

## OBITUARIES

### Ruth Wadsworth

Ruth Wadsworth, 93, of Gayville, South Dakota, died Sunday, July 21, 2013 at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 24, 2013, at Gayville United Methodist Church in Gayville, South Dakota with Reverend Rick Pittenger officiating. Burial will be in the Mission Hill Cemetery in Mission Hill, South Dakota.

Visitation with the family present is from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 23, 2013, at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton, South Dakota.

Pallbearers are Charlie Cowman, Chuck Peterson, Dale Bye, and Eric Roozen.

Ruth Wadsworth was born November 14, 1919, in Lafayette, Louisiana, to Asa and Susan (Waggoner)



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support of the war effort. After the war, she returned to Tulsa and later married George Wadsworth on December 27, 1944, in Tacoma, Washington. After their marriage they moved to Anaconda, Montana, where their two daughters Elizabeth and Georgia were born. They later moved to George's family homestead in Gayville, South Dakota, where their son Gene was born. They then moved to Alexandria, South Dakota for 12 years and to Howard,

South Dakota for 10 years, until returning to Gayville in 1975, where Ruth has lived ever since.

Ruth was a member of Gayville United Methodist Church in Gayville. She enjoyed cooking, baking, shopping, visiting with her neighbors, and taking care of her beloved cats, Buttons and Baby. Ruth had a wonderful sense of humor and positive attitude. She never met a stranger. Ruth was not just a mother but a best friend, who always took the time to listen and give good advice.

Survivors include her two daughters: Elizabeth "Betty" (Don) Meyer and Georgia (Richard) Baxter both of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; six grandchildren: Lisa, Michael, Rickey, Brady, Gary, and Melissa; five great grandchildren; niece, San-

dra Hoffner; two nephews: Bill Bye and Jim Hogg; as well as several very special friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, George; son, Gene; granddaughter, Becky; three sisters-in-law; and nephew, John.

The family would like to express a special thank you to the nurses in the ICU at Sacred Heart Hospital and Dr. Tim Irwin.

To send an online sympathy card, please visit [wintzrayfuneralhome.com](http://wintzrayfuneralhome.com).

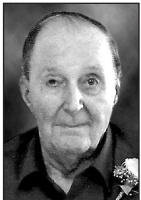
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### Joseph Hejna

Joseph George Hejna, age 89, of Yankton, SD passed away early Sunday morning, July 21, 2013, at the Tyndall Good Samaritan Center, Tyndall, SD. Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 24, 2013 at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church, Tabor, SD with Rev. Daniel Moris and Rev. Joe Forcelle concelebrating. Burial will be in the parish cemetery.

Visitations will begin at 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 23, 2013 at the Opsahl-Kostel Memorial Chapel, Tabor, with a Wake service at 7:00 p.m. with the Yankton 4th



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memorial chapel.

Joseph was born in Yankton, SD on August 17, 1923 to George and Lillian (Fuks) Hejna. Joseph's grade school years were completed at the Peterka School and graduated high school in 1944 in Lesterville, SD. He married Albina Kutilek on May 22, 1945 at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church in

Degree Knights of Columbus standing Honor Guard. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the

Tabor, SD. To this union four children were born: Carol, Joyce, Jim, and one deceased son, Johnny.

Joe farmed on the home place until age 50, when he semi-retired and moved to Yankton, SD. There, Joe hauled fuel for the Farmer Coop for thirteen years, worked at the ASCS office, and did numerous other jobs. Joe belonged to the St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, and Knights of Columbus. Joe's pride and joy was his family and his many vehicles.

He leaves to mourn, his wife, Albina of Tyndall, SD; daughters, Carol (Rodger)

Rueb of Yankton, SD, Joyce (Duane) Sedlacek of Johnston, NE, one son, Jim of Yankton, SD, as well as eight grandchildren, twenty great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandson, and many nieces, nephews, and countless friends.

Joe was preceded in death by his beloved son, Johnny, his parents, George and Lillian, and one daughter-in-law, Nancy.

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pending with the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton.

### John Eldridge

LAKE ANDES — John Eldridge, 69, died at Avera St. Benedicts Hospital in Parkston on Sunday, July 14, 2013.

Funeral services are at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, July 27, at the First Presbyterian Church, Lake Andes.

Visitation is 5-7 p.m. Friday, July 26, at Koehn Bros. Funeral Home, Lake Andes.

### Robert Camp

Robert J. Camp, 72, of Yankton died unexpectedly, Saturday, July 21, 2013, at his home.

Funeral services are

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"The state has no control over the Affordable Care Act," he said.

However, the governor said he understands the local frustration. "Businesses would rather have bad news with certainty than uncertainty," she said.

McIlvenna has seen the wide-ranging impact at her M&M Manufacturing plant in Viborg, maker of pressure washer components.

"We ship to Canada, Mexico and all the states," she said. "We have never had more than 15 employees, but our customers have more than 50 employees. They are holding back (on their orders) because of the uncertainty (surrounding health reform), so we are coming out of the ditch (from the recession) much more slowly."

McIlvenna said she opposes the current health reform on political grounds. However, she would prefer to see some firm action if reforms are going forward.

"I have held back because of the constitutional issues," she said. "But now, I'm apathetic and just want a decision (on the details)."

#### 'A DIFFERENT WORLD'

Opening Monday's program, Daugaard noted the requirement that individuals carry health insurance or face penalties.

"A whole different world will come Jan. 1," he said. "You hear people say, 'I can't afford it' or 'I don't qualify' (for health insurance). But those reasons are gone Jan. 1."

President Obama has delayed the employer mandate until 2015, but the individual mandate remains on the same deadline, he said.

South Dakota will use the federal insurance exchange rather than spend up to \$8 million to create its own state exchange for a relatively small number of people, Daugaard said.

"On Oct. 1, we are supposed to have the exchanges, but I don't think the federal government is going to get it going," he said. "We'll see, but it's a heavy lift."

Daugaard said he supports a delay in deciding whether South Dakota should expand Medicaid to take advantage of federal incentives. Currently, 115,000 South Dakotans are on Medicaid out of the state's 800,000 residents, he said.

"I have never said we shouldn't expand Medicaid, but we shouldn't rush into it," the governor said.

Daugaard said he saw too much uncertainty surrounding the federal government to buy immediately into the Medicaid expansion program.

"We had the federal sequester, the expiration of the Bush tax cuts, and the federal government's budget was too much of a wreck," he said. "How would we know if they (federal officials) were going to keep up their end of the bargain?"

Under health reform, the federal government would pay 100 percent of the cost of Medicaid expansion for 2014, 2015 and 2016, Daugaard said. The federal government would reduce its coverage to 95 percent and eventually to 90 percent, he said.

"After that, we don't know," he said. "We need to see how health insurance shakes out

before expansion. Once you expand (Medicaid), it's hard to go back."

Medicaid expansion could create long-term issues, Daugaard said.

"With Medicaid, we had 100,000 before the recession. During the recession, we had the number go up. Some months, we added 1,000 to Medicaid. We peaked at 160,000, then dropped down to 115,000."

Medicaid numbers remain high, even with 2 percent more jobs in South Dakota now than before the recession, Daugaard said.

He noted a similar rise in food stamp numbers, which stood at 60,000 enrollees before spiking to 104,000 during the recession. "We started climbing out of the recession, but the number of food stamp recipients hasn't gone down," he said.

"What worries me, as people become dependent, they remain dependent," he added.

#### THE FUTURE

During Monday's forum, Viborg-Hurley school business manager Wanda Kost expressed concerns about health reform's impact on her district.

Kost felt confident about the school's health care coverage for its full-time staff. However, she was unsure, under one health reform provision, if the district would be required to provide health insurance for substitute teachers who work at least 30 hours a week.

An audience member wondered whether employers will terminate workers in order to fall under the 50-employee threshold for mandated health insurance. One woman questioned whether health providers were requiring un-

necessary tests and procedures.

Another woman referred to the rising cost of prescription drugs, adding, "We're trying to keep our heads above water."

After the forum, Parsons said she has seen her clients run into the bureaucracy connected with the prescription drug program.

The customers aren't the only ones confused by the coverage, she said. "From a provider and insurance standpoint, it's a nightmare," she told the *Press & Dakotan*.

Despite any perceived drawbacks, health reform was needed in some form, Sorlien told the *Press & Dakotan*.

"When patients show up at the (emergency room), do providers have a choice?" she asked.

McIlvenna emphasized she wasn't blaming Daugaard or state government for her frustration. She told the *Press & Dakotan* hopes for decisions from federal officials.

"Our business has been going for 54 years. We keep busy, but our recovery is going slower until things are figured out," she said. "Knowing the employer mandate could stretch out another year — it creates a lot of frustration."

Parsons said she backs some reforms but questions the overhaul in health care.

"There aren't any new clinics or hospitals created under health reform. It doesn't change anything, and it doesn't create more affordable care," she said.

"Why couldn't we just fix the wheel instead of making sure everything was broken?"

You can follow Randy Dockendorf on Twitter at [twitter.com/RDockendorf](https://twitter.com/RDockendorf)

### UTV Accident Results In Man's Arrest

From P&D Staff Reports

A Yankton man was arrested Saturday for driving under the influence in connection with a utility vehicle accident (UTV), according to the Yankton County Sheriff's Office.

Shaun Koster, 25, Yankton, was driving the UTV near 445th Avenue and Poison Ivy Drive when the accident occurred. The incident was reported at 4:56 p.m. Saturday.

A 24-year-old Lesterville female riding as a passenger was thrown from the UTV, and the vehicle landed on her.

She was transported to a Sioux Falls hospital with her injuries.

Koster was also arrested on a warrant for simple assault.

### School Board Meets Wednesday

The Yankton School Board will hold a special school board meeting at noon on Wednesday, July 24, to discuss the YBI Sponsorship and Facilities Use Agreement.

The meeting will be held the Yankton Administration Offices located at 2410 West City Limits Road.

### HHS To Offer Events This Week

Heartland Humane Society will have dogs available for adoption at two upcoming events.

Join the shelter in Vermillion on Thursday, July 25, from 6-8 p.m. in downtown Vermillion as it celebrates Thursdays on the Platz. The event is being sponsored by Coffee Cup Fuel Stop. Dogs will be available for adoption and the general public is welcomed to stop by.

Heartland Humane Society will also have dogs available to meet Yankton's Moonlight Madness downtown event on Friday, July 26, from 4-8 p.m.

"Meet and Greet's allow our dogs waiting for adoption to get out into the public and make new friends," said Kerry Schmidt, executive director at Heartland Humane Society.

Schmidt encourages anyone interested in adopting an animal to fill out an application prior to the Meet and Greet.. You can pick up an application at the shelter or find it online at [www.heartlandhumanesociety.net](http://www.heartlandhumanesociety.net)

The shelter will have a litter of nine puppies available for adoption starting in August. In addition, HHS currently has an abundance of kittens and guinea pigs.

For more information, contact Heartland Humane Society 605-664-4244.

### Alexis Haggan Poker Run Event July 27

There will be an all day benefit for Alexis Haggan at the Rounding 3rd Bar and Casino, Yankton, on Saturday, July 27.

Registration for the poker run is at Kozy's, 43451 Highway 50, from 11 a.m.-noon. The run will be ending at Rounding 3rd, located at 304 West Third.

Other events at Rounding 3rd include a bake sale from 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; a jewelry sale (with a percentage of the proceeds donated to the benefit) from 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; karaoke at 5-8 p.m. and live music by The Deadbeats at 9 p.m.

A fund for Alexis has also been set up at First National Bank.

For more information, call 605-689-2811.

### JRWDD Board Announces Funding

Chairman Randy Stanley of Groton announces that the James River Water Development District awarded \$106,000 in cost-sharing assistance at their recent Board of Directors meeting held in Yankton on Thursday, July 11.

The district awarded \$100,000 to Spink County for bank stabilization at County Bridge 58-153-030, 58-190-258 and 58-200-287. Due to flooding on the James River in the last few years the berms of the bridge crossings are eroded. The repair projects would consist of rebuilding the berms with compacted clay fill, placing drainage fabric and rip rap on each berm. The funding will prevent future erosion and prevent damage to the bridges. These funds will be matched by Spink County.

The district also awarded \$6,000 to a landowner in Molan Township in Hutchinson County for repairs to an existing dam. This dam collects silt, chemical runoff and will also control the runoff for approximately two sections of drainage.

In other business, the board reviewed the preliminary 2014 budget. The district will request \$958,893 in 2013 taxes payable in 2014. The district will not ask for any of its allowable increases for inflation or growth.

### Submissions Sought For Military Tribute

The *Press & Dakotan* is paying tribute to the military in its annual Heritage edition, coming out in September.

As part of the effort, we are asking for submitted items from our readers by Monday, July 29.

We are seeking first-hand accounts and photos of military experiences. The special edition will cover a wide variety of stories from different eras, from World War II to the present.


Submitted articles should not exceed 800 words in length.

We welcome a broad range of contributions. Areas of interest include family military history, Native American and women's military stories, and life on the homefront during wartime, just to name a few.

Of particular interest are photos from our readers reflecting both the war and home fronts.

For more information or to submit contributions, email [kelly.hertz@yankton.net](mailto:kelly.hertz@yankton.net) or call 665-7811 or (800) 743-2968, Extension 110. Submissions can also be mailed to Editor Kelly Hertz at 319 Walnut Street, Yankton SD 57078.

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*Thank You*

It is hard to know where to begin in giving thanks to the many people who supported our family during the recent loss of our beloved father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, **Robert Hajek**.

We extend a sincere thank you to Avera St. Michael's hospital and clinic staff, Avera Hospice and Cancer Center, the Tyndall Good Samaritan/Hospice and Northpoint staff for their tender-loving care, comfort, and support. Fr. Joe Forcelle for his many visits to our dad, and to Fr. Joe, St. Leo's Altar Society and choir and for the beautiful service and meal provided in honor of our father.

We appreciate the many services provided by the Goglin Funeral Home in helping us to prepare to celebrate our father's life.

To everyone who has offered us many acts of kindness in thoughts, words, and deeds, we would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation.

Our family also extends appreciation for the many memorial gifts, cards, flowers and donations of food, which brought us so much comfort. We cherish your kindness and support. Please accept our sincere apology for anyone we may have missed. Your kindness did not go unnoticed.

**The family of Bob Hajek**