

Memorial

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top. The sloping tablets will symbolize the undulating hills and waves forming the scenery as well as the broken lives caused by war and conflict.

The Oct. 25 dedication ceremony begins at 2 p.m. with the motorcycle procession by the South Dakota Patriot Guard Riders and the American Legion Riders.

The guest speaker is Maj. General Tim Reisch, adjutant general of the South Dakota National Guard.

The program concludes with the unveiling and presentation of the Springfield Veterans Memorial, Irish said.

"The City of Springfield has allowed the memorial to be erected on its property and will become the proud owner of the memorial, which will be maintained by Legion Post 132," he added.

The committee requests that those attending the dedication ceremony bring lawn chairs as no seating will be provided. Parking will be available around Terrace Park with designated handicap parking at the community center. Handicap shuttle service will be available from the community center to the dedication site.

Following the dedication, a reception will be held at the Springfield Community Center.

In case of inclement weather, the dedication will be held at the community center. Luken Memorials of Yank-

ton is crafting the monument, including the etching of 1,922 veterans' names.

"We were really surprised at that number," Irish said.

However, the committee sought to include any honorably discharged veteran with connections to the Springfield area, he added.

"We included the name of anybody who was a veteran and who had ties with the Springfield community – if they were a student at the college, if they lived here, if someone was a grandson of a resident," he said.

"There was also a National Guard company that had soldiers here, and those soldiers were basically from all over the state. We included all of those (Guard members)," he added.

Still, the contributions of names and accompanying biographies were overwhelming, Irish said. "I was in shock," he added.

The memorial will include a tribute to the late Connie Allen, who spearheaded the project as chairwoman but who died earlier this year. Irish and Allen were siblings.

"Lukens is providing two benches to have some things engraved on them. We will have pictures of military vehicles and airplanes on one bench," Irish said. "The other bench will have the likeness of Connie, so I'll be anxious to see it."

Allen played a key role in the final design, Irish said.

"They presented the designs to the committee. Originally, we were choosing between the spire or the tablets, and Connie said, 'We

like both,'" he said. "She was the major player, but she didn't get to see (the finished monument). The Good Lord had other plans."

The memorial and surrounding scenery should provide a breathtaking view, Irish said.

"We considered a number of sites, and (Terrace Park) seemed the most appropriate," he said. "The visitors to the memorial will be treated to what may be one of the premiere vistas in this part of the state, with the (Lewis and Clark) lake and the Nebraska hills."

The committee hopes to maintain the Facebook page with veterans' biographies, Irish said. "We tried to collect as much information about the veterans as possible and create a database that would be turned over to the Springfield Museum," he said.

Luken Memorials has created a number of stunning granite works, but the Springfield memorial should stand out, Irish said.

"They've never done a project quite like this before," he said. "I'm looking forward to seeing the finished work."

The committee can be reached on Facebook or by email at springvetmem@yahoo.com.

Besides Irish and Allen, the committee members include Jim Hornstra, Carol Hagen, Mel Ludens, Melroy Hofer, Bob Bussey, Dr. Nolan Carson and Chris Libis.

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Federal Judge Testifies On Plea Deal

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — A federal judge in North Dakota took a new seat in the courtroom Wednesday when he was called to testify over allegations that he promised a Bismarck attorney "favors" if he agreed to defend a man who was eventually convicted of murder and drug conspiracy charges.

U.S. District Judge Ralph Erickson in 2008 sentenced Gabriel Martinez to life in prison for the killing of Lee Avila in an East Grand Forks, Minnesota, trailer home. Authorities say Avila was shot nine times in front of two small children in a dispute over a methamphetamine deal that was part of a massive drug ring.

Among the complaints by Martinez in his appeal is that his attorney in the case, Thomas Dickson, and Erickson improperly discussed a plea deal and that defense attorneys coerced him to change his plea to guilty rather than going to trial. U.S. District Judge Jeffrey Viken from South Dakota was called in to preside over Wednesday's hearing.

Dickson said the defense lawyers — and Martinez himself — agreed that Martinez would not prevail at trial and would most certainly get a life sentence.

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"Teen Court gives a great sense of responsibility to young people who find themselves caught up in the legal process," she said. "They get a chance to hear their voice and it gives them an opportunity to select appropriate punishments for their peers, and the kids who go through the program are rarely in the court system again."

Tara Milos, the director of resource development for the Yankton and Brookings Boys & Girls Clubs, was encouraged to apply after seeing YAF's mission to provide grants that would benefit the well-being of the community.

"They matched our mission of wanting to improve the community," she said.

The Yankton Teen Court has had a total of 38 youth who have gone through the program. Milos anticipates roughly 50 will have gone through by the year's end.

The Teen Court program is for juveniles who are first-time offenders. The jury consists of teens either volunteering their time or are serving as part of their sentence. Judges in the cases are lawyers, and the bailiffs are police officers.

Teens who choose to have their cases in the court will not have their

charge put on their permanent record.

In addition to serving on the jury, teens sentenced in the court may have other requirements such as doing community service and issuing an in-court apology.

For volunteers, Teen Court spreads the word through the Boys & Girls Club and by recruiting at schools.

The court also provides opportunities for teens interested in learning about the law, from having them serve on the jury to competing at the State Teen Court competition held in Pierre.

"It's a way for them to learn about the legal system to explore a potential career," said Milos. "It's a way for them to be part of the solution of juvenile crime and to work in a program that's geared towards helping kids see the mistake they made and correct it so it doesn't stay on their record."

"We're really working toward creating a diversion of juvenile crime, so that they go through the program and learn about what they did," Milos added. "It will help them recognize the consequences of changing their behavior for the future."

For more information about the Teen Court program, contact Carin Neal at 605-651-5748 or at cneal@greatfuturedd.org.

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