

Nov. 9-15 Is Nurse Practitioner Week

SIOUX FALLS — South Dakota Gov. Dennis Daugaard has declared Nov. 9-15 as Nurse Practitioner Week in South Dakota. South Dakota is home to 627 Certified Nurse Practitioners. Of these 627 practitioners, 53 percent are employed in a clinical setting.

Nurse Practitioner Association of South Dakota President Jan Purcell states, "I encourage all South Dakotans to recognize the immeasurable contributions nurse practitioners make to the health and well-being of South Dakotans. We also want to thank Gov. Dau-

gaard for recognizing the importance of nurse practitioners to South Dakotans."

In South Dakota, nurse practitioners are able to assess, diagnose, prescribe and manage patients with acute and chronic conditions as long as the nurse practitioner has a Collaborative Agreement with a physician. Nationally, 64 percent of people surveyed have seen a nurse practitioner for a health care need.

Nurse practitioners provide care to patients in primary, ambulatory and acute care settings and work in urban, frontier and rural

areas of our state. Nurse practitioners are registered nurses who have a Bachelor's degree and further their education with a Masters or Doctoral degree in a nurse practitioner specialization program.

Nurse practitioners focus on providing holistic and individualized care to each patient. They emphasize health promotion and disease prevention to prevent the development of chronic diseases or complications from chronic diseases. They are committed to providing patient centered, evidence based, safe and effective care.

Government Operations And Audit Committee To Meet Nov. 13

PIERRE — The Legislature's Government Operations and Audit Committee will hold the sixth meeting of the 2014 interim on Nov. 13, in Pierre. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. in Room 413 of the State Capitol.

The Government Operations and Audit Committee, chaired by Sen. Larry Tidemann (R-Brookings) and vice-chair Rep. Dan Dryden (R-Rapid City), will review the 2014 annual report from the State 911 Coordinator. The committee will discuss the use of performance measures with the Department of Health. The Department of Agriculture will provide follow-up information on food safety measures for unpasteurized dairy products and the results of the Department's meetings with producers. The Department of Social Services will update the committee on the Medicaid management information system project. The Board of Regents will discuss changes made to the contract authorization process. The committee will review written responses to committee questions about the EB-5 program from Joop Bollen, President of SDRC, Inc. The meeting is open to the public.

In addition to Chair Sen. Tidemann and Vice-Chair Rep. Dryden, committee members include, Sens. Jean Hunhoff (R-Yankton), Blake Curd (R-Sioux Falls), Phyllis Heineman (R-Sioux Falls) and Larry Lucas (D-Mission); and Reps. Justin Cronin (R-Gettysburg), Melissa Magstadt (R-Watertown), Mark Mickelson (R-Sioux Falls) and Susan Wismer (D-Britton).

Veterans Town Hall Slated Nov. 14

SIOUX FALLS — The Sioux Falls VA (Dept. of Veterans Affairs) Health Care System & Dakotas Regional Office will jointly host a Veterans Town Hall at 5 p.m. Nov. 14, in the fourth-floor auditorium of the Sioux Falls VA Medical Center at 2501 W. 22nd Street.

Veterans, their families, veterans service organizations and community partners are invited to attend the town hall and listening session with Sioux Falls VA Health Care System and VA Regional Office leadership to ask questions about VA health care and veterans' benefits.

VA facilities across the country are holding similar events to listen and learn from discussions with veterans and community stakeholders.

Annual Holiday Feast Slated Nov. 26

The 19th annual Yankton Community Holiday Feast will be on Wednesday, Nov. 26, at Calvary Baptist Church, 2407 Broadway, Yankton. Dinners will be served from 4:30-7 p.m.

This is a free meal to the public. Volunteers and food and cash donations are needed. Meal deliveries for shut-ins have to be made in advance by 5 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 21.

For more information, contact Donna Madson at 760-3170.

Veterans Invited To Gayville Open House

GAYVILLE — The Yankton County Veterans Service Office and the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs will be hosting an open house for veterans and their families at the Gayville Community Center, 404 Washington Street on Friday, Nov. 21, running from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

The South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs (SDDVA) has designated 2014 as their year to reach out to all 75,000 South Dakota veterans. "Operation RAV" (Reaching All Veterans) is the campaign of the SDDVA to identify and make direct contact with South Dakota's veterans and to make them aware of the benefits and services available to them.

The open house affords the county veterans office the opportunity to thank our veterans and assist veterans and their families in acquiring veteran's benefits and services available to them, including compensation for service-connected disabilities, veteran's and widow's pension, education and on-the-job training, burial benefits, VA healthcare and a variety of other benefits.

Parents' Night Out Slated Dec. 6

The Yankton Community Library and the Recreation Department are sponsoring a Parents' Night Out on Saturday, Dec. 6, from 4:30-7:30 p.m. for boys and girls ages 6-12 at the Summit Activities Center. Participants will make craft projects, eat pizza, play organized games in the gym and take a swim in the SAC pool.

Registration forms are available at the Summit Activities Center or the Yankton Community Library. A limited number of scholarships will be available for this program. The registration deadline is Friday, Dec. 5. Registration forms and payment should be turned in at the Library.

For additional information, call (605) 668-5275, (605) 668-5234 or stop by the Yankton Library at 515 Walnut Street or Summit Activities Center at 1801 Summit Street.

OBITUARIES

Harold Hancock

Harold A. Hancock, 97, of Scotland passed away Saturday, November 8, 2014 at the Good Samaritan Society in Scotland, SD.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m., Saturday, November 15, 2014 at St. Benedict Catholic Church, Yankton with Rev. Ken Lulf officiating. Burial will be in the Garden of Memories.

Visitations will begin at 1 p.m., Friday, November 14, 2014 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton with a Scripture service at 7 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Pallbearers will be Mark Hancock, Jeff Hancock, Randy Straus, Tyler Hancock, Cole Hancock, Raegan Straus, Lester Mueller, Patrick Bauder and Vernon Gall.

Harold Andrew Hancock was born November 10, 1916 to Coleman Hancock and Elizabeth Kern in Alton, Iowa. He started school in O'Neil, NE then in 1927 moved to Vermillion. Harold's step dad, Hiram Collins, passed away when he was 17. He attended high school in Vermillion until his junior year.

Harold was united in marriage to Esther Mueller on January 9, 1939. They lived on a farm near Meck-



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ling then moved to a farm in the Sigel area. In the spring of 1943, they lived on a farm near Tyndall, SD for two years. Finally Esther and Harold bought a farm near Lesterville and lived there until January 1977. They raised two children, Janice and Robert (Bob) during those years.

In the early 1950's, Harold was able to locate his birth father through correspondence with the adjutant general in Washington, D.C. Coleman Hancock and his wife were living in Los Angeles. After a reunion, Harold and his family legally changed their last name from Collins to Hancock.

After retiring from farming, Esther and Harold moved into a new home in Yankton. Harold was employed at Cimpl's Meat Packing as a Federal Meat Inspector for 11 years.

Esther died at the age of 67 on April 22, 1984. Harold married Ann Svanda on February 5, 1985 and she passed away on June 5, 2003.

Harold was a member of the counsel at St. John the Baptist Church in Lester-

ville for 12 years. He also assisted in organizing the Scotland Cooperative in 1960.

Harold's memory will live forever in the hearts of his two children: Janice Straus and her husband, Gilbert of Winter, Wisconsin and Miramar Beach, Florida and Robert (Bob) Hancock and his wife, Carol of Vacaville, California; three grandchildren: Jeffrey Hancock, Mark Hancock and Randy Straus; seven great grandchildren: Alexandra Hancock, Tyler Hancock, Olivia Hancock, Cole Hancock, Raegan Straus, Logan Straus and Jaxon Straus; two half-sisters: Fedilis Foster of Lakewood, California and Marilyn Greenwood of Gunnison, Colorado and nieces and nephews.

Harold was preceded in death by his wives, Esther and Ann, his parents and two half-sisters: Marcella Denison and Zita Cap.

The family requests that memorials be directed to: Good Samaritan Society, 130 Sixth Street, Scotland, SD 57059.

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Lawrence Kast

Lawrence G. Kast, 73, of Yankton passed away on Monday, November 10, 2014 surrounded by his family at Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton, after a lengthy illness.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, November 13, 2014 at St. Benedict Catholic Church, Yankton with Rev. Ken Lulf celebrating and Rev. Tim Lange celebrating. Burial will be immediately following the Mass at St. Boniface Cemetery, Menominee, NE with military graveside rites by the Crofton American Legion Post #128 Honor Guard, Crofton, NE and Ernest-Bowyer VFW Post #791 Honor Guard, Yankton, SD.

Visitations will begin at 5 p.m., Wednesday, November 12, 2014 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton with a 7 p.m. rosary followed by a 7:30 p.m. Scripture service. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Lawrence, son of Julius and Josephine (Schieffer) Kast was born on February 7, 1941. He grew up in Menominee, NE and attended school at St. Boniface through the 8th grade. After graduating from Crofton High School in 1959, he was drafted into



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the US Army and served for two years. He spent six months in Vietnam working in the 87th Engineering Battalion to construct the airstrip in Cam Ranh Bay. On February 5, 1966 he married his high school sweetheart, Shirley Schaefer. They were blessed with three daughters: Susan, Christy and Sharon. Larry started his career as a journeyman plumber working for Redlinger Brothers. In the late 1970's, while working for plumbing contractor, Kenning & Reil Inc., Larry was the plumbing foreman for the construction of the Dakota Dome. His fondest memory was "riding the roof" as they inflated the roof of the air-supported structure. Larry ended his 40-year plumbing career with Fejfar Plumbing in Yankton, SD.

Larry had a great appreciation for God's creations and was most at home in the outdoors. He had a passion for hunting and fishing and even enjoyed teaching the Hunter's Safety Course to young outdoor enthusiasts. Larry enjoyed visiting with everyone and was always willing to lend a helping hand.

Larry was an active member of the VFW Post 791, American Legion and The Catholic Order of Foresters. Larry served as sexton for St. Boniface Church, Menominee, NE for several years. He was very proud of taking care of the grounds of the cemetery and could give you a little history of most of the people buried there.

Grateful to have shared his life is his wife Shirley of Yankton, SD, his daughters: Susan (Randy) Uken of Brandon, SD, Christy Carda of Yankton, SD and Sharon (John) Kraft of Yankton, SD. He will always be lovingly remembered by his grandchildren: Cody Uken, Jack and Piper Carda, Ryan and Tyler Kraft. Also surviving him are his siblings: Ron (Diane) Kast of Fordyce, NE, Charlene Johnson of Papillion, NE, Jolene (Frank) Kralicek of Yankton, SD and many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Julius and Josephine, father-in-law, Sylvester Schaefer, and a brother-in-law, Bruce Johnson.

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Fern Keizer

Fern June Keizer, 86, of Yankton died Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2014, at Avera Sister James Care Center in Yankton.

Funeral services are at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Yankton with the Rev. David Wildermuth officiating. In-

urnment will be at the Garden of Memories Cemetery in Yankton.

Visitation is from 5-8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14, at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton with a prayer service at 7 p.m. Visitation will continue one hour prior to the funeral at the church.

Memorials are preferred to Avera at Home Hospice at

501 Summit in Yankton. To send an online message to the family, visit www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

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MORNING COFFEE
WEEKDAYS MONDAY-FRIDAY

Wednesday, November 12
7:40 am YC Observer (Kathy Church, Kristy Wyland)
8:20 am Hy-Vee Foods (Chef Staci)
8:45 am Mount Marty (Kristi Tacke)

Thursday, November 13
7:40 am Yankton Conv/Vis Bureau (Stephanie Moser)
8:20 am Yankton Chamber (Carmen Schramm)

IN REMEMBRANCE

Fern June Keizer
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incoming commissioner, she also sees the fresh outlook as an opportunity.

"I was a rookie once myself — the hard part is learning all the things you wanted to do, you're not able to do because of state law and certain requirements of what we have to do," she said. "That doesn't mean there aren't a lot of things we can do differently. We can go in a different direction on some things so we're not totally tied up with requirements and state law. I hope they have some fresh ideas and kind of look forward to that part of it."

Bodenstedt said having a new set of minds really adds to what the county can do.

"I think that's a great opportunity," she said. "We all have new ideas and we want to work together and collaborate on ways we can improve the economic growth in Yankton County."

Kettering said a mostly new commission helps open the flow of ideas.

"I'm pleased to have the opportunity to serve and hopefully can bring some changes to the commission and hopefully they'll be good changes," he said. "Not that the previous commissioners did a bad job. It adds a new

perspective on what the community wants as far as growth and services."

He added this also gives the commission a chance to open up to the people.

"(It changes) the way meetings are conducted, and more transparency and openness," he said.

Bodenstedt added she hopes to use her previous military experience to help her transition into public office.

"Personally (the biggest transition) is working in a new environment," she said. "This is my first time working in a politically appointed office, so I want to draw on my executive experience in the military to lend my experience to the commission. I wouldn't call it a challenge, but it is something new and something that I will work at becoming good at."

Kettering said the commission will always be able to accomplish something.

"We have some pretty stringent challenges," he said. "If you look at some of the more successful counties around ... despite the fact


that we're all short of money, we can accomplish some change. We've just got to make a major effort to communicate with everybody so they know what the playing ground is."

Freng said she's loved working with the other commissioners and looks forward to what's ahead with the new group.

"I'm really looking forward to working with these four new commissioners," she said. "I honestly, totally enjoyed working with the commissioners I've worked with over the years, and I think they did some great work. They should be very proud of what they did for county government. I'm looking forward to learning something new and looking in different directions. Hopefully, we can all work together and it'll be an enjoyable time."

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