

OBITUARIES

Betty Faller

A memorial service for Betty K. Faller of Tripp will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 24 at the American Legion Hall in Tripp with Rev. C. Brian Bucklew officiating. Soloist will be Ahna Vander Pol. In-urnment will follow in Gracehill Cemetery, Tripp, with Betty's grandchildren as honorary urnbearers.

Arrangements are under the direction of Goglin Funeral Home of Tripp and on-line condolences may be sent at www.goglinfh.com/.

Betty Kaye Faller was born on February 26, 1944 in Mitchell South Dakota, the oldest of five children born to Lawrence and Marie (Koster) Hohn. Betty attended school in Mitchell and graduated from Notre Dame High school in Mitchell with the class of 1962. She married Gilbert Faller of Tripp on October 5, 1963. They had four children and lived in the Tripp area their entire married life. She worked as a grocery store clerk and waitress as a young woman. Later she worked as a cook for several establishments, including the Checkerboard in Kaylor. Betty took classes at Mitchell Tech and learned how to decorate cakes and upholster furniture. In 1981, Betty studied for and became a licensed insurance agent. In 1994, she had a heart attack as a result of a rare blood disease. She endured many treatments and responded well. Her health slowly declined over the years and limited her ability to work which resulted in an early retirement. Betty loved



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cooking and baking, canning of fresh fruits, crocheting, sewing, and stamping cards. In the past few years, she had volunteered at the Idle Hour Theater in Tripp. Betty was a hard-working farm wife who took pride in doing the job right the first time. She raised her family to also be hard-working and honest people. She was married almost 50 years to Gilbert and her entire family got together this past Labor Day weekend to take family photos to celebrate the occasion. These pictures capture the first time Betty and Gilbert were together with all of their children and grandchildren at one time and they are now a treasure to the family. Betty died on Thursday, September 19, 2013 at Avera St Benedict Health Center in Parkston, South Dakota at the age of 69. The family has honored Betty's wishes for organ donation and cremation.

Betty's life and memories will be cherished by her husband of almost 50 years, Gilbert Faller of Tripp; their children: Debra (Faller) Mehrer and Michael of Scotland, Dean and Beverley (Paul) Faller of Rocklin, CA, Pamela (Faller) Kaufman and Barry of

Rapid City, and Daniel and Rachel (Timmermans) Faller of Armour; five grandchildren: Andrew Mehrer of Sioux Falls, Gregory Mehrer of Sioux Falls, Leta Faller of Rocklin, CA, Lexy Kaufman of Rapid City, and Emma Faller of Armour. Betty's siblings are Terry and Marilyn Hohn of Rockfalls, IL, Lawrence Jr. and Susan Hohn of Rockfalls, IL, Irwin and Deb Hohn of Mitchell, Kathy (Hohn) Bruske and Dennis of Mitchell, and three half-sisters. Other family members include three sisters-in-law: Violet (Faller) Heinz of Washington, IL, Iris (Faller) Beck and Herb of Montisanto, WA, and Rosemary (Faller) Laib of Armour; and two brothers-in-law: Oscar and Sylvia Faller of Columbus, NE and Larry and Lois Faller of Clarksfield, MN. Betty will also be remembered by many cousins, nieces and nephews, friends and acquaintances.

Betty is preceded in death by her parents, Lawrence and Marie Hohn, her grandparents and aunts and uncles, a niece, Angela Faller in 1997, parents-in-law William and Lydia Faller, and a brother-in-law, Chester Faller.

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City Works On Proposed Animal Ordinance

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A proposed animal ordinance received a thorough vetting Monday by members of the Yankton City Commission and the public.

During a work session prior to the commission's regular meeting, a page-by-page review of the document was completed in advance of considering it for adoption.

The process was a learning experience about both current and proposed animal laws in the city, with several commissioners admitting they may not be in full compliance with the rules now on the books.

Early in the proceedings, Yankton Police Chief Brian Paulsen called the proposal a "comprehensive" ordinance.

He also advised the commission that he is opposed to any breed-specific laws, such as a ban on pitbulls. The statement was met with agreement from others present.

Among those in attendance were a U.S. Postal Service employee, representatives of animal rescues, a veterinarian and those having problems with neighboring pets.

The proposed 30-page ordinance was first reviewed by the City Commission in August after it was introduced by City Attorney David Hosmer.

He informed them that multiple animal ordinance issues have arisen, beginning more or less since day one of his working for the municipality several years ago.

He collaborated with the Yankton Police Department and the Community Development Office to review the current ordinance and draft a new one.

A discussion was held Monday about expanding the options for pet owners to obtain licenses for their cats and dogs in the hopes that more people go through the licensing process.

About 600 pet licenses have been issued by the city this year, but it is estimated there

are 3,500 cats and dogs owned by people in the community.

Currently, pet owners have to go to the police station every January with a rabies vaccination certificate to get the license.

The possibility of allowing veterinarians and animal rescues to license pets and adding that information to a database maintained by the city was discussed. Additionally, it was suggested that the license be good for a year from the time it is issued, rather than according to the calendar year.

The length of the licensing period could also be adjusted to two or three years, so it is more in accordance with the typical schedule in which animals receive rabies vaccinations.

A variety of other changes to, or clarifications of, the proposed ordinance were also discussed.

One area that could generate discussion in the public is limitations on the number of pets. The proposed ordinance states that no person may possess in any dwelling unit within the city more than three adult dogs or more than any mix of six domesticated animals. A dog or cat is considered an adult at six months of age.

Hosmer took notes on the multitude of proposed changes and said he will make those adjustments in the next couple of weeks.

According to Wenande, the commission as a whole will have an extended session to discuss and approve any major policy changes included in the proposed ordinance. She anticipates that will occur in October.

Once that is complete, the ordinance would have to go through a public hearing process before receiving final approval.

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Home Free Vocal Band Coming To Mount Marty College Oct. 2

The Home Free Vocal Band will visit the campus of Mount Marty College in Yankton at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 2, in Marian Auditorium.

Mount Marty students get free admission to the event. Tickets for the public can be purchased the night of the show starting at 7 p.m. in the

lobby of the auditorium.

Home Free Vocal Band is an a cappella group of five guys that does more than just sing. They recreate the entire band experience – engaging audiences in a rich blend of harmonies while entertaining them in good clean fun.

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by the MMC Student Government, The Office of Student Activities and the MMC Music Department.

For more information on the event contact Student Activities Director John Bennett at 605-668-1302 or john.bennett@mtmc.edu.

Amelia (Amy)

Rokusek

Amelia A. (Amy) Rokusek, age 83, of Tabor, SD, died Saturday morning, September 21, 2013 at the Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home, Vi-borg, SD.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, September 25, 2013 at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church with Rev. Dan Moris and Msgr. Carlton Hermann con-celebrating. Burial will be in the parish cemetery.

Visitations will begin at 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 24, 2013 at the Opsahl-Kostel Memorial Chapel, Tabor, with a Wake service at 7:00 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Pallbearers are Matthew Hunhoff, Nicholas Hunhoff, Abigail Hunhoff, Paul Hunhoff, John Kirk, and Tom Rokusek.

Amy was born November 26, 1929 in Tyndall to Anton & Ludmilla (Kotalik) Zelenka. She received her two year teaching certificate at Southern Normal School in Springfield, SD and began teaching in the rural schools in 1947. She was the first lay teacher



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at St. Wenceslaus Catholic School and then went on to teach for the Bon Homme School District, she taught first and second grades. In 1974, after attending many summer school sessions, she obtained her Bachelor's Degree for Education. Her total teaching career was over 50 years. She retired from teaching in 1994 to care for her husband, Leonard and after his death, she substituted for many surrounding school districts. She belonged to the South Dakota Retired Teachers Association, member of and served as President of the South Dakota Rural Letter Carrier's Auxiliary. She belonged to the St. Wenceslaus Altar Rosary Society, Kortan-Hatwan American Legion Auxiliary serving as their President, Czech Heritage Society, and Foresters. She served as the St. Wenceslaus Church Sacristan for 34 years. Due to Alzheimer's she moved into Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home of Vi-

borg in December 2007.

Grandchildren were Amy's first love. She attended all their school and sporting activities. She also delivered the papers for them so they could be at their sporting events. Amy loved being the "farmer inside her". Her fondest memories were helping shell corn and drive her tractor to keep up the farm. She was an avid hunter who was ready on every opening pheasant season day.

Amy is survived by her daughter, Jean (Dan) Hunhoff of Yankton, SD; four grandchildren: Matthew, Nicholas, Abigail (Dan) Kokesh, and Paul; two great-grandchildren, Kellen, Sive-len; and sister, Agnes Franz of Mesa, AZ.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Leonard, parents, brothers, Anton and Joseph, sister, Evelyn Clark, and two infant siblings.

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Audra Stoner-

McMillian

Audra G. Stoner-McMillian, 43, died at Northside Hospital, Atlanta, n Thursday, Sept. 5, 2013.

Memorial Services are at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 28, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Yankton, with the Rev. Dave

Wildermuth officiating.

The Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, is assisting with service details.

LeRoy Jons

Memorial Services for LeRoy F. Jons, 79, Neb., of O'Neill, Neb., are at 1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 29, 2013, at Im-

manuel Lutheran Church, Atkinson, Neb. Burial will be at a later date in the Bonesteel Cemetery.

Memorial visitation is 4-6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28, with a 5:30 p.m. prayer service at Biglin's Mortuary, O'Neill.

LeRoy passed away Sunday morning, Sept. 22, 2013, at Avera St. Anthony's Hospital, O'Neill.

Shannon Trail Meeting Oct. 2

The Shannon Trail Promoters will meet at the Lindy Country Club in Linda, Neb.,

on Wednesday, Oct. 2. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m., with the meeting to follow.

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