

Fire marshal urges fireworks safety

With retail sale of fireworks now open in South Dakota, State Fire Marshal Paul Merriman is asking residents to play it safe as they celebrate the Fourth of July holiday.

Fireworks sales are legal from June 27 through July 5 in South Dakota. Fireworks may be discharged in the state during that same period, unless local ordinances set tighter limits, Merriman said.

Cities may adopt more stringent limits on use of fireworks. It's best to check local ordinances and regulations, he said.

"Fireworks are a traditional part of the Independence Day celebration, but every year we have a few injuries and some unintentional fires," Merriman said. "This year, conditions across much of South Dakota are extremely dry, and we really need everyone to cooperate in using common sense with their fireworks."

Two simple safety tips are to follow the instructions on the product and to avoid using fireworks in places where a fire could start, Merriman said.

"Err on the side of caution, and if there's any doubt at all whether you are in a safe location, please find a better spot to use your fireworks," he said. "Beyond that, if the instructions say to light the fuse and get away, please do that. Don't combine different types of fireworks or try to explode home-made ones. Keep a source of water handy and never try to relight a dud."

Merriman also reminded parents that, while sparklers are popular with younger children, they can cause painful burns and should be used with adult supervision.



OBITUARIES

LuVern Swenson

LuVern Frances Swenson, 91, of Vermillion, passed away at the Sanford Vermillion Care Center of Vermillion on Saturday, June 23, 2012.

A funeral service was held at Dalesburg Lutheran Church at 10 a.m. on Thursday, June 28, 2012, with Rev. Steve Martens officiating. Burial took place at the Black Hills National



SWENSON

Cemetery in the Black Hills, South Dakota, the following day.

LuVern grew up on a farm in rural Dalesburg. She worked in Vermillion at the local courthouse and as a dental assistant. She married Robert Swenson in 1961 in DeSmet, and was a devoted wife to him. His job with the Soil Conservation Service led them to live in many places throughout the U.S., such as Parker; Texas; Arkansas; Huron; and finally Rapid City, where they stayed until his passing.

A few years after Robert's passing, LuVern moved back to Vermillion to stay with her sister, Hazel, until she moved into the Vermillion Care Center in 2008. While living in Vermillion, and throughout her

life, LuVern remained a devoted member of Dalesburg Lutheran Church, regardless of where she lived.

LuVern is survived by her sister, Hazel Wherry; her cousins, Sigrid Nissen, and Eleanor Vee; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Anna (Bystrom) Boline; her husband, Robert Swenson; her brothers, Marshall (Ruth) Boline, Harley Boline, and Milton (Margaret) Boline; and her nephew, Kent Boline.

Services have been entrusted to Kober Funeral Home of Vermillion, South Dakota.

Condolences may be posted online at www.koberfuneralhome.com

Delphine Millette

Delphine Frances Millette, 94, of Vermillion, passed away at the Sanford Vermillion Hospital of Vermillion on Wednesday, June 20, 2012.

Visitation took place from 5 to 7 p.m. with a rosary service at 7 p.m. and a wake service at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 24, 2012, at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Vermillion. A funeral mass was held at St. Agnes Catholic Church at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, June 25, 2012, with Father John Fischer officiating. Burial was in the Calvary Cemetery in Vermillion following the service.

Delphine was born in Linn, MO, on Oct. 9, 1917, to John and Lydia (Tillman) Lehman.

She married Joseph Phillip Millette on July 12, 1945, in St. Louis, MO, and they remained happily married until his passing in 1999.



MILLETTE

In her free time Delphine loved to quilt, spend time in her garden, read, and bake. She was also known to be a person to offer a helping hand to anyone that needed it.

Delphine is survived by her

children, Nancy (Craig) Edelman, and Richard (Linda) Millette; her grandchildren, Shelby Edelman, Lisa Terrell, Dennis White, Clinton White, and Wallace White; her great-grandchild, Laramie Terrell; her sisters, Dorothy Boessen, Mildred McMichael, and Lorraine Schmich; and her sister-in-law, Teresa Marshall.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Lydia Lehman; her husband, Joseph Phillip Millette; and her brother, Arthur "Art" Lehman.

Services have been entrusted to Kober Funeral Home of Vermillion.

Condolences may be posted online at www.koberfuneralhome.com.

Kathryn Brodersen

Kathryn Brodersen, age 84, of Elk Point, formerly of Westington Springs, died Thursday, June 21, 2012 at Prairie Estates Nursing Home in Elk Point.

Her funeral was 1:30 p.m. Thursday, June 28, 2012 at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in Huron with burial at Restlawn Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Visitation with family present was from 12 to 1:30 p.m. the day of the funeral at the church. Visit welterfuneralhome.com.



BRODERSEN

Kathryn Brodersen was born on March 9, 1928 to Paul and Mary (Stahl) Wipf in Yale, SD. She graduated from Hitchcock High School in 1945. In 1948, Kathryn graduated from St. John's School of Nursing, in Huron.

Kathryn was united in marriage to Kenneth Brodersen on Oct. 13, 1949. She was a Registered Nurse at the Huron Clinic and Westington Springs Hospital and Care Center. She and Kenneth moved to Custer, where she then worked at Custer Community Hospital and South Dakota Developmental Center, until her retirement in 1995. She moved to Elk Point in 2008.

Kathryn was a member of Our Redeemers Lutheran Church in Custer. She loved everything about antiques. In her spare time, she would knit, fish, and listen to books on tape. What she most enjoyed was

spending time with her grandkids.

Kathryn is survived by her son, Brad (Karol) Brodersen of Vermillion; two grandchildren, Trisha (Ryan) Justice of Cedar Park, TX and Tim (Natalie) Brodersen of Golden, CO; three great-grandchildren, Camden and Clara Justice and Wren Brodersen; a brother-in-law, Peter Wipf of Kentucky, and three sisters-in-law, Evelyn Wipf of Kentucky, Marion Lehnerr of Washington, and Geri Wipf of Georgia.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Kenneth in 1985; three sisters, Irene Wipf, Janice Wipf, and Mary Ann Zuccaro; and two brothers, Maurice Wipf and Robert Wipf.

Her beautiful smile and fun loving nature will be remembered by family, many nieces, nephews and other relatives, and all who called her friend.

Beverly Brady

Beverly Mae Brady, 82, of Wakonda, passed away Tuesday, June 26, 2012 at the Avera Heart Hospital in Sioux Falls.

Beverly Letcher was born on May 1, 1930 in Mitchell, to Charles and Isadore (Hazen) Letcher. She grew up in the Alexandria area and graduated from Alexandria High School. She attended the Mitchell Business School in Mitchell and worked as a bookkeeper for Mitchell Motors from 1950 until 1954.

Beverly was united in marriage on Feb. 14, 1954 to Cecil Wayne Brady Jr. Beverly and Cecil owned and operated the Eastside Service "Brady's Station" in Wakonda for many years. Beverly pumped gas, fixed tires and did all the duties of owning and running a gas station finally retiring in 1987.

She enjoyed gardening, knitting, crocheting and puzzles. She was a member of the Bethel Baptist Church and Bible study in Wakonda, the Wakonda Senior Citizens and the American Legion Auxiliary.

Grateful for having shared her life are her three sons, Scott (Benita "Bunny") of Montrose, Dan (Kim) of Sioux Falls and Kevin (Laura) of Vermillion; eight grandchildren, Troy,

Derek, Molly, Craig, David, Austin, Marissa and Carson; six great-grandchildren; and special friends, Lois Larson and Alberta Pearson.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Cecil; a sister, Marguerite; and a brother, Justin.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, June 29 at the Bethel Baptist Church in

Wakonda with burial to follow in the Union Cemetery, rural Wakonda. Visitation was Thursday, June 28 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Hansen Funeral Home in Irene. Beverly's family would like to thank the staff of the Avera Heart Hospital for their exceptional care and friendship. hansenfuneralhome.com.

New law allows veterans designation on South Dakota drivers license

South Dakota's Departments of Public Safety and Veterans Affairs remind military veterans that a new law taking effect July 1 allows them to have a veteran designation on their state-issued driver license.

The 2012 Legislature passed the law, which gives honorably discharged veterans the option of adding the word "Veteran" to the front of their South Dakota driver license.

Including that designation on the driver license will make it easier for those who have served in the military to verify their veteran status.

"South Dakota is home to over 74,000 veterans who have protected and served our great nation. The launch of this new 'veteran' identification will provide a convenient identification for veterans," said Steve Harding, deputy secretary for the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs. "This initiative is a perfect example of state agencies working together to assist those who have served and sacrificed for our nation."

Veterans who wish to add the designation to their driver license or non-driver ID card may visit any South Dakota driver license office. They will need to present their DD-214, which shows their honorable discharge status from active duty or present a certificate signed by a county or tribal veterans service officer verifying their status. Veterans should also remember that the fee for a duplicate license is \$10 and the fee for a license renewal is \$20.

Cindy Gerber, director of the South Dakota Driver Licensing Program, reminds veterans that they will need to provide the other documents required of any applicant for a South Dakota driver license.

Those documents may be viewed at http://dps.sd.gov/licensing/driver_licensing/obtain_a_license.aspx.

"We are happy to work with Deputy Secretary Harding and his staff to provide this opportunity to the men and women who have served their country honorably in the military," Gerber said.

Gerber also said veterans who have questions about the documents or the process may call her office at (800) 952-3696 or (605) 773-6883.

Harding encourages veterans who need assistance with obtaining their DD214 or who have questions regarding their benefits to contact their respective county/tribal veterans' service officer or call the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs at (605) 773-3269.

Here is a summary of the documents required for obtaining a driver license. If you think you may have difficulty obtaining any of the necessary documents, please call the Driver Licensing Program.

One identity document, such as a certified birth certificate or a valid unexpired U.S. passport. (Note: If your name is different than the name on your identity document, you will need to bring additional proof of your legal name, such as a certified marriage certificate, adoption document or divorce decree. A passport will work, if the name on the passport matches the name on your current driver license).

One document proving Social Security number. Acceptable documents are a Social Security card, W-2 form, SSA 1099 form or pay stub (which must include Social Security number and name).

Two documents proving residential address. Acceptable documents include utility bill, credit card statement, pay stub, rent receipt, phone bill, transcript or report card from accredited school, bank statement, mortgage or tax document, homeowner or renter insurance policy. (A parent's proof of address is acceptable for a minor child.)

Mentoring youth pays dividends

Mentoring youth does pay dividends for both adults and youth. The youth build a strong relationship with their match, while adults report seeing the child open up and really become more engaging at home, in school and in social settings.

The Clay-Union Foundation would like to match youth in our area, so they too can have the benefit of a caring adult mentor who can share new hobbies, interests and ideas with them.

A 16-year-old girl in Vermillion, a 12-year-old

boy in Jefferson, a 13-year-old boy in Elk Point and two 14-year-old girls in Elk Point are all seeking an adult mentor.

Contact John Gille at (605) 421-5050 for more details, or go to the Web site <http://www.clay-unionfoundation.org/> for an application.

The program is funded by many area businesses, organizations and in part by the United Way of Vermillion.

Christopher Olson benefit is July 8

A benefit for Christopher Olson will be held Sunday, July 8 at the Eagles Club, located at 114 W. Main St. in Vermillion.

Olson needs to have life-saving heart surgery in Michigan, and proceeds from the benefit will assist his family with expenses. He is the baby son of Brian and Ellen Olson, and the grandson of Don and Jane Olson.

The event will begin at 4 p.m. with a spaghetti dinner, followed by an auction and entertainment at 5 p.m. The meal is \$5 per person, and is free for those 12 and under. Free-will donations are

welcome. Donations are also being accepted at Bank of the West - Christopher Olson Account.

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