OBITUARIES

Donald Rasmussen

Donald Woodrow Rasmussen was born in Beresford South Dakota in 1919, the only child of Edward and Christine (Anderson) Rasmussen. He at-

tended Beresford public schools, graduating from high school in 1937. He received his BA from Yankton College in 1941, and his MA from USD in 1949. He also did further



Rasmussen post graduate

study at both USD and the Ohio State University.

He was preceded in death by his wife Mary Ellen (Burns) Rasmussen, with whom he shared nearly 70 years of marriage. He is survived by Patricia D. Ernst (Will) and Dean Rasmussen (Amy), as well as four grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

His teaching career began in Volga High School, where he taught until entering the U.S. Army Air Corps. Following his discharge as a 2nd Lieutenant in 1945, he was a teacher at Huron College until moving to Vermillion in 1950, where he was a teacher and counselor until 1966. While at Vermillion High School he was active in SDEA and NEA, serving as SDEA President in 1957, and was recognized as McCall Magazine's SD Teacher of the Year. From 1966 until 1984 he worked for Yankton College as teacher and counselor. When the college closed in 1984, he became Alumni Director until he retired...although his interest in and for the college continued and in 2008 he and Mary Ellen were named Mr. and Mrs. Yankton College.

life, and sang with the Double Eagle Chorus, as well as the Blazers Barbershop Quartet for many years. He was also active in the Yankton Elks Lodge #994, serving as ritual director and was Elk of the year in '69-'70. For many years he was active

well as Scottish Rite and Shriners,

receiving his Red Cap (KCCH) in

'79, and White Cap -33 degree in

2002. El Raid Shrine Temple hon-

ored him as Shriner of the year in

'94-'95. Don loved music his entire

in Democratic Party, serving as Clay County Chairman in '64 and SD state chairman for Kennedy in 1960. Attending the Kennedy Inaugural in '61 was a highlight for him and Mary Ellen.

Don had a long time interest in theatre acting on stage in high school and college productions, as well as directing during his teaching career. He later became involved with Lewis and Clark Playhouse for several seasons of summer productions.

During his many years of teaching, directing and counseling, Don touched and impacted many lives in a remarkably positive way. Many students kept in touch and expressed their appreciation throughout his life which gave him much joy.

Don loved a good conversation, spending time with family and summer trips to the Black Hills.

A family memorial service will be held in October at the National Cemetery of South Florida. Don will also be honored in the spring Ceremony of Remembrances & Renewal at the Yankton Valley of Masonic Scottish Rite.

The family suggests any memorial contributions be directed to Shriner's Hospitals or other Masonic charities. Questions regarding contributions may be directed to Mark Brower: yanktonsr@gmail.com

Sam Garrity

Samuel Robert Garrity, age 23 of Yankton, SD died unexpectedly Monday, September 28, 2015 at his residence in Vermillion, SD. Memorial Mass of



Garrity in the Sacred Heart Cemetery, Yankton,

SD. Visitations will begin at 5:00PM, Thursday, October 1, 2015 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, with a Scripture service at 7:00 PM. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church. Urn Bearers will be Patrick and Ruth Boehmer. Honorary Urn bearers will be the Sacred Heart School Class of 2006. He is the son of Jan and Patrick Garrity, Yankton, SD.

Sam was born June 29, 1992, in Seoul, Korea. He joined his parents in America on November 20, 1992 after his adoption was finalized.

Jan and Pat raised Sam on the family farm near Mission Hill, SD. It was there at Garritys' Prairie Gardens that Sam began touching people's lives with his quick wit and charm as he waited on customers and helped his parents.

Sam attended Sacred Heart School through eighth grade. He graduated in 2010 from Yankton High School where he participated in marching band and was a member of the National Honor Society. He worked in the Hy-Vee produce department during his high school vears.

Sam was a member of Boy Scout Troop #102 and earned the rank of Eagle Scout in 2009. Sam graduated magna cum

laude from South Dakota State University in 2014 with a degree in psychology. He was awarded a full scholarship to the University Of South Dakota School Of Law, where he won the first year intramural alternative dispute resolution tournament (negotiations). He was currently in his second year of studies.

Sam traveled often with his parents for family vacations, especially enjoying trips to Seattle, WA, his favorite city. As a Boy Scout he hiked the Bighorns and snorkeled in Key West.

As an employee of Daktronics in Brookings, SD, first as an intern, then as a full-time summer staff member, he traveled to Milwaukee, WI, Kansas City, MO, and Jacksonville, FL, installing scoreboard systems.

Sam, affectionately known as Samwise and Panda to his friends, never failed to make an impression - whether he was pontificating on any number of subjects, or sharing his wry sense of humor. He was sensitive, inquisitive, and smart, and always ready to share a hug.

He was here for such a short time, but the impact he had on his family, friends, classmates, and co-workers will last forever.

Sam is survived by his parents, Jan and Patrick Garrity, Yankton, SD; maternal grandmother, Phyllis Karolevitz, Yankton, SD; special 'nana', Donna McLagan, Brookings, SD; aunts and uncles - Jill Karolevitz and James (Pete) Peterson, Yankton, SD; Tom and Denise Garrity, Allentown, PA; Ruth and Pat Boehmer, Chicago, IL; Ted and Amy Garrity, Edina, MN; and numerous cousins, great uncles and aunts.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Joe Garrity and Faith Lund; maternal grandfather, Robert Karolevitz,

and uncle and aunt, Emmet and Marie Billings.

Memorials preferred.

Jeff Blumer

Jeff Blumer was born December 7, 1957 in Hudson, South Dakota to Delmo and Avis (Anderson) Blumer. He died October 2, 2015 on his farm near Beresford at the age of 57 years, nine months and 25 days.

Jeff was raised on the family farm near Beresford and graduated from Beresford High School. He began working with his father out of high school; together they farmed until Delmo's death in 1986. October 7, 1978 he married Roxane Olson at Dalesburg Lutheran Church in rural Vermillion. They made their home in Beresford where they raised their two children. In 1996 Jeff and Roxane moved to the farm where he has farmed all of his adult life.

He liked classic cars; Jeff found joy in buying them and bringing them back to life. His favorite was the 1964 Ford. Jeff also liked restoring antique tractors, old country music and his pet dogs.

Survivors include his wife, Roxane Blumer; son, Bryan Blumer; daughter, Jill (Jason) Erickson; grandson, Clayton Erickson; mother, Avis Blumer all of Beresford; three sisters, Brenda (Tim) Hopper of Burnsville, MN, Patti Merkel of Aberdeen and Terri French of Beresford; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Delmo.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8th at the Beresford Zion United Methodist Church. Visitation will be 2-8 p.m. Wednesday at Wass Funeral Home in Beresford, family present from 5-7 p.m. and a prayer service at 6:30 p.m.

Don was a 60+ year Mason, as

CLAY COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

SUNDAY, SEPT. 27

7:12 a.m. – A deputy inves-tigated a car/deer accident on Highway 46.

2:25 p.m. sisted in the recovery of a de-ceased man from the Vermillion River south of Vermillion. Foul

play is not suspected. 7:04 p.m. – A deputy responded to a report of a suspicious person knocking on a door at a Vermillion residence but leaving when a child said his mother was not home. The deputy learned the person was a boy scout selling popcorn.

7:27 p.m. - A deputy re-ceived a report of a child custody dispute over weekend visitation. The complainant was given advice to report the matter to her attorney

MONDAY, SEPT. 28

7:38 a.m. - A deputy investigated a report of a vehicle circumventing Road Closed barricades on Saginaw Avenue which was under construction.

8:23 p.m. - A deputy responded to a medical emer-gency south of Burbank along with EMS personnel and assisted in loading the patient into the ambulance.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 30

2:58 p.m. - A deputy re-sponded to a medical emergency at a rural residence and assisted with patient care until the ambulance arrived.

3:07 p.m. – A deputy investi-gated a report of a woman who acquired a cell phone account in the name of her young child and accumulated an outstand-ing bill over \$2,000.00.

5:25 p.m. – A deputy re-moved tire debris from the roadway on Hwy 50 after re-ceiving a call concerning the

issue. 5:45 p.m. – Deputies re-sponded to a report of a possible structure fire at a busi-ness north of Vermillion after a person called 911 to report she saw what she believed was

The driver was transported to

the hospital for treatment. 3:27 a.m. - A deputy assisted jail staff with an unruly inmate who was refusing to submit to a blood draw after be-

ing arrested for DUI. 10:26 a.m. - A wanted per-son was located attending a court appearance. He was ar-

rested and escorted to jail. 1:32 p.m. – A woman with a Clay County warrant was trans-

Jail to the Clay County Jail. 2:43 p.m. – A Wakonda resident called 911 to report that her landlord was attempting to evict her without proper notification. A deputy informed the woman that she would need to contact an attorney as the situation was a civil matter. 2:52 p.m. - During the pro-

cess of booking an inmate into jail, drug paraphernalia items were found in her purse. Appropriate offenses were charged.

cle in Wakonda. 8:02 p.m A deputy stopped

for adoption at a Humane So-

ciety. 5:00 p.m. – A juvenile was arrested in court on a court order and transported to the Juvenile Detention Center in Sioux Falls.

7:57 p.m. – A deputy provid-ed traffic control for a man who had lost bales of hay from his truck on Highway 19 and was clearing them from the road. FRIDAY, OCT. 2

8:45 a.m. - The School Resource Officer investigated a report of intentional damage of a school owned IPad. The responsible person was identified and arrangements were made to reimburse the school for the damage.

10:33 a.m. – A caller reported finding an empty prescription medicine bottle on the highway. The pill bottle was turned over to a deputy.

11:52 a.m. - A deputy mediated a civil dispute over a vehi-

tance from the vehicle and a deputy had to euthanized the animal. The vehicle sustained minor damage and was able to

be driven from the scene. 10:16 p.m. – A deputy issued a citation for underage consumption of alcohol to a man who was a passenger in a vehicle stopped at a sobriety checkpoint.

SATURDAY, OCT. 3

10:31 p.m. - Deputies a vehicle in Vermilstopped lion that was driving without its headlights on and informed the Iriver of the issue.

10:42 p.m. – A rural Wakon-da resident reported that a man in a dark jacket had attempted to flag him down while he was driving north of Wakonda. Deputies patrolled the area but were unable to locate the man or any disabled vehicles in the area.

10:56 p.m. – A deputy stopped a vehicle that was iving without its headlig in Vermillion and informed the driver of the issue. 11:52 p.m. - A deputy assisted a Highway Patrol Trooper with a search of a vehicle during a traffic stop in Vermillion.

running at large in Wakonda The deputy located the animal, returned it to its owner, and issued the owner a citation for Dog at Large, contrary to Wa-konda City Ordinance.

4:25 p.m. – The Sheriff's Office assisted the Vermillion residence. The cause of death was determined to be suicide.

8:58 p.m. – A deputy re-sponded to a report of two people hitchhiking on Hwy 50, east of Vermillion. The deputy located a woman and her ado-lescent son and discovered they were attempting to get a ride back to Sioux Falls. While speaking with the deputy the woman experienced a medical emergency and an ambulance was summoned to evaluate her.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 29

9:08 a.m. - A deputy re-sponded to a rural residence north of Vermillion after receivof a civil dispute. While at the house, the deputy located a school aged child watching TV. The girl's mother stated she had no way of transporting her to school after the girl missed the bus. The woman was told that it was against the law to keep a child at home for no reason and offered to trans-

Deputies as-

Police Department in investigating a death at a Vermillion

The vehicle caused damage to the road. The driver was located and cited for the offense.

9:49 a.m. - A deputy transported a man to the Vermillion hospital and remained with the subject while a mental health professional conducted an in-terview with the man. At the completion of the interview the man was transported to the Human Services Center in Yankton on an involuntary mental health hold.

10:05 a.m. - A deputy responded to a report of a dog

port the girl to school. 3:31 p.m. - A deputy provided traffic control south of Wakonda so farm equipment could be removed from a ditch after it went into the ditch while a farmer was preparing for harvest.

smoke coming from the building. Upon arrival they discovered that everything was okay and that there was no fire.

7:30 p.m. - A deputy located a damaged road sign in the southeast portion of the county. It appeared that a vehicle had run over the sign but there was nothing left at the scene to identify the vehicle. The Meckling Township was notified of the damage

THURSDAY, OCT. 1 12:17 a.m. - A deputy re-

a rural residence. The deputy suggested some options to the sponded to a single vehicle caller such as offering the cat rollover crash on University Rd.

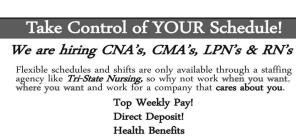
3:19 p.m. – An inmate was transported to a medical appointment and then was returned to the jail.

3:59 p.m. - A deputy responded to a rural residence north of Vermillion after receiving a 911 call concerning a dispute between a woman and her children's father. It was discovered that the dispute was in regards to child custody and that

a vehicle that was driving without headlights in Vermillion and informed the driver of the issue. 9:05 p.m. – Deputies re-sponded to a car vs deer accident on Hwy 19. The injured deer was located a short dis-



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Monday, October 19th – 2:30pm – 8pm There will be an early dismissal for the students on Monday, October 19th as follows: Austin and Jolley Elementary – 1:50pm Middle and High School – 2pm

Wednesday, October 21st – 1pm – 6pm

There will be no school on Wednesday, October 21st. Teacher In-Service will be held from 8am – noon and conference to begin at 1pm after In-Service.

CLAY COUNTY COURTS

Cases Disposed Sept. 25 - Oct. 1, 2015

Ahrlin, Matthew, Vermillion; Driving Under Influence-1st Offense; Fine: \$350; License: Revoked For 1 Year(s). Driving Under Influence-5th Or Subsequent; Recharged-By Indictment: Based On Conditions Of The Court.

Alvis, Iva, Vermillion; Renewal Registration During Assigned Month; Fine: \$54.

Betlaf, Jenna, Sioux Falls; Speeding On A State Highway; Fine: \$39.

Buhr, Lauren, Vermillion; Speeding On Other Roadways; Fine: \$59.

Cale, Trystan, Yankton; Obey Traffic Device Unless Directed By Policeman; Fine: \$54.

Carr, Kristine, Wakonda; Allow Dog To Run At Large; Fine:

Cleaver, Ethan, Vermillion; Exhibition Driving; Fine: \$54. Cook, Darice, Sioux Falls;

Seat Belt Violation; Fine: \$25. DeWeerd, Erica, Alton, Iowa; Speed On Four-Lane In Rural

Areas; Fine: \$19. Erickson, Tricia, Beresford; Speeding On A State Highway; Fine: \$19

Harris, Eric, Vermillion; Un-safe/Illegal Backing; Fine: \$54. Heck, Kimberly, Sioux Falls;

Speeding On Other Roadways; Fine: \$59. Hendricks Jr., Lloyd; Flower

Mound, Texas; Failure To Appear – Misdemeanor; Dismissed-Motion By Prosecutor.

Hendrix, Kresten, Yankton; Speed On Four-Lane In Rural Areas; Fine: \$59.

Ihnen, Bridget, Vermillion; Obey Traffic Device Unless Directed By Policeman; Fine: \$54. James, Margaret, Utica; Speed On Four-Lane In Rural Areas; Fine: \$19.

Jerald, Jimmy, Wesson, Mis-sissippi; Speeding On A State Highway; Fine: \$39.

Kagadiy, Aleksandr, Sioux Falls; Speeding On A State

Highway; Fine: \$39. Khaled, Mohammad, Lincoln, Nebraska; No Drivers License; Fine: \$0. Renewal Registration During Assigned Month; Fine: \$54.

Lewis, Mark, Vermillion; Burning In City Limits; Fine: Vermillion; \$54.

Martin, Leroy, Shelbyville, Indiana; Speeding On Other Roadways; Fine: \$59

Mc Lellan, Mary Beth, Rapid City; Failure To Make Proper Stop At Stop Intersection; Fine: \$54

McClelland, Cristo Jo, Vermillion; Failure To Make Proper Stop At Stop Intersection; Fine: \$54

Mulder, Erv, Canton; Illegal Lane Change; Fine: \$54. Newton, Arlyce, Vermillion;

Left Turning Vehicle Failing To Yield Right Of Way; Fine: \$54. Oberle, Sara, Sioux City,

Iowa; Driving With Suspended

(Not Revoked) License; Fine: \$204. Speeding On Other Roadways; Fine: \$19.

Pedigo, Kim, Vermillion; In-sufficient Funds Check 2nd Degree \$100-\$500; Dismissed-

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

Pedigo, Kim, Vermillion; In-sufficient Funds Check 3rd De-gree, \$100 Or Less; Dismissed-Motion By Prosecutor.

Pedigo, Kim; Insufficient Funds Check 3rd Degree, \$100 Or Less; Dismissed-Motion By Prosecutor. Insufficient Funds Check 3rd Degree, \$100 Or Less: Dismissed-Motion By

Prosecutor. Perrin, Gregory, Sioux City, Iowa; Driving With Suspended

UNIVERSITY OF

Surplus Property Sale

The University of South Dakota will be offering

for sale bicycles, tables, chairs, desks,

benches, & miscellaneous on

Friday, October 16th from 9am to 4pm

Location of the sale is at the USD Quonset located

north of the Dakota Dome on Hwy 50, next to the

Vucurevich Day Care Center.

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SOUTH DAKOTA

(Not Revoked) License: Fine: \$174. Roe, Crystal, Vermillion:

no crime had occurred.

4:41 p.m. - A deputy re-

ceived a report of a stray cat at

Seat Belt Violation; Fine: \$25. Sharpe, Samuel, Vermillion;

Trudeau, Brad, Centerville;

Away Unmarried Minor, First

Speed On Four-Lane In Rural Areas; Fine: \$59. Sunderman, Randy, Norfolk, Nebraska; Speeding On Other Roadways; Fine: \$39. Swensen, Cheryl; Taking

Offense; Dismissed-Motion By Prosecutor.

Williams, Terry, Sioux Falls;

Tomcak, Jason, Jefferson; Speeding On Other Roadways; Fine: \$19.

Speeding On A State Highway; Fine: \$19. Nursing

Seat Belt Violation; Fine: \$25.