

LaPlante To Deliver 2012 Dillon Lecture At USD

VERMILLION — Secretary Leroy “JR” LaPlante of the South Dakota Department of Tribal Relations will deliver the University of South Dakota School of Law’s annual Dillon Lecture at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 12.

LaPlante, a 2009 graduate of the USD School of Law, will share “Revisiting Reconciliation in South Dakota” in the law school courtroom. An enrolled member of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, LaPlante is a practicing attorney in Vermillion and serves as the Chief Judge and Court Administrator for the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe in Fort Thompson.

LaPlante, who was born at Eagle Butte, is a member of the first cohort of Native Nation Rebuilders selected by the Bush Foundation in 2010 and served as an Equal Justice Works, AmeriCorps Legal Fellow with South Dakota Ac-

cess to Justice in 2009. He was the former Administrative Officer for the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe and has an extensive background working for Native American human service organizations.

The 2012 Dillon Lecture is presented in conjunction with the biennial Indian Law Symposium, the longest-running Indian law symposium in the nation. “Tribal-State Relations: A Symposium” begins at 9 a.m. on Friday, April 13 and features national and regional speakers, and panelists to share their expertise on various aspects of Indian law issues, including Indian Child Welfare Act, intergovernmental relations, criminal jurisdiction and civil jurisdiction.

The Dillon Lecture is named for Charles Hall Dillon (1853-1928), a pioneer South Dakota

lawyer, legislator, jurist and statesman. Presentation of this lecture alternates between the School of Law and the Department of Political Science. The lectureship in law and political science was established in a bequest to the University of South Dakota by his wife, Mrs. Frances D. Jolley Dillon of Vermillion. Charles Hall Dillon settled in the Mitchell, area in 1881, drawn to Dakota Territory from Indiana. He practiced law in Mitchell for about two years before moving to Yankton, where he resided until his retirement from the State Supreme Court in 1926. The last years of his life were spent in Vermillion. He died Sept. 15, 1929 at the age of 75.

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OBITUARIES

Anna Chrans

Anna Chrans, age 89, of Yankton, South Dakota, died Wednesday, April 4, 2012 at Avera Yankton Care Center in Yankton.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 10, 2012, at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton with Reverend Steve Weispennig officiating. Burial will be in the Yankton Cemetery.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the funeral on Tuesday at the funeral home.

Pallbearers are Nick Arneson, Rick Arneson, Jason Chrans, Nathan Heinert, Albert Jones and Chad Pokorney.

Anna Chrans was born January 19, 1923, in Reliance, South Dakota, to Andrew and Marie (Anderson) Petersen. She grew up in Reliance and graduated from Reliance High School. She married Donald Chrans on December 13, 1941, in Chamberlain, South Dakota. They moved to Yankton where Anna worked as a cook for various cafés and restaurants.



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1973 and was a member of the Fairmont Christian Church, helping in their various missionary works. A few years later, she moved back to Yankton and in 1983 started working for the Human Services Center until retiring in 1996.

Anna was a member of the Yankton VFW Auxiliary and enjoyed working in her flower garden and was a fantastic cook and baker.

Survivors include her five children: Janice Moore, Robert (Mary) Chrans, Linda Witt, Pam Ricke, and Carol Jones; several grandchildren and great grand-

children; one brother, Vernon (Betty) Petersen; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husbands: Don Chrans and Bill Lilley; two daughters: Donna Chrans and Sharon Tiedtke; son, Donald Chrans; granddaughter, Shari; three sisters: Erma Monson, Helen Painter, and Evelyn Walker; three brothers: Woodrow, Mervin and Leslie Petersen; and son-in-law, Richard Ricke.

To post an online sympathy message, please visit wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

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www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com

Lucretia Reno

Lucretia (Trese) Reno was born on April 11, 1940 to Lloyd and Ethel (Means) Williams at her home in Rural Decatur. She passed away on April 3, 2012 with her family at her side.

While working at Mutual of Omaha she met and married Jim Reno on December 21, 1958. After raising her three daughters, she worked in the Decatur/Lyons school system as a cafeteria specialist for 4 years.

Lucretia loved spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Beyond the love she had for her family, she spent her free time gardening with her mother, who was also her best friend. Many happy hours were spent sharing stories, joking, and loving the garden they shared. Her passion for gardening was equal to her passion for cooking. She was well known for her amazing dishes and no one left her home hungry.

She peacefully joins her father Lloyd, step father Melvin Stillman.

Lucretia is survived by her mother Ethel Stillman and husband Jim both of Decatur, NE, sister Rosemary Kleckner of Columbus, NE, daughter, Christine Bakke of Yankton, SD and her three children: Nichole, Rena, and Greg, and five grandchildren, daughter, Shirlene (Aaron) Scott of Sioux Falls, SD and her three children; Connor, Rhaine, and Nathan, daughter, Meleen (Tim) Gaynor of Feeding Hills, MA, and their three children Brianna, Paul, and Thomas.

The family would like to express their deepest appreciation to Deia McCluskey and Janice Bowers for all their help and loving care.

MEMORIAL SERVICE: Saturday, April 7, 2012, 2:00 p.m., at the United Methodist Church in Decatur, Nebraska, Rev Philip Sloat, Officiating

ORGANIST: Ethelyn Brewer
SOLOIST: Dennis Scott
BURIAL: Hillcrest Cemetery, Decatur, Nebraska

MEMORIALS: To the family Pelan Funeral Services is over-seeing arrangements:
<http://www.pelanfuneralservices.com/>

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Larry ‘L.J.’ Somer

Larry “L.J.” Somer, 89, of Yankton died Thursday, April 5, 2012, at Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton.

A memorial service is at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at First United Methodist Church, Yankton, with the Rev. Ron Johnson officiating. Inurnment will be in the Garden of Memories Cemetery, Yankton, with military honors provided by the SD Nation Guard and the Ernest Bowyer VFW Post 791.

Visitation with viewing is 3-8 p.m. Monday, with family present from 5-8 p.m. and a prayer service and video tribute at 7 p.m., at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton.

Cremation will follow the visitation for the memorial service at the church on Tuesday.

Anne Carda

LAKE ANDES — Funeral Mass for Anne Carda, 96, of Lake Andes will be 10:30 a.m. Monday, April 9, 2012 at St. Mark’s Catholic Church in Lake Andes, with burial in the parish cemetery.

Visitation will be Sunday from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home in Wagner and continue at the church in Lake Andes from 5:30 to 7, followed by a 7 p.m. Rosary/Wake service.

Anne Carda daughter of Peter and Anne (Zetek) Hayek, was born at Wahoo, NE on January 18, 1916. She passed away Thursday, April 5, 2012 at the Good Samaritan Society in Wagner.

As a young girl, Anne moved to Lake Andes with her parents and siblings and attended schools in the Lake Andes area.

Anne married Edward Carda on April 23, 1935 at St. Mark’s Catholic Church in Lake Andes. They moved to California in 1940 and then returned to farm in the Lake Andes area in 1945. Living near several brothers and sisters and their families, they spent happy times at house parties and dances.

Anne loved being outdoors helping with the farm activities, gardening, raising her chickens, ducks and geese, and fishing. She enjoyed being with her grandchildren and drew her family together at her Sunday dinners. Anne was known for her “special cinnamon rolls” by her family and her church family. Participating in bowling and attending basketball and baseball games was her enjoyment.

Anne was an active member of St. Mark’s Catholic Church in Lake Andes, participating in the Catholic Daughters and the Altar Society and Eucharist Ministry. For many years Anne cleaned and supported the church in many ways. She also volunteered at the Lake Andes nursing home.

After Ed’s death in 1987, Anne continued to live on the farm near



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Lake Andes until she suffered a stroke and moved to the Wagner Good Samaritan Society on June 15, 2005.

Grateful for sharing her life are her three children: Anne Otte and husband Louie of Wagner; Harold Carda and wife Pat of Hermosa; and Judie Dilts and husband Ron of Wagner; 13 grandchildren; 29 great grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Anne was preceded in death by her husband, Ed; her little sister, Helen; parents; sister, Agnes Carda; three brothers: Ed, Albin and Clarence; and grandson, Tim Otte.

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Kendra Keck

CROFTON, Neb. — Funeral services for Kendra Keck, age 40 of Crofton, Nebraska, will be 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 10, 2012, at Thabor Lutheran Church in Wausa, Nebraska. Pastor Samm Johnston will officiate, with burial in Woodlawn Cemetery at Wausa.

Visitation will be Monday, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Thabor Lutheran Church in Wausa.

Brockhaus Funeral Home of Wausa is in charge of arrangements.

Kendra died Thursday, April 5, 2012, at her home in Crofton.

To sign the guestbook, or leave online condolences, please visit www.brockhausfuneralhome.com

Kendra (Tucker) Keck, daughter of Roger and Doris (DeGroot) Tucker, was born August 28, 1971, at Yankton, South Dakota. Kendra attended Wausa High School and later, Wayne State College. On August 17, 1991, she was married to Brian Keck at the United Methodist Church in Wausa, Nebraska. The couple was blessed with one daughter, Adrienne (age 16). Kendra lived in several places during her life, including Wausa, Wayne, Creighton, and Crofton. She worked as an office manager at the Creighton Medical Clinic and



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Rita Kubal

Rita R. Kubal, age 43 — wife, mother, daughter, sister, aunt, and friend — entered the everlasting peace of her Father near Scotland, SD.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 11:00 a.m. Monday, April 9, 2012 at the Bishop Marty Chapel on the Mount Marty College Campus, Yankton, SD with Rev. Dan Smith and Msgr. Carlton Hermann officiating. Burial will be in the Polish Catholic Cemetery, rural Lesterville, SD overlooking the family farm.

Visitations will begin at 5:00 p.m. Sunday, at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church, Tabor, with a wake service at 7:00 p.m. with Rev. Joe Puthenkulathil officiating.

The Opsahl-Kostel Memorial Chapel, Tabor, is assisting with arrangements.

On December 14, 1968, Rita Jackson was born to Darrel and Mary Ann (Bradley) Jackson of Wessington Springs, SD. She was the tenth of eleven vibrant children. Running amuck with her five brothers and sisters, Rita grew to a love of nature and all its animals—a love that never faded in Rita’s adult life, many of her family and friends being gifted with the stray cats and dogs she often found. Basketball player, cheerleader, homecoming queen, and Miss Holiday are a few of the titles she donned in her time as a Wessington Springs Spartan, not the least of these titles being “friend.”

Rita attended Northern State University in Aberdeen, SD, before transferring to Mount Marty



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North Dakota where she completed a degree in physical therapy.

On May 17th, 1993, she was married to Dan Kubal of rural Lesterville, SD, and the couple was soon graced, with their first child Dana. The Kubal farmhouse was blessed with four additional children, Elizabeth, Kohl, John, and Kaleb. In these children, Rita had found her calling — the call to be a mother. These five were the apple in her ever-bright eye.

Rita was also drawn to her service as a physical therapist, providing compassionate care and a listening ear. She worked at the Menno nursing home, the Freeman hospital, the Tyndall Hospital, the Yankton Care Center, and Sacred Heart Hospital throughout the years. Among her most enriching experiences was her time spent serving the Sioux people at Indian Health Services in Wagner, SD. There, Rita encountered a rich Sioux spirituality that resonated with her innate sense of prayer and her devotion to the Supreme Being. It is said that Rita is the only physical therapist with 100 percent of her Sioux patients to return for follow-up sessions.

A few words about Rita: horse lover, eagle watcher, photogra-

pher, hiker, rosary connoisseur, reader, writer, and a shoulder to lean on. Yet, above all, Rita was a woman of love, a love infused by faith, a faith that drew her to offer all things to her Savior, Jesus Christ.

Rita was preceded in death by her father, Darrel Jackson, brother, Mark Edward Jackson, niece, Jennifer Reed, and grandparents.

She is survived by husband, Dan Kubal, her children, Dana, Elizabeth, Kohl, John, and Kaleb, all from rural Lesterville, SD, her mother, Mary Jackson of Lane, SD, and her ten siblings and siblings’ spouses, Steve, John, and Kelly Jackson, all from Lane, SD, Tim and Laura Jackson of Woonsocket, SD, Travis and Karen Jackson of Lane, SD, Mary and Bill Reed of Gillette, WY, Sandy and Michael Neth of Scotland, SD, Lori and Bob Schleich of Mitchell, SD, Tim and Linda Foos of Milbank, SD, and Michele and Jeff Bigelow of Mitchell, SD.

She is also survived by in-laws Gladys and Michael Kubal of Lesterville, SD, Judy and Pat Carroll of Tabor, SD, Laurie and Mike Becvar of Mission Hill, SD, and Nancy and Bob Pechous of Tabor, SD.

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The families of 9 year old, **Iszabella Morgan** (Mitchell, SD) wish to thank everyone for your prayers, cards, and phone calls of support at the time of our loss.

Jeanne Morgan and Family, Ryan Anderson and Family, Grandparents Steve and Patty Anderson, Aunt Vanessa Anderson, Mitchell, SD; Great Grandparents Don and Dorothy Anderson, Yankton, SD; Great Aunts and Uncles: Tom & Janelle Dickson, Richland, MI; Kevin & Julie Anderson, Chicago, IL; Jerry and Jackie Koster, Craig and Gail Kennedy, Dr. Curtis and Madonna Adams, William and Judy Utley, all of Yankton, SD; Terry and Joie Pickett, Vermillion, SD; Mike & Maria Kilbride, Patterson, CA; Kevin & Maria Kilbride, Lawty, FL; Reg and Gloria Bauske, Flandreau, SD; and John and Jeanne Geiken, Daniel Kilbride, and Jackie Kilbride, all of Sioux Falls, SD, and Iszabella’s numerous Cousins.

To all the family and friends who called and sent cards in memory of Isabella. We are grateful for all your support. May God Bless You.

*Don and Dorothy Anderson
 Gail and Craig Kennedy
 Jackie and Gerald Koster*

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