

# Wine and Whiskers event set for Nov. 5

## Trips, spa packages and more to be auctioned

Heartland Humane Society has geared up for the 2011 Wine and Whiskers to be held Saturday, Nov. 5, at Hillcrest Country Club in Yankton from 6 to 10 p.m.

The event will feature 47 auction packages to include trips to Hawaii, Florida and the Black Hills and wonderful local items such as a hot air balloon ride, spa packages, and more. The event also features wine and beer tasting, hors d'oeuvres, and live music.

"We are excited about the auction donations we've received," said Kerry Schmidt, executive director at Heartland

Humane Society. "Tickets are selling fast and we expect to sell out before Nov. 5."

Tickets are \$50 per person and may be purchased by contacting the Heartland Humane Society at 605-664-4244, any Heartland Humane Society board member or emailing hhs@midconetwork.com.

The event has already raised over \$10,000 in sponsorships including gifts from Feimer Construction, JMMWH, Modern Woodman, Mary Mitchell, Peshong's, Plains All American, and Coffee Cup.

"Wine and Whiskers will ensure our

animals will receive the best care in 2012," Schmidt said. "We hope if you have a love for pets that you will consider joining us or making a donation towards our largest fundraiser of the year."

Donations can be mailed to PO Box 585, Yankton, SD 57078.

Heartland Humane Society serves Yankton and Clay counties in South Dakota and Cedar County in Nebraska and surrounding communities, protecting and enhancing the lives of companion animals by promoting healthy relationships between pets and people. Visit Heartland Humane Society online at [www.heartlandhumane.org](http://www.heartlandhumane.org).

## FSA Notes:

# Farm stored grain loans

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We would like to remind producers of the interim financing provided by obtaining commodity loans with Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) for eligible harvested production. The CCC nine month marketing assistance loan provides financing allowing producers to store production for later marketing.

The 2011 marketing assistance loans are available for producers who share in the risk of producing the eligible crop and maintain beneficial interest in the eligible crop through the duration of the loan. Beneficial interest means retaining the ability to make decisions about the commodity, responsibility for loss or damage to the commodity and title to the commodity. Once beneficial interest in a commodity is lost, the commodity is ineligible for loan, even if you regain beneficial interest.

For commodities to be eligible, they must have been produced by an eligible producer, be in existence, and in a storable condition. Commodities harvested from ACRE and non-ACRE farms must be distinguished separately and placed under separate loans. The county commodity loan rate will be reduced by 30 percent for the ACRE enrolled commodity quantities placed under loan.

The 2008 Farm Bill established national loan rates. The county commodity loan rates are based on each commodity's national loan rate and vary by county based on the average prices and production of the county where the commodity is stored.

The Clay County loan rate for 2011 Corn is \$1.82/bu., and the rate for 2011 soybeans is \$4.88/bu. To better serve you, please contact our office, at 624-7060 Ext. #2, prior to obtaining a farm-stored commodity loan. If you have other commodities that you are interested in obtaining a loan, please contact the office for those loan rates. Interest rate for October is 1.125%.

## COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

This year LAA #1 will be holding an election to select a county committee representative. Every third year each LAA must elect a committee person to represent their area for a three-year term. In 2011, the election will be held LAA #1 which consists of Star, Bethel, Meckling and Spirit Mound townships. Nominees are Peggy Nelsen and Mike Nelson.

Ballots will be mailed to all eligible voters November 4, 2011. If you don't receive a ballot, notify the county office. Ballots must be completed, signed and returned to the Clay County FSA office, or postmarked, by December 5, 2011. Ballots will be counted on December 7, 2011.

The County Committee keeps farmers informed and oversees the administration of FSA programs on the local level. They keep the State FSA Committee informed of local weather and crop conditions and recommend needed changes in farm programs. FSA strongly encourages women and minorities to participate in all of its programs, including the County FSA Committee election process. Get involved, vote!

## American Legion Auxiliary promotes Halloween safety tips

Every year around Oct. 31, children's fantasies come true. They look forward to dressing-up as their favorite character and knocking on neighbor's doors to ask the age-old question "Trick or Treat?" Not too surprisingly, they usually get what they want – a bag full of sweets and goodies.

Parents and children can properly prepare for a safe night by taking time to review the following safety tips and suggestions: a responsible adult should always accompany children; costumes should be light in color to aid visibility, be fire resistant, and not pose a tripping hazard; use make-up instead of vision-blocking masks; always use sidewalks and obey

traffic signals; always cross the street at corners – never cross the street between parked cars; never go into a house for any reason; never go with somebody without prior parental permission; only accept sealed and wrapped treats; always wait until an adult checks all treats at home before eating.

The American Legion's National Commission on Children and Youth is very concerned about the welfare of our nation's youth. The Vermillion American Legion Auxiliary Wallace Unit #1 wants you to keep trick-or-treat safety in mind during this Halloween season. Make Halloween a Fun and Safe Night.

## OBITUARIES

### Jane Kniffen

Jane Elizabeth Kniffen was born in Patterson, NJ, on March 19, 1930, and she died on Oct. 19, 2011, in Vermillion, at the age of 81. She was a loving and devoted mother and wife.

Her parents were John and Beatrice Wyman and she was raised in Amityville, Long Island, NY. One of her childhood memories was viewing the still smoldering wreckage of the Hindenburg disaster from a rumble seat of her parents' automobile when she was 7 years old. She graduated from the Academy of St. Joseph High School in 1947 and went on to graduate from the State Teachers College in Plattsburgh, NY, in 1949, with a degree in Home Economics, and began a teaching career which spanned four decades. Her children fondly remember that she occasionally was their substitute teacher.

On August 23, 1954, she married Samuel K. Kniffen, a lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force, and together they started a family which resulted in six children and many grandchildren, all of whom she adored. Her husband's 25 year Air Force career resulted in her family being stationed in New Jersey, Ohio, and the Azores. In 1976, Jane and Sam moved their family to Vermillion, where he was a professor of business at The University of South Dakota. Sam passed away July 18, 2004.

Jane was very active in church organizations wherever the family lived, culminating in Vermillion. Jane was also a long-time member of the bell choir of the United Church of Christ.

One of her hobbies was collecting Hummel figurines, a hobby which started when her husband Sam began sending her Hummel figurines from his flights to Germany. She eventually accumulated dozens of rare Hummels which she proudly displayed in her living room.

Jane loved to play games and she especially enjoyed playing bingo. Throughout the 1980s she rarely missed a Tuesday night bingo session at the Vermillion American Legion. Every Christmas she looked forward to playing Milles Bornes with her children. Jane also enjoyed playing bridge with her friends and was a member of the "Tuesday Out to Lunch Bunch" for many years.

All her life she loved animals and she always had seed for the winter birds and corn for the squirrels. Her home always had cats, dogs and birds. Some of her favorite pets were the black and white cats Putch and Kitsa, and Molly, the

black Labrador, and later her black standard poodle, Tara.

In 1943, when Jane was 13, her mother encouraged her to respond to a pen pal request in a comic book and she began what would become a lifelong pen pal relationship with the Brian Ellis family who live in

England. In 1973, their son, Duncan spent the summer with the Kniffen family vacationing in the United States and Jane's daughter Nancy

spent the summer of 1976 with the Ellis family vacationing in England and Spain. In 1979, after 36 years of correspondence, Jane and her pen pal Brian Ellis met for the first time, which resulted in an article in the Vermillion Plain Talk.

Jane always approached life with optimism and a wonderful sense of humor. Her family will always remember her twinkling green eyes.

She is survived by her sisters, Ellen (Michael) Tchninnis; and daughter, Donna, Lee, MA, and Lakshmi (Bruce) Voelker-Binder, and daughter, Heidi, Palm Springs, CA; her children, Samuel Jr., Vermillion, Jeffrey, Jerseyville, IL, Nancy (Tom) Craig, Vermillion, David, Vermillion, Keith, Dallas, TX, Brian (Amy), Madrid, IA; and her grandchildren, Chelsea (Dane) Jorgensen, Tommy, Daniel (Katy), Joshua (Julie), Sam, and Rylan Craig, Kyle and Bethany Kniffen, Colton and Wyatt Kniffen, Sam III, Pete, and Rosalie Kniffen and several great-grandchildren.

Jane was cremated according to her wishes, and her ashes will be mingled with her husband Sam's, and their urn will be buried in BluffView Cemetery in Vermillion at a later date.

Funeral services were Saturday, Oct. 22 at 11 a.m. at the United Church of Christ in Vermillion.

In Jane's memory, donations will be given to the hospice program here in Sanford Vermillion.

Her family is very grateful for the care and compassion of the staff at the Sanford Vermillion Care Center, and the kind assistance of the Hansen Funeral Home in Vermillion. [hansenfuneralhome.com](http://hansenfuneralhome.com).

### Richard Lind

Richard Norris Lind, 80, of Vermillion, passed away Thursday, Oct. 20, 2011 at the Avera McKennan hospital in Sioux Falls.

Visitation was held at Dalesburg Lutheran Church, rural Vermillion, on Sunday, Oct. 23, 2011, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. with a prayer service at 7:30 p.m.

The funeral service was held at Dalesburg Lutheran Church, rural Vermillion, on Monday, Oct. 24, 2011 at 10:30 a.m. with Rev. Robert Chapman officiating.

Burial followed the service at Dalesburg Lutheran Cemetery in rural Vermillion.

Richard was born on his folks' farm in Vermillion on Aug. 23, 1931, to Ernest and Florence (Hedlin) Lind. He spent his childhood on his family's farm. Richard attended Marshalltown school until eighth grade and graduated from Vermillion High School.

Following school, Richard began living his passion of grain farming and raising livestock. On July 27, 1963, Richard married Thelma Rose Berndt. He greatly



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enjoyed his family, attending livestock auctions, and country living.

Richard is survived by his wife, Thelma; his sons, Perry Lind of Vermillion, and Ron (Joy) Lind of Sioux Falls; his daughters, Cathy (Craig) Jensen of Vermillion, and Kris (Danny) Jones of Elkland, MO; his sisters, Avis (Virgil) Brugger of Rapid City, and Lenette Macy of Sioux Falls; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ernest and Florence Lind; and his brother, Howard Lind.

The Kober Funeral Home of Vermillion is entrusted with the arrangements.

Condolences may be posted online to [www.koberfuneralhome.com](http://www.koberfuneralhome.com)

### Robert Brown

Robert Brown, 83, of LaGrange, IN died Saturday, October 22, 2011 at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange, IN.

Mr. Brown retired in 1972 from the United States Army as a Sergeant Major and as a veteran having served in World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. Mr. Brown had worked as an inspector for 10 years with the Pennsylvania Railroad in Logansport, IN and taught ROTC, Military History and coached the Rifle Team at The University of South Dakota from 1967-1969. In 1970, he moved to LaGrange County to work for Howe Military School in Howe, IN and worked as a history teacher and a rifle instructor until his retirement in 1976.

Mr. Brown was a member of Meridian Sun Lodge # 76 F. & A.M. in LaGrange, IN, Mizpah Temple in Fort Wayne, IN, LaGrange County Shrine Club, Sylvan Chapter #251 Order of Eastern Star in LaGrange, and Walton American Legion Post #418 in Walton, IN.

Mr. Brown was born on Oct. 7, 1928 in Bowen, KY to Oscar and Cleda (Hatton) Brown. They preceded him in death.

On Dec. 13, 1975 in Howe, IN he married Nancy J. Aldrich. Mrs. Brown survives in LaGrange, IN.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Linda Olson of Vermillion, and Tammy and Chris Wells of Fort Wayne, IN; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Dudley and Penny Brown of Sturgis, MI and Richard Brown of

LaGrange, IN; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren;



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four sisters and three brothers-in-law, Juanita and Tom Watson of Logansport, IN, Sue and Bob Mordenti of Delphi, IN, Margie Brown of Walton, IN and Joanie and Joe Diaz of Holland, MI; and three brothers and sisters-in-law, Tom and Elaine Brown of Logansport, IN, Charles and Connie Brown of Walton, IN and Al and Sandy Brown of Delphi, IN.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2011 at 10 a.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, IN with Rev. George Weister officiating.

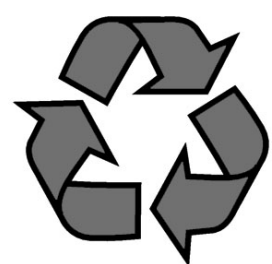
Visitation was held on Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2011 from 2 to 4 & 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home with a Masonic Service at 7:30 p.m. conducted by the Meridian Sun Lodge# 76 F. & A.M.

Burial will take place in Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, VA at a later date.

Memorials may be made to Shriner's Hospital for Children.

Condolences may be left for the family at [www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com](http://www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com).

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We would like to Thank everyone for their kindness during the loss of our "Dar". All the food, prayers, cards and financial help was greatly appreciated. A special Thank You to our "church" family from Faith Fellowship for being there from day one. All your prayers, thoughts and kind words during Dar's courageous battle with cancer will long endure.

May God Bless You All  
The Dar Frye Family