

## Neb. Priest On Leave Amid Abuse Allegation

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — An Omaha priest has been put on administrative leave amid an allegation of sexual abuse when he was at a Norfolk parish in the 1970s, the Archdiocese of Omaha said Sunday.

Deacon Timothy McNeil, chancellor of the archdiocese, said the allegation against Rev. Franklin Dvorak came to light at the end of March. He is accused of sexually abusing a female student from 1970 to 1972, when he was stationed at Norfolk Sacred Heart Parish. Sacred Heart runs a school, now called Norfolk Catholic, that serves students in kindergarten through 12th grade.

A message left Sunday at the parish office wasn't immediately returned.

Dvorak has denied the allegation, which was first reported by WOWT-TV.

Dvorak, who was ordained in 1970, was appointed pastor of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Omaha in 2007.

McNeil said Dvorak was removed from the parish the first week of April and was officially placed on leave on Friday, after an internal review board found the claim credible.

The case is being forwarded to Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith in Rome. Law enforcement has also been notified.

## Unwanted Neb. Sand Put To Use In Oil Fields

GENOA, Neb. (AP) — Some unwanted Nebraska sand has been put to use in some U.S. oil fields.

The *Columbus Telegram* says sand that's been dredged from the head of a power canal alongside the Loup River near Genoa has been accumulating for 75 years.

The Loup Public Power District couldn't find anyone to take it. Then Legacy Resources Co. began building a facility in 2006 that could ship out the sand for use in hydraulic fracturing — or fracking. That process injects water and sand into the ground to free deposits of petroleum and natural gas.

Legacy was bought by a Pennsylvania-based investment group, which created Preferred Sands, of Genoa.

The company sells the processed sand to several companies, with the biggest U.S. demand from Colorado, North Dakota, Pennsylvania and Texas.

# Lakers Returns To Politics With Run For Regents

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OMAHA, Neb. — Two years after abruptly abandoning his race for Nebraska governor amid a campaign finance scandal, Mark Lakers is now quietly making a bid for another elected office — this time for a University of Nebraska Board of Regents seat.

Lakers' filing for the District 8 seat last month rounded out what was already an eclectic race that included former Republican Omaha mayor and U.S. Rep. Hal Daub and Ann Ferlic Ashford, the daughter of current Regent Randy Ferlic, who isn't seeking a third term. Carl Jennings, a Democrat, also is running for the board.

The District 8 and three others are up on the Nebraska Board of Regents. Because the races are nonpartisan, the top two vote-getters in each race advance to the November elections.

This time two years ago, Lakers appeared to be on track to give Nebraska Democrats a viable shot at taking the governor's office. Only two months earlier, Lakers had announced his candidacy at the urging of the state party, which hailed him as a successful businessman who could bring new jobs to Nebraska.

In April 2010, Lakers released his first campaign finance report, remarkable for the staggering amount of pledges he claimed he had amassed — more than \$300,000 in a three-week period — in his first run for public office.

But suspicions over the amounts surfaced within days, as executives with companies listed as having pledged as much as \$20,000



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He eventually admitted in court to falsifying 51 of 80 campaign pledges on his finance reports, pleaded guilty to one count of abusing public records and was fined \$500.

Asked whether he fears his failed run for governor would haunt his latest race, Lakers said his work as an investment banker specializing in agriculture businesses had given him a thick skin.

"To a large degree, this isn't about me," he said, acknowledging that "there was some negative" blowback from the 2010 campaign. But Lakers said he has something to offer Nebraska's university system.

"Should I be elected, I'll have an opportunity to work with the next governor and try to convince that governor to stop defunding education, not only at the university level, but defunding state support for K-12," he said. "All three of my boys recently graduated from the University of Nebraska. I understand how difficult it is to pay for education. I think the state has failed our kids by not having state guarantees on loans."

If he walked away from his 2010 failed gover-

nor's race with any lesson, it seems to be to downplay talk of money. He has been campaigning at Omaha-area events and granted interviews with some radio and television programs, but has done little fundraising.

"For the most part, I self-funded up through the primary," Lakers said. "I'm not interested in turning a Board of Regents race into who can spend the most money."

Lakers said he doesn't know whether the Democratic Party now regards his failed 2010 gubernatorial bid as water under the bridge.

"I haven't even talked to the Democratic Party," Lakers said. "I think people need to talk about issues. I think 80 percent of Nebraskans really don't care about party."

If those in the party have forgiven, they clearly haven't forgotten.

Anne Boyle, a former Nebraska Democratic Party chairwoman and an elected member of the state Public Service Commission, offered less than a ringing endorsement when asked about Lakers' run for the NU Board of Regents. Boyle ruffled her party in the summer of 2010 when she publicly called on Lakers to drop out of the gubernatorial race as the scandal around his campaign finances grew.

"I would give him the benefit of the doubt, as far as running," Boyle said. "I'm not sure what the voters will think when they have other candidates running as well who are qualified."

Fellow Democrat and current regents member Chuck Hassebrook joined Boyle two years ago in demanding that Lakers step down. Asked whether he supports Laker's run for the regents board, Hassebrook replied, "I'd have to think about that."

## OBITUARIES

### Orlin Petersen

Orlin M. Petersen, age 87, of Columbus, Nebraska and formerly of Utica, South Dakota, died Friday, April 27, 2012, at the Golden Living Center in Columbus, Nebraska.

Funeral services are 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 1, 2012, at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton with Reverend Dean Schroeder officiating. Burial will be in the Danish Lutheran Cemetery in rural Gayville, South Dakota with military honors provided by the Rudolph-Christensen American Legion Post No. 237 of Gayville.

Visitation is from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Monday, April 30, 2012 at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home with a prayer service at 7:00 p.m. Visitation continues one hour prior to the funeral on Tuesday.

Pallbearers are Steve Moenning, Dan Moenning, Brian Petersen, Mike Petersen, Ben VanOsdel, and Barry VanOsdel. Honorary pallbearers are Juliette Petersen, Jenelle Petersen, Bill Koutner, Joe McNeil, Jim Petersen, Tanya DeNoon, Julie Petersen, and Gary Hauck.

Orlin M. Petersen was born February 20, 1925, in Yankton County, South Dakota. He grew up on the farm and attended



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Clay Valley Country School in rural Irene. He worked as a hired man for a number of area farmers until he was drafted into the United States Army, serving during World War II in the Pacific Theater. In 1947, Orlin started farming for himself and attended Vocational Agriculture School on the G.I. Bill. He married Dorothy Ann Nelson on November 30, 1948, in Gayville, South Dakota. They farmed in the Mission Hill area until moving into the Utica area where he continued to farm. Orlin purchased the family farm in rural Utica, South Dakota, in 1965 and farmed until retiring to Yankton in 2008.

He was a member of the Rudolph-Christensen American Legion Post No. 237 of Gayville and the Lutheran Laymen's League at Martinus Lutheran Church. He enjoyed farming and raising cattle, playing Dartball at church, traveling with his son-in-law who is a truck driver, and spending time with his family especially his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy of Columbus, Nebraska,

three children: Robert (Arde) Petersen of Columbus; Lynn (Nancy) Petersen of East Dundee, Illinois; and Janet (Derald) Moenning of Norfolk, Nebraska; seven grandchildren: Juliette, Jenelle, Brian, James, Tanya, Steven, and Daniel; two great grandchildren: Ethan and Natalie; three brothers: Kenneth (Jane) Petersen of Gayville; John Petersen of Volin, South Dakota; and Clifford Petersen of Volin. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Melvin Petersen; and two sisters: Grace Johnson and Eilene VanOsdel.

Memorials may be directed to the Danish Lutheran Cemetery 31545 45th Avenue, Meckling, South Dakota 57069.

To send an online sympathy message, please visit [wintzrayfuneralhome.com](http://wintzrayfuneralhome.com).

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[www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com)

### Laura Marsh

Laura Lou Marsh, age 88 of Hartington, Nebraska, died on Saturday, April 28, 2012 at the Golden Living Center in Hartington.

Funeral Services will be on Tuesday, May 1, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. at the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Hartington with Rev. Gary Kimm and Rev. Bernard Saylor officiating. Burial will be in the Hartington City Cemetery.

Visitation will be on Monday from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with a Prayer Service, including a PEO Service, at 7:00 p.m. at the Wintz Funeral Home in Hartington. Visitation will begin one hour prior to services on Tuesday at the church.

Pallbearers will be her eight grandsons and one granddaughter, Paul, Scott, David, Chris, Craig, Michael, Ryan, Tammi and Zach Marsh. Honorary pallbearers will be the residents and staff of Golden Living.

Laura Lou was born the only child of A. Virgil and Blula (Engman) McDonald on July 18, 1923 at the family farm located on Spirit Mound, seven miles north of Vermillion, SD. She attended Spirit Mound School District 15 through eighth grade, graduated from Vermillion High School in 1941 and the University of South Dakota in 1945 receiving a Bache-



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lor's of Science in Education. Laura Lou taught at Hartington Public School until her marriage on June 25, 1947 to Dean Marsh at a ceremony in Vermillion, SD. They made their home on a farm southwest of Hartington where she lived until moving to the Golden Living Community in April of 2009. After years at home raising her boys, she returned to teaching at Hartington Public. She taught Social Studies and History, and coached speech. She retired in 1989 after 21 years of teaching at Hartington Public School. She continued to be a regular guest for many years when students studied Nebraska History.

Laura Lou was a member of the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Hartington, NE, serving on the Board of Trustees and member of the Women's Circle. She was an active charter member of the Hartington HZ Chapter of PEO for the past 30 years, and served on the Board of the Friends of the Library.

Laura Lou and Dean enjoyed many years of parading with the Abu Becker Cornhusker Shrine Club and bowling mixed league in Hartington. She enjoyed Friday Night Group, refinishing antique

furniture, embroidering quilts, playing scrabble, completing jigsaw and crossword puzzles. Visits and pictures from her grandchildren and great grandchildren brought her great pride and joy.

Laura Lou is survived by two sons Steve (Joanne) and Tom (Lea) of Hartington, and daughter in law, Carolyn Marsh of Omaha, NE. Nine grandchildren, Paul (Jessica) Marsh of Lincoln, NE, Scott (Erin) Marsh of Independence, MO, David Marsh of Lincoln, NE, Chris (Kassy) Marsh of Hartington, NE, Craig (Heidi) Marsh of Crofton, NE, Michael Marsh of Omaha, NE, Ryan (Megan) Marsh of Hartington, Tammi Marsh of Lincoln, NE and Zach Marsh of Hartington, NE. She is also survived by seven great-grandchildren.

Laura Lou was preceded in death by her parents, son Tim on April 1, 1987 at the age of 34 and husband Dean on May 24, 1993 at the age of 69.

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### Elois Dull

Elois Kay Dull, age 66 of Yankton, passed away Friday, April 27, 2012 at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton.

Memorial Services will be 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 1, 2012 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, with Rev. Paul Opsahl officiating.

Visitations will be one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Elois Kay Dull was born to Wendell and Agnes Norgaard April 24, 1946. She graduated from Arlington High School and worked at several businesses in Arlington. She worked at the Blue Mist, Fish Haven, Arlington Sun and Handymart.

On September 1, 1995, she married Lane Dull. They moved to Yankton, SD, where she worked at ShurCo until retirement. She enjoyed her free time being a homemaker, camping, fishing, and spending time with family and friends.

Elois is survived by her



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husband, Lane of Yankton, 2 daughters, Traci (Jeff) Hanson of Madison and Christy Johnson, Arlington, SD, granddaughters, Ashley (Cole) McLaughlin, Amanda Hanson, Mikayla and Hailey Johnson and 2 great grandsons, Kayden and Kale McLaughlin. She is also survived by her brother, Gary (Deb) Norgaard, Volga, SD and her sisters, Lynn Brinker of Magnolia, MN and Wendy Ford of Aberdeen, SD.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brother-in-law and father-in-law.

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### James Hofer

James D. Hofer, 76, of Yankton and formerly of Freeman died Friday at the Avera Sacred Heart Hospital.

Funeral Services will be Monday April 30th at 10:30 a.m. at the Missionary Church of Freeman with burial in the Hutterthal Cemetery.

Visitation with the family present was held April 29th from 3-5 p.m. at the Walter Funeral Home in Freeman.

James married Margie Misar in 1964. Margie passed away in 2007.

He is survived by his daughters; Rhonda (Joe) Steffen of Yankton, Nancy (Bill) Desler of Belle Vista, AR, Carole (Jason) Ball of Sioux Center, IA, and Jodi (David) McGaffey of Missouri Valley, IA. 9 grandchildren. Brothers: Dennis, Bobby, and Elgin Hofer. Sisters: Bernie Kjos, Jane Schrader, and Gloria Schneiderman.

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### Courtney Rothschadl

VIBORG — Courtney Rae Rothschadl, 19, died April 28, 2012.

Funeral service will be held Wednesday, May 2, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. at the Viborg School Gymnasium.

Visitation will be Tuesday, May 1, 2012 from 5 to 8 p.m. with a Prayer Service at 7 p.m. at the Viborg School Gymnasium.

Burial will be Thursday, May 3, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Leo's Catholic Cemetery, Tyndall, SD.

Courtney Rae Rothschadl was born November 6, 1992 in Viborg to Craig Rothschadl and Darci (Duncan) Schreiner.

She attended school and graduated from the Viborg High School in 2011. She was involved in FFA, Oral Interp, Chorus and Track. Courtney worked at Pump N Stuff, Evergreen Assisted Living, Kountry Kookin and Lewis Drug in Viborg and Schmidt's Convenience Store in Tyndall.

She enjoyed Harry Potter, Simpsons, Scooby Doo, Lion King, shopping, reading, listening to music, writing, putting puzzles together and the family dogs were an important part of her life.

Courtney was preceded in death by her grandfather Richard Rothschadl.

Courtney is survived by her father Craig (Kathy) of Viborg; mother Darci (Nathan) Schreiner of Huron; sister Samantha of Viborg; brother Wolfgang of Viborg; grandparents Sue Rothschadl of Tyndall, and DeWayne & Glenda Duncan of Viborg; 4 step-brothers Dakota, Ashton & Trenton Schreiner of Kansas, Kaedon Maunu of Viborg; special friend Justin Johnson; step-grandparents Kelly Happeny (Mark Christensen) of Viborg, Don & Karen Engelke of Viborg; and many other relatives and friends.

Register online at [www.viborg-funeralhome.com](http://www.viborg-funeralhome.com).

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