

## American Legion MidWinter Conference Planned For February

WATERTOWN — The 44th annual American Legion MidWinter Conference will be held at the Ramkota Hotel & Event Center in Watertown Feb. 6-8. Legionnaires, American Legion Auxiliary members and Sons of the American Legion from across South Dakota will be in attendance.

The Legion business session will begin at 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 6, with meetings of the Department Finance Commission, Department Executive Committee, the Five-Year Membership Council and Public Relations/Media Committee throughout the day. The evening will feature a joint banquet with National American Legion Vice Commander Paul Sanford from the Department of Kansas as the main speaker.

Saturday's activities will commence at 8 a.m. with a joint session with the American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of the American Legion. At 10:15 a.m.,



the American Legion will conduct breakout sessions Public Relations/Media, Membership and MyLegion.Org. The evening will feature a Membership Go-Getter Banquet.

Sunday morning, a memorial service will be held at 8:30 a.m. followed by the American Legion State Oratorical finals.

Contestant winners from the American Legion 8 Districts will vie for the Championship trophy, which will entitle them to compete for the National American Legion Oratorical Championship in Indianapolis, Indiana in April. The state winner will win a \$1,000 scholarship and compete at the National level for an \$18,000 scholarship.

Leadership in attendance will be State American Legion Commander Tim Jurgens of Milbank, State American Legion Auxiliary President Carol Edwards of Lead, and Sons of the American Legion Detachment Commander Colon Royal of Iroquois. Also present will be National Vice Commander Sanford, National Membership Chairman Ken Orrock of Rapid City, National Commander Candidate for 2015-2016 Charles Schmidt of Oregon, Secretary of Veterans Affairs Larry Zimmerman and Brad Richardson, Superintendent of the State Veterans Home.

## A Welcome Sign



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## Sacred Heart School Early Childhood Open House And Registration Set

Sacred Heart School will hold an Open House for Preschool, Jr. Kindergarten, & Kindergarten students on Tuesday, Jan. 27, from 5:30-7 p.m. The Open House will be held in the St. Benedict Dining Room and Sacred Heart Elementary at 1500 St. Benedict Drive. The snow date Jan. 29.

Dinner will be provided at 5:30 p.m. with presentation and tours to follow. Come hear about what

Sacred Heart School has to offer you and your child as they begin a faith filled educational journey. Sacred Heart School provides small class sizes with individualized instruction providing a strong academic foundation.

If you are unable to attend the above date, call to set up a meeting with Mrs. Haberman. RSVP to Mrs. Rockne at 665-5841

## OBITUARIES

### Bernice Pederson

Bernice C. Pederson, age 94, of Yankton, passed away late Wednesday, January 21, 2015 at the Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton, SD.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m. Monday, January 26, 2015 at St. Columba Catholic Church, Mayfield, with Rev. Randy Phillips officiating. Burial will be in the parish cemetery.

Visitations will begin at 5:00 p.m. Sunday, January 25, 1015 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, with a rosary at 7:00 PM followed by a Scripture Service. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Bernice was born November 13, 1920 near Oacoma, SD to Alvin and Olina (Anderson) Briggs. Bernice's mother died on October 8, 1928 when Bernice



Pederson

was eight years old, Grandpa Briggs was left to take care of six children. The younger ones stayed with aunts and uncles until school age and Bernice being the oldest, helped to take care of them while their dad worked. Bernice attended country school through the 8th grade, then started to work outside of the home. In 1938, she moved to Irene and worked on the Hauger farm.

On June 11th, 1940 she married Albert Hauger. While raising her own family and working on the farm, she still found time to help several relatives and friends. This became a recurring theme in her life, to lend a helping hand whenever she saw a need. Bernice resided on the

farm with Albert near Irene, SD for 28 years where they operated a very successful farm operation until Albert's death on September 18, 1968.

On August 4th, 1973 Bernice married Peder Pederson. They resided in Irene, SD for 30 years. Bernice worked at both the Sunset Manor Nursing Home and the Irene Public School. She always enjoyed being close to the activities of her grandchildren and her door was always open as they would come and go with their friends. Bernice had a variety of interests that included: Baseball, football, camping and cards of all kinds; pinocle was one of her favorites. Bernice also loved baking, especially pies.

In 2004 Bernice and Peder moved to Yankton after she suffered a broken hip. She recovered and continued an active life. Her greatest pride and joy was

always her family and she treasured the time she was able to spend with them.

Bernice is survived by her husband, Peder Pederson; sons, Roger (Marlene) Hauger of Vermillion, SD and Gary (Diane) Hauger of Georgetown, TX; daughter, Helen (Darrell) McDonald of Irene, SD; 15 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

Bernice was preceded in death by her first husband, Albert Hauger, her mother and father, Alvin and Olina, stepmother, Dolly Briggs; grandparents, Edward and Annie Anderson; two brothers, Floyd and Donald, four sisters: Geneva, Janice, Lucille and Donna and six stepbrothers and sisters.

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### Delores Lammers

Delores Veronica Lammers, age 80 of Randolph, Nebraska died on Friday, January 23, 2015 at her daughter Michelle's residence in Yankton, SD. She had been on Hospice care.

Mass of Christian Burial will be on Tuesday, January 27, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Frances de Chantal Catholic Church in Randolph, NE with the Rev. Michael Swanton and Rev. Timothy Lange officiating. Burial will be held at St. John the Baptist cemetery in Fordyce, NE following a luncheon.

Visitation will be on Monday at church from 4-8:00 p.m. with a Vigil Service at 7:00 p.m. followed by a rosary. Visitation will continue one hour prior to services at church on Tuesday.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Wintz Funeral Home in Hartington, NE.

Pallbearers will be her nephews Don Noecker,



Lammers

Roger Noecker, Todd Noecker, Dave Noecker, Brian Noecker, and Logan Noecker. Honorary pallbearers will be Shirley Korth, Detta Gubbels, Rosalie Nordhues, Margaret Korth, Velma Jean Lange, Annmarie Thies, Norma Sudbeck, Phyllis Lammers, LuJean Wesemann, Vernel Munter, and Aileen Gubbels.

Delores was born December 29, 1934, in Hartington, NE to Anthony and Eleanor (Kathol) Noecker. She grew up in Hartington and graduated from Holy Trinity High School in 1952. She was employed by Buchanan Corner Drug Store from seventh grade through twenty two years of age. On June 10, 1957, she married Bob Lammers in Hartington. They farmed in the Pleasant Valley area

until 1984 when they moved to Wisner, NE. In 1988 they moved to Randolph, NE, where they eventually retired.

She was a member of St. Jane Frances de Chantal Catholic Church of Randolph, St. Jane Frances de Chantal Christian Mothers and the Randolph Modern Misses Club.

Delores will be remembered for her love of family and friends, her wonderful sense of humor and wit, her ability to create through quilting and gardening, and her unwavering faith.

Survivors include two daughters, Michelle and her husband Kirt Flannery of Yankton, SD and Deb Harm, of Wayne, NE; four grandchildren, Wendy (Nick) Jensen, Robbie (Lindsay) Flannery, Cory Harm, Cassie Harm; three great grandchildren; one sister, Doris Folkers of Hartington, NE; and three sisters-in-law, Theresa Noecker of Hartington, NE, Lorna Noecker of Leon, IA, and

Carol Noecker of Yankton, SD.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Bob on February 22, 2005 at the age of 74 years; three brothers, Marvin, Leon and Larry Noecker; and two sisters; Leora Hedberg and Rosemary Feilmeier.

Memorials can be directed to the Bob & Delores Lammers Memorial Scholarship, % Cedar Catholic Development, PO Box 654, Hartington, NE, 68739.

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### June Olson

June L. Olson, 88, of Tampa, formerly of Volin and Centerville, passed away Jan. 14, 2015.

She is survived by her sons, Ronald Kiepk of Wesley Chapel, Florida; Larry Kiepk of Fort Walton Beach, Florida; and David Kiepk of Brandon, Florida; daughter, Janet Kiepk of Flat Rock, North Carolina; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

### Patrick Osborne

Patrick Reid Osborne, 63, of Westminster, CO, passed away after a brief illness on Saturday, January 10, 2015 in the hospital surrounded by his family. He was cremated on Tuesday, January 13, 2015.

Pat was born February 2, 1951, in Yankton, SD to William and Virginia (Schoss) Osborne.



Osborne

Pat attended Yankton Public Schools. On October 5, 1971 he married Marilyn Noecker. From this union they had one daughter, Melanie Lynn. Pat moved to Colorado and on June 7, 1983 he married Nancy Severson. Together they had two sons, Sean Michael and Eric Lee.

Pat loved riding his motorcycle, cooking burgers on the grill and spending time with his family and friends. Pat was always willing to help people in any way that he could and he will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Pat is survived by his daughter Melanie Broker of Canonsburg, PA; son Sean Osborne of Westminster, CO; son Eric Osborne of Highlands Ranch, CO; two granddaughters Lauren Broker of Canonsburg, PA and Baylee Blaze Osborne of Westminster, CO; sister Kathy Osborne of Kiowa, CO; niece Michelle Peck of Castle Rock, CO, and nephews Jay O'Connor, Chris O'Connor, Brian Gustad and Jason Gustad.

Pat was preceded in death by his parents William and Virginia Osborne and his sisters Cindy Gustad and Barb O'Connor.

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### Garrett Drapeaux

Garrett Drapeaux, 39, of Lake Andes died Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2015, at St. Peter,

Minnesota, after a battle with cancer.

Wake services began Friday and continue at the White Swan Community Center in Lake Andes.

Funeral services are 1p.m. Monday, Jan. 26, at the Community Center. Burial is in the Cedar Presbyterian Cemetery, rural Lake Andes.

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

### Alice Cuka

Funeral mass for Alice Cuka, 86, of Tyndall, South Dakota will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 27, 2015 at St. Leo Catholic Church in Tyndall. Burial will follow in St. Leo Catholic Cemetery, Tyndall.

Visitation will be held from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Monday, January 26 at the Goglin Funeral Home in Tyndall. A wake service will be held later than evening at 7:00 p.m. at the church.

Alice passed away on Friday, January 23, 2015 at

the Good Samaritan Society of Tyndall.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by the Goglin Funeral Home of Tyndall. Online condolences may be sent at www.goglinfh.com/.

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