



Pictured are Amanda Dickenson, board member of SESDAC; VAST swimmers Kyleigh Moran, Lexie Malimane, Tally Allison, and VAST Coach Mike Moran. Holding the check on the right is SESDAC Board President Robin Miskimins.

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VAST presents donation to SESDAC

This summer, the Vermillion Area Swim Team co-hosted the 49th Annual Yankton Charity Invitational Swim Meet with the Yankton Swim Team in late June. The meet took place at Fantle Memorial Park and drew 230 swimmers from four states to the meet.

The Vermillion Area Swim Team won the entire meet, finishing first over the Sioux Falls Snowfox and the SiouxLand Sharks of Sioux City, IA.

The Charity Invite stipulates that the winning team donates \$300 of meet proceeds to a

charity of their choice. VAST gave their winnings to SESDAC in Vermillion. Coach Mike Moran and members of VAST presented the donation at a SESDAC Board of Directors meeting Aug. 6.

GetEducated.com cites USD's online education degrees as 'Best Buys'

The University of South Dakota's online master's in education programs received an "A" for affordability from GetEducated.com, a consumer watchdog group that reviews and ranks online universities for cost, quality and credibility.

USD's School of Education, in concert with the Graduate School and Division of Continuing and Distance Education, earned award badges in ranking as a top Best Buy among online education degrees for teachers and educators for Education Administration for Master of Arts in Educational Administration (13th overall);

Educational Technology for Master of Science in Technology for Education & Training/ K-12 Education (23rd overall); and Best Affordable Online Masters of Education for Master of Arts in Educational Administration (44th overall) and Master of Science in Technology for Education & Training/ K-12 Education (65th overall) degrees.

The average overall cost for all master's degrees in the online learning survey was \$16,731, putting some of USD's education programs in the top 20 percent of the most affordable online education masters.

Ice cream social scheduled Aug. 21

The Bergen Lutheran Ice Cream Social will be held Tuesday, Aug. 21 at the Bergen Lutheran Church in rural Meckling. Ice Cream, homemade pies, and taverns will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. Matching funds will be provided by Thrivent.

This continues a long time tradition at Bergen Lutheran Church. Funds raised at the ice cream social will support the work of the church locally and also various missions around here and the world. Come enjoy good food and fellowship.

United Way of Vermillion to kick off 2013 campaign

United Way of Vermillion is gearing up for the 2013 fundraising campaign with a kickoff celebration on Aug. 23.

In conjunction with the Thursdays on the Platz summer concert series, the Kickoff will run from 6-8 p.m. at the Ratingen Platz on the corner of Main and Market Streets and feature music by Olde Funk Riot. Tickets for the hog roast meal are \$5 and can be purchased at the event or from a United Way of Vermillion Board member. United Way will also be raffling off a rock climbing party at the USD Wellness Center.

United Way of Vermillion has awarded funding to

18 local programs for 2013 and plans to raise \$115,000 during this fall's campaign.

"This is going to be a great campaign," said Board of Directors President Dan Kenton. "We hope the community turns out to enjoy some great food and music, and learn a little more about United Way and the work we do in Vermillion."

United Way of Vermillion improves lives by mobilizing the caring power of the community through focus on education, income and health.

For more information about United Way or to make a donation, visit <http://www.unitedwayofvermillion.org>.

USD Social Work Department celebrates graduation of first Master of Social Work cohort

The Department of Social Work at the University of South Dakota celebrated the graduation of its first class of Master of Social Work (M.S.W.) students July 22 when a pinning ceremony recognizing the 23 graduates was held at Hope Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls.

Speakers at the ceremony included Michael Lawler, Ph.D., dean of USD's School of Health Sciences, Charles Schwartz, Ph.D., professor emeritus and the retired chair of USD's Department of Social Work, and Joan McMillian, retired executive director of the South Dakota chapter of the

National Association of Social Workers.

"This significant milestone will move forward social services in South Dakota and fill a void in the workforce," said Elizabeth Talbot, Ph.D., associate professor of social work and director of the M.S.W. program. "Many agencies have been waiting for our graduates and are anxious to hire them for positions that have remained vacant for a long time."

According to Talbot, the graduates' employment outlook is strong due to the demand for highly trained experts in social work fields.

Graduates of USD's M.S.W. program, the only one in South Dakota, will be eligible to become licensed for clinical services, move into leadership positions in various agencies or pursue private practice.

Agencies who employ M.S.W. graduates can receive third-party reimbursements, Medicaid and Medicare reimbursements and other insurance reimbursements, which bring federal dollars to the state.

"Many of our recent graduates have already been hired by agencies," said Talbot.

Scholarship Program Benefits from 4-H Auction Sept. 2

This year the 4-H Teens as Teachers Scholarship Fund will benefit from the 4-H Auction held at the South Dakota State Fair on Sunday, Sept. 2, at 2 p.m. at the DakotaLand Stage. The 4-H Auction is held in conjunction with the South Dakota Auctioneers Bid Calling Contest.

The South Dakota 4-H Teens as Teachers Scholarship program is the only one of its kind in the nation. It provides opportunities for older youth to be leaders and teachers to younger youth while earning a scholarship for post secondary education. In addition, 151 scholarships totaling more than \$58,000 have been awarded

through the 4-H Teens as Teachers Scholarship Fund. Your participation in the auction provides funds for these scholarships.

Sarah Tow, 4-H scholarship recipient, said, "The 4-H Teens as Teachers Scholarship Program gave me the first stepping stone towards becoming a better public speaker. Each group (that I worked with) operated under very different dynamics, which taught me to think quickly on the spot and gave me the experience needed to speak in front of a wide

variety of people, both kids and adults."

More than 30 different items have been donated by various individuals who are interested in supporting 4-H in a unique way. We have an exciting line-up for the 4-H Auction - including something for everyone - special items include a Mission CRAZ junior archery bow & arrows, an iPad, four units of Legend seed corn, beef bundle, model John Deere tractors and much more.

See complete listing at <http://www.sd4hfoundation.org>.

Become the next 'Dacotah Star' at the South Dakota State Fair

Make your voice heard at the South Dakota State Fair!

Become the next "Dacotah Star" at the Dacotah Star talent competition presented by Dacotah Bank. More than \$2,000 in cash prizes will be awarded to division winners.

Applications for the 10th Annual "Dacotah Star" talent competition are now available online at www.sdstatefair.com or at the State Fair office. The deadline for entering the talent competition is Monday, Aug. 20 at 5 p.m.

The grand prize winner in the adult division wins the title of "2012 Dacotah Star," along with a \$1,000 cash prize and the opportunity to star in his/her own commercial promoting Dacotah Star on KTTW Fox. The winner will also have the opportunity to perform on the NorthWestern Energy Freedom Stage during the 2013 South Dakota State Fair and emcee the 2013 Dacotah Star talent competition.

The 2011 "Dacotah Star" is Anne Wentworth from Sioux Falls.

There are three age divisions for Dacotah Star - Children (5 through 11 years), Junior (12

through 17 years) and Adult (18 and older).

Preliminary competition begins on Friday, Aug. 31, and ends on Sunday, Sept. 2. Dacotah Star finals will be held on Monday, Sept. 3. The talent competition is held daily on the NorthWestern Energy Freedom Stage at 4:30 p.m. CDT on Friday and 5:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Finals start at 5 p.m. on Monday.

Sponsors of the 2012 Dacotah Star are Dacotah Bank and KTTW-FOX. Dacotah Bank serves dozens of hometowns across South Dakota and North Dakota, providing banking, insurance, mortgage and trust services to over 50,000 customers at local branches and online at www.dacotahbank.com.

The 2012 South Dakota State Fair will run from Thursday, Aug. 30 through Monday, Sept. 3. Channel Seeds Preview night will be Wednesday, Aug. 29. The theme for the 2012 State Fair is "Taste the Fun!" For more information on State Fair events, contact the Fair office at (800) 529-0900, visit www.sdstatefair.com or find us on Facebook and Twitter.

OBITUARIES

Leone Anderson

Leone C. Anderson, 94, of Vermillion, SD passed away Wednesday, August 1, 2012 at the Wakonda Heritage Manor in Wakonda, SD.

Leone Ostrem was born December 10, 1917 in Centerville, SD to Thomas and Gay (Lunning) Ostrem.

She married Russell Anderson on September 8, 1937 and they farmed and raised a family in rural Wakonda area for 48 years. Leone also worked as a Nurse's Aide at the Dakota Hospital in Vermillion for a few years during that time.

Leone was an active member of the First Lutheran Church in Wakonda before they moved to Vermillion in 1986 and they joined the Trinity Lutheran Church. Her favorite times were family, crocheting and knitting.

Leone was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Russell, two infant grandsons, a great grandson,

three brothers, a daughter in law and a son in law.

She is survived by her daughter Janet Hollingsworth of Green Valley, AZ, her sons: Dick (Linda) of Vermillion and Doug (Valerie) of Great Falls, MT, five grandchildren, eight great grandchildren and one great great grandson. She is also survived by a brother Boyd Ostrem of Centerville, SD three sisters: Joyce Edman of Waverly, IA, Phyllis Larson of Beresford, SD and Anna Mae Nelson of Centerville and three sister in laws: Marie Ostrem and Fern Ostrem of Centerville and Ruth Ostrem of Waverly, MN and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be 11:00 am Tuesday, August 7 at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Vermillion with burial in the Union Cemetery rural Wakonda. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church. hansenfuneralhome.com.

Elvera Heinzman

Elvera Heinzman was born Aug. 1, 1944 in Canton, to parents Ingvald and Esther (Petersen) Ekle. She died July 28, 2012 at Morningside Care Center in Alcester, at the age of 67 years, 11 months and 27 days.

Elvera attended Moe rural school and graduated from Alcester High School in 1963. She married Don Heinzman on Feb. 14, 1967 at Lands Lutheran Church. The couple made their home in Beresford most of their married lives. Elvera worked at Morningside Manor and Coil Craft. She moved to Morningside Care Center in 2005 and has resided there until the current time. Don passed away in June of 2007.

Elvera was baptized and confirmed at Lands Lutheran

Church and was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church while living in Beresford. She was in 4-H when she was young, and loved horses and riding horseback. Her greatest joy in life was spending time with her children and grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and her sister, Arlene.

Survivors include her two daughters, Dawn (Tony) Gross, Jefferson, and Christal (Scott) Stoker, Vermillion; son, Donald (Janet), Sioux Falls; seven grandchildren, Josh, Steve and Zach Gross, Jessica, Robert and Christina Stoker, and Katie Heinzman; two step-grandchildren, Katie and Laura Lanning; her brother, Nels (Betty) Ekle of Canton; and many other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were 10 a.m., Tuesday, July 31 at Wass Funeral Home in Beresford with burial at Lands Lutheran Cemetery, rural Canton. Visitation with family present was Monday, July 30, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Wass Funeral Home in Beresford.



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