

SDNG Museum Anniversary Party June 9

PIERRE — The South Dakota National Guard is celebrating 150 years of service to the state and nation. To commemorate the Guard's lineage of service, the South Dakota National Guard Museum is hosting a 150th anniversary party on Saturday, June 9, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The museum is located at 301 East Dakota in Pierre. "We invite families to join us on June 9 and share in the rich history

of the SDNG, which for over a century and a half, has given and will continue to give, its time and lives for causes greater than themselves," said Sonja Johnson, museum director. "Our museum showcases weapons, uniforms and other artifacts carried or worn by South Dakota Guardsmen from the Civil War to the Gulf War," said Steve Harding, Deputy Secretary of the

South Dakota Department of the Military. "This celebration will afford parents and children an educational opportunity as they hear first-hand about the history of the Guard." Along with the tour, participants will be invited to compete in numerous games and enjoy birthday cake. Guests will be invited to sign a life-size anniversary card that Museum Director Johnson will present to Maj. Gen. Timothy Reisch, Adjutant Gen-

eral of the South Dakota National Guard. "Our goal is to have 400 people join us for our celebration at the museum," said Johnson. "South Dakota's National Guard has played a major role in conflicts since the Civil War, as well as provided assistance to the state in times of domestic emergencies, such as floods, fires, tornadoes and winter storms."

Yankton Native Killed In Oregon Plane Crash

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Search crews have found the wreckage of a small plane that crashed in southeast Oregon last week. Klamath County Sheriff Tim Evinger says the plane and the body of pilot Tony Nicholls, a native of Yankton, were found Wednesday afternoon on the west-facing side of Hart Mountain — 13 miles northeast of Plush. The 48-year-old pilot from

Meridian, Idaho, flew his two stepsons to Lakeview, Ore., on Thursday and was to return home that day because his daughter was graduating from high school over the weekend. There were snow showers and gusty winds in the region at the time of departure. Searchers looking for the 1978 Grumman "Cheetah" aircraft in recent days covered a vast area reaching into Nevada and California.

OBITUARIES

Leo 'Digger' Albers

VERMILLION — Leo "Digger" Albers, 81, of Vermillion passed away Tuesday, May 29 at the Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls.

Leo was born August 24, 1930 in Vermillion, SD to August and Pearle (O'Connor) Albers. He graduated from the Vermillion High School in 1948, and served in the Army for 2 years. Digger married Bonnie Girard on April 23, 1955 in Elk Point, SD.

He retired from Sioux Tools where he had worked for over twenty years and had also been in car sales and real estate sales for many years and also enjoyed driving the Early Childhood School Bus for the Vermillion Schools.

Digger is survived by his wife Bonnie of Vermillion, three sons: Mark (Connie) Albers of Norfolk, MN, Jerry Albers of Vermillion and Tim (Traci) Albers of Woodbury, MN, and a daughter Patti (Mark) Mollet of Vermillion, a granddaughter Jordan Stiefel and seven grandsons; Tyler Stiefel, Travis Taggart, Alex and Drew Albers, Isaac, Peter and William Albers and five step grandchildren; Kyle (Brit), Amy, Tristan, Avery and Gracie Mollet and a sister Donarae Jolley of Canistota, SD. He was preceded in death by his parents a sister and brother in law Susie and Bill Radigan a step-father Vic Christopherson and brother in laws Robert Jolley and Bob and Jerry Girard and Kenny Christopherson.

Funeral Mass will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 2 at the St. Agnes Catholic Church in Vermillion with burial to follow in the Calvary Cemetery in Vermillion.

Visitation will begin at 5:00 p.m. Friday, June 1 with a Prayer Service at 7:00 p.m., all at the church.

Visit hansenfuneralhome.com.
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Wilfred 'Willie' Schieffer

LESTERVILLE — Wilfred J. "Willie" Schieffer, 80, of Lesterville died Wednesday, May 30, 2012, at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton.

Mass of Christian Burial is at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church, Tabor, with the Rev. Joe Puthenkulathil and Msgr. Carlton Hermann concelebrating. Burial will be the parish cemetery, Tabor, with Military Graveside Rites by the Kortan-Hatwan American Legion Post No. 183.

Visitations begin at 5 p.m. Friday at Opsahl-Kostel Memorial Chapel, Tabor, with a wake service at 7 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the chapel.

Bob Clark

AURORA, Neb. — Bob Clark, 81, of Aurora, Neb., and formerly of Niobrara, Neb., died Monday, May 28, 2012, at the Hamilton Manor.

Memorial services are at 11 a.m. today (Thursday) at Presbyterian-U.C.C. Church, Aurora. Pastor Suzanne Harland will officiate. Graveside inurnment services are

Thelma Lunt

Thelma I. Lunt, age 90 of Yankton passed away early Monday, May 28, 2012 at the Avera Yankton Care Center, Yankton.

A memorial service will be held at the Riverview Reformed Church in Yankton, SD on Thursday at 2:00 p.m. with a Video Tribute beginning at 1:00 p.m. Burial of the cremated remains will be at the First Lutheran Cemetery, Brookings, SD on Saturday, June 2, 2012 at 4 p.m.

Arrangements are under the care of the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton, SD.

Thelma was born on April 9, 1922 at Willow Lake, SD to Chris and Nora Solberg. She was baptized in the Lutheran faith in May of 1922 and confirmed in the Lake Campbell Lutheran Church. They lived at Willow Lake then moved to Lake Campbell, SD during the "dirty 30s". Thelma graduated from Volga High School in 1940 then worked for the owners of Nick's Hamburger Shop. She married Meader Lunt on February 15th, 1943 in Brookings and they lived on the Lunt farm near Lake Campbell. They moved to a farm near Colman in 1944 and then to Egan.

Thelma and Meader were blessed with 6 children: Karen, Sharon, Cindy, Hugh, Lee, and Scot. Thelma was stricken by the polio virus in June of 1949 and



Lunt

spent 8 months in Sioux Valley Hospital in Sioux Falls. She spent the rest of her life confined to a wheelchair but continued to raise her children, keep her house and was always willing to help take care of her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Her 3 daughters were born before she came down with polio and her 3 sons after.

They moved to a farm by Colton, SD in 1950 and then to Madison in 1962. She moved to Adrian and lived in her own home until moving to Yankton to Sunrise Apartments. She was surrounded by a loving family that took every chance to be with her. She was very independent and took care of herself until her recent illness.

One of her favorite hobbies was painting. Her painting hero was Bob Ross and she watched him on public TV every time he was on. She painted scenes for her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She continued to paint, until macular degeneration made it impossible.

She was known affectionately as Grandma "Wheels" by some, and her strength in overcoming all the obstacles she faced in her life was honored, respected and uplifting to all who knew her. Her

unlimited love for her grandchildren often fueled the friendly tussle over who was her "favorite". The strength of the bond of the family she created was ever evident in the most ironic of awards; the "Turkey", a competition of tattle-tales that brought to light every ridiculous event that plagued the family during the previous year.

Left to cherish her memory are 2 daughters, Karen (James) Carr and Sharon Koller of Yankton, SD; 3 sons: Hugh (Gloria) Lunt, Oakland, IA, Lee (Luann) Lunt, Brookings, SD and Scot (Brenda), Lunt, Adrian, MN; son-in-law, Jim Steinhoff, Onawa, IA; one brother, Norris Solberg, Brookings, SD; and one sister, Marlyn (Gordon) Schutjer, Valejo, CA; 30 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren.

Thelma was preceded in death by her parents, Chris and Nora Solberg; one sister, Doris Rettadahl; two brothers, Arn and Ed Solberg; one daughter, Cindy Steinhoff; one son-in-law, Brian Koller; and one grandson, Christian H. Lunt.

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Beatrice 'Bea' Johnson

Beatrice T. "Bea" Johnson, age 89 of Yankton passed away Monday, May 28, 2012 at the Avera Yankton Care Center, Yankton, SD.

Memorial services will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, June 1, 2012 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Chapel, Yankton, with Rev. Ken Lulf officiating.

Visitations will be one hour prior to the service at the chapel.

The burial of her cremated remains to take place in the St. Wenceslaus Cemetery, Tabor, SD. Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton is in charge of the arrangements.



Johnson

Bea grew up in Tabor and attended country school. On June 19, 1940, she married Charles Lane and together they had a trucking business. Charles passed away on December 1, 1963. On February 17, 1967, she married Roger Johnson and together they farmed rural Volin until Roger passed away on October 13, 1989. She was a member of St. Benedict Catholic Church in Yankton.

Those who will cherish her memory are her daughter, Lalonnie (Dwain) Kline of Hancock, WI; five grandchildren:

Dean (Jeri) Kline, Tod Kline, Sue Martin, Julie (Mike) Dinger and JoAnne (Dale) McPherson; nine great grandchildren; five great great grandchildren; four sisters; a brother and nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by both of her husbands, her parents, one son, Chuck who was MIA in Vietnam, two sisters, and a brother.

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at 1 p.m. Friday at the L'Eau Qui Court Cemetery, Niobrara, with the Rev. Blair Kirkpatrick officiating.

Higby-McQuiston Mortuary of Aurora is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be e-mailed to the family through the mortuary website at www.higby-mortuary.com.

Phyllis Brtek

NORFOLK, Neb. — Phyllis E. Brtek, 71 of Norfolk, Neb., died Wednesday, May 30, 2012, at her home in Norfolk.

Funeral services are at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Norfolk. The Rev. Dan Andrews will serve as Celebrant, with burial in Prospect Hill Cemetery, Norfolk.

Visitation is 5-7 p.m. Friday at the church, with a 7 p.m. wake service and rosary.

Brockhaus-Howser-Fillmer Funeral Home, Norfolk, is in charge of arrangements.

Dennis Koller

FREEMAN — Dennis E. Koller, 77, of Freeman died Monday, May 28, 2012, at the Oakview Terrace, Freeman.

Memorial services are at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Salem-Zion (North) Church, rural Freeman.

Visitation begin sat 4 p.m. Friday with the family present from 6-8 p.m. and a time of sharing at 7 p.m., at the church.

Luella Wood

BLOOMFIELD, Neb. — Luella Wood, 89, of Bloomfield, Neb., died Tuesday, May 29, 2012, at Bloomfield Good Samaritan Center.

Funeral services are at 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 5, at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Bloomfield. The Rev. Tim Koester will officiate, with burial in the Bloomfield City Cemetery.

Visitation is 5-7 p.m. Monday at Brockhaus Funeral Home, Bloomfield.

To sign the guestbook, or leave online condolences, visit www.brockhausfuneralhome.com.

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