

Pearl Harbor Memorial Service Set For Friday

Two World War Two veterans will speak about their experiences Friday, Dec. 3, during the annual Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day program hosted by a local veterans organization.

The Grand du South Dakota, Lewis & Clark Voiture 842, of La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux (The Society of 40 Men and 8 Horses), commonly known as the "40 & 8," will begin the ceremony at 6 p.m. Friday in the Yankton VFW Post located at 209 Cedar St., Yankton.

In addition to a memorial service, speakers will include veteran Harold Reinschmidt, who farmed near Wagner and now lives in Yankton. He served from 1944-1945 in France and was transported in one of the box cars for which the 40 & 8 is named. Reinschmidt served in a medical division and the infantry.

A second speaker, Darrel Christopherson of Vermillion, served from Feb. 12, 1941, to 1963. During the attack on Pearl Harbor, his ship, the USS Vestal AR 4, was tied up next to the USS Arizona.

Also, Irene English Lammers from Nebraska will share the story of her childhood living in Germany under Adolf Hitler from age 7 to 12, when she and her sister were separated from the rest of their family.

In addition, South Dakota Lt. Gov. Matt Michels will speak about Pearl Harbor.

The evening will end with the playing of "Taps."

CookieWalk Event Friday At Dakota Theatre

Tasty, decorative homemade holiday cookies will be for sale Friday during the annual CookieWalk, to be held in the lobby of the Dakota Theatre, 328 Walnut St., Yankton.

The event raises funds for Yankton's RiverWalk project, which places sculptures in the downtown area. This year's goal is to raise enough money to purchase an additional granite pedestal for the sculptures.

Some of Yankton's best cookie-makers donate the holiday treats, which sell by the pound. The cookies will be for sale from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., but many varieties were sold out by noon last year so come early.

RiverWalk is beginning its third year in Yankton. The non-profit group's mission is to enhance the community's appearance and culture by featuring great outdoor art in the downtown district.

Selected sculptures are displayed on downtown streets and in Riverside Park for one year. Current sculptures will be replaced in May of 2012.

PFLAG-Yankton Meeting Scheduled Sunday

The PFLAG-Yankton chapter will be holding a meeting at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4. On the agenda is a report about the National PFLAG Conference, held recently in Washington, D.C. The PFLAG-Yankton group meets in the Fellowship Hall of the Peace Presbyterian Church, 206 E. 31st Street in Yankton.

PFLAG (Parents, Family and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) is a support and advocacy organization with chapters all across the nation. Anyone interested in creating a society that promotes equality and is respectful of human diversity is welcome to attend.

For more information, you can contact the group at pflag_yankton@hotmail.com.

River

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sponsibility for this disaster."

Changes the corps plans to make include getting as much water out of the river basin's reservoir system as possible before spring and, if necessary, aggressively releasing more water in the spring.

Brigadier Gen. John McMahon, speaking on behalf of the corps, said he understood the impact of the flooding and said the agency would continue to examine its policies. He also said the actions of the corps as well as the dams in place along the Missouri River spared communities from even greater damage.

But witnesses such as Missouri farmer Richard Oswald said the

corps did not communicate with local communities and said much needed to be done to prevent another similar situation.

"We were told well ahead of time to expect a flood," Oswald said. "The reaction among most was that if flooding could be anticipated so far in advance, why wasn't something done to prevent it?"

Brad Lawrence, director of public works for Fort Pierre, S.D., one of the places where homes were damaged and temporary levees had to be built, said he believed the corps had failed to understand the full scope of the threat flooding presented in 2011.

"Because of that, they never communicated what preparations and to what level were needed until it was too late," he said.

The Missouri River flows from Montana through North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa and Missouri. Its basin also includes Wyoming.

Zeutenhorst said.

"We definitely tend to slow down with visitors in the fall and winter," she said.

The two Corps-operated campgrounds — Cottonwood and Nebraska tailwaters — are also closed for winter camping. However, day use areas can still be used, Zeutenhorst said.

"They can still go fishing down by the river, and still go out to the parks and have access to the parks," she said.

Zeutenhorst said the decrease in visitor traffic will now allow the staff to focus more on administrative tasks.

"This gives us time to get caught up on a lot of things we may not have had time to during the busy season when we're focused on the visitors here," she said.

With the floodwaters gone, Zeutenhorst said she expects next year's visitor traffic to retreat to previous averages. However, she wouldn't rule anything out, saying many newcomers could return next season.

"We had a lot of folks come here who had never been here before, and they really liked the area," she said. "They just thought it was a great area to be around."

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to all who help us celebrate our 80th anniversary. Your attendance at the party, cards and phone calls were all appreciated. We are so grateful for so many wonderful friends and family.

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to everyone for the cards, gifts, and visits for my 80th birthday. You made my birthday very special.
Sincerely,
Marjorie Scherschligt

USD To Sponsor State Spelling Bee

Student Enrollment Application Deadline Dec. 16

VERMILLION — The University of South Dakota is the official sponsor of the Scripps National Spelling Bee for South Dakota. The state spelling bee is scheduled to take place at Aalfs Auditorium inside of Robert L. Slagle Hall on Saturday, March 17.

Schools can enroll online through Friday, Dec. 16, at www.spellingbee.com/enrollment

and are eligible to participate in the Scripps National Spelling Bee. Home school students are also eligible to enroll online for the state competition. The contest is open for students in first grade through the eighth grade. All state winners will advance to the 85th Scripps National Spelling Bee, set for May 27-June 1, in Washington, D.C.

The nation's largest and longest-running educational promotion, the Scripps National Spelling Bee is administered on a not-for-profit basis by the E.W. Scripps Company and local spelling bee sponsors in the United States, American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Department of Defense Schools in Europe; also, the Bahamas, Canada, China, Ghana, Jamaica, Japan, New Zealand and South Korea.

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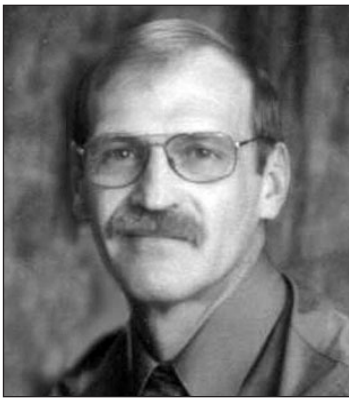
Dennis Ireland

SOLDOTNA, Alaska — Funeral services for Dennis K. Ireland of Soldotna, Alaska and formerly of Scotland, South Dakota will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 3rd at the United Methodist Church of Scotland. Pastor Tom Petersen will officiate. Glee Deutscher will be organist, with special music by Patrick Ireland and Quiana McElroy. Interment will follow in Rosehill Cemetery, Scotland. Casketbearers will be Ron Baker, Lyle Ireland, Todd Meyer, Robert Mohr, Victor Settje and Ken Travnick.

Visitation will be held on Friday from 4:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at the Goglin Funeral Home in Scotland, during which time the family will be present from 7:00 p.m. to greet visitors.

Online condolences may be sent and service information may be viewed at www.goglinfh.com.

Dennis Keith Ireland was born to Wilfred "Pat" and Agnes (Diede) Ireland on Tuesday, March 20, 1951 at Scotland, South Dakota. In 1969, he graduated from Scotland High School, where he was very active in sports. He attended the Univer-



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sity of South Dakota on a football scholarship and graduated in 1973. He taught school briefly in Alexandria, South Dakota before moving to Alaska in 1975. He immediately fell in love with the beauty and wildlife of the state. He started out as a "roustabout" and retired as a #1 Mechanic, working on the huge engines on the platforms used to draw oil from beneath the ocean. He worked for 35 years in the oil fields for the same company — which began as Marathon Oil and most recently purchased by Chevron Oil. He retired from Chevron in August of 2010, winning several awards

for his 35 years of service on the oil platforms of Cook Inlet. Dennis married Dianne Permenter on May 10, 1990 in Kenai, Alaska. However brief his retirement, he enjoyed his free time immensely. He loved putting and working in his "dream shop" that he built in the 1990's. His cars were always in order, especially his prized Corvette. He was a talented innovator and could build anything that was needed by friends or family. Dennis was very much a homebody in his later years. He loved being in his shop and working on his acreage near Soldotna. He enjoyed setting up his telescope in the marshland on his land and observing the animal life there, especially moose and bears, and he also enjoyed working in the yard and splitting firewood. He liked going to his grandchildren's dance recitals and performances.

Dennis passed away at his residence in Soldotna, Alaska on Sunday, November 20, 2011 at the age of 60 years, 8 months.

Dennis' memory will be cherished by his wife, Dianne, of Soldotna, Alaska; two sons: Patrick Ireland of Astoria, New York and Joshua Ireland of Soldotna; a granddaughter: Quiana "Q"

McElroy and a grandson, MalyQ McElroy, both of Soldotna; his mother, Agnes Ireland of Scotland; a brother, Richard (Carol) Ireland of Olivet; three sisters: Judy Strachan of Mesquite, Nevada, Ellen (James) Melius of Faulkton, and Nancy (Howard Hoffer) Wagoner-Hoffer of Bandon, Oregon; Patrick's mother and former wife, Janis Ireland of Redwood, California; and several nieces and nephews.

Dennis was preceded in death by his father, Pat Ireland; a stepdaughter, Jeana McElroy, three brothers-in-law Thomas Strachan, Thomas Broderick and Edgar Wagoner; and one sister-in-law, Marilyn Ireland.

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Erden Burt

SIoux FALLS — Erden Rose Burt, 95, passed away November 28, 2011 at Bethany Lutheran Home in Sioux Falls.

Erden was born on November 5, 1916 in Wakonda, SD to Eugene Drakley Aldrich and Teresa Margaret Healy; the fifth born of nine children. She grew up in the Montrose Salem area prior to moving to Sioux Falls in the late 1930's, where she attended Nettleton College. It was at Nettleton where she met Feike Feikema, better known as Frederick Manfred. Erden was prominently featured in one of Manfred's Buckskin Man Tales, "King of Spades".

In June of 1939, she married Dale Lavon Sall at St. Joseph Cathedral in Sioux Falls. From that union, five children were born. She spent a number of years as a sales person at Fantle's Department Store, and then later as a buyer at Pay's Art Store in downtown Sioux Falls.

In January, 1958, she married Bernard Chicoine and the two of them owned and operated Chicoine Interiors in downtown Sioux Falls. From that union, one child was born. Erden married Woodrow W. Burt in December of 1972. "Woody" passed away in 1982.

Erden had a life-long passion for art, decorating, American History and playing bridge. Largely self-educated, Erden thoroughly enjoyed doing research and preparing programs on the wives of American presidents, pro-



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Violet Sebesta

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Violet A. Sebesta, age 94, of Colorado Springs, CO and formerly of Yankton, SD, died Monday, November 28, 2011 at the Pikes Peak Care Center, Colorado Springs, CO.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, December 3, 2011 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Yankton, with Rev. Dan Smith officiating. Burial will be in the Sacred Heart Cemetery, Yankton, SD.

Visitations will begin at 5:00 p.m. Friday, at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, with a rosary at 7:00 p.m. followed by a Scripture service at 7:30 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Violet was born on July 12,

grams she delivered at the Woman's Club and other venues over the course of several years. Traveling, though, was something she enjoyed to the utmost, whether it was with friends, relatives, "Woody" or, in the later years, with Jim and Nicky Nelson and Sara Rickasrud.

Erden is survived by five children: Douglas (Mary) Sall, Yankton, SD, Natalie (Jim) Nelson, Sioux Falls, Sara Rikansrud, Sioux Falls, Steve (Lisa) Sall, Wessington Springs, SD, and Joan (Ken) Manka, Phoenix, AZ; step-daughter: Mary Ann (Richard) Meyer, Madison, WI; grandchildren: Susan (Paul) Burns, West Memphis, AR, Stephanie (Steve) Kanaly, Yankton, SD, Nathan (Katie) Rikansrud, Leah Rikansrud, Sioux Falls, Erik (Rachel)



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July 3, 1937. To that union, three sons, Robert, Donald and Roger, and a daughter, Janice were born.

She was a member of the Catholic Daughters, Elks, Senior Citizens Center and Sacred Heart Catholic Church, and was a volunteer at Sacred Heart Church.

Survivors include her daughter, Janice (David) Herbel of Elizabeth, CO; sons, Dr. Robert

(Alison) Sebesta of Colorado Springs, CO, Dr. Donald Sebesta of Othello, WA, and Roger (Phyllis) Sebesta of Odessa, WA.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, sisters, Katie Rose, Ida DuVall, Opal DuVall, Goldie Spicknal and Nettie Rogers, brothers, Wallace DuVall and Everett DuVall.

Memorials are directed to The Alzheimer's Association, South Dakota Office, 1000 N. West Avenue, #250, Sioux Falls, SD 57104.

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Online condolences at: www.opsahl-kostelfuneralhome.com

Della Kostel

TABOR — Della Kostel, 90, of Tabor died Sunday, Nov. 13, 2011, at Avera Yankton Care Center, Yankton.

Mass of Christian Burial is at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec 3, 2011, at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church, Tabor, with the Rev. Joe Puthenkulathil and Msgr. Carlton Hermann con-celebrating. Burial will be in the parish cemetery.

Visitations will be one hour prior to the service at Opsahl-Kostel Memorial Chapel, Tabor.

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