4-H Youth Program Advisors.

All South Dakota counties participated in this program. When SDSU Extension negotiated new 4-H service agreements with all South Dakota counties in 2011, they were asked to consider the level of support they would choose to invest. Some counties, with higher youth populations, chose to have one advisor serve only their county. Other counties formed partnerships with neighboring counties and will share the 4-H Youth Program Advisor.

The new 4-H Youth Program Advisors include; Sonia Mack, Brookings County; Kim McGraw, Clark/Spink counties; Jennifer Ringkob, Day/Marshall counties; John Keimig, Deuel/Grant counties; Megan Peterson, Gregory/Tripp counties; Aren Fields, Hamlin/Kingsbury counties; Deanna Gall, Hutchinson/Turner counties; Amanda Stade, Lake/Moody counties; Amber Lounsbury, Lincoln County; and Maria Feldhaus, Miner County.

For the complete list of SDSU Extension 4-H Youth Advisors as it becomes available, visit igrow.org.

Author Talk, Book Signing Set For YCL

The Yankton Community Library, 515 Walnut, will host South Dakota author Steve Riedel at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 1. After a presentation on his two Christmas books, "Homestead Holiday" and "Dr. Joe and the Snowman," Riedel will sell and autograph his books.

Riedel was raised on a farm in eastern South Dakota where his ancestors settled in 1879. There he experienced the best and worst of family farm life while growing up in the 1950's and 1960's. He currently resides in Huron.

For further information, contact the library at 668-5275.

PUC Accepts NorthWestern Rate Increase

PIERRE — The South Dakota Public Utilities Commission approved a 3.3 percent natural gas rate increase for NorthWestern Energy this week. The final increase amount was offered by the company and PUC staff as part of a joint settlement stipulation. The increase represents less than half of what the company requested. The rate increase becomes effective Dec. 1, 2011.

The commission unanimously voted to accept the settlement and approve the reduced rate increase at its regular meeting in Pierre on Nov. 22. The rate increase will generate approximately \$1,847,000 in annual revenues for the company. NorthWestern applied to the commission in May 2011 for permission to increase its rates by 7.2 percent to raise approximately \$4,123,000 in additional annual revenue.

PUC Chairman Gary Hanson said the difference between the company's request and the commission's approval reflects the arduous effort that resulted in

the settlement agreement. "Rate increase requests are not quick and simple. The numerous and lengthy negotiations between the PUC staff and the company ultimately ended with a savings to ratepayers of more than \$2 million compared to what was requested. That's tremendous," he said.

The rate increase review spanned six months and included analysis by a PUC staff team comprised of one attorney and three analysts. A consulting firm assisted the staff.

Commissioner Chris Nelson, vice chairman of the PUC, explained that the commission follows a process outlined by South Dakota law when considering rate increase requests. "The commission makes careful deliberation of all aspects of a rate case and is bound to uphold the laws and rules of the state with our decision. We strive for a rate that is fair, just and reasonable for all sides, consumers and the company," Nelson said.

At the request of local resi-

dents, the commission held a public hearing in Scotland in October to hear comments from NorthWestern customers. The hour-long meeting included an information exchange among the PUC, NorthWestern representatives and local residents to help explain the rate case process.

"I felt the meeting in Scotland was a valuable experience," stated PUC Commissioner Kristie Fiegen. "I appreciated the opportunity to share details about how the commission handles rate case requests by thoroughly studying the evidence and weighing the facts relative to our jurisdiction before making our decision. This truly is an interesting and complex process," she concluded.

The settlement includes a moratorium barring NorthWestern from seeking another natural gas rate increase from the commission before Dec. 1, 2013, excluding an extraordinary event. The company's last natural gas rate increase of 5.8 percent was approved in December 2007.

LCTC Seeking Help For Holiday Show

What a busy and exciting time of year it is for the Lewis and Clark Theatre Co. (LCTC) in downtown Yankton.

There are several exciting performances coming up this holiday season in Yankton.

LCTC has announced that Broadway director, actor and singer Eric Johnson is hard at work preparing "Yankton's Christmas Spectacular."

This is a magical fantasy about a young family from Yankton that doesn't believe in Christmas, and Santa appears to help them believe in him and the Christmas Spirit with the help of Mrs. Claus, Elves, Victorian Carolers and the high kicking Bridgettes.

If you want to help make this original musical magic become a reality, give us a call and get involved. Even a few hours will help tremendously.

You don't want to miss this fabulous event. The show will run Dec. 1-4 and 9-11, so get your plans and reservations made now.

OBITUARIES

Dennis Ireland

SOLDOTNA, Alaska — Funeral services for Dennis K. Ireland, 60, of Soldotna, Alaska and formerly of Scotland will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 3rd at the United Methodist Church of Scotland. Interment will follow in Rosehill Cemetery, Scotland.

Visitation will be held on Friday from 4:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at the Goglin Funeral Home in Scotland, during which time the family will be present from 7:00 p.m. to greet visitors.

Dennis passed away on Sunday, November 20, 2011 at his residence in Soldotna.

Online condolences may be sent and service information may be viewed at www.goglinfh.com.

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Mary Lou List

Mary Lou List, age 67, passed away on Tuesday, November 22, 2011 at Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton.

Funeral Services will be 10:00 a.m. Monday, November 28, 2011 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Yankton with Rev. Dave Gunderson officiating. Burial will be in Yankton Cemetery.

Visitations will be 5:00 p.m. Sunday, November 27, 2011 at Opsahl Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory with a Prayer Service at 7:00 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to services at the church.

Pallbearers are Don List, Maynard Konechne, Jason Malone, Steve Malone, Gene List and Lester Mueller.

Mary Lou was born on June 12, 1944 in Yankton, SD to August and Lea (Mueller) List. She was baptized at Martinus Lutheran Church, Utica, SD and confirmed at St. John's Lutheran Church, Yankton, SD. She graduated from Yankton High School and Yankton College. She taught at Corsica, SD



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Mary Lou was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Yankton, SD.

She is survived by her brother-in-law, Lyle Malone in Yankton, SD and sister-in-law, Sharon List of Yankton, SD.

She was preceded in death by her parents, August and Lea, her brother, James W. List and sister, Virginia Lee List Malone.

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Pauline Waltner

Pauline B. Waltner died peacefully on November 13, 2011, at Norman Regional Hospital in Norman, Oklahoma.

Family will gather to receive visitors on Tuesday, November 29, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., at Walter Funeral Home in Freeman. A celebration of Pauline's life will follow on Wednesday, November 30, at 10:30 a.m., at Bethany Mennonite Church also in Freeman.

Pauline Blanche Hoffman was born on September 14, 1918, to Dr. John and Blanche (Lockwood) Hoffman in Niles, Ohio. Growing up in Niles, she was a member of the Methodist Church and attended Niles public schools, graduating from McKinley High School in 1936.

She went on to attend the University of Iowa and the University of South Dakota. Pauline married Glenn H. Waltner on July 20, 1938. Three sons were born to this union — John, Jeffrey, and James.

Pauline loved people. She enjoyed the outdoors, Bethany Mennonite Church (which she joined in the 1940s), family, friends, the Freeman Community, and the State of South Dakota.

She received honors over the years from the Freeman Community, and in 1989 — South Dakota's centennial year — she was nominated for the "Spirit of Dakota" award. Pauline was named South Dakota "Mother of the Year," and in 1969, she worked with Freeman-area ministers to organize the Senior Citizen Center.

Survivors include son Jeffrey and his wife Twila; grandchildren Susan and Jim Williamson, Kelly and Ken Stephenson, Mary and Brian Law, Ann O'Donnell, and Karl and Jackie Waltner; and great-grandchildren Alec Stephenson, JuliAnne Williamson, Ashlee Williamson, Robert Law, Katie Law daughter-in-law Loretta Waltner, several nieces and nephews and many friends.

Preceding her in death are husband Glenn, sons John and James, daughter-in-law Janice Waltner,



Waltner

parents John and Blanche, brother Ralph, and sisters Dorothy and Lucille.

The consummate organizer, Pauline planned everything, including her funeral service and obituary. She concluded her obituary, writing that "John Richert called me a 'little General' — guess I ran a tight ship! I had a wonderful life. I was happy."

Pauline loved being a mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and wife. For over 60 years, Glenn was her best friend and partner in all things. She loved her family always — and always will.

Just days after her 93rd birthday, Pauline left her dear friends and community in Freeman and moved to Oklahoma to live out her final days with her family by her side. At 93, she made this choice. Never fearful of the unknown, she left her home of nearly 70 years, picked up, and started over. She was truly an inspiration.

As she approached the end of her time here on earth, she looked forward with great anticipation and curiosity to what lay ahead. With wonder and excitement, she would ask, "What's next?"

Through both life's ups and downs, she radiated optimism — an optimism grounded in extraordinary faith in God's plan. To her, each day was an opportunity to carry out God's will.

When you think of Pauline, celebrate. Be upbeat. Be happy. Because she was — and will be eternally.

Donations in Pauline's memory may be directed gratefully to the Freeman Senior Citizens Center, the Bethany Mennonite Food Pantry, or the Freeman City Center.

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Lois Syversen

EDGELEY, ND — Lois Syversen, 88, of Edgeley, ND, died Thursday, November 24, 2011 at the Jamestown Regional Medical Center, Jamestown, ND.

Lois Deery was born April 7, 1923, in Jamestown, North Dakota, the daughter of Earl and Tillie (Skeim) Deery. She graduated from Jamestown High School in 1942 and attended Matchie Business School in Jamestown. Lois worked at Mom's Cafe at Hamburger Inn in Jamestown.

She married Vern Syversen on December 30, 1944 in Moorhead, Minn. They moved to the Syversen Farm near Edgeley, ND where they resided for many years, then moved into Edgeley in 1978. Vern died on April 24, 2003.

Lois was a member of Zion Lutheran Church, Edgeley.

Lois is survived by three children, LeRoy, Edgeley, David (Bette), Edgeley, and Shelly (Charlie) Long, Bellville, TX; nine grandchildren, sixteen great-grandchildren; and one brother, Robert Deery, Yankton, SD. She was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Gladys and Evelyn; and five brothers, Willis, Walt, LeRoy, Cliff, and Kenneth.

Funeral Service: 10:30 a.m., Saturday, November 26, 2011 at Zion Lutheran Church, Edgeley, ND.

Visitation: 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Friday, November 25, 2011 at Williams-Lisko Funeral Chapel, Edgeley.

Prayer Service: 7:30 p.m., Friday, November 25, 2011 at Williams-Lisko Funeral Chapel, Edgeley.

Interment: Mt. Hope Cemetery, Edgeley ND.

Online Guest book - www.williamslisko.com

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IRENE — Glenmore E. Sorensen, 83, of Irene died Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2011, at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton.

Memorial services are at 1 p.m. Wednesday Nov. 30, at Spring Valley Lutheran Church,

Anna Novak

Anna Novak, age 98 of Yankton, passed away on Tuesday, November 22, 2011 at Avera Yankton Care Center, Yankton.

Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m. Monday, November 28, 2011 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Chapel, Yankton with Msgr. Carlton Hermann. Burial will be in the Nikodym Cemetery, rural Utica, at approximately 11:45 a.m.

Visitations will be from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Sunday, November 27, 2011 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory with a 7:00 p.m. Prayer Service. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Pallbearers are Frank Bohaboj, Joe Bohaboj, Bob Hejna, Lloyd Hejna, Ron Kulish and Jim Kulish.

Anna was born on September 17, 1913 in Stanton County, NE to Adolph and Ann (Verba) Svitak. She attended school at District 32 in Stanton County, NE. On January 20, 1936, she was united in marriage to Frank Novak and to this union, a son was born, Victor. She was a



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member of ZCJB. Anna loved people and no one ever left her house without being fed. She was a farmer and gardener from head to toe, and had many chicken, ducks and geese.

Those who will cherish her memory are her son, Victor of Yankton, SD; brother, Victor Svitak of Clarkson, NE; step-sister, Stazie Bohaboj of Clarkson, NE and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank, parents, step-sister, Mary Svitak and brother, James Svitak.

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Visitation is 5-8 p.m. Tuesday, with a prayer service beginning at 7 p.m., at Hansen Funeral Home, Irene.

For obituary and online condolences, visit hansenfuneralhome.com.

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