

Historical Society Adds New Smithsonian Affiliation Benefits To Membership Program

PIERRE – Membership does have its privileges at the South Dakota State Historical Society.

Beginning in October, the society is launching its new membership program which features the addition of Smithsonian Affiliate Member benefits for all new or renewing members at the Heritage Circle level.

Benefits include:

- Membership in the Smithsonian Institution
- One-year subscription to Smithsonian magazine

- 10 percent discount in Smithsonian stores, catalog or online
 - 10 percent discount on Smithsonian Folkways recordings
 - Smithsonian Journeys travel and study tour opportunities
 - Free admission to Smithsonian Affiliate Reciprocal Member Institutions
- There are approximately 80 other reciprocal members around the country and visitors can check the society website at www.history.sd.gov/membership to obtain a list.
- The society has been working on a

new membership program for the past 12 months. It includes slight increases in membership level costs at some levels and some different benefits, other than those that come with the Smithsonian Affiliation benefits. Members receive free admission to the museum at the Cultural Heritage Center, subscriptions to “South Dakota History” and “History Notes” and a 10 percent discount at the Heritage Stores at the Cultural Heritage Center and state Capitol, among other benefits.

OBITUARIES

James Ruggles

James Ruggles, MD, passed away unexpectedly Monday, September 21, 2015 at his residence.

The Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton, is assisting with the service details. A private family ceremony will be held in Chanute, KS at a future date.

James Ruggles was born on March 24, 1933 to George and Zelpha (Kinder) Ruggles in Pittsburg, KS. He graduated from Kansas State Teachers College, Pittsburg, KS in 1953. James obtained his Medical Degree from the University of Kansas in 1957.



Ruggles

1963 to 1965. After his discharge, James completed a two year fellowship in Pathology at the University of Minnesota. He was a member in the College of American Pathologist (Emeritus Fellow). James worked as a Pathologist for 39 years, having jobs

in Watertown and Yankton. He was also employed with Laboratory of Clinical Medicine in Sioux Falls, SD before his retirement in 2004.

James had many interest and hobbies. His interest included music appreciation and was especially fond of classical and blue grass music. He learned to play the Dobro Guitar after the age of 45. James was fascinated and well versed in history. He was an avid outdoorsman and sports enthusiast and enjoyed hunting, fishing and knife making. He followed football, KU Jayhawks basketball and hockey.

James is survived by his

wife, Ramona of Yankton; stepson, Kevin (Ann) Landers of Sioux City, IA, daughter, Katherine Ruggles of Pierre, SD; two sons, Christopher (Cynthia) Ruggles and Timothy Ruggles, both of Brookings, SD and three grandchildren.

Online condolences may be sent to www.opsahl-kostelfuneralhome.com.

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Max Larson

Max Albro Larson, age 100, of Yankton, passed away Wednesday, September 30, 2015 at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton.

Memorial services will be 10:30 a.m. Monday, October 5 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Yankton, with Rev. Kwen Sanderson officiating. Burial will be in the Yankton Cemetery, Yankton.

Visitations will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday, October 4 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, and then on hour prior to the service at the church.

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Urn bearers are all eight grandchildren: Jim Wermers, Rob Wermers, Scott Larson, Jake Larson, Katie Lewis, Jennifer Larson, Barry Larson



Larson

moved to Yankton in 1929 and graduated from Yankton High School in 1933. Upon graduation, Max joined the family business at Larson Tin Shop in downtown Yankton where he devoted himself to becoming the best sheet metal worker and heating expert possible.

On May 16, 1936, Max married Dorothy Medeck and to this union three children were born: Maxine, Douglas and Barrett. Max retired from Larson Brothers in 1978 but kept

and Brett Larson.

Max was born August 29, 1915 to Charles W. Larson, Sr. and Madeline (Ames) Larson in Pipestone, MN. He

active in both of his sons' businesses. He and Dorothy would go on to spend most of their days at the river boating, fishing and camping. Max enjoyed riding through Larson's Landing on his four-wheeler, striking up conversations and befriending the campers.

Max had a knack for building things, including various boats, his home and other MacGyver-type projects. Always on the move and a project in the works, Max kept busy working up until his last day. He was a former member of the Elks Lodge and Yankton Community Forum and an avid, daily reader. His unparalleled work ethic, quick wit, gracious and personable nature will always be remembered by those who love him.

Max is survived by his son, Douglas Larson and wife, Linda of Yankton; son-in-law,

Don Wermers of Rochester, MN; daughter-in-law, Diane Larson and husband, Don Edwards of Yankton; eight grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren and brother, Charles Larson of Salina, KS.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Dorothy; daughter, Maxine Wermers; son, Barrett Larson; granddaughter, Molly Larson; siblings, Phyllis McKee and Maynard Larson.

Memorials can be directed to Trinity Lutheran Building Fund, 403 Broadway, Yankton, SD 57078.

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Richard Davenport

Richard L. “Dick” Davenport, age 78, of Yankton, SD died peacefully Thursday morning, October 1, 2015 at Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton. Richard had been living with heart disease for 30 years.

Memorial services will be 2:30 p.m. Monday, October 5 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Chapel, Yankton with Rev. Michael Carlson officiating.

Visitations will be one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Richard was born September 18, 1937 in Yankton, South Dakota, son of John Pleasant and Ruth Emma (Kelly) Davenport. He gradu-



Davenport

worked at HSC. After 25 years, Richard pursued his dream and opened Yankton Film Service where he not only developed pictures but also took photos in his studio. After Richard retired, he continued his love for photography. He always lived life to the fullest. Richard loved spending time with

ated from Yankton High School in 1956. Richard married Dorothy O'Connor on June 17, 1958 in Garryowen, South Dakota. Both Richard and Dorothy

his grandchildren and when he was able, attending their activities. Richard absolutely loved playing cards, especially poker. When he was feeling well, he wouldn't miss a game come rain or shine. Most of all, Richard loved a good conversation. He could visit and tell stories as long as he had an audience. In addition, Richard had belonged to Alcoholics Anonymous and had enjoyed sobriety for 51 years.

Richard is survived by his wife, Dorothy of Yankton; son, Jim (Chris) Davenport of Yankton; daughter, Debbie (Stacey) Kutil of Hartford, SD; daughter, Lori (Richard) Kalin of Hartington, NE; grandchildren: Mason Kalin,

Yankton, Emily Kalin of Kansas City, MS, Krista Kutil of Sioux Falls, SD, Melissa Kutil of Vermillion, SD, Micah Davenport of Yankton, and Connor Davenport of Yankton.

Preceded in death are his mother, father, brothers, Leo and Darrell and sisters, Pearl, Delores and Vera.

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Candle Vigil Begins Mental Illness Week

To commemorate Mental Illness Awareness Week, a program and candlelight vigil will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 6, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 403 Broadway, Yankton.

Presentations will be made by IMPACT (Fred Bender) and by the Community Intervention Team of the Yankton Police Department.

The candlelight program will be conducted by Deacon Stillman Slason.

The vigil and program are hosted by the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) and will be facilitated by Rep. Jean Hunhoff. Continuing education units are provided. This is a free event and everyone is welcome.

Avera Brings In Wildlife Presentation

Carol Smith of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will present the program “Attracting Birds and Pollinators to Your Backyard” at the Avera Professional Pavilion in Yankton at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 6.

She will discuss food, water, and shelter needs of birds and pollinators that you may want to attract to your backyard.

Missouri Valley Master Gardeners are the public event sponsors. Admission is free but donations are welcome.

Benefit for Doug Ganschow Oct. 10

WAKONDA – The community of Wakonda and the surrounding area is hosting a benefit for Doug Ganschow of Wakonda. Doug has been diagnosed with incurable Stage 4 Sarcomatoid Renal Cell Carcinoma (kidney cancer which has spread to lungs and other parts of the body). He is currently resting comfortably at home surrounded by family and friends.

The benefit is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 10, at the Wakonda Legion Hall. A free will donation supper will start at 4:30 p.m. A silent auction starts at 4:30 p.m. and a live auction at 7 p.m. with Girard Auction donating their services.

Cash donations can be made out to the “Doug Ganschow Benefit” at First Premier Bank, PO Box 326, Wakonda SD 57073.

If you would like more information or to donate an item to the auction, contact: Donna Henriksen 661-3987, Pat Girard 267-2421, or Darby Ganschow 661-2739.

4-H Youth Donate Pop Tabs To McDonalds

BROOKINGS – South Dakota State 4-H Youth Council selected the Ronald McDonald House as the state-wide community service project for the 2014-2015 year.

“Giving back to the community is a focus of 4-H and our membership does this in a multitude of ways. This year-long focus is one way for us all to give back to one entity together,” said Audrey Rider, SDSU Extension State 4-H Events Field Specialist.

4-H members and clubs throughout the state were asked to collect can tabs and brought them to the 4-H Teen Leadership Conference and 2015 State Fair.

A state-wide competition was held among the counties and Brookings County won by collecting a total of 213 pounds of pop tabs. Counties who also participated in the contest included; Perkins, Grant, Edmunds, Meade, Jones, Roberts, Haakon/Jackson, Clay, Spink, Douglas, Kingsbury, Hamlin, Corson, Butte, Lawrence, Hutchinson and Codington.

The 1,250 pounds of tabs translate to \$500 that Ronald McDonald House will be able to use to provide families with a place to stay while their child is in the hospital.

South Dakota is home to more than 9,000 4-H members. To learn more about South Dakota 4-H and how you and your family can become involved, visit iGrow.org.

President Orders Flags At Half-Staff

PIERRE – President Obama has called for flags at half-staff, effective immediately, out of respect for the victims whose lives were taken by the violence at Umpqua Community College in Roseburg, Oregon, on Thursday, Oct. 1.

Flags are to remain at half-staff until sunset on Tuesday, Oct. 6.

Halloween Stories on Demand At Library

The Yankton Community Library, 515 Walnut, is hosting Halloween Stories on Demand from Oct. 12-31.

If the staff sees children in the library, they will ask if they'd like to hear a Halloween story. If you come in and would like a story read to your children, just ask at the desk. The staff is prepared to read and would love to do so. You'll hear some new stories and old favorites.

Catholic Daughters To Hold Fundraiser At Pizza Ranch

Catholic Daughters Court Willard #967 will be holding a fundraising event at the Yankton Pizza Ranch, 1501 Broadway Ave, Yankton from 5-8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 5.

Pizza Ranch will be donating a percentage of the sales that night from dine-in and carry out only sales to the organization. Members will be present to bus tables

and to visit with customers also that night. A few of the local charity projects that Court Willard donates to are: Homeless Shelter, Contact Center, Clothing Closet, River City Domestic Violence Center, House of Mary Shrine, Radio Rosary, Community Feast, Girl's State to only name a few.



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