

Crohn's And Colitis Support Group To Meet

There will be a Crohn's and Colitis support group meeting at 6:45 p.m. tonight (Tuesday) at the Avera Sacred Heart Campus Pavilion, 409 Summit, Yankton. This meeting is for patients with Crohn's or Colitis and their family and friends. For information, call Kathy Ryken at 665-8667.

Kloucek, Fenner To Discuss Ballot Measures

Rep. Frank Kloucek of Scotland and Alan Fenner of Menno will hold three ballot information meetings this Thursday, Oct. 18, in Scotland, Tyndall and Salem to discuss both the initiated measures and constitutional amendments on the Nov. 6 ballot. The schedule is as follows:
• Scotland — Main Stop convenience store, 10 a.m.
• Tyndall — Corral Café, 1 p.m.
• Salem — Golden Living Nursing Home Chapel /Activity Center meeting room, 7:30 p.m.
The meetings are open to the public.

Dates Set For Scotland Haunted House

SCOTLAND — The fifth annual Scotland Haunted House will be held at 340 Walnut, St., Scotland Oct. 19-20, Oct. 26-28 and Oct. 31. All proceeds to benefit the Scotland Youth Center, a non-profit organization, sustaining on community donations and support. Parental discretion is advised.

Auditions For Children's Theatre Are Oct. 19-20

The Yankton Children's Theatre Co. will be holding auditions for its holiday performance, "A Christmas to Remember." The auditions will be held at 6-8 p.m. Oct. 19-20 at the YCTC headquarters (former Elks Building), 407 Walnut. The play chronicles the true-life story of a young widowed mother in 1940s Yankton. The cast of eight includes one adult male (grandfather), three adult females (mother, teacher, grandmother) and four girls of various ages. Performances will be held at Mount Marty College's Marian Auditorium Dec. 6-9. For more information, contact Yankton Children's Theatre at (605) 689-0401 or email Yanktonchildrenstheatrecompany@yahoo.com, visit Facebook at: Yankton Children's Theatre; or visit www.yanktonchildrenstheatre.org.

Lawmakers Gather Input On Knox Co. Brand Area

BY LINDA WUEBEN
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BLOOMFIELD, Neb. — An informal hearing to gather local input on the topic of the brand area was held recently in Bloomfield. Senator Tom Carlson of District 38, chair of the Nebraska Legislative Ag Committee joined Senator Tyson Larson of District 40 in hosting the town hall meeting which would examine the brand inspection area in Knox County.

Knox County is the only county in the state of Nebraska which has the brand inspection area split Carlson said. Both Nebraska and South Dakota are split states. He added a split state means part of the state is in the brand inspection area and part of it is out.

"This study as directed by LR528, introduced by Senator Larson, directs the committee to examine the question of whether Knox County producers and livestock interests would benefit from the entire county being included or excluded from the Nebraska Brand Inspection Area," said Carlson.

Joining Carlson and Tyson were Senators Scott Latenbaugh of District 18, Ken Schilz of District 47 and state researcher Rick Leonard. Carlson said the senators are hopeful this interim study would enable them to report back to the Unicameral and give a recommendation about changing the brand inspection area in Knox County.

Currently the brand area only covers two-thirds of the state of Nebraska and the eastern part of Nebraska is not covered. One of the main goals of the hearing is to discover if area producers feel this is a burden or a disadvantage for them.

State Brand Inspector Steve Stanec was on hand to answer any questions about the brand inspection process. He noted producers in the brand inspection area pay a fee of 75 cents per head of cattle plus a surcharge for brand inspection and cattle have to be inspected anytime they change ownership. Animals are

inspected to see if the brands are those of the owner or if any strays have comeing in the herd. The brand inspection process also includes a criminal division which investigates lost or stolen cattle.

For many cattle producers in Knox County, this is a burden. Ryan Creamer, owner of Creighton Livestock which is in the inspection area and an open market, pointed out to the senator panel often times cattle are sorted, waiting to be loaded but have to wait two hours for a brand inspection officer to show up. He also wonders about how many sales his livestock market loses because producers out of the brand inspection area don't want to deal with the brand inspection process so sell their livestock somewhere else, often times out of state. That's revenue leaving the state of Nebraska often going to South Dakota.

Creamer's sales records did indicate 69 percent of his sales do come from out of the brand area. A Forgyce producer, Mike Heimes, from outside of the brand inspection area, said he was confronted with opposition when he sold cattle at Creighton. He had freeze brands on his livestock and the brand inspector interpreted the brand as a hot brand which was registered to someone in western Nebraska. He won't sell at a market in the brand inspection area again. It's easier to go across the river to South Dakota.

Bloomfield feedlot owner Jim Herzog lobbied to get out of the brand area in 1983 because he felt it was a useless cost for a feedlot. Many times, the producer is shipping cattle several times a week and getting an inspector to show up and inspect every load is very difficult. It increases the cost of doing business and a big headache he added.

Mark Stelling supported branding cattle because it has been successful since the late 1800s for cattle identification, but admitted it is a big hassle for feedlot owners. It does a good job of tracking cattle who graze in the summer

months in pastures with hundreds of acres in the event some have strayed or been stolen but cattle in a feedlot do not move to pasture.

Kurt Zimmer, owner of Verdigre Livestock, also in the inspection area, told the board his producers want to keep brand inspection simply to protect their ownership rights. For Zimmer, it gets to be a hassle in the sale barn. He has had many customers bring cattle from South Dakota who don't realize they need brand inspection papers or proof of ownership. He noted he needs to do what is good for his producers in the brand area, not what makes him money.

Some of the producers at the meeting, like Scott Eisenhauer of Bloomfield, have pastures in and out of the brand inspection area. When he wants to move livestock for grazing, he has to keep records on which animal needs to be inspected when sold.

Many of the producers who live out of the brand inspection area agreed it was a blessing not to have to deal with brand inspection.

Some producers at the hearing agreed they brand their cattle just because it's a permanent identification and shows ownership. Many of the producers at the hearing also indicated they supported moving the brand inspection line west to the Knox County line so the county would be all out of the inspection area.

Kelly Bruns of Bloomfield told the senators half in and half out does not work.

Carlson told the area farmers the Unicameral is aware of how important the agriculture economy is to the state of Nebraska. It is the number one employer in the state and if Nebraska farmers and ranchers are not making a profit, it has a negative impact on the whole state. The per capita state debt in Nebraska is \$15 per person and Nebraska has the lowest per capita state debt compared to California with a debt load of over \$3,000 per person. That keeps Nebraska's budget low but there are still difficult decisions for the senators to make.

OBITUARIES

Jeanette Heimes

Jeanette Ann Heimes, 100, of Yankton, and formerly of Hartington, Neb., died on Saturday, October 13, 2012 at the Avera Sister James Care Center in Yankton. Mass of Christian Burial will be on Wednesday, October 17, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Hartington, with the Rev. Garry Welsh officiating. Burial will be in the St. Michael's Cemetery in Hartington. Visitation will be on Tuesday, from 5-8 p.m. with a Vigil service at 7 p.m. at the Wintz Funeral Home in Hartington. Visitation will continue on Wednesday at the church one hour prior to services. Pallbearers will be Stephen Smith, Gerry Uhing, Noah Uhing, Barbara Flowers, Timothy Flowers, Jodi Smith, Mary Gisler, and Mark Gisler.



Heimes

Honorary Pallbearers will be grandchildren and great grandchildren. Jeanette Ann Heimes was born on July 6, 1912 to George and Lydia (Hetzell) Kuehn in Forgyce, Nebraska. She was baptized, confirmed and married in St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Forgyce. Jeanette is a graduate of Holy Trinity High School and Arizona State University. She taught elementary school in Cedar County for six years and was a substitute teacher in the Phoenix, Arizona Union school system for five years. She married Ignatius Anthony Heimes on June 1, 1933 in Forgyce. They farmed north-west of Wynot, Nebraska until

1956 when they moved to Phoenix, Arizona where they lived for 25 years. Wanting to return to an area where many family members lived, they moved to Hartington where they lived until Ignatius' death on December 21, 2000, at the age of 95 years. In 2001, Jeanette moved to the Independent Living facility at Majestic Bluffs in Yankton. Jeanette was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Hartington and a 50+ year member of the Catholic Daughters of America, member of Christian Mothers, the Historical Society, and many card clubs. She is survived by her four children and their spouses, Kenneth and Kay Heimes of Boone, Iowa, Joyce and James Donohoe of Dallas, Texas, Dean and Bonnie Heimes of Lee's Summit, Missouri, Leah Smith of Yankton; 16 grand-

children; 33 great grandchildren; one great great grandchild; son-in-law Francis Uhing of Wynot, Neb. Jeanette was preceded in death by her parents; husband Ignatius; daughter Gail Uhing, and an infant daughter. Memorial preferred to Hospice at Avera Sacred Heart in Yankton, in lieu of flowers.

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Kenneth Johnson

MISSION HILL — Kenneth L. Johnson, 61, of rural Mission Hill passed away Sunday, October 14, 2012 at his residence after a courageous battle with lung cancer. Memorial services will be 11 a.m., Wednesday, October 17, 2012 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Chapel, Yankton, with Diana Smallwood officiating with Military Rites by Ernest-Bowyer VFW Post 791 Honor Guard, Yankton, SD and SDARNG, Sioux Falls. Burial of the cremated remains will take place at the Yankton Cemetery at a later date. Visitations will be one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.



Johnson

2009. During his time in Yankton, he was also the proud owner of his own business, "The Little Concrete Men." Ken was

much loved and his memory will be cherished by his 10 brothers and sisters, 6 children, 15 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild, numerous nieces and nephews, many treasured friends and his faithful 4-legged companion, Sami. He was looking forward to another grandchild and great grandchild early next year.

He was preceded in death by his parents, an older brother, a younger sister, and his sweetheart, Bonnie Kautz.

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www.opsahl-kostelfuneralhome.com

Gene Miller

SIoux CITY, Iowa — Gene Francis Miller, 65, Sioux City died Wednesday, October 10, 2012 at a Sioux City Hospital. Funeral Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tues., Oct. 16, 2012 in the Morningside Presbyterian Church. Rev. David Koehler will officiate. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Yankton Cemetery, Yankton.



Miller

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Monday in the Morningside Chapel, Christy-Smith Funeral Home. The family will be present from 6-8 p.m. with a prayer service being said at 7 p.m.

Gene was born in Fort Hood, Texas on April 6, 1947. He was the son of Francis and Mary (Finders) Miller. His family lived in Texas, Oklahoma and Iowa because his father was in the service. He lived in Storm Lake, Spirit Lake and Spencer, IA. He graduated from Washington High School in Sioux Falls in 1965. On June 8, 1973 he married Lynda Nadenicek in Yankton. He worked for the Yankton Savings and Loan and for a Saving and Loan in Marysville, KS and Fresno, CA. He then worked as a systems analysts for McDonald Douglas in Troy, Mich., for Schwans in Marshall, Minn., and for Great West Casualty in South Sioux City, Neb. He retired in 2011. Gene was a member of the Morningside Presbyterian Church where he served as an elder and on the finance committee and served as the secretary for the Memorial Committee. Gene loved music and was a member of the Siouxland All American Band. He was musically gifted and he played the trumpet, guitar, banjo and piano. He also loved to fishing and camping with family and friends. Gene was big in size, big in spirit and big in life. He will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his wife, Lynda of Sioux City, his son, David of Sioux City, 2 brothers, Michael (Karen) of Yankton, Mark (Candi) of Yankton, IA. His mother in law, Marcine Nadenicek of Yankton, 2 brothers in law, Joe Nadenicek of Pierre, and Jon (Anna) Nadenicek of Brandon, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A memorial has been established in his name for Siouxland All American Band and the Morningside Presbyterian Church.

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Margene Suhr

ELGIN, Neb. — Margene R. Suhr, 65 of Elgin, Neb. passed away Sunday, October 14, 2012 at her home. Funeral services are 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Trinity Lutheran Church in Elgin, NE with Rev. David Kuhfal officiating and burial in the West Cedar Valley Cemetery. Visitation will be 5-8 p.m. Wednesday at Huffman-Levander Funeral Home in Elgin, Neb.



Suhr

Memorials are suggested to the family's choice. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.huffmanlevander.com

Margene Rae Suhr, daughter of Nedker "Jack" and Thelma (Westeen) Wolhoy, was born August 10, 1947 at Vermillion, SD. She received her education at Meckling, SD, graduating in 1965. After graduation, she worked at the hospital in Yankton, SD.

On December 2, 1967, Marg was united in marriage with Dennis Suhr at the Lutheran Church in Yankton, SD. They first lived near Pleasant Dale, NE until moving to Whitman, NE in 1979. In 1980, they moved to a ranch east of Bartlett, NE. Marg worked at the Imperial Grill in Neligh, NE as a cook. She also cooked at Kate's Kitchen in Elgin, NE for many years, until retiring in 1997. Marg also cooked meals for workers at Wagonhammer East Ranch. In 2010, they moved to Elgin, NE.

Marg enjoyed cooking, working "Fill-in-the-Blank" books, crocheting, and most of all, spending time with her family.

She is survived by her husband Dennis of Elgin, NE; three children: Thomas Suhr of Norfolk, NE; Joleen

(Jerome Sr.) Koenig of Elgin, NE; Todd (Barb) Suhr of Columbus, NE; 10 grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; two great-grandchildren and two great-grandchildren on the way; two step-great-grandchildren; two sisters: Carol Lurz of Norfolk, NE; Connie Johnson of Lead, SD; one brother: Jackie (Mary Jo) Wolhoy of Clarinda, IA; along with many nieces, nephews, other relative and friends.

Marg was preceded in death by her parents, a brother in infancy, and a brother Gary Wolhoy.

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Rozetta Avenell

Rozetta Mary Avenell, 74, of Yankton died Sunday, Oct. 14, 2012, at Avera McKennan Hospital, Sioux Falls.

Arrangements are pending with Wintz & Ray Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Yankton.

Donald Fuelberth

HARTINGTON, Neb. — Don Fuelberth of Hartington, Neb., died Monday, Oct. 15, 2012, at Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton.

Funeral services are pending at Wintz Funeral Home, Hartington.

Geraldine 'Geri' Christensen

LAKEWAY, Texas — Geraldine "Geri" L. Christensen, 94, of Lakeway, Texas, died on October 8, 2012. She was born in Hurley, South Dakota on April 17, 1918 to Harry and Anna Eckhoff.



Christensen

She is survived by her husband of 73 years, Berven Christensen, of Austin; daughter Sheryl Nielsen and husband Dennis; daughter-in-law Sandy Christensen; 8 grandchildren, three in Austin, Mike and daughter Katie, Rod and wife Jenny and daughters Ave and Tess, Angela Nielsen and Scot, and five grandchildren in South Dakota, Michelle, Carmen, Kyle, Larin and Jamie.

A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, October 17, 2012 at the Lakeway Church, 2203 Lakeway Blvd., Lakeway, TX 78734.

Arrangements by Weed-Corley-Fish Lake Travis - (512) 263-1511. Obituary and memorial guestbook available online at www.wcfish.com

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We would like to say thanks to all for your love and support. Especially a very special thanks goes to Kolberg-Pioneer, Dakota Trailer, Sadie Clark and Wintz-Ray Funeral Home. We pray justice will be served, and thanks to Michelle Smejkal for spending his final days and hours with him.

From the family of James Kirkendall, the Kirkendall's, Lindsey's, O'Shea's, & Holmquist's



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