

### Jury Acquits Former Pastor Of Sex Crime

SELBY (AP) — A jury has cleared a former South Dakota pastor and educator accused of having sexual contact with a minor. Kelo-TV reports that a Walworth County jury has acquitted 39-year-old Timothy Thompson of two counts of sexual contact with a child less than 16 years old. Authorities filed the counts against Thompson last year. They accused him of having sexual contact with a boy in 2008, when he was a pastor at Cornerstone Community Church in Mobridge. Thompson also previously served as a school principal in McLaughlin. Thompson moved to Denver in February 2013 and worked as a school administrator before his arrest in August 2014. The station reports Thompson now lives in California.

### Driver In Crash To Spend 13 Years In Prison

MITCHELL (AP) — The driver in the crash that killed a 14-year-old boy in Mitchell in June will spend 13 years in prison. The Daily Republic reports that 23-year-old Karla Martinez was handed a 15-year sentence with two years suspended Tuesday. The Mitchell woman, who earlier pleaded guilty to vehicular homicide, also received credit for 124 days served. Martinez admitted last month in court that she drank numerous mixed drinks on June 25 before her sport utility vehicle rolled in the ditch off a gravel road west of Mitchell. Records show her blood alcohol level was nearly double the legal limit when the crash happened. The fatal victim, Lenard Boyer, of Mitchell, was a front-seat passenger and was ejected from the SUV. Three other boys sitting in the backseat suffered minor injuries.

### Officials Plead Not Guilty To Embezzlement

ABERDEEN (AP) — Six current and former Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate officials accused of stealing more than \$50,000 from the Dakotas tribe have pleaded not guilty. Carrie Godfrey, Gerald German Jr., Ann German, Calvin Max Sr., Gerald Heminger Jr. and Colette White were indicted by a federal grand jury on Oct. 6. They're charged with conspiracy to embezzle and embezzlement from an Indian tribal organization in connection with a checks scheme that authorities say happened between 2010 and 2013. South Dakota U.S. Attorney Randolph Seiler says the suspects appeared before a federal magistrate judge in Aberdeen on Oct. 16 and pleaded not guilty. Each of the tribal officials faces up to five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine if convicted.

### Nebraska Regulators Inspect PP Clinics

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Nebraska regulators have quietly inspected Planned Parenthood of the Heartland's Lincoln and Omaha clinics at the request of Republican Gov. Pete Ricketts. Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services surveyors visited the clinics in August, the Lincoln Journal Star reported. Omaha clinic director Brenda Harvey said surveyors were interested in speaking with staff who handle fetal tissue. The visits came after a group accusing Planned Parenthood of illegally selling fetal tissue released videos, prompting congressional inquiries and multiple state investigations this summer. A department spokeswoman said she could provide little information about the inspections, but confirmed regulators made a similar visit to the Bellevue clinic. The results appear similar to those of public investigations of Planned Parenthood clinics elsewhere that returned no evidence the organization violated state laws for handling fetal tissue. Surveyors did threaten both clinics with disciplinary action because of late paperwork, particularly forms with abortion procedure information, which the state required for statistical purposes. In 2015, the Lincoln clinic missed the due date, the 15th of each month, five times. The Omaha clinic hadn't been on time all year and still hadn't submitted forms for the most recent months, June and July, according to letters from the department's division of public health. Both clinics are now caught up and the issue has been resolved, said Angie Remington, spokeswoman for Planned Parenthood of the Heartland. Ricketts spokesman Taylor Gage confirmed that the governor asked the department to look into the issue after the videos' release. The inspections were not publicly announced before or after they took place. "It's good to know that DHHS is actually going inside Nebraska abortion facilities and doing some type of investigation," said Julie Schmit-Albin, executive director of Nebraska Right to Life. "That sounds more aggressive than what has happened in the past. I'm glad to hear that (clinic staff) were not notified in advance." The Lincoln and Omaha Planned Parenthood inspections started Aug. 18.

### AG Defends Wording On Death Measure

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — The Nebraska attorney general's office is defending language approved for a 2016 death penalty ballot measure. State attorneys argued in a court filing Tuesday that the ballot language is "sufficient, fair and not misleading." Death penalty opponents have challenged the wording in court, saying it's slanted in favor of the death penalty. The ballot language informs voters that retaining the repeal law would eliminate capital punishment and change the "maximum" penalty for first-degree murder to life in prison. Critics say the word "maximum" is misleading because it incorrectly implies that first-degree murder convicts could face a lesser sentence than life in prison. Nebraska lawmakers abolished the death penalty in May, but the repeal measure was suspended until voters decide the issue next year.

### HS Band To Perform In DC Parade

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — The Omaha South High School marching band will travel to Washington, D.C., next year to represent Nebraska in the 75th Anniversary Memorial Day Parade. The Omaha World-Herald reports the band launched a fundraising campaign less than two months ago after being selected to march in the parade. The group raised more than \$127,000 after widespread media attention and the launch of an online fundraising campaign. The band's original fundraising goal was \$90,000. The group received \$40,000 from large donors, but most of the money came from small donations from community members or other high school marching bands. Donations came from all over Omaha, as well as from the rest of Nebraska and Iowa. "We're just so grateful for the outpouring of support we've received," said Susan Mahoney, school counselor. "When we began this endeavor at the beginning of the year, we had no idea we'd have so many people coming from all over the community to help support the band." The band also raised thousands of additional dollars through car washes and other fundraisers. Band leader Joe Homan said money will go toward the students' buses, hotels, meals and parade entry fees. Nearly 88 percent of students at the high school qualify for free or reduced-price lunch, and many said their families couldn't afford the trip.

## OBITUARIES

### James Renken

James K. Renken, age 81 of Yankton and formerly of Sturgis, SD passed away Sunday, October 25, 2015 at his residence. Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m. Friday, October 30, 2015 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Chapel, Yankton, SD with Rev. Dani Jo Ninke officiating. Burial will be in the Yankton Cemetery, Yankton, SD with military graveside rites by the Ernest-Bowyer VFW Post #791 Honor Guard, Yankton and the Ellsworth AFB Honor Guard, Ellsworth, SD. Visitations will be 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, October 29, 2015 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, SD and then one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. To send online condolences go to: www.opsahl-



Renken

kostel-funeralhome.com. James was born December 31, 1933 in Freda, ND, the son of Dick and Johanna (Hemmelrich) Renken. He was raised and educated in the area. He helped his brother with farming until he was drafted into the Army in August 1954, transferred into the Army Air Force and discharged in May 1956. James went back to farming until he married Cecelia Bader on August 22, 1961 in Carson, ND. They moved to Sturgis, SD where a son, Kenneth and a daughter, Linda were born. James worked on the Titan and minute missile sites for sev-

eral years and after that, he worked for the Forest Service (Spearfish District) on Bark Beetle Control until that job was finished. He then was employed with Meade School District for 23 years as a custodian until his health started to fail. James had a hemorrhagic stroke on January 24, 1993 which left him paralyzed on the right side. He enjoyed riding motorcycles and had owned several through the years. After the stroke, he bought a handicap scooter to get around. James and Cecelia moved to Yankton in 2001 to be closer to their daughter and son-in-law who live in Omaha, NE. James enjoyed driving his handicap scooter, visiting with the neighbors and listening to good old time western music. James is survived by his wife, Cecelia of Yankton; son,

Kenneth and granddaughter, Tiffany of Warner Robins, GA; daughter, Linda Peterson and husband, Craig of Omaha, NE; brothers, Dick (Virginia) Renken of Vida, MT; sisters-in-law, Opal Renken of Flasher, ND and Hilda Renken of Mandan, ND and numerous nieces and nephews. James was preceded in death by his parents; six sisters: Emma Wadell, Beaulah Elder, Bert Parsons, Peggy Christiansen, Alvina Jerabek and infant sister, Lucille and five brothers: Bill, Ed, George, Harry and Herb.

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### Francis Gould

Francis Keith Gould passed away Friday, October 23, 2015 at Sister James Care Center in Yankton having reached the age of 86 years old. He was born in Platte, South Dakota on June 13, 1929 to Harry J. and Marie C. (Romereim) Gould. Memorial Services for Francis will be held Friday, October 30 at 7 p.m. at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Chapel in Yankton. Visitation with the family present will be held an hour before the service. Inurnment will be held at a later date. Services will be conducted by Rev. Rick Pittenger Jr. Francis grew up in Geddes, South Dakota graduating from Geddes High School in 1947. For the first few years after high school, he and his brother Floyd owned and operated the service station in Geddes. In 1950 Francis joined the Army in September after the Korean War had begun. He served two years in Korea where he earned the Korean Service Medal and two bronze stars.



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When he returned home from service he met his future wife Mavis Thompson. They were married on March 8, 1953. To this union two children, Daniel (1954) and Jo Ann (1961) were born. From 1953 until 1970, the family lived in Auburn, Nebraska at which time they moved to Chamberlain, South Dakota. Francis worked for the United States Army Corp of Engineer's Big Bend Project as an operating engineer until he retired in 1994. Following his retirement Francis and Mavis moved to Yankton where they lived until his death. Francis was an avid organic gardener for more than 40 years. He loved spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren and children. He is survived by his wife Mavis, daughter Jo Ann Lambert, grandchildren, Jessica Lucas, Noah Gould, Adam Gould, Sara Lindholm, Eric Gould, Ariel Gould, Christine Lambert, Hannah Lambert and five great-grandchildren. Francis was preceded in death by his son Daniel, his parents Harry and Marie, his son-in-law Charles (Chuck) Lambert, his brothers Floyd Gould, Edwin (Bud) Gould and his sister Hazel Kortan. Services are being handled by the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory in Yankton. Online condolences can be made at www.opsahl-kostelfuneralhome.com.

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### Odelia Langferman

Odelia M. Langferman, age 91 of Yankton, and formerly from Crofton, Nebraska, died on Sunday, October 25, 2015 at the Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton. Mass of Christian Burial will be on Friday, October 30 at 10:30 a.m. at the St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Crofton with Rev. Timothy Lange officiating. Burial will be in the St. Rose of Lima Cemetery in Crofton. Visitation will be on Thursday from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with a Vigil Service at 7:00 p.m. at the Wintz Funeral Home in Crofton. Visitation will begin one hour prior to services on Friday at the Church. To send online condolences, please visit wintz-rayfuneralhome.com. Pallbearers will be Vernon Potts, Dale Guenther, Gene Guenther, Ken Guenther, Gary Guenther and Arlen Biernbaum. Honorary Pallbearers will be her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Odelia was born on September 17, 1924 at Fordyce, Nebraska to Conrad and Marie (Jensen) Luft. She grew up in the Constance area and married Frank L. Langferman on October 21, 1947 at Constance. They farmed in the Crofton area and Odelia also worked for Gerry Becker at the Crofton Drive-In for 8 years. They moved into Crofton in 1981 and to Yankton in January of 2007.

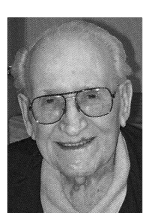
Odelia was a member of the St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, the Guild and the Christian Mothers. She enjoyed crocheting, playing cards, gardening and tending to her flowers. She especially loved spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Odelia is survived by two daughters, Mary Lou and Ray Avonell of Aten, Nebraska; Linda Tramp of Yankton; three grandchildren, Wendy Loecker of Phoenix, AZ; Jerry and Angela Swensen of Tigard, OR; Craig and Kristen Swensen of Sioux Falls, SD; six great-grandchildren, Tyler & Kyle of Vermillion, SD, Lexy & Tanner Loecker of Yankton, Kate and Jack Swensen of Tigard, OR; a sister, Rita Kessler of Randolph, NE. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Frank, on June 6, 2009 at the age of 93, a son-in-law Vince Tramp; a brother, Leon Luft; a sister, Madeline Guenther; and a brother-in-law, Ed Kessler.

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### Eric Street Jr.

Eric D. Street, Jr, 87, of Meckling, South Dakota passed away on Thursday, October 22, 2015 at Prairie Estates Care & Rehab Center in Elk Point. Cremation has already taken place and there will be a memorial services at a later date. Eric was born on July 25, 1928 in San Francisco, California to Eric Sr., and Edna (Cassel) Street. Eric grew up in California and graduated from high school in Santa Cruz, CA. While he was in CA, he enjoyed City League Basketball at the Civic Auditorium. He enlisted in the U.S. Army and served his country from 1953 and was discharged in 1955 as a combat engineer. He married the love of his life, Adeline Sorenson on December 28, 1956. They were blessed with four children, Eric III, Amy, Sarah and Neil. He worked for the state of California Caltrans for 42 years before retiring in 1990. After his retirement, they moved to South Dakota and made their home in Meckling in 1992. He is survived by his loving wife, Adeline; his children, Eric III (Sherry) Street of Aromas, CA, Amy Street of Meckling, SD, Sarah (Edwin) Monroe of Los Banos, and Neil (Sue) Street of Jan Juc, Australia; his five grandchildren, Brooke, Kelsie, Clarke Monroe, Darcy and Ben Street. He was preceded in death by his parents, Eric Sr., and Edna Street; and his two brothers, Charles and Ernest Street.



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The Kober Funeral Home of Vermillion has been entrusted with the services. Condolences may be posted online at www.koberfuneralhome.com. Yankton Press & Dakotan  
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### Mary Ann Stogsdill

Mary Ann Stogsdill, 88, a longtime resident of Wagner, passed away Monday, October 26, 2015 at the Golden Living Center in Armour. Funeral services are 10 a.m. Friday, October 30 at the United Methodist Church in Geddes, with burial in the Pleasant Lawn Cemetery, rural Geddes. Visitation is Thursday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. followed by a 6:30 p.m. prayer service at the Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home in Wagner. Mary Ann Stogsdill was born January 17, 1927 in Geddes, SD to Frank and Anna (Teply) Stekley. She was the younger of two daughters. As a child, Mary Ann attended Jackson #3 Country School. She walked or rode a pony and was joined by her sister, Ruby and several children in the neighborhood. During winter months a parent took the happy bunch to school in a buggy or sled pulled by horses. After Mary Ann finished 8th grade, she attended Geddes High School. She graduated in 1945. She began to show an interest in being a teacher and had always loved children. She enrolled at Dakota Wesleyan and studied under George McGovern and Oscar Howe. She then attended the University of South Dakota at Springfield, where she graduated with honors, earning a degree in Elementary Education. She taught in several rural schools around Platte and Geddes. She also taught one year in the very school she attended as a child - Jackson #3. In the early 1950's, Mary Ann moved to Wagner. Upon the closing of the rural schools, she began teaching Kindergarten in Wagner Public School. She taught there until retiring in 1992, after completing a teaching career of approximately 45 years. Mary Ann was married to Paul Stogsdill from 1952 to 1983. During this time, Paul's daughter, Paulette (age 9), came to make her home with them. She was born in Hawaii, where she lived with her mother and grandmother. She loved her new home, as well as Mary Ann's mother, Paulette's instant grandmother. After retiring, Mary Ann led a simple life. She was devoted to her home and with the help of others, cared for her flowers, trees and large yard. She earned several "Yard of the Month" awards. When friends dropped in, she would serve them with freshly baked chocolate chip cookies. This was a trait for which her mother was also known. Mary Ann had a giving heart. She donated food and candy to local organizations and shopped for books that small children in the family would enjoy. Mary Ann loved our country's flag and what it stood for. She stressed the saying of the "Pledge of Allegiance" to her young students. She taught patriotism and flag etiquette and always honored our veterans. Mary Ann was a member of the Tau Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma for many years. She dearly loved this organization. Grateful for having shared her life are her step-daughter, Paulette (Stogsdill) Ford of Mankato, MN; Mary Ann's



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sister, Ruby Flaig of Raid City, SD; niece, Julie (Steve) Bertsch of Piedmont, SD; nephew, Jerry Flaig of Littleton, CO; and step-grandson, Adam Ford of Woodbury, MN. The family is also grateful to the many other special family and friends who shared in Mary Ann's life. Mary Ann was preceded in death by her mother and father and brother-in-law, Harold Flaig. Yankton Press & Dakotan  
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### Henry Goettertz

Henry L. Goettertz, age 85 of rural Freeman, SD passed away Monday, October 26, 2015 at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton. Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, October 31 at St. Boniface Catholic Church, Idylwilde, rural Freeman, SD with Rev. Randy Phillips officiating. Burial will be in the parish cemetery with Military graveside rites by the Rames-Bender American Legion Post #152 Honor Guard and South Dakota Army National Guard Honor Guard. Visitations will begin at 6:00 p.m. Friday, October 30 at St. Boniface Catholic Church, Idylwilde, with a Wake service at 7:00 p.m. Visitation will resume one hour prior to the service at the church. The Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, is assisting with the arrangements. To send an online condolence, visit www.opsahl-kostelfuneralhome.com.

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