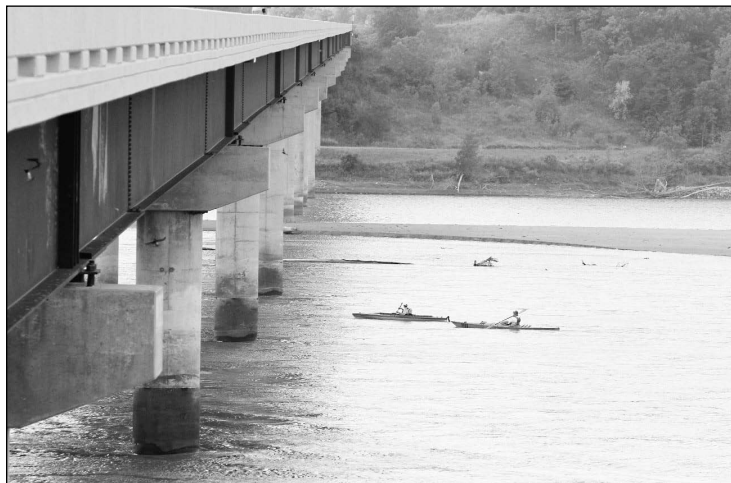
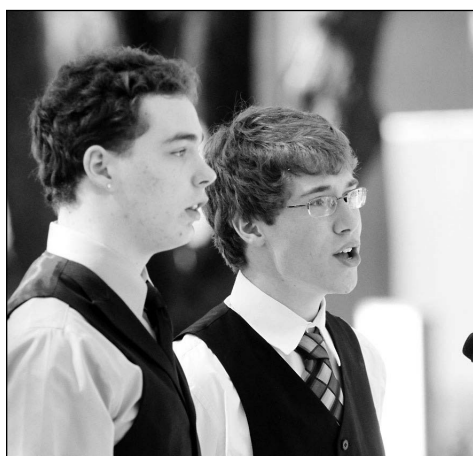


MN MAN WINS KAYAK RACE



A Minnesota man won the South Dakota Kayak Challenge on the Missouri River over the holiday weekend. Joe Zellner of Grand Marais, MN, finished the 72-mile course between Yankton and Sioux City, IA, in less than nine hours. That was about an hour faster than the time of the 2010 winner. The race was canceled last year because of Missouri River flooding. This year's race drew 170 kayakers. It started Saturday morning. Some kayakers didn't finish the course until Sunday morning. Pictured are a pair of kayakers paddling their way under the Newcastle-Vermillion Bridge early Saturday afternoon.

(Photo by David Lias)

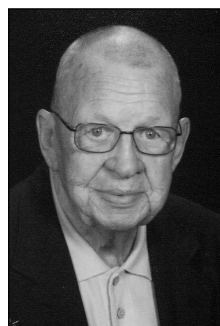


OBITUARIES

Leo 'Digger' Albers

Leo "Digger" Albers, 81, of Vermillion passed away Tuesday, May 29 at the Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls.

Leo was born Aug. 24, 1930 in Vermillion, to August and Pearle (O'Connor) Albers. He graduated from the Vermillion High School in 1948, and served in the Army for two years. Digger married Bonnie Girard on April 23, 1955 in Elk Point. He retired from Sioux Tools where he had worked for over 20 years and had also been in car sales and real estate sales for many years and also enjoyed driving the Early Childhood School Bus for the Vermillion Schools.



ALBERS

Digger is survived by his wife, Bonnie, of Vermillion;

three sons, Mark (Connie) Albers of Northfield, MN, Jerry Albers of Vermillion and Tim (Traci) Albers of Woodbury, MN; and a daughter, Patti (Mark) Mollet of Vermillion; a granddaughter, Jordan Stiefel, and seven grandsons, Tyler Stiefel, Travis Taggart, Alex and Drew Albers, Isaac, Peter and William Albers; and five step grandchildren, Kyle (Brit), Amy, Tristan, Avery and Gracie Mollet; and a sister, Donarae Jolley of Canistota. He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, and brother-in-law, Susie and Bill Radigan; a step-father, Vic Christopherson; and brother-in-laws, Robert Jolley and Bob and Jerry Girard and Kenny Christopherson.

Funeral Mass will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 2 at the St. Agnes Catholic Church in Vermillion with burial to follow in the Calvary Cemetery in Vermillion. Visitation will begin at 5 p.m. Friday, June 1 with a prayer service at 7 p.m. all at the church. hansenfuneralhome.com.

Mary Ann Boyle

Mary Ann (Craig) Boyle, 67, of Vermillion, passed into eternal life on May 25, 2012, at Sanford Hospital in Vermillion.

Visitation was at St. Agnes Catholic Church on Tuesday, May 29, 2012, from 6 to 7 p.m. with a rosary service at 7 p.m. Funeral Mass was at St. Agnes Catholic Church on Wednesday, May 30, 2012, at 10:30 a.m.

Mary Ann Boyle was born on March 14, 1945, in Danbury, IA, the daughter of Walter and Annabelle



BOYLE

(Lamaak) Craig. Mary Ann grew up in Anthon, IA, and graduated from Anthon-Oto High School as valedictorian. She attended Briar Cliff College, Iowa Central Community College, and later received a BA in Management Systems and Personnel from Buena Vista College, cum laude.

She married Patrick M. Boyle in 1965. They had three sons. The family moved to Rockwell City, IA, and raised the boys. They moved to Vermillion

where they have lived for the last 17 years.

Mary Ann was active in her parish churches most recently serving as an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist at St. Agnes Church. She was a member of Serra Vocation Club, Charismatic Renewal, Cursillo, and Food Pantry. She enjoyed scrapbooking, photography, reading and music.

Survivors include her husband, Patrick of Vermillion; one child, Lawrence and his wife, Jill of Spencer, OK; her mother, Annabelle Craig of Anthon, IA; two brothers, Bob Craig and his wife, Linda of Cherokee, IA, and Brother Dennis Craig of Cincinnati, OH; one sister, Aggie DeRozza and her husband, Joseph of Omaha, NE; five grandchildren, John Boyle, Dan Boyle, Michael Boyle, Kiera Boyle and James Boyle all of Spencer, OK.

She was preceded in death by her father and two sons, Michael Boyle and John Boyle.

Memorials may be made to St. Agnes Catholic Church, 416 Walker Street, Vermillion, SD 57069.

Kober Funeral Home, Vermillion, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.koberfuneralhome.com.

CLOCKWISE FROM BOTTOM: Leighann Dunn, an Iraq veteran and SD/ND outreach coordinator of the Student Veterans of America spoke to the audience gathered to honor the nation's war dead during Memorial Day services sponsored by the Vermillion VFW Clay Post 3061.

Daniel Bellis and Paul Granaas sing the National Anthem at the beginning of Monday's Memorial Day service in Vermillion.

Monday's Memorial Day service ended with a rifle salute to honor the dead by the VFW Honor Guard, and the playing of "Taps."

Marcy and Bob Lund, and Leota and Joe Conroy recite the Pledge of Allegiance with audience members at the Clay County Veterans Memorial Monday morning.

(Photos by David Lias)

Dunn: Honor the fallen through service

By David Lias

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An audience made up of people of all ages, including veterans, sat under the rows of flagpoles that make up the Clay County Veterans Memorial Monday morning, May 28.

A strong breeze breeze made the American flag and the banners representing the various branches of the U.S. armed forces snap to attention as Leighann Dunn, an Iraq veteran and SD/ND outreach coordinator of the Student Veterans of America spoke to the audience that gathered to honor the nation's war dead during Memorial Day services sponsored by the Vermillion VFW Clay Post 3061.

"Today is about the lives of the men and women who fought in America's battles, and who have served their country in support of the military," Dunn said. "They have made a significant sacrifice in fighting for the freedom and liberty that we enjoy today."

Dunn said Americans often too easily fail to remember the sacrifices of life and limb made by members of the nation's military.

"But there are many who remember vividly, as the lives affected were sons, daughters, friends, spouses, co-workers and neighbors," she said. "They're unselfish sacrifice was made with the assurance that life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness required the ultimate service to their nation."

Memorial Day, Dunn said, is a celebration of the memory of all who have fought and defended our right to freedom.

"Memorial Day is one day out of the year for the nation to get together and remember, reflect and honor those who have given all in service to their country," she said.

Dunn shared personal reflections about Sylvester Cook and Travis Manion. She and a few of her fellow USD students found Cook's grave in a country cemetery near Newcastle, NE.

Cook, who died in 1907, served with the

12th Iowa Infantry 116 GAR. "We were able to trace not a whole lot about his military service or career, but about his family. We found that his family dates back to 1772, when his relatives arrived in Connecticut," Dunn said. "We may never know much about Sylvester's service, but I can still honor him every year on Memorial Day."

Dunn also spoke of Manion, a 1st lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps from Doylestown, PA, who served two tours in Iraq.

During his final patrol mission in April 2007, Manion was killed by enemy sniper fire while fighting to defend against an enemy ambush.

The Iraqis named their operating base Combat Outpost (COB) Manion, one of only a few Iraqi facilities named for an American service member. Manion was awarded the Silver Star and the Bronze Star with Valor for his actions in Iraq.

After hearing Manion's widow speak at a conference recently, Dunn decided to become involved in the Travis Manion Foundation, which is dedicated to provide "challenge grants" to survivors of fallen American heroes, active duty troops, veterans, and military family members. Grants are given for service projects, furthering education, physical challenges, and other needs. Grant recipients are challenged to keep the spirit of service and love of country alive for every fallen hero.

"The foundation attests to Travis' life motto: 'If not me, then who?' The foundation honors the fallen by challenging the living," Dunn said. "The challenge is to continue your service to your community in memory of those who have fallen."

Monday's observance included music by the vocal duo of Paul Granaas and Daniel Bellis, the reading of General John Logan's Orders, the honor roll call, and the placing of wreaths by members of American Legion Post 1 and its auxiliary, and VFW Post 3061 and its auxiliary.

The service ended with a rifle salute to honor the dead by the VFW Honor Guard, and the playing of "Taps."

Personalized voter information for upcoming election available online

South Dakota Secretary of State Jason Gant announced today that personalized voter information is available online through the Voter Information Portal (V.I.P.) at sdsos.gov. Any person registered to vote in South Dakota can use V.I.P. to access information for upcoming elections including the June 5 primary election.

"Those registered to vote in South Dakota can simply enter their name and date of birth to access the information," Gant said. "There they will find all sorts of

helpful information like their voter registration status, polling place, location, sample ballot and absentee ballot tracking if applicable."

Voters can use V.I.P. to check on everything from their political party to county and address of registration. Additionally, general information like acceptable forms of voter identification for polling places, how to update a registration and contact information for county election officials is accessible.

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