

# Oblation At Sacred Heart Monastery

The Benedictine Sisters of Yankton celebrated their annual oblation ceremony in the Bishop Marty Memorial Chapel on Sunday, April 19th at 1:00 pm. Sr. Penny Bingham, Prioress, officiated at the ceremony. Four made their first oblation (i.e., became oblate novices), three made their final oblation (i.e., became oblates), and several renewed their oblation.

An Oblate is a lay or clerical, single or married, person formally associated to a particular monastery. The Oblate seeks to live a life in harmony with the spirit of Saint Benedict as revealed in the Rule of Saint Benedict and its contemporary expression. Those who wish to become Oblates of Saint Benedict are first enrolled for a year as Oblate Novices. A year after their enrollment as Oblate Novices, they may make their Final Oblation as Oblates of Saint Benedict upon mutual agreement with their Director of Oblates. This act of Final Oblation makes them full-fledged Oblates of Saint Benedict for life, or for as long as they desire to remain Oblates.

Because there are those who would like to become oblates but because of: time constraints, geographic distances, work and family demands, physical disabilities,



and/or health circumstances are not able to participate in a traditional oblate chapter, the Yankton Benedictines established a Benedictine Online Oblate Chapter (BOOC) in 2004. Since that time, the

BOOC, the only online oblate chapter in the world, has served those interested in Benedictine Spirituality in 40 states AND Washington, D.C. and in more than 34 countries. On Sunday, within their



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

**LEFT:** In the presence of Oblate Directors Ss. Bonita Gacnik and Joelle Bauer and S. Penny Bingham, Prioress, Marge Stoeber, Mary Kreber, and Angela Hejl made their Final Oblation on Sunday, April 19. Kirsti Skuza was unable to be present for the ceremony.

**ABOVE:** Following the ceremony, new Oblate Novices pose for a photo with their directors. Standing from left to right are S. Penny Bingham, Prioress of Sacred Heart Monastery, Jeremy Behrends, Riley Pearson, Rose Paz, Kristen Shanahan, S. Joelle Bauer, Oblate Director, and S. Eileen O'Connor, MMC Oblate Director.

local faith communities, six members of the online chapter made their first oblation and became oblate novices and two made their final oblation and became oblates. The oblate novices were from

Arizona, California, Texas, Missouri, and Seville, Spain, and the oblates were from FL and TX.

For more information on our Oblate program, go to [www.yanktonbenedictines.org/oblates/](http://www.yanktonbenedictines.org/oblates/).

## OBITUARIES

### Joyce Conklin

Joyce Conklin, age 94 of Yankton, SD passed away peacefully at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton, SD as the sun rose on Easter morning, April 5, 2015, surrounded by the love and support of her family and friends.

Funeral services will be at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, April 25, 2015 at the United Church of Christ (Congregational), Yankton, SD with Rev. Molly Carlson officiating. Burial will be in the Hills of Rest Cemetery, Sioux Falls, SD at approximately 2:30 p.m. Saturday afternoon.

Visitations will begin at 6:00 p.m. Friday, April 24, 2015 at the United Church of Christ (Congregational), Yankton, with a Scripture service at 7:00 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

The Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, is assisting with service details and on-line condolences can be sent at [www.opsahlkostelfuneralhome.com](http://www.opsahlkostelfuneralhome.com).

Joyce Elaine Conklin was born in Spring Township, Iowa on August 18, 1920. Her early childhood years were spent on the farm with her siblings and numerous cousins. In 1929 the family moved to Sioux Falls where Joyce lived most of her life, moving to Yankton in 2006 to be closer to her family. Joyce attended Washington High School and took many business courses which would prove helpful in her career, enjoyed her fine arts classes, and was active in debate.

She graduated in 1938 and entered the workplace, starting at Buckingham Transportation Co., Dobash Transportation, Commercial Credit Corporation, Wilson Truck Line and Tri-State Transportation. Tri-State Transportation became Hyman Freightways and Joyce



Conklin

worked there for 43 years retiring in 1985. She came out of retirement twice to assist when

they were short workers.

The most important relationship in Joyce's life was with her Lord and Savior. She attended First Baptist Church in Sioux Falls where she was baptized in 1946 beside her mother by immersion. She taught Sunday school to second graders for over 40 years. She loved her time with The Kings Daughters, SAM (Senior Adult Ministry), and coordinating the Resource Room for the other Sunday school teachers.

Joyce volunteered at the Firehouse Coffee Bar and Sioux Valley Hospital, earning recognition for 100 hours of service in 1988.

It was at First Baptist that Joyce met her best friend Marian Bossman. One of the Church Sextons called them the Gold Dust Twins. Marian and Joyce attended house parties, bingo nights, and many other activities that young folks availed themselves of in that era. They traveled across the country and around the world as the years went by. Sometimes they went with church groups, family members, or other friends. Most often it was just the two of them, driving along the highway in Joyce's green Studebaker. By the time Marian passed away in 2002, they had seen all but two states plus Canada, Germany, Austria, and Switzerland. Their friendship extended to both of their families, giving each one bonus families strong in faith that endures three generations later.

When Joyce moved to Yankton she joined The United Church of Christ

(Congregational) where she served on the Search Committee, the Board of Music, and the Knitting Circle. Many people recovering from illness received one of Joyce's beautiful prayer shawls. Joyce loved sharing the activities of the many children and young adults who touched her life.

Joyce is survived by her nephews: Roger Willcut, Brian Willcut, Blane Willcut, Vernon Conklin, Walter Hudelson, and Gary Hudelson; nieces: Karen Crockford, Billie Rask, Bonnie Edwards, Sallie Edwards, Susan Payson, and many great, great-great, and great-great-great nephews and nieces.

Joyce was preceded in death by her parents, Verne and Clarissa Conklin (Johnston); brother, Gene; sisters, Gladys Willcut and Maxine Hudelson; nieces: Vivian Duvernois, Barbara Willcut, Roberta Diede and Sandra Heeg.

Aunt Joyce will be missed by all in her uniquely blended family as well as her many friends in her church and community families. Her memory will long live as her family enjoys the uniquely handcrafted Christmas ornaments she made for many years. In 2001 when the number of ornaments needed to include her ever growing blended family reached the hundreds, Joyce decided it was time to start a new tradition and began sharing journals of family memories each Christmas. These have become treasured parts of her family's lives.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to UCC Memorial Fund, c/o United Church of Christ (Congregational), 218 W. 5th St., Yankton, S.D. 57078.

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### William Juhnke

William G. Juhnke, 81, of Milltown passed away Tuesday at his home.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, April 25, at 10:30 a.m. at the Milltown UBC Church with burial to follow in the Milltown City Cemetery.

Visitation will be on Friday from 5-7 p.m. at the Walter Funeral Home in Freeman with a prayer service at 7 p.m.

### Phyllis Schulte

Phyllis I. Schulte, 76, of Yankton and formerly of Wynot, Nebraska, died Wednesday, April 22, 2015, at Avera Sister James Care Center in Yankton.

A gathering of friends and family will be from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, April 25, at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton.

To send an online message to the family, visit [www.wintz-rayfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintz-rayfuneralhome.com).

### June Carpenter

June Leonard Carpenter, 89, of Wagner passed away peacefully with her daughters at her side on April 20, 2015.

Private memorial services will be held at a later date. Burial will be in the ZCBJ Cemetery, rural Wagner.

Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Chapel in Wagner is in charge of arrangements.

### Wilma Rahn

Wilma L. Rahn, 88, of Yankton, passed away Tuesday, April 21, 2015, at her daughter's home in Omaha, Nebraska.

Funeral services are 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 25, at First United Methodist Church in Yankton with the Rev. Ron Johnson officiating. Burial will be in the Garden of Memories Cemetery in Yankton.

Visitation is from 5-8 p.m. Friday, April 24, at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton. Visitation continues one hour prior to the funeral at the church.

To send an online message to the family, visit [www.wintz-rayfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintz-rayfuneralhome.com).

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## Foster Parent Training In Yankton

Prospective foster families are invited to attend a free upcoming PRIDE (Parent's Resource for Information, Development and Education) Training in Yankton beginning Saturday, May 16, at 9 a.m.

Foster families of every culture are needed to keep sibling groups together, to keep children and youth in their own communities and to support the well-being of children in need of a home while their birth family heals.

PRIDE is a 30-hour comprehensive training program designed to educate individuals about becoming foster or adoptive parents. Class sizes are limited and an initial inquiry process must be completed prior to registration.

For more information about becoming a foster parent, visit [www.fosteronesd.org](http://www.fosteronesd.org) or contact Jenessa Kniffen at Jenessa.Kniffen@state.sd.us or call 605-668-3030.

# SD Business-Advisory Network Celebrates 30 Productive Years

An experienced network of business advisers across South Dakota is celebrating its 30th anniversary by encouraging business people and entrepreneurs to check with one of the organization's regional offices for free help.

South Dakota Small Business Development Centers have an impressive record of assisting new and growing businesses throughout the state, and they can provide even more help, says Jeff Eckhoff, state director.

"We're one of the unsung gems of South Dakota's growing business community, and we want to do more to help bolster the state's economy," Eckhoff says. "We want to spread the word that our advisers and other staff members have the experience, skill and capacity to help even more businesses start, expand and improve their operations."

The South Dakota SBDC is a member of a national association, America's SBDC, which is celebrating its 35th anniversary. The South Dakota network is five years younger.

The South Dakota SBDC is funded primarily by the U.S. Small Business Administration and the Governor's Office of Economic Development. It also receives assistance from the Citi Foundation and Xcel Energy. The state office of the SBDC is hosted by the Beacom School of Business at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion. Regional offices are located in Aberdeen, Pierre, Rapid City, Sioux Falls, Watertown and Yankton. Satellite offices are located in Brookings and Mitchell.

In addition to its ties to the SBA and GOED, the South Dakota SBDC is the umbrella organization for four other statewide programs that assist businesses:

- South Dakota Manufac-

turing & Technology Solutions offices in Sioux Falls, Rapid City and a new one that will be opened soon to serve the northeastern part of the state. They provide services specifically designed to help manufacturers become more efficient and profitable.

- South Dakota Procurement Technical Assistance Centers in Sioux Falls, Pierre, Rapid City and Yankton, which help businesses compete for government contracts.

- International Trade Center, which assists businesses with exporting activities.

- Small Business Innovation Research program, which helps businesses with commercialization potential compete for funding awards.

"We practice the no-wrong-door approach. If you get into our network, chances are we can help you or get you to the right place," Eckhoff says. "We like to think of our office as a good first stop for any business looking for help."

SBDC services are designed for small businesses, meaning companies with fewer than 500 employees. Consulting services generally are free. However, there might be a charge for special services, such as those under the MTS program or for training.

### OUTPUT EXCEEDS NORM

During the past 12 years, South Dakota SBDC offices have helped clients raise more than a \$1 billion in capital, primarily through loans and investments, says Mark Slade, regional director of the SBDC office in Sioux Falls and the associate state director.

"A common thread for many of our clients is the need for help with a budget to acquire a loan. Whether they're an existing business that's expanding, putting up a building, buying a business or starting one from scratch, it's

going to require some financing," Slade says.

The network doesn't just help new businesses get started. Statewide, nearly a third of SBDC clients come from existing businesses. Many business people don't realize the wealth of services and staff experience available at centers, Slade says.

"We have longstanding consultants who have had the opportunity to build relationships in their communities," he says. The average business consultant in the network has more than 10 years of experience.

First Manufacturing LLC in Humboldt is among the businesses that Slade has personally assisted. Kevin and Emily Berg own the company, which uses computerized (CNC) equipment and a staff of seven people to custom-make advanced parts and fixtures.

Kevin Berg says company leaders have consulted with the Sioux Falls SBDC office several times and always have enjoyed the experience. "We basically use Mark Slade for projections to see if our ideas make sense to help us get financing," Berg says.

John Brown II, district director for the SBA in South Dakota, says the accomplishments of SBDC offices in the state dramatically exceed what might be expected of the organization, based on the population of the market. "Their output far exceeds the norm across the country," he says.

SBDC services have expanded significantly in recent years with the creation of new offices and programs, but one-on-one business consulting remains the network's specialty, Brown says. "The SBDC, over the last 10 years, has become a phenomenal, full-service organization," he says.

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