

OBITUARIES

Aldna Ufford

Aldna M. Ufford, 103, of Rochester, MN, formerly of Vermillion, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2012, at Samaritan Bethany Home in Rochester, MN.

Aldna was born Feb. 7, 1908, to J. Alfred and Selma (Hoyer) Anderson in Clay County, SD. She attended Vermillion High School and the University of South Dakota in Vermillion, and was a rural school teacher for 18 years until retiring in 1958. She married Fred W. Ufford on Nov. 4, 1931 in Vermillion. Fred died Oct. 29, 1985. Aldna was a member of the First Methodist Church in Vermillion and a member of the Eastern Star and Just-2-B Club. She loved doing puzzles, word search and jumble.

Aldna is survived by her daughter, Patricia (Paul Sotd) Horlocker, of Rochester, MN; her two sons, Wayne (Ally) Ufford of Tucson, AZ, and Keith (Judy) Ufford of Chisago City, MN; eight grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her infant son; four brothers, Rudy, Irving, Cliff, and Sidney; and three sisters, Irene Burton, Austrid Smith and Olivia Peak.

Funeral service were held at 2 p.m. at First Methodist Church in Vermillion, on Saturday, Jan. 7, 2012. Visitation was one hour prior to the service with Rev. Paul Lint officiating. Burial was in BluffView Cemetery in Vermillion.

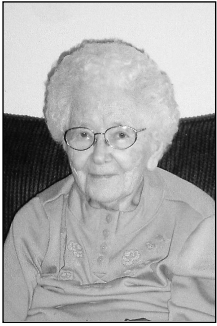
A public memorial service was held on Monday, Jan. 9, 2012 in the chapel at Samaritan Bethany Home on 8th in Rochester, MN.

The family would like to thank the wonderful, caring staff of Samaritan Bethany Nursing Home.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Al's memory to a charity of your choice.

Condolences may be posted online to www.koberfuneralhome.com

Kober Funeral Home, Vermillion is entrusted with the arrangements.



UFFORD

Hazel Vennard

Hazel G. (Peterson) Vennard, 92, of Vermillion, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2012 at the Sanford Vermillion Hospital in Vermillion.

Visitation with video tribute was held at Kober Funeral Home in Vermillion, on Sunday, Jan. 8, 2012, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. with a prayer service following at 7 p.m.

Funeral service was held at the First United Methodist Church in Vermillion, on Monday, Jan. 9, 2012, at 10:30 a.m. with Rev. Rick Pittenger officiating. Burial was in BluffView Cemetery in Vermillion.

Hazel was born on June 27, 1919, in rural Clay County, SD, to August and Emma (Carlson) Peterson. While growing up in Clay County she attended Newdale Country School.

Following school, Hazel met and married Lyman (Ted) Vennard. Their vows took place on Sept. 18, 1939, and they shared many happy years together until his passing.

Hazel is survived by her children, Donald (Yang) Vennard, Delmer (Karen) Vennard, Marilyn (Roger) Peterson, Nancy (Thomas) Scheinost, Larry (Carla) Vennard, Ruth (Paul) Bremer, Lois (John) Hazen, Dale Vennard, Susan (Michael) Welter, Dean (Sherill) Vennard, Wayne Vennard, and Willard (Barbara) Vennard; her sister, Verne Keller; her brother, Lloyd Peterson; 31 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lyman Vennard; her parents, August and Emma (Carlson) Peterson; her sons, Edward Vennard, and Lester Vennard; her grandchild, Steven Vennard; her brothers, Raymond Peterson, and Evert Peterson; and her sister, Signe Henrickson.

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VENNARD

William Conway

William C. Conway, 88, of Kimball, passed away Sunday, Jan. 8, 2012 at Sanford Chamberlain Medical Center. Burial will take place at a later date at the Black Hills National Cemetery in Sturgis. Mount Funeral Home of Kimball is assisting with arrangements. Expressions of sympathy may be extended to the family through www.mountfuneralhome.com.

William Charles Conway was born on Oct. 18, 1923 to Reg and Cecil (Meyer) Conway in Aberdeen. He attended school in Orient and Polo, before beginning a career in farming and ranching. On May 3, 1943 he was united in marriage to Burnetta Leafgreen at St. Joseph Parish in Orient. Together they had two daughters, Susan and Pam. In May of 1945 he began serving his country in the United States Army during World War II. After his honorable discharge in December of 1946, he continued farming.

Bill enjoyed fishing, the

challenge of breaking and riding horses and participating in cattle drives. He was a member of St. Joseph Parish. He was united in marriage to Betty Calkins on Dec. 15, 1978 in Mitchell.

Grateful for having shared in Bill's life are his wife of 33 years, Betty Conway of Kimball; his two daughters, Susan (Ron) Brueggemann of Miller, and Pam Wagner of Armour; three step-children, Patti Nelson and Bruce Flaugh, both of Vermillion, and Toni Flaugh of Fort Dodge, IA; three granddaughters, Lisa (Bob) Simpson of Huron, Lori (Garry) Peterka of Miller, and Daline (Jay) Gellhaus of Aberdeen; seven great-grandchildren, Jennifer and Justin Simpson, Jordan, Darin and Kristen Peterka and Braden and Logan LeGrand; a brother-in-law, Harold Schaefer of Orient; along with a niece and two nephews.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Janie Schaefer and a grandson, Kip Brueggemann.

Taco Town remodeling is finished after a fire gutted the place last winter. The restaurant will be open this weekend.

The third time was a charm as Vermillion does have a new City Manager. Charles K. McClain reported for work on Monday. Mr. McClain came

from Fort Worth, Texas.

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Foundation continues growth, seeks members

The Clay-Union Foundation matches youth in both counties, and just made its 129 match last Sunday. Youth age 5 to 17-years-old are welcome to join the program, and it is seeking more youth and adult volunteers.

A female USD student would like to find a girl age 12-16 in Vermillion, and a 14-year-old boy is seeking an adult male mentor to spend some time with him. More mentors and youth are being sought throughout both counties, as well as new sponsors, businesses which would provide a tour for the members, and event sponsors.

The mentors spend two hours per week with their matches, with an emphasis on quality time together. All volunteers have background and reference checks, and each volunteer has their own special talents or skills to share with their match.

The Clay-Union Foundation, Inc. is sponsored in part by the United Way of Vermillion, the Clay County Commissioners, and local donations from individuals, businesses and organizations. Please contact John P. Gille, program director, at 605-421-5050 or email jgille60@yahoo.com to find learn more about the program.

Traffic stop nets 980 pounds of marijuana

A Massachusetts man was arrested on drug charges after a routine traffic stop by the South Dakota Highway Patrol resulted in discovery of 980 pounds of marijuana.

The incident happened on Friday, Jan. 6, on Interstate 90 about 11 miles east of Rapid City. A Highway Patrol trooper stopped Donald McCormick, 40, of Ipswich, MA, for speeding. During the stop a drug dog was deployed and numerous bales of marijuana were discovered under a cover in the back of the 2006 Chevrolet 2500HD pickup.

McCormick was arrested for possession of 980 pounds of marijuana, possession with intent to distribute and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Agents with the Unified Narcotics Enforcement Team assisted at the stop.

The investigation remains active, and no further information is available at this time.

By Cleo Erickson

Excerpts from the Plain Talk

1970

About 250 people attended the Ice Cream Social at the Clay County Historical Societies 2nd Annual Event. Thirty five families became new members.

The second flying fickle finger of fate award in the last few months came by the way of the resignation from the City Manager to be, James Watson of Prineville, OK, who was to assume his duties the first of October. Among the reasons cited by this most recent drop out was a fear that because he did not have a college degree, he felt that he would be unable to handle a position in a college community.

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'AIN'T SUPERSTITIOUS'



Vermillion poet/songwriter T. Wilson King, pictured performing before a large audience at the 2011 "Saturday in the Park" in Sioux City, IA, is set to perform "Ain't Superstitious" as part of the National Music Museum's Brown Bag Lunch Program at 12:05 p.m. Friday. The program will incorporate acoustic and bottle-neck guitars. It will take place in the Arne B. Larson Concert Hall at the museum, and is free and open to the public.

(Submitted photo)

USD's 'God of Carnage' chosen to perform at regional festival

The University of South Dakota Department of Theatre will bring "God of Carnage" back to the stage at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 14 for a special performance in the Wayne S. Knutson Theatre. Admission is free with no reservations required for this presentation of "God of Carnage," which has been selected to perform at Region V of the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival (KCACTF) in Ames, Iowa, on Jan. 18. Knutson Theatre will open its doors at 1:30 p.m. with general seating for the matinee show.

KCACTF is a national theater education program which identifies and promotes quality in college-level theatre production. Region V includes colleges and universities from a six-state region (North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska and Kansas). "God of Carnage," which was originally performed in Vermillion, Sept. 29 through Oct. 3, is one of five productions – out of approximately 40 competing university productions in the region, invited to perform at the Festival where students compete for scholarships and awards in a wide range of theatre activities, including acting, directing, design, technology, stage management and dramaturgy.

They also attend workshops, audition for summer stock theatre and view invited productions. USD Theatre performances of Yasmina Reza's Tony Award-winning comedy will be at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the Fisher Theater on the campus of Iowa State University.

"God of Carnage" is about two sets of parents who meet for the first time to reconcile a schoolyard conflict which has occurred between their young sons. Their



Pictured in this scene of 'God of Carnage' are cast members of cast members Kendra Bolan, Patrick Beasley, Emily Dorsett and Cody Strand. (Photo courtesy of USD Theatre Department)

discussions run the gambit of emotions, from pleasantries to an all-out battle of wits. USD Theatre's production was a regional premiere that featured Cody Strand of Brandon as Michael Novak, Kendra Bolan of Lincoln, NE as Veronica Novak, Patrick Beasley of Lincoln, NE as Alan Raleigh and Emily Dorsett of Sioux City, IA as Annette Raleigh.

The artistic team includes professors Tim Case (scenic), Linda Scribner (costumes), Anthony Pellicchia (lighting), Scott Mollman (technical direction) and Eric Hagen (stage direction). James Hovland, a graduate student from Yankton, serves as sound designer.

SESQUICENTENNIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The bids for letting for contracts on the new Middle School will be held on October 14th. The building will house grades five through eight. Construction is expected to begin before the end of October and be ready for the 1972-73 school year.

Virgil Anderson, Manager for North Western Bell, reminds hunters that its cables, insulators, and wires are not included in daily bag limits.

Local imbibers can breathe easier this week as the Vermillion City Council assured continuance of all their favorite watering holes at their regular bi-monthly meeting Monday night.

The City Council also heard and passed a resolution to purchase the old high school property from the School District as a site for the proposed new water plant. The price will be \$40,000.

Nine traffic accidents were reported this week in Vermillion. Other police activities this same week include the arresting of a shop

lifter at the Tiny Tiger Store for a \$6.36 item; vandals broke aerials off a number of parked cars; someone stole \$20.00 worth of groceries from an auto parked on Market Street; a disturbance at a local tavern where police witnessed a bar room brawl with police assisting one youth to the hospital for treatment of cuts and bruises and a person reported while riding a bicycle up Chandler Hill was shot in the leg by a pellet gun.

At the City Council, Mayor Barstow revealed that the Council had decided to raise the City Engineers salary from \$1,035 to \$1,100. The basic change in salaries for 1971 will be an average of \$300.00 per person because of the rising cost of living.

This week, the police were plagued with a number of burglary reports. Eight track stereotype players and tapes seemed to be a big item for the thieves. One tape player and a recorder were found but no

formal charges have been filed to date. A 14" Zenith black and white portable TV was stolen from a student residing in Olson Hall.

At 12:10 p.m., Head Superintendent of Schools, Harold Ashbaugh, phoned the police station to inform them that in the minutes prior, he had received a bomb threat. He said the bomb was expected to go off at 1:30 p.m. The building was evacuated shortly after the call and a thorough search was made by local authorities but no bomb was found. According to Supt. Ashbaugh, the afternoon of school will have to be made up at the end of the year.

A study was made by the USD School of Business concerning the common fallacy that there is savings to be gained by tooling to Sioux City to buy groceries. The study showed good pricing by Vermillion Supermarkets.

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