

WARRIOR ROYALTY



COURTESY PHOTO
Derek Van Heek, son of Lisa and Dale Van Heek, and Bridget Arens, Daughter of Gary and Joselyn Arens, were named homecoming king and queen during the Crofton, Neb., homecoming events held last week.

OBITUARIES

Viola Reifenrath

Viola I. Reifenrath, age 88 of Crofton, Nebraska died on Monday, October 08, 2012 at the Avera Sister James Nursing Home in Yankton, SD.

Mass of Christian Burial will be on Friday, October 12, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Constance, Nebraska with the Rev. David Fulton officiating. Burial will be at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Constance.

Visitation will be on Thursday at the Wintz Funeral Home in Crofton from 5-8 p.m. with a Vigil Service at 7 p.m. Visitation will continue on Friday at church one hour prior to services.

Pallbearers will be her grandchildren, Susan and Vincent Lopez, Chad and Amy Reifenrath, Jon and Stephanie Ballard, Brent and Mandi Mueller, Jennifer and Brent Tschirren, Casey and Sarah Reifenrath, Annie and Nick Lancaster, and Tasha Mueller.

Honorary pallbearers will be Viola's great grandchildren.

Viola was the daughter of John and Caroline (Luft) Arens. The sixth of eleven children, she was baptized, received first communion and confirmed at St. Rose Church at Crofton. She graduated from Crofton High School in 1942. Viola married Norbert Reifenrath at St. Rose in Crofton on September 25, 1944. They moved to the farm that Norbert's parents homesteaded south of the overhead bridge where they lived and farmed for 42 years. They built a new home in Crofton in 1986. She loved spending time with family and friends playing cards, golfing, traveling, and entertaining guests serving her famous fried chicken dinner.

Throughout her life she took pleasure in her flower gardens, crocheting, feeding and watching the birds in her backyard, and her trip to Germany.

She was an active member of the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Constance. She was very



Reifenrath

involved in her church and community thru Christian Mothers, extraordinary Minister, Liturgy and Catholic Daughters. She was also a dedicated wife and mother. Her greatest happiness and pride was her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Viola is survived by her four children and their spouses, Connie and David Ballard of Las Vegas, NV, Mick and Kathy Reifenrath of Crofton, Terry and Mike Mueller of Crofton, Marie and Randy Goeden of Crofton; eight grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; three brothers, Irvin Arens of Randolph, NE, Gerald Arens of Hartington, NE, Alvin and wife Sharon Arens of Norfolk, NE; sister Eleanor and husband Marion "Sam" Nelson of St. Helena, NE; sister-in-law Margaret Arens and husband Roger of Crofton, Arlene Arens of Yankton, SD, Laura Arens of Crofton; brother-in-law Tom and Jeanne Reifenrath of Crofton.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Norbert on October 13, 2004 at the age of 89 years; an infant brother, Benjamin, her sisters, Cecilia Reifenrath, Leona Thunker, her brothers, Ray Arens, Clarence Arens, Lawrence Arens and Harold Arens. Many sister-in-laws, brother-in-laws, nieces, and nephews.

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Louis Kocourek

Funeral services for Louis A. Kocourek, 86, of Sioux Falls and formerly of Scotland will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, October 15 at the United Methodist Church in Scotland with Rev. Tom Petersen officiating. Interment will follow in Rosehill Cemetery, Scotland.

Visitation will be held from 3-7:30 p.m., with a prayer service at 7:30 p.m., all at the church on Sunday.

Louis passed away on Tuesday, October 9, 2012 at the

Royal C. Johnson Veteran's Hospital in Sioux Falls.

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Joseph Oakie Sr.

Joseph C. Oakie Sr., 65, of Vermillion died Sunday, Oct. 7, 2012 at the Royal C. Johnson Veterans Hospital, Sioux Falls.

Visitation is 5-7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12, at Kober Funeral Home, Vermillion, with Native American

prayer service beginning at 7 p.m.

Committal service will take place in the Oakie-Chasing Hawk Cemetery in Red Scaffold.

Kober Funeral Home, Vermillion, is in charge of arrangements.

Meetings

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from cities, counties and school districts.

News organizations had sought to require government boards and commissions to record closed meetings. The recordings would have been sealed unless someone complained that a meeting had been illegally closed. A judge would then review the recording and determine if it could be made public.

South Dakota's open meetings law requires state and local boards and commissions to give notice of a meeting and its agenda at least 24 hours in advance. Those meetings can be closed to the public only if the discussions are about personnel issues, student performance, liti-

gation or contracts, employee contract negotiations, pricing strategies by public owned businesses, and certain economic development matters.

The panel decided to abandon the proposal to record closed sessions after it became clear members were split on the issue.

Supporters said recordings would provide the best evidence of whether a board or commission met in a closed session to discuss issues that should have been handled in public. But representatives of local governments said some boards and commissions would have trouble making such recordings, which would also discourage free-wheeling discussion.

"To have that recording there really hampers their discussions," said Wade Pogany, executive director of the Associated School Boards of South Dakota.

Seth Tupper, editor of the

Mitchell *Daily Republic*, said boards and commissions could easily record closed meetings by buying a \$50 digital recorder and switching it on.

One significant measure endorsed by the panel would make criminal mug shots public records. Such mug shots now are usually released only when someone escapes from custody. The proposal also clarifies that police logs of calls for service can be released to reveal the date, time and general location and subject of the call, a practice already followed by many law enforcement agencies.

Another proposal supported by the panel would make more committees, subcommittees and task forces subject to the open meetings law.

In addition, three-member boards of townships, road districts and small towns would not violate the open meetings law if two or more members met to do

work previously approved in a public meeting. In most townships, the elected supervisors also are the ones who actually fix roads or bridges.

The task force also recommended that government agencies be required to consider the ease and affordability of public access to information when they set up electronic record-keeping systems. Those agencies also would have to tell people what information they hold to help people understand what they can request.

The panel rejected a proposal that would have required government agencies to disclose settlement agreements. Supporters said agencies should reveal such settlements because they involve the spending of government funds, but state officials said disclosing settlements would encourage other people to seek similar payments in similar situations.

Katherine Logan

Katherine Mary (Hausman) Logan, age 96 of Yankton, South Dakota, died on October 5, 2012, at her daughter's home in Noble, Oklahoma.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, October 12, 2012 at Saint Benedict Catholic Church in Yankton with the Rev. Ken Lulf officiating. Burial will be in the Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery.

Visitations will begin at 5 p.m. Thursday, October 11, 2012 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory in Yankton with a 7 p.m. rosary followed by a video tribute and a 7:30 p.m. Scripture service. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Pallbearers will be her Grandchildren. Honorary pallbearers will be her Great-Grandchildren and Great-Great Grandchildren.

Katherine was born on August 30, 1916, to John and Rose (Bruder) Hausman in Saint Helena, Nebraska. She grew up on a farm in the Saint Helena, Nebraska area. She married Leslie Melvin Logan on September 17, 1935, in Crofton, Nebraska. Leslie died on September 26, 2003, at the age of 89 years. She and Leslie lived on a farm west of Yankton. Throughout her life she was a devoted and loving Mother, putting her own needs aside to take care of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Birthdays were never forgotten throughout the year, as this was an all important way to show her loved ones that she never forgot them. Everywhere she went, dear friendships were formed. Katherine was a member of the Catholic Ladies Clubs in the Saint Benedict Church: Rosary Makers, the Extension and the St. Isidore Circle Clubs. Her strongest passions were her flowers and sewing. Her patriotism even showed through as she always had the American Flag flying at her home. She considered voting both a privilege and an obligation. It was always a serious responsibility to her. She could recite the Preamble to the Constitution Word for Word, because as she would say, "It's very important."



Logan

A strong work ethic was ingrained in Katherine, which showed through in everything she did. She worked at Gurney's in Yankton, sold cosmetics and water distillers. For 20 years she was an aid to the nurses at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital. She was always willing to do what needed to be done and do it with a smile.

Whatever Katherine did was done with her heart and her endless energy. Reading everything in sight was mandatory for her. Even social outings were focused on relationships as was every action she did. Gardening and sewing were special ways she was able to give to others. She took care of her children by sewing clothes for them. Her garden and flowers were not her own, as she took great joy in bringing flowers back to full bloom that weren't cared for properly and then sharing them with others. This giving attitude was always a part of Katherine, and it formed the basis of the long lasting relationship she had with her Grandchildren, Great-Grandchildren, Great-Great-Grandchildren, as well as their parents.

Katherine put her trust in Jesus as her Savior and knew she was going to heaven to be part of God's family.

She is survived by her 3 children and their spouses, Fred and Marlene (Logan) Schmidt, Harold and LaVone (Logan) Wuestewald, and Marlin Logan and Lauren Rogers, 18 Grandchildren, 37 Great-Grandchildren and 3 Great-Great-Grandchildren.

Katherine was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Leslie, daughter, Kathleen and 6 sisters and 3 brothers.

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Counselor

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Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Block Grant, which runs year to year. However, officials are optimistic that the funding will be available for years to come.

"The counselor has been working at YHS and YMS with the current drug and alcohol policies in place at the schools," said Dr. Tom Stanage, CEO of Lewis and Clark Behavioral Health. "This has been a very positive process for Lewis and Clark and YSD. We need to see more of these kinds of things in the community."

Already this school year, there has been six drug and alcohol incidents at YHS, after 12 all of last year.

"We continue to be concerned when we even have one incident at school. Our goal is to eliminate any incidents at school and to also guide our students in making better choices outside of school," Kindle said. "However, we can't do this alone. We need the help of our community and parents. We all need to work together like we have in obtaining the counselor."

There are many long-term goals of the program that officials hope to fulfill in the future.

Those goals include delaying adolescent's initial use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs; decreasing their use of those substances; increasing students' perception of their harm; changing adolescents' norms and expectations about substance use; building and enhancing social and resistance skills; and changing community norms and values regarding substance abuse.

"We hope to accomplish the goals we have through our curriculum, school-wide activities, individual meetings, phone calls and emails to students and parents," Kashas said. "We will also be working with a team of key stakeholders within the community. As a team of key stakeholders, we have already built many partnerships to build a tight safety net to provide resources and support to students."

She added that programs like this can help foster awareness, education and opportunities for discussion around unpopular topics of alcohol and drugs for students and parents.

"My hope is that people will consider thinking about their options, respond rather than react, before making a decision — whatever that decision might be," she said.

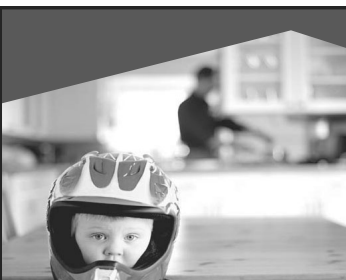
Kindle said that one of the biggest impacts he has seen the program have is the positive reaction that students, parents and community members have shown to the district for recognizing the problem.

"Equally important for me is that we have not buried our head in the sand or tried to pretend we don't have problem when we do," he added. "Above all other things, we are doing something to help our students and parents."

"This whole process has been nothing but positive," Kashas added. "Positive responses from parents, students and staff as well as positive partnerships within the community."

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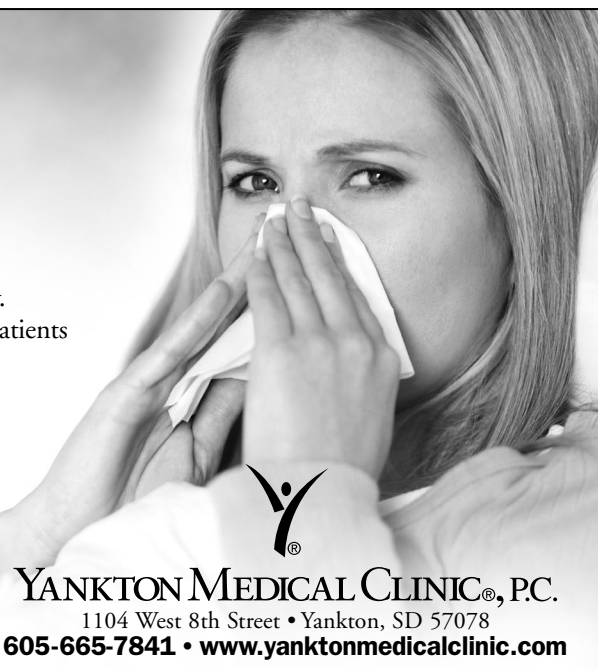
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