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OBITUARIES

Donavan Dickes

Donavan Dickes, age 84, of Yankton, South Dakota, died Friday, January 11, 2013, at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 AM on Monday, January 14, 2013, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Yankton with Reverend Mark Lichter officiating. Burial will be in the Sacred Heart Cemetery in Yankton with military honors provided by the Ernest Bowyer VFW Post No. 791. Visitation is from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 13, 2013, at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton with a rosary and vigil service at 7:00 p.m. Visitation will resume one hour prior to the Mass on Monday.

Pallbearers will be Don's grandsons: Christopher Dickes, Matt Arend, Nathan Dickes, Patrick Dickes, Eddie Dickes, Jeremy Arend, Michael Dickes and Charlie Dickes. Honorary Pallbearers will be his granddaughters: Amy Westering, Sarah Dickes, Julie Wagner, Amanda Wagner, Erin Dickes, Danielle Wagner and Kristina Wagner.

Donavan John Dickes was a twin son, born to John and Agnes (Handorf) Dickes on June 17, 1928, in Fordyce, NE. He grew up in Fordyce and attended Country School prior to attending St. John's Parochial School. Don graduated from Holy Trinity High School in Hartington, NE. He then attended Barber College in Sioux City, Iowa. Don served his country in the US Army for 2 years during the Korean War as a Corporal in the Military Police. Don married DelRae Weinandt on May 26, 1953 at St. John's the Baptist Catholic Church in Fordyce. Don worked in Yankton as a barber for 47 years, retiring in 1999. Don was a member of Sacred Heart



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Catholic Church and the men's choir. He served in the Knight of Columbus for over fifty years; as a Knight, he started the "breakfast club" in 1968, the year he served as Grand Knight. He was the "master egg fryer" for 37 years for the monthly Sunday Breakfasts. Don loved to sing, golf, play cards with his family and friends, and just spending time with DelRae. He is survived by his wife, DelRae, of 59 years; four children and their spouses: David (Marcene) of Chicago, IL; Deb (Paul) Arend of Des Moines, IA; Dan (Bev) of Sioux Center, IA; and Donna (Steve) Wagner of Sioux Falls, SD; 15 grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren, 4 sisters: Delores (Rollie) Healy of CA, JoAnn (Bob) Healy of Omaha, NE, Sr. Rosaleen Dickes of Yankton, SD, and MaryLou Noecker of Hartington, NE.

Don was preceded in death by his parents, 5 sisters: Lucille Huss, Leone Leise, Irene Callahan, Adeline Feilmeier, Esther Dickes; and 6 brothers: Ralph, Robert, Ray, Rev. Jerome, Gerald, and twin brother, Donald.

To send an online sympathy card, please visit wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

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Online condolences at:
www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com

Mildred Ishmael

A funeral mass for Mildred Ishmael, 82 of Springfield will be 10:30 a.m. Monday, January 14, 2013 at St. Vincent Catholic Church in Springfield, with burial in the parish cemetery, rural Springfield.

Visitation will be from 3 to 6 Sunday at the Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home in Springfield, followed by a 7:30 p.m. Wake service at the church.

Mildred Stella Ishmael, daughter of Joseph and Millie (Rysavy) Fuchs, Sr. was born September 5, 1930 at Lake Andes. She died Thursday, January 10, 2013 at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton. Mildred attained the age of 82 years, four months and six days.

Mildred was a 1949 graduate of Tyndall High School. She married Lawrence Ishmael on February 12, 1952. A son, Michael was blessed to their union. They lived in Springfield, where Lawrence served as a plumber for many years. Lawrence died July 11, 2008. Mildred was currently a resident of the Springfield Assisted Living Center.

Mildred worked as a babysitter at a daycare and also in housekeeping at St. Michael's Hospital in Tyndall for several years.

Mildred was a member of St. Vincent Catholic Church, St. Vincent Altar Society, Catholic Forrester's, and the Dwight Wood American Legion Auxiliary.



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Mildred will be remembered for her sweet personality, her enjoyment of playing Bingo and her beautiful embroidery work.

Thankful for having shared her life are her son, Mike of Springfield; two grandchildren; three great grandchildren; sister, Lorraine Gall of Tripp; and many nieces and nephews.

Mildred was preceded in death by her husband; parents; two brothers: Joe L., Jr. and William (Bud); four sisters: Mary Crystal, Margaret Koruschak, Patricia Kostal and Dorothy Fuchs; and an infant nephew.

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Virginia Cummins

Virginia Cummins, 86, of Hartington, Neb., died Thursday, Jan. 10, 2013, at the Golden Living Center, Hartington.

Funeral services are at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 14, at the First Congregational U.C.C., Hartington, with the Rev. Gary Kimm officiating. Burial will be in the Hartington City Cemetery.

Visitation is 4-7 p.m. Sunday with a prayer service at 6:30 p.m. at Wintz Funeral Home, Hartington. Visitation will begin one hour prior to services on Monday at the church.

USD

HP Exec To Present Dean's Lecture

VERMILLION — The University of South Dakota Beacom School of Business will host a presentation by USD alum Paul Ellingstad, partner and program development director for HP's Sustainability & Social Innovation team, at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 15, at Houtz Auditorium, which is located inside Beacom Hall.

Ellingstad's program, "People, Planet, Profit ... What Matters?" is part of the 2013 Dean's Lecture Series, and discusses how sustainability and corporate social responsibility have grown from a cost to business and



Ellingstad

Shared Value" in 2009, including leading the "green field" development of the global health strategy and programs. Ellingstad and his col-

leagues at HP work to drive sustainable improvements in health, education and the environment through technology and innovation. A First Movers fellow in the Aspen Institute's Business and Society Program, Ellingstad earned his bachelor's degree in economics and political science from USD in 1993. He currently lives in Ireland with his wife and three children.

For more information on "People, Planet, Profit ... What Matters?" or the Dean's Lecture Series, visit www.usd.edu/business or contact business@usd.edu.

Vermillion Guard Unit Names New First Sergeant

BY SGT. JESS MYERS

730th Unit Public Affairs Representative

VERMILLION — Michael Rath has been promoted to the rank of first sergeant in the 730th Area Support Medical Company of Vermillion during a ceremony on Jan. 4. As the unit's senior noncommissioned officer, 1st Sgt. Rath is now responsible to the 730th's commander, Capt. Zachary Hauge, for the guidance and care of the unit's approximately 90 Soldiers.

Rath assumed the responsibilities from 1st Sgt. Doug Mahoney. Mahoney has since been promoted to the rank of command sergeant major and now serves as the senior NCO for Training Center Command in Rapid City.

Rath, who has been a member of the 730th for 33 years, has also been there through many of the unit's transformations and changes.

As a medic for many years with the 730th, Rath has overseen numerous missions in various locations around the world including Germany,

Honduras, Jamaica, Suriname and New Orleans, during Hurricane Katrina. He has also been on two deployments with the 730th, one in support of Operation Desert Storm from 1990-1991 and the other Operation Iraqi Freedom from 2003-2004.

"My goals for the new year are to enhance TLC (teamwork, leadership and communication) within the unit," said Rath when asked about his plan for the unit. "I will be pushing all noncommissioned officers to step up and do their jobs at the highest level possible."

Rath, who lives in Vermillion with his wife Corinne, also said he is excited to be in the new position and looks forward to the future opportunity of leading Soldiers.

In addition to being a member of the Army National Guard in the Vermillion community, Rath was an employee of the University of South Dakota for several years, as well. He recently retired from his civilian career of 34 years as a mechanical supervisor at USD.



PHOTO: S.D. NATIONAL GUARD

Michael Rath, right, has been promoted to the rank of first sergeant in the 730th Area Support Medical Company of Vermillion

Court

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influence (DUI) court in the future, officials say.

Magistrate Judge Tami Bern oversees the court proceedings but has no more say over how participants will be rewarded or punished for their behavior than the rest of the drug court team.

"It's exciting to have an opportunity to do something that is innovative and focuses more on rehabilitation than anything else," she said when asked why she agreed to be a part of the program.

Currently, there are five participants in what will be a three-phase, 18-month drug court program if they successfully complete it. The non-violent, adult felony offenders who have had trouble with controlled substances must submit an application that the Yankton County State's Attorney Office reviews. If the prosecutor thinks the individual is a good candidate, the application is presented to the rest of the drug court team for final approval.

During the first six-month phase, participants must attend drug court, submit to multiple urine analysis tests and attend treatment meetings on a weekly basis. With each phase, the requirements are loosened.

On Wednesday, participants were called up to the judge's bench individually. A microphone

was set up for them so the other drug court team members seated in the jurors' stand could hear the ensuing conversation.

"So we survived one week!" Bern exclaimed as the proceedings got under way. "Today, we'll discuss your week and how things have been going. We're also here to answer any questions."

Each participant was asked about how treatment had been going, as well as their individual job search efforts. They politely answered the judge.

One male offered that it would be nice if there was a drug court fact sheet that could be given to potential employers. Bern said it was an excellent suggestion and something the team had been discussing.

At the end of the brief exchanges, they were asked how many days they had been sober. The drug court team applauded as the participants racked up another week of sobriety.

However, it wasn't all positive reinforcement.

In one case, a man had missed a curfew check because he had slept through the calls and knocks on the door. The team believed he had been sleeping inside his residence as claimed but decided to give him an earlier curfew for a week as punishment. He explained the precautions he had taken to make sure it didn't happen again.

In another instance, a female had witnessed an assault that she may or may not have had a hand in initiating and refused to speak with an officer about it. As punishment,

the team decided she would spend 24 hours in jail starting after her treatment session that night.

"At the very least, you should have spoken with the officer," Bern said.

Brandt said the team wants to see these individuals succeed in becoming and staying sober.

"That's why we offer the positive reinforcement," he said. "Even though some of them may receive sanctions, there is still positive reinforcement to build them back up."

Added John Billings, the deputy state's attorney on the team, "We want to develop a trust relationship so they know, if there is a problem they need to address, they can come to us and openly discuss it. The response will be supportive, even though there may be some sanctions. It will still be positive in the sense of helping them get through it and continuing on with staying sober."

South Dakota Chief Justice David Gilbertson has been a major advocate of the alternative sentencing programs in the state. He points out that 70 to 80 percent of the graduates from existing programs in the state have not re-offended.

In Pierre this week, Gilbertson spoke about the importance of passing reforms to the corrections system that are being proposed by Gov. Dennis Daugaard that include alternative sentencing options.

"Nearly 50 percent of those who are sent to prison for drug crimes will be arrested for another drug offense within a few years of their

release," Gilbertson said about traditional sentencing, according to Sioux Falls television station KELO. "The revolving door and the state's open checkbook continue on and on."

In addition to Yankton, there are drug courts in Meade and Minnehaha counties. DUI courts are held in Pierre and Aberdeen.

State officials are pressing for a half dozen more such courts in other parts of the state within the next two years.

Drug court officials in Yankton County said they could use the assistance of the community in making sure the local program is a success.

"One thing the drug court has been trying to do is find donations from the community for gift certificates and other things we can give to these people to have positive reinforcement for their successes," Billings said. "When you look at most of these people, they've had a tough life. They haven't had a lot of support. Their self-esteem is often low, which leads to drug use. We're trying to find methods to give them rewards for doing well and keeping them on the path to sobriety so they can be productive members of society. The successes around the state and country show these programs work. The more support the community gives, the higher chance we won't see these people back in the criminal justice system."

You can follow Nathan Johnson on Twitter at twitter.com/AnInlandVoyage

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