

## Rave New S.D. Senate Majority Leader

SIoux FALLS (AP) — Republican state Sen. Tim Rave of Baltic has been elected the new majority leader of the South Dakota Senate.

Senate Republicans on Saturday elected Rave to be majority leader. Rave replaces Sen. Russell Olson of Wentworth, who has resigned from the Legislature to take a new job.

Rave previously was speaker of the House before being elected to the Senate. He also was chairman of the South Dakota Republican Party for two years.

Republican Sen. Dan Lederman of Dakota Dunes will be assistant majority leader in the Senate.

## Wounded Knee Museum Reopens

WALL (AP) — A year after a fire destroyed the Wounded Knee Museum in Wall, it has reopened in a new location in the western South Dakota city.

An electrical malfunction was blamed for the Sept. 2, 2012, fire that destroyed the museum and also took 30 museum exhibits linked to the Wounded Knee massacre of Dec. 29, 1890.

Insurance did not come close to covering the loss, but some items that survived the blaze are now housed in the new museum in downtown Wall, museum co-founder Steve Wyant told the *Rapid City Journal*.

One item that survived is a collection of 300 simulated eagle feathers suspended from a Lakota medicine wheel. Each feather represents one of the 300 men, women and children killed by U.S. Army soldiers at Wounded Knee on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation south of Wall. The medicine wheel broke loose from its supporting cables during the fire and landed on most of the feathers, protecting them from the fire, Wyant said.

The fire also spared 30 letters identifying medal of honor awards given to soldiers after the massacre and bronze glass plates etched with the names of victims. Cleaning the smoke-damaged bronzes was time-consuming, Wyant said.

"I learned more about smoke damage than I wanted to," he said.

By next summer, Wyant hopes to convert the burned-out shell of the old museum into a Native American Visitors Center, which would serve as a link to American Indian reservations.

## New U.S. Citizens To Be Sworn In

BEATRICE, Neb. (AP) — About 45 people are expected to become U.S. citizens later this month in a special ceremony at the Homestead National Monument.

The public is invited to attend the ceremony at 2 p.m. on Sept. 16. The event is the culmination of the process for this group of foreign-born individuals to gain most of the rights of U.S. citizens.

Park Superintendent Mark Engler says holding the ceremony at the Homestead Monument makes sense because the Homestead Act encouraged immigration to the country.

The Homestead National Monument is located about 4 miles west of Beatrice and 45 miles south of Lincoln.

## Free Trees Available For ReTree Week

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Free trees are available for Nebraska communities in time to celebrate ReTree Week, Sept. 22-28.

The giveaway is sponsored by the Nebraska Community Forestry Council and ReTree Nebraska and funded by the Nebraska Environmental Trust, a beneficiary of the Nebraska Lottery.

Tree advocates are given priority. Advocates include ReTree Nebraska ambassadors, Tree City USA tree boards, Tree Campus USA schools, Nebraska Statewide Arboretum curators, individuals volunteering or supporting community forestry programs and Project Learning Tree facilitators.

Grant applications available at: <http://bit.ly/164gbQt>.

# Helmets 4 Kids Emerges From Man's Own Personal Tragedy

BY JILL CALLISON  
Argus Leader

SIoux FALLS — When Troy Mundt tells the story of the bicycle accident 15 years ago that left him with permanent injuries, it's as if he's sharing it for the first time.

That's good news, and that's bad news.

He doesn't remember the accident, which left him with a broken bone and a traumatic brain injury (TBI); that's good.

If he tells the story too often, however, what little he has pieced together over the years, the distressing tale leaves him mourning the loss of the man he once was; that's bad.

Instead, the now 39-year-old Brandon resident prefers to focus on the nonprofit organization he has founded, Helmets 4 Kids. His goal is to make sure young bicycle riders realize the importance of wearing a helmet when they head out, the *Argus Leader* reported.

Since December 2011, when the Helmets 4 Kids website was launched and nonprofit status achieved, Helmets 4 Kids has given away at least 700 bike helmets, and Mundt and his personal and professional partner, Lissa Hendricks, have spoken to more than 2,000 children.

While they have received some sponsorships, the couple will buy the helmets

themselves if they can find help nowhere else. In fact, a major sponsorship fell through last year, and the couple still are paying off the helmets they purchased then.

Mundt, a 1992 graduate of Lincoln High School, had left South Dakota State University after a couple of years while he decided what he wanted to do with his life.

The accident occurred in the early morning, after he had left the graveyard shift of his job at a Perkins restaurant. He and a friend took their bicycles out, intending to watch the sun rise.

"Next thing I know I'm in the hospital," Mundt says. "They put me in a coma for nine, 10 days. I spent a month or two in rehab, then a hard month in outpatient rehab, learning the rules of society, how to get my brain to work again."

Mundt had sustained damage of the temporal and frontal lobes. He no longer has a sense of smell and takes medications to control the epilepsy that developed as a result of the accident.

His short-term memory never recovered.

"You can tell me the same story 100 times, I might not remember it ever," Mundt says.

Hendricks has two children with Asperger's, which falls on the autism spectrum, and another child with ADHD. She says Mundt and her children

share the traits of being impulsive and without guile. If they think of something, they say it, she says.

"That whole brain-to-mouth filter doesn't always work for me," Mundt says. "I'll say, 'I said that out loud?' That's a catch phrase of mine."

After Mundt and Hendricks met, he told her of his desire to make something good come from his accident. A Web designer by trade, Hendricks created the website and pursued the paperwork needed to make Helmets 4 Kids a reality.

The pair were invited to set up a table in the Sioux Empire Fair's Safety Village earlier this month, and they do other events, including several library appearances. When they have the money to bring free helmets along, they do so.

Even more important, however, is reminding both children and parents that wearing a helmet should be routine. Parents, the couple says, often are more resistant to the idea than their kids. They didn't wear them as kids, Hendricks hears over and over again, so why should their children?

"Our No. 1 goal is to tell people about the importance of wearing helmets and get helmets to the kids whose parents can't afford them or won't buy them," she says. "And it's to teach parents to enforce the helmet use."

## Ricketts

From Page 1

effectiveness and hold schools accountable," he said.

Ricketts said Nebraska needs to find ways to encourage entrepreneurs to establish companies here and keep them in the state as they grow. But he said the state also needs to make sure agriculture and the rural communities that rely on it continue to prosper.

Ricketts said Nebraska also needs to hold the line on taxes and spending. He also said public money shouldn't be used to provide benefits for people who entered the country illegally.

Ricketts' last campaign was the most-ex-

pensive Senate race in Nebraska history. Ricketts spent nearly \$13 million, including almost \$12 million of his own money, but lost badly to Nelson who spent about \$7 million.

Ricketts said he thought relying on his own fortune would make him appear independent of special interests, but he acknowledges that some people thought it looked he was trying to buy his way into office.

"I didn't understand that when you raise money, you raise support," he said.

The other Republicans seeking to replace Republican Gov. Dave Heineman are state Auditor Mike Foley and state Sens. Charlie Janssen, Tom Carlson and Beau McCoy.

Two Democrats — state Sen. Annette Dubas and former University of Nebraska Regent Chuck Hassebrook — are also running for governor. Heineman can't run for re-election because of term limits.

## OBITUARIES

### Robert Jelsma

The funeral service for Robert M. Jelsma, 84, of Springfield will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, September 10, 2013 at the Emmanuel Reformed Church in Springfield. Burial will be in the Springfield Cemetery with military honors.



Jelsma

Visitation will be at the church Monday from 4 to 7, followed by a 7 p.m. prayer service.

Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home of Springfield is in charge of the arrangements.

Robert Maynard Jelsma, son of Nick and Agnes (Shaver) Jelsma, was born July 9, 1929 on the family farm near Springfield, SD. He died Friday, September 6, 2013 at St. Michael's Hospital in Tyndall. Robert attained the age of 84 years, one month and 29 days.

Robert attended Equal Rights Country School and graduated from Springfield High School in 1947. He joined the U.S. Marines in 1951 and served until 1953.

Robert married Beverly Odens on June 12, 1953 at Oceanside, CA. After his discharge, they returned to South Dakota where he farmed, sold feed and owned a gravel pit. Eight children were blessed to their union.

Robert joined the Emmanuel Reformed Church on March 13, 1950 and remained a member all of his life. He also was a member of

Farmers' Union and the Farm Bureau.

Robert worked hard all of his life without complaint. His children and grandchildren will remember his unique laugh and genuine smile. He found great enjoyment in his grandchildren and great grandchildren. He looked forward to coffee time with his many friends in his later years and tried to be first one there.

Thankful for having shared his life are his wife of 60 years, Beverly of Springfield; his children: Norman and wife Mel, Angie and husband Jim Martin, Donna and husband Tony Tennant, Russell and wife Beth, Darrell, Cal and wife Sherry, all of Springfield; Mary and husband Nick Vlasman of Vermillion; and Nina and husband Richard Reiff of Avon; 18 grandchildren; 18 great grandchildren; one brother Roy and wife Jana of Springfield; one sister Betty Herrick of Grand Rapids, MI; sister-in-law Shirley Jelsma of Springfield; in laws; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents, his step mother Auntie Nell, two brothers: Andy and Don, one sister Gert Palsma and her husband Bert; and one niece.

**Yankton Press & Dakotan**  
**September 9, 2013**

### Betty Livingston

Betty Livingston, 79, passed away Friday, September 6, 2013 at Sanford Medical Center in Sioux Falls, SD.

Betty was born and raised in Havana, ND with loving parents and three brothers. She met Howard, the love of her life, in Britton, SD and married him on October 16, 1954. Through good times and through bad, their love and commitment for each other endured. Together they raised their five children and impacted many lives for the better. Howard passed away in on September 14, 2011 and has no doubt been waiting impatiently for his precious Betty to return to him.

Betty worked hard keeping a home, raising her children and helping to make a living during her life time. Her most enduring and favored jobs were at the Good Samaritan Society in Tyndall and as a home health aide for several years following that in Yankton. She had a special and gentle way of caring for those in need whether at work or in her personal life.

Betty was full of love and shared it freely. Her biggest



Livingston

loves were her husband, children and grandchildren and her special friends. Her favorite pastimes were doing anything with her grandchildren, fishing, listening to music and sharing her faith in God and the hope of recovery through fellowship in Al-Anon. She loved the years she and Howard were able to live on North Buffalo Lake during their retirement.

Grateful for having shared her life are her children: Barbara (Jim) Mettler of Britton, Dean Livingston of Yankton, Kent (Rose) Livingston of Tyndall, Bob (Becky) Livingston of Sioux Falls, and Cindy (Tim) Matson of Hartford; and her siblings: Loren (Mary Jean) Hanson of Rosemont, MN, Roger (Kaye) Hanson of Albert Lea, MN, and Diane (Jerry, deceased) Hanson of

Pierpont, SD. Betty had eight grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Funeral services for Betty will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 9, 2013 at Heritage Funeral Home in Sioux Falls. Visitation will be from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Monday. Burial will be at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday in the Britton Cemetery.

Visit [www.heritagesfsd.com](http://www.heritagesfsd.com).

**Yankton Press & Dakotan**  
**September 9, 2013**

## THOUGHTS For Your Family



Directors: Steve, Jerry, Jim & Paul Wintz

**WINTZ & RAY**  
Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Inc.

### A Position Of Honor

Pallbearers are tasked with the responsibility of carrying or otherwise transporting the casket during a funeral service. This honor is usually reserved for people who enjoyed an especially close relationship with the deceased. The pallbearers' proximity to the body and special responsibility for moving it along to its final resting place have both tangible and symbolic meaning. In fact, the term pallbearer is derived from the Latin word "pallium," which means "cloak," or covering. In historic terms, the pall refers to the burial cloths in which bodies were wrapped in ancient times. In military funerals, the pall is likely to be a flag. Pallbearers are thus responsible for the last representation of the deceased.

If help is necessary, our family at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home & Cremation Service will provide you with the appropriate assistance. We have been serving our community with care for many years. Reach us when you need us at (605) 665-3644. You are invited to tour our funeral home, located at 2901 Douglas Ave., or visit us at [www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com). We are here for you.

*"The life of the dead is placed in the memory of the living."*  
Marcus Tullius Cicero

email: [wintzray@iw.net](mailto:wintzray@iw.net)  
website: [www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com)

**KYNT**  
AM 1450  
**MORNING COFFEE**  
**WEEKDAYS 7:40AM**  
**MONDAY THRU FRIDAY**  
*Yankton's Home Team!*

**Let us help you create a unique expression of your family's legacy.**

**Luken MEMORIALS**

GRANITE • MARBLE • BRONZE

Home Office & Carving Center  
1609 Broadway • Yankton, South Dakota  
800.888.1407 • 605.665.3052

Visit us on-line at:  
[www.lukenmemorials.com](http://www.lukenmemorials.com)

**130th ANNIVERSARY 1883-2013**

*Honoring Their Memory*

**Our Thoughts And Prayers Are With Them**

*Our care and concern does not end with the funeral service. This week we remember with family and friends the anniversary of the deaths of:*

**Timothy C. Schlaefli**  
*who passed away on*  
**September 12, 2012**

**Bernice Pauline Cwach**  
*who passed away on*  
**September 14, 2012**

**LaVerne Johnson**  
*who passed away on*  
**September 14, 2011**

*This remembrance is brought to you free of charge. If you have a loved one you would like remembered, contact us at Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory.*

*Guiding and serving families with compassion and trust.*

**OPSAHL-KOSTEL**  
FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY INC.  
Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton  
Memorial Resource Center, Tyndall  
Memorial Chapels, Tyndall, Tabor & Menno  
665-9679 • 1-800-495-9679  
[www.opsahl-kostelfuneralhome.com](http://www.opsahl-kostelfuneralhome.com)