



Pictured are Jeff Berens, chief nursing officer, Monica Gutierrez, August Employee of the Month, and Gayle Matzke, director of nursing, Sanford Care Center Vermillion.

(Courtesy photo)

Gutierrez is August PRIDE employee

Monica Gutierrez, CNA, Sanford Care Center Vermillion, was selected as the Sanford Vermillion August 2013 PRIDE Employee of the Month. She has been employed here since November 2012.

Nominations for Gutierrez included the following comments:

Personalized Service: Monica always knows just how the residents like to be helped, she knows how and when to tend to specific resident needs.

Respect: She always treats everyone with respect and dignity.

Innovation: When I first started, she showed me ways to be more efficient.

Dedication: She does the right thing even when

the wrong way would be faster or easier.

Excellence: In a group of CNAs, she stands out as someone who cares and she has a great work ethic.

Additional comments: Not many people see how awesome Monica is since she is on night shift.

"Monica is very patient and considerate. She does a great job working with the residents in the special care unit," said Gayle Matzke, DON, Sanford Vermillion.

Monica is a native of California and currently lives in Vermillion with her three-year-old daughter.

She enjoys playing video games in her spare time and plans to attend USD, majoring in dental hygiene.

By **Tony Stokely**
SDGF&P

A couple of reminders for the sportsmen in the area as a few questions have been coming in. The deadline for east river deer season application is coming up on Aug. 30. The season dates are Nov. 23 to Dec. 8.

For this area (Union and Clay counties), the deer tags have been reduced. In Union County there will be 400 "any deer" licenses available, and in Clay County there will be 300 "any deer" licenses available.

No antlerless deer licenses are available for the 2013 East River deer season in these two counties. This means there will not be an extended antlerless season

(Dec. 28 to Jan. 5) for this area.

Muzzleloader applications are also due on Aug. 30. Again, only "any deer" licenses are valid for Clay and Union counties. The season date is Dec. 1-31. Please review deer application for other counties you are interested in.

Archery deer applications may be applied for at any time. The season dates are Sept. 28 to Jan. 15. Again, only "any deer" licenses are valid for Clay and Union counties. Antlerless archery deer licenses are not valid in Clay and Union counties. This means the extended antlerless season (Jan. 1-15) will be closed in this area. More counties are included in this restriction,

so please review the applications.

The Adams Nature Area will have 10 "any deer" archery licenses available this year. No antlerless licenses are valid in this unit for the 2013 archery season.

A free access permit is required to hunt archery deer in the Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve. To obtain a free access permit, you must first purchase the license type that is valid for this unit.

After you have received your license, then you may apply for the access permit on the SD GF&P Web site. The access permit is a limited draw. The deadline to apply for the archery deer Access Permits was Aug. 21, 8 a.m.

Youth Deer licenses will be valid with only one license type available for this area. There is no deadline for this application. The season dates are Sept. 14 to Jan. 15. Please review the applications online at www.gfp.sd.gov/hunting/big-game/deer for more information or questions.

On Sept. 1, the mourning dove season begins. The daily limit is 15. This will be a good time to sharpen your shooting skills attempting to harvest these speedy birds. It will also be a good time to get some kids out hunting. There is usually plenty of shooting opportunity and not a lot of tough habitat that the kids have to walk through. Get them out and enjoy the outdoors.

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by the water park.

"We just want to have a chance to get a master plan in place for that park," he said. "We know the baseball field's not moving, we know the water tower's not moving, we know the band shell's not moving. The rest of it can be open for discussion."

Council member John Grayson said he liked the idea of a master plan, as it affords some time to get a second opinion and for further study to be done, resulting in data that can be presented to the public.

Council member Steve Ward added, though, that the project needed to get moving.

"A year and a half we've been working on this, and the community is expecting something, some action," Ward said. "So I really don't want to come out of here saying, 'Well, we're going to delay this for another year.'"

"I've had reservations about it for a number of reasons, but I also want it to move. I don't want to just sit around and wait," he said.

City staff had proposed the use of \$500,000 from the general fund reserves for the project, which Mayor Jack Powell said Monday would send the message to Vermillion residents that the city is serious about it.

Council member Kelsey Collier-Wise suggested setting a goal of a specific completion or date so that there would be something to launch forward with the public.

"I do think there are people who would be interested in doing some private fundraising, and they're just waiting because they don't even know if we're going ahead with this," she said. "If we're having a definitive statement that says, 'This is our plan, this money is starting it,' that we can show the public, I think it would address some of their concerns."

Goblirsch is next scheduled to meet with the city council on Tuesday, Sept. 3.

OBITUARIES

Butch Beach

Butch Beach, 64, of Vermillion, passed away Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2013, at his residence after a battle with pancreatic cancer.

Butch was born March 19, 1949, in Burbank, to Kenneth and Gertrude (Clifford) Beach. He attended Vermillion schools graduating in 1967 and received his Associates Degree from Sioux Empire College in Hawarden, IA. In 1968 he enlisted in the Army and was stationed in Seoul, South Korea and worked for the deputy chiefs of staff for the military intelligence as a coordinator, he was discharged in 1971. He married Joan Buckman on July 6, 1974, in Yankton.

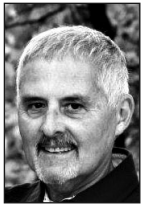
Butch retired as a postal carrier after 32 years and then worked in the purchasing department at the Sanford Vermillion Hospital for six years. His life revolved around his family, and he enjoyed Mill Lake, fishing, and being around his good friends.

He is survived by his wife, Joan, and three sons, Wade (Tina), Matt (Callie) and Cory Beach all of Vermillion; a brother, Gary (Sheila) Beach of Yankton; and two sisters, Susie Livingston of Council Bluffs, IA and Susan Reeves of Avon, CT. He is also survived by three grandchildren, Riley, Kellen and Braxton Beach.

Funeral Mass was 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 17, at the St. Agnes Catholic Church in Vermillion with burial following in the Calvary Cemetery in Vermillion. Visitation began at 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 16, with a prayer service at 7 p.m. all at the church. hansenfuneralhome.com.

Marsha Bruning

Marsha Bruning, 70, of Oro Valley, AZ, formerly of Vermillion, passed away in her home on July 19, 2013.



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Grateful for having shared Marsha's life are her husband, Wayne, of Oro Valley, AZ; two sons, Scott (Sarah) of Vermillion, and Steve (Christine) of Sioux Falls; brother, Robert Cable of Somerville, MA; and cousin, Karen Ferris of Vermillion. She is also survived by four grandchildren, Michael, Lexie, Ben and Miley.

A celebration of Marsha's life will be held at United Church of Christ in Vermillion, on Wednesday Aug. 28, 2013, at 10 a.m.

Judy Flanagin

Judy Flanagin, of Vermillion, died on Friday, Aug. 16, 2013.

Judy Kay Davis was born on May 1, 1940, in Sterling, CO, to Bill and Evelyn (Langan) Davis. As a young child she lived in Colorado, Oklahoma, Texas, and Arkansas. From the ages of 12-14 she lived in Nangal, India, where her father worked as a machinist and ran the heavy equipment shop for the construction of the Bhakra Dam. Upon her father's death in India, she returned with her mother to the U.S. She lived in Grand Island, NE, through high school, where she met her husband of 53 years, Jon Flanagin.

Judy received her BA from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln and her MA from the University of South Dakota (USD). She lived in Vermillion from 1969-1971 and again from 1973 forward, when she began teaching at USD. There she taught both undergraduate and graduate level courses on language development, clinical methods, and other topics in speech pathology, and also served as the de facto Director of the USD Speech, Language, and



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Hearing Clinic until her retirement in 2005. She was an inspirational teacher, who was respected and admired by the thousands of students she taught over the course of her career.

Judy was intelligent, artistic, enthusiastic, creative, indomitable, sharp-witted, and loving. She enjoyed many things, including reading, traveling, conversation, and her family. She was loved deeply her entire life.

Judy is survived by her husband Jon; her son, Craig Flanagin (married to Normandy Sherwood) of Brooklyn, NY; her son, Andrew Flanagin (married to Miriam Metzger) of Santa Barbara, CA; and two grandchildren, Zoe and Davis.

Ellen Heer

Ellen M. Heer, passed away on Saturday, Aug. 17, 2013, after a brief illness.

She is survived by her three beloved children, Alexander William, Caitlin Marie, and Stephanie Janelle Heer; and her loving sisters, Bonnie (Greg) Convey, Barbara Coffelt, Sally (John) Dribaum, and Laura (Pete) Winter.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Steven.

Ellen wanted to express her gratitude to family and friends who gave us help, support, love and everlasting friendship. Ellen and the rest of her family wish to express their extreme gratitude to the staff and doctors at Sanford Vermillion Medical Center for their tender care as well as their love, support and friendship. At Ellen's request there will be no services. Friend of Bill W. hansenfuneralhome.com.

Delsmore Larson

Delsmore (Dellie) Lorrell Larson was born on Oct. 28, 1921, to Aldric and Alma (Berg) Larson in the family

home in rural Clay County near Beresford. He died on Aug. 16, 2013, at the age of 91 years, nine months and 19 days.

He attended one-room country schools in the Beresford community. He served in the South Pacific in WW II. While home on furlough, he married Florence Ovesen on Nov. 25, 1944. Dellie was a member of the American Legion, Vermillion VFW and Eagles Club.

Dellie farmed all of his adult life until he and Florence retired and moved into Vermillion in 1984. In retirement, he continued to assist Larry with farming the family farm, and in later years he liked to take rides to see the farm and check out the crops.

Dellie is survived by his wife, Florence; and three children, Diane (Paul) Johnson, Larry (June) Larson and Florene Larson; five grandchildren, Travis Johnson, Tracey (Todd) Halverson, Heidi (Jason) Savey, Tricia (Jason) Knutson and Marc (Erin) Larson; 12 great-grandchildren, Blake, Anna, and Molly Savey; Lane, Siri, and Lila Knutson; Cade and Addison Larson; Morgan, Peyton, and Mya Halverson; and Macy Johnson; two sisters-in-law, Erma Larson and Carol Larson; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters Alta Collins and Madeline Vik; brothers Van Dale, Verdell, and Alton Larson.

Dellie was a member of Dalesburg Lutheran Church, rural Vermillion.

Services were held at Dalesburg Lutheran Church on Tuesday, Aug. 20, at 10:30 a.m. Burial was in Dalesburg Lutheran Cemetery.

Visitation began Monday, Aug. 19, at 4 p.m. with a prayer service beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Hansen Funeral Home in Vermillion.

Odell Myron

Odell Myron, 93, of Vermillion, passed away Sunday, Aug. 18, 2013, at the Sanford Vermillion Care Center.

Odell was born March 9, 1920, in Meckling, to Ole and Myra (Snyder) Myron. He graduated from University High School in Vermillion and joined the Navy in 1941 and also served in the Coast Guard. Odell started working with the Postal Service in 1940 retiring in 1975. On Jan. 30, 1942, he married Doris Halverson in Dakota City, NE.

He was preceded in death by his wife Doris; a son, Brad; and a brother, Gordon. He is survived by his son, Mark (Dawn) Myron of Vermillion; and two daughters, Gayle (Terry) Ramey of Jackson, MN, and Sheryl (Richard) Duman of Vermillion; and also six grandchildren and nine great-grandsons.

Funeral services were 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 21, 2013, at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Vermillion. Burial followed in the BluffView Cemetery in Vermillion. Visitation was one hour prior to the service at the church. hansenfuneralhome.com.

Thomas Odenbrett

Thomas H. Odenbrett, 75, of Vermillion, passed away Sunday, Aug. 11, 2013, at the Sanford Vermillion Care Center after a short illness.

Tom was born May 14, 1938, in Fulda, MN, to Bernard and Elizabeth (Einck) Odenbrett. He graduated from Fulda High School and joined the National Guard, serving from 1956 until 1967. In May of 1959, he married Colleen Willemsen in Fulda.

Tom and his wife moved to Vermillion in 1966 where they owned and operated Tommy's Printing and Typewriter repair. He also sold CB Radios and was known as Big Farmer. After selling the business in 1997, he operated C & T Enterprises, a lawn and snow removal business.

Tom's hobbies included wood-working, gardening, motorcycling and being outside. His love for the Missouri River included jet-skiing, boating, and getting stuck on sandbars. One of his dreams was to boat down the Missouri River from Sioux City, IA, to the Gulf of Mexico, but he and Colleen only made it to Columbia, MO, where unfortunately his boat broke down. In his time away from the shop, he would volunteer his time for the Coast Guard Auxiliary and belonged to the Eagles Organization. He enjoyed going to polka dances and teaching his grandchildren how to polka. As those who knew him would say, he lived life to the fullest.

Tom is survived by his wife, Colleen of Vermillion; a daughter, Shelley (David) Brunick; grandchildren, Ashley, Michael, and Ryan Brunick; a brother, Maurice (Carolyn) Odenbrett; and nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; two sons, Timothy and Christopher; brother, David (Elfreda) Odenbrett; and sister, Mary (Dan) Klosterman.

Funeral Mass was 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 14, 2013, at the St. Agnes Catholic Church in Vermillion with burial following in the Calvary Cemetery in Vermillion. Visitation began at 5 p.m. Tuesday with a prayer service at 7 p.m. all at the church. hansenfuneralhome.com.

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