

**Benefit Poker Run Slated For Saturday**

There will be a Poker Run on Saturday, Oct. 1 for the Winckler and Staples family, the members of which were a victim of a fire in Tyndall on Sept. 15.

Registration is at noon at the Cheers Bar in Yankton, with the second stop at the Keg in Tabor, third stop at Norm's in Springfield, fourth stop at Pour Corner in Avon and the fifth stop at the Sportsman Rendezvous in Tyndall. First, second and third places will be determined that day. There will be a 50-50 drawing also.

For more information or to make a donation, contact Peg Metteer at 660-1786 after 4 p.m. or email jmpm@iw.net.

**Elks Lodge To Host Oktoberfest Oct. 1**

The Yankton Elks Lodge No. 994 is hosting an Oktoberfest featuring entertainment and German food on Saturday, Oct. 1, at the Lodge, 504 W. 27th St., Yankton.

Doors open at 4 p.m. with serving beginning at 5 p.m. The menu includes pork roast in sauerkraut, German sausage, red cabbage, German potato salad, and Black Forest and German Chocolate cupcakes. Serving ends at 7 p.m.

Entertainment and dance music throughout the evening will be provided by the Bumblebees.

For more information, call the Lodge at 605-665-3333.

**Daugaards To Serve As D. Days Marshals**

VERMILLION — South Dakota Gov. Dennis Daugaard and his wife, Linda, will serve as Parade Marshals for the 97th Dakota Days Parade, which begins at 10 a.m. on Main Street in Vermillion on Saturday, Oct. 8.

Daugaard is a South Dakota native who graduated from USD in 1975 with a B.S. in government.

The 2011 Dakota Days Executive Board at the University of South Dakota announced the calendar of events planned for the 97th Dakota Days celebration, "Raise the Dust," Oct. 3-8.

Kicking off the week at 7 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 3, in Slagle Hall Auditorium is a performance by Doug Benson, a stand-up comedian who has starred on several popular TV series, including "Comedy Central Presents" and "Last Comic Standing." Students presenting a USD student I.D. will be admitted free. The public will be charged a \$5 general admission fee.

Tuesday's highlight is the Royalty Reveal ceremony, starting at 7 p.m. in Slagle Hall Auditorium. A pep rally will follow outside the auditorium on the landing between Slagle Hall and Old Main. Wednesday's main event is a carnival at 5:30 p.m. at Prentiss Park while on Thursday, Oct. 6, C-SPAN founder, chairman and CEO Brian Lamb will receive the Al Neuharth Award for Excellence in the Media at 7 p.m. at Slagle Hall Auditorium. Friday activities include several alumni celebrations throughout the community and a "Downtown Bash," featuring The Kickback at the Eagles Club. Coyote Tailgate Nation follows Saturday's parade at noon prior to the Coyotes' football game vs. Southern Utah at 4 p.m. Mr. and Miss Dakota will be crowned during halftime of the game.

For a complete list of Dakota Days events, including event and activity sponsors, visit [www.usd.edu/dakotadays](http://www.usd.edu/dakotadays) or contact the committee directly at [dakotadays@usd.edu](mailto:dakotadays@usd.edu).

**USD One Of 'America's Top Colleges'**

VERMILLION — The University of South Dakota ranks as one of "America's Top Colleges," according to Forbes. In the magazine's annual ranking of the best undergraduate institutions in the nation, the University of South Dakota ranks among the top 500 colleges and universities. Additionally, Forbes ranks USD as one of the top 200 Research Universities.

"America's Top Colleges" rankings are based on five general categories: Post Graduate Success, including alumni in Who's Who America and alumni salary via Payscale.com;

Student Satisfaction, which includes professor evaluations from RateMyProfessor.com and freshman-to-sophomore retention rates; Student Debt, which takes into account average federal student loan debt load and student loan default rates; Four-year Graduation Rate; and Competitive Awards, which rewards schools whose students win prestigious scholarships and fellowships like the Rhodes, the Marshall and the Fulbright.

"America's Top Colleges" assesses the quality of the educational experiences at more than 600 institutions nationwide. It also

spotlights quality of teaching, great career prospects, and emphasizes financial prudence, particularly low levels of debt, so students can make an informed, consumer choice when it comes to selecting a college or university. The rankings 2011 were prepared exclusively for Forbes by the Center for College Affordability and Productivity, a Washington, D.C.-based research center.

The complete list of "America's Top Colleges" is at [www.forbes.com/sites/michael-noer/2011/08/03/americas-top-colleges](http://www.forbes.com/sites/michael-noer/2011/08/03/americas-top-colleges).

**Y.C. Fall Meeting Held Recently**

Fifteen members from the Midwest were present for the regular fall meeting of the Yankton College Board of Trustees, held Friday and Saturday, Sept. 16-17, at the Summit Activities Center in Yankton.

New trustees were introduced: Ron Bertsch, Yankton; Monte Farnsworth, Pierre; and Terrence Flynn, Falls City, Neb.

The progress on program development with Eden Theological Seminary was discussed. There was a review of the Policies & Procedures Handbook. Reports were given from the Finance Committee and the Legacy Committee.

The Alumni Advisory Board met Friday, Sept. 16 under new leadership: Chair, Ron Bertsch, Vice-Chair Cindy Filip, both from Yankton and Secretary, Marian Danforth-White ('71) from El Segundo, Calif. The new motto to encourage alumni support is "As We Are Fewer, More Needs to Be Done."

The 16 members who attended the regular fall meeting selected nominees for the Alumni Achievement Awards, Alumni Service Awards and Pro Causa Awards to be presented at the 2012 All-Class Reunion next July. Members were encouraged to contact Arizona alumni to remind them of the Regional Reunion to be held Saturday, Oct. 15, in Mesa, Ariz.

A no-host dinner was held at Murdo's Atens Resort afterwards.

**S.D. Broadband Speeds Being Tested**

PIERRE — How fast is your Internet connection? South Dakota needs to know, and you can help by going to [SpeedTest.sd.gov](http://SpeedTest.sd.gov)

Communication with the world is vital for South Dakota, according to state Bureau of Information & Telecommunications Commissioner Dom Bianco.

"Technology and high-speed telecommunications are essential for South Dakota's economic success," Bianco said. "This project helps us determine whether South Dakotans are poised to take advantage of the expanding global economy, and where further development needs to take place."

The Bureau of Information and Telecommunications (BIT) will use the results of speed tests from all over the state to update its broadband maps and to assist national broadband-policy decision makers. South Dakota's State Broadband Initiative is part of a national effort to determine where Broadband access is available and what capacity it has. Broadband commonly refers to high-speed Internet access that is always available.

"Once we know what's out there, we can address how to make it better," said Bianco. "That's why we need the public's help. So far, more than 13,000 speed tests have been completed, but we need a much-wider data collection."

If you have a broadband connection for your computer, go to [SpeedTest.sd.gov](http://SpeedTest.sd.gov), fill out the form indicating where your computer is located, and take the free speed test to

learn your broadband upload and download speed. You are encouraged to take the speed test more than once, since broadband responsiveness may change at various times of the day. Test your computer wherever you use it — at home, work, a Wi-Fi hotspot, in school, and so forth. No personal information is collected, and the location data is used only to collectively evaluate the broadband performance in an area.

If broadband is not available in your area, BIT wants to know about that, too. Go to [broadband.sd.gov](http://broadband.sd.gov) and click on "Report Unserved Area," or contact the project at [broadband@state.sd.us](mailto:broadband@state.sd.us) or (605) 773-4165 to report your situation.

The mapping project will help Internet service providers and government agencies determine where services and improvements are needed. The more business people and residents who take the speed test, the more accurate the broadband maps will be.

"At the end of the day, the most important thing about this initiative is how we can improve the lives of residents and businesses in South Dakota through increased availability of broadband services and choices," said Bianco.

A series of maps are already available at [broadband.sd.gov/mapping.aspx](http://broadband.sd.gov/mapping.aspx), featuring an overview of broadband availability created with the assistance of Internet service providers statewide. Similarly, maps are being created that show the actual results from speed tests taken by South Dakota broadband.

**OBITUARIES**

**Helen Paulson**

Helen Paulson, age 94, of Yankton, SD passed away Tuesday, September 27, 2011 surrounded by all those who deeply cared for her at the Avera Yankton Care Center, Yankton, SD.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 11:00 a.m. Friday, September 30, 2011 at St. Benedict Catholic Church, Yankton, with Rev. Ken Lulf officiating. Burial will be at the Sacred Heart Cemetery, Gettysburg, SD at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, October 1, 2011.

Visitations will begin at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, September 29, 2011 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, with a rosary at 7:00 p.m. followed by a Scripture service at 7:30 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Pallbearers are her grandsons: Casey Engel, Rod Humphrey, Beau Paulson, Jason Rye, Scott Conway, Jake Williams, Mike Humphrey and Tyler Engel. Honorary pallbearers are the many people whose lives she touched in so many ways.

Helen Marie Billings was born August 19, 1917 in Yankton, SD to Arthur and Mary Anna (Schmitz) Billings. As a young child, her family moved to Gettysburg, SD where she lived until she returned to Yankton in June of 1976 when she and her husband Lawrence semi-retired. Helen graduated from Gettysburg High School in 1937, and was married to Lawrence Paulson on June 26, 1937.

Helen worked as a clerk at Red Owl, Doughnut World, Shriver's and then she chose a different path to follow and became an in home care giver. She continued to care for young children until her illness forced her to retire to Yankton Care Center



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in February, 2008. Helen had a very strong love of the Lord, kids and potato salad. She loved to garden, crochet, knit, visiting with her many friends, singing hymns, playing cards, scrabble and dominos, and being able to do whatever she could to help others.

Helen was a member of St. Benedict Catholic Church, Catholic Daughters, Benedictine Oblates, Church Women United, Yahweh-Shalom Prayer Group, Cursillo, and volunteered at the Banquet and the Yankton Care Center.

She is survived by her children and their families: Diane Blankenship, Des Moines, IA, Steve (LeAnne), Yankton, SD; Warren (Judy), AZ, Lora Lea Rye (Verlyn), Irene, SD, Cindy Grohs, Scotland, SD; brother, Thomas Billings, KY; sister-in-law, Monica Billings, Yankton, SD. She also has 16 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, 6 great-great-grandchildren and numerous step-grandchildren, great grandchildren and many others who consider her Mom, Grandma, Aunt, Friend, and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Lawrence, children, Phyllis, Robert and Donna, and 2 grandchildren, 2 brothers and 1 sister.

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**Clarence Benck**

Clarence E. Benck, age 89 of Yankton passed away Monday, September 26, 2011 at the Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton.

Funeral services will be at 2:00 p.m. Friday, September 30, 2011 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Chapel, Yankton with Rev. Paul Opsahl officiating. Burial will be approximately 3:15 p.m. at the Bloomfield Cemetery, Bloomfield, NE with military graveside rites by Jessen-Meiose VFW Post #4996, Bloomfield, NE.

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

Pallbearers are Kevin Benck, Brian Benck, James Benck, Chris Benck, Todd Edleman and Bruce Pierce

Clarence E. Benck was born at Fairfax, South Dakota on June 21, 1922 to Christian and Emma (Glaser) Benck. He moved with his family to Norfolk, NE in 1936, where he graduated from high school with the class of 1940. He enlisted in the U.S. Army and served with the 100th Infantry Division, all of WWII, in the European Theatre. He was honorably discharged in 1945.

Clarence married Constance Skutley in Beloit, WI, December 8, 1945. They were the parents



Benck

of a daughter, Lynn Stremcha. He spent most of his career as an engineer producing machinery for the pulp and paper industry. After his retirement they settled in Yankton, SD.

Clarence was preceded in death by his wife, Connie; parents, Christian and Emma (Glaser) Benck; brother, Martin; son-in-law, Ronald Stremcha; grandson, Andrew Stremcha and great grandson, Wesley Robinson.

He leaves to mourn is passing, daughter, Lynn of Eau Claire, WI; granddaughters, Lisa and Christine and grandson Todd, all of Eau Claire, WI; brothers, Donald and wife, Dorothy of Bloomfield, NE, Herbert of Wichita, KS and sister-in-law, Barbara Benck of Lynch, NE, as well as 6 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

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**Charles Horacek**

TYNDALL — Funeral Mass for Charles R. Horacek, 66, of Tyndall will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 1 at St. Leo Catholic Church in Tyndall with Fr. Joe Forcelle as Celebrant. Interment will follow in St. Leo Catholic Cemetery, Tyndall.

Visitation will be held on Friday, September 30, from 3:00 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. at the Goglin Funeral Home in Tyndall. There will be a wake service that night at 7:30 p.m. at the church.

Charlie passed away on

Tuesday, September 27, 2011 at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton.

Online condolences may be sent at [www.goglinfh.com](http://www.goglinfh.com).

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**Audrey Schuurmans**

Funeral Mass for Audrey M. Schuurmans, 80, of Tyndall will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, September 30 at St. Leo Catholic Church in Tyndall with Fr. Joe Forcelle as Celebrant. Interment will follow in St. Leo Catholic Cemetery, Tyndall.

Visitation will be held on Thursday from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the Goglin Funeral Home in Tyndall. Visitation will resume at 10:00 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Friday.

Audrey passed away on Tuesday, September 27, 2011 at

the Good Samaritan Society of Tyndall.

Online condolences may be sent at [www.goglinfh.com](http://www.goglinfh.com).

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**Mabel Waltner**

FREEMAN — Mabel Waltner, 88, of Freeman passed away Wed. at the Oakview Terrace in Freeman. Mabel Flieger married Johnny H. Waltner in 1944. Johnny passed away in 2007.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday at the Salem Menonite (South) Church of rural Freeman at 2 p.m. with burial in the church cemetery. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. on Friday at the Walter Funeral Home in Freeman with the family present from 6-8 p.m.

Survivors include a daughter Shirley Preheim of NE; sons, Loren (Carolyn) of Freeman,

Roger (Peg) of Marion, and Rodney (Vernetta) of Marion; 7 grandchildren; and 3 great-grandchildren.

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**Maxine Lokken**

MITCHELL — Maxine Lokken, 88, of Mitchell died Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2011, at Firesteel Health-care Center.

Funeral services are at 11 a.m. Saturday at Will Funeral Chapel, Mitchell, with burial at 2 p.m. at the Yankton City Cemetery.

Visitation is 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral chapel.

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