



Mark and Cheri Brommer

## Will celebrate

Mark and Cheri Brommer will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary on Dec. 8. Wish them a happy 25th

anniversary by sending a greeting to them at 2406 Cedar Terrace, Yankton, SD 57078.

## Heartland Humane Society announces ribbon cutting & holiday open house

Heartland Humane Society invites the community to a holiday open house and ribbon cutting. The Yankton Chamber of Commerce will be on hand on Friday, Dec. 11 at 10 a.m. for the ribbon cutting. The holiday open house will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Come in and meet the cats available for adoption, have some great holiday refreshments and see all the exciting things going on at the shelter!

"This is such an exciting time for us because until this point, we really didn't have a facility where we could house the animals and do adoptions," said Tasha Anderson, executive director at Heartland Humane Society. "Terry and Vickie Eaves of More Than Pets donating this space for us to use has been the huge step

forward that we needed. We invite everyone to visit our new shelter and get to know us!"

The ribbon cutting and holiday open house will be held at the shelter office at 601 1/2 Burleigh Street. Contact Tasha Anderson at 605-664-4244 or email hhs@midconetwork.com for more information.

Heartland Humane Society is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that serves Yankton and Clay counties in South Dakota and Cedar County in Nebraska and surrounding communities, protecting and enhancing the lives of companion animals by promoting healthy relationships between pets and people. Visit Heartland Humane Society online at [www.heartlandhumanesociety.net](http://www.heartlandhumanesociety.net).

## Holiday open house to be held at library

A holiday open house will be hosted by the library staff and the Friends of the Vermillion Public Library on Wednesday, Dec. 9 from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Community Room.

There will be a number of community performers providing holiday music. Cookies and other holiday treats will be available to sample, along with recipes.

Holiday quilts made by local quilters will be on display. Door prizes provided by local merchants will be given away. Membership information and registration will be available for those interested

in joining the Friends of VPL.

Anyone interested in making 3-D origami ornaments with Ms. Paige from Ready, Set, Draw! can drop by the Activity Room from 4 to 6 p.m. A special story time for preschoolers will be held in the Activity Room at 6:30 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to attend this free holiday event and is encouraged to seriously consider supporting the library by joining the Friends of the Vermillion Public Library organization. For more information about this event, call the library at 677-7060 or e-mail [vp@sdln.net](mailto:vp@sdln.net).

## Cemetery inventory to be presented Dec. 8

The Clay County Historic Preservation Commission (CCHPC) is pleased to announce the completion of its 2008 Cemetery Inventory. Compiled by Nancy Carlsen of Vermillion, this remarkable nine-volume work contains a variety of information about the 28 formal cemeteries and all known Native American and Territorial Era unmarked graves and cemeteries located within Clay County.

A special event to dedicate and distribute the Cemetery Inventory will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 8, at 10:30 a.m., in the County Commissioners' Room at the Clay County Courthouse in Vermillion. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Five complete sets of this nine-volume work have been prepared. To make the information more easily accessible to people throughout the county, sets will be available for research at the Austin-Whittemore House in Vermillion and at both the Vermillion and Wakonda Public Libraries. The CCHPC set will be housed at the Office of

the Register of Deeds at the Clay County Courthouse under the supervision of the Clay County Commissioners. A fifth set, prepared for the South Dakota State Historic Preservation Office in fulfillment of the funding obligation, will be located at the South Dakota State Archives in Pierre.

At the Dec. 8 ceremony, the CCHPC will deliver complete sets of the Inventory to representatives of each of these organizations, and formally dedicate the work to Cleo Erickson and to Verla and Stanley Knudson for their untiring efforts "to preserve the past for future generations."

Volume 1 of the Inventory contains miscellaneous Introductory Material, including the table of contents, cross-references to various names used for county cemeteries and churches, township indexes and maps, and a directory of current cemetery sextons or contact people. A copy of Rick Harnois's entire 1991 cemetery report to the Clay County Historic Preservation Commission and a

copy of the Olds-Grosse Funeral Home Records are included primarily as research tools for descendants and genealogists. Selected statutes and regulations governing cemeteries and human remains and a partial bibliography complete the Introductory Material.

In Volumes 1-8, a separate "chapter" is devoted to each of the county's 28 formal cemeteries. The documentation for each cemetery includes a locational map, a compilation of writings with direct quotes from historical texts, alphabetical burial lists composed by Verla and Stanley Knudson and/or others, and miscellaneous resource material. 1989 surveys by Rick Harnois consisting of plats, deeds, and drawings of each stone are included for six of the cemeteries. Unmarked graves and cemeteries are treated in the final chapter of Volume 8. Volume 9 contains maps and photographic panoramas of each cemetery within its environment during the four years covered by this study.

In preparing the Invento-

ry, Nancy Carlsen researched and compiled many of the existing written records, wrote compiler's notes, created numerous maps, photographed and prepared the panoramas, designed and laid out the presentation, typed and printed much of the material, and assembled the volumes. This exceptionally attractive and detailed work is the result of a labor of love. As a descendant of pioneers who settled near Spirit Mound, and with members of five generations buried in Clay County cemeteries, Nancy considered it a privilege to work with this material for the benefit of everyone interested in local history or in the genealogy of local families.

Preparation of the Inventory was partially funded by a grant from the National Park Service, Department of the Interior, through the South Dakota State Historic Preservation Office.

For additional information please contact Jim Wilson, CCHPC chair, at 605-624-4579, or email [whitewilson@msn.com](mailto:whitewilson@msn.com).

## Benefit planned for Hoxeng family

Family and friends are planning a benefit for Julie (Kopping) Hoxeng of Volin, who has been fighting cancer for six years.

The committee met for the first time Nov. 17 in Volin with 20 members present. The date is set for Jan. 9 at the Wakonda Legion Hall. A supper/auktion/dance is in the works. A free will offering supper will start at 5 p.m. and will be served throughout the auction that will start approximately at 6:30 p.m. with a dance to follow.

The committee is busy planning the event that will help Julie and her husband Terry with financial difficulties due to her six-year battle with cancer. Julie's illness has forced her to take a medical

leave of absence from her job at First National Bank in Yankton.

The committee is going to meet once a week up until the time of the benefit.

With the holidays upon us, this benefit reminds us of how important family and friends are and the true meaning of giving and caring for others. Accounts will be opened at the following banks for the "Julie Hoxeng Benefit": First Premier Bank in Wakonda, Cortrust Bank in Gayville, and First National Bank South Dakota at 332 Broadway in Yankton. Modern Woodmen - Cathy "Lynch" Becker -- is donating matching funds up to \$1500.

If you would like more information, please call: Pam

Ganschow at 605-267-2607 or Amber (Hoxeng) Sorensen at 661-9400.

Julie (Kopping) Hoxeng grew up on a farm south of Wakonda. She graduated from Wakonda High School in 1975. She married Terry Hoxeng of Volin in 1976. From this great union, they have two children and three grandchildren; Brian (Heather) in 1980 who have two children, Wyatt and Savanna, and Amber (Jon) Sorensen in 1983 who have one son, Alex. Her parents are Vivian Kopping and the late Frank Kopping. She has

a brother, Rodney and a sister, Carolyn of Wakonda.

Julie was first diagnosed with breast cancer on Dec. 31, 2002. She went into remission for three years and since has been battling recurrences.

She has been with First National Bank South Dakota since 1995 and has recently taken a leave of absence to concentrate on her treatment.

Julie was a First Responder for Volin. She loves to spend her free time gardening, golfing with Terry, and sharing quality time with her children and grandchildren.

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Thank you for all the kindness you have shown us during and after the passing of our aunt Kathryn Tilton. Special Thanks to Dr. Yelverton, Sanford Medical Center, Prairie Estates Care Center, Pastor Brook McBride, UMC Women, Kober Funeral Home, and family and friends for all the cards, flowers and visits. We are thankful for all you have done. May God bless you all.

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