

## OBITUARIES

### HAROLD STEPHENS

Harold Thomas Stephens, 68, of Burbank, South Dakota, a wonderful loving husband, and father, passed away peacefully on Monday, November 17, 2014, after a long battle with Leukemia at Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

The Celebration of Harold's life was held at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, November 22, 2014 at Kober Funeral Home in Vermillion, SD with Pastor Rachel Ciupek-Reed officiating. A visitation with video tribute was one hour prior to the services.

Burial of ashes will be at a later date at North Lawn



Stephens

Memorial Park Cemetery in Spencer, Iowa. Harold was born on December 12, 1945 in Tecumseh, Nebraska to George Earl and Edna May (Hollmer) Stephens.

He attended and graduated from Heelan High School, Sioux City, Ia. in 1964. He obtained his Bachelor's degree in Computer Science and graduated from Mankato State University in Mankato, Minnesota in 1989.

He married the love of his life, Carol Madagan, whom

he met in August of 1964 while he was working at Arnolds Park, IA. They were married four years later on December 21, 1968 at Montgomery Methodist Church in Montgomery, Iowa and the two remained happily married until his passing.

He enlisted in the USAF in 1964. He served for 22 years until his retirement in 1986. He was stationed in Thailand and Guam during the Vietnam War. He was stationed with his family in England and Okinawa, Japan along with several states within the United States.

When he retired from the military, he worked for Crystal Tips in Spirit Lake, Iowa from 1989 to 1994 in the

warehouse, Gateway in North Sioux City, South Dakota from 1994 to 2003 as an engineer, Wal-Mart in Yankton and Vermillion, South Dakota from 2003 to 2008 as an associate in sporting goods, and H&R Block in Vermillion, South Dakota from 2009 to 2013.

Harold liked hunting, fishing, camping and working with computers. He loved his dogs and cats. He liked being outdoors, and target shooting with his children. He spent most of his time with his family and loved being with them and teasing his wife. He was a fun and loving person.

He is survived by his wife, Carol of Burbank, South

Dakota; his daughters, Teresa Stephens, and Patricia Stephens, both of Burbank, South Dakota; his son, Todd Stephens of Vermillion, South Dakota; his sister, Margaret Johnson of Sioux City, Iowa, and his sister and brother-in-law, Florence and Kenneth Coolidge of Lincoln, Nebraska; his brother and sister-in-law, Joseph and Teresa Stephens of Cantonment, Florida; and many nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George Earl and Edna May (Hollmer) Stephens; his brothers, Daniel William Stephens and James Edward Stephens; his brother-in-law, Dallas Wayne

Johnson, and sister-in-law Betty Ann (Madagan) Moore.

The Kober Funeral Home of Vermillion has been entrusted with the services.

Condolences may be posted online at www.kober-funeralhome.com.

### JACK NOBLE

Jack Noble, 91, of Vermillion, SD passed away Tuesday, October 14 at the Sanford Vermillion Hospital. Memorial services will be 11:00 AM Friday, November 28 at the United Church of Christ in Vermillion, SD, and his body is being donated to the Sanford USD School of Medicine. HansenFuneral-Home.com.

## CHAMBER CHAT

### CHAMBER BUSINESS:

A Holiday Gift from the Chamber Members to the Community: The VDCDC is conducting a Vermillion Bucks sale. We are offering \$10,000 in Vermillion Bucks available for purchase in \$100 bundles of \$20 denominations at the discounted rate of \$85 per bundle. This equates to an immediate discount of 15% off on all products and services in Vermillion. They can be purchased at the VDCDC office at 116 Market Street. Limited to 2 bundles per family.

### THURSDAY, NOV. 27

The VDCDC office will be closed for Thanksgiving, Thurs. & Fri., Nov. 27-28

### FRIDAY, DEC. 5

"The Spirit of Christmas": The Special Events Committee for the Vermillion Area Chamber and Development Company (VDCDC) is sponsoring the 6th Annual Parade of Lights in Downtown Vermillion on Fri., Dec. 5 at 6:30 pm. Vermillion area merchants, businesses, schools and organizations are encouraged to put together a float or entry for the parade. The theme is The Spirit of Christmas, so get your creativity flowing and enter! First, second and third places will be awarded. Entry forms can be found on the VDCDC website, www.vermillionchamber.com, or at the Chamber office at 116 Market St. Deadline to enter is Dec. 1. During the parade, CoTrust Bank will be serving hot chocolate to the public.

At the end of the parade, Santa and Mrs. Claus will light the community Christmas Tree at Ratingen Platz on the corner of Market and Main Streets. After the tree lighting, children and parents are invited to the Edith B. Siegrist Public Library for Stockings for Soldiers, an opportunity to make a FREE ornament to take home, and to decorate a stocking for a soldier serving overseas or at the VA Hospital, sponsored by the library. Enjoy hot cocoa and treats. Santa will visit with children by the fireplace, so don't forget to come with your wish list.

### SATURDAY, DEC. 6

Children 11 and under are encouraged to enter a coloring contest for a chance to have Lunch with Santa, sponsored by HyVee, on Sat., Dec. 6 at 11:30 am at HyVee. Coloring pages will be available at the public schools, HyVee and the VDCDC office at 116 Market St. The coloring entries must be received by Nov. 25.

Also on Sat., Dec. 6 from 12:30 to 2:30, bring the children for FREE pictures with Santa at HyVee by Peterman Photography. For more information please call the VDCDC office at 605-624-5571.

Business after Hours: Are you looking for an opportunity to showcase your business and network with your peers? Sign up to host a Business After Hours event! These events generally run from 5:00-7:00 pm on a weeknight and the hosting business provides hors d'oeuvres and

refreshments. If interested, please contact Ann at: annb@vermillionchamber.com or at 624-5571.

### THIS WEEK'S HAPPENINGS: ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Donation items most needed at the Food Pantry are: Pasta sides, rice sides, canned corn, pork-n-beans, small jars of jelly or honey, canned tuna, canned spaghetti, ravioli, mac-n-cheese, chunky soups, cereal, fruit juices, Hamburger/Chicken/Tuna Helper, canned fruits, applesauce, laundry detergent, rice, chili, fresh produce, toothpaste, and hotel shampoo. The Food Pantry is located at Trinity Lutheran Church, 816 E Clark St.

Veteran Holiday Relief Drive: Benefiting homeless and at-risk Veterans and Military Families. Contribute an American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) "Buddy Basket" (filled with household items), a single household or hygiene item, winter apparel, shopping gift cards, or monetary donation through Jan. 10, 2015. Vermillion Drop-Off locations: The Broadcaster/Plain Talk 201 W Cherry St. or Main Street Center 320 West Main St. through Jan. 10, 2015. Monetary Donations can be mailed to ATTN: VETS RELIEF DRIVE: American Legion Ben 16 East Bloomingdale St. Vermillion or South Dakota Operation: Military Kids SDSU West River AG Center 1905 Plaza Blvd. Rapid City, SD 57702 (SD Central Funds Office). Please join the Dept. of South Dakota American Legion Auxiliary and Autumn Simunek, Miss Oahe and partners in providing a comfortable Holiday Season to our Veterans and military families in need throughout South Dakota. For additional locations/questions: Email: Autumn.Simunek@gmail.com.

Dakota Hospital Foundation Wreath Decorating Contest: participants may submit a live or artificial decorated wreath along with registration form by Mon., Dec. 1 from 8 am to 6 pm at Sanford Vermillion, 102 S. Plum St. For earlier drop off, call Sanford Vermillion. Wreaths will be auctioned at the Dakota Hospital Foundation Tree of Lights Open House & Wreath Auction, Tues., Dec. 2, 5-7:00 pm at Vermillion Event Center. Mid-week Services Wednesdays, 7:00pm. (605)253-2622. www.dalesburgbaptist.org

Toy Drive: now through Fri., Dec. 12, 5:00 pm at Law School. Pay it forward! Please help Native American children to have Christmas! Ideas: color books, crayons, markers, nail sets, crafts, books, dolls, cars, hair accessories or toys of any kind will be greatly appreciated. Donation box will be in the Law School Student Commons.

### SUNDAY, NOV. 16

3:28 a.m. — Caller reported loud music and the odor of marijuana in her apartment building. Officer checked the area but were unable to locate any loud music or odors.

8:12 p.m. — Caller reported being assaulted by a female acquaintance. Investigation resulted in the woman being arrested for assault.

### MONDAY, NOV. 17

12:54 a.m. — An officer stopped a vehicle after witnessing multiple traffic violations. The driver was intoxicated and was charged with DWI.

10:16 a.m. — 911 caller called and reported her ex-boyfriend was in her home throwing things around, the line was disconnected. Officers responded and stopped the violence. Investigation resulted in the man being arrested for domestic assault and interfering with an emergency communication.

### TUESDAY, NOV. 18

1:45 a.m. — A vehicle was stopped for entering a roadway from a private drive without stopping. Alcohol was found in and vehicle and the underage driver admitted it was his. He was cited.

8:29 a.m. — Officers responded to an unresponsive man. The man was deceased and the cause of death was natural causes

10:41 a.m. — Officers were

called to a report of a unresponsive man requiring medical care. On arrival officers found the man was deceased and had been for several days. Investigation revealed the death was caused by medical issues.

12:06 p.m. — An Officer stopped a car for running a stop sign. The driver had a warrant for his arrest out of Minnehaha County and was arrested. An inventory search of the vehicle pending impound resulted in the discovery of a pipe with burnt marijuana residue on it.

### WEDNESDAY, NOV. 19

2:00 a.m. — Officers saw a vehicle driving erratically and was preparing to stop it when it fled into an alley. When officers found the vehicle it was abandoned. The vehicle was parked on private property and the property owner later requested a tow truck to remove the vehicle.

9:29 a.m. — Caller reported a driver went around the school bus, which was stopped with its flashers going and the arm sign extended. Officers investigated, located the driver, and she admitted the offense was possible. Information was forwarded to State's Attorney.

5:59 p.m. — Officers conducted Alcohol Compliance Checks at local licensed businesses. Ten checks were conducted. Eight of the businesses passed the check and two failed. The two employees who fur-

nished alcohol to the undercover informants were cited.

### THURSDAY, NOV. 20

10:11 a.m. — Caller asked for police assistance in recovering his dog-tags that he had given to his ex-girlfriend and now wanted back. Officers contacted the ex-girlfriend who claimed the caller had a necklace of hers and she wanted it back as well. Officers explained to both parties that their dispute was civil and what the demands of each party were, and that police would not be further involved.

2:33 p.m. — Caller reported she had accidentally left cash in a self-checkout kiosk. When she remembered and returned the cash was gone. Video evidence is being reviewed, under investigation.

### FRIDAY, NOV. 21

5:07 a.m. — Caller reported two people yelling. Officer responded and contacted a man and woman who had previously been in a relationship and were known to officers. Investigation resulted in the woman being arrested for domestic assault and disorderly conduct.

6:29 p.m. — A car was stopped for no headlights. The driver did not have a valid driver's license and was cited.

11:22 p.m. — Caller reported receiving multiple text messages with veiled threats regarding a financial dispute. Officers interviewed both parties and determined the fi-

nancial issue was a civil issue. The subject texting was warned against escalating or threatening violence.

### SATURDAY, NOV. 22

12:06 a.m. — Caller reported a woman was attempting to get into a closed business. Officer responded and located the person in question. She had thought the business would be open. No criminal acts occurred.

12:24 a.m. — Caller reported an underage woman was drinking alcohol at a local bar. Officers responded and found the woman. She admitted to drinking alcohol and was cited for underage consumption.

2:07 a.m. — An officer saw a verbal argument escalating. He pulled over and was approaching the two subjects and saw one of the subjects push and punch the second subject several times. At that point, the suspect saw the officer and immediately fled on foot. The man was not identified. The victim did not want medical treatment and provided no information regarding the suspect.

2:11 a.m. — While on foot patrol, an officer was approached by an elderly man who appeared confused and asked for help. The officer provided care while waiting for the ambulance to arrive.

1:55 p.m. — Caller reported an elderly woman had fallen and hit her head. Officers responded and provided treatment until the ambulance arrived.

## SHERIFF'S REPORT

### SUNDAY, NOV. 16

10:13 a.m. — A caller reported concerns about his neighbor's dog. A deputy checked the welfare of the dog and found it had food and shelter and appeared healthy.

3:03 p.m. — A deputy received a report of a vehicle stuck in the ditch northeast of Vermillion. The deputy responded and found the vehicle belonged to a resident who lived nearby. The owner was contacted and stated he had slid off the road and become stuck. No accident report was needed.

### MONDAY, NOV. 17

3:27 p.m. — A deputy investigated a minor non-injury accident in Wakonda.

8:34 p.m. — A deputy assisted a trucking company with locating a truck parked at a former employee's residence in Clay County. The employee was located and he assisted in getting the truck to the employer.

### TUESDAY, NOV. 18

7:16 a.m. — A deputy responded to a car/deer accident on Highway 19 near Centerville.

8:29 a.m. — A deputy responded to assist Vermillion Police Officers with a death investigation and to certify the death as County Coroner after a 70 year old man was found deceased at a residence in Vermillion. The death was of natural causes.

10:41 a.m. — A deputy responded to assist Vermillion Police Officers with a death investigation involving a 22 year old man and to certify the death as Clay County Coroner.

### WEDNESDAY, NOV. 19

1:08 a.m. — A deputy investigated a minor non-injury accident northeast of Vermillion. A vehicle has slid off the road and become stuck but received no damage.

7:52 a.m. — A vehicle was

stopped and the driver was cited for speeding on 306th St.

8:18 a.m. — A deputy investigated a report that a registered sex offender moved away without giving proper notification. Charges are under consideration.

9:39 a.m. — A vehicle was stopped and the driver was cited for speeding on Highway 46.

### THURSDAY, NOV. 20

7:23 a.m. — A deputy investigated a car/deer crash on Highway 19 north of Vermillion.

5:06 p.m. — A deputy assisted a person who had vehicle problems on Highway 50 west of Vermillion. Traffic control was provided while the man resolved the issue.

9:47 p.m. — A deputy mediated a non-violent family dispute at a rural residence.

### FRIDAY, NOV. 21

1:28 p.m. — An inmate was transported to a doctor appointment

and then returned to the jail.

5:55 p.m. — A deputy investigated a trespassing complaint at a residence near Centerville.

10:04 p.m. — A deputy investigated a car/deer accident on Highway 46.

10:08 p.m. — A rural resident reported the sound of a gunshot near her residence. Officers responded but found no indication anyone was in the area or any damage from a gunshot.

### SATURDAY, NOV. 22

6:46 a.m. — A deputy investigated a car/deer accident on 302nd St.

11:47 a.m. — A caller reported a man walking along the highway south of Wakonda. A deputy checked on the man and found he did not need assistance.

## CHURCH SCHEDULES

### 1101 Announcements - Events

#### BERGEN LUTHERAN CHURCH

"The little white church on Timber Road". Worship 10:30 am, Sunday School 9:15 am.

#### BLESSED TERESA OF CALCUTTA CATHOLIC CHURCH

995 N. Sioux Point Road, Dakota Dunes, SD. Weekend Masses: Saturday, 4:30 p.m.; Sunday, 9:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

#### BRULE CREEK LUTHERAN CHURCH, Elk Point, SD: Worship Service 11:00am, Sunday School 9:45am to 10:45am.

#### CHRIST OUR SAVIOR

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod: Worship Sunday 6:00 p.m., Bible Study Tuesday, 9:00 p.m., Neuarth Center, 624-5398 or 1-800-998-1234

#### CHURCH OF CHRIST

102 Prosp: Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.; Bible Study 9:00 a.m.; Bible Study 12:00 noon; Wednesday Night Classes, 7:00 p.m.

#### CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

(LC-MS) 7 South University Street, Vermillion. Divine Service - Sunday, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School - Sunday, 9:00 a.m. Pastor Samuel Needham. Contact us at (605) 624-3459 or at lcmsvermillion.org

#### CORNERSTONE CHURCH

A Place To Grow: Located at the corner of Crawford & Cherry St. Celebration Service: Sunday during the School year 9:00am and 10:30am (subject to change during holidays) in the summer Sunday 10 AM. Check us out at cornerstonesd.org or call (624-8809) for further information.

### 1101 Announcements - Events

#### DALESBURG BAPTIST CHURCH

30503 466th Ave., Beresford, Pastor Darren Regehr. 9:45am, Sunday School; 11:00am, Morning Worship; Mid-week Services Wednesdays, 7:00pm. (605)253-2622. www.dalesburgbaptist.org

#### DALESBURG LUTHERAN CHURCH

12 miles North of Vermillion on University Road. Worship Services 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Website: www.dalesburglutheran.org

#### ELK POINT BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday worship at 11:00am, Wednesday evening Bible study at 7:00pm. 101 North Green St., Elk Point, SD 57069. (605)222-1981.

#### ELK POINT UNITED PARISH,

603 S Pearl Street, Elk Point, Pastor David Bambas, EPUP seeks to be and make disciples of Jesus Christ who are fully devoted to loving God and others. Sunday worship at 9:30 AM (nursery available); Adventurezone at 10:30 AM for preschool (3 as of Sept.) thru 5th grade. For more information call 605-356-2008, epups@iw.net or epunitedparish.org

#### FAITH FELLOWSHIP of the

Open Bible on Bypass 50 and Highway 19: Sunday Celebration 10:30 a.m. Pastor Tony Armbrust, 624-2921.

#### Faith Lutheran church 401

Main Street, Makell, NE. Sunday School: 9:00; Worship: 10:00 Communion: 1st and 3rd Sundays (605)658-0240 (home) (402)-692-3323 (church).

#### GAYVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH

9:00 am Worship, Sunday School 10:15 am.

### 1101 Announcements - Events

#### FAITH UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH

ELCA, 44874 303rd St/Bo Expo 168, Volin, SD 57072, (605)267-2277. Sunday Worship: 9:30am with Holy Communion the 1st & 4th Sundays. WOW Wednesday program beginning at 6:30pm for all children 3 yrs old - 7th grade, and confirmation classes for those in grades 8th & 9th.

#### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Elmer "Sandy" Aakre, Pastor 624-6391 home, 624-4658 church. Time: 9:15 Sunday School, 10:30 Worship. Sunday Choir Practice, 11:50 a.m.

#### FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Vermillion, is a welcome place reaching out to all God's people. Located at 16 N. Dakota St. Adult Sunday School 9am; Sunday Worship 10:25am; Children's Church after Children's Sermon (PreK-5). Welcome Table-serving free meal Mondays 5:30-7pm. Youth Group with Meal (Gr. 6-8) Wednesdays 5:30-7pm. High School Youth Group 7pm. Adult Choir Rehearsal 7pm. Praise Band rehearsal 8pm. Friday Morning Book Study and Breakfast 6:45am. Call (605)624-2179 for more info. Pastor Rick Pittenger.

#### GOSPEL CHAPEL CHURCH

708 Jessie St./Highway 12, Newcastle, NE. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday worship 10:30 a.m.; AWANA Wednesday at 7 p.m., 402-355-2305. Pastor Chuck Myers, 402-355-1335.

#### GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH

SBC, Pastor Steve Ford, 1102 E. Main. Phone 624-4949. Adult's and Children's Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m. Prayer Meeting Wednesday Night 7 p.m.

### 1101 Announcements - Events

#### HILLSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH

1800 Constance Dr. Worship Sept.-May 10:30a.m. AWANA Small groups; 9-10:15. Worship May-August 10a.m., 605-624-4862.

www.hillside-cc.com Like us on Facebook!

#### IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Elk Point, SD: Worship Service 9:00 a.m., Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

#### KOMSTAD COVENANT CHURCH

Rural Beresford and Centerville, SD: Matt Styles, Pastor. 18 miles north on University Road. Phone 563-2402. Sunday School 10 a.m., Worship Service 11 a.m.

#### ONE HOUR

Sunday evening Experience at ONE HOUR is comprised of two primary elements: powerful worship and a life-changing message. Worship at ONE HOUR is led by a talented live band in a style that is consistent with today's culture and a relevant teaching message from LifeChurch.tv's senior pastor, Craig Groeschel, via video broadcast. The worship is intense and the teaching is challenging but the environment will be relaxed and casual. ONE HOUR on the USD Campus at the MUC, 6:30pm Sundays! www.one-hour.org

#### PLEASANT VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Rural Vermillion: Sunday School 9:45 a.m., Worship Service 10:30 a.m., Holy Communion First Sunday of every month. All welcome.

### 1101 Announcements - Events

#### PROVIDENCE REFORMED CHURCH

830 Madison: Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. "We Welcome You To Historic Protestant Worship And Fellowship."

#### ST. AGNES CHURCH

416 Walker St., Fr. John Fischer: St. Agnes Church and Parish Office, tele. 624-4478. St. Agnes Rectory, 505 Catalina, tele. 624-1995. Mass schedule: 5 p.m. Saturday, 8:00 a.m. and 10:30a.m. Sunday, Weekday Masses - consult weekly bulletin; Sacrament of Penance, Saturday 4-4:45p.m.

#### ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

31903 475th Ave, Elk Point, SD 57025, Sunday Service 10:30 am, 9am Sunday School Pastor David Bentz.

#### ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

corner of Main and Linden. Sunday: nursery available. 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist. 11:00 a.m. coffee hour. Call 624-3379 for more information.

#### THE LUTHER CENTER AT USD

Life at the corner of campus and faith. Located at Cherry & Plum Streets, Vermillion. We worship weekly on Wednesday evenings at 8:30pm and host service and fellowship events throughout the year. Visit us online at www.luthercenter.org or find us on facebook!

www.plaintalk.net</