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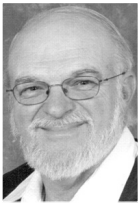
**Keith Williams**

Keith W. Williams, age 66, of Mission Hill, South Dakota, died Wednesday, October 7, 2015 at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton.

Funeral services are 10:30 a.m. on Monday, October 12 at Bishop Marty Memorial Chapel in Yankton with Reverend Rodney Veldhuizen officiating. Burial will be in the Garden of Memories Cemetery in Yankton. Visitation is from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 11, at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton with a video tribute and time of sharing at 6:00 p.m. Visitation continues one hour prior to the funeral at the church on Monday.

Pallbearers are Dale Jansen, John Yaggie, Tom Slowey, Tom Conger and Dave Haas. Honorary pallbearers are members of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.

Keith was born June



Williams

a farm north of Yankton when he was nine years old. Keith graduated from Yankton High School in 1967. On July 7, 1967, he married Darlene "Dee" Dilts in Yankton. After their marriage, they lived in Sioux Falls for one year while Dee finished nursing school. Then they lived on the family farm until moving to Mission Hill in 1976. Keith worked at the Human Services Center as a physical therapy aide for several years and then drove truck for various companies. He spent 36 years in maintenance and as a boiler operator, first for the Yankton School District and the last 26 years at

Sacred Heart Monastery. Keith was an avid hunter and especially loved deer and elk hunting. Habitat conservation was very important to him and he was an active member of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Pheasants Forever, Ducks Unlimited, Whitetails Unlimited, National Wild Turkey Federation and National Rifle Association. Keith enjoyed Dutch oven cooking and was especially known for his pitchfork fondue. He enjoyed riding motorcycles, off road racing, traveling and going on road trips. Keith was a great storyteller and a collector of everything. He loved his family, had a strong faith in God which shown through in how he treated others and his willingness to help anyone in need.

Keith will be deeply missed by his wife, Dee Williams of Mission Hill; two children, Dawn (Rick) Sawtell and Ryan (Jennifer) Williams, both of Mission

Hill; nine grandchildren: Erik, Shaun, Chris, Brandon, Dalton and Nathan Sawtell, Samantha, Ellison and Kinsley Williams; two brothers, Clifton (Lindy) Williams of Irene, SD and Kenneth (Mary) Williams of Yankton; and several nieces and nephews.

Keith was preceded in death by his parents and grandparents.

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

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[www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com)

**Royal Ehrismann**

Royal Ehrismann, 92, of Wagner died Thursday, Oct. 8, 2015, at the Good Samaritan Society in Wagner.

Funeral services are 10:30 a.m. Monday, Oct. 12, at the

United Methodist Church in Wagner. Burial is in the ZCJB Cemetery, rural Wagner.

Visitation is Sunday with family present from 4:30-6 p.m. at the church.

Crosby-Jaeger Funeral

Home in Wagner is in charge of arrangements.

**Clarence Simonsen**

Clarence Simonsen, 100, of Menno passed away Friday, Oct. 9, 2015, at the

Menno-Olivet Care Center, Menno.

Arrangements are in the care of the Aisenbrey-Op-sahl-Kostel Memorial Chapel, Menno.

Summer Of Learning



The young readers pictured took part in Lincoln's "Summer Reading Achievers" program. The program encourages youngsters to continue to read during the summer months. Those who returned their completed reading log were recognized during an assembly Monday, September 21. Each received a special certificate and medal. Congratulations to all the young readers and their parents who took part in the program. (Courtesy Photo)

**Vigil**

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riage, Larsen was frequently physically and verbally abusive to Jendusa-Nicolai, putting her in an almost constant state of fear.

"My stomach would tighten up every time he came home," she recounted to the audience.

Those same words were spoken in a "20/20" television piece shown Friday to set up the background of the case.

Jendusa-Nicolai was eventually found by law enforcement. She experienced severe frostbite, resulting in the removal of all her toes.

"I still have my arms so I can hold my girls," Jendusa-Nicolai tearfully said in the "20/20" segment.

In addition to "20/20," she has appeared on several television programs, including Oprah and the Bio channel, and has traveled the country speaking out on domestic violence.

Schmaling detailed the investigation process that law enforcement went through to find Jendusa-Nicolai, from discovering the blood found on Larsen's floor, to how Larsen came off during interrogation ("he thought he was the smartest guy in the room" and "a real ladies man," Schmaling said), to the storage shed business card found in Larsen's wallet that ultimately led to Jendusa-Nicolai's rescue.

Jendusa-Nicolai said divorcing Larsen, despite enraging him to that degree, was the right thing to do.

"If I had stayed, maybe none of that would have ever happened," she said. "But if I had, I would be dying a very slow death. It kills you from the inside out."

She says she found the strength to leave him after seeing him passing on the terror to their two young daughters.

"This is a generational problem. It's a learned behavior. He acted that way, his

dad acted that way, and I was not going to pass that onto my children," she said.

She also addressed arguably the biggest question in every domestic violence situation: Why do the abused stay?

"I think the number one factor is fear," Jendusa-Nicolai explained. "We know what these people can do, and they tell us what they will do if we do leave. We take it seriously."

She uses her survival story to give hope to those who feel trapped in abusive relationships.

"Even though this happened to me, I still made it. If I can make it through that, anyone whose suffering with a bad relationship today can make it through what they're going through," she claimed. "If I can change my life coming back from that, you can change your life coming back from domestic violence and your suffering. We can all help one another."

After having spent the last couple days in the area, both Schmaling and Jendusa-Nicolai had good things to say about the community's handling of domestic violence.

"You have a fantastic law enforcement group. It's been quite humbling to speak with law enforcement officers and see how passionate they are about domestic violence," Schmaling said.

"We have had many people come out to these talks the last couple days, and this shows me that this is a community that cares," Jendusa-Nicolai added.

Follow @ReillyBiel on Twitter.

**Public Hearing Nov. 9 for Highway 12 Project Near Niobrara**

NIORRARA, Neb. — A stakeholder meeting was held on Aug. 26, 2015, in regards to the proposed Niobrara East and West, Nebraska Highway 12 (N-12) highway improvement project to gauge potential support from local stakeholders on the preliminary Least Environmentally Damaging Practicable Alternative (LEDPA) identified by the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE).

Following the meeting, the Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) made the decision to apply for a Section 404 permit for Alternative A7, in the river valley along the bluff.

The USACE will hold a public hearing on November 9 regarding the proposed improvement of N-12, and is seeking comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). The DEIS, and the comments received, will provide the USACE with the information to make an informed Section 404 of the Clean Water Act permit decision. The purpose of the DEIS is to inform the public of the environmental impacts of the proposed project.

The hearing for the proposed project, known as Niobrara East and West, will begin with an open house from 4:30-6 p.m., and follow with a public hearing at 6 p.m., at Niobrara Secondary School/East Gymnasium, 247 NE-12, in Niobrara. Personnel from USACE will be available to answer questions, receive comments, and discuss any aspect of the proposed highway improvement project. NDOR will be in attendance at the public hearing. Information regarding the project will be available on the NDOR website at [www.roads.nebraska.gov/projects/](http://www.roads.nebraska.gov/projects/) by clicking on the "Niobrara - Hwy 12- East & West" link.

Additional information may be found on the USACE Digital Library at <http://cdm16021.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/compoundobject/collection/p16021coll7/id/2383>.

**City**

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loween Festival (coming up)," he said. "We've got entities trying to bring people in and create some excitement, and that helps all the businesses in our community."

These numbers will also be presented during the regular meeting of the Yankton City Commission Monday.

The commission is also

set to discuss the assessment project for road work along Douglas Ave. between Anna St. and 31st St., special sessions, a request for additional funding for the Harvest Halloween Festival and annual adjustments in solid waste, water and sewer rates.

The commission meets at 7 p.m. Monday at the Technical Education Center at 1200 W. 21st St.

Follow @RobNielsenPandD on Twitter.

**City Offers Free Drop-Off For Tree Limbs**

Take advantage of free drop-off for street tree trimmings as part of the City of Yankton's annual effort to improve visibility and safety on city thoroughfares.

Tree limbs hanging over city streets and alleys must be trimmed to 12 feet and 10 feet over sidewalks. Property owners are responsible for trimming trees on their property or any trees growing in the boulevard next to their property.

Tree limbs and trimmings can be dropped off at the Transfer Station, located at 1200 West 23rd Street, free of charge from Oct. 12-24, Mondays through Saturdays 8 a.m.-3:45 p.m. (excluding Monday and Thursday evenings).

Tree trimming not only improves visibility for all drivers, but also helps keep the roads clear for emergency and other vehicles. Clear roadways mean that school buses can run routes on time, and snow plows can efficiently clear streets once the snow starts falling.

Visit [www.cityofyankton.org](http://www.cityofyankton.org) for more information and for examples of tree pruning techniques.

**Library Board Of Trustees To Meet Wed.**

The Yankton Community Library Board of Trustees will meet at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14, in the library meeting room, 515 Walnut

For further information, call 668-5275.

**Medicare Part D Enrolling Begins Oct. 15**

SIOUX FALLS – This year's Medicare open enrollment season runs from Oct. 15-Dec. 7. Anyone 65 or over can review their Medicare Part D Prescription Drug plan options and change plans if desired during this time.

"Medical needs can change from year to year and open enrollment provides an opportunity for Medicare beneficiaries to review their plans and ensure their existing plan still meets their needs," said Sarah Jennings, state director for AARP South Dakota. "If you like your plan and it meets your needs, you don't have to do anything. But it's always a good idea to be a good consumer and review your options."

**WHAT TO CONSIDER**

You can compare Medicare coverage options on the Medicare Plan Finder at [www.Medicare.gov](http://www.Medicare.gov). Click on "Find Health & Drug Plans." When looking at your options, consider the four C's: coverage, cost, convenience and customer service.

**COVERAGE**

Make sure that the doctors you see and the medications you take will still be part of your plan in the coming year. If upcoming plan changes affect your coverage, then it's important to review other Medicare coverage options.

**COST**

Like most other insurance, Medicare does not pay for all your health care costs. You are responsible for paying for expenses such as deductibles, coinsurance and co-payments. If two or more plans seem to offer about the same coverage, consider choosing the plan with the lowest overall cost. Remember, don't just look at the premium (monthly payment). Also consider the deductible (how much you pay out-of-pocket before insurance kicks in), and coinsurance and copayments (how much you pay out-of-pocket for each service like visiting a doctor or filling a prescription). Make sure to compare all of these features so you can find a plan that works for you and your wallet.

**CONVENIENCE**

Compare plans to see which doctors and hospitals are included in the coverage, as well as what local pharmacies participate. If you prefer mail-order pharmacies, check out which plans offer this option.

**CUSTOMER SERVICE**

The Medicare plan finder tool on [www.Medicare.gov](http://www.Medicare.gov) provides a quality rating for each plan. The rating covers several aspects of each plan, including customer service, member complaints, drug pricing, managing chronic conditions and more.

All plans now cover certain preventive services at no cost to you, thanks to the Affordable Care Act.

These include screenings like mammograms and colonoscopies and annual wellness visits with your doctor.

For one-on-one help with your Medicare decisions, contact SHIINE, the Senior Health Information and Insurance Education Program in Eastern South Dakota at 1-800-536-8197, Central South Dakota at 1-877-331-4834, Western South Dakota at 1-877-286-9072 or online at [www.shiine.net](http://www.shiine.net).

**Noem's Office Accepting Spring Interns**

WASHINGTON – Rep. Kristi Noem is accepting applications for fall internships in her Washington, D.C. office, as well as her offices in Sioux Falls, Rapid City and Watertown.

Student interns in Rep. Noem's office will assist staff with various constituent services and communication projects, as well as help with legislative research. Both South Dakota and Washington internships provide students with first-hand knowledge of the legislative process and countless other functions of a congressional office.

College students who are interested in interning in any of Rep. Noem's offices should submit a resume and cover letter to [christiana.frazee@mail.house.gov](mailto:christiana.frazee@mail.house.gov) by Nov. 6, 2015.

For more information, contact Christiana Frazee at (202) 225-2801.

**IN REMEMBRANCE**

**Layne Hauger**

10:30 AM, Saturday  
St. Benedict Catholic Church  
Yankton

**Elsie M. Elliott**

10:30 AM, Saturday  
First Congregational U.C.C.  
Hartington

**Keith W. Williams**

10:30 AM, Monday  
Bishop Marty Memorial Chapel, Yankton

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