

# Parkston Man Dies In Friday Crash

PARKSTON — A Parkston man, 52, was killed in a three-vehicle crash that occurred Friday afternoon two miles north of Parkston.

Two other Parkston residents were injured. Names of the those involved are not being released pending notification of families.

The South Dakota Highway Patrol says a 1998 Honda GL100SE motorcycle was northbound on South Dakota

Highway 37. Southbound on the same highway was a Peterbilt semi truck followed by a 2015 Buick Enclave. The Highway Patrol says the Enclave attempted to pass the semi and collided with the oncoming motorcycle and then the semi.

The motorcycle driver died at the scene. The two occupants in the car were trapped and had to be extricated. Both sustained serious non-life threat-

ening injuries. The driver of the semi was not injured.

Highway Patrol authorities continue to investigate. Charges are pending.

Other agencies responding to the scene were the Parkston Police Department and Parkston Fire Department.

The Highway Patrol is part of the South Dakota Department of Public Safety.

## Drainage Commission Has Openings

The Yankton County Commission is accepting applications for open positions on the Yankton County Drainage Commission. The drainage commission meets the fourth Tuesday of the month to review applications in accordance with the Yankton County Drainage Ordinance and provide recommendations/findings to County Drainage Board.

Those who want to be considered for an appointment are asked to submit a written statement describing their background to email address: pat@co.yankton.sd.us or Yankton County Planning & Zoning, 321 West 3rd Street #209, Yankton, S.D. 57078. All applications will be submitted to the Yankton County Commissioners for review and selection.

All applications must be received by 5 p.m. Monday, July 20.

For more information, contact Yankton County Planning & Zoning Department at 605-260-4445.

## OBITUARIES

### Richard 'Rich' Luebbert



Luebbert

Richard "Rich" Luebbert, age 69, of Yankton, South Dakota, died Thursday, July 16, 2015, at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton.

A memorial service will be 2:00 p.m. on Monday, July 20, 2015, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Yankton with Reverend David Gundersen officiating.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to the memorial service on Monday at the church.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Yankton.

Honorary pallbearers are: Wayne Pibal, Larry Haas, Keith Kocmick, Glen Koch, Dan Groetken, Isaiah Groetken and Christian Groetken.

Rich was born June 17, 1946, in Hurlley, South Dakota, to Otto and Minnie (Spaet)

Luebbert. He grew up and attended school in Yankton, graduating from Yankton High School in 1964.

He married Norma Kowalski on August 23, 1964 in Scotland, South Dakota. After their marriage they lived in Yankton for a short time, where Rich worked for Morgan Manufacturing, until moving to Scotland, South Dakota. Rich owned and operated Scotland Repair for 3 1/2 years until returning to Yankton in 1973. He began working for Truck Trailer Sales and Service which later became Dakota Trailer in Yankton and continued working there for over 30 years.

He was most recently employed by Gehl Manufacturing in Yankton until he retired

in 2008. Rich worked many side jobs as well throughout his career. He became one of the first certified aluminum welders in the area and helped on many jobs for the Corps of Engineers.

Rich was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Yankton and enjoyed dancing, playing pool, hunting, trap shooting, fishing, camping, and racing stock cars, motorcycles and snowmobiles. He was a very skilled metal worker, creating many decorations and displays for his wife. He was a true handyman who could fix anything, whether it be electrical, plumbing, auto body, or mechanical. He was a perfectionist who worked very hard, often two or three jobs at a time, to always make sure his family was cared for. He was best friends with his daughter, Lisa and loved his grandsons dearly.

Survivors include his wife of almost 51 years, Norma

Luebbert of Yankton; daughter, Lisa (Dan) Groetken of Yankton; two grandsons: Isaiah and Christian Groetken of Yankton; sister, Corrine (Dennis) Hauge of Mitchell, South Dakota; and two nieces.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sister, Gertrude Polster, and father and mother-in-law, Chris and Elsie Kowalski.

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

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### Clifford Petersen



Petersen

Clifford M. Petersen, age 88, of Volin, South Dakota, died Wednesday, July 15, 2015 at Avera Yankton Care Center in Yankton, South Dakota.

Funeral services are 1:30 p.m., on Monday, July 20, 2015 at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton with Reverend Velma Larson officiating. Burial will be in the Vangen Cemetery in rural Mission Hill, South Dakota.

Visitation is one hour prior to the funeral on Monday.

Pallbearers are his neph-

ews: Barry Van Osdel, Brad Van Osdel, Ben Van Osdel, Mike Petersen, Robert Petersen and Lynn Petersen. Honorary pallbearers are his nieces: Joanne Van Osdel, Judy Van Osdel, Jackie Becker, Carolyn Burgod, Cathy Burke, Dee Munsch and Janet Moenning.

Clifford was born November 11, 1926 in rural Irene, South Dakota to John and Gina (Eide) Petersen. He attended Clay

Valley country school and then started working as a hired man for several area farmers. Clifford eventually moved back to the family farm and continued farming with his brothers until 2012. He then moved to Avera Yankton Care Center sharing a room with his brother, Johnny. Clifford loved fishing, horses and going to farm auctions.

Clifford is survived by his brother, Johnny Petersen of Yankton; sister-in-law, Jane Petersen of Gayville, SD; and many nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

Clifford was preceded

in death by his parents; three brothers: Kenneth, Orlin and Melvin Petersen; and two sisters: Eilene Van Osdel and Grace Johnson.

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

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### Aaron Larson



Larson

Aaron B. Larson passed away on July 14, 2015.

Aaron was born in Brookings, SD, March 14, 1955, to Arnie and Jeanne (Kay) Larson.

Performing arts were a part of Aaron's life from childhood. In 1962, he was featured in newspapers for conducting the Brookings High School band at the Seattle World's Fair. Growing up, Aaron assisted his father with the Shrine to Music collection and its outreach programs. He graduated Peru State College, Peru, NE, with Bachelor's degrees in music and theater. Later in life, Aaron earned a Master's of Arts in Theater from USD and pursued a MFA degree from MSU, Mankato.

In addition, Aaron authored two books: The Weird Western Adventures of Haakon Jones, and Murder at Pine Beach. He mentored many writers, actors, and

directors in the state and nation.

Sheryl Schultz and Aaron were married May 14, 1980. They were blessed with two children: Audra and Adam.

Aaron was preceded in death by his parents and sister Annie (Larson) Tieszen.

He is survived by his wife Sheryl, daughter Audra and fiancée Matt Denney, son Adam and wife Ashley, and grandson Allen. Also, brothers Arnor and Andrea, nieces and nephews.

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at the church.

Online condolences may be sent at [www.opsahl-kostelfuneralhome.com](http://www.opsahl-kostelfuneralhome.com).

**Joyce Townsend**

Joyce Townsend, 86, passed away July 9, 2015, at the Pomerado Hospital, Poway, California.

Memorial services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 12, at the United Church of Christ (Congregational), Yankton, with the Rev. Molly Carlson officiating. Burial of her cremated remains will be the Yankton Cemetery.

Friends may call from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 11, at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, and then one hour prior to the service

**James Hawley**

James Forrest Hawley II, 53, passed away peacefully at Rapid City Regional Hospital Wednesday, July 15, 2015.

A Celebration of Life service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 22, at Kirk Funeral Home, 1051 E. Minnesota St. in Rapid City.

Friends may sign Jim's online guestbook at [www.kirkfuneralhome.com](http://www.kirkfuneralhome.com).

**Terry Whipple**

Terry G. Whipple, Sr., 57 of Santee, Nebraska, passed away unexpectedly Friday, Aug. 17, 2015, at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton.

Visitations will begin at 6 p.m. today (Saturday) at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton with an 8 p.m. Prayer service. Visitations will resume at 5 p.m. Sunday, July 19, at the Oyate Oyanke Community Center, Santee and continue until the time of the service on Tuesday.

A Prayer service will be held at 8 p.m. Sunday and Monday evenings.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 21, at the Oyate Oyanke Community Center, Santee with burial in the Catholic Cemetery, Santee.

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## Reading Program Holds Final Week

It's the final week of the summer reading program at the Yankton Community Library, the last week for story times, activities and Book Bucks. The theme for the week is "The Hero in YOU!"

The Zooman is returning to the Yankton Community Library on Monday, July 20, at 3 p.m. You never know what he's going to bring, but the library staff can guarantee there will be live animals with a snake or two. Preschool story time is Monday evening at 6:30 p.m. Stories are "Timothy and the Strong Pajamas" by Viviane Schwarz and "Ten Rules of Being a Superhero" by Deb Pilutti. The craft is a special personal project, complete with a photo.

On Tuesday, July 21, Toddler Time takes place at 10:15 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. It's for 1- to 3-year-olds accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Siblings are welcome. The final summer craft day is Tuesday at 11 a.m. The staff is cleaning the summer projects out of the cupboards so crafters can really get creative with the hodgepodge of materials provided. This is intended for elementary school-aged children, but preschoolers are welcome if accompanied by an adult.

The preschool story time is repeated on Wednesday, July 22, at 10:15 a.m. Teens are invited to test their skill and agility at Minute-to-Win-It games at 1 p.m. LEGO Club for all ages is from 3-4:30 p.m. Note the change from the usual Thursday time. There is no LEGO Robotics this week.

On Thursday, July 23, there is a repeat of the preschool story time at 10:15 a.m. At 11 a.m., the rangers from the Missouri National Recreational River will present information about the fish that live in the Missouri River. There are games and activities, and participants will receive a Junior Ranger book. The final Super Hero Training Camp for the summer is at 1 p.m. Fun plans, including a giant game board, are in the works for this event.

Friday's activity is Reading Club. Since this is the last one, participants are encouraged to bring a favorite book to share with the group. The staff will make special bookmarks to place in library books as recommendations to readers.

Saturday, July 25, is the last day to log minutes on your calendar to earn Book Bucks. The Superhero Storehouse prize store is open from July 27, at 9 a.m. through Aug. 1, at 4:45 p.m.

For more information, call the library at 668-5275.

## Adult Programs Set For Yankton Library

Two events remain on the adult summer reading program calendar at the Yankton Community Library, 515 Walnut Street.

The first event is Cork Crafts on July 21 at 6 p.m. Participants will use wine corks to create several items. If you have wine corks and/or a hot glue gun that you'd like to bring, please do so. If not, corks and glue guns will be furnished. There is a fee for this and class size is limited.

On Tuesday, July 28, at 6:30 p.m., Dave Hosmer facilitates "A Salute to World War II Veterans." Through his interviews with area World War II veterans, he has gained a wealth of information that he shares with his audiences. His topic for July 28 includes stories from the European and African Theaters. More than 25 veterans who perished will be remembered and those still living will be honored.

All Tic-Tac-Toe reading cards must be turned in by Friday, July 31, with prizes awarded on Aug. 3.

For further information, contact the library at 668-5276.

## Tabor Set To Hold Rummage Sale

TABOR — The Tabor Rummage Sale will be held Saturday, Aug. 8, from 8 a.m.-noon.

To be included on the list, contact Char at 463-2457 or Kathy at 463-2482 by July 23.

**IN REMEMBRANCE**

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| <b>Clifford Peterson</b><br>1:30 PM, Monday<br>Wintz & Ray Funeral Home<br>Yankton | <b>Richard "Rich" Luebbert</b><br>2:00 PM, Monday<br>St. John's Lutheran Church<br>Yankton |
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A sincere Thank You goes out to all of the faithful customers, friends and business partnerships over the years for your patronage, business and friendship. I have sold the store to Tim Mozak and it is time to let someone else take the reins. I will miss the many smiling faces and wonderful people that have graced our doors on a daily basis. The team at Mozaks Floors & More look forward to helping you with all your interior design needs.

Thank you  
Bonnie Rupiper

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**SUMMER CRAZY DAYS**  
Friday - Saturday - Sunday

Friday, July 17th  
10:00 am – 9:00 pm  
Saturday, July 18th  
10:00 am – 5:30 pm  
Sunday, July 19th  
Noon – 5:00 pm