

Soup Kitchen To Be Held At The Moose Today

A Soup Kitchen will be held Thursday, Oct. 20th at the Moose Lodge at 310 Walnut Street, Yankton, from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. Proceeds will be going to the Cramer Kenyon Heritage House for upkeep and utilities. Matching funds by Royal Neighbors of America Insurance.

The menu includes chicken noodle, chili and vegetable beef soups, taverns, hot dogs, and pies. Sign up for door prizes. Everyone welcome.

Coat, Winter Wear Give-Away Slated Saturday

The Make a Difference Day Coat and Winter Wear-Give Away is set for 9-10:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 22, at the Human Service Center, South Training Center (former Chapel), Yankton.

The Clothing Closet will also be open from 9 a.m.-noon. Clothing vouchers are not required at the Clothing Closet for Make A Difference Day.

Winter coats, hats, gloves, snow pants, and snow boots will be displayed and available for people of all sizes — from the very young through adult.

For more information, call United Way and Volunteer Services at 665-6766.

Scouts To Help Collect Food For The Hungry

Yankton area Scouts will be taking part in the annual Scouting for Food campaign to help stock the shelves of our local food pantries.

Debbie Eilers is the local coordinator for this years collection. Eilers said, "The process all starts this week, when Cub Scouts will place Scouting for Food Bags near the front door of each area residence. This year the bags are grey plastic with black printing. They look a lot like a plastic grocery sack you might get at the store."

Area residents are asked to drop in a few much needed food items and place the bag in plain view outside their front door by 8 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 22. At that time, area Boy Scouts will start to pick up the donated food and take it to the local food pantry.

Eilers explained, "Every once in a while we might miss delivering a bag, or it might get misplaced. If someone doesn't get a bag, they should just put the food in another bag in plain site by the front door and we will pick it up."

In addition to food items, they will also pick up used eye glasses and hearing aids and take them to the South Dakota Lions Club to help in their efforts to give site to those in need.

As in years past canned meats, pasta and rice items, canned beef stew, canned fruit and vegetables are all items that are very much in need. The local pantries have asked that we avoid items in glass containers and perishable or frozen foods. They also can not take foods that have passed expiration dates.

Yankton and the surrounding communities have a great history of helping our neighbors when they need a hand. By participating in the Scouting for Food collection we can continue that tradition.

For more information about the Scouting for Food program, contact Derek Lee at 605-321-9819

Swedish Smorgasbord Planned For Wausa

WAUSA, Neb. — Wausa will host its annual Swedish Smorgasbord on Saturday, Oct. 22, at the Community Auditorium. The event runs from 5-8 p.m.

The Smorgasbord will feature all-you-can-eat Wausa-made specialties. There will also be youth and adult Swedish dancing.

Tickets are available in advance or at the door. For more information, contact Doug Johnson at 402-586-2266 or doug.johnson@wausabank.com.

Pittenger Named New Librarian Of The Year

Becky Pittenger, children's librarian at the Yankton Community Library, was named New Librarian of the Year by the South Dakota Library Association during the Association's annual conference Oct. 5-7.

Pittenger was selected for this award based on her contagious enthusiasm and creative ideas in her short time as Children's Librarian. Pittenger has developed outreach and programs for all age groups.

The staff of the Yankton Community Library nominated Pittenger and noted that she has "an elementary education background, knows where the interests of both parents and children lie, and knows what stimulates the children and keeps the parents bringing them back."

Letters from local library patrons and children were unanimous in their praise of Becky's dedication, ingenuity, and warmth.

To honor Pittenger for her dedication, the Yankton Community Library, 515 Walnut, is holding an open house all day on Wednesday, Oct. 26. The public is invited to come out and congratulate Pittenger on this special award. At 5 p.m., there will be a ceremony honoring Pittenger.

S.D. Mortgage Crisis Hotline Available To Help Homeowner

PIERRE — The South Dakota Mortgage Crisis Hotline remains available to homeowners needing to connect with counselors about mortgage issues they may have. This hotline may be of special interest to those who have had to evacuate because of flooding and may have trouble making their payments.

The toll-free mortgage hotline was created in 2008 to help connect homeowners, who are not yet behind in their mortgage payment or have recently experienced trouble paying their mortgage, with certified mortgage counselors across the state. The mortgage counselors are trained to provide guidance and support on a variety of financial topics including loan modifications, avoiding foreclosures, consumer credit education and flood related mortgage issues.

Qualified counselors provide free confidential services to homeowners. "This hotline is not only useful for homeowners that are in a mortgage crisis, but also for those who may need to adjust their payments due to the flooding issues," said Executive Director Mark Lauseng.

The mortgage crisis hotline is divided in half by the Missouri River. The West River Mortgage Crisis hotline is 877-832-0161, and the East River Mortgage Crisis hotline is 877-832-0163. The following participating counseling agencies provide the counselors for the hotline:

- Consumer Credit Counseling Service of the Black Hills, 2310 North Maple, Rapid City;
- Consumer Credit Counseling Service-Lutheran Social Services, 705 E. 41st Street, Suite 101, Sioux Falls;
- NeighborWorks Dakota Home Resources, 795 Main Street, Deadwood.

This hotline is provided by the Homeownership Education Resource Organization (HERO), which is an affiliate of South Dakota Housing Development Authority and by Citi Foundation. Certified default and foreclosure counselors are here to help, free of charge.

For more information about the hotline, contact Mary Stewart, State HERO Coordinator, 605-773-5632 or marys@sdhda.org.

Three Habits To Lower Breast Cancer Risk

SIoux FALLS — According to the American Cancer Society, the single most important thing a woman can do to lower her risk of breast cancer is to have a mammogram. The second most important thing she can do is to maintain a healthy lifestyle.

This year in South Dakota, 590 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer. More than 100 women will die of the disease.

Since Friday, Oct. 21 is National Mammography Day, the Society wants to raise awareness of breast cancer screening and the lifestyle steps women can take to prevent the disease. Here are three healthy habits that women can adopt that will reduce their risk

of breast cancer:

- maintaining a healthy weight (Body Mass Index [BMI] under 25)
- engaging in regular exercise (30 minutes five or more days per week)
- drinking alcohol in moderation (no more than 1 drink a day)

"Studies show that women who follow all three of these habits reduce their risk of the disease," said Jill Ireland, American Cancer Society. "All women — those with a family history of breast cancer and those without — will benefit from maintaining a healthy weight and exercising, and consuming lower amounts of alcohol."

The bottom line? Women who maintain healthy habits can lower their risk of breast cancer, even if a close relative has had the disease.

In addition to practicing healthy lifestyle habits, the American Cancer Society recommends that women begin annual screening at age 40. Early detection of breast cancer offers the best chance for a cure. When caught early, the five-year survival rate for breast cancer is 98 percent.

For more information on breast cancer or to find out more about screening guidelines, contact the American Cancer Society at 1-800-227-2345 or www.cancer.org.

Holiday Fundraising Kick-Off Raffle Has Begun

The second annual Holiday Fundraising Kick-off Raffle to support the Yankton Sertoma Football Program and the Yankton Area Chamber of Commerce "Shop Yankton First" campaign has begun.

Only 500 tickets will be available at \$100 each. The fundraiser has been changed slightly based on comments received from last year's ticket holders. Instead of giving away one grand prize and a choice of cash or a vehicle, there will be 11 prizes in the form of Chamber Dollars.

Everyone in the Yankton community benefited from this program because the money raised went straight back into the community and generated additional sales tax revenue.

Yankton Sertoma Football Program is going to tackle football for the 5th and 6th graders in 2012. This will require padded uniform pants, helmets and gear to protect these young athletes while they are developing skills to be future Yankton Bucks! A percentage of the proceeds from this fundraiser will go to help pay for this equipment.

The Yankton Area Chamber of Commerce has been promoting the importance of shopping local for the last two years.

"People may not think much about it, but every time residents purchase goods and services outside the community or on-line, the city loses sales tax revenues and those revenues are what support the services in your community. Those out-of-town or on-line companies don't donate to your

schools or non-profits" stated Carmen Schramm, director of member services. Retailers make the majority of their revenue during the holiday season, making it vital to support local retailers.

By supporting this fundraiser, the money raised goes right back into the Yankton community in the form of hard dollars that are being spent and circulating through the local economy.

Ticket holders have an 1 in 500 chance to win either the Grand Prize of \$10,000 or one of the ten \$500 prizes.

The winners will be paid in Chamber Dollars which are the same as cash except that they must be spent locally at any business with a 57078 zip code. Chamber Dollars can be spent on anything from gas, to groceries, to

OBITUARIES

Cletus Koch

FORYDYCE, Neb. — Cletus L. Koch, age 88 of Fordyce, Nebraska died on Sunday, October 16, 2011 at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton, SD.

Mass of Christian Burial will be on Thursday, October 20, 2011 at 10:30 a.m. at St. John the Baptist Catholic church in Fordyce, Nebraska with the Rev. David Fulton officiating. Burial will be in St. John the Baptist Cemetery in Fordyce with military graveside rites by the Hartington VFW Post #5283.

Visitation will be on Wednesday from 1-5:00 p.m. with a rosary at 2:00 p.m. at the Wintz Funeral Home in Hartington. There will be a Vigil Service at the church Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. Visitation will continue on Thursday at church one hour prior to services.

Pallbearers will be his

Merle Offerdahl

VERMILLION — Merle Offerdahl, 92, of Vermillion, SD, passed away Tuesday, October 18, 2011 at Sanford Vermillion Hospital.

He was born to Rudolph and Lillian (Davis) Offerdahl on December 3, 1918 in rural Union County, SD. He lived and worked in Clay and Union Counties his entire life and was proud of his rural heritage... and his Norwegian roots!

Merle was a people person and spent his entire life helping others. He was friendly, kind, compassionate and helpful. In his younger years he moved from Union County to Vermillion to work for the city garage, but was soon lured to the police department. He took a cut in pay to do that but always said it was better to work with people than with machines. He soon became the "temporary" chief of police ... a position he would then hold for almost 21 years. He was proud of the relationships he was able to develop with his employees and the community as well as the growth of the department over his years as chief.

Merle was very active in his community. He was the Scoutmaster for Troop 214, served as President of his church; President of the Senior Citizen's Center and was elected to three terms as the Mayor of Vermillion. He considered it a rare privilege to be able to represent the city he loved in a visit to Vermillion's sister city of Ratigen, Germany. He also later hosted representatives from Ratigen on their visit to South Dakota and proudly showed them around this area. He

Donald Williams

Donald L. Williams, 78, of Yankton died Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2011, at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton.

Mass of Christian Burial is at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Yankton, with the Rev. Mark Lichter officiating. Burial will be approximately 12:30 p.m. at the St. Vincent Cemetery, Springfield.

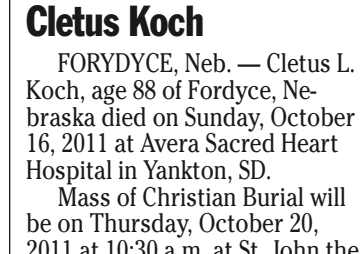
Visitations begin at 6 p.m. Friday at Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton, with a 7 p.m. rosary followed a 7:30 p.m.

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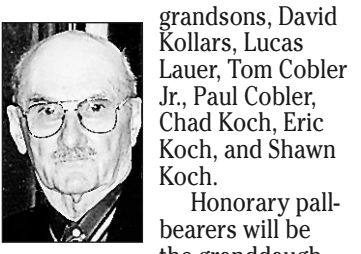
WAGNER — John Cimpl, 86, of Wagner died Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2011, at the Community Memorial Hospital, Wagner.

Funeral Mass is at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Catholic Church, Dante. Burial is in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, rural Dante, with military honors.

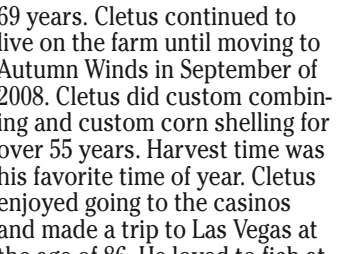
Visitation is noon-5 p.m. Sunday at Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home, Wagner. Rosary/Wake services will be 7 p.m. Sunday at the church.



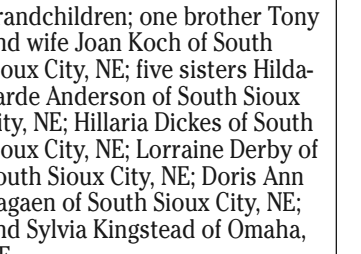
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Eugene Engen

MITCHELL — Dr. Eugene P. Engen, 80, of Mitchell and formerly of Yankton, died early Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2011, at Avera Queen of Peace Hospital, Mitchell.

Funeral services are at 3 p.m. Saturday at United Church of Christ (Congregational), Yankton, with the Rev. Paul Opsahl officiating. Burial will be in the Yankton Cemetery, Yankton.

Visitations will be one hour prior to the service at the church. The Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, is in charge of arrangements.

Merle Offerdahl

and his wife, Eleanor, served as Vermillion's Sesqui-centennial Parade Grand Marshalls and were humbled by this honor.

Merle will be remembered for his sense of humor and his stories. He often played practical jokes on unsuspecting folks and always had a joke or story to share. Every day was a good day in his mind and his positive attitude affected all who knew him. He loved to build things, fix things, and improve things... as anyone who visited his room at the Care Center will attest to. He considered himself very lucky to have met and married the love of his life, Eleanor. They shared almost 69 years of married life. They met at a dance in Union County and enjoyed dancing the rest of their lives. They also loved to camp and traveled to every state in the US and visited Europe twice.

Merle is survived by his two children, Robert (Fran) Offerdahl of Youngstown, Ohio and Joyce (Dave) Zimmer of Vermillion, SD. He leaves behind five grandchildren, Scott (Maria) Zimmer of San Diego, CA; Nathan (Jami) Offerdahl, Lucas (Sarah) Offerdahl, Martha Offerdahl, and Ellen DUBY all of Youngstown, OH, as well as 9 great-grandchildren. Preceding him in death were his wife, Eleanor, his parents, his brothers, Lawrence, Milton, and Rudy and his sister Violet Fickbohm.

Memorials to honor his

Merle Offerdahl

memory may be direct to the Vermillion Food Pantry, the Vermillion Senior Citizen's Center, the Vermillion Public Library Building Fund, SD Special Olympics, or to any other worthy cause.

Funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, October 22, 2011 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Vermillion with Rev. Trisha Boese officiating. Burial will be in Bluff View Cemetery in Vermillion. Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m., Friday, October 21, 2011 at Kober Funeral Home in Vermillion with a prayer service to begin at 7 p.m.

Condolences may be posted online to www.koberfuneralhome.com.

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Scripture service. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

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IN REMEMBRANCE

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