

REGION DIGEST

Korkow Set For Mayor's Prayer Breakfast

Ken Korkow will be the featured speaker at the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast to be held at the Kelly Inn in Yankton on Friday, Oct. 1.

Korkow grew up in Blunt where his parents, Erv and LaFola Korkow, were well-known producers of professional rodeos. He is a former member of the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association.

In the early 1970s, Korkow worked with the South Dakota Industrial Development and Expansion Agency in Pierre. In 1974 he developed a real estate company focused on farm and ranch sales and then went on to do site selection and development work for national companies. He is a former president of the Central South Dakota Board of Realtors and of the North and South Dakota Farm and Land Institute.

In April 1984, Korkow joined the staff of Christian Business Men's Committee USA. He is currently regional director of CBMC Heartland, serving Nebraska, Iowa, and South Dakota.

Korkow and his wife Liz currently reside in Omaha, Neb. They have three children.

Reservations are requested. A limited number of tickets are available at the door. Tickets can be purchased online at www.yanktonareaprayer.com.



Korkow

MMC Noon Forum Slated Thursday

Mount Marty College will host a noon forum on Thursday, Sept. 16, on the topic "The Constitution Then and Now," presented by Mount Marty faculty members Dr. Terry Nelson, Dr. Rich Lofthus and Dr. Dana DeWitt.

This presentation is open to students, faculty, staff, and community members. Noon Forums are free presentations held each Thursday from 12:05-12:50 p.m. in the South Dining Room of the Roncalli Center. Guests are welcome to buy a cafeteria lunch or bring their own.

First Assembly To Host Dinner Saturday

The First Assembly of God missions team is hosting a dinner theater at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, at the First Assembly of God Church, 801 W. 25th St., Yankton.

Come out for an enjoyable evening as the cast of the play "De Vine" performs and serves your meal.

Call 665-6362 for tickets.

Steve Hamilton To Speak At Brown Bag Lunch

Steve Hamilton will speak on "Yankton Aviation History: Cadet Training Program" at Friday's monthly Brown Bag Lunch program at Yankton's Dakota Territorial Museum, located in Westside Park across from Avera Sacred Heart Hospital.

The program starts at noon.

Pinochle And Dessert Party Will Be Saturday

A community-wide Pinochle and dessert party will be held at The Center, 900 Whiting Drive, at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18. Admission includes dessert and coffee.

Twenty-eight hands will be played. A \$10 prize will be awarded to the first 1,000 Aces and the first Double-Run. There will be cash prizes for the top three places.

If interested, call 665-4685 or 664-3280.

Vermillion To Offer One Book Program

VERMILLION — The Vermillion Public Library will again be offering patrons the opportunity to participate in One Book South Dakota, a program begun in 2003 that encourages people from across the state to read and discuss the same book.

This year, participants will be reading and discussing "What is the What" by Dave Eggers. A program will be held at 3:5 p.m. Sept. 19. Discussion will be led by Jamie Sullivan of Mount Marty College.

Sign up for the program and check out a copy of "What is the What" at the Vermillion Public Library circulation desk. A related movie will also be shown at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 3.

For more information, contact Wendy Nilson at 677-7060 or wnilson@sdln.net, or visit vpl@sdln.net.

Benefit For Meendering Will Be Saturday

A benefit for Suzanne Meendering (the daughter of Roger and Sandi Pierce of Yankton) will be held on Saturday, Sept. 25, in Inwood, Iowa. Meendering was diagnosed with breast cancer that also involves the liver and spine. She has been undergoing chemotherapy in Sioux Falls, recently had surgery to remove her ovaries, and soon will begin more treatment.

The fundraiser — for her to help defray medical expenses not covered by insurance, lost wages, and other expenses — will include a dinner (free will donation) that will be served from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Inwood Community Center, as well as a silent auction (that will close at 8 p.m. that evening), and a bake sale.

Consider helping with this effort by either donating an item to the auction, by baking something for the bake sale, by making a donation or by attending the event itself to show our support. Checks can be made payable to the Suzanne Meendering Fund and sent to 604 South Park, Inwood, Iowa 51240.

Contact Pauline Rhoades at 660-2033 to arrange a donation pick-up.

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First Amendment Topic Of Constitution Day At USD

VERMILLION — The University of South Dakota will observe Constitution Day on Friday, Sept. 17, with a keynote address at the Al Neuharth Media Center from Gene Policinski, vice president and executive director of the First Amendment Center in Nashville, Tenn.

Policinski is scheduled to present the program, "The First Amendment in the 21st Century" at noon on Sept. 17. The event is free and open to the public, and attendees are encouraged to bring their lunch as the event is a "brown bag lunch program." Beverages will be provided courtesy of the Freedom Forum.

A veteran journalist whose career has included work in newspapers, radio, television and online operations, Policinski oversees operations and programs of the First Amendment Center, which has offices at Vanderbilt University and in Washington, D.C. He is co-author of the weekly syndicated newspaper column, "Inside the First Amendment," and executive producer/host of the touring multimedia stage production, "Freedom Sings." Policinski came to the Freedom Forum in 1996 from USA Today, where he was one of several founding editors and held various news executive positions. He began his journalism career in 1969

in Indiana, where he worked as a newspaper reporter and later as state bureau chief for Gannett News Service. A native of South Bend, Ind., he is a graduate of Ball State University and attended the Nashville School of Law.

Presented at USD by the School of Law and the Freedom Forum, Constitution Day was established by Congress in 2004 to recognize the ratification of the United States Constitution. All colleges and universities that receive federal funding are required to host an educational event about the Constitution.

2010 Market Season Had More Vendors And Dates

VERMILLION — The Vermillion Area Farmers Market reports that the 2010 market season is the biggest season yet, with more vendors, more dates and more locations.

The farmers market is held every Thursday afternoon from 3-7 p.m. through Oct. 28 at the Clay County Fairgrounds on the corner of High and Cherry streets. They are also open on Saturday mornings in downtown Vermillion at the plaza on the corner of Main and Market Streets. The Saturday market runs from 9 a.m.

noon through Sept. 25.

This year's annual Harvest Dinner will be held at 5-7 p.m. Oct. 23 at the National Guard Armory at 603 Princeton St. in Vermillion. The dinner will feature foods prepared with local ingredients. Bring a covered dish to share or donate a small fee at the door.

The Vermillion Area Farmers Market (VAFM) features fresh, local produce, meats, baked goods, crafts and other locally-grown, raised or produced items. Fresh off the truck right now

are cantaloupe (muskmelon), watermelon, summer squashes, winter squashes like acorn and butternut, beans, garlic and more. The VAFM is currently the only farmers market in North and South Dakota that accepts EBT (Electronic Benefit Transfer). They also accept cash and debit cards.

For more information, see <http://vafm.wordpress.com/>, e-mail vafarmersmarket@gmail.com or look for them on Facebook.

COUNCIL

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ing to people who need English as a Second Language (ESL) help or even just someone who needs help in improving their reading skills. We wanted people to know where our office is located, and to promote that we can always use more tutors in or office, as well."

YALC offers adult education and family literacy programs that serve adult and youth learners who need to improve basic literacy and math skills, improve oral and written English, practice for the General Education Diploma (GED) test to attain a high school equivalency degree and prepare for community college or vocational training.

YALC Program Coordinator Bev Calvert and YALC board members will be on hand to explain the organization's services and assist interested individuals in participating in a program Thursday or become involved in implementing the organization's services, including tutor services, membership and fundraising, promotion, etc.

"Education remains the most successful tool we have to fight unemployment," Overseth said. "Our programs match volunteers with adults to help them improve the reading, writing and language skills they need to take their

lives in new directions and to contribute even more to their communities."

Overseth said the YALC currently has close to 30 tutors on staff — but there is a need for more students.

"That is one of the reasons we are hosting the open house in the afternoon. We hope the human resources personnel come and see what we can offer their workers," she said. "It seems like sometimes (students who need help are) a hard base to reach. So, we are trying to get employers to recognize that some of their employees may need additional reading skills or ESL skills, and try to encourage them to send their employees to us."

Basic literacy skills are more critical than ever in today's tough economy. According to ProLiteracy, the world's largest organization of adult basic education and literacy programs, the literacy crisis in the U.S. costs the nation \$60 billion a year in lost productivity, \$73 billion in unnecessary health care expenses, and contributes to unemployment, crime, drug abuse and homelessness. Adult education and family literacy programs address these problems at the community level by providing the estimated 30 million adults with low literacy levels with the education they need to participate in the workforce.

YALC is funded through the United Way and through grants, as well as private donations. Thus, all services it provides are free to the students.

OBITUARIES

George Easterling

WAGNER — Funeral services for George Easterling, 86, of Wagner are 2 p.m. Friday, September 17, 2010 at the Wagner Community Church in Wagner. Burial is in the ZCJB Cemetery, rural Wagner.

Easterling

Visitation will be Thursday at the church from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. with the family present from 6 to 7 p.m., followed by a prayer service at 7 p.m.

Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home in Wagner is in charge of arrangements.

George James Easterling was born on the family farm south of Dante, SD on October 26, 1923, the son of Thomas and Mabel (Carsner) Easterling. He died Sunday, September 12, 2010 at his home after an extended illness.

George attained the age of 86 years, 10 months and 17 days.

George attended Ravinia High School and later served in the US Army. George was united in marriage to Alice Strid in Mitchell, SD on October 18, 1953. He was a farmer all of his life.

George served on the Highland County School Board and as an usher at the Wagner Community Church. He was also a Gideon member.

George will be remembered for his love of drawing, watching western movies with John Wayne, talking on the phone, and flying airplanes - he never wrecked one once. He only had accidents on tractors, cars, trucks and a motor scooter. George also was known for his toy tractor collection.

Thankful for having shared his life are his wife, Alice of Wagner; six children: Chris Harris of Hibbing, MN and her children James, Alisha and Jared; Vicki (Tom) Thaler of Wagner and their children Steven, Amanda and

Timothy; Janice Ricketts of Taneytown, MD and her daughter Christine; Marsha Easterling and friend Sharon Deeb of Sioux Falls; LaVonne (Doug) Anders of Wagner and her children Brien and Kayla; and Keith Easterling and friend Cheryl Giedd of Wagner and his children Danelle, Ashley and Tristan; 12 grandchildren; 3 step grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren; 3 step-great grandchildren; a brother, Bill (Ruth) Easterling of Marysville, WA; special relatives: Carol and Lee Aanenson; Bob and Sherry Sorenson; and special friends: Margaret Horned Eagle and family; Matilda "Pinky" Bruguier and family; Darlene Crisman and Sandy Easterling.

George was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Tom; 3

sisters: Nina Becker; Elvis Sorenson; and Tora Easterling; half brother, Jesse Easterling; half sister, Mary Atkins; and foster son, Chuck Ashes.

Memorials will be directed to the Gideons.

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Thank You

Boomer's Lounge would like to thank everyone who played, helped or donated items to make this year's Huntley/Bradshaw Memorial Golf Tournament another success. Each year veteran and new players spend the Sunday of Labor Day weekend playing golf and socializing for charity. All the proceeds raised from this golf tournament are donated to Cal Ripkin Little League Baseball in Yankton, SD.

Thank you to those who donated items for prizes: Drew from Johnson Brothers, Kelly from Republic, Scott Larson, Fox Run Golf Course, Excellent Cab, Donna Albrecht, Leanne Highland, Tad Leistico from Cleveland Golf, Edna Well, John Dannenbring (Nascar tickets), Riverside Productions for awesome karaoke and all the great food made by the participants for all to enjoy.

We so appreciate your generosity and look forward to seeing you next year! Sincerely,
 Gary Boom, Carol Boom, Kim Braunsweither, Boomer's Lounge

Thank You

Special thanks for each and everyone for coming to my 90th birthday open house, especially to my family for having such a memorable day for me. Thanks to my friends and relatives for attending, and those that sent cards. I'll always remember it. Thanks a lot.
 Leona Bouska

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 10:00 AM, Wednesday
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