

# Habitat For Humanity Of Yankton County Seeks Volunteers For 'Brush With Kindness'

The Yankton County Habitat affiliate is embracing the opportunity to connect families with volunteers to improve the neighborhoods in which we live with "A Brush with Kindness" program. "Make a Difference Week" sets the stage for Habitat for Humanity of Yankton County to recruit volunteers who are willing to donate their time and energy to improve the neighborhoods in which we live.

Habitat has partnered with United Way and Volunteer Services to use "A Brush with Kindness" as an opportunity to educate Yankton County residents about the issues that face families living on a limited income within our community. It is also a good time to remind the residents about the importance of volunteering and making volunteer service a regular part of their lives. "A Brush with Kindness" work will begin on Oct. 24-25 from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. or later if needed. Habitat is seeking about 20 volunteers to help each day to re-roof, repair, side and paint a home that is in desperate need before winter weather hits.

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**JULIE DYKSTRA**

"America was built on the spirit of volunteerism and so was our community. Now is an exciting time to continue that building with A Brush with Kindness which allows Habitat to serve more families by offering a means to assist those current homeowners that are either living on a limited income or who are unable to make repairs to their home due to their age, disability or circumstance," said Julie Dykstra, Habitat's executive director. She noted that volunteer service is

everyone's responsibility and each of us can make a difference. "Putting our faith into action is one of Habitat's founding principles," she added.

Habitat for Humanity of Yankton County is a non-profit Christian based organization that has expanded its services to include A Brush with Kindness which focuses on neighborhood beautification through exterior repairs to homes owned by low-income families in need of a "hand up." A Brush with Kindness projects are funded by local donors and with volunteer labor.

Dykstra states, "God is at work answering our prayers to help fund this project through designated gifts provided by Yankton Sertoma Club, Farm Credit Services of America, United Way Venture Grant, a Larson Foundation Grant and discounted pricing from ProBuild."

To help Habitat with this A Brush with Kindness project or to learn about other opportunities for service contact the Habitat office at 260-4224.

## Meetings To Discuss Transit Needs

Yankton Transit will be holding public meetings to discuss transit needs within Yankton County and beyond. The meetings are set for Thursday, Oct. 17, at the National Field Archery Headquarters, 800 Archery lane, Yankton. The meetings are set for 12:30-1:30 p.m. and 5:30-6:30 p.m. on Thursday.

As part of a Human Services Coordination Plan, Yankton Transit would like to get public feedback on existing transportation services and needs for additional transportation services for seniors, individuals with disabilities, low income families and the general public. Light refreshments will be provided.

Also, a brief public survey is available for your feedback at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/YanktonTransit-PublicSurvey>

For more information, contact KShawn@rlsandassoc.com or call 703-919-9237.

## City To Flush Hydrants From Oct. 21-28

The City of Yankton Water Department will be flushing fire hydrants for a one-week period, from Oct. 21-28. Flushing will begin at the west edge of the city and move to the east.

Water users should use care during this time as there may be some temporary discoloration of the water.

## Nominations Sought For Retailer Award

Every community has people who operate a successful business, offer great customer service, and are active in the community. The South Dakota Retailers Association wants to hear about them.

Each year, the organization presents the South Dakota Retailer of the Year Award to a business owner or manager who runs a top notch business, and is a booster for their community.

Janet Scherbenske of Weathered Vane in Rapid City chairs the Association's Awards Committee.

"The Retailer of the Year Award is a great way to recognize and thank a South Dakota business for their hard work, outstanding customer service, and dedication in your community," says Scherbenske. "As a customer or colleague, take the time to nominate that business owner who deserves the recognition for their continual efforts in improving their business and your community."

Individual business owners and managers are eligible for the award, as well as partners, and families who run a business as a team.

Previous recipients of the Retailer of the Year Award include hardware stores, restaurants, grocery stores, clothing stores, flower shops, appliance stores, gift shops, pharmacies, implement dealers, book stores, and other businesses that play a vital role in the every day life of communities across the state.

Nomination forms and instructions are available from the SDRR website at [www.sdra.org/EducationEvents/RetailerofYear/](http://www.sdra.org/EducationEvents/RetailerofYear/). Rather than using the form, nominations for the Retailer of the Year Award may also be submitted by letter to SDRR at PO Box 638, Pierre, SD 57501, by fax at 605.224.2059 or by email at [donna@sdra.org](mailto:donna@sdra.org).

Nominations must be postmarked, emailed or faxed by Nov. 12. A committee of retailers will then select the recipient, who will be honored at the SDRR Awards Banquet in Pierre in January. The event is attended by legislators and state officials, as well as by business people from across the state.

Nominees who are finalists for the Award will receive a Certificate of Distinguished Service by mail.

For more information or to obtain a printed nomination form and instructions, contact the South Dakota Retailers Association in Pierre at (605) 224-5050 or toll-free at 1-800-658-5545, visit the Association's website at [www.sdra.org/EducationEvents/RetailerofYear](http://www.sdra.org/EducationEvents/RetailerofYear) or email [donna@sdra.org](mailto:donna@sdra.org).

## OBITUARIES

### Dorothy Gross

Dorothy B. Gross, age 85, of Randolph, Nebraska and formerly of Yankton, South Dakota, died Sunday, October 13, 2013, at Colonial Manor in Randolph.

Visitation will be from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 17, 2013, at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton with a rosary and vigil service at 7:00 p.m. led by Reverend Michael Swanton. Following the visitation, it was Dorothy's wish to have her body donated to the USD Medical Center in Vermillion. Burial will take place at the Yankton Cemetery at a later date.

Honorary pallbearers are her grandchildren: Mark, David and Jerrile Wieseler, Nicole Hollum and Dion Spaulding, Jeremy, Jon, Jim



Gross

Luis Obispo, California to Sherman and Katherine (Canty) Allerton. She grew up in Bieber, California and graduated from Vallejo High School in 1946. In 1950, Dorothy married Jerald W. Gross Sr. in Yuma, Arizona. They moved to Yankton in 1964 and Dorothy worked as a secretary for the Yankton Medical Clinic for 15 years. In 1980, they moved to Carroll, Nebraska and she worked for 17 years as a Certified Nursing Assistant at the Wayne Care Center.

and Jason Gross, and Heather Thrash, Justin and Isaiah Gross.

Dorothy was born August 8, 1928 in San

Dorothy then moved to Randolph in 1997 where she worked at Colonial Manor until retiring in 2000. Dorothy continued living in Randolph after her retirement and was a member of St. Frances Catholic Church. She enjoyed embroidery, breeding poodles, and growing irises and roses. Dorothy loved her family and treasured the time spent with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Dorothy is survived by her four children: Joy Wieseler of Norfolk, NE, Toni Gross of Norfolk, Jerald Jr. (Betty) Gross of Randolph and LeRoy (Jennifer) Gross of Rapid City, SD; 12 grandchildren; 16 great grandchildren; brother, LeRoy (Liz) Allerton of Etiwanda, CA; two brothers-in-

law, LeRoy Grosshuesch of Hawaii and Glenn (Phyllis) Grosshuesch of Yankton; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Jerald on December 26, 1983; grandson, Adam Spaulding; son-in-law, Allan Wieseler; and a brother and sister-in-law, Richard and Cecelia Allerton.

To send an online sympathy message, please visit [www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com).

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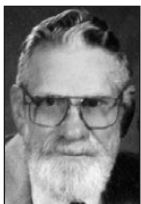
### Eugene Stainbrook

Eugene Charlie Stainbrook was born March 23, 1928 at the Methodist Hospital, Mitchell, SD to George and Mary Stainbrook of Alexandria, SD. He attended a rural grade school near Alexandria for 1 year and through the eighth grade at a Milltown school. He left high school after 11 1/2 years to work on the farm.

On June 19, 1948 he married Gertrude Muller of Roswell, SD at St. Agatha rectory at Howard, SD. They spent the first 10 years of their life together farming near Milltown. They sold the farm and lived in Minnesota for a short time where Eugene worked in a beef slaughter plant. He moved his family back to SD and worked for Puetz Construction in Mitchell, SD for 20 years. In March, 1984 Eugene, Gertrude and their youngest son, David, moved to Custer, SD, where he worked at building construction for two years in Custer and another two years in Custer State Park. He took a job with the State Corrections Department, working with male youth. He continued in that position until he retired in 1993.

In August, 2003 Eugene and Gertrude returned to eastern SD, making their home in Bridgewater, SD. He enjoyed working on his yard and raising a vegetable garden, visiting and playing with his grandchildren.

Eugene passed away Monday, October 14, 2013 after an extended battle with emphysema.



Stainbrook

He is survived by his wife, Gertrude (Gen); three sons, Larry of Carson City, NV; George of Alexandria; David of Fernley, NV; four daughters, Mary Lou Stainbrook of Sioux Falls; Loretta Sorensen of Yankton; Bonita Carlson of Custer; Theresa Laufmann of Emery; 12 grandchildren; 4 step grandchildren; 16 great grandchildren; 4 step great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Mary Stainbrook and his brother, Jimmie.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, October 26, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at Bit-tner Funeral Chapel, 805 West Havens St., Mitchell, SD.

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### Morris Bruguier

Morris Bruguier, Sr., 59, of Wagner died Monday, Oct. 14, 2013, at the Good Samaritan Society in Wagner.

Funeral services are at 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 17, at the Community Center, Marty. Burial is in the Native American Cemetery, rural Greenwood.

Wake services will begin today (Wednesday) at the Community Center, Marty.

Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home, Wagner, is in charge of arrangements.

### Ronald Lyman

Ronald Verlyn Lyman, 74, formerly of Yankton, died Oct. 15, 2013, at his Sioux Falls home.

Services will be held in the community room at Bergland Apartments, 2412 W. 46th St, Sioux Falls, at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 19.

### Donald Sandness

Donald K. Sandness, 86, of Canton died Thursday, October 3, 2013 at Sanford Canton-Inwood Hospital.

A service of thanksgiving to God for the life of Donald will be held at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 20 at Canton Lutheran Church.

A visitation with family and a lunch will follow the service at the church. A private family burial will be held Monday at the Canton Lutheran Cemetery.

He was born July 25, 1927 on the family farm south of Canton, to Ole and Jenny (Halvorson) Sandnes. Donald attended country school, and started farming at a young age with his father. He married Marcella Reiff on Sunday, January 30, 1949 at the Dell Rapids Methodist Church. Two daughters, JoAnn and Donna, were born to this union. The couple lived and farmed north of Canton all their married life.

He was a member of Canton Lutheran Church, but also enjoyed fellowship at Springdale and Grand Valley Lutheran Churches. Donald was always very proud of his Norwegian heritage and enjoyed his many trips to Norway, as well as hosting many Norwegian visitors. He especially enjoyed his years singing with the Greig Male



Sandness

Chorus and many activities with the Sons of Norway. Donald was a wonderful "old time" dancer and met his bride at the Arkota Ballroom. In his later years, watching the Lawrence Welk Show and any other polka show was his favorite pastime.

Grateful for having shared his life are his two daughters; JoAnn Fitzpatrick of Sioux Falls and Donna (Jim) Crowl of Faribault, MN; three grandchildren: Lisa (Chris) Berg of Wayzata, MN, Kelly Fitzpatrick of Sioux Falls, and Cory Fitzpatrick of Minneapolis; and three great-grandchildren: Keagan and Paxton Fitzpatrick and Max Berg. He is also survived by two sisters-in-law: Ivona Sandnes of Canton and Arlayne Grotteit of Wauwatosa, WI; as well as several nieces and nephews and special friends (almost daughters) Nancy Garry of Harrisburg and Jane Sinning of Lee's Summit, MO. Donald was preceded in death by his wife, Marcella, his parents, his sister, Helen, and brothers, John Omar I, John Omar II, and Harold Kenneth.

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### Terry Crisman

Terry Crisman, 61, formerly of Wagner, died Oct. 12, 2013, at his home in Quartsite, Ariz.

Interment will be at a later date.

## Bosses Day is Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>



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