

OBITUARIES

Werner Kitzler

Werner Erwin Kitzler, age 73, of Vermillion, South Dakota, died of congestive heart failure in Rochester, Minnesota on Thursday, October 29, 2015.



Kitzler

A visitation was held from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., on Monday, November 2, 2015 at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Vermillion with a prayer service at 7 p.m.

A Memorial Mass was held at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, November 3, 2015 at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Vermillion with Fr. Regynski officiating.

Werner was born to Walter and Martha (Nowak) Kitzler on May 23, 1942 in Roththalmuenster, Bavaria, Germany, the eldest of four children.

In 1956, the family left Germany for Sarnia in Ontario, Canada where they worked and learned English and prepared for their next journey to Yankton, South Dakota. After graduating from high school and taking some college courses, Werner not yet a citizen proudly served in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Germany, enjoying his job as a driver and interpreter for Col. Douglas C. France.

After he was discharged in the Army and studying for a year in Puerto Rico, Werner, became a U.S. citizen in 1966, completing his B.A. at the University of South Dakota and earning his M.A. and Ph.D. at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln.

He married the love of his life, Janice Ludgate of Flandreau, South Dakota on February 1, 1969 and together they forged a union which was filled with love, joy, compassion for others, love of languages, learning, travel, and most of all, mentoring and assisting young people of all nationalities, and hosting many, many students over the years in their home.

In 1973, Werner began teaching German language, literature and culture at USD, a long and devoted career which spanned 40 years. For over 30 years, Werner organized annual study tours for both high school and college students to Germany, a tireless work which helped contribute to the establishment of Vermillion's Sister City program with Ratingen, Germany, as well as academic programs with universities in Oldenburg and Jena, Germany. He was awarded the Service Cross of Honor from both Germany and Austria for his work in helping develop programs for young people.

Gregarious and passionate for life and intellectual pursuits, Werner also loved the simple joys

of life; fishing, autumn, soccer, baking bread, nature, students, his family, and had found peace with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Werner is survived by his loving wife for 46 years, Janice of Vermillion; his son, David (Claudia) Kitzler of Marietta, GA; his daughter, Suzanna (Greg) Beran of Lincoln, NE; his grandchildren, Gabriela, Benjamin Kitzler, and Ethan Werner Beran; his brother, Wolfgang of Embarrass, MN; his sister, Teddy Bender of Lone Tree CO; his maternal aunt, Maria Lipinsky of Duisburg, Germany and treasured nieces, nephews, cousins, colleagues and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and his brother, Walter Claus.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to St. Agnes School in memory of Werner Kitzler.

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

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

Amber Hansen

Amber Louise Hansen, 29, of Yankton, SD, formerly of Vermillion died unexpectedly on Monday, October 26.

Amber was born December 16,

1985 in Emmetsburg IA to Tim and Michelle (Knudsen) Hansen.

She is survived by her four children; Talen, Keaton, Adeline and Ila, also her mother Michelle and Husband Dave Hitzemann of Vermillion and her father Tim and his wife Cindy Hansen of Emmetsburg, her two sisters; Kela and Taira Hansen and Grandparents Dick and Betty Knudsen of Coon Rapids, IA.

She was preceded in death by her brother Sterling Hansen and grandmother Anna Marie Hansen.

Memorial services were held at 4:00 PM Friday October 30th at the Faith Fellowship Church in Vermillion with visitation 1 hour prior to the service. HansenFuneralHome.com.

Norma Jean Thomson

Norma Jean Thomson was born March 29, 1946 in Corsica, SD to Ivan and Martha (Vanden Hoek) Muckey. She passed away on October 29, 2015 at her home in Centerville, SD at the age of 69.

Norma graduated from Dakota Christian High School in 1964. Norma married John McDowell on May 26, 1966. He died January 9, 1968 while serving his country in Vietnam. After spending a year at Dordt College she began her

teaching career at Toft country school near Corsica and Loneman country school near Armour. She attended several colleges earning a Bachelor's Degree and later a Master's Degree in Education. On August 15, 1971 she married Keith Thomson. Norma was a middle school teacher in Vermillion and then went back to school and earned a Master's Degree in Administration. She was the elementary principal in Centerville from 1985 until her retirement. Keith passed away in 2000 and Norma continued to reside in Centerville until the present time.

Her survivors include a son Jamie (Sue) McDowell, Sioux Falls; two granddaughters, Sasha and Maya McDowell, Sioux Falls; a sister, Karen (Jerry) Wattier, Pierre, SD; a brother, Scott (Sheryl) Muckey, Corsica; three nieces, Erin Muckey, New Haven, CT, Michelle Wattier, Waterloo, IA and Amanda (Tim) Schaeffer, Tea, SD; a nephew Erik Muckey, Sioux Falls; and many other relatives and friends.

Norma was preceded in death by her parents Ivan and Martha Muckey, husbands John McDowell and Dr. Keith Thomson and her sister Donna Riggert.

A memorial reception with family present was held on Wednesday, November 4, 2015 from 2PM to 4PM at Wass Funeral Home in Centerville.

CLAY COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

SUNDAY, OCT. 25

4:13 a.m. - A Burbank resident reported that his girlfriend forged his name onto a check that she wrote through his bank account. The case has been sent to the State's Attorney for a review of any applicable criminal charges.

7:53 p.m. - A deputy responded along with a Highway Patrol Trooper to a report of two vehicles striking the same deer on Highway 50 east of Vermillion.

9:47 p.m. - A Wakonda resident requested a deputy to respond to Wakonda to tell his neighbor to turn down his music. A deputy responded but could hear no music playing in the area.

MONDAY, OCT. 26

11:29 a.m. - The County Highway Department reported someone dumped branches on the county property at 306th St and University Road.

1:12 p.m. - A deputy investigated a report from a rural Meckling resident who received photos in the mail in an envelope with suspicious markings and return address on it.

TUESDAY, OCT. 27

10:40 a.m. - An inmate was transported to a medical appointment and then was returned to the jail.

12:50 p.m. - A female inmate was transported from the Minnehaha County Jail to the Clay County Jail for a Clay County warrant.

3:37 p.m. - An inmate who was wanted in Clay County was transported from the Minnehaha County Jail to the Clay County Jail after resolving Minnehaha County charges.

8:43 p.m. - A deputy responded to a medical emergency in Wakonda where a woman had reported she overdosed on medication. The woman was admitted for evaluation and a mental health petition was submitted for a committal process.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 28

8:45 a.m. - Deputies mediat-

ed a domestic dispute at a rural Vermillion residence. There was no indication of any physical assault. Terms regarding child care were agreed upon which resolved the dispute.

2:51 p.m. - A deputy transported an inmate from the State Penitentiary in Springfield to the Clay County Jail to attend a court appearance.

6:24 p.m. - Deputies arrested a woman with a Clay County warrant at a Vermillion business and transported her to the jail.

8:31 p.m. - A woman was transported from the jail to the Human Services Center in Yankton on an involuntary mental health hold.

THURSDAY, OCT. 29

1:11 p.m. - Following a court appearance in Clay County, a deputy transported an inmate back to the State Penitentiary in Springfield.

2:07 p.m. - A deputy transported a patient with an involuntary mental health hold from the Vermillion Hospital to the Yankton Hospital for medical purposes. Once medically cleared, the patient will be transported to The Human Services Center in Yankton as a result of the involuntary mental health hold.

3:45 p.m. - A deputy investigated a report of a registered sex offender not responding to a letter from the Division of Criminal Investigation as required by law. The matter is under investigation.

4:20 p.m. - A woman who was wanted for a Clay County warrant was transported from the Minnehaha County Jail to the Clay County Jail.

5:07 p.m. - A deputy responded to a report of a semi parked on the shoulder on Hwy 50, west of Vermillion. It was discovered that the trailer had started to smoke while driving down the road. The driver stopped and disconnected the trailer and was waiting on a tow truck to come remove it from the road.

6:57 p.m. - A deputy mediated a civil dispute between two men

at a residence north of Vermillion.

FRIDAY, OCT. 30

7:44 a.m. - A deputy responded to a car vs deer accident on Hwy 50 near Vermillion. The injured deer was located a short distance from the vehicle and the deputy had to euthanize the animal. The vehicle sustained minor damage and was able to be driven from the scene.

8:12 a.m. - A deputy checked on a vehicle that had broken down on Hwy 50 near Meckling. The owner informed the deputy that the vehicle was having mechanical problems and that he would have it removed later in the day. The vehicle was not an immediate traffic hazard and was later removed from the roadway.

10:50 a.m. - A patient was transported from the Yankton Hospital to the Human Services Center on an involuntary mental health hold.

1:19 p.m. - A deputy met a Union County deputy at the county line to exchange custody of an inmate who had an active Clay County warrant and had been incarcerated at the Union County Jail. Once the custody exchange was completed the deputy transported the inmate to the Clay County Jail.

9:44 p.m. - A deputy transported an inmate with a Clay County warrant from the Minnehaha County Jail to the Clay County Jail.

11:03 p.m. - A deputy assisted a conservation officer who had stopped a car and arrested a woman with an active warrant. The woman's teenage child had to be transported back to the Sheriff's Office where contact was made with a third party to come and take temporary custody of her until her mother is released from jail or a family member from out of state can come pick her up.

VERMILLION POLICE REPORT

MONDAY, OCT. 26

7:02 p.m. - Officers conducted alcohol compliance checks using underage confidential informants. Two businesses passed the compliance check, one business failed. The employee who failed was cited for furnishing alcohol to a minor.

TUESDAY, OCT. 27

9:36 a.m. - Officers responded to a medical call involving a patient who had accidentally cut her leg. Officers provide care until the ambulance could arrive.

3:18 p.m. - Caller reported a fight at local restaurant. Officers found the fight was over a civil dispute involving the sale of a used vehicle. One of the parties was arrested for simple assault.

8:53 p.m. - Caller reported an odor of marijuana in the hallway of a local hotel. Officers responded and located the room the odor was coming from. The occupant was smoking marijuana and had marijuana and drug paraphernalia. He was arrested on multiple charges.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 28

6:51 p.m. - Officers responded to a medical call involving a man having repeated seizures. Officer provided medical care until the ambulance arrived.

8:11 p.m. - Caller reported unknown person(s) had entered her vehicle and stolen her purse. The following day the caller found her purse which had not been stolen.

THURSDAY, OCT. 29

10:03 a.m. - FRAUD ALERT: Caller reported receiving an email threatening harm, warning her against calling the police, and insisting she send money. This is a fraud. Thieves send out large numbers of these emails hoping someone will believe them and pay the money. Call the police if you have questions about suspicious emails.

FRIDAY, OCT. 30

12:58 p.m. - An officer stopped a vehicle for speeding 48 mph in a 25 mph zone. The driver was suspended and

had two warrants, one out of Charles-Mix County and one out of Clay County both for driving while suspended. The subject was arrested.

SATURDAY, OCT. 31

2:21 a.m. - An officer stopped a vehicle for improper lane travel. The driver appeared intoxicated by both alcohol and drugs and was arrested for DWI.

2:27 a.m. - Officers responded to a report of a fight at a residence. On arrival, officers found a chaotic situation with people yelling, a smashed window on a car parked in front of the residence and general disarray. Investigation revealed a fight erupted after a subject was told to leave. The subject eventually smashed out the window of the car with a piece of PVC pipe. The subject was arrested.

5:38 p.m. - Caller reported

a woman pushing a stroller in the roadway on the bypass. An officer located the woman and told her she needs to use the sidewalk and not the roadway.

7:42 p.m. - Complainant reported receiving multiple harassing text messages over a couple days. It appeared that an unknown person was trying to text a picture that was not coming through. Officers suggested she blocked the number and contact her phone company for assistance.

11:33 p.m. - Officers contacted two men who were walking down the sidewalk drinking from open cans of beer. One was underage. Citations for underage consumption and open container were given.

11:52 p.m. - Officers responded to alcohol overdose and provided treatment until the ambulance arrived.

CLAY COUNTY COURTS

Cases Disposed Oct. 23 - 29, 2015

Afdahl, Joshua, Faith; Speeding On Other Roadways; Fine: \$19.

Armstead, Isaac, Vermillion; Renewal Registration During Assigned Month; Fine: \$54.

Barnett, Casey, Vermillion; Litter Ordinance Violation; Fine: \$104.

Cournoyer, Anthony, Vermillion; Simple Assault Intentionally Cause Bodily Injury 3rd Or Subsequent Offense; Dismissed-Motion By Prosecutor.

Engen, Zachary, Yankton; Speed On Four-Lane In Rural Areas; Fine: \$154.

Haley, Taylor, Mitchell; Litter Ordinance Violation; Fine: \$104.

Hamilton, Raymond, Vermillion; Insufficient Funds Check 2nd Degree \$100-\$500; Dismissed-Motion By Prosecutor.

Hook, Hunter, Volga; Urinating In Public; Fine: \$104.

Kapoor, Arun, Harrisburg; Open Container; Fine: \$54.

Lester, Kayla, Wakonda; Speeding On A State Highway; Fine: \$39.

Luschen, Chad, Vermillion; No Drivers License; Fine: \$54.

Marcelin Franklin, Rabin, Vermillion; Renewal Registra-

tion During Assigned Month; Fine: \$54.

McLaury, Megan, Vermillion; Renewal Registration During Assigned Month; Fine: \$54.

Moe, Erica, Sioux Falls; Speed On Four-Lane In Rural Areas; Fine: \$19.

Monson, Bailey, Sioux Falls; Illegal U-Turn; Fine: \$54.

Ramirez, Jairo, Lincoln, Nebraska; No Drivers License; Fine: \$54.

Rohde, Tyler, Wayne, Nebraska; Seat Belt Violation; Fine: \$25.

Simmons, Logan, Gayville; Overdriving Road Conditions; Fine: \$54.

Theodorff, Wayne, Centerville; Temporary Closing Of Highway; Fine: \$54.

Willia, Marshall, Sioux City, Iowa; Open Alcoholic Beverage Container Accessible In Vehicle; Fine: \$54.

CHAMBER CHAT

BUSINESS ANNOUNCEMENTS

• With all of the events that are held in the heart of downtown area, we would like to invite members from the downtown area businesses to participate with us to create an advisory committee regarding happenings, challenges, event coordination, etc. Please contact the VCDC at 624-5571 and/or contact: timb@vermillionchamber.com to be included.

• You can now go to: www.LiveVermillion.com and click on the tab "Things to Do" in the center of the page. It takes you directly to the community calendar of events listing all of the area's posted events. If your event is not listed, this page will allow you to submit an event to be included.

• W. H. Over Museum in Vermillion has established GEOCACHING CENTRAL (a one-stop location to learn all about geocaching...and how to participate in this GPS/cultural phenomena). This new project will provide family friendly entertainment for everyone that wants to experience the fun of geocaching. Education about geocache, lists of regional coordinate locations, new cache sites added, historical and cultural lists, how-to-guidance and even loaner GPS units are being created now. Future geocache events are also being planned and considered for inclusion at the Museum.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 11

• The Vermillion Area Chamber & Development Co. will be closed Wed., Nov. 11 in observance of Veterans Day

MONDAY, NOV. 16

• Please join us for an Open House and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at the Vermillion High School Commons, 1001 E Main St., on Mon., Nov. 16. Everyone is invited to help celebrate the completion of the High School's \$5.2 million renovation. The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will be at 5:15 pm and the Open House will be from 5:00 to 7:00. Tours will be given and appetizers will be served.

THIS WEEKS HAPPENINGS ANNOUNCEMENTS

• The Vermillion After Prom Committee is currently taking orders for Texas Roadhouse buns and butter. Buns are \$4.00/dozen and come frozen. The flavored butter is an 8oz container for \$2.00. We will have two pick up times the week prior to Thanksgiving. You may contact Sheri Quellette at saoulette@msn.com with any questions.

• The Clay-Union foundation is seeking new youth members and adult mentors. Youth 5-17 & adults 18 and up may apply online at www.clay-unionfoundation.org or through local school staff. The program has matched 143 youth, and more youth can join immediately. Call John Gille 605-421-5050 for more information

FRIDAY, NOV. 6

• Tech Hour: one-on-one sessions with Vermillion Public Library Tech Assistant to answer tech questions, Fri., Nov. 6, 10:30 am-12 pm. Call 677-7060 to register or stop by Circulation Desk to set up an appointment.

• Oral Interp: Sioux Falls Washington, Fri., Nov. 6, 3:45 pm (T)

• TBA - Debate: SF Washington, Fri., Nov. 6 (T)

• USD Jazz Ensembles, Fri., Nov. 6, 7:30 pm, Colton Recital Hall, Warren M. Lee Center for the Fine Arts

SATURDAY, NOV. 7

• USD to host TEDxUSD 2015, Sat., Nov. 7 featuring a diverse lineup of topics & speakers. Tickets to the live event in Old Main's Farber Hall are sold out, but it will be streamed on the Internet in the Muenster University Center & is open to the public

• TBA - Debate: SF Roosevelt, Sat., Nov. 7 (T)

• Tailgating at DakotaDome parking lot, Sat., Nov. 7, 9-12:30 pm followed by Coyote football vs Southern Illinois @ 1:00 pm

• Overeaters Anonymous: Sat., Nov. 7 @ 9:00 am. Location: Newman Center-USD Campus, 320 E. Cherry across from the MUC at the corner of Rose & Cherry St. (West Door-straight through double glass doors on left & first door on left; North Door-down hall to left &

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Early Deadlines

Plain Talk deadline for the November 27th issue will be **Monday, November 23rd at 4pm** for all display, classified ads and news articles.

Our offices will be closed Thursday, November 26th to observe the Thanksgiving holiday.

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