

DARE Graduation



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Beadle Elementary Fifth Graders celebrated their DARE Graduation with teachers, families and friends on November 20. Officer Jeff Johnson teaches DARE to the 5th Graders for 10 weeks. Student Essay Award winners shared papers on how DARE has impacted them and their decision making during the program. Guest speaker, Sgt. Jason Foot and his K9 partner, Aries shared with the audience how canines help in various aspects of law enforcement. Pictured are DARE essay award winners Maggie Schaefer, Abby Huff, Ryan Schulte, Jessica Wagner, Marisa Moore and Sierra Huerta with Officer Jeff Johnson.

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Veteran's Day Awards



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At the Veteran's Day Banquet held on Nov 11th, the following awards were presented. Left to right: Conley Stange for Lifetime Appreciation for Service to the Community; Linda Fox for Outstanding Service to the Community and Don List for Outstanding Service to the Community presented by VFW Post 791 Commander Cody Mangold.

Theater Cookie Walk Slated Dec. 5

Tasty, decorative homemade holiday cookies will be for sale Friday, Dec. 5, in the lobby of the Dakota Theater lobby in Yankton at 328 Walnut St. Called the Cookie Walk, the event raises funds for Yankton's RiverWalk project, which places sculptures in the downtown and riverfront area.

Some of Yankton's best cookie-makers donate the holiday treats, which sell by the pound. The cookies will be for sale from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., but many varieties were sold by noon last year so come early.

RiverWalk is beginning its fifth year in Yankton. The non-profit group's mission is to enhance the community's appearance and culture by featuring great outdoor art in the downtown district.

Selected sculptures are displayed on downtown streets and in Riverside Park for one year. Current sculptures will be replaced in May 2015.

Quilt Guild To Hold Christmas Party

The Dakota Prairie Quilt Guild Christmas party will be held Monday, Dec. 1, at the Yankton Community Library. The party starts at 6:30 p.m.

BBB Offers Tips For Shopping On Black Friday And Cyber Monday

OMAHA, Neb. — Thanksgiving is almost here, Black Friday shoppers are preparing; some may even get a jump start because a number of retailers are opening their doors Thursday evening. Better Business Bureau (BBB) serving Nebraska, South Dakota, The Kansas Plains and Southwest Iowa is offering tips to people planning on taking advantage of sales offers on Black Friday and Cyber Monday, online shopping the Monday after Thanksgiving.

"Some consumers are so eager to get big ticket items, they plan their Thanksgiving around Black Friday deals," said Jim Hegarty, BBB president and CEO. "The crowds this year will be no different, ease your shopping day by making a game plan, sticking to your budget and understanding each store's return policy."

Black Friday shopping advice:

- Get the real deal. Do you know if a sale is really a sale? It always pays to comparison shop. Take the time to check prices on the same items at other stores.

- Search for Black Friday ads ahead of time. Newspapers often have coupons that give discounts for Black Friday. Ads are also posted on the Internet. Some sites post ads for Black Friday before they are published. Bring the ad with you to be sure you get the deal advertised.

- Know return policies, restocking fees and refunds. Ask for the store's re-

turn policy before you make your purchase. Companies are not required to give you your money back, but they need to post their return policy prominently near the cashier. Also, always ask about restocking fees, and save your receipts in one place so you don't lose them. Many companies will require you to produce a receipt for a return. Ask for a gift receipt.

- Pay with a credit card and protect your personal information.

"Online shopping can be a convenient way to shop for gifts, especially when so many families live in widely scattered locations," said Hegarty. "BBB reminds shoppers to be careful: The Internet is rife with scams that can separate consumers from their money or steal their personal information. And some companies may not be able to deliver gifts in time for the holidays."

Shoppers can prepare themselves for online shopping by watching ads and browsing for the items they're seeking in advance. Unless you're educated, it can be hard to tell whether an online deal actually will save you money. Read a site's policies for returns and understand shipping schedules before you enter your credit card number.

Cyber Monday shopping advice:

- Avoid making purchases over a wireless connection in a public space. Shared connections allow hackers to access your computer, tablet or phone and lure you to fake sites where they

can gather your credit information.

- Password protect your home network connection. Plug into the network. Wireless connections are inherently less secure than Ethernet connections, for the same reasons noted above.

- Be cautious about links provided in emails. You'll see plenty of deals come through your inbox, and it will be tempting to just click on the links to get the deal. Experts recommend pasting the link into a new browser window, or navigating directly to the site to find the coupon or deal. Hackers can manipulate emails links to look safe when they're actually designed to take a user to a fraudulent page.

- Lock down your social networks.

The more of your interests that you make public, the more information a scammer could potentially use to target you with fake offers that you'll be tempted to accept.

- Dedicate one of your credit cards to all of your online purchases. That way, if your information is compromised, it's only one account.

- Look for the BBB Accredited Business seal on the company's homepage. By clicking on this seal, you will be taken to the company's BBB Business Review.

Check a company's BBB Business Review before you make a purchase by going to bbbinc.org or by calling 800-649-6814.

Missouri Model Railroad Club To Run Trains

On Friday and Saturday following the Thanksgiving (Nov. 28-29), holiday trains will be running at the Missouri Valley Model Railroad Club from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. The location is in the basement of the old J.C. Penney's building located on the southeast corner of Cedar and Third streets.

The public, young and old alike, are invited to come and relive the excitement of railroading from the past up to today as it happened. Scale models will be displayed and operated during the open house. This will include mod-

els of steam locomotives from the 30's and 40's up to unit trains and Amtrak passenger trains of today. This will include trains that served the Yankton area such as The Milwaukee Road, Great Northern Railway and the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad from the past to the BNSF of today.

Scenes on the layouts will include fire stations, illuminated buildings and a lighthouse. In addition to the buildings, there are streetlights and operating traffic lights. Scenery includes mountains, rivers, rail yards,

bridges and an operating turntable at the roundhouse. At least three separate layouts will be featured, two in HO gauge and one in N gauge.

The railroads offered dependable transportation over the years as they still do today when highways and airports are shut down due to bad weather. In the spirit of the song "I'll Be Home For Christmas," visitors will be reminded of railroad operation from the past up to the present.

There is no charge for admission. Donations will be

accepted.

For more information, contact Francis Serr at 605-660-4237 or Don Hopf at 605-661-4123. The website is www.mvmrc.webs.com.

The Missouri Valley Model Railroad Club traces its origin back to the fall of the year 2000. For a time, the club met in the old Great Northern Railway depot located at the Dakota Territorial Museum. Since 2003, the club now meets in the basement of the old J.C. Penney's building. People are welcome to visit the club on Monday nights from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

4-H Sells Calendars Featuring Members Photography

BROOKINGS — South Dakota 4-H is selling calendars featuring award-winning photography exhibited at the 2014 South Dakota State Fair this holiday season.

This is the sixth year South Dakota 4-H has designed and sold calendars which contains photographs carefully selected by State Fair judges.

"This year's calendar features 44 youth from 20 different counties

throughout the state," said Audrey Rider, SDSU Extension State 4-H Events Field Specialist.

Rider said photography is a continuously growing project area that allows members from 8-18 an opportunity to learn how to plan, compose, light, and exhibit their photos.

To order a calendar for yourself or as a gift, visit www.iGrow.org/store. If you would like to pick up your

calendar at the State 4-H Office or have it delivered to your local SDSU Extension Regional Center or County Office, select "Pick up in store" as the shipping method and enter the name of the SDSU Extension Office you will be picking up from.

If you have any questions, contact the State 4-H Office at (605) 688-4167.

OBITUARIES

Velma Ludens

Funeral Services for Velma Ludens, 89, of Spearfish, formerly of Springfield are 10:30 a.m., Saturday, November 29, 2014 at the Emmanuel Reformed Church in Springfield. Burial is in the Emmanuel Reformed Cemetery, rural Springfield. Visitation will be Friday from 4 to 7 p.m. with the family present from 5-7 p.m. at the Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home in Springfield.

Velma Ruth Ludens was born in rural Avon, SD to Peter and Anna (Lidtkje) Unruh on July 6, 1925. She died Saturday, November 22, 2014 at Rapid City Regional Hospital in Rapid City.

Velma attended the rural Mennonite School and went to high school in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She married Maynard Jacob Ludens at the Emmanuel Reformed Church, rural Springfield and had 55 wonderful years together. They farmed together and Velma also worked at the Mary Jane Nursing Home in Springfield, the Good Samaritan Center in Tyndall and worked at CR Industries

in Springfield for 10 years. She moved to Spearfish 10 years ago to be near her family.

Velma will be remembered for her love of embroidery, cross stitch, league and tournament bowling and the Sweet Adelines. Velma was a life long member of her church and was a member of Willing Workers and the church choir.

Thankful for having shared her life are her children: Lynnette and husband William Johnson of Mesa, AZ; Merritt and wife Debbie Ludens and Russell and wife Andrea-Milanto Ludens all of Spearfish; eight grandchildren: Troy Ludens of Spearfish; Jamie and wife Shawn Ludens of Spearfish; Vicki and husband Todd Johnson of Volga; Kristi and husband Brad Letcher of Huron; Chris and wife Michelle Ludens of Spearfish; Cassie Ludens and fiancé Tom Anderson of Sergeant Bluff IA; Angela Charlson and fiancé Scott Hanson of Spearfish; and Jennifer and husband Joshua Eymann of Auburn, WA; 15 great grandchildren: Sean and wife Kaylee Johnson; McKenna and Cooper Letcher; Trista, Miriah, Derek, Slayton, Trey, Brandon, Tyler and Katelyn Ludens;

Nevaeh, Caiden and Paiten Gee; Addyson Charlson; and Conner Eymann; one great-grandchild, Jada Johnson; and two sisters-in-law: Marcie Ludens of Springfield and Gertrude DeJong of Win-ner.

Velma was preceded in death by her husband Maynard on August 12, 2001, parents, five sisters and one brother.

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Ethelyn Antelope

Ethelyn Alexis Antelope, 63, of Wagner died Monday, Nov. 24, 2014, at the Community Memorial Hospital in Wagner.

Wake services will begin Wednesday at the American Legion Hall in Wagner and continue each night at 7 p.m.

Funeral services are 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, at the Greenwood Presbyterian Church in Greenwood. Burial is in the church cemetery, rural Greenwood.

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

Todd Pulkrabek

Todd James Pulkrabek of Tabor, SD was born December 7th, 1961, in Broken Bow, Nebraska. He moved to San Diego, California, that same year. He grew up in San Diego learning all facets of the construction trade, including concrete fabrication, carpentry, plumbing, drywall and painting. He moved where he was needed in California, working to perfect his chosen field of carpentry.

When Hurricane Iniki hit the Hawaiian Islands in 1992, doing \$2.6 billion in damage, Todd was called upon to help rebuild hundreds of the structures and businesses which had been devastated. In 1995, wanting a change of locale, he moved to Las Vegas, Nevada, where he worked as a Project Foreman at Nellis Air Force Base. It was there in Las Vegas,



Pulkrabek

where he met the love of his life, Laura Dietz. They married in 2006.

They moved to Tabor in 2006, where he worked as Maintenance Coordinator for Sacred Heart Monastery, until the time of his death. He loved helping the Sisters, swapping tall tales with his friends and family, working on old cars and most especially, fishing with his wife.

Todd suffered an aortic aneurysm with complications from staph infection and a 25 year battle with Crohn's disease. He died at the age of 52, Sunday November 23, 2014 at McKennan Hospital, Sioux Falls.

Todd is survived by his wife Laura, step-sons Clifford Jackson, Waukegan, IL, Nick Jackson, Las Vegas, NV.

Siblings: Mike Pulkrabek, Black Hawk, SD., Gail Pulkrabek, San Diego, CA., Jack Pulkrabek, Scotland, SD., Carol Pulkrabek, Yankton, SD., and his mother, Betts Pulkrabek, Tabor, SD.

A "Celebration of Life" is planned for December 7th,

2014, to be held at Betts Pulkrabek's house, at 147 South Janda Street in Tabor. Everyone who knew Todd is invited to come swap a tall tale and share a favorite story. The Celebration will last from 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

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Payton Patterson

Payton Patterson, 22, of Wagner died Friday, Nov. 21, 2014, at Community Memorial Hospital in Wagner.

Services will be 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 28, at the YST South Housing Gym in Wagner. Burial is in the Holly Name Episcopal Cemetery, rural Dante.

Wake services began Tuesday at the YST Gym.

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

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