

District 19 Forum In Tyndall Thursday

TYNDALL — Bon Homme Farmers Union will host a District 19 legislative candidates forum at 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 6, in the Tyndall Community Center. Senate candidates Rep. Frank Kloucek and Bill VanGerpen, and House candidates Alan Fenner, Kyle Schoenfish and Rep. Stace Nelson have been invited. The public is welcome to attend.

Friday Night Opry Slated For Kaylor

KAYLOR — Once again the Friday Night Opry will be held in Kaylor at the Germans from Russia Heritage Hall on Main Street. The program will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7, and is free and open to the public. Local entertainers who play or sing old-fashioned country or gospel music that is family friendly, are asked to contact 605-212-9011 if they want to be included on the program. Lunch will be served during the program for a free will donation. The Kaylor Friday Night Opry is held on the first Friday evening of the month at 7 p.m. at the SoDak Stamm Heritage Hall.

White Featured At 'First Friday' Reception

Yankton Area Arts will present the exhibit "My Tribute to the South Dakota Six," featuring the abstract paintings of Yankton native Jennifer White. The show will run through Oct. 9 at the G.A.R. Hall Art Gallery at 508 Douglas Avenue. A First Friday reception to honor the artist will be held at 5-7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7, at the G.A.R. Gallery. There is no charge for the reception, the public is invited to attend, and refreshments will be served. White will be on hand to discuss her inspiration for the exhibit as well as her fascinating journey as an Indian abstract artist during the Gallery Talk, which will begin at 5:30 pm. The G.A.R. Hall Art Gallery and Yankton Area Arts are located at 508 Douglas. The gallery is open to the public free of charge from 1-5 p.m. weekdays and from 1-3 p.m. on Saturdays. For more information call 665-9754, email yaa@iw.net or see www.YanktonAreaArts.org. First Friday is a monthly event designed to promote access to and celebrate the arts in the community.

'Bike For Life' Benefit Ride Set For Armour

ARMOUR — The 15th annual Bike For Life bike ride will be held in Armour Sept. 8. The ride will begin with registration at 6:30 a.m. at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Armour, with riding beginning at 7 a.m. Entrants can ride all or just a portion of the 100-mile course. Donations are also welcome. Proceeds go toward South Eastern South Dakota Lutherans For Life. For more information and to register, visit www.bikeforlifed.org. You can also donate online through a secure means.

Fires

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area of rolling prairie hills, badlands and stands of Ponderosa pines. Officials identified two areas of concern. One was near the Oglala Reservoir in South Dakota where dried reeds and cattails were smoldering. The other area is in pine timber in the southeast quadrant of the fire zone in Nebraska. Firefighters were also being warned of the danger of downed power lines. Officials said power to some lines had been shut off, but the damage is so widespread that officials don't have a clear idea of which downed lines have been secured. Conditions are likely to remain ripe for fires for at least several more weeks because the hot weather and drought. No rain was predicted until Thursday night. Authorities have lifted evacuation orders for most northwest Nebraska and southwest South Dakota residents whose homes had been threatened by the flames. But it was unclear Monday whether similar orders had been lifted for residents of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota near the Nebraska border. Oglala Sioux Tribe President John Yellow Bird Steele had issued an order to evacuate Slim Buttes, Tobacco, Lakeside, Oglala and other reservation communities. Steele didn't immediately return a call Monday from The Associated Press. At least three minor injuries have been reported, and officials said the fires have damaged at least 10 homes and more than 50 structures in the two states, including at least two on the reservation.



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The "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" event to raise awareness of domestic violence and sexual assault was again held in conjunction with Rockin' Ribfest. Desiree Warren-Johnson, executive director of the Yankton Women's and Children's Shelter, estimated that more than \$10,000 was raised during the event.

Ribfest

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of the year. "It means that we will become a destination for Labor Day weekend," Hanten said. "We're finally pulling in people from the lake area." Organizers also tripled the event's music budget in an effort to lure in bigger-name bands that could attract a younger audience. In the past, cover bands have marked the Ribfest lineup. This year, organizers booked The Nadas (a Des Moines, Iowa-based group) and ZZ Top tribute band ZZ-3 for the prime night hours. They were joined by other acts The Bourbon Brothers, Mrs. Bogley and the Boys, The Austin Buescher Band and Go Figure. "The Nadas have gotten a huge following in our area, especially with them being from Iowa," Hanten said. "We even saw people come from Sioux Falls and Iowa just to see them play. You could tell it was a younger crowd when they played." It was especially evident late Saturday night, as younger faces could be seen trickling toward the stage located at Third and Cedar. "The music was really top-notch," Hanten said. "We'll continue looking at bringing in more acts like that. That's all part of the growth of this whole thing." In addition to six professional rib vendors and one non-food vendor, there was a 17-team amateur rib competition, overseen by Kenny Kopetsky of Kopetsky's Ace Hardware. The winner of the competition was Jem Hof from Yankton, with team "Doctor'd Ribs." Second place went to "Ron Za BBQ" from Fordyce, Neb., while third place was awarded to "Rollin' Smoke BBQ" from Mission Hill. "According to the judges, the ribs were the best they've ever been in Yankton," Kopetsky said. "If you could have 17 winners, they would have, but the judges had a hard time deciding." The weather played a key role in the success of the event, Kopetsky said, especially with the change in dates. "There was a lot of debate on whether or not to change the date, but I think it was the right move," he said. "Hopefully the committee keeps it that way." While the music selection and weather provided a significant change to Ribfest, a separate event has become a staple. The "Walk A Mile In Her Shoes" event featured 75 men who walked the downtown route in high heels Saturday afternoon. The biggest change this year was that the male participants did not wear women's clothes, as they have in previous years. And having the men walk with children brought a serious tone to the affair, according to Desiree Warren-Johnson, executive director of the Yankton Women's and Children's Shelter. "It was very light-hearted before, with all the guys in drag, but we didn't want it to lose its impact or lose that good taste," she said. Warren-Johnson wasn't sure of the total money amount raised as of Monday afternoon, but estimated that it was more than \$10,000. Proceeds from the event are used to fight rape and sexual assault. "We thought it might be down, actually, because the dressing up was always a good way to raise

money," she said. "But we were very pleased." The addition of children to the event brought attention to the fact that certain issues not only impact them but can start with them, Warren-Johnson said. "This next generation is struggling with bullying, so they need to understand how to respect people," she said. "Leading by example like this was the best way to do that." During the walk, all the men lined up between two long strands of red ribbon. At the conclusion of the race, the ribbon was let loose in the air, symbolizing "the end relief," Warren-Johnson said. "They were all lined up together. It got pretty emotional, when you think about them walking together and going through it all together," she said. "They looked like a united team." Stays at the Yankton Women's and Children's Shelter have seen a "drastic" increase this year, she said, and the shelter is set to likely break last year's figures. In 2011, there were 909 shelter nights for 54 individuals (30 children, 24 adults). So far, in 2012, there have been 667 shelter nights for 48 individuals (25 children, 23 adults). "It has to do with enhanced awareness," Warren-Johnson said. "People know where to make a referral if someone is in need. That's where the 'Walk A Mile' really helps, because you can just see it from the men, they understand what we do here."

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OBITUARIES

Alton Nieman

Alton Nieman, age 93, of Yankton, SD, passed away Thursday, August 30, 2012 at the Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton, SD. Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, September 5, 2012 at Peace Presbyterian Church, Yankton, with Rev. Marilyn Stone officiating. Burial will be in the Rosehill Cemetery, Scotland, SD with Military Graveside Rites by the Paul Grosshuesch VFW Post #2966 and the SDARNG Honor Guard of Sioux Falls, SD at approximately 1:15 p.m. Visitation will begin at 5:00 p.m. Tuesday evening at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, with the family present at 7:00 p.m. Visitation will resume one hour prior to the service at the church. Pallbearers will be Carol Richelieu, Sharon Richelieu, John Richelieu, Alan Richelieu, Nathan Nieman and Joshua Nieman. Alton was born on May 31, 1919 at Olivet, SD to Steve and Fannie (Dean) Nieman. He graduated from Olivet High School and joined the Army in 1942. He



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was with the 90th Division Field Artillery in the Normandy Invasion. He was awarded a Bronze Service Arrowhead and 5 battle stars. He married Alma Neuharth in Menno, SD on November 18, 1945. They farmed in the Olivet area until 1957 when they moved to the Scotland area until 1968, when they quit farming and moved to Yankton. Alton worked for Freeman Company for 12 years when he retired. He and his wife enjoyed playing pinochle with many other couples, gardening, and crafts. His wife died in 2007, and in October of 2009, he entered the Avera Sister James Care Center. He is survived by his daughter, Karen (Don) Richelieu of Irene, SD; son, Roger (Monica) Nieman of Omaha, NE; grandchildren: Carol Richelieu of Sioux Falls, SD, Sharon Richelieu of Sioux Falls, SD, John Richelieu, of Irene, SD, Nathan Nieman, of Omaha, NE, Joshua Nieman of Omaha, NE; his

brother, Chester Nieman of Long Beach, CA; sisters-in-law, Verlinda Huber of Corvallis, OR, Erna (LaVern of Decker, Hartford, SD; Alice Neuharth of Lubbock, TX, Viona (Luverne) Buehner of Canistota, SD, Betty Neuharth of Menno, SD; Virginia (Phillip) Neuharth of Menno, SD, Arlene Walz of Menno, SD, Jean Stevenson of Omaha, NE; brothers-in-law, Victor Schneider of Huron, SD, Gideon Schultz of Yankton, SD; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, brother, Marvin Nieman, sister, Amelia Engel, sisters-in-law, Eileen Binder, Eleanor Neuharth, Beatha Stevenson, Gertie Neuharth, Ida Schneider, Elda Schultz, Norma Neuharth, brothers-in-law, Art Engel, Leon Neuharth, Lloyd Stevenson, Ray Neuharth, Harvey Huber, Elmer Neuharth, Marvin Neuharth, Walter Walz, and one nephew, Donald Engel. Yankton Press & Dakotan September 4, 2012

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Nedra Kaufman

Nedra Kaufman, 88, of Yankton and formerly of Gayville, died Sunday, Sept. 2, 2012, at Avera McKennan Hospital, Sioux Falls. Funeral services are at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 7, at Gayville

Lutheran Church, Gayville, with the Rev. Ralph Egbert officiating. Burial will be in the Danish Cemetery in Gayville.

Visitation is 5-8 p.m. Thursday at Wintz & Ray Funeral Home, Yankton, with a prayer service and time of sharing at 7 p.m. Visitation will resume one hour prior to the funeral on Friday.

To post an online sympathy message, visit wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

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Rest in Peace Terry - We Love You!
Pam, Terri, Connie, Sue & Families

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"From her favorite songs to her special prayers and the clergyman whom she respected, Mom's funeral was an important way for our family to share just how wonderful she was. It was a meaningful tribute that celebrated her life and the things she loved. Arranging many of the details ahead of time with Mom and the Wintz's helped make sure of that. When Mom died, the Wintz family took care of everything, providing us with comfort and peace of mind. Together, we created a meaningful funeral that was just the way Mom wanted it.
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