Westfield Market & Grill closes

As of March 31, the Westfield Market & Grill is no longer open for business in Westfield.

CARDS OF THANKS

Thank you to the Siouxland Paramedics, Lisa Wilcox and Katlin Mitchell for visiting Daisy Troop #485. The girls had so much fun and learned a lot. They also loved their goodies you gave them all.

Thanks again
Sherry Ritz &
Daisy Troop #485

The family of Sandra "Mickey" Caskey would like to thank everyone for your sympathy and caring during our time of loss.

Heartfelt thanks for all of the phone calls, visits, hugs, cards, memorials, food and flowers.

Thank you to Drs. David and Cindie Wolff, the Ambulance Crew and especially the Mercy Home Health Care persons, Chris, Cindy and Becky for all the wonderful help, and to Pastor Dawn Quame for the service. Thanks also to Carlsen Funeral Home-Schroeder Chapel.

Douglas Caskey
Christa Walderbach
Richard "Trevor" Mell
Brian Mell
Michele Walderbach

Thank you to Peoples Bank for the coffee given to our Club.

All members of the
Down & Under Club

I want to let everyone know how much I appreciate their kindness during my recent hospitalization following my heart attack.

Thanks to Dr. Cindie Wolff and PA Bob Watson for making me comfortable while I waited for the ambulance and Stan Rolfes and Lisa Wilcox for getting me to the hospital safely.

Thanks to the doctors and staff at St. Luke's for making me comfortable during my stay. Thanks to Pastor Dawn Quame for coming to see me, and all the members of Immanuel that had me in their prayers.

A special thank you goes out to June Lamoureux and Nadine Philips for being there when I needed them most. I also want to thank Chris Lewison from the bottom of my heart who has and always will be there for me no matter what.

God bless each and everyone of you. You all hold a special place in my heart.

Gloria Stotz

Thank you, to all the residents of Union County, who signed the petition to reject the newly adopted, 2007 Union County Zoning Ordinances.

We appreciate your involvement in the democratic process and your concern for the future of Union County.

Please mark **May 22, 2007** on your calendar, for the special election to accept or repeal these ordinances.

Doug Maurstad
Linda Scarmon
Liz Merrigan
Dave Inberg
Wayne Sorenson
Kathy Lessek

†Obituaries

Billy Burke Blanchard, 75

Billy Burke Blanchard, of Watertown, SD passed away Sunday, April 8, 2007 at his residence.

Services were held Thursday, April 12 at First United Methodist Church, Watertown with Pastor Eric Grinager officiating. Burial was in Mount Hope Cemetery, Watertown. Crawford Funeral Chapel in Watertown was in charge of arrangements.

Billy was born July 19, 1931 at Richland Township, Union County, SD to Carl D. and Viola (Joy) Blanchard. He grew up on his grandmother's farm northwest of Richland, SD. He attended first through eighth grades at Richland District #1 and graduated in 1950 from high school at Elk Point. He attended the "School of Agriculture Short course" at SDSC (now SDSU) in Brookings.

Billy enlisted in the U.S. Navy Oct. 5, 1951. He served in San Diego, Hawaii, Kwajalein Island, the Marshall islands, Haiphong, North Indochina, Nationalist Chinese Taichen islands, and Okinawa. After serving in Sasebo, Japan he was discharged in October 1955. He received the Good Conduct, China Service, and National Defense medals.

Bill and Lois Kapfer were united in marriage July 5, 1954 at Richland. Following his discharge, he enrolled at SDSU to study for an agriculture degree and graduated in March 1960. His first employment was with the USDA Poultry Div-Grading Br. at Watertown. After resigning his job there, he worked for the USDA Farmers Home Administration as an assistant county supervisor, also in Watertown. In 1973 he went into direct sales of farm oriented products and became a school bus driver. He retired from the Watertown School system.

Billy was a member of First United Methodist Church, the local Genealogical Society, and Model Railroaders.

Survivors include his wife, Lois of Watertown; two daughters, Vicki and her husband, Steve Thompson, of Sioux Falls, and Debra and her husband, Mike McPeek of Clark, SD; one brother, David Blanchard of Minneapolis, MN; one sister, Nancy and her husband, Cliff Wilson of Nampa, ID; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Ann Lee Boetger, 63

Ann Lee Boetger of Le Mars, passed away Saturday, April 14, 2007, following an auto accident.

Services were held Tuesday, April 17 at St. James Catholic Church, Le Mars with the Rev. Jim Tigges officiating. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery, Le Mars.

Anna Lee Nemmers was born June 23, 1943 in Le Mars, the daughter of Orville J. and Dorothy (Nothem) Nemmers. She was raised in Le Mars and graduated from Gehlen Catholic High School in 1961. Following her education, she worked as the head teller at Le Mars Savings Bank (now Primebank). During this time she traveled extensively.

Ann and Craig Boetger were united in marriage Feb. 23, 1974 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Le Mars. Ann continued her work in the banking field when she took a position with First Federal Savings and Loan in Le mars. She would later work as a dietician at Floyd Valley Hospital for many years. She then worked as the activities coordinator at Plymouth Manor Care Center. She returned to the dietary department of Floyd Valley Hospital, where she was presently employed.

She was a member of St. James Catholic Church, Le Mars and served the church as a Lector and Eucharistic Minister. She was also a member of the Catholic Daughters of America. Ann enjoyed knitting, baking homemade bread, and held a passion in caring for the elderly. She was Nana to her three grandchildren.

Survivors include her husband, Craig of Le Mars; a daughter, Cari Masuen and her husband, Ted of Le Mars; a son, T.J. and his wife Jill of West Des Moines; three grandchildren, Alyssa, Morgen and Camille Masuen of Le Mars; her mother, Dorothy Nemmers; her mother-in-law, Bernie Boetger, both of Le Mars; three sisters, Carolyn and Joe Olson of Oelwein, IA, Marian and Rick Langel of Le Mars and Kate and Tony Loutsch of Remsen; six brothers, John and Mona Nemmers of Savage, MN, Tom Nemmers of Burnsville, MN, Denny and Angie Nemmers of Le Mars, Nick and Linda Nemmers of Le Mars, Dave and Joe Ann Nemmers of Bristol, IL and Jim Nemmers of Lincoln, NE; a sister-in-law, Marci and Jeff Indahl of Eden Prairie, MN; a brother-in-law, Kevin Boetger and his friend, Sue of Merrill; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her father, Orville J. Nemmers; her father-in-law, Arden Boetger; two sisters-in-law, Vivian and Sheila Nemmers; and a nephew, Christopher Nemmers.

Donald "Don" Caskey, 75

Donald 'Don' LeRoy Caskey of Akron, passed away unexpectedly Monday, April 9, 2007 at Mercy Medical Center in Sioux City.

Mass of Christian Burial was held Friday, April 13 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Akron. Monsignor Richard Zenk celebrated. Burial was in St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery, Akron. Casket bearers were his eight sons. Carlsen Funeral Home-Schroeder Chapel was in charge of arrangements. Expressions of sympathy may be directed to the family through www.carlsenfuneralhome.com.

Don was born Oct. 2, 1931 on his maternal grandparents farm near Burbank, SD, the son of Charles and Lucille (Trudeau) Caskey. He attended school in Akron and graduated from Akron High School in 1951. After graduation he worked for his father in the gravel hauling business.

Don and Mary Ellen Snyder were united in marriage Oct. 29, 1951 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Akron. Together they are the parents of 12 children.

In 1952, Don bought his father's farm-to-market trucking business, later expanding to hauling hogs to Hygrade on the west coast and bringing lumber back. He owned and operated Liquid Carriers, Inc. in Akron for many years. For his over 40 years in the trucking business, Don received a plaque for being a Farm to Market Pioneer Trucker. He retired in 1994.

Don's greatest passion in life was aviation. He was a pilot for over 40 years. He loved flying with his grandchildren and buzzing his home at 531 North 7th Street. He was the head of the Akron Airport for many years. Don was inspirational in getting the first medical clinic in Akron and was charter member of the Akron Country Club. He enjoyed playing golf every year, and looked forward to the annual Caskey Golf Tournament. Last year, Don shot his first hole in one. Don was president of the Coon Skinners Club in Akron for many years.

Each year, Don and Mary Ellen enjoyed their summers in Okoboji with their family and wintering in Arizona. He was a devoted fan of the Iowa Hawkeyes and the Chicago Cubs. Don loved his family and friends. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Survivors include his wife of over 55 years, Mary Ellen; his children, Sherry Granstrom and her husband Tom of Torrance, CA, Mike Caskey and his wife Mary of Akron, K. Louis Caskey of Blue Springs, MO, Pat Caskey and his wife Marisue of Kansas City, MO, Bonnie Ruebel and her husband Rick of Waverly, IA, Rick Caskey of Blue Springs, MO, Lisa Johnson and her husband Michael of Maplewood, MN, Cindy Nitzschke and her husband Dave of North Sioux City, SD, Tom Caskey and his wife Dawn of West Des Moines, IA, Tony Caskey and his wife Jan of Carmel, IN, James Caskey and his wife Stephanie of Chandler, AZ and Matt Caskey and his wife Nikki of Kansas City, MO; 25 grandchildren, Jessica Koedam and her husband Justin, Joe Caskey, Brandon Caskey, Elliot Granstrom, Kristen Caskey, Ashley Caskey, Jennifer Johnson, Staci Ruebel, Aaron Caskey, Kendra Johnson, Joshua Ruebel, Megan Ruebel, Josie Caskey, Hannah Gilgus, Joseph Caskey, Brian Caskey, Brittany Caskey, Emily Caskey, Nicholas Nitzschke, Natalie Caskey, Katrina Caskey, Andrew Caskey, Allen Caskey, Avery Caskey, and Grace Caskey; one great-grandchild, Austyn Koedam; sisters-in-law, Dorothy Snyder of San Jose, CA, Susie Caskey of Ireton, IA and Patricia Caskey of Sioux City; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and two brothers, Dick Caskey and Chuck Caskey.

Boat registrations expire April 30

Plymouth County Recorder, Jolynn Goodchild, reminds boat owners that all boat registrations expire April 30, 2007. Renewals may be made at the Plymouth County Recorder's Office at the Courthouse in Le Mars. Office hours are Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Boat owners may also renew by mail by sending their old registration or Iowa boat numbers along with the proper fee to Plymouth County Recorder 215 4th Ave. SE, Le Mars, IA 51031.

For further information call 712-546-4020.

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