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On Friday afternoon, Larry's Heating & Cooling celebrated 30 years of business in Yankton. Food, music, and inflatables were a big hit. To see or purchase images from this event, visit spotted.yankton.net.

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OBITUARIES

Sister Consuelo Chavez

S. Consuelo Chavez, OSB, 90, died of pancreatic cancer on Thursday, September 6, 2012 at Sacred Heart Monastery.
A wake service will be held on Sunday, September 9 at 7:00 p.m., and the Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Monday, September 10 at 11:00 a.m. in Bishop Marty Memorial Chapel. Wintz & Ray Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.
Maria Ruben Chavez was born on July 31, 1922 in La Jara, Colorado to Manuel and Celestina (Valdez) Chavez. Proud of her Spanish heritage, she was the fourth child in a family of nine children. She attended schools in



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southern Colorado and New Mexico and began college at Mt. St. Scholastica in Atchison, KS. She entered Sacred Heart Monastery in 1941 and made first profession in 1943. She is a graduate of Mount Marty College.
A person who loved to learn and teach, S. Consuelo taught in Chamberlain and Hoven, SD; Hartington, York and Lincoln (St. Patrick's), NE; Richardson, ND and Pueblo, CO. She also managed the office at St. Joseph Indian School in Chamberlain. From 1965 to 1972 she was part of Sacred Heart Monastery's mission team in San

Pedro Carcha, Guatemala.
On her return, S. Consuelo began her academic study of Spanish, finishing a Masters from the University of New York, Madrid, Spain campus in 1977. From 1973 to 1993 she taught Spanish at Mount Marty College. In 1993 she responded to a call asking for someone who knew Spanish to assist the Yankton Police. Thus began her ministry as interpreter for the Hispanic people of Yankton — assisting in schools, medical clinics, and legal settings and endearing herself to those she assisted.
S. Consuelo was a lively, decisive person who liked to be active. Her motherly spirit was extended to her students, to the sisters in her community, and to the Hispanic community in Yank-

ton. She was loved by all. Her optimism was grounded in her faith, and she accepted her terminal diagnosis with grace.
She is survived by her Benedictine community, her sister Clara Burchard of Edmond, Oklahoma, numerous nieces and nephews, and friends in the Hispanic community in Yankton. She was preceded in death by her parents and nine siblings.

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Fossil

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shale with a bentonite layer in it.
Last week's find wasn't the first fossil unearthed on the Santee Sioux Nation, Barta said.
"The last time they found a fossil in Knox County (in 2003), it was a plesiosaur in the state road's right of way near Center," he said.
However, this week's visit was unique for the Santee students, Plumbtree said.
"For them to see it firsthand was a new experience," she said. "When they found the (fossil) by Center, it was already gone by the time any of us had the opportunity to go over there."

The Mesozoic plesiosaur fossil excavated in 2003 has been determined to be about 70 million years old, near the end of the Cretaceous Period of the Mesozoic Era.

The current site differs from the find of nearly a decade ago, Plumbtree said. "Santee" wasn't like the one found in Center, where there were lots of fossils around it," she said.

The recent find near Santee contained a measure of luck, Plumbtree said.

"They were re-doing that back road, and it really was just a fluke that a maintainer went over it, and a paleontologist from the University of Nebraska was checking the site," she said. "As they moved the dirt, he checked for anything that might be there, and there was a tooth. One more swipe of the maintainer and the (fossil) would have been gone."

Tucker's find was fortunate, but his presence was planned, Barta said.

"Shane works for the University of Nebraska Museum as a highway salvage paleontologist. His job is to go around construction and try to find fossils if they are uncovered and to save them," Barta said.

"Shane was walking the project and found something shiny. It was a little black tooth from that jaw bone, and they dug deeper. It's a shame that the scrapers and backhoe cut into (the fossil) a little bit, but it

never would have been exposed if they weren't doing any road construction."

Tucker's search process can be painstaking but fruitful, Barta said.

"It's like finding a needle in the haystack, but what they find is amazing," the highway superintendent said.

Last week's find currently remains in Santee, Barta said. He isn't sure of the long-term plans for the fossil, but the 2003 find at Center has been housed at the nearby Ashfall Fossil Beds Historical Park in northern Antelope County.

As Nebraska's newest state park, Ashfall Fossil Beds opened its gates June 1, 1991. Located six miles north of U.S. Highway 20 between Royal and Orchard, the park is a joint project of the University of Nebraska State Museum and the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission.

The Santee students and staff shot video and pictures of the site and the group's visit, Plumbtree said.

"We want to put some of it in our school yearbook," she said.

The Santee faculty also plan to make the fossil find more than a one-day field trip, Plumbtree said.

"We are planning to incorporate the event into our classrooms. We have the English, math and science teachers and myself planning a whole section based on it," she said. "We will cover things like how old (the fossil) was. We will do some math things and some science things, and I will talk about the history and geography part of it."

And no, unlike the T. Rex unearthed in South Dakota that was named "Sue," the Santee fossil hasn't been given a name right now, Plumbtree said. But she's not ruling it out in the future.

Regardless of whether the mosasaur gains a moniker, Plumbtree believes the new-found prehistoric pal will remain a personal experience that will stay with her young students for the rest of their lives.

"How many people can say they got to see one of these (fossils)?" she asked.

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Peter Hansen
Peter Hansen, age 87, of Yankton, South Dakota, died Tuesday, September 4, 2012, at Avera Sister James Care Center in Yankton, South Dakota.
No local services are planned.
Peter Hansen was born on March 13, 1925 in Frederick, South Dakota to Peter T. and Eva "Emily" (Bender) Hansen. He graduated with a Bachelor's Degree from the University of South Dakota. He married Kathryn Morgan in 1964 and lived the majority of his life in Yankton where he worked as a manager for the S.D. Employment Securities Division.
Peter was a lifelong Republican and was a member of the Young Republicans Club at USD. Katy was Irish, Catholic, and a proud Democrat. Peter was Norwegian, Lutheran, and as noted, Republican. Most family's rules included no religion or politics at the dinner table, but that was the usual, very spirited, topic at most dinners in the Hansen household.

Verlin 'Tab' Woods
Verlin "Tab" Woods, 74, of Yankton died Friday, Sept. 7, 2012, at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton.
Arrangements are pending with Wintz & Ray Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Yankton.
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-Jim and Linda Balfany

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