

# Mount Marty College Announces The Center For Active Learners

Mount Marty College is announcing the establishment of a new outreach initiative designed for adults of all ages. The newly established Center for Active Learners will serve to provide short courses for adults who wish to learn more about a variety of topics that are consistent with the liberal arts traditions of Mount Marty College.

The Center for Active Learning will operate within the framework of the Benedictine Institute for Leadership, Ethics and Social Justice which was founded in 2009 through an endowment from the Sisters of Sacred Heart Monastery.

The center's purpose is to provide educational outreach through short courses and seminars. The non-credit courses are designed for anyone who loves learning and enjoys the exchange of ideas without the pressures of homework or exams. Courses will consist of lectures and class discussions aimed at enriching the lives of individuals in the Yankton area.

Mount Marty College President Dr. Joseph Benoit sees the establishment of the Center as another opportunity for the institution to contribute to the quality of life in the region.

"The Center for Active Learners is directly aligned with the educational mission of Mount Marty College and reaffirms our commitment to life-long learning," he said in a press release. "Many individuals whom I have met in recent months have asked about opportunities for continuing education and I am pleased to be able to inform everyone that we are now able to respond to those requests."

The Center for Active Learners will offer courses beginning in February. The inaugural series will feature four courses taught by members of the Mount Marty College faculty

and staff. Topics covered include: "What are Teenagers Reading?", Dr. Janis Hausmann; "The Gospels", Fr. Thomas Wordekemper; "World War II: Strategy and Legacy", Dr. Richard Lofthus; and "Film Literacy", S. Cynthia Binder. Courses will meet on the Mount Marty College Campus.

An informational session will be held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 5, at the Cyber Café in the Roncalli building of the Mount Marty College campus. Course instructors will be available at the event and those attending the information session will be given first opportunity to register.

The instructors for the Center for Active Learners are:

- Father Thomas Wordekemper — Father Thomas has been a Benedictine monk of Assumption Abbey, Richardton, N.D., since 1985. He holds MDiv. and MA in Catholic Thought from St. Meinrad School of Theology, St. Meinrad, Ind. Throughout his years as a monk, he has held many positions including kitchen manager, baker, organist/choir director, vocation director, campaign and development director, landscaper, weekend pastoral help in many parishes. Currently, he serves as the chaplain for Sacred Heart Monastery and Mount Marty College.

- Dr. Janis Hausmann — Hausmann is an associate professor of English and director of the Center for Academic Excellence at Mount Marty College. Prior to receiving her PhD in English with emphases on 20th Century American Literature and Composition and Rhetoric from the University of South Dakota, Hausmann taught high school as well as college courses, so adolescent literature has long been an interest of hers. During the last five years, she has also focused on literature of the Holocaust, and this spring she will join

a group sponsored by the Holocaust Educators Network of New York on what will be a memorable trip to Poland and Israel.

- Dr. Richard Lofthus — Lofthus is a North Dakota native and received his BA, BS, MA and DA degrees from the University of North Dakota. A professor of history at Mount Marty College, he also serves as the Faculty Athletic Representative. He is a member of the South Dakota State Historical Society, Yankton Country Historical Society and Phi Alpha Theta. Lofthus teaches a variety of history courses and specializes in 20th century American history. He is an avid photographer and makes wide usage of films and images in his teaching. Next month, he will have an exhibit of his photography entitled "What a Wonderful World" on display in the Bede Art Gallery at Mount Marty College.

- Sister Cynthia Binder — Binder, a native of Yankton and an alumna of both Mount Marty High School and Mount Marty College, has taught French, English and film classes at MMC for many years. For the past 22 years she has also been an instructor for MMC's two-year degree program at the Yankton Federal Prison Camp. She holds a BA degree from Mount Marty College and MA degrees from the University of South Dakota and Georgetown University, as well as a diploma from New York University's Paris Program. Binder has taken MMC students and adults from the surrounding area to Europe for many years for annual study abroad seminars. In addition to her abroad program she has also conducted foreign film series to the area at MMC and with her campus film classes she has presented various film series at the prison compound for the past 18 years.

For more information on the courses, visit [www.mtmc.edu/activelearners](http://www.mtmc.edu/activelearners).

## Results Of Region 1A One-Act Play Announced

Vermillion and Beresford advanced to next week's South Dakota State One-Act Play Festival after taking top honors at the Region 1A One-Act Play Contest held at Mount Marty College in Yankton Tuesday.

Four schools competed in the regional meet. Also competing were Dakota Valley and Bon Homme.

The Outstanding Actor awards at the region contest were awarded as follows: Vermillion — Randy LaMie, Edward Martineau and Nathan Ford; Bon Homme — Anna Robertson, Shandra Stillion and Chase Kelley; Beresford — Shelby Jensen, Julia Auch, Morgan Harris, and Shania Jensen; from Dakota Valley — Anna Owens, Laura Michaelson and Jacob Long.

The State One-Act Play Festival will be held Feb. 2-4 in Aberdeen.

## MMC Basketball Teams To Hold Awareness Day

The Mount Marty College men's and women's basketball teams are having a cancer awareness day on Saturday, Jan. 28, to help raise awareness for breast cancer.

The women's game at 2 p.m. will have the women sporting special "Think Pink" warm-ups, and during the 4 p.m. men's game, "Suits and Sneakers" are slated for the coaches of the teams.

Not only will the MMC teams be participating in the awareness activities, but Saturday's opponent, Nebraska Wesleyan, will also aid in the cause.

Between games, a free-will donation will be collected. All the donations received during that time will be donated to local cancer causes.

MMC women's basketball coach Tom Schlimgen, said, "We've been doing something to support breast cancer awareness for nearly 10 years, and we always see such a great response. It's a great feeling at the end of the night to know that you've made an impact here in our community."

For more information on Mount Marty College's basketball program, visit [www.mtmc.edu/athletics](http://www.mtmc.edu/athletics).

## WSI Course To Be Held At SAC In February

The Summit Activities Center will be offering a Water Safety Instructor's Course in February. Classes will be held two consecutive weekends beginning Feb. 11-12 and ending Feb. 18-19. Class times for each session will be from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Attendance is mandatory for all four sessions. Participants will need to be prepared for time in the classroom and pool each day. Class space is limited.

Registration and more information is available by calling 605-668-5231 or stopping by the Summit Activities Center between 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday.

## Gayville-Volin Plans Track-A-Palooza

Make plans now to attend the Gayville-Volin Track-a-Palooza event, planned for March 24 at the Gayville Community Center.

The purpose of this benefit is to build an all weather track and field facility at the Gayville-Volin School for use by students and community members. Track-a-Palooza committee members were busy putting together the details of the free will supper, raffle, live auction, and silent auction. The meal will consist of pork loin sandwiches, chips, beans, drink, and dessert. The meal begins at 5 p.m.

Members have started collecting donations for both auctions and already have over forty items given from local businesses and individuals. Items range from seed corn, massages, BBQ catered party, golf outings, clothing, home décor and much more. A complete list of auction items is hanging in the Gayville-Volin School. The silent auction and raffles will begin at 5 p.m. and live auction will start at 6:30 p.m.

Funds up to \$500 are being matched by Modern Woodman. There is also a checking account open at Cortrust Bank in Gayville for monetary donations.

If you are interested in helping with the Track-a-Palooza, there are a variety of options:

- Help serving the meal
- Pan of bars for desserts
- Donate a good or service to the live or silent auction
- Cash Donations to help pay for the cost of meal

The Track-a-Palooza committee will be meeting again on Feb. 11. If you have any questions or would like to make a donation, contact Jerry and Amy Gustad (267-2211), Jim and Sharon Petrik (267-4130), or Pam Ganschow (267-2607).

## 'Get Up And Play' To Fight The Winter Blues

Are the winter blues getting to you? Round up the entire family and "Get Up and Play" at the Summit Activities Center the entire weekend of Feb. 17-20 with a variety of FREE or low-cost activities.

In conjunction with the Healthy Yankton Winter Festival, the Yankton Department of Parks and Recreation is partnering with numerous organizations in the community to provide a weekend full of activities that will get the entire family up and playing. Join the fun with \$1 day passes to the Summit Activities Center, numerous open swim times, fitness classes, basketball, booths with health screenings and other information to keep you healthy, jump rope making, tennis at City Hall, winter golf at Fox Run, disc golf at Memorial Park, ice skating at the Kiwanis Ice Center, and archery at the NFAA Easton Yankton Archery Center.

For a complete schedule of all the different events and locations or additional information on the Get Up and Play weekend at the Summit Activities Center, call 668-5234, visit 1801 Summit Street or go to [www.cityofyankton.org](http://www.cityofyankton.org). Don't forget to follow the Yankton Parks and Recreation Department on our Facebook page.

For a complete schedule of events regarding the Healthy Yankton Winter Festival, call Angie O'Connor at 668-8590 or go to [www.healthyyankton.org](http://www.healthyyankton.org).

## OBITUARIES

### Viola Becker

HARTINGTON, Neb. — Viola C. Becker, age 98 of Hartington, Nebraska, died on Monday, January 23, 2012 at the Golden Living Center in Hartington.

Mass of Christian Burial will be on Saturday, January 28, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Hartington with the Rev. Jeffery Loseke officiating. Burial will be at St. Michael's Cemetery in Hartington.

Visitation will be on Friday at the Wintz Funeral Home from 4-8:00 p.m. with a vigil service at 7:00 p.m. Visitation will continue on Saturday at church one hour prior to services.

Pallbearers will be Cal Kathol, Chad Kathol, Jamie Becker, Brian Becker, Nicholas Becker, Rick Kuchta, In Memory



Becker

of Kyle Becker. Honorary pallbearers will be her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Viola Clara Becker was born on October 15, 1913 to Henry and Alberta (Baatz)

Rupiper in Fordyce, NE. She grew up on a farm near Fordyce, NE and attended eight years of school at Brookside District #108, a country school. Viola married Edgar Becker on January 9, 1939 in Fordyce. She and Edgar then moved to the Hartington area where they farmed and raised their family. They owned and operated the Drive In Theatre in Hartington for many years. She and Edgar retired to their home in Harting-

ton in 1980 and then moved to the Beverly Assisted Living in August of 2004. Edgar died on January 6, 2006 at the age of 93 years.

Viola was a member of the Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Christian Mothers, Perpetual Adoration from its beginning, Ministry of Praise, and belonged to the Rose Hill Club. She enjoyed sewing and reading in her spare time.

She is survived by her five children and their spouses, Jolene Kathol of Hartington, Robert Becker and special friend Jeanette Bagley of Bowman, ND; Connie and Dave Wolfram of Omaha, NE; DelRae and Bill Schaeufele of Norfolk, NE; Roland and Barb Becker of Hartington; one sister Leona Kathol of Hartington; 17 grandchildren; 34 great grandchildren; 6 step

great grandchildren.

Viola was preceded in death by her parents, husband Edgar; son-in-law Gene Kathol; grandchildren Brenda Kathol, Laura and Kyle Becker; sisters and spouses, Alfreda (Herbert) Jurgens, Hilaria (Dennis) Kollars, Rosa (Albert) Heimes; brother Clarence (Bernadette) Rupiper; brother-in-law Hugo Kathol

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### Vera Rayburn

VIBORG — Vera Rayburn, 98, died January 21, 2012 at Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home in Viborg.

Services will be held on Friday at 1:30 pm at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Viborg.

Visitation is Thursday (today) from 4 to 8 pm with family present from 7 to 8 pm at the Viborg Funeral Home.

Register online at [www.viborgfuneralhome.com](http://www.viborgfuneralhome.com).

Vera M. Rayburn was born March 26, 1913 to Ludvig J. and Agnes M. (Jensen) Andersen.

She married Boyd Christensen in 1935. They farmed in the Hurley area until retiring and moving into Hurley in 1976. Boyd passed away in 1983. Vera married Dale Rayburn in 1989 and they lived in Hurley. Dale passed away in 1993. Vera moved to Viborg in 1994. She loved flowers, especially roses and enjoyed bowling, playing cards and visiting with family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husbands, 4 brothers Ejner, Ejler, Arne, and Leo Christensen and 2 sisters Herdis Almond and an infant sister Astrid.

Vera is survived by 3 sons Skip (Jean) Christensen of Humboldt, IA, Jeb (Judy) Christensen of Yankton and Keith Christensen of Viborg; 1 daughter Bonnie Price of Viborg; 11 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; 4 great-

great-grandchildren; 2 sisters Helga Eichel of Sioux Falls and Doty (Duane) Larsen of Viborg; 2 sister-in-laws Betty Andersen and Doreen Andersen; and many other relatives and friends.

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### Mildred Herren

VERMILLION — Mildred Herren, 92, of Vermillion, South Dakota passed away at Bethany Retirement Living, Fargo, North Dakota on January 22, 2012.

Mildred was born the oldest child of Ambrose and Mary Elizabeth Ward on December 6, 1919 in Carlinville, Illinois. After graduating from the then two-year Blackburn College in 1939, she taught school in several rural schools and in the Illinois communities of Chesterfield and Virden. During the summers she attended classes at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale; in summer of 1942, she met her husband-to-be, Norman Herren. She married the young ensign on January 26, 1944 in South Bend, Indiana.

She was teaching in Winchester, Illinois, when Norman returned from the war. His career in the building supply industry led them to Fremont, Nebraska and then to Vermillion (1954). Mildred received a B.S. from the University of South Dakota in 1955 and that fall began teaching third grade at Jolley School in Vermillion. During her thirty years at Jol-

ley, she continued her education at USD, earning a Masters in 1969 and thirty plus hours of additional credits.

Mildred retired from teaching in 1985, but never retired from life and gave many hours of service to others. She was a member of the Library Board, treasurer for the Friends of the library and worked eight years in the children's summer reading program. She was secretary of the Hospital and Care Center Auxiliary for several years and president for two years, moderator at First Baptist Church for two years, secretary of American Legion Auxiliary for nine years and president for two years. She was treasurer and secretary of Southeast Area Retired Teachers and a member of PEO and Delta Kappa Gamma. She received the Reminiscent Teacher Award in 2003 and the Delta Kappa Gamma Order of the Rose Award in 2007.

Mildred and Norman enjoyed living in Vermillion, surrounded by their many friends and remaining engaged in numerous activities. They lived independently in their own home until December 2009, when health issues

forced them to move to Fargo.

Mildred was preceded in death by her parents, and her brother, Bill Ward of Carlinville, Illinois.

She is survived by her husband of almost 68 years, Norman; her son, Stan Herren (Karen Froelich), of Fargo, ND; her daughter, Norma (Jim) Woodall of Louisville, KY; her grandsons, Patrick (Amanda) Woodall of Magnolia, DE and Jason Woodall of Lexington, KY; her granddaughter, Jill (Nathan) Colvin and great-granddaughter, Liesl Anne of Waynesville, OH; her sister, Dorothy Mefford of Litchfield, IL; her brother, Elmer (Letha) Ward of Carlinville, IL and sister-in-law, Arlene Ward of Carlinville, IL.

A chapel service was held at Bethany in Fargo. A memorial service will be held in Vermillion in May, details to be determined at a later date.

Kober Funeral Home, Vermillion, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be posted online to [www.koberfuneralhome.com](http://www.koberfuneralhome.com)

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