

AVERA SACRED HEART HOSPITAL

New Software Aids Patient Monitoring

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Yankton's Avera Sacred Heart Hospital (ASHH) has increased the time their nurses spend at the bedside with patients from 51 percent to 70 percent through use of QuickCapture, a new software application for the SureSigns VS3 vital signs monitors developed by Philips Healthcare, a global healthcare company.

This enhancement to SureSigns VS3, which was just released to the healthcare industry in June 2010, allows nurses to directly input vital signs data into the Hospital Information System (HIS) via the VS3 monitor, so the data is immediately available to doctors and other pertinent medical personnel.

ASHH served as the only medical facility in the world to work with Philips Healthcare in testing QuickCapture. To implement the testing project, ASHH purchased 20 SureSigns VS3 monitors, which were installed in patient rooms on the hospital's surgical floor. On the heels of the testing, a film crew spent several hours in May filming ASHH nurses and other hospital staff to obtain testimonial



PHOTO: LORETTA SORENSEN
Registered Nurse Nicole Bohlmann (center) recently worked with a stand-in patient to prepare for filming testimonials as Philips Healthcare Product Manager John Hoyt (right) oversaw the scene. Bohlmann was one of several Avera Sacred Heart Hospital surgical nursing staff members who participated in a test phase for Philips' QuickCapture program, which sends patient's vital sign data directly to the hospital's information system.

footage they'll use in promoting the new software around the world.

ASHH Chief Executive Officer Pam Rezac said nurse efficiency is key to quality patient care, and testing QuickCapture is just one of the tools the facility has used through the years to give

nurses the necessary tools to provide the best quality care.

"We've found that one of the biggest barriers to bedside efficiency is successfully integrating technology with health care staff," Rezac said. "By working with Philips Healthcare technicians, our nurses were able to

identify the most efficient process for documenting vital sign data and uncover any aspect of the process that was problematic for them as they worked with patients. The nurses tell me they're very pleased with the final SureSigns product."

Rezac was surprised when she learned of the high percentage of bedside time nurses obtained through use of QuickCapture. The hospital's 51 percent average was already well above the national average of 39 percent.

"That's a phenomenal result," Rezac said. "I expect that to translate into a high degree of patient and nurse satisfaction, too."

Interoperability, integrating new technology into existing information systems, is an issue in healthcare facilities across the nation, both in terms of cost and efficiency. ASHH searched for a way to avoid adding more hardware to its HIS in an effort to keep costs down and simplify the data entry process for nurses. Use of an HL7 interface engine made that possible. Information entered by nurses

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REGION DIGEST

Memorial Pool Swim Carnival Slated July 4

Cool off at the swim carnival held at Memorial Park Municipal Pool at 1-4 p.m. Sunday, July 4.

There will be races, coin dives, watermelon, and a great deal of fun for all. This event is sponsored by First Dakota National Bank and the Department of Parks and Recreation.

For further information, call 668-5234 or stop by the Summit Activities Center at 1801 Summit Street, Yankton.

HHS To Be Closed July 5 For Holiday

Yankton's Heartland Humane Society will be closed on Monday, July 5, in observance of the Independence Day holiday.

Regular business hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and by appointment in the evenings and on weekends.

Contact Tasha Anderson at 605-664-4244 or e-mail hhs@midconet-work.com if you would like to make an evening or weekend appointment.

Residents Can Help Combat Bugs, Too

The City of Yankton is reminding all residents there are things they can do to help control mosquitoes.

Spraying for adult mosquitoes will be conducted as needed this year but your efforts can make a big difference. By following these simple steps you can reduce both the amount of pesticide applied and your risk of contracting disease transmitted by mosquitoes. And you'll enjoy being outside more too:

- Properly dispose of unwanted containers (tires, buckets, cans, etc.);
- Change water in birdbaths and wading pools at least weekly;
- Make sure rain gutters are properly maintained;
- Remove any debris (plastic containers, wrappers, cups, soda cans, etc.) that may be hidden behind bushes or shrubs in your yard;
- Make sure any toys left outdoors are not holding water;
- Make sure flower pots do not hold water in the base for more than two or three days;
- Properly maintain swimming pools, covers, and water-proof tarps.

The City of Yankton will contract with Yankton County to begin spraying areas within the City of Yankton beginning June 28, weather permitting.

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OBITUARIES

Cornelia Mesman

SPRINGFIELD — Cornelia "Toots" Mesman, 91, of Springfield died Sunday, June 27, 2010 at the Good Samaritan Society in Tyndall. Cornelia attained the age of 91 years, three months and 12 days.

Funeral services are 10:30 a.m. Thursday, July 1, 2010 at the Emmanuel Reformed Church in Springfield, with burial in the church cemetery, rural Springfield.

Visitation will be Wednesday from noon until 7 p.m., followed by a 7 p.m. prayer service at the Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home in Springfield.

Cornelia Henrietta "Toots" Mesman, daughter of John and Agnes (DeRoos) Nagel, was born March 16, 1919 on a farm near Springfield, SD. Cornelia received an eighth grade education at Dahlenburg Country School. She made confession of her faith at the Emmanuel Reformed Church on March 10, 1937. Cornelia was an active member of church until her health failed. She had been a member of Willing Workers and Ladies Aid.

Cornelia married Peter Mesman on February 21, 1940. A son, Donald, was blessed to their union. They farmed 11 miles west of Springfield until 1949 and then purchased a farm five miles northwest of Springfield. They continued to live on the farm after their retirement and then moved into Springfield in 1983. Peter died August 24, 1987. Cornelia moved to the Springfield Assisted Living Center in 2005 and remained a resident there until her health failed. She moved to the Good Samaritan Society in Tyndall on May 25, 2010.

Cornelia will be remembered for her quilting, beautiful crocheting, embroidery, good cooking and hospitality. She also loved flowers and gardening.

Thankful for having shared her life are her daughter-in-law Linda Tjeerdsma and husband Duane of Springfield; two granddaughters: Teresa Sampson and husband Brent of Orange City, IA

and Valerie Kaat and husband Jason of Plymouth, WI; six great grandchildren: Noelle, Natalie, Natasha and Nevaeh Sampson and Ethan and Gillian Kaat; and many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Cornelia was preceded in death by her husband; her son Donald on September 21, 1996; a brother John Nagel; and a sister Grace Mesman.

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Jessica McDonald

BLOOMFIELD, Neb. — Funeral services for Jessica Ann McDonald, age 17 of Bloomfield will be held 11:00 a.m. Thursday, July 1, 2010 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Bloomfield with Reverend Tim Koester officiating.

Visitation will be Wednesday from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Bloomfield.

Inurnment of cremains will take place at a later date.

Brockhaus Funeral Home of Bloomfield is in charge of arrangements.

Jessica died as a result of a car accident on the morning of June 26, 2010.

Jessica Ann McDonald was greeted at the gates of heaven on June 26, 2010, by her sister Jennifer. Jessica is the daughter of David McDonald and Candace Carey and step father Tony. She was born on November 24, 1992 in Sioux City, Iowa. Jessica attended elementary and middle school in Newport News, Virginia and finished high school at Bloomfield High School. She was a member of the dance team at school and was always "busting" a move. She enjoyed being around her family and friends, the more the merrier. From beginning to end Jessica came into this world fighting and never gave up until her last breath. She loved her life and all it had to offer. Her adventures were wondrous and her beautiful smile will never be forgotten. Every person she met she touched and gave to them the true meaning of life. Fly high with your beautiful butterflies

our precious baby girl. Fly high beneath your wings. We will never forget you and how you touched our hearts.

Jessica is survived by her father, Dave McDonald and special friend, of Lubbock, TX; mother, Candace and step dad, Tony Carey of Bloomfield, NE; brothers, David and Michael; grandparents, Dale and Margaret Schager of Bloomfield and Walt and Carol McDonald of Lubbock, TX; and many loving relatives and dear friends.

She is preceded in death by her sister, Jennifer; and her great grandparents.

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McDonald

Arthur Foxhoven

CROFTON, Neb. — Arthur B. Foxhoven, age 79, of Crofton, NE, died on Sunday, June 27, 2010 at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m. Thursday, July 1, 2010 at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Crofton, with Rev. Michael Schmitz and Rev. Christopher Foxhoven officiating. Burial will be in the St. Rose of Lima Cemetery, Crofton.

Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Wednesday, June 30, 2010 at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church with a 7:00 p.m. vigil service. Visitation will resume one hour prior to the service at the church. Pallbearers will be his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Arthur B. Foxhoven, son of Henry and Veronica (Feldhacker) Foxhoven was born on July 16th, 1930 at his home in rural Crofton, Nebraska. He grew up on a farm near Constance, Nebraska. He attended a country



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school through the 8th grade, until the time of his father's death when he and his brothers took over the family farm. On August 23rd, 1955 he married Dolores Hoebelheirich at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Saint Helena, Nebraska. After their wedding, Art and Dolores farmed in the rural Hartington area for two and a half years before moving to Crofton, Nebraska where they farmed and raised their family until the time of his death. Art made sure to involve his whole family in the daily "joys" of farming including raising hogs and milking cows.

Art's greatest joy in life was being with his wife Dolores; surrounded by his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. He was a man of faith and was very involved with his parish, Saint Rose, in Crofton. He

served for many years on the parish council, as a lector for mass and had an hour of Eucharistic adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for many years. Art loved playing cards with his family, traveling, and following his grandchildren to their many events.

Art will be greatly missed by his wife, Dolores of 54 years; seven children, Deb (Brian) Blair of Columbus, NE and their children: Kristin, Amanda and Laura; Cheryl (John) Dorman of Omaha, NE and their children: Erin, Matthew, Mark, Rob, and Kyle; Tim (Marie) Foxhoven of Crofton, NE and their children: Logan, Brady, Tanner, Weston, Tucker and Parker; Linda (Ron) Bovero of Yankton, SD and their children: Delana, Toni, and Ryan; Brain (Janna) Foxhoven of Crofton, NE and their children: Tony, Tiffany, Braxton, and Preston; Dale (Nancy) Foxhoven of Crofton, NE and their children: Courtney, Kelsey, Colton, Mackenzie and Jace; and Rhonda (Dean) Heine of Bow Valley, NE and their children:

Britney, Ashley, Jenna, Katelyn and Dylan; 3 great-grandchildren, Mariah, Gage and Isabella; and siblings, Rosaline Gubbels of Baudette, MN; Gerald (Ruth) Foxhoven of Crofton, NE; Angeline Ryan of Cedar Rapids, IA; Beat (John) Poppe of Crofton, NE; JoAnn (Ray) Poppe of Crofton, NE; Damien (Vivian) Foxhoven of Wapakoneta, OH; Daniel (Fran) Foxhoven of Weslaco, TX; Darlene (Konrad) Maibaum of Crofton, NE; and Joe Foxhoven of Crofton, NE.

Art was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Veronica Foxhoven; son, Roger Foxhoven; brother, Henry Foxhoven; and brothers-in-law Donald Ryan and Louis Gubbels.

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Online condolences at:
www.opsahl-kostelfuneralhome.com

Dorothy Vendshus

Dorothy V. Vendshus, 76, of Yankton died Sunday, June 6, 2010, at Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton.

Memorial services are at 5 p.m. Friday July 2, 2010, at the Church of Latter Day Saints, Yankton, with the Rev. Randy Campbell officiating. The family will be present to greet the public at 4 p.m. at the church.

Burial of her cremated remains will take place at a later date in Portland, Ore.

Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton, is in charge of the arrangements.

Mary Andersh

WAGNER — Mary Andersh, 100, of Wagner died Monday (June 28, 2010) at the Good Samaritan Society in Tyndall. Funeral services are at 10:30

a.m. Saturday at United Methodist Church, Wagner. Burial is in the ZCBJ Cemetery, rural Wagner.

Visitation is 4-7 p.m. Friday at Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home, Wagner.

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