

## Yankton Physician Receives Prestigious Teaching Award

VERMILLION — A physician at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital has been named as the recipient of a prestigious teaching award at the University of South Dakota (USD) Sanford School of Medicine.

Dr. Benjamin Aaker, Avera Medical Group Emergency Medicine Yankton, will receive the Anton Hyden Award during the USD Sanford School of Medicine Graduation Convocation held at Jeschke Auditorium in Sioux Falls at 5 p.m. Friday, May 8.

This is the top teaching honor for clinical faculty at the School of Medicine and is voted on by the medical students.

Aaker has been an assistant clinical professor for the School of Medicine for approximately three years.

"My work at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital has given me much more time to interact with and teach the medical students," he said. "I am very honored to have been selected for this award and am grateful for the opportunity that the University of South Dakota and Avera Sacred Heart Hospital have given me to be able to teach these excellent physicians in training. I wish them the



Aaker

best in their upcoming careers, and I am certain they will continue Dr. Hyden's legacy."

The purpose of the Anton Hyden Memorial Award is to perpetuate the memory and high regard in which Dr. Anton Hyden was held in his field of Urology, as a physician and surgeon, a teacher, and a person. It is awarded to a School of Medicine professor selected by the membership of the junior and senior classes who has inspired and helped them the most during their final two years in medical school.

Dr. Hyden was an urologist in Sioux Falls until his death in 1961.

Past recipients of the Anton Hyden award include 2014 winner Melissa K. Johnson, MD; and 2013 winner Byron S. Nielsen, MD, who specializes in internal medicine and nephrology at the Yankton Medical Clinic, P.C., and is the chief of medical staff at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital.

## May Is Foster Parent Appreciation, Awareness Month

PIERRE — In honor of foster parents across the state of South Dakota, Gov. Dennis Daugaard has declared May as Foster Parent Appreciation and Awareness Month.

Each month, there are approximately 1,000 children and youth in foster care from public, private and tribal agencies in South Dakota. The South Dakota Department of Social Services encourages families to open their homes and hearts, and commit to know more about becoming foster parents.

"Foster parents provide the care and support children need to feel safe and secure while their families work through difficult situations," said State Department of Social Services Secretary Lynne Valenti.

Communities across the state are seeking more foster families to meet the needs of children and youth of all ages, with a greater need for families who will support and care for teenagers, sibling groups and medically fragile children. There is also a need for Native American families who can care for children who are Native American.

"It's important that children have the opportunity to stay connected with their family, friends, culture, tribe, school and community," said Secretary Valenti. "Foster families play an important role in making that happen."

Foster homes allow youth to live together with brothers and sisters, remain in their own neighborhoods and stay in their schools. Children and youth in foster care need licensed foster families to provide them with the strength and stability it takes to be successful adults.

"Foster Parent Appreciation and Awareness Month allows us to recognize the incredible foster families who make a difference in the lives of children in South Dakota," said Virgena Wieseler, director of the Division of Child Protection Services. "Foster parenting is a significant and rewarding opportunity, and the Department of Social Services encourages families to consider becoming a foster family."

To learn more about becoming a foster parent, visit [www.FosterOneSD.org](http://www.FosterOneSD.org) or call the Department of Social Services at 605-773-3227.

## Yankton Bands To Hold Program May 11

The Yankton Bands will present their all-school band program at 7 p.m. Monday, May 11, in the main gym at Yankton High School/Summit Activities Center.

The concert will feature the 5th Grade Band, 6th Grade Band, 7th/8th Grade Band as well as the combined Concert Band and Symphonic Bands from the high school.

In addition, the evening will showcase the world premier of "Beyond the Cosmos," a commissioned piece of music that was written specially for the Yankton High School bands to celebrate the career of Ted Powell. The Yankton High School band is the only band to have this music at this time. Following the premier, the piece will be released to the public with the dedication line at the top of every page: "Commissioned by the Yankton High School Band, Yankton South Dakota and dedicated to Mr. Ted Powell by the students, parents and colleagues of the Yankton High School Band, Todd Carr, Director"

The piece was written by David Shaffer, a globally known composer and clinician of band music. A special thanks to the Yankton Band Boosters for funding this project.

The piece will also be performed on June 2 with the first concert of the Yankton Area Summer Band and all alumni of the Yankton High School Band are invited to join us in celebrating a well-respected educator.

## VA Accepting Gold Age Games Applications

The VA is currently accepting applications from veterans who are interested in competing in the 2015 National Veterans Golden Age Games. Applications can be completed online at [www.veteransgoldenagegames.va.gov](http://www.veteransgoldenagegames.va.gov) and will be accepted through May 15.

Veterans ages 55 and older who are enrolled for VA care are eligible to participate. These games will take place in Omaha Aug. 8-12, and nearly 800 athletes are expected to complete.

The event encourages participants to make physical activity a central part of their lives and supports VA's comprehensive recreation and rehabilitation therapy programs. Competitive events include air rifle, badminton, bowling, cycling, dominoes, field, golf, horseshoes, nine ball, shuffleboard, swimming, table tennis and track.

## OBITUARIES

### Loretta Pick

Loretta Pick, age 99 of Hartington, Nebraska died on Tuesday, May 05, 2015 at the Golden Living Center in Hartington.

Funeral Services will be 10:30 a.m. on Friday, May 8, 2015 at Holy Family (Sts. Peter & Paul) Catholic Church in Bow Valley, Nebraska with Reverend Eric Olsen officiating. Burial will be in Sts. Peter & Paul Cemetery in Bow Valley.

Visitation is from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, May



Pick

7, 2015 at Holy Family (Sts. Peter & Paul) Catholic Church with a rosary and vigil service at 7:00 p.m. Arrangements are under the direction of the Wintz Funeral Home in Hartington.

Pallbearers are: Renee Mettler, David Wieseler, Becky Hans, Tonya Mortensen, Michael Pick, and Russell

Pick. Honorary pallbearers are: Roman & Arlene Arens, Lolly Arens, and Charles & Geraldine Tramp.

Loretta Pick was born July 25, 1915 on the farm near Bow Valley, Nebraska, to Edward and Ida (Schulte) Arens. She attended country school district 108 and graduated from Holy Trinity High School in 1932. She married Edwin Pick on April 27, 1937. They farmed between Bow Valley and Fordyce and raised six children on the farm. They retired and built a home in Bow Valley

in 1972. Edwin died in 1996. She continued to live in Bow Valley until entering Autumn Winds in Hartington in 2010. Her faith was central in her life and she loved her flowers and playing cards.

Survivors include her five children: Rita Hoelsing of Menominee, Nebraska; Eileen Wieseler; Don & Nancy Pick; Larry & Donna Pick; and Dan & Mary Pick all of Bow Valley, Nebraska; 23 grandchildren; many great grandchildren and great great grandchildren; brother, Roman & Arlene Arens of Bow Valley;

sister-in-law, Lolly Arens of Crofton, Nebraska; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Edwin; son, Kenneth; two brothers: Rudolph and Ella Arens and Clarence J. Arens; seven sisters: Pauline & Alfred Lammers, Hildgarde & Hugo Lammers; Sylvia & Alfred Hochstein; Rosella & Roman Kramer; Mildred & Martin Kramer; Isabelle & Richard Kramer; and Marie & Norman Kube.

To send an online message to the family, please

visit [www.wintzfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintzfuneralhome.com).

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### William (Bill) Fergen

William (Bill) Fergen, passed away comfortably in his home surrounded by his wife May 5, 2015 at the age of 64.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, May 8, 2015 at Peace Christian Reformed Church, Menno, SD with Rev. Steve Moerman officiating. Burial will be in the Menno Cemetery.

Visitations will be from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, May 7, 2015 at Peace Christian Reformed Church with a 7 p.m. prayer service.

Visitations will resume



Fergen

one hour prior to the service at the church. Aisenbrey-Op-sahl-Kostel Memorial Chapel, Menno is in care of the

arrangements.

William "Bill" Joseph Fergen was born to Francis & Celine (Jung) Fergen on February 18, 1951 in Parkston, SD. Bill was baptized February 25, 1951 by Father William Schmitt at SS Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Dimock, SD and attended SS Peter and Paul

Parochial School, then graduated from Parkston High School in 1969. He was united in marriage to Audrey Aisenbrey August 11, 1972 at Salem Reformed Church in Menno SD by Rev. Odenbach. Bill graduated from University of South Dakota in Vermillion in 1973 with a Bachelor in Fine Arts. Bill and Audrey lived for a short time in the Mitchell area where Bill worked as Production Manager at KXON (later known as KDLT television.) Bill and Audrey moved to the community of Menno in 1975 where Bill, along with his brother-in-law, Dennis, bought Ed's Food Market from Edwin

Aisenbrey (Audrey's father.) In Menno, Bill and Audrey raised 4 boys where he was involved in many community events including being on a search committee to bring a Doctor to Menno, Menno JayCee's, Community Club, City Counsel, Men's slow pitch softball, Cub Scouts, St. Boniface Catholic Church choir, FFA Foundation at Menno School, and enjoyed helping customers and making grocery deliveries at Ed's Food Market until he was unable to do so because of his health. Bill was a member of St. Boniface Catholic Church of rural Freeman, then later joined Peace Christian

Reformed Church of Menno, SD. Bill was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease at the age of 38 and dealt with his disease the best he could, retiring early from the grocery. Bill enjoyed being at home where he could see his grandkids often and would love having the activity around at family gatherings.

Bill is survived by his wife, Audrey of Menno, SD; four sons: Chris (Chrissy) and children: Hailey, Brady, Alana, and Isaac of Menno, SD, Brian (Jadi) and children: Keelan, Dylan, and Jackson of Colorado Springs, CO, Danny (Kansas) and children: Coyer,

Kedren, Baylic, and Daeston of Sioux Falls, SD, and David (Mandy) and children: Ashlynn and Joanna of Menno, SD; his parents, Francis and Celine; mother-in-law, Nora; three brothers: Larry, Keith, and Kevin; two sisters, Elaine and Beverly, along with their spouses and many nieces and nephews. Bill was preceded in death by his father-in-law, Edwin Aisenbrey and niece, Jessica Fergen.

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### Clarence Arneson

RAPID CITY — Clarence Albert Arneson, 90, Rapid City, died Monday, May 4, 2015 at the Rapid City Regional Hospital.

Clarence was born on a farm south of Dante, South Dakota on November 9, 1924. He was the third of 8 children born to Matt and Emma [Schmoll] Arneson. Clarence graduated from Avon High



Arneson

School in 1943. Following graduation he served in the United States Army as a truck driver stationed at bases in Arkansas and Germany.

In 1948 Clarence married Kathryn Collins in Cham-

berlain, SD. They were married for 58 years.

Clarence was a professional truck driver and a member of the International Teamsters Union. One daughter, Sara, was born in 1954. The family enjoyed the Black Hills and moved to Rapid City in 1959.

Clarence loved to hunt, fish, and tell stories.

Survivors include two sisters: Lucille (Vern) Bures of Wagner, SD and Hazel Ferwerda of Clermont, FL; two brothers: Frank Arneson of Yankton, SD and Don (Marie) Arneson of Yankton, SD; and a host of nieces and nephews. A real blessing in his life have been Donna and Dave Norton at the Norton

Guest House.

Funeral services will be 9:30 a.m. Thursday, May 7 at Osheim & Schmidt Funeral Home, 2700 Jackson Boulevard, with Rev. Larry Dahlstrom officiating.

Burial will follow at Black Hills National Cemetery near Sturgis, SD with full military honors.

An online guestbook for Clarence may be signed at [www.oshiemtschmidt.com/](http://www.oshiemtschmidt.com/).

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### William Hoch

Funeral mass for William "Bill" Hoch, 93, of Tyndall will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 9, 2015 at St. Leo Catholic Church in Tyndall with visitation beginning an hour prior to the service. Burial will follow in St. Leo Catholic Cemetery, Tyndall. Visitation will be held

from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 8 at the church.

Bill passed away on Tuesday, May 4, 2015 at St. Michael's Hospital Avera in Tyndall.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by the Goglin Funeral Home of Tyndall. Online condolences may be sent at [www.goglinfh.com](http://www.goglinfh.com).

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### IN REMEMBRANCE

<p><b>Larry "Tree" Saylor</b>                              10:30 AM, Thursday                              St. John's Lutheran Church                              Yankton</p>	<p><b>Brian Carroll</b>                              10:00 AM, Friday                              St. Rose of Lima                              Catholic Church, Crofton</p>
<p><b>Loretta Pick</b>                              10:30 AM, Friday                              Holy Family (Sts. Peter &amp; Paul) Catholic Church                              Bow Valley</p>	

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## 'Polycarp' Showing Slated May 8

"Polycarp" is one of the Christian church Father's. He was a disciple of Christ through the Apostle John. Henline Productions produced a movie about the last days of his life. One of our locals, Daniel Stibral, helped on the set production.

The movie is open to the public and will be shown free at Redeeming Grace Bible Church (formerly Kingsway) at 708 E. 19th St. in Yankton. The movie starts at 7 p.m. this Friday night. Stibral will be available to take questions after the movie.

The trailer can be viewed at <http://www.polycarpmovie.com/>.

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