

## REGION DIGEST

### Smith To Speak At Parkinson's Meeting

Delane Smith of the Attorney General's office will be the featured speaker at today's (Friday) Parkinson's Support Group meeting at the Benedictine Center Conference Room (cafeteria). The meeting starts at 2 p.m.

Smith will be discussing identity theft and scams. This meeting is open to the public.

### Delmont Hosting Two Festivals This Weekend

DELMONT — The Kuchen is baking and preparations are being made for the 14th annual Kuchen Festival and seventh annual Old Time Harvest Festival, both in the town of Delmont Sept. 11-12.

The Kuchen Festival is held in downtown Delmont in four locations: the Legion Hall for the kuchen, crafts and lunch; the Community Building for the Quilt Show; former Dick's Market building for the Art Show; and the Pumphouse Museum.

The Old Time Harvest Festival is held on the farm just outside of the west side of Delmont. The farmstead is the site for a host of activities related to farming the old fashioned way, as well as exhibitors, and several first-time children's activities.

For more information, check the website, [www.delmontsd.org](http://www.delmontsd.org).

### 'Walk A Mile' Event Looking For Participants

The Yankton Women's and Children's Center is preparing for its third annual Walk a Mile in Her Shoes® event. Males of all ages are encouraged to take part in this event.

Walk a Mile in Her Shoes® is a lighthearted way of creating awareness of very serious issues, domestic violence and sexual assault.

If you know of someone who would like to participate or would like to sponsor a participant, contact the Yankton Women's and Children's Center, at 605-665-4811 to register. The registration fee is \$20 per participant, which includes a T-shirt and the use of our shoes. Additionally, we ask each participant to raise \$100 in pledges to help us meet our goal.

Prizes will be awarded for the best dressed, most money raised and largest team. Prizes include: gift certificates from Ace Hardware, Camille's Grill in Springfield, Magilly's, Seafood and Chophouse 81, Murdo's, Argo Steakhouse, 20 car wash token from Mr. Clean and a 3 month membership to the Summit Center.

### Southeast Announces 'Transition To College'

Do you want to go to college but not sure that you can? Do you need to brush up on your math skills? Southeast Job Link, a non-profit Career Learning Center in Yankton, has developed a class designed to prepare you with the knowledge and tools to achieve your goals and give you a head start to future success.

This class, "Transition to College," will provide participants with the necessary skills to successfully transition into college level courses. In addition to college reading, math, and writing skills other areas such as planning for college, career exploration, time management, stress management, budgeting for college, and study skills will be covered.

This class is being offered free of charge for those who meet the qualifications for the Adult Education Program. For those that do not qualify for the Adult Education Program a fee could apply. Class times and dates will be determined based on pre-registration. You must pre-register for the class before Sept. 17.

Southeast Job Link is located at the Technical Education Center (just North of the Summit Activities Center), 1200 West 21st Street, Yankton, SD 57078. Call Teresa at 605.668.3480 or e-mail at [tszakats@southeastjoblink.org](mailto:tszakats@southeastjoblink.org) for addition information or register for the program.

### Business Seminars Offered in Yankton

PIERRE — Two basic tax seminars being held in Yankton this month will offer helpful state tax information to businesses in eastern South Dakota. The seminars are sponsored by the South Dakota Department of Revenue and Regulation and are scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 16, in Room 113 at Regional Technical Education Center, 1200 W. 21st Street.

A Sales and Use Tax seminar will be held from 9:30 a.m.-noon. The session covers topics such as how and when to apply for a sales tax license; exemptions from sales and use taxes; exempt entities; use tax; municipal taxes; purchases for resale; and how to file sales tax returns by paper and electronically through SD QUEST.

A Contractors' Excise Tax seminar will be held from 1:30-4:30 p.m. The agenda includes how and when to apply for a contractors' excise tax license; projects for qualifying utilities and governmental agencies; prime and sub contractors; sales and use tax; owner furnished materials; reservation projects; and how to file contractors' excise tax returns by paper and electronically through SD QUEST.

Both seminars are offered free of charge. Interested individuals can register by calling the South Dakota Department of Revenue and Regulation at 1-800-TAX (\$29-9188 or on-line at <http://www.state.sd.us/drr2/> in the Business Tax Division "Tax Education" section.

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## SUICIDE JOBS

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over to her to feel for the pulse in her neck, and she had a gun in her hand," Cooper said.

On a previous visit home, Cooper said her daughter was upset over having broken up with a boyfriend. While this was true, police discovered something else when they inspected Kristin's diary.

That August, Kristin was raped at a party, and she was also battling depression.

Cooper said that one-third of women who are sexually assaulted contemplate suicide.

"Had Kristin been more stable psychologically, she probably would have survived the rape and the boyfriend break-up," she said.

After their daughter's death, the Coopers underwent intense counseling.

"You can really torture yourself," Andrea said. "As a parent, you think if your child chooses to end their life, that you did something wrong. That's really hard to get over."

One thing Mike Cooper struggled with was the fact that his daughter committed suicide with a handgun he purchased.

"He had it so well hidden," Andrea said. "It was in a locked box in the top of our closet. Kristin was shorter than (5-foot-6), so she would have had to spend a lot of time climbing on something, looking around."

"The key was in the box with 25 other keys. The keys were not marked. He didn't even have the real key for it. He just had a key that you could jimmy. So she had spent a lot of time thinking about this."

In Kristin's diary, investigators discovered a three-page suicide note written in October.

"I think she had been planning to do it then, but she was only home for a short weekend because of a snowstorm, so she didn't have the chance," Cooper said.

She also gave some advice on how to help someone if they admit to having been sexually assaulted or suicidal.

"Don't question. Just listen," she said. "The mistake that most people make is they start asking too many questions. ... The best thing to do is just say, 'You tell me what you want to tell me, what you feel like telling me.'"

However, Cooper did say that if someone admits to being suicidal, action must be taken.

Kristin herself even told one of her sorority sisters before Christmas of her plan to kill herself.

"That sister told no one," Cooper said. "She's still so upset I cannot ask her why, because she's still so tortured by that. But I think she was afraid she would get Kristin mad. ..."

"Don't worry about making them mad. I tell students, 'Would you rather have a mad friend or a dead friend?'"

For more information, visit [www.kristinstory.com](http://www.kristinstory.com).

businesses in South Dakota.

The Personnel Bureau got people in each occupation to identify the duties and responsibilities of each level of job in the technical professions, Zinter said. Engineers identified the duties and work of an entry-level engineer and what would be expected of engineers in higher level positions, she said.

The classification system also takes into account that some people want to move into management and others want to remain in technical jobs, Zinter said.

Zinter said her agency wants to get the pilot projects into place and determine whether they work. The Personnel Bureau then might look at related occupations, she said.

"We don't just move into things real quickly, but try to take a very detailed approach to it," Zinter said. "We've spent a lot of time on it."

Landeen said the State

Employees Organization, which has about 1,500 active members, represents all kinds of state employees from beginning groundskeepers to top professionals. State government pays less than private businesses for similar positions, and South Dakota also pays less than state governments in nearby states.

"We need to be looking at something to address pay across the board," Landeen said.

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## Yankton Area Concert Association

Proudly Presents Its 2010-2011 Concert Season



### The Marlins

Sunday, Oct. 3, 2010 • 4:00 p.m.  
Summit Center Theater

You've never heard a group of entertainers quiet like THE MARLINS! These four brothers will entertain you with a repertoire that covers the entire musical spectrum, including country, rock, big band, pop, classical, jazz and bluegrass.

### Forever Plaid

Friday, Nov. 5, 2010 • 7:30 p.m.  
Summit Center Theater

Sing the songs and have a fun night out. You'll enjoy an evening of 50s music and theatre as you follow the adventure of these four delightful fellows as they return for "another chance."



### River City 6

Sunday, Jan. 20, 2011 • 4:00 p.m.  
Summit Center Theater

A brass ensemble of 6 dynamic players from the famed River City Brass Band. Enjoy the show as the cast members of the River City 6 dazzles the crowd with lightning-fast licks, laughable antics, and unforgettable charm.

### The Abbey Road Band

Sunday, April 10, 2011 • 7:30 p.m.  
Summit Center Theater

No smoke and mirrors, no wigs or costumes, this band is the real thing. Not only are they great musicians, they are professional, fun-loving people with great respect for the Beatles songs and sound.



### The Brett Family Singers

Monday, May 16, 2011 • 7:30 p.m.  
Summit Center Theater

Direct from Branson, the BRETT FAMILY show is jam packed with feel good music, including classic favorites from the 30s and 40s through the 70s. The five members of this family present a varied program ranging from country, gospel, rock and roll, a patriotic to beautiful a cappella singing.

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## OBITUARIES

### Mabel Wiechmann

WAGNER — Mass of Christian Burial for Mabel Wiechmann, 92, of Wagner will be 10 a.m. Friday, September 10, 2010 at St. John's Catholic Church in Wagner. Burial is in the parish cemetery, rural Wagner.

Visitation will be Thursday from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. at the Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home in Wagner. Rosary/Wake services are 7 p.m. Thursday at the church.

Mabel Wiechmann passed away Wednesday, September 8, 2010 in the Hospice Suite at Queen of Peace Hospital in Mitchell, SD at the age of 92 years, 5 months and 2 days.

Mabel was born to Ovilva and Evelina (Brunell) Scott on a farm near Geddes, SD on April 6, 1918. The Scott family consisted of 5 boys and 6 girls. One sister died in Canada before Mabel's parents came to South Dakota.

Mabel met Frank Wiechmann and they were married during a



Wiechmann

kept her children clothed.

Mabel and Frank raised nine children. Children include: Mark (Barbara) of Wagner; Evelyn (Robert) Kisely of Ramsuer, NC; Eileen Bruner and fiancé Phil Halverson of Wentworth, SD; Teresa Katke of Sierra Vista, AZ; Clyde of Wagner; Kendall (Diane) of Parkston; Laura (Allen) Hunt of Huron; Loyson (Bernadine) of Phoenix, AZ; and Cletus (Julie) of Wagner. An infant daughter, Zoe

blizzard on February 2, 1937 in Geddes, SD. The couple moved to their own farm north of Wagner. Mabel kept busy with chickens, a garden and raising children. Mabel loved to sew and

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Frances died at birth.

Frank passed away December 31, 2007 after 70 years of marriage. Mabel has 27 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren, and one on the way. Mabel is also survived by 2 brothers.

Memorials will be directed to the: Shriners Hospital for Children, 2025 East River Parkway, Minneapolis, MN 55414. Yankton Press & Dakotan September 10, 2010

### Thank You

The family of Laverl "Babe" Schmidt

would like to thank everyone for their kind expression of sympathy, prayers, visits, calls, cards, flowers, food and memorials given in Babe's memory. A special thanks to the chaplains, Rev. Paul Opsahl. Thanks to the pallbearers, Ernest-Bowyer Post #791, SDARNG Honor Guard. Our appreciation to Avera Sacred Heart Hospital and Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home for their kindness, and caring considerations to our family. Babe was very special and will be missed by everyone.

### Thank You

I wish to thank everyone who made my 90th birthday such a memorable occasion. My children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and friends for phone calls, long distance phone calls and cards. God bless you all.

Patricia Hansen

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