

ImPACT (Immediate Post Concussion Assessment and Cognitive Testing):

Sanford provides concussion evals

Sanford Vermillion in partnership with Dakota Hospital Foundation is now making available ImPACT baseline and post injury cognitive assessments for Vermillion High School and Elk Point-Jefferson High School athletes.

ImPACT testing for local athletes came about as the result of an Employee Idea Challenge submitted by Amy Richardson, athletic trainer at Sanford Vermillion. Each year, Dakota Hospital Foundation hosts the Employee Idea Challenge program which encourages employees of Sanford Vermillion to propose a project that would identify and fulfill an unmet need at Sanford Vermillion or in the community. Richardson received Honorable Mention recognition for her project proposal to offer ImPACT testing locally.

DHF and Sanford Vermillion committed to provide the ImPACT testing in Vermillion and Elk Point-Jefferson. Through their generosity, all athletes in these two districts will receive the testing free of charge. Ongoing testing for new students will be made available each year. Sanford Vermillion also provides sports medicine and athletic training services each school year at both high schools.

ImPACT (Immediate Post-Concussion Assessment and Cognitive Testing) is the first, most-widely used, and most scientifically validated computerized concussion evaluation system. ImPACT is a 20-minute test that has become a standard tool used in comprehensive clinical management of concussions for athletes of all ages.

Given the inherent difficulties in concussion management, it is important

to manage concussions on an individualized basis and to implement baseline testing and/or post-injury neurocognitive testing. This type of concussion assessment can help to objectively evaluate the concussed athlete's post-injury condition and track recovery for safe return to play, thus preventing the cumulative effects of concussion. In fact, neurocognitive testing has recently been called the "cornerstone" of proper concussion management by an international panel of sports medicine experts.

ImPACT can be administered by an athletic trainer, school nurse, athletic director, team coach, team doctor, or anyone trained to administer baseline testing. ImPACT is the most widely used computer-based testing program in the world and is implemented effectively across high school, collegiate, and professional levels of sport participation.

Richardson and Matt Marx, AT at EP-J are in the process of administering ImPACT. Eighty-seven athletes participated in the baseline testing the week of Aug. 8 with additional sessions were held the week of Aug. 15.

The sports included for 9th through 12th grade are football, volleyball, varsity softball, and varsity girls and boys soccer.

Testing will take place again later in the year for those athletes not yet tested for winter and spring sports.

"It is a great opportunity for Vermillion football players to take advantage of the cutting edge ImPACT program. This tool will give us a definitive evaluation of our athlete's injury so we can have them return to



Amy Richardson, Athletic Trainer instructs Vermillion High School athletes as they prepare for a 20-minute ImPACT session.

playing at the correct time," said Gary Culver, head coach of the Vermillion High School Tanager football team.

"Dakota Hospital Foundation and Sanford Vermillion are very proud to once again demonstrate our commitment to preventative healthcare for our communities. Concussion protection for youth sports is a natural offspring of our existing sports medicine program," said Mary Jo Olson, MD, medical director, Sanford Clinic Vermillion.

ABOUT DAKOTA HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

Since its beginning in 1930, Dakota Hospital Foundation has fulfilled a mission dedicated to community health and wellness. The health care pioneers who established Dakota Hospital Foundation (DHF) also nurtured a tradition of community health service leadership represented by today's Foundation members.

ABOUT SANFORD VERMILLION

Sanford Vermillion, a medical facility including a family medicine clinic, 25-

bed acute care hospital, 66-bed nursing home, and 23-unit senior living apartment complex in southeast South Dakota, is a member of Sanford Health, a non-profit, integrated health system headquartered in Fargo, ND and Sioux Falls. Sanford Clinic Vermillion is served by three family medicine physicians, a general surgeon, three mid-level providers and a number of visiting physician specialists.

To learn more about Sanford Vermillion, visit www.sanfordvermillion.org.

OBITUARIES

Marie Eklund

Marie Louise Eklund, age 95, Council Bluffs, IA., formerly of Beresford and Vermillion, passed away Aug. 24, 2011 in Council Bluffs, IA.

Marie was born Nov. 22, 1915 in Beresford to Gustav and Ida S. Messler Erickson. She graduated from high school in 1933 and attended the University of South Dakota where she earned a State Certificate in 1937. She taught rural school for three years before marrying Arthur Eklund, and becoming a homemaker. Arthur and Louise had four children and when they entered school, Louise went back to teaching the upper-elementary grades for 15 years. She later became the Elementary School Librarian for the next 10 years. Louise became a widow in 1984 when Arthur died after 47 years of marriage. She moved to Vermillion and later to Council Bluffs in 2009. Louise is also preceded in death by her sisters, Mabel Erickson, Ruth Weber and Alice Orr, and son-in-law,

Dick Tannahill.

Survivors include her three daughters, Arlene Tannahill of Council Bluffs, Jean Gepson and Carol Glover both of Omaha, NE; and son, Dennis Eklund of Fort Pierce, FL, eight grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.



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Visitation with family was Monday, Aug. 29, from 12 noon to 1 p.m., followed by funeral at 1 p.m., all at Dalesburg Lutheran Church, 13 miles north of Vermillion. Interment Dalesburg Lutheran Cemetery.

Memorials to the church preferred or charity of your choice.

Eleanor DeVany

Eleanor M. (Hamilton) DeVany, 89, of Raymond Hall Drive, North Attleboro, MA, died on Saturday, Aug. 27, 2011 at Rhode Island Hospital in Providence, RI, from injuries sustained in a single car motor vehicle accident on Landry Avenue in North Attleboro on Tuesday, Aug. 23, 2011. She was the wife of the late Guy Spaulding DeVany, founding publisher of the Sun Chronicle newspaper in Attleboro to whom she was married in Sioux Falls on June 26, 1949 and who died on Nov. 28, 2003.

Born in Lake Preston on Feb. 2, 1922, she was the only daughter born to the late Hugh and Gladys (Hamilton) Hamilton. She was a graduate of Sioux Falls High School in 1939 at the age of 17 and attended Sioux Falls College for two years prior to transferring to Yankton College where she received her Bachelor of Arts degree in 1943.

During World War II, Mrs. DeVany trained with the American Red Cross in Washington, DC. In her youth, she worked summers at Sylvan Lake Lodge in the beautiful Black Hills of South Dakota and was an assistant to the dean at the Chapel at the University of Chicago.

She was an educator having taught English and Latin at Vermillion High School in Vermillion, and upon moving to Massachusetts she was a teacher's aide at the former North Rehoboth School for 11 years.

A resident of North Attleboro since 1988, she previously resided in Attleboro since arriving in Massachusetts in 1958.

Mrs. DeVany attended Candleberry Chapel in Attleboro. She was a member of P.E.O., the North Purchase Club, the Play Readers Club and the Attleboro Garden Club.

Mrs. DeVany was also a longtime volunteer at Sturdy Memorial Hospital in Attleboro. She enjoyed playing the piano

and singing in various choruses. She will be lovingly remembered as a woman of elegance and grace.

She leaves two daughters, Jane Elizabeth DeVany of Attleboro and Anne Louise DeVany of West Falmouth, ME; a son, Daniel Charles DeVany of Centerville, VA; a sister-in-law,



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Arlene DeVany of Vermillion; and several nieces and nephews.

She was the sister of the late Hugh Hamilton.

Relatives and friends were invited to visitation on Thursday, Sept. 1, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the "Memorial Chapel" of the Dyer-Lake Funeral Home - the national historic Colonel Obed Robinson Home, 161 Commonwealth Avenue, Village of Attleboro Falls, North Attleboro.

Private funeral services were held in the "Memorial Chapel" of the Dyer-Lake Funeral Home with the Rev. Kenneth Boyle, Pastor, of Candleberry Chapel, Attleboro, officiating.

Burial followed in Woodlawn Cemetery, Attleboro.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Mrs. DeVany's name may be made to the American Indian Relief Council, PO Box 6200, Rapid City, SD 57709-6200 and additional information about the council may be obtained at www.airc.org.

For additional information or to send the family a written expression of sympathy, please visit an online register book at www.dyer-lakefuneralhome.com.

Arrangements under the direction of the Dyer-Lake Funeral Home, 161 Commonwealth Avenue, Village of Attleboro Falls, North Attleboro. (508) 695-0200

Donald Brekke

Donald Brekke, 78, of Sioux Falls, died Monday, Aug. 29, 2011 at Dougherty Hospice House following a lengthy illness.

Donald Grover Brekke was born on May 16, 1933 in Vienna, to Selmer and Eva (Grover) Brekke. He passed away on Monday, Aug. 29, 2011 at the age of 78 at the Dougherty Hospice House in Sioux Falls. Don grew up and attended school with his six siblings in Clark. He was a proud member of the United States Marine Corps, serving his country from 1953 to 1959, including time in the Pacific and Korea.

Don married the love of his life, Margery Fletcher, on June 30, 1956 in Garden City. Don and Marge began their married life in Pennsylvania while Don was serving in the Marines and returned to Garden City for a few years to farm with family. They had four daughters and lived in Brookings while Don attended college. Don graduated from South Dakota State University in 1967 and began his career in public service with Vocational Rehabilitation in Pierre.

The family moved to Vermillion in 1970 where Don worked in health education and planning leadership capacities on the campus of the University of South Dakota, including the Regional Medical Program, Health Systems Agency, Area Health Education Centers and Assistant Dean for the University of South Dakota School of Medicine. Marge and Don returned to Pierre in 1987 where he worked for the Office of the Attorney General as director of the State and Local Narcotics Control Program until retiring in 1994. Don had many professional accomplishments, but is well remembered for his involvement in the establishment of the four-year medical school in South Dakota.

Don's lasting legacy is his family. Don and Marge moved to Sioux Falls in 2000 to be closer to their children and

grandchildren. Don loved being involved in the lives of each of his eight grandchildren and was their biggest fan at

many activities. Don was truly the leader of his entire family and his relationship with his siblings, in-laws, nephews and nieces of all



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generations was very important to him. He had a fantastic sense of humor.

Don was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend to many. He is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Margery; his daughters, Doneen (Rusty) Hollingsworth, Pierre, Cherie Brekke Michels, Sioux Falls, Angie (Lloyd) Uthe, Sioux Falls, and Darcy (Steven) Gerber, Lester, IA; his eight grandchildren, Shane and Kyle Hollingsworth, Julean and Chloe Grace Michels, Cameron and Bailey Uthe, and Kendra and Nicolet Gerber; a sister, Mary Jeanne Essig; and a brother, Dick Brekke; both of Washington, IL and his sister-in-law, LaVonne Brekke of Clark. Don was preceded in death by his parents; his brothers, Robert and Jim; and his sisters, Shirley and Joyce.

Visitation with family present was from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 31 with a prayer service at 7 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church. Funeral service was held on Thursday, Sept. 1 at 11 a.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 3801 East 26th Street, Sioux Falls. Interment was in Hills of Rest Memorial Park, Sioux Falls.

Memorials may be directed to Westminster Presbyterian Church or to the Dougherty Hospice House.

For obituary and on-line registry, please visit www.millerfh.com

Sidney Brunick

Sidney Brunick, 94, of Vermillion, formerly of Wakonda, passed away Friday, Aug. 26, 2011 at the Sanford Vermillion Care Center.

Sidney was born Feb. 5, 1917 in Vermillion to Alfred and Inga (Paulsen) Brunick. He attended rural Clay Country Schools, and graduated from Meckling High School in 1934.

Sid married Helen Welby on May 8, 1943 in Santa Anna, CA.

Sid joined the Army Air Corps in 1942 serving during WWII as a Chin Gunner and a Toggelier on a B-17 Bomber crew flying 35 missions over Germany, occupied France and Poland. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters.

Sid started farming in the Wakonda area after the service, and worked as a rural Postal Carrier starting in 1962 retiring in 1984. He was a member of the Wakonda American Legion and the Vermillion VFW, the St. Patrick's Knights of Columbus, St. Agnes Catholic Church and a past member of the Rural Letter Carriers Association.

Sid is survived by two sons, Mark (Norma) Brunick of Beresford, William (Charla) Brunick of Vermillion; two daughters, Jeanne (David) Christensen of Grand Island, NE,



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and Mary Anne (Kerry) Cameron of Sisseton. He is also survived by two sisters, Ardis Hammerquist of Bend, OR and Natalie (Bob) Johnson of Vermillion, 14 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Helen; and three brothers, Charles, Arnold and Ervin.

Funeral mass was 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 31 at the St. Agnes Catholic Church with burial following in Calvary Cemetery in Vermillion. Visitation began at 5 p.m. Tuesday with a prayer service at 7 p.m. at Hansen Funeral Home

Viola Konstanz

Viola Mabel Konstanz, 91, of Vermillion passed away on Saturday, Aug. 27, 2011 at Centerville Good Samaritan Center.

A memorial service was held on Thursday, Sept. 1, 2011 at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church in

Vermillion with Rev. Elmer "Sandy" Aakre officiating. Burial of ashes will be held in Bluff View Cemetery at a later date.

Condolences may be posted online at www.koberfuneralhome.com.

FAIRVIEW TOWNSHIP LAND OWNERS

Please mow ditches and trim trees by October 1, 2011. This will help for future snow removal.

C. Carlson, Fairview Township Clerk 624-4742

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