

# Chickering, Hansen chosen Students of the Month

Congratulations to Melissa Chickering and Wyatt Hansen on being selected as Student of the Month for March! First Bank & Trust will reward them each with a \$100 scholarship to the school of their choice. This is in recognition of their hard work at Vermillion High School.

Melissa was nominated because of her positive attitude and her hard work at VHS. Her plans after high school are to attend Iowa State University and study athletic training and then to go into physical therapy. Her parents are Dave and Jill Chickering and Rhonda and Mark Weisbrod.

Melissa has stayed busy partaking in volleyball, show choir, student council, National Honor Society and while doing all this been able to work part-time in Vermillion. She has received honors as Girl's State Representative,



MELISSA CHICKERING

Academic All-State on the volleyball team, and Honorable Mention for the Dakota Conference in volleyball and Region 4A volleyball 2nd team. Melissa has volunteered her time to the Vermillion



WYATT HANSEN

Community with projects such as Tanager Volunteer Day, helping in her church nursery, and volunteering at a volleyball camp for kids. Way to go Melissa! Wyatt received his

nominations because of his drive to be better in all the challenges he faces. He is polite and respectful to anyone who he may cross paths with. He plans to attend the University of South

Dakota to pursue a degree in accounting. His lifelong goal is to become a forensic accountant with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. His parents are

Henry Jr. and Rhonda Hansen.

Wyatt has participated in Oral Interpretation, National Honor Society, the Police Explorer Post, theater, and basketball. His honors include Boys State Representative, the South Dakota Youth Trooper Academy as an attendee and received a superior at State Oral Interpretation. Wyatt is always a helping hand when an extra is needed! He has assisted with numerous activities for his church, went on a Mission trip to New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina and through his NHS group organized blood drives. Congratulations Wyatt!

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## OBITUARIES

### Bernard "Beanie" Cooper

Bernard F. "Beanie" Cooper, 86, of Sioux City, IA, died on Easter Sunday, April 20, 2014 at the Holy Spirit Retirement Home after a brief illness.



Services were at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 23, 2014 at St. Michael Catholic Church. Fr. David Hemann officiated. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery. Visitation with the family present was from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday in the Larkin Chapel, Christy-Smith Funeral Home. A rosary was said at 4 p.m. led by the staff from Trinity Heights and a parish vigil service was said at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Cooper was born on March 1, 1928 in Sioux City. He was the son of Victor and Melinda (Karthoff) Cooper. He attended Immaculate Conception Grade School, Trinity High School and Morningside College. Beanie was a veteran of W. W. II and the Korean Conflict serving in the U. S. Air Force. He married the love of his life, Ruby Jordahl on March 26, 1951, in Sioux City sharing more than 63 years of marriage and they had 10 children. Mr. Cooper was an educator for 40 years, serving as a teacher, coach, and administrator at Garrigan High School, Algona, IA, Heelan High School, Sioux City, the University of South Dakota, Vermillion, and Indiana State University, Terre Haute, IN. Beanie was recognized with a number of awards during

his coaching years. He also served on various NCAA committees, chairing the National NCAA Division IAA Football Committee in the 1980s.

After his retirement in 1990, Mr. Cooper served as the executive director of the Queen of Peace Inc. for 20 years and was instrumental in the development of the Trinity Heights property during that time.

Survivors include his wife, Ruby of Sioux City; his children, Gary Allen Cooper of LeMars, IA, Mike and Sandy (Hergenreter) Cooper of Lowden, IA, Kathy (Cooper) and Derald Stafford of Medford, OR, Pat and Anita (Charlson) Cooper of Eagan, MN, Tim and Peggy (Nurdyke) Cooper of Eagle, ID, Mary (Cooper) and Nick Merrigan of Vermillion, Linda Cooper of Omaha, NE, Chris (Cooper) and Craig Johnson of Vermillion; 24 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews

Beanie was preceded in death by his two sons, John and Thomas; his parents; two brothers, Fr. Harold Cooper and Dr. Jerry Cooper; and his sister, Mary Ann.

In lieu of flowers, memorial may be made to the Queen of Peace, Inc., P.O. Box 1707, Sioux City, IA, 51102

### Brenda Hansen

Brenda Lynn Hansen, 53, of Sioux Falls, passed away



Wednesday, April 16, 2014 at her home.

Brenda was born Jan. 13, 1961, in Yankton, to Pete and Paige (Falck) Hansen. She attended Wakonda Elementary and High School, graduating in 1979. She graduated from Dakota State University in 1984 with a Respiratory Tech Degree. She was a long time employee of Avera Mckennan Hospital in Sioux Falls, working as a Health Unit Coordinator for 20 plus years, where she will be missed by all. She was also employed with several Foreign Exchange programs as a local coordinator.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Paige, and grandparents.

Brenda is survived by her father, Pete Hansen of Vermillion; daughter, Taylor Hansen; and grandson, Malachy, of Tea; two brothers, Bill (Debbie) Hansen of Irene, and Bob (Beth) Hansen of Vermillion; a sister, Bonnie Simonsen of Tea; four nephews, Eric and Evan Hansen, Trevor and Jacob Simonsen; three nieces, Laura and Sarah Hansen, and Allie Simonsen; and two great nieces, Paige and Paisley Gleich.

Brenda loved spending time with her grandson and her two great nieces and nephew. She loved everyone young and old. Brenda had a heart of gold.

Funeral services were 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 22, 2014 at Calvary Lutheran Church in Irene, with Pastor Mark Ostrem officiating. A private family burial will take place at a later date.

Visitation was from 5 to 7 p.m., Monday, April 21, 2014 at the Hansen Funeral Home in Irene.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Hansen Family Fund that has been set up at Home Federal Bank.

For obituary and online condolences visit [hansenfuneralhome.com](http://hansenfuneralhome.com)

### Gayle Fuchs

Gayle Fuchs, 59, of Vermillion, passed away Wednesday, April 16, 2014, at the Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls.

Gayle was born Aug. 28, 1954, in Vermillion to Robert and Cleo (Lee) Fuchs. She attended St. Agnes School graduating from Vermillion High School in 1972. She graduated from Northern State University with her Associates Degree and was a long time employee of the Paint Brush Corporation in Vermillion.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and her brothers, James and Paul.

Gayle is survived by her brother, Bill (Patti) Fuchs of Pierre; a sister, Joanne Rolfes of Bloomfield, NE; and six nieces and nephews, Robert and John Rolfes, Schelle, Michael, Thomas and Mariah Fuchs; and three great nieces and nephews, Jackson, Nash and Geneva Rolfes.

The pride of her life was spending time with her nieces and nephews, and always making sure they each had a piggy bank.

Funeral Mass was 10

a.m. Monday, April 21, 2014 at the St. Agnes Catholic Church in Vermillion with burial to follow in the Calvary Cemetery in Vermillion. Visitation was Sunday, April 20, 2014, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Hansen Funeral Home in Vermillion. [hansenfuneralhome.com](http://hansenfuneralhome.com).

### Martin Weeks

Martin Weeks, 92, of Vermillion, passed away Thursday, April 17, 2014, in Vermillion.



A funeral service was held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, April 21, 2014, at Trinity Lutheran Church of Vermillion with Rev. Jason Clifton and Rev. Trisha Boese officiating. A visitation was held one hour prior to the service.

Burial took place following the service in the BluffView Cemetery of Vermillion.

Martin was born in Vermillion, and but for the time spent in military service, lived his entire life on the family farm. He attended Prairie Bell School until high school, when he attended Vermillion High School.

Martin was a country lawyer for 52 years, during which time he was a city and state's attorney. He was an accomplished outdoorsman, frequently hiking the Bitterroots of Montana and canoeing great expanses of Canada. He was a strong environmentalist who

worked to protect the Vermillion and Missouri rivers, the Bitterroots and an Alaskan wilderness and the James River Basin. The fact that Martin's service was held on Earth Day seems a fitting tribute to his lifelong dedication to environmental conservatism. In 1996 he was one of four people to receive the National Leadership Award from the Environmental Law Institute in Washington D.C.

After "retiring" he spent the remainder of his life passionately pursuing his life's work of caring for the family land and farm that his great-grandfather had homesteaded. Martin served in World War II in the Battle of the Bulge. He was a kind and humble man and a dearly loved leader of his family and he will be deeply missed.

Martin is survived by his daughters, Patti Bancroft of Vermillion, and Mary (Stanley Halbert) Weeks of Lawrence, KS; his grandchildren, Blake Bancroft of Spearfish, and Raina Jones of Collinston, UT; and his great-grandchildren, Canute Bancroft, Sunnie Jones, Aengus Bancroft, Waylon Jones, and Bodhi Thibault Bancroft.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Marjorie "Hoppy" Weeks.

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