

**Benefit To Be Held For Krueger Family**

A memorial bank account has been set up for Kendra and Jeremy Krueger of Tyndall, whose son Tate, 3 1/2 months old, passed away Sunday.

Donations can be made to Security State Bank in Tyndall in care of "Team Tate."

A free-will donation benefit bake sale continues today (Wednesday) at the Children's Center Family Room on the second floor of Yankton's Avera Sacred Heart Hospital. Proceeds will benefit the family.

For more information, contact Carrie Mastalir (661-5853), Jess Myers (290-3484) or Renee Tereshinski (661-1461).

**Mechanical Issues Start Combine Fire**

Yankton firefighters were summoned to a combine fire northwest of Yankton at approximately 11:50 a.m. Tuesday.

According to fire department reports, a combine caught fire due to mechanical issues. Firefighters were able to knock the fire down. There were 200 bushels of beans in the bin; the beans were still good, although some of harvest became wet.

Firefighters were on the scene for about an hour, but were called back at 1:24 p.m. when the fire flared up. Work was done to make sure the fire did not spread across the field. The combine was a total loss.

**BH Farmers Union To Meet Thursday**

TYNDALL — The Bon Homme Farmers Union will hold an informational meeting at 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 16, at the Tyndall Community Center Small Meeting Room.

Discussions will be held on the pros and cons of the upcoming ballot issues and the benefits and disadvantages of tax increment financing districts.

The public is welcome to attend.

**Second-Half Taxes Are Due Oct. 31**

The Yankton County Treasurer's Office reminds the public that the Second Half of the 2013 (payable in 2014) Real Estate Taxes and the Second Half of the 2014 Mobile Home Taxes are due and payable on Oct. 31.

You can use the silver drop box on the north side of the Government Center for payments or bring them in to the office: if you mail the payments they MUST have an October postmark. Mailing address is Yankton County Treasurer 321 W. 3rd St. Suite 107 Yankton, SD 57078.

Interest will be charged Nov. 1.

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here at the County Government Center and with all the people who come through our doors.

**2. The auditor works closely with the County Commission organizing its meetings, taking minutes and often offering input and answering questions. Do you see ways in which the auditor could help County Commission meetings be more efficient and comprehensible to the general public?**

The County Auditor's role in commission meetings is a supporting role. I act as a secretary, by taking notes and organizing meetings. I also answer any questions and add essential information, as necessary.

I am here to serve the citizens and the county commissioners in making the meetings as productive and informative as possible. The commissioners have always welcomed the media, and they've moved to early evening meetings to make it easier for the public to attend.

We must also closely follow the "open meeting" laws passed by the Legislature.

Making county business understandable and accessible to the public is an everyday job for all of us in the Government Center.

**3. The auditor's office can have a lot of influence over other county departments. What do you see as the role of the auditor's office in county government, and do you see ways that the office could strengthen Yankton County as a whole?**

Each county department is equally important, but it is especially key to smooth county government that our auditor's office performs accurately and efficiently. It's our job to support the courthouse by facilitating the budget process between each department and the county commission.

As the "county bookkeepers," we should also work with our county commissioners to find ways to save tax dollars.

I don't want to promise the sky. Strengthening Yankton County requires a team effort, and the auditor's office is one part of the team. Plain and simple, it's not our proper role to try to run everything. Policies and visions for the county are primarily the role of the County Commission.

**4. Are there any changes you would like to**

**make to the auditor's office in the next four years?**

We are working on several projects in the office that I am proud of. We are digitizing old records that will eventually be available on our website. Current records are already in digital form. We are also working on putting more information on our website.

Auditors will be challenged over the next several years as technology changes and plays a bigger role. For example, we can already send ballots electronically to those overseas or in the military. There will be more changes in store, and we need to adapt to them. The state offers several programs for county officials that ensure we are as cutting-edge as possible.

While our citizens vote in good numbers, I'd like to find ways to improve voter turnout even more.

**5. Yankton County property taxes were not correctly calculated on time a couple years ago after some tragic health issues befell a past auditor. Do you believe safeguards have been put in place to ensure that doesn't happen again, or do you believe any measures should be taken to ensure it doesn't happen again?**

Paula Jones was a great auditor and we miss her at the office. Her illness was especially debilitating because cancer spread to her brain before diagnosis, affecting her work. I feel this was an extremely isolated case.

However, building a strong team approach and cross-training on all tasks is an important safeguard we are currently employing. I'm lucky to work with three great ladies: Karen Farber, Stephanie Janssen and Pat Merkel.

On a side note, our tax software is reliable and user-friendly. It raises a red flag immediately if something is not calculated correctly at any step in the process.

I've also worked closely with the Department of Revenue and other county auditors to ensure we are doing all we can to prevent mistakes.

**6. Additional thoughts?**

I'm honored to be the Yankton County Auditor and ask you for your vote to continue working for you. I love to serve the people of Yankton County. We all can't wait to get to work every morning.

Remember that absentee voting is now open. Stop by the auditor's office Monday-Friday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. to cast your vote (photo ID required). Voter registration closes Monday, Oct. 20. For more information, email me at patty@co.yankton.sd.us or call (605) 260-4400.

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**OBITUARIES**

**Carolyn Johnson**

Carolyn Jean Johnson passed away peacefully at the Avera Sacred Heart Hospital on October 13, 2014 at the age of 74.



Johnson

Funeral services will be Friday, October 17, 2014, 10:30 a.m., First English Lutheran Church, Centerville. Burial will follow in Union Cemetery, rural Wakonda.

Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m., Thursday, October 16, 2014 at Hansen Funeral Home in Irene, with a prayer service beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Carolyn Jean Johnson was born August 18, 1940 in Hartville, Missouri to Mabel Virginia (Mitchell) and Carroll Hake.

Jean went to Reed Elementary in Springfield MO until the 8th grade. She then helped her family care for nieces and nephews while working waitressing. Jean married the love of her life, Virgil Johnson on May 3, 1958 officiated by Rev. Dowel at Highstreet Baptist Church in Springfield MO with her parents present. The couple resided in Springfield until Virgil was released from active duty in the Army.

Three years after Virgil was discharged from duty, they moved back to South Dakota and then to California for a short period of time before returning to South Dakota where they would remain. To this union they were blessed with two children, Timothy Dean and Theresa "Tess" Jean.

In October 1970, Virgil and Jean purchased the farm where they have since resided. Jean worked that farm and loved it dearly. Whether she was chopping weeds or taking care of the livestock, (goats and geese included) she loved being there. In 1989 Virgil and Jean purchased the Sundown Lounge where she worked alongside Virgil until their retirement and sale in 2000.

Jean loved her family dearly. She enjoyed watching and feeding the Baltimore Orioles and Hummingbirds that came to visit. She doted on her pets, flowers and gardens and especially loved playing games with her family. Highest on her list, though, was spending time with Virgil. Whether they were frying chicken, tending gardens or decorating their home everything was made more beautiful when Jean touched it. Her family reveled in the benefits of that care every time they were with her.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her sister Dolores June Dye, eight brother in laws, and seven sister-in-laws.

Survivors include her husband, Virgil of Irene; son Timothy of Yankton, daughter Theresa (Larry) Johnson, Oak-

**Darin Block**

Darin James Block, 46, of Menno passed away on Sunday, October 12, 2014 at the Menno-Olivet Care Center, Menno, SD.



Block

Memorial services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, October 15, 2014 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Chapel, Yankton with Rev. Dani Jo Ninke officiating. Visitations will be one hour prior to the service at the funeral chapel.

Darin was born December 7, 1967 in Day County, South Dakota to George Anton and

Micheal "Mickey" Mae (Huber) Block.

Darin lived in the here and now. He didn't care about news or if it was cold out. He just wanted to wear his shorts, drink a Mountain Dew and eat a big 'Whopper. He enjoyed WWE Wrestling and watching the Packers win. His smile and laugh made everyone around him smile, no matter the situation. He

touched many people.

He is survived by his sisters, Bernice Cox of Yankton, SD and Michelle Severson of Clark, SD. He loved all of his nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews as well.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father.

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land, Nebraska; four grandchildren: Ryan Johnson, Cody Johnson, Jamison Johnson and Lindsey Johnson and many nieces and nephews.

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**Tate Krueger**

Funeral services for Tate Gene Krueger, 3 1/2 months, of Tyndall are 10:30 a.m. Thursday, October



Krueger

16, 2014 at the Emmanuel Reformed Church in Springfield. Burial is in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be Wednesday from 5 to 7 p.m. followed by a 7 p.m. Prayer Service at the church.

Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home in Springfield is in charge of arrangements.

Tate Gene Krueger was born July 29, 2014 at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton to Jeremy and Kendra (Tjeerdsma) Krueger of Tyndall. He left this world to go live with Jesus in Heaven on October 12, 2014 at Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls.

Tate was truly a blessing from God to everyone that was fortunate enough to have met him. Tate could always be found with a big smile on his face and a belly laugh to be shared by all. His favorite activity was sitting in his bumbo at home and watching his two crazy brothers running wild. His Mom and Dad were in love with Tate from the very moment he was born and could spend hours just sitting with him looking into his beautiful baby blue eyes. There was always a glister in those eyes as he was rocked to sleep and held in their arms. Tate loved cooing at Mom and Dad during bathtime especially. Tate's time on this earth was short on quantity, but overflowing in quality with the love he shared with everyone.

Tate was baptized on August 10, 2014 along with his two big brothers at Emmanuel Reformed Church in Springfield.

Tate leaves behind his two loving parents, his two broth-

ers Brody (5) and Ryker (3); his paternal grandparents Dan and Sandy (Walth) Krueger of Gregory, SD; maternal grandparents Percy and Connie (Jensen) Tjeerdsma of Springfield, SD; great-grandparents Bob and Nettie Walth of Bonesteel, Donald and Marjorie Tjeerdsma of Springfield, and Dorsie Jensen of Beresford; along with many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Tate was preceded in death by his maternal great-grandfather Ray Jensen and his paternal great-grandparents, Leon and Joan Krueger.

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**Dale Fryda**

Dale James "DJ" Fryda, 66, of Springfield's funeral services are 2 p.m., Thursday, October 16, 2014 at St. Vincent's



Fryda

Catholic Church in Springfield with Pastor Ken Johnson officiating. Burial is in the Springfield Cemetery, rural Springfield.

Visitation is Wednesday from 4 to 7 p.m. with family present from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home in Springfield.

Dale James (D.J.) Fryda, son of Dale and Elaine (Lange) Fryda, was born June 26, 1948 in Yankton, SD. He died October 12, 2014 at the Good Samaritan Society in Tyndall. D.J. attained the age of 66 years, three months and 16 days.

D.J. attended country school in Bon Homme County and graduated from Springfield High School in 1966. He attended Southern State College in Springfield before beginning his lifelong career in trucking. He owned and operated gravel trucks on road construction projects throughout the Midwest beginning in 1971.

On September 24, 1971 D.J. married Becky Pechous at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church in Tabor. Two children, David Dale and Lisa Renee were blessed to their union.

D.J. began Fryda's Gravel Business in the 1980's. During this time he also did commercial fishing on the Missouri River with his father Dale. In 1990 he bought the family farm Southwest of Springfield. In 2008 he began D.J. Fryda Trucking doing over the road hauling throughout the country. Together he and Becky farmed, raised cattle and ran the trucking business. In 2012 they moved into Springfield due to D.J.'s failing health.

D.J. greatly enjoyed the outdoors and loved to hunt, fish and trap. He enjoyed cards, puzzles, coffee and BS'ing with friends and family. Hunting dogs were always a part of D.J.'s life and he was seldom without a faithful dog by his side.

Thankful for sharing his life are his wife of 43 years, Becky of Springfield, son David of Riverdale, ND, daughter Lisa of Roanoke, VA; and brothers Gregory and Paul Fryda of Tamarac, FL.

D.J. is preceded in death by his parents.

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**Elmo Eddy**

Elmo Eddy, 92, of Wagner died Monday, Oct. 13, 2014 at his home in Wagner.

Funeral services are at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 18, at the VFW in Wagner. Burial is in the Holy Fellowship Episcopal Cemetery, rural Greenwood, with military honors.

Wake services will begin today (Wednesday) at the VFW in Wagner.

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

**Jesse Ramsley**

Jesse Albin Ramsley, 84, formerly of Yankton, died Oct. 2, 2014, in Salt Lake City, Utah.



Ramsley

A memorial service will be announced at a later date.

**Local Democratic Party To Host Discussion On XL Pipeline Friday**

The Yankton Democratic Party will be hosting an informational and social meet and greet event to discuss the XL Pipeline and the effect of climate change on the environment at 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 17, at the party's county headquarters, located at 232 Capital St. in Historic Downtown Yankton.

PUC commissioner candidate David Allen will be on hand to join in the discussion and to offer his insights on the potential effects of the

pipeline on the South Dakota environment.

The Yankton Democratic Party is hosting a series of meetings during this campaign season to inform voters of the issues and candidates to be decided in the upcoming election. Everyone is welcome and we encourage voters to join us to ask questions and to share their views. There will be refreshments available and the event is open to the public

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