

# Use Caution During Controlled Burns

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If a controlled burn is in your plans, Yankton Deputy Fire Chief Larry Nickles asks that you familiarize yourself with the rules of conducting it beforehand. One day last week, he said he observed five controlled burn violations in the Lewis and Clark Lake area alone. "You need to call in your controlled burns," Nickles said. "Only two of the fires that day had been called in." Residents should call the Yankton County dispatch center at 668-5210 prior to doing a controlled burn and inform officials when and what they plan to burn.

Burning must occur between sunrise and sunset and is limited to things like vegetation, tree piles and rubbish. County law prohibits items such as rubber-type products, petroleum products, asphalt shingles and most chemicals from being burned.

"Be mindful where the smoke is going," Nickles added. "I've had a couple instances where the smoke was going into the neighbors' residences because the wind had laid the smoke down."

In one recent case, Nickles asked that a fire be extinguished for that reason.

He also requested that motorists do a little investigation of what is burning before reporting that a fire is out of control. That can prevent the unneeded dispatch of fire department resources.

Each year, Nickles makes an effort to educate residents about Ordinance 17, which lays out the rules for controlled burns in the county.

"We'd prefer to educate people to do it right. Most of the time, we'll issue a warning," he said. "But if violations become habitual, we'll give out a ticket."

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# Winter Could Be Cooler For South Dakota

BROOKINGS — The temperature and precipitation outlook for December in South Dakota remains somewhat mixed in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration latest seasonal climate outlook released this week. For South Dakota, this means equal chances of below average or above average temperature for the next month. The same probabilities hold for precipitation as well, said Laura Edwards, SDSU Extension Climate Field Specialist. Edwards added that just to our

north, there is a higher likelihood of cooler than average temperatures in December. South Dakota remains between the likely cooler than average to the north and warmer than average region in the southern US.

"The winter outlook, which covers December through February, leans toward colder than average temperatures - especially in the northern part of the state," said Edwards, following the Nov. 21, 2013 release of the national outlook. The jet stream will likely continue to

break repeated cold outbreaks similar to what the area has seen the last several weeks.

For precipitation, Edwards said part of Wyoming and Montana are more likely to receive above average precipitation in December. She added that looking ahead to the winter season through February 2014, there remains some uncertainty for the precipitation patterns that will prevail. But a similar

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# Trash Can Lids Required

All garbage cans used in the City of Yankton are to have tight fitting lids and be no larger than 33 gallons. Sealed plastic garbage bags set out the day of collection

can be an acceptable alternative if you have no lid. Lids or sealed bags are necessary to control rodents, insects, litter and odors.

## OBITUARIES

### Gerald 'Gerry' Miller

Gerry Miller, age 86 of Hartington, Nebraska died on Friday, November 22, 2013 at the Golden Living Center in Hartington. Mass of Christian Burial will be on Monday, November 25, 2013 at 10:30 am at the Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Hartington with Rev. Jeffery Loseke officiating. Burial will be in St. Michael's Cemetery in Hartington with military honors provided by the Hartington VFW Post 5283. Visitation will be on Sunday at church from 2:00 to 6:00 pm with a Vigil Service at 3:30 p.m. Visitation will begin one hour prior to



Miller

services on Monday at the church.

The Wintz Funeral Home in Hartington is in charge of arrangements. To view the video tribute,

or to send online condolences, please visit [www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com/](http://www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com/).

Pallbearers will be Austin Crist, Jace Crist, Jarryd Schieffer, Reggie Miller, Hunter Miller, and Matt Miller.

Honorary pallbearers will be Gerry's former employees of Gerry Miller Implement; Auctioneers - Ryan Creamer, Alton Heimes, Roger Janssen, and Borge

Kastrup. Gene Burbach and Terry Frank.

Gerald E. Miller was born on July 21, 1927 in Hartington, NE to Glen and Myrtle (Christiansen) Miller. He grew up in Hartington and graduated from Hartington High School in 1945. After high school Gerry served in the U.S. Air Force as a Meteorologist in the Pacific Theater. Upon returning from the service, he farmed south of Hartington from 1947-1960. Gerry became involved with the Auction Business in 1947 after attending the Duncan Brothers Auction Schools in Council Bluffs, Iowa. He married Marjorie Leise on October 23, 1950 in Hartington. With further interests

he purchased shares in the John Deere Dealership in 1960, and in 1965 became the sole owner of Gerry Miller Implement. Through the years he received many honors and awards for his services among which are: Director of Iowa-NE Farm Equipment Dealers Association, Director of the Hartington Telephone Company, Inc., member of the NE and National Auctioneers Association including Past-President and Auctioneer of the Year in 1991-1992; Trustee of the Cedar Catholic Foundation Board and member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church; past church council member and trustee; lifetime member of the Hartington VFW Post #5283,

Knights of Columbus, served 25 years on the Hartington City Council; served 3 terms as Mayor of Hartington; past president of the Hartington Chamber of Commerce; received the Community Service Award in 1983; served on the Sacred Heart Hospital Board of Directors; served on the Avera Rural Board of Directors (2 terms), and received the NE Auctioneers Hall of Fame Award on June 2004.

Gerry is survived by his wife of 63 years, Marjorie of Hartington; daughter-in-law Carol Miller of Omaha, NE, Daughters and spouses Cindy and Al Heimes of LaVista, NE, Lisa and Ross Crist of Sioux Falls, SD, Wanda and Tom Schieffer of Hart-

ington; sons and spouses served 25 years on the Hartington City Council; served 3 terms as Mayor of Hartington; past president of the Hartington Chamber of Commerce; received the Community Service Award in 1983; served on the Sacred Heart Hospital Board of Directors; served on the Avera Rural Board of Directors (2 terms), and received the NE Auctioneers Hall of Fame Award on June 2004.

He was preceded in death by his parents Glen and Myrtle Miller; son Dr. Ritch E. Miller.

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### Virginia C. Rye

Virginia C. Rye, age 85, of Pierre, South Dakota, formerly of Gayville, South Dakota, died on Wednesday, November 20, 2013, at Avera Maryhouse Long Term Care Center in Pierre. Memorial service will be 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 27, 2013 at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton, South Dakota, with Reverend David Lund officiating. Inurnment will take place at a later time in the Gayville Cemetery. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the memorial service on Wednesday at the funeral home and also following the service at the Hospital-ity Center. Virginia C. Rye was born September 15, 1928, at Buena Vista, Colorado to Charles Minnie (Marks) McKelvie. She attended school between Gayville, South Dakota and Vancouver, Washington, graduating from Gayville High School in 1946. She attended Mount Marty College for one year and began teaching school at West Prairie and then Mission Hill. She married Manford



Rye

(Mickey) Rye on January 27, 1951 in Vermillion, South Dakota. They farmed northeast of Gayville, raising three girls, until retiring to Yankton in 1987, becoming members of the Trinity Lutheran Church.

Virginia enjoyed cooking, gardening and reading. She always loved getting the family together on Sundays for a good family meal.

Survivors include three daughters: Janet Nelson, Pierre; Denise Rye, Yankton; and Renee (Duane) Bagstad, Yankton, six grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren, a half-sister, Marilyn Ross of Salida Colorado; a step mother, Stella McKelvie of Salida, Colorado.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Manford Rye on March 8, 1999; two brothers, Berdell McKelvie and Russell Gene McKelvie; and sister, Elaine McKelvie-Fabrizio.

To send an online sympathy message visit [www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com).  
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### Carol Fickbohm

Carol A. Fickbohm, age 73, of Yankton, South Dakota, died Wednesday, November 20, 2013 at her residence. Memorial services are 2:00 p.m. on Monday, November 25, 2013 at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton with Pastor Nick Osborn officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the memorial service at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home. Inurnment will be at Bluffview Cemetery in Vermillion, South Dakota at a later date. Carol was born March 2, 1940 in Warren, North Dakota to Fred and Alice (Peterson) Brage. She grew up in Grand Forks, North Dakota where she attended school. Carol married Herbert V. Fickbohm in 1960 and they moved to Yankton in 1962. Carol worked at a daycare center for a few years and then worked in housekeeping at Mount Marty College for over 25 years, retiring in May 2011. Carol loved to collect cat figurines and had quite an extensive collection. She



Fickbohm

enjoyed planting flowers and feeding the birds and squirrels. Carol also enjoyed watching any movie on the Lifetime Network. She had a great sense of humor and will be deeply missed.

Carol is survived by five children: Kim Branson of Sioux Falls, James Fickbohm of Sioux Falls, Kathleen (Michael) Robinson of Yankton, John Fickbohm of Sioux Falls and Jerry (Leslie) Fickbohm of Hartington, NE; nine grandchildren; three great grandchildren; brother, Richard (Susan) Brage of East Grand Forks, MN; and sister, Janet Johnson of Kent, WA.

Carol was preceded in death by her parents; son, David Fickbohm; four brothers, Victor, LeRoy, Dennis and Russell Brage; and four sisters, Lola Haugen, Jean Hesse, Dorothy McCracken and Ruth Dohman; and a nephew, Darwin Stack.

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### Koser Dean Hudson

Funeral services for Koser Dean Hudson, 76, of Niobrara, Neb., are at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Nov. 25, at the Niobrara Presbyterian Church in Niobrara. The Rev. Gary Panko will officiate, with burial in the Riverview Cemetery, rural Niobrara. Military Honors will be conducted by VFW Post 4834, American Legion Post 224, and the Offutt Air Force Base Honor Guard. Visitation is 4-7 p.m. Sunday at the Niobrara Presbyterian Church. Brockhaus Funeral Home of Niobrara is in charge of arrangements. Koser Dean Hudson died Wednesday, Nov. 20, at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton.

### Renate Pageler

Funeral services for Renate W. Pageler, 78, of Creighton, Neb., are at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2013, at Zion Lutheran Church in Creighton. The Rev. Milana Joseph will officiate, with burial in the Greenwood Cemetery at Creighton. Visitation will be Monday from 4-7 p.m. at Brockhaus Funeral Home, Creighton. Renate died Thursday, Nov. 21, 2013, at the Avera Creighton Hospital in Creighton.

### Richard Clark

Richard Clark, 67, of Yankton died Friday, Nov. 22, 2013 at the Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton. Funeral services are pending with the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton.

## IN REMEMBRANCE

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