

OBITUARIES

Harold J. Fletcher, M.D.

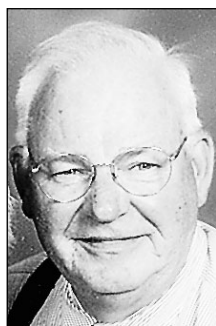
Harold J. "Doc" Fletcher, M.D., age 73, of Lake Madison, died Friday, Aug. 12, 2011, at V.A. Community Living Center, Sioux Falls.

Funeral services are scheduled for 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 19, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Madison. Visitation with the family present was from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 18, at the Ellsworth Funeral Home, Madison.

Interment was in Rose Hill Cemetery, Wentworth, with military honors by the Chester American Legion.

Harold was born March 30, 1938, at Graceville, MN, to Clarence and Kathryn (Bohnet) Fletcher. He was raised on the family farm and graduated from Clinton High School. He served in the US Army during the Korean War and married Karen Evans on July 24, 1959, at Ft. Sam Houston in San Antonio, TX. Harold earned his medical degree at the University of Minnesota in 1967. He served his internship at Sioux Valley Hospital in Sioux Falls. They moved to Brandon where he was a family practice doctor. Then they moved to Vermillion, where he continued to practice family medicine and also surgery for over 30 years.

He was active in many organizations including American Cancer Society and District



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Nebraska Medical Center. He later retired and moved to Lake Madison. He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and Chester American Legion. They enjoyed vacationing in Luquillo, Puerto Rico.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Howard Fletcher; and one sister, Luella Bolden.

Survivors include his wife, Karen of Lake Madison; five daughters, Pamela (Norman) Heimstra of Longmont, CO, Kristine (Rey) Castillo of Santa Barbara, CA, Valerie (Taylor) Kelso of Omaha, NE, Dr. Nicole (Dr. Roger) Paulman of Omaha, NE and Ashley Fletcher of Boonville, NY; six grandchildren, Wesley and Meghan Heimstra, Madeline and Gabriella Kelso and Everett and Fletcher Paulman; and three sisters, Bonnie Wolff of Snohomish, WA, Ann (Dennis) Hilmer of Everett, WA, and Lois (Dave) Owen of Marysville, WA.

Sidney Engman

Sidney E. Engman, 93 of Vermillion, passed away Friday, Aug. 12, 2011 at Prairie Estates Care Center in Elk Point.

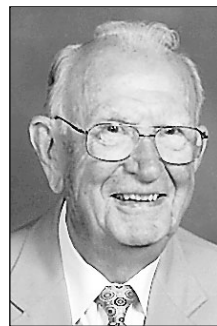
Funeral Mass was 11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 18 at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Vermillion with Fr. Donald Imming officiating. Burial followed in Calvary Cemetery at Vermillion with military graveside rites by Clay Post #3061.

Visitation will begin at 6 p.m. with a scripture service beginning at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 17 at the church.

Sidney was born Sept. 2, 1917, in Vermillion, to Eddie and Lillian (Richardson) Engman. He was raised in Clay County where he spent his entire life. He married Reidella M. Rubida on Aug. 8, 1939 in Ponca, NE. Sid worked for Gamble Skogmo stores from 1936 to 1957. He then worked as a rural mail carrier until his retirement in 1981.

Sid served his country in World War II as an infantryman in the 35th Infantry Division in France from June to September, 1944 when he was captured outside Nancy, France. He remained a P.O.W. until the end of the war in April, 1945. He received the Purple Heart, EAME Campaign Medal with two Bronze Stars and the Combat Infantryman's Badge.

He was a long time member of St. Agnes Catholic Church, V.F.W. Post #3061, American Legion, Disabled American Veterans Ex-prisoners of War Association and Eagles Post No. 2421. He was also a retired member of the



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Vermillion Fire Department. Those left to honor his memory include his loving wife of 72 years, Reidella; one daughter, Julie (John) Springer of West Des Moines, IA; grandson, John III (Lori) Springer, Erie, PA; granddaughter, Juliann (Peter) Cline, West Des Moines, IA; and five great-grandchildren, Sydney, Emma, Molly, Ela and Annie; and many other relatives and friends who loved him very much. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by great-granddaughter Lily, his brother, Robert Engman; sister, Bonnie Carlsen; and stepfather, Harry Brammer.

We will love you forever and always!

The family requests in lieu of flowers that memorials be directed to VFW Clay Post #3061, PO Box 375 Vermillion, SD 57069 or USD Track Team, in care of Mark Maturi PO Box 5555 Vermillion, SD 57069.

The family also wishes to acknowledge Dr. Tom Olson and his staff, Prairie Estates Care Center, Wel-Life and Sanford Vermillion Hospital for their compassionate care giving.

For obituary and online condolences please visit hansenfuneralhome.com

Monica Johnson

Monica Olsen Johnson, 61, of Meckling, passed away on Monday, Aug. 15, 2011 at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester, MN.

Monica was born to Alvin and Elaine (Schulz) Guthmiller on July 27, 1950 at St. Benedicts Hospital in Parkston. She attended Dewald Country School, Tripp High School, and then Nettleton College in Sioux Falls. She married Dennis Olsen on March 14, 1970 in Tyndall. To this union, they were blessed with two children, Denise and Chad. She later married Marty Johnson on June 20, 1998 and lived in Meckling. While working various jobs in the Vermillion area, she most enjoyed being an EMT with the Vermillion Ambulance Department as well as working at Toby's in Meckling. Until recently she was working alongside her husband Marty doing the daily bookkeeping for the family business.

Monica will be remembered most for her love of her family and friends. She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and her beloved pugs. Monica spent many a moment in the kitchen where she taught her children to cook and held many gatherings including memorable family



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daughter, Denise (Chad) Peterson of Vermillion; son, Chad (Amy) Olsen of Sioux Falls; two grandchildren, Connor Ray and Jenna Elizabeth; sister, Marcia (Ron) Deyalsingh of Ardmore, OK; brother, Rodney (Ruby) Guthmiller of Lesterville; brother, Kevin (Michelle) Guthmiller of Yankton; and many nieces and nephews. Monica was preceded in death by her father, Alvin; a brother, Louis; nephew Kevin; and infant niece, Amanda.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 20 at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Vermillion. Visitation will be Friday from 5 to 7 p.m. with a prayer service at 7 p.m. all at the church.

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holidays.

Thankful for having shared her life are her husband, Marty Johnson of Meckling; mother, Elaine (Schulz) Guthmiller of Tripp;

Normand Thompson

Normand W. Thompson, 83, of Vermillion, passed away Monday, Aug. 15, 2011 at his home.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m., Friday, Aug. 19, 2011 at Concordia Lutheran Church in Vermillion, with Pastor Samuel Needham officiating. Burial will be 3:30 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 20, 2011 in the Norwegian Lutheran Cemetery in Pukwana.

Visitation was from 5 to 7 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 18, 2011 at the Hansen Funeral Home in Vermillion.

Normand was born on Nov. 2, 1927 in Pukwana, to Wilhemena "Minnie" (Swanson) and Henry Thompson. He attended school in the Pukwana - Chamberlain areas. Upon leaving school, Normand farmed in the Pukwana area. He married Doris Speck on October 14, 1951. The couple had four children. He later moved to Vermillion where he met and

married Sandra Rae Lee on September 25, 1969.

He is survived by his wife, Sandra Rae of Vermillion; three sisters, Lois Bode of Chamberlain, Lorraine (Lewis) Moseman of White Lake, Lucille Fick of Luverne, MN; one brother, Avery (Glenda) Thompson of Chamberlain; his children, Barb Hanson of Minneapolis, MN, Darwin (Laurie) Thompson of Colorado, Mary (Dan) Hauser of Minnesota, Debbie (Michael) Prather of Vermillion, John (Melissa) Lee of Vermillion, Norma (Harry) DuVall of Wyoming, Vicki (David) Fransen of Aberdeen, Thomas Thompson, and Timothy Thompson both of Vermillion; also 14 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his first wife Doris (Speck) Thompson; his parents and one brother, Milton Thompson.

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Officials: File flood insurance claims

Homeowners and business owners with damage from flooding who possess flood insurance should file a claim now, according to disaster officials.

"The sooner you file, the sooner you are likely to get paid," said Federal Coordinating Officer Mark Neveau of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which runs the National Flood Insurance Program. "There is a process to go through, and the sooner people start that process the better."

A phone call from you starts the claim. After your claim is filed, an insurance adjuster comes to the damaged property, and the adjuster and homeowner agree on a list of all the damaged property.

Normally this list, called a "proof of loss," must be filed within 60 days of the damage occurring. That deadline has been extended by the National Flood Insurance Program to 120 days for all policyholders in South Dakota affected by flooding beginning on or after June 1, 2011.

"We extended the deadline because the Missouri waters

have been abnormally high for weeks," explained Neveau. "Many people cannot see their damages yet. No one needs to worry about meeting the proof of loss deadline - but start your claim now to get your money as soon as possible."

To be in effect, a policy from the National Flood Insurance Program must have been purchased at least 30 days before flooding begins, or at the closing of a loan. This year's floods along the Missouri River because of dam releases are considered to have started June 1, the date record-high releases started at Garrison Dam in North Dakota and the date which was subsequently ruled by the Corps of Engineers as the beginning of a flood in progress.

Neveau said there were 6,173 National Flood Insurance Program policies in effect in South Dakota as the spring floods began. Overland flooding from any source that affects two properties or covers two acres or more may trigger a claim. Neveau urged policyholders to contact their insurance agent to determine if they are eligible.

Labels for Education program will benefit Trinity Preschool

For over 38 years, Campbell's Labels for Education program has supported schools across the country by providing more than \$114 million in free merchandise in exchange for proof of purchase from Campbell's products. This year, the program is getting even better with a new look and focus on supporting the arts, athletics and academic enrichment programs that can spark children's successes. Labels for Education is also adding new partnerships, programs, resources and incentives to help generate more support for our schools.

You can help Trinity Lutheran Preschool earn free merchandise such as computers, audio/visual equipment, physical education equipment, reference books, musical instruments or even a minivan, simply by collecting Campbell UPCs

and sending them to Trinity Lutheran Preschool.

"This year our goal is to collect 1,000 points, and we're asking the community to help," said Cindy Knutson the coordinator for Trinity Lutheran Preschool's Labels for Education program. "If we work together, we can build better schools for our children."

It's easy to pitch in. Simply save product UPCs from any of the eligible Campbell products and send them to Trinity Lutheran Preschool: Visit labelsforeducation.com for a complete list of eligible products.

For more information on how to be a part of Trinity Lutheran Preschool's Labels for Education collection drive, contact the school coordinator, Cindy Knutson, at 605-624-3839.

The 2011-2012 program runs until June 1, 2012.

CHECK IT OUT

By Anne Marshall

Library Activities and Info

Sign-up for fall Storytimes. Registration is required, as space is limited. Stop by the circulation desk to register or for more information. Preschool Storytime is open to children from age three to five years old. The Toddler Storytime is open to children from one to three years old accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

Preschool Schedule

Monday: 6:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Wednesday: 11:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
Thursday: 11:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Toddler Schedule

Tuesday: 10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Or 6 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

"The Pillars of the Earth, Mini Series," by Ken Follett is the fall 2011 book club selection. This epic mini series of kings and peasants centers on the building of a magnificent church in 12th-century England. The library will be

showing the movies on Wednesdays starting at 7 p.m. in October and November. Watch for more details.

Also, this fall the library is hosting the One Book South Dakota Program with the South Dakota Humanities Council. This year's book is "The Journey of Crazy Horse: A Lakota History," Joseph Marshall III. The discussion will be facilitated by Jamie Sullivan from Mount Marty College. More information will be available later this month.

The Fun & Games program will return this October. Patrons are invited to play board games and constructing puzzles on Saturday afternoons. Refreshments will be provided.

During the summer the Vermillion Public Library is closed on Sundays. Materials may be returned to the book or A/V drop boxes located on the south side of the building.

Weekly Online Book Club

The DearReader.com Book Club offers many selections to Internet patrons. Each book

runs for five days, Monday through Friday. Some genres offer selections every other week. Check out this service by registering at the library's Web site, <http://vpl.sdl.net> and clicking on the book club icon. The Online Book Club is asking it's readers to write and tell what they enjoy about this special library service. The features for the week of Aug. 22, are:

AUDIO BOOK: Check on-line for this selection.

BUSINESS: Start With Why, by Simon Sinek.

FICTION: Call Me Irresistible, by Susan Elizabeth Phillips.

GOOD NEWS: The House On Malcolm Street, by Leisha Kelly.

MYSTERY: The Informant, by Thomas Perry.

NON-FICTION: The White

House Doctor, by Connie Mariano.

PRE-PUB: Check on-line for this selection.

ROMANCE: Lord of the Isles, by Debbie Mazzuca.

SCIENCE FICTION: Dues Ex, by James Swallow.

TEEN: M.C. Higgins, the Great, by Virginia Hamilton.

THRILLER: The Cobra, by Frederick Forsyth.

New Adult Fiction — Bestselling Authors

From the Number one New York Times bestselling author, Ann Brashares comes the welcome return of four characters whose friendship became a touchstone for a generation. Now the "traveling pants" girls have grown up, starting lives on their own. Join

Tibby, Lena, Carmen, and Bridget in "Sisterhood

Everlasting."

New York Times bestselling authors, E. Lynn Harris and RM Johnson, have united to produce an insightful and emotional project that tackles themes of family, loyalty, and identity in "No One in the World." Character Cobi Winslow, a handsome, well-

educated district attorney, knows nothing about the life of his estranged twin brother, a career criminal raised in the foster care system. Following their parent's death, Cobi searches for and finds his brother, hoping to regain the lost years.

From the author of the acclaimed best seller "The Gates of the Alamo," comes a new novel that confirms and enlarges Stephen Harrigan's reputation as a major voice in American fiction. "Gil"

Gilheaney is a sculptor of boundless ambition. But bad fortune and his own prideful spirit have driven him from New York City into artistic exile in Texas just after World War I. Remember Ben Clayton vividly depicts a rich swath of American history, from the days when Comanche ruled the Southern plains to the final brutal months of World War I.

Over the course of a 30-year career, National Book Award finalist, Jean Thompson has been celebrated by critics as "a writer of extraordinary intelligence and sensitivity." Her latest novel, "The Year We Left Home" begins in 1973 when the Erickson family of Grenada, IA gathers for the wedding of their eldest daughter, moves readers to suburban Chicago, and then to the coast of contemporary Italy.

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