

Sudanese Author To Speak In Avon Today

From P&D Staff Reports

AVON — A former Lost Boy of Sudan will share his experiences with students and the general public today (Friday) at the Avon elementary school.

David Jal, along with Laura Jacobs, have co-authored a children's book entitled "David's Journey: One of the Lost Boys of Sudan." The book is based on Jal's life as a refugee.

During today's visit, the authors will give presentations at 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. in the school board room. They will read the book to students, and they will be free for book signing and visiting with the public between 2-2:30 p.m.

All profits from the book will go towards the building of a school for the children of Jal's home area of Khor Wakow.

Avon elementary students have raised money in the spirit of giving, according to teacher Loretta Knodel. The students have participated in a "penny war" during November. All proceeds will help build a school for children in South Sudan, with the money to be presented to Jal during Friday's visit.

To learn more about this project you may visit <http://www.khor-wakowschoolproject.org/>

Sobriety Checkpoints Planned For Area

PIERRE — The South Dakota Highway Patrol has sobriety checkpoints scheduled in December in the following counties: Beadle, Bennett, Brown, Charles Mix, Codington, Davison, Edmunds, Lawrence, Minnehaha, Moody, Pennington, Roberts, Stanley, Sully and Yankton.

Parks Advisory Board To Meet Monday

The City of Yankton Parks Advisory Board will meet at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 3, at the Technical Education Center, 1200 West 21st St. This meeting is open to the public.

Wagner Man In Toddler Death Sentenced On Drug Charges

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LAKE ANDES — A Wagner man has been sentenced to 13 years in prison on two drug charges.

Judge Steven Jensen sentenced 21-year-old Taylor Cournoyer on the charges Thursday at the Charles Mix County courthouse in Lake AnDES.

Cournoyer had pleaded guilty to both charges. Authorities filed the charges after discovering the body of 2-year-old RieLee Lovell on July 4 in a closet at Cournoyer's home outside of Wagner.

Cournoyer has not been charged in the young girl's death. Authorities believe the youngster was dead for about a day before her body was discovered in the closet.

Cournoyer had pled guilty to both drug counts, with the sentences enhanced because he was a habitual offender, according to the Charles Mix County clerk of courts office.

He received 15 years in the state penitentiary, with five years suspended, for possession of a controlled substance, a Class 4 felony.

He also received 10 years in the state penitentiary, with seven years suspended, for keeping a place for use or sale of controlled substances, a Class 5 felony. This sentence is to be served consecutively to the first count, according to the clerk of court's office.

Cournoyer also must pay a \$500 fine on each count along with court costs of \$104. In addition, he is re-

quired to obey all laws and follow the conditions of the court.

The case was prosecuted by William Golden with the South Dakota attorney general's office, while Platte attorney Tom Deadrick represented Cournoyer.

No court date has been set for Cournoyer's wife, Laurie Cournoyer, who faces charges related to Lovell's death, according to the Charles Mix County clerk of courts' office.

Court records indicate Laurie Cournoyer faces the following charges:

- five counts of abuse or cruelty to a minor, consisting of one count of a Class 4 felony and four counts of a Class 3 felony;
- one count of possession of a controlled substance, a Class 4 felony;
- failure to notify law enforcement of the death of a child, a Class 5 felony;
- keeping a place for the use or sale of a controlled substance, a Class 5 felony;
- possession of two ounces of marijuana or less, a Class 1 misdemeanor.

Laurie Cournoyer remains in the Charles Mix County jail in Lake AnDES, according to the clerk of court's office. She is represented by Avon attorney Scott Swier.

You can follow Randy Dockendorf on Twitter at twitter.com/RDockendorf

Deadlines For Area Elks Scholarships Approaching

Area high school seniors will have the opportunity once again to apply for Elks National Foundation scholarships.

The Yankton Elks Lodge No. 994 will be awarding six \$300 scholarships, three to men and three to women at the local level. These six award winners will then be sent on to the state level where the award winners may receive additional scholarship monies.

Application forms for Most Valuable, Emergency, & Legacy (awards for children of Elks) are available by downloading www.elks.org/enf/scholars.

The Elks National Foundation must receive the Legacy application by Feb. 1, 2013.

Emergency Grants must be received by Dec. 31.

Return Most Valuable & Vocational grant applications to the Elks Lodge #994 at 504 West 27th Street, Yankton, by Dec. 7.

If you have any questions, contact Chairman Ray Kooistra, 2011 Douglas Ave., Yankton, SD 57078, or 605-665-5587.

OBITUARIES

Richard Anderson

Richard Clarence Anderson, 72, of Yankton, passed away Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2012, at Dougherty Hospice House in Sioux Falls surrounded by his family after a brief renal-related illness.

Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30, at Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory in Yankton.

A memorial service will be Saturday, Dec. 1, at 1 p.m. at Christ Episcopal Church, Yankton, with The Reverend James Pearson and The Reverend Dr. Paul Opsahl officiating. Burial of the remains will be held at a later date.

Richard "Dick" Anderson was born in Spencer, Iowa on Aug. 29, 1940 to Clarence and Vera (Woodford) Anderson. He attended Garfield School and graduated from Webb High School in 1958. He attended Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa, graduating in 1962 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English. He earned his Master's Degree in English from the University of South Dakota, Vermillion, in 1968.



Anderson

Dick moved to Yankton and began his teaching career at Yankton Junior High in 1962 fulfilling a calling that he recognized when he was in the 3rd grade.

On June 22, 1963, Dick and Louise DeSaix were married at Washington, Iowa by The Rev. Will Yard who had married Louise's parents and maternal grandparents.

Dick is best remembered for his years teaching at Yankton High School. In his 46-year career, only teaching in the Yankton School District, he served as English department chairman for 40 years, and, along with an excellent team of instructors, was responsible for shaping the English Department into one of the finest in South Dakota.

In addition to his other courses, he also taught journalism and was the adviser of the YHS newspaper, *Woksape*, for his entire teaching career.

Under his leadership, between 1963 and 2008, the *Woksape* earned 36 All-State awards

from the South Dakota High School Press Association, with a 19-year unbroken streak of All-State newspapers from 1973 to 1991.

During the same time, well over 100 YHS students were named as All-State Journalists and Photographers

For 30 years, Dick taught at the High School Press Association's summer workshops in Brookings.

"In recognition of outstanding service to high school journalism through teaching the principles of good journalism," he was recognized with the High School Press Association's Founders' Award in 1986 and again in 2005. In the 50-year history of the Founders' Award, Anderson is the only person to have won that award twice.

Dick served as a member of the South Dakota High School Activities Association's Journalism Advisory Committee for two terms: 1979 to 1984 and 1999 to 2004.

In 2004, Dick received the Distinguished Service Award from the South Dakota High School Activities Association. This award is given to coaches and

directors in South Dakota to recognize outstanding service to the youth of the state through various high school activities programs.

In other journalistic endeavors, Dick worked at the copy desk at the *Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan* on weekends and during the summers for many years, and he wrote copy for the Gurney Seed Catalogue.

Dick was also the adviser of the YHS literary magazine, *The Cellar Door*, for several years.

In addition, Dick was an adjunct instructor at both Yankton College and Mount Marty College, and had been adviser for the Mount Marty newspaper, *The Moderator*.

Dick's expertise was called on numerous times as a committee member to North Central Accreditation teams in evaluating the English departments at other area high schools.

Dick was a past-president of the South Dakota Teachers of English, member of the South Dakota Reading Council and South Dakota Education Association.

Locally, Dick served on the

Yankton Federal Prison Camp Community Relations Board, Yankton Public Library Board of Directors, Community Concert Association and the Yankton Education Association.

Dick was also a member of United Methodist Church Yankton, where he had been a Sunday school teacher for many years.

Upon Dick's retirement from teaching in 2008 he enjoyed spending time with his most prized possession, his family. His other pleasure was spending much of his time working at his wife's store, The Pantry, in downtown Yankton. He loved when former students would come in and ask him: "Mr. Anderson, do you know who I am?"

He enjoyed cooking, gardening, reading and talking to former students and colleagues.

In April 2012, Dick was given the gift of a kidney at the Avera Transplant Institute in Sioux Falls, SD. He had an amazing team at the Institute who facilitated a successful transplant.

Through Dick's short illness, he appreciated all the wonderful care and support that the doc-

tors and nurses provided to him and his family.

He is survived by his wife Louise of Yankton; sons, John (Missy) Anderson of Rapid City and Benjamin Anderson of Sioux Falls; two grandchildren, Jackson and Chloe Anderson of Rapid City; sister, Linda (Robert) Rust of Webb, Iowa; an aunt, Eleanor Essick; numerous nieces nephews and cousins; past and present members of the Yankton High School English Department; and thousands of former students.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

In lieu of flowers the family requests gifts be directed to: Avera McKennan Kidney Transplant Fund, 1325 South Cliff Ave, P.O. Box 5045, Sioux Falls, SD 57117 or charity of choice.

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Junell (Buss) Johnston

Junell Jean (Buss) Johnston, 44, of Montrose and formerly Irene, died Tuesday, Nov. 27, in a car accident near Humboldt.

Services will be 2 p.m. Saturday, December 1, 2012 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Chapel, Yankton with Rev. Dave Wildermuth officiating. Burial of her cremated remains will be held at a later date.

Visitations will be one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Urn bearer will be Junell's good friend, Lori Story, Sioux Falls. Honorary pallbearers are her co-workers on the 6th floor at Sanford Hospital, Sioux Falls.

Junell was born December 26, 1967 to Leroy F. and Dorothy L. (Smith) Buss in Morris, Minnesota. In 1974, Junell moved with her family from Benson, MN to Irene where she attended school and graduated with the class of 1986. She played flute in band, was active in chorus, track, basketball, football stats, and for many years held the Irene High School women's shot-put record. Junell was also a lifeguard and swimming instructor at the Wakonda pool.

After high school Junell attended Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall, MN, Mount Marty College in Yankton and graduated from



Johnston

USD, Vermillion with a Bachelor in Education.

While in college she worked part-time at Pump-n-Stuff in Irene. In May 1988 she married Todd Swensen of Wakonda and they had two sons, Dustin and Trent. After they divorced she moved to Rapid City and worked at the Gillette Dairy where she met her husband, David Johnston. Junell and Dave were married March 3, 2003 in Yankton. They both drove long-distance truck for five years. She loved to drive, see beautiful landscape and spend time in the truck with her husband.

After driving truck she completed her RN degree and worked at the nursing home in Garretson. The last five years she was employed as an RN on the 6th floor at Sanford Hospital, Sioux Falls. She loved her co-workers like family and enjoyed taking care of her patients. This past summer she bought her first house in Montrose. Junell enjoyed quilting and working on genealogy with her mother, riding her motorcycle, and collecting horse figurines and anything Scooby Doo.

Junell is survived by her hus-

band, David Johnston; children Trent Swensen, Fort Riley, KS, Derek and Amy Seymour, Sturgis; parents Leroy and Dorothy Buss, Irene; sister Dalene (Justin) Schramm and their children Robyn, Macy and Zayne, Yankton; brother Wayne Buss (Tracy Slowey), Irene; grandmother Ella Buss, Fergus Falls, MN; step-daughters Katie Johnston, Summerset and Jennifer (John) Kellsy of Colorado Springs, CO. Dave's family including his mother Linda and step-father Lee, brother Robert Johnston, Morrilton, FL, sisters Christian Johnston, Clear Water, FL, Melinda Johnston and Gail Johnston; close friends Lori Story and Eric Gannon as well as numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Junell was preceded in death by her infant son Dustin Swensen, grandparents Harry and Rachel Smith, Donnelly, MN and Albert Buss, Barrett, MN, her Aunt Bergetta Bahr and Uncle Audrey Smith.

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Wayne Buckman

Wayne T. Buckman, age 81, of Gayville, South Dakota, died Wednesday, November 28, 2012 at the Avera Sister James Care Center in Yankton, South Dakota.

Funeral services are 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 1, 2012, at Gayville Lutheran Church in Gayville with Reverend Ralph Egbert officiating. Burial will be in the Gayville Cemetery with military honors provided by the Rudolph-Christensen American Legion Post No. 237.

Visitation is from 5-8 p.m. on Friday, November 30, 2012, at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton. Visitation will resume one hour prior to the funeral at the church.

Pallbearers are Tyler Buckman, Nick Pospishil, Drew Eskins, Andrew Pospishil, Matthew Buckman and Nick Buckman. Honorary pallbearers are Kenneth Benson, Ashley Larson, Laura Buckman, Hannah Eskins, Sarah Buckman, Meghan Buckman and Kara Eskins.

Wayne was born September



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19, 1931 in Yankton, South Dakota to Harold and Florence Buckman. He grew up in the Gayville area and graduated from Gayville High School in 1949, where he excelled in athletics. After school, Wayne worked at a meat packing company in Sioux City, Iowa for several years before moving to California. He then joined the United States Army and served during the Korean War. After his discharge, Wayne moved back to Gayville where he farmed with his dad. On August 24, 1961, he married Joleen Jilg in Yankton. Wayne continued farming until he retired in 1997 and in 2004, he moved into Gayville. Wayne was an active member of American Legion in Gayville and the VFW in Yankton. He was an avid fisherman and also enjoyed duck hunting. Wayne loved helping people and was a great handyman who could fix anything. He dearly loved his grandchildren and

never missed one of their activities.

Wayne is survived by four children: Debra Buckman (special friend Bill Metzger) of Mitchell, SD, Lynn (Dan) Eskins of Crofton, NE, Kevin (Cindy) Buckman of Yankton and Kent (Beth) Buckman of Gayville; 11 grandchildren: Ashley (Adam), Tyler, Laura, Hannah, Nicholas, Drew, Andrew, Matthew, Sarah, Meghan and Kara; and one sister, Joyce Benson of Vermillion, SD.

Wayne was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Joleen on January 15, 2000; and a brother-in-law, Darrel Benson.

To send an online sympathy message, please visit wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

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Anthony 'Tony' Fischer Sr.

Anthony "Tony" Thomas Fischer, Sr., 57, died Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2012.

Funeral services are 10 a.m.

Sunday, Dec. 2, at the YST Boys & Girls Club, Marty.

Wake services began Thursday at the club.

Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home, Wagner, is in charge of arrangements.

IN REMEMBRANCE

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