

# Sorcerer's Apprentice Creative Writers' Camp Sept. 29, 2012

Teachers, school administrators, and other educators are invited to nominate talented high school students for "The Sorcerer's Apprentice: A Creative Writers' Camp," to be held Saturday, Sept. 29, at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion.

The Dakota Writing Project (DWP), a local teachers' organization affiliated with the National Writing Project, and the Vermillion Literary Project (VLP), an award-winning student organization, are hosting the one-day camp.

The camp, which will run from 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m., includes workshops on comic book narratives, memoir writing, point of view in fiction, screenwriting, poetry, revision, performance, and poetry slams, to be followed by a public reading and mini-poetry slam in Farber Hall.

The early registration fee (postmark Sept. 14) is \$50; the regular registration fee is \$60. Participants enjoy a day of workshops and receive a camp T-shirt, lunch, refreshments during breaks, and a copy of the VLP magazine. Reduced-fee scholarships based on financial need are available; email [dwp@usd.edu](mailto:dwp@usd.edu) for information. Enrollment is limited, so nominated students are encouraged to register as soon as possible. The registration form, camp schedule, workshop descriptions and additional information are available online at <http://tinyurl.com/dwpsacamp> or <http://connect.nwp.org/dakota-writing-project/p/8>.

The Dakota Writing Project is a non-profit teachers' organization that focuses on improving the teaching of writing through an invitational summer institute for teachers and a variety of other activities. For more information, visit <http://connect.nwp.org/dakota-writing-project>.

The Vermillion Literary Project, an award-winning student organization at the University of South Dakota, publishes an annual literary magazine and hosts literary events for the university community and the general public. For more information, visit <http://orgs.usd.edu/projlit/>.

# Isaac adds new concerns to Labor Day travel

AAA South Dakota is still projecting 69,000 South Dakotans will journey 50 miles or more from home during the Labor Day holiday weekend, a three percent increase from the 67,000 South Dakotans who traveled last year.

Nationwide, the total number of expected travelers – 33 million – is a 2.9 percent boost over year ago numbers and the strongest Labor Day travel period since 2008, marking a new post-recession high.

It's the third increase in holiday travel this year, according to the AAA/IHS Global Insight. AAA's Memorial Day and July 4 holiday travel forecasts projected increases of 1.2 percent and 4.9 percent, respectively.

However, Tropical Storm Isaac could add a wrinkle to travel plans for some. Isaac is already impacting travel, disrupting flights and cruises in the southeastern U.S. and the Caribbean. Hundreds of flights have been cancelled in Florida, and cruise lines such as Royal Caribbean and Carnival Cruises have changed some itineraries due to Isaac. AAA South Dakota reminds flyers to check with their travel agents and to consider purchasing travel insurance.

"Whether or not the elements of Tropical Storm Isaac will impact travel in our area, we know an increase in gas prices (perhaps as much as 10 cents per gallon) is likely to occur ahead of Labor Day," said Marilyn Buskohl, spokeswoman for AAA South Dakota. "With more people expected to travel this year than last, we know the roadways will be busy. For many people, Labor Day weekend is one last opportunity to get away before returning to regular work and school schedules. It's unlikely that many South Dakotans will alter their travel plans in light of Isaac and higher gas prices. AAA advises all travelers to be safe and pack their patience."

Automobile travel up 3.1 percent  
Across the U.S., about 28.2 million people (85 percent of all holiday travelers) will make their Labor Day holiday journey by

automobile. This is a 3.1 percent increase over the 27.3 million people who took to the nation's roadways in 2011. This year's Labor Day holiday travel period runs from Thursday, Aug. 30 through Monday, Sept. 3.

Number of air travelers expected to increase by 3.7 percent, airfares decrease

Labor Day holiday air travel nationally has been fairly consistent since the recession bounce-back began for the travel industry in 2010. About 2.55 million leisure travelers (eight percent of holiday travelers) will fly during the Labor Day weekend, a 3.7 percent increase over 2011 when 2.46 million traveled by air. In 2010, 2.6 million chose to fly to their Labor Day vacation destinations, which began the steady recovery from the decade-low 1.5 million air travelers in 2009. Airfares decreased four percent compared to last year with an average lowest round-trip rate of \$197 for the top 40 U.S. air routes, according to AAA's Leisure Travel Index.

The remaining seven percent of U.S. Labor Day holiday travelers are expected to use other modes of transportation, including cruise ship, rail, multi-modal and bus travel, accounting for 2.3 million Americans – a 0.2 percent decrease from last year.

Travel distances increase, spending is up  
According to a survey of intended travelers, the average distance traveled by Americans during the Labor Day holiday weekend is expected to be 626 miles, up slightly from last year's average 608 miles. Despite the longer average travel distance, about half of holiday travelers (54 percent) will be taking shorter-distance trips, between 100 and 400 round-trip miles. The increase in expected air travel is a contributing factor to the slight lift in the average travel distance as air trips typically span longer distances than automobile trips, many more than 1,500 round-trip miles.

Median spending is expected to total \$749, a small increase over the \$702 median spending of intended holiday travelers in 2011. Travelers to experience increase in hotel

rates and a decrease in car rental rates

According to AAA's Leisure Travel Index, Labor Day holiday hotel rates for AAA Three Diamond lodgings are expected to increase four percent from a year ago with travelers spending an average of \$154 per night compared to \$148 last year. Travelers planning to stay at AAA Two Diamond hotels can expect to pay six percent more for an average cost of \$117 per night. Weekend daily car rental rates will average \$39, a ten percent decrease from one year ago.

AAA offers digital travel planning resources  
AAA's digital tools for travel planning "on the go" include eTourBook guides for 101 top North American destinations, free to members at [AAA.com/ebooks](http://AAA.com/ebooks). Titles include cities, such as Orlando, New York and Las Vegas, as well as national parks.

The free AAA Mobile app for iPhone and Android devices uses GPS navigation to help travelers map a route, find current gas prices and nearby member discounts and access AAA roadside assistance. Information about the AAA Mobile app and AAA Mobile Web can be found at [AAA.com/mobile](http://AAA.com/mobile).

At AAA.com, travelers can find thousands of AAA Approved and Diamond Rated hotels and restaurants using AAA's TripTik Travel Planner or the searchable Travel Guides at [AAA.com/Travel](http://AAA.com/Travel). And for the latest gasoline prices, click on Fuel News & Tools in the AAA News & Safety section at [AAA.com](http://AAA.com).

Labor Day travel projections are based on economic forecasting and research by IHS Global Insight. The Boston-based economic research and consulting firm teamed with AAA in 2009 to jointly analyze travel trends during major holidays. AAA has been reporting on holiday travel trends for more than two decades.

The complete AAA/IHS Global Insight 2012 Independence Day Holiday Travel Forecast can be found at [NewsRoom.AAA.com](http://NewsRoom.AAA.com).

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## OBITUARIES

### James Grabowski

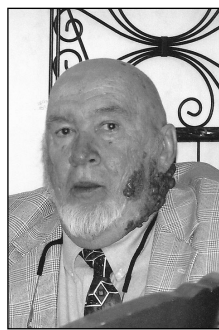
James Herbert Grabowski, 81, of Vermillion, passed away at the Royal C. Johnson Veterans Hospital in Sioux Falls, on Sunday, Aug. 19, 2012.

Memorial service will be held at First Baptist Church in Vermillion, at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 25, 2012, with Pastor Elmer "Sandy" Aakre officiating.

James was born in Salamanca, NY, on Nov. 23, 1930, to Leo and Marian (Pavlock) Grabowski. James was a proud Army veteran who served as a communications officer in Greenland, Okinawa, Japan, and Korea.

James met the love of his life, Delores Hillery, in 1972, they married in April 1994. They remained happily married until her passing in July 2007.

After leaving the service James worked as a car salesman, first in New York and then in California. In addition to his work, James was an avid fisherman and golfer. He was a member of the Senior Golf League at The Bluffs, the local IOOF, VFW and Eagles. He was the founder of the Clay County Visually Impaired Support Group and



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served for four years as the secretary of the HSBICA which is a national organization based at the Hines Blind Center in Chicago, IL. Dedicated to assisting and teaching veterans affected with visual impairments and blindness. He volunteered his time and services to the Veterans Administration Hospital in Sioux Falls for the last seven years.

James is survived by his step-children, Ronald (Cheri) Ahrendt of Vermillion, Teri (Rick) Heggstad of Pierre, and Jeanne (Alva) Davis of Sioux Falls; his sister, Anne Marie Jarvo of Lady Lake, FL; 12 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Delores Grabowski; his parents, Leo and Marian Grabowski; his brothers, Robert Grabowski, and Eugene Grabowski; and his step-daughter, Christine M. (Ahrendt) Charles.

Services have been entrusted to Kober Funeral Home of Vermillion.

Condolences may be posted online at [www.koberfuneralhome.com](http://www.koberfuneralhome.com).

## State Historical Society puts 1912 State Fair film footage on Digital Archives



This photograph of the State Fair Grounds entrance is taken from a still of the 1912 South Dakota State Fair film, available for viewing on the South Dakota Digital Archives. (Photo courtesy South Dakota State Historical Society-Archives)

### Marilyn Dyball

Marilyn Kay Dyball, 72, of rural Meckling, passed away at the Bethany Home in Sioux Falls, on Aug. 21, 2012.

A visitation was held at Kober Funeral Home in Vermillion, South Dakota, from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 26, 2012, with a prayer service at 7 p.m.

A funeral service was held at Bergan Lutheran Church in rural Meckling, at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 27, 2012, with Pastor Ralph Egbert officiating.

A committal service was held in the Evergreen Cemetery in rural Meckling, immediately following the service.

Marilyn was born in

Vermillion, on May 31, 1940, to Melvin and Ruth (Magorian) Iverson. Marilyn grew up on a farm outside of Vermillion and graduated from Vermillion High School in 1958. After graduating from high school she went on to earn a bachelor's of science degree in Home Economics from South Dakota State University in 1963.

Marilyn met the love of her life, David Dyball, and they married on June 2, 1962, and they remained happily married until her passing. She was a very loving, caring and devoted wife. She was a mother who loved and cared about her sons and loved to talk with them at least twice a week wherever they were. Marilyn also loved being a

grandmother and following her five grandchildren's sports, academic, and band activities.

Marilyn is survived by her husband, David Dyball of rural Meckling; her sons, Scott (Dianne) Dyball of Houston, TX, and Jeffrey (Amber) Dyball of Papillion, NE; her sister, Carol Kaberna of Wagner; and her grandchildren, Katie Dyball, Kelsey Dyball, Thomas Dyball, Timothy Dyball, and Sydney Dyball.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Melvin and Ruth Iverson.

Services were entrusted to Kober Funeral Home of Vermillion.

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### Patsy Sasse

Patsy Jean Sasse, 68, of Vermillion, passed away Monday, Aug. 27, 2012 at the Sanford Vermillion Hospital.

Patsy Mitchell was born Sept. 10, 1943 at Gainesville, TX, to Roger and Alice (Ray) Mitchell. Patsy grew up in Gainesville and married Edward B. Sasse, Jr. on April 9, 1966. They raised four children during their marriage.

During her later years she and her husband enjoyed traveling and visiting family members and being helpful to them in times of need. Her desires to always serve the needs of her family first were the hallmarks of her legacy.

Patsy was preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by her husband, Edward, of Vermillion and her four children, Bobby Thompson (Pam) of Henderson, TX, Angela K. Jackson of Vermillion, Pamela Garcia (Cirenio) of Lancaster, CA, and Edward Sasse, III (Tina), of Yankton; and nine grandchildren. She is also survived by her brother, Jerry Michael Maddux of Texas.

Funeral services were 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 29 at the Hansen Funeral Home in Vermillion with burial following in the Bluffview Cemetery in Vermillion. Visitation was one hour prior to the service. [hansenfuneralhome.com](http://hansenfuneralhome.com)

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