

Model Train Show Set For October 6-7

The 10th annual Missouri Valley Model Railroad Club Model Train Show will be at the Yankton County 4-H Grounds Oct. 6-7. The 4-H Building is located at 901 Whiting Drive here in Yankton. The train show will begin at 10 a.m. on both days and end at 5 p.m. on Saturday and at 3 p.m. on Sunday. Numerous model railroad train dealers will be on hand coming from Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota. Many types of the latest model trains and documents will be available as well as rare collector's items. Exhibits will include a "z" scale unique model layout with toy trains around the Christmas tree inside the house and outside the house we see an alpine village with an operating railroad. Come and see it to understand. You will find it fascinating. Other layouts will include an Ho scale modular layout and an operating Lionel Train layout. There will be a Thomas Train Set drawing at the end of the show on Sunday. Lunch will be available at the site. For more information contact Francis Serr at 605-660-4237 or Don Hopf at 605-661-4123. The website is www.mvmrc.webs.com.

Boy Scouts To Hold Collection Saturday

Yankton Boy Scout Troop No. 133 will hold its monthly scrap newspaper and aluminum can collection Saturday, Oct. 6. Papers and cans will be picked up at the trailer courts and apartment complexes in Yankton. Also, paper and cans will be picked up at Riverside Acres. Have newspapers and cans secured in sacks or small cardboard boxes and ready to be picked up by 9 a.m. Saturday. Paper and cans may also be taken to the Riverview Park Reformed Church Parking Lot, 1700 Burleigh, between 9:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday. For more information on the newspaper and aluminum can collection, call 665-0685. The Boy Scouts cannot handle tin or plastic. These need to be placed with the recycling the city picks up or taken directly to the landfill for recycling.

Northeast To Offer Area EMT Workshops

NORFOLK, Neb. — The Allied Health Department at Northeast Community College in Norfolk has announced the October schedule of its free, one-session workshops for emergency medical service technicians in the area. All workshops are offered for three continuing education units. All, with the exception of the workshop in Hartington, will be held in the local fire halls. The session in Hartington is at Hartington Ambulance. All workshops will be held from 7-10 p.m. There is no need to pre-register. The area workshops, dates, and locations include: • Pediatric Assessment Emergency — Tuesday, Oct. 9, Wynot • Patient Assessment/Prioritizing Their Needs — Wednesday, Oct. 10, Hartington • Trauma on the Highway — Monday, Oct. 22, Wausa • Geriatrics — Monday, Nov. 5, Laurel This program is funded in whole or in part with public funds provided through the Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant administered by the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services System Emergency Medical Services Program. For additional information, call the Allied Health Department, Northeast Community College, at 1-800-348-9033, Ext. 7335, or (402) 844-7335.

Harvest

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"The corn was first for a lot of guys (before beans), which was odd. We were already seeing corn in mid-September," he said. "We're now in the first week of October, and we are pretty much done with corn when we would first be doing beans." Cutts used a personal reminder to illustrate the strange harvest season. "My wife's birthday is the 26th of September, and the usual question of whether we celebrate (her birthday) is whether the farmers are combining beans or not (and if I'm too busy)," he said. "But this year, they were taking corn out of the fields by the second week of September." Yankton County's rapid harvest falls in line with the rest of the state. According to South Dakota's weekly state crop report, 55 percent of the state's corn for grain has been harvested, up from 36 percent the previous week and well ahead of the five-year average of 6 percent. Soybeans harvested statewide were at 79 percent, up from 47 percent the previous year and well ahead of the five-year average of 16 percent. The Nebraska weekly state crop report also lists harvest nearing completion in the northeast part of the Husker State. Drought has definitely taken its toll on this year's harvest, but stellar yields remain in certain places, Cutts said. "As far as corn, the yields are all over the board. They go from zero to the 100-bushel range. The best yields were coming from the bottom land by Gayville," he said. "The yields all depend on location and also on hybrids. I would say, overall, we're looking at 25 percent of normal." Farmers have attacked their

cornfields in two stages, Kosters said. "The outer rows usually became silage because they received the most heat and direct sunlight," he said. "But then, the farmers ran into corn that made decent yields, and those rows were harvested." Many fields weren't producing much yield, so the decision to create silage made good financial sense, Cutts said. "The feedlots bought a lot of silage. In Nebraska, they are short on feed," he said. "The hay market is crazy, especially for horses. Hay that used to cost \$100 a ton is now costing \$300 a ton." The beans are looking good, but some yields are running as low as 10 bushels an acre, Cutts said. Beans began arriving at the Mission Hill elevator one to two weeks ago, Kosters said. "As of a week ago, we had almost one bin full of beans," he said. The quality of beans has been hit and miss, Kosters said. "The beans are pretty dry and small," he said. "The farmers don't think they have much of a crop because the beans are shriveled. Then, 24 hours later, the beans pop up." The drought-stricken harvest scene actually contains some silver linings, Cutts said. "We haven't worried about drying down the harvest and having that expense," he said. "There was some earlier corn that had planting issues and was at 18 or 19 percent (moisture content). But for the most part, we have loads coming in at 10 to 15 percent moisture." The harvest season has been good for the elevator's fuel bills, Kosters said. "As far as using our dryer, we haven't had to do that much at all. We just put it in the bin and let the fans do it naturally, blowing everything," he said. "We don't have the drying costs, which really helps because propane isn't cheap." This year's harvest has also remained mostly pest free, Kosters said. "We haven't seen much for grasshoppers this year," he said.

"Around the first of September, they popped out and then they disappeared." The slowdown of elevator traffic, while created this year by drought, has been seen more often in recent years, Cutts said. "We have fewer farmers and bigger semis, so you don't have as many loads going back and forth," he said. Kosters uses the down time to take care of maintenance, grind corn and make feed. As for the harvest itself, the beans generally go to Sioux City. The corn mostly ends up at seven regional ethanol plants, many of them within 50 miles of Mission Hill. Despite the drought, farmers have generally allowed for setbacks and are able to meet their grain contracts, Cutts said. The Mission Hill elevator provides storage for area farmers, Cutts said. The purchase of two larger bins in recent years has boosted the elevator's storage capacity, he said. "We had two bins that were blown over because of a storm two years ago. We previously had two 50,000-bushel bins, and now we replaced them with two 125,000-bushel bins," he said. "The new bins were a good investment. It has modernized things and has sped up the way we can handle business at the elevator. We may have had a drought this year, but you have to look at things in the long term." Cutts wants to turn the page on this year's drought. "They took (aerial) pictures of my farm in August, and it was all brown," he said. "I don't want to remember that (image)." A farmer himself, Cutts looks forward to better times. "Farmers are the eternal optimists," he said. "As they say, there's always next year."

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tions and culture of the state's Native American inhabitants. Each year, South Dakota schools, communities and organizations present a variety of activities to help educate the people of the state about the Lakota, Dakota and Nakota people. While MMC's presentation Thursday will be the first time the school has hosted this type of an event for the holiday, it won't be the college's first celebration dedicated to Native American history, Kahle said. "Traditionally, in the past, there used to be pow-wows held on campus," he said. "They're difficult to organize, but it's something I'd like to see happen again." Kahle said celebrations such as musical presentations and pow-wows are important because they help spread awareness about cultures that many people don't fully understand. "In the history books, all too often what we find is a negative portrayal of tragedy," he said. "But there's also the other side of the coin, which shows a brilliant way of life." Kahle said he expects a good turnout for Thursday's presentation and believes the audience will be treated to a "very uplifting" experience. "I would recommend it to anybody that is looking for a unique phonic expression of spiritual harmonies through voice and song and instruments," he said. "I encourage everybody to come and broaden their sense of appreciation."

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OBITUARIES

Martha Anderson

Martha E. Anderson, age 87, of Yankton, passed away September 29, 2012 at Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home, Viborg. Visitations will be 5-7 p.m. Thursday, October 4, 2012 at Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton with a 7 p.m. rosary and a 7:30 p.m. Scripture service. Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, October 5, 2012 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Yankton with Rev. Mark Lichter officiating. Burial will be in the Yankton Cemetery. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.



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making a great many acquaintances and friends through daily interactions with customers. She was a long time member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and then St. Benedict's Parish as well as a 50 plus year member of Catholic Daughters. She loved her Catholic faith, time with her grandchildren, her home, and sharing family memories. Surviving her are her four children; two sisters, Kay Nelson of Yankton, SD and Marie Nelson of Vermillion, SD; two sisters-in-law, Ida James of Overland Park, KS and Arlene Lefler of Sioux Falls, SD; brother-in-law, Ken Anderson of Spearfish, SD and special family friend and caregiver, Michele Lindner of Gayville, SD. Her life was enriched by 11 grandchildren: Destiny, Stephany, and Niels Anderson of Yankton, SD; Benjamin Heemstra of Richmond, VA; Sara Anderson of Sioux Falls, SD and Laura Anderson of Dell Rapids, SD; Bethany Gassman of Yellowstone National Park, WY; Samantha and Breann Anderson of Windsor, CO; Colton Anderson of Colorado Springs, CO; Ashley Hauger of Miliken, CO; 5 great grandchildren: Zander, Shaun, Tristan, Gaege, and Christopher and many nieces and nephews and their families. She was preceded in death by her husband, Niels, in 1971, her parents, a brother, Edwin, one great grandchild, Anthony Jay and several brothers and sisters-in-law.

Martha Edith, daughter of Albert and Mary (Houser) Koupal, was born December 2, 1924 in Tabor, SD. She attended Tabor schools graduating as valedictorian from Tabor High in 1942. Following graduation she was accepted into the Women in Teaching Service (WITS) Program during the war years and consequently taught for 10 years in rural schools in the Yankton, Lesterville, and Irene areas. She continued her education at Yankton and Mount Marty Colleges. She married Niels J. Anderson in Tabor on Thanksgiving Day in 1952. From this union four children were born: Daniel Joseph (Nancy) Anderson, Dell Rapids, SD; Joan Marie (John) Heemstra, Mitchell, SD; Timothy John (Shari) Anderson, Windsor, CO and Anthony Jay (Dawn) Anderson, Yankton, SD. Bilingual in English and Czech, she was very proud of her heritage and took a great interest in compiling Koupal and Anderson family histories and genealogies. She was active with her children in both Boy and Girl Scouting and enjoyed varied interests throughout the years including gardening, cooking, reading, sewing, bird watching, music and poetry. Ever the recycler, she was creative in projects and inventive with cast offs. She worked for 27 years at the Yankton Good Will Store

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Helen Maruska

MESA, Ariz. — Helen D. Maruska, 84, of Mesa, Arizona entered into heaven on Friday, September 21, 2012 at the Hospice of the Valley, Mesa, AZ. Memorial Mass will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, October 6, 2012 at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church, Tabor, with Rev. Joe Forcelle officiating. Burial of the cremated remains will be in the Scotland Cemetery at approximately 12:45 p.m. Saturday afternoon. Visitations will begin at 6 p.m. Friday, at the Opsahl-Kostel Memorial Chapel, Tabor, with a wake service at 7 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church. Helen was born May 10, 1928



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to Rudolph and Ella (Pishek) Cahoy in Bon Homme County, South Dakota. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church in Tabor. She attended Catholic Elementary School in Tabor. On November 21, 1950, Helen married Joseph J. Maruska. To this union, 4 children were born, Marlene, Dennis, Ron, and Cynthia. She and Joseph farmed until Joseph's death in 1968. Helen then moved to Yankton where she worked for Vandermeer Bakery, Kochi Hotel, and the Human Services Center.

In 1981, she moved to California and worked for Medical Center of Garden Grove. Upon retirement, she moved to Mesa, Arizona. She enjoyed traveling, crocheting, and polka music. She loved spending time with her children and grandchildren. Helen's memory will always be cherished by her daughter, Marlene Maruska of Mesa, AZ; her son, Ron (Gail) Maruska of Yankton; son-in-law, Ireneo Ponteres of Fountain Valley, CA; grandchildren, Joseph (Anna) Maruska of Omaha, Ann (Doug) Sahr of Mounds View, MN; step-grandson, Charlie (Lea) Ponteres of Fountain Valley, CA; one great-granddaughter, Clara Maruska; two step-granddaughters, Savannah and Samantha Ponteres; 2 sisters,

Marie (Leonard) Hisek, and Marcy (Lumir) Ruman, both of Tyndall, SD; a brother, Steve (Janice) Cahoy of Tabor, SD and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, son, Dennis Maruska, daughter, Cynthia Ponteres, three brothers; Ed and Ray Cahoy, and infant brother, Joseph, a nephew, and several sister-in-laws and brother-in-laws.

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Judith 'Judy' Wescott

Judith "Judy" Kay Wescott, age 69, of Yankton, South Dakota, died Sunday, September 30, 2012, at her home in Yankton after a long fight with cancer. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 6, 2012, at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home with Reverend Dani Jo Ninke officiating. Burial will be in the Garden of Memories Cemetery in Yankton. Visitation is from 5-8 p.m. on Friday, October 5, 2012 at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home. Visitation will resume one hour prior to the funeral at the funeral home. Pallbearers are Dan Frick, Dave LaFrentz, Ross Mockler, Gary Johnson, Tom Gilmore, Kelly



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Palmer, and Shawn Palmer. Judy was born August 28, 1943 to William and Velma (Garvie) Pond in Yankton, South Dakota. She attended school and lived the majority of her life in Yankton. Throughout her life she also lived in Illinois, Rhode Island, Mississippi, and Cuba. She married John Wescott on October 23, 1970 in Deadwood, South Dakota. Judy enjoyed fishing with John on the river and loved being around her granddaughters, great grandsons, and countless nieces and nephews.

Her love of gardening and taking care of the plants around the house, attending auctions and antiquing with her mother always kept her busy. She will be missed by those who love her, but as she said before, "The body is just a vessel. It's the spirit in which you live is how you will be judged." She is survived by her husband, John F. Wescott of Yankton; son, Greg (Nanci) Wescott of Harrisburg, South Dakota; daughter Kimberly Beene of Vermillion, South Dakota; five granddaughters; two great grandsons; two sisters, Sharon Palmer and Wilma Davis both of St. Paul, Minnesota; brother, William Pond Jr. of Menno, South Dakota; and her beloved dog, Misty.

She was preceded in death by her parents; step-father, Carl Huteson; her first husband; two infant siblings; two brothers; and two sisters. To send an online sympathy card, please visit wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

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Glenn Talsma

Glenn Talsma, 85, of Yankton, South Dakota, died Tuesday, October 2, 2012 at the Good Samaritan Center in Tyndall, South Dakota. Funeral services are 11 a.m., on Friday, October 5, 2012, at the First United Methodist Church in Yankton with Reverend Ron Johnson officiating. Burial will be at the Garden of Memories Cemetery in Yankton at a later date. Visitation is from 5-8 p.m., on Thursday, at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton with a prayer service at 7 p.m. Visitation continues one hour prior to the funeral service at the church. To send an online sympathy

message, please visit wintzrayfuneralhome.com. **James Kirkendall** James Monroe Kirkendall, age 40, of Yankton, South Dakota, died Monday, September 24, 2012 at the Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, Nebraska. Funeral services are 2 p.m., Tuesday, October 9, 2012 at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton. Visitation is from 3-8 p.m., on Monday, October 8, at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton. To send an online sympathy message, please visit wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

Wilma Batterman

DELMONT — Wilma Batterman, 96, died at Golden Living Center, Armour, on Monday, Oct. 1, 2012. Funeral services are at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 6, at St. Peter Lutheran Church near Armour

with burial following at St. Peter Lutheran Cemetery near Armour. Visitation is 5-7 p.m. Friday at the church with a prayer service at 7 p.m. Arrangements are by Koehn Bros. Funeral Home, Armour.

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We would like to thank everyone for the sympathy and other acts of kindness shown to us during this time of the loss of our father and grandfather. Also thank you to Pastor Marilyn Stone of the Peace Presbyterian Church for the service, ladies of the church for the lunch and organist, Dixie Church and the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home. A special thank you to the Avera Sister James Care Center for the wonderful care he received there. And a very special thank you to the Paul Grosshuesch VFW Post #2966 and the SDARNG Honor Guard for the military graveside rites.

The Family of Alton Nieman
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