

OBITUARIES

Sam Garrity

Samuel Robert Garrity, age 23 of Yankton, died unexpectedly Monday, September 28, 2015 at his residence in Vermillion, SD. Memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, October 2 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Yankton, with Rev. Larry Regynski officiating. Burial will be in the Sacred Heart Cemetery, Yankton, SD. Visitations will begin at 5:00 p.m. Thursday, October 1 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, with a Scripture service at 7:00 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church. Urn Bearers will be Patrick and Ruth Boehmer. Honorary Urn bearers will be the Sacred Heart School Class of 2006. He is the son of Jan and



Garrity

Patrick Garrity, Yankton, SD. Sam was born June 29, 1992, in Seoul, Korea. He joined his parents in America on November 20, 1992 after his adoption was finalized. Jan and Pat raised Sam on the family farm near Mission Hill, SD. It was there at Garrity's Prairie Gardens that Sam began touching people's lives with his quick wit and charm as he waited on customers and helped his parents. Sam attended Sacred Heart School through eighth grade. He graduated in 2010 from Yankton High School where he participated in marching band and was a member of the National

Honor Society. He worked in the Hy-Vee produce department during his high school years. Sam was a member of Boy Scout Troop #102 and earned the rank of Eagle Scout in 2009. Sam graduated magna cum laude from South Dakota State University in 2014 with a degree in psychology. He was awarded a full scholarship to the University of South Dakota School of Law, where he won the first year intramural alternative dispute resolution tournament (negotiations). He was currently in his second year of studies. Sam traveled often with his parents for family vacations, especially enjoying trips to Seattle, WA, his favorite city. As a Boy Scout he hiked the Bighorns and snorkeled in Key West. As an employee of

Daktronics in Brookings, SD, first as an intern, then as a full-time summer staff member, he traveled to Milwaukee, WI, Kansas City, MO, and Jacksonville, FL, installing scoreboard systems. Sam, affectionately known as "Samwise" and "Panda" to his friends, never failed to make an impression - whether he was pontificating on any number of subjects, or sharing his wry sense of humor. He was sensitive, inquisitive, smart, and always ready to share a hug. He was here for such a short time, but the impact he had on his family, friends, classmates and coworkers will last forever. Sam is survived by his parents, Jan and Patrick Garrity, Yankton, SD; maternal grandmother, Phyllis Karolevitz, Yankton, SD;

special 'nana', Donna McLagan, Brookings, SD; aunts and uncles - Jill Karolevitz and James (Pete) Peterson, Yankton, SD; Tom and Denise Garrity, Allentown, PA; Ruth and Pat Boehmer, Chicago, IL; Ted and Amy Garrity, Edina, MN; and numerous cousins, great uncles and aunts. He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Joe Garrity and Faith Lund; maternal grandfather, Robert Karolevitz, and uncle and aunt, Emmet and Marie Billings. Memorials preferred. Yankton Press & Dakotan October 1, 2015



Online condolences at: www.opsahl-kostelfuneralhome.com

Schweser's Holds Month Sale Before Closing

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Schweser's, a clothing store located in the Yankton Shopping Center, has recently announced that it will be closing its doors early next year. "This decision was very difficult, and it is with much sadness that we have to make this announcement," said company president Tyler Smith in a press release. "We have operated in Yankton for many years, which means that this will leave a hole in the lives of many in the community." The store is one of many Schweser's that is going out of business despite the efforts of the company. "The sales trends, expense trends, retail shopping and demographic trends have been against us for a few years," Smith added in the press release. "In spite of our changes and attempts to find the right path to profitability, we have reached the end." Yankton's Schweser's had been in operation since the 1980s and had been operating strong until the last few years. "We have seen a drop in sales in some of our stores over the past three to four years that has been difficult to overcome," Smith said in the press release. "We can come up with many excuses that include the rise of Internet shopping, reduced trips to physical stores or changing demographics, but whatever the reason, we have not been able to overcome them quickly enough." Smith believes the store will officially close in January or February, and hopes that until then, loyal customers will benefit from the clearance sale that is now underway. "We take pride in the legacy of service we have delivered to our communities for many years, and we hope to honor the legacy of Schweser's in Yankton with one final holiday season," said Smith in the press release.

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Alleged Sexual Assaults Investigated

VERMILLION - The Vermillion Police Department is currently investigating or aiding in the investigation of two reported sexual assaults - one of which is alleged to have occurred on the University of South Dakota campus. Based on the information received at this point in the investigation, police said in a press release they have no reason to believe there is a continuing threat to the community. No other information was available at press time.

Donald Rasmussen

Donald Woodrow Rasmussen was born in Beresford South Dakota in 1919, the only child of Edward and Christine (Anderson) Rasmussen. He attended Beresford public schools, graduating from high school in 1937. He received his BA from Yankton College in 1941, and his MA from USD in 1949. He also did further post graduate study at both USD and Ohio State University. He was preceded in death by his wife Mary Ellen (Burns) Rasmussen, with whom he shared nearly 70 years of marriage. He is survived by Patricia D. Ernst (Will) and Dean Rasmussen (Amy), as well as four grandchildren and three great grandchildren.



Rasmussen

His teaching career began in Volga High School, where he taught until entering the U.S. Army Air Corps. Following his discharge as a 2nd Lieutenant in 1945, he was a teacher at Huron College until moving to Vermillion in 1950, where he was a teacher and counselor until 1966. While at Vermillion High School he was active in SDEA and NEA, serving as SDEA President in 1957, and was recognized as *McCall Magazine's* SD Teacher of the Year. From 1966 until 1984 he worked for Yankton College as teacher and counselor. When the college closed in 1984, he became Alumni Director until he retired...although his interest in and for the college continued, and in 2008 he and Mary Ellen were named Mr. and Mrs. Yankton College! Don was a 60+ year Mason, as well as a Scottish Rite and Shriners, receiving his Red Cap (KCCH) in '79, and White Cap -33 degree in 2002. El Raid Shrine Temple honored him as Shriner of the year in '94-'95. Don loved music his entire life, and sang with the Double Eagle Chorus, as well as the Blazers Barbershop Quartet for many years. He was also active in the Yankton Elks Lodge #994, serving as ritual director and was Elk of the year in '69-'70. For many years he was active in the Democratic Party, serving as Clay County

Linda Schmidt

Linda Schmidt, 90, of Tyndall, South Dakota passed away on Monday, September 28, 2015 at St. Michael's Hospital in Tyndall. Visitation was held from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 30 at St. John Lutheran Church in Tyndall with family present. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 1, 2015 at the church with Rev. Dean Schroeder officiating. Burial will follow in the Tyndall Cemetery. Funeral arrangements are being handled by the Goglin Funeral Home of Tyndall. Online condolences may be sent at www.goglinfh.com. Linda Schmidt was born on Thursday, February 14, 1924 to Fred and Lydia (Vilhauer) Finck in Tyndall, South Dakota. She attended Bon Homme country school through the 8th grade.



Linda Schmidt

On June 5, 1950, Linda was united in marriage to Julius Schmidt at Immanuel Reformed Church in rural Tripp. Together they owned and operated Schmidt's Service and Consumer Supply Co. in Tyndall until they retired in 1986. Following their retirement, they spent their winters in Mesa, AZ. Linda enjoyed boating with family and friends from the time she and Julius married until 1966 at which time they sold their boat and took up golfing. Linda was an avid golfer and one of her accomplishments

was having 4 hole-in-ones; one in the 70's, 80's, 90's, and 2000. Linda and Julius enjoyed many years of traveling and camping with their children. Linda loved to cook for her family and enjoyed teaching her children and grandchildren how to cook many of the foods she was known for. Linda also enjoyed spending many hours playing cards with friends. Linda passed away on Monday, September 28, 2015 at St. Michael's Hospital Avera in Tyndall having attained the age of 91. She is survived and remembered by her husband of 65 years, Julius Schmidt of Tyndall; children: Sandra (John) Stahl of Kosciusko, MS, Robert (Karen) Schmidt of Tyndall, Patricia Doyle of Rapid City, and Michael (Christi) Schmidt of Tyndall; grandchildren: Juanita Parkinson, Alyson Land, Phyllis Odum, Lyndsay Lunders, Steven Doyle,

Megan Schmidt, Jennifer Schmidt, Joshua Schmidt, and Landon Schmidt; great-grandchildren: Ashleigh Parkinson, Collin Parkinson, Joshilyn Land, Mary Tyndall Odum, Connor Lunders, and another on the way; siblings: Edward Finck of Mesa and Neal (Jean) Finck of Tripp. She was preceded in death by her parents, son Richard Schmidt, and brothers: Paul, Herbert, Ruben, Leo, Leonard Finck, and sister Meta Hisek. Yankton Press & Dakotan October 1, 2015



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Alfred Honeywell

Alfred Honeywell, 70, of Wynot, Nebraska, died Sept. 30, 2015, at his residence. Funeral services are pending at the Wintz Funeral Home in Hartington, Nebraska.

Dillon O'Keefe

Dillon O'Keefe, 18-year-old son of Eileen Wieseler of Hartington, Nebraska, died Sept. 30, 2015, at Children's Hospital in Omaha, Nebraska. Mass of Christian Burial will be on Friday, October 2 at 10:30 a.m. at Holy Family (Sts. Peter & Paul) Catholic Church in Bow Valley with the Rev. Eric Olsen officiating. Burial will be at Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery in Bow Valley, Nebraska. Visitation will be one hour prior to services at the church. Arrangements are under the direction of the Wintz Funeral Home in Hartington.

Aaron Engen

Aaron Nathan Engen passed away Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2015, in a farm accident on the family farm. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, at the Viborg Community Center, Viborg, with the Rev. Randy Phillips officiating.

Aaron Stoebner

Aaron Stoebner, 83, of Tripp, South Dakota passed away on Tuesday, September 29, 2015 at Avera St. Benedict Health Center in Parkston. Visitation will be held on Friday, October 2 at Frieden's Reformed Church in Tripp from 5:00 p.m. until a 7:30 p.m. prayer service there. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 3 at the church with Rev. Greg Way officiating. Burial will follow in the Frieden's Reformed Cemetery, Tripp

with military graveside rites. Funeral arrangements are being handled by the Goglin Funeral Home of Tripp. Online condolences may be sent at www.goglinfh.com.



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Max Larson

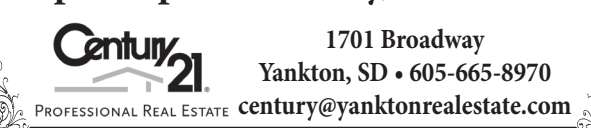
Max Larson, 100, of Yankton passed away Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2015, at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton. Funeral services are pending with the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton.

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Northeast Nebraska Man Pleads Guilty To Cattle Theft

CENTER, Neb. (AP) - A 44-year-old man is scheduled to be sentenced in November for stealing cattle from a feedlot in northeast Nebraska. Norfolk radio station *KNEV* reports that Timothy Ketelsen, of Bloomfield, pleaded guilty earlier this month to charges of tax evasion, theft and illegal sale of livestock. Prosecutors dropped five other charges in return for Ketelsen's pleas. His sentencing is set for Nov. 24. Court documents say Ketelsen's former boss reported that 13 head of cattle had been stolen from the feedlot. Investigators traced the cattle to a livestock market in Yankton, South Dakota, which paid Ketelsen for them. Investigators also say they found four other instances in which it appears Ketelsen stole cattle.

In observance of the funeral services of longtime Century 21 Agent, Charlotte Herrlein, Century 21 will be closed from 1pm - 4pm. Thursday, October 1.



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