

OBITUARIES

Connie Knodel

Connie R. Knodel, age 66, of Menno, SD passed away peacefully early Tuesday, November 24, 2015 Sanford Medical Center, Sioux Falls, SD after a brief battle with lung cancer.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, November 28, 2015 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Menno, SD with Rev. Matthew Resner officiating. Burial will be in the Menno Cemetery, Menno, SD.

Visitations will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, November 27, 2015 at the Aisenbrey-Opsahl-Kostel Memorial Chapel, Menno, SD with a prayer service at 7:00 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

To send an online condolence go to: www.opsahl-kostelfuneralhome.com.

Pallbearers will be: Orlando Munkvold, Ordele Munkvold, Claudell Munkvold, Paul Knodel, Jeremy Knodel, and Cory Knodel

Connie Rae (Munkvold) Knodel, the daughter of Ed and Marie (Gran) Munkvold, was born on May 16, 1949 in Scotland, SD. She attended grade school in Lesterville, SD and graduated from Scotland High School. She was united in marriage to John Knodel on January 3rd, 1976 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Menno, SD. They lived for one year in Lesterville before moving to their home in Menno. From this union they were blessed with two children, a son, John Jr. and a daughter, Jamie.

Connie worked as a nurse's aide at the Human Services Center in Yankton, SD. She also worked at the Menno-Olivet Care Center and The Beer Garden in Menno. She then went to work as a clerk at the Prai-



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rie Pumper, which led to John and Connie making the convenience store a family business. They owned and operated the Prairie Pumper for 9 years. After selling the store, Connie went to work for the City of Menno in the finance office before going into retirement. While retired, Connie enjoyed doing puzzles, word searches, watching wrestling and the Minnesota Twins. She also enjoyed spending time with friend's uptown having a cup of coffee.

Grateful for having shared in Connie's life are her husband of 39 years, John; son, John Jr. (Nicole) of Tea, SD; daughter, Jamie of Sioux Falls, SD; 3 grandchildren: Jaden, Haley, and Alexis of Tea, SD; 3 brothers: Roy Munkvold of Scotland, SD, Edward (Helen) Munkvold of Menno, SD, and Oliver (Jeanette) Munkvold of Lesterville, SD; 4 sisters: Alice Evenson of Yankton, SD, Audrey Holupka of Tyndall, SD, Iona (Elmer) Fischer of Yankton, SD, and Joyce (Kenneth) Kloucek of Scotland, SD; many brothers and sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, and friends.

Connie was preceded in death by her parents, her mother and father-in-law, 3 brothers: Jerome, Albert, and Roland Munkvold and 2 sisters, Edith Weisz and Evelyn Johnson.

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Harry 'Doc' Lortz

Harry Phillip "Doc" Lortz Doc died Wednesday morning, Nov. 25, 2015, at Dunlap Specialty Care, Dunlap, Iowa. At the time of his death he had been blessed with 95 years, 7 months and 25 days.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Satur-

day, Nov. 28, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Coleridge, Nebraska, with a visitation with the family beginning at 1 p.m. Interment will be at the Coleridge Cemetery in Coleridge.

The Pfannebecker Funeral Home, www.pfannebecker.com, Denison, Iowa, is in charge of arrangements.

MMC Earns Accreditation For Master's in Nursing Program

Mount Marty College has announced that the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) has granted Mount Marty College full accreditation of the college's Master's level nursing degree program and post-Master's certificate program. Because MMC has received full accreditation for the Master's degree in nursing program, students can sit for their licensure to become a certified nurse practitioner and help meet the health care needs of our region.

The Master's level accreditation was granted after an application and on-site visitation from the CCNE during the past year. For several decades, MMC has offered fully accredited Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN), Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) and Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) programs. The MSN program will be the newest accredited degree program added to the College's nursing degree offerings and will allow the College to attract even more nursing students and professionals to MMC and the Yankton area.

Currently, MMC has 85 students enrolled in undergraduate nursing programs, as well as 98 students enrolled in the College's nurse anesthesia program in Sioux Falls. With this accreditation, MMC now offers a full array of accredited nursing degrees, from certificate through Master's degree programs.

President Marcus Long is pleased with the news from CCNE. "Our faculty, staff and students have worked very hard to earn this accreditation, and I am very proud of their efforts. We will continue to educate quality nurse professionals to meet the ever increasing health care demands of our region."

The graduates of the Master's degree program, along with nursing graduates at the undergrad level, are in high demand throughout the area. The skills, expertise, and professionalism they bring to the health care industry have been recognized by institutions across the region.

"Avera Sacred Heart Hos-

pital is a direct beneficiary of the high-quality nursing programs provided by Mount Marty College," said Doug Ekren, regional President and CEO of Avera Sacred Heart Hospital. "Many of these students go on to become valued members of the Avera Sacred Heart team. Accreditation of the MSN program at Mount Marty College provides a local option for those seeking such a degree and will hopefully lead to more advanced practice providers in our region to care for residents."

To learn more about the MMC nursing department and the available degree offerings, visit www.mtmc.edu.



Grace Van Metre, Bryna Fanta and Emma Vortherms are shown on the air during a recent edition of "The Monday Afternoon Chit Chat," which features sixth graders at St. Ludger Elementary School, on Creighton's KNIL radio station.

Creighton

New Radio Station Offers A Local Voice

BY LINDA WUEBBEN
P&D Correspondent

CREIGHTON, Neb. — The Creighton Community Radio station, KNIL-95.9 FM/LP, went live in February of this year. But when Rev. Jeff Lorig first talked to his parish family of St. Ludger Catholic Church in Creighton about starting a local radio station, they thought he was crazy.

"We were talking about building community but some of the parishioners thought it was a crazy idea," Lorig said. "Now they kind of like it and some have even said they might have to eat their words."

The local radio station was made possible by the Local Community Radio Act, co-sponsored by Nebraska Congressman Lee Terry, passed in 2010 by Congress and signed into law by President Barack Obama in 2011. There was a very small window of opportunity to make an application for a community radio station which has now passed. Today there are 800 LP stations on the air across the country.

The planning began with discussion about how the station would be run. The more the parish talked, the more support it got. They decided to try it. The goal of the law was to create local programming for the benefit of the community and be nonprofit so Lorig said it was agreed it would not be about the parish but for the community. They applied for a construction permit from the FCC in October of 2013 during that small window of opportunity. When the application was approved, they started raising money.

The fundraising would be community-based and not be St. Ludger's parish money. It started with a raffle and there

were donations including a donation from the Creighton Community Foundation. The station needed about \$20,000 to get it up and running. Low power radio stations or LP in the call number means it is operated on low electrical power so it does not need a tower. The station is located in the St. Ludger Catholic School and is operated by a staff of 16 community volunteers.

"The station really uses the Internet in as many ways as possible," Lorig said. "That and electricity was what we needed to go live." Other expenses included paying for a music license.

The station is live 24-7 and plays rock and roll music the majority of the day and after midnight they switch to inspirational talks with a Christian radio station. They started slow with a couple live programs which have proven to be very popular in the community. On Tuesday, there is a community morning show from 6:30-8 a.m. which broadcasts a community schedule, weather and also a live interview with someone from the community. On Wednesday mornings from 9-10 a.m., two teachers host a Hump Day show with the help of fifth and sixth grade students. The program offers lots of wacky information, trivia and takes call-ins. A spin off of that program started last week as three six grade girls became interested in having a show of their own which invites listeners to identify movie clips for a half-hour on Monday after school.

"I love their enthusiasm

and am excited to see their confidence and speaking skills grow," Lorig said.

Over the summer months the radio station offered a couple of internships to high school students who were interested in broadcasting to work at the station during the day. They worked on public service announcements (PSAs) and learned their way around the equipment. A popular event initiated by the interns was the broadcast of the live play-by-play for four baseball games this summer.

The Creighton High School AD Randy Kliment gives reports which are aired throughout the week. This fall they have broadcast four football games with the help of two volunteer announcers, Sheriff Don Henry and local resident, Kenny Meier.

Lorig said they never compete with the "big boys," regular radio stations when they are present for a broadcast, but the community enjoyed the sporting broadcasts.

Since KNIL is a non-profit organization, commercials are not permitted but the volunteers secure business underwriting. For a donation, a business or service in the Creighton area gets a 30-second spot. This allows the station to make some money to pay for expenses. Since it only has a range of 10 miles, it is truly a community service.

The best night of programming is on Thursday night when the Toe Tapper show airs at 7:15 p.m. with Lorig and Justin Meuret of Brunswick.

"Well, Father started

talking to me about things we could do and after much thought, I agreed," Meuret said. "The monster was born."

Meuret said they talk about everything and everyone and do not discriminate — all is fair game. According to the FCC rules they can't endorse political candidates so the two feel free to comment on all candidates.

"It's just two guys, back and forth; we have a lot of fun," Meuret said. "I'm pleasantly surprised to have positive feedback from the community."

Occasionally one or the other is missing so the men take advantage of the technology and invite an old college roommate or brother to Skype in and join the unusual conversation. An upcoming chili feed in Creighton will raise funds for the station and Meuret said there always seems to be things which need updating. Recent fundraising brought in monies which enabled the station to have a live link online. Looking to the future, raising the bar of the station output to a full-powered FM signal with a tower would be an amazing and pleasing success for Meuret.

"The supporters picked the call sign for their station, KNIL, which is LINK spelled backward," Lorig said. "It really shows how the radio station is really connecting the community."

It is 95.9 FM/LP on the dial in the Creighton area and can be listened to live online.

"America's Distress and God's Course of Action"

Redeeming Grace Bible Church is holding a forum free of charge to the public for six Sunday evenings, beginning December 6th at 5:30 PM at 708 E. 19th St. in Yankton.



The forum, entitled "America's Distress and God's Course of Action", will survey the state of America and examine God's comprehensive plan for the world. The forum will include videos from the "Understanding the Times" Bible conference held in October 2015, which presents speakers Pastor Robert Jeffress, First Baptist Church Dallas, TX, Pastor Jack Hibbs, Calvary Chapel, Chino Hills, CA., and Amir Tsarfati of Behold Israel, an international Bible Teacher and Law Enforcement and Homeland Security consultant. Discussion time will follow each event.

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