



SESDAC’s Dorthey Olsen, direct support professional, center, Alice Sealey, assistant director of services, left, and Gerry Tracy, executive director, right.

(Courtesy photo)

Olsen is SESDAC’s August employee

Dorthey Olsen, Direct Support Professional, was selected as the SESDAC, Inc. August 2013 Employee of the Month. Dorthey has been a part of our organization since October, 2012.

Dorthey was nominated for the award by her fellow co-workers, based on her dedication to her job and the people she supports.

Co-workers had the following compliments written in their nominations for Dorthey...”Dottie provides meaningful

activity opportunities to ensure people are engaged and living life. She is a positive role model to other staff. Thank you for all you do!”

Dorthey currently resides in Vermillion. SESDAC, Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that assists people with disabilities to live, work, and socialize in their community. SESDAC, Inc. began providing services in 1973 and currently serves 75 people with disabilities and has 140 employees.

Hall of Honor to induct 2 new members

Dennis Landguth of Rapid City, a long-time employee of the South Dakota Department of Transportation, is being inducted into the South Dakota Transportation Hall of Honor.

A banquet, hosted by the Transportation Hall of Honor Committee, will be held in Dennis’ honor on Thursday, Sept. 5, at the Ramkota Inn in Rapid City starting at 5:30 p.m.

Tickets for Dennis’ banquet are \$25/per person and should be purchased by Sept. 2.

Bob Meister of Kalispell, MT, former Union and Minnehaha County highway superintendent, is also being inducted into

the South Dakota Transportation Hall of Honor.

A banquet, hosted by the Transportation Hall of Honor Committee, will be held in Meister’s honor on Wednesday, Sept. 18, at the Ramkota Inn in Sioux Falls starting at 5:30 p.m.

Tickets for Meister’s banquet are \$25/per person and should be purchased by Sept. 10.

To RSVP and purchase tickets for either banquet, contact Shirleen Fugitt with the South Dakota Department of Transportation, 700 E. Broadway Ave., Pierre, SD 57501, call (605) 773-3265, or e-mail shirleen.fugitt@state.sd.us.

Bikers will hit the road during Heritage Ride Sat.

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Area bicyclers will have a chance to ride for a mentoring program this weekend.

The Clay-Union Foundation is hosting its annual Heritage Ride, which is set to leave Elk Point at 9 a.m. this Saturday.

“We have a bike ride with five different routes,” said program director John Gille. “The shortest is eight miles, the longest is 58-plus.”

There is a route available for all levels of riders, but all participants will leave at the same time from the same location – Immanuel Lutheran Church, which is located at 607 W. Main St. in Elk Point.

Free snacks, beverages, door prizes and a meal will be available for those who take part.

“They can register that day, or pre-register,” Gille said. “If they’re

interested in the meal, they should sign up as soon as they get there. Registration starts at 8, and our riders leave with a police escort at 9.”

The only requirements riders must fulfill is that they use a helmet, and that riders under the age of 16 ride with an adult.

Funds raised during the event will go toward the Clay-Union Foundation’s mentoring program, which pairs adults with youths aged 5 to 17.

“It’s our biggest fundraiser of the year. It’s kind of critical,” Gille said. “Last year we had a cold and rainy year, and we had a very light year, so this year we’re hoping to have normal – whatever that is – weather.”

The Heritage Ride has been held for 15 years now.

“The first two years, we had it in October, but in 1998 we had it scheduled the first weekend in October,” Gille said. “We ended up

having three inches of rain the night before, and the next year we had cold and snow. October had sounded good, but it was too unstable, so we moved it back to August.”

The number of riders can be anywhere from 80 to 135, he said.

“They enjoy riding as a group, and since it is a charitable event ... knowing that it is going to support a local program, they always like doing that,” Gille said. “The riders have always been very supportive of the program. We’ve got a core group of riders that have come just about every year.”

Registration forms are available at <http://www.clay-unionfoundation.org/> under the Events tab, or at <http://www.bikeiowa.com/> under Heritage Ride.

For more information, Gille can be reached at (605) 421-5050 or by e-mail at jjgillerrsd60@yahoo.com.

NNM bringing ‘From the Top’ to Vermillion next month

“From the Top,” the preeminent showcase for young musicians heard weekly on NPR comes to Aalfs Auditorium at the University of South Dakota to tape a radio broadcast on Sunday, Sept. 15, at 3 p.m. The popular NPR program hosted by acclaimed pianist Christopher O’Riley will feature the amazing performances and captivating personal stories of extraordinary young classical musicians from across the country.

This episode will be presented by The National Music Museum.

The show will showcase one student from the Heartland: 13-year-old violinist Maya Anjali Buchanan from Rapid City. She travels monthly to Rice University to take lessons with Paul Kantor, and also studies privately with Nicolette Solomon at the Suzuki Music Institute of Dallas. She attended Aspen Music Festival in the summer of 2013. The show will also feature 15-year-old pianist Evan Lee from

Brooklyn, NY, who is a recipient of From the Top’s Jack Kent Cooke Young Artist Award.

Also on the show: 18-year-old saxophonist Jon Corin from Sarasota, FL; 16-year-old guitar player Henry Johnston from St. Paul, MN; and The Luna String Quartet from the Artaria Chamber Music School in Minneapolis, MN, which includes members 17-year-old violinist Anna Humphrey, 15-year-old violinist Emma Richman, 17-year-old cellist Nora Doyle, and 18-year-old violist Alexandra Sophocleus.

Host Christopher O’Riley will perform a finale from “33 Variations in C major on a Waltz by Anton Diabelli” by Ludwig van Beethoven one of the National Music Museum’s historic pianos.

For tickets and information, visit www.usd.edu/nmm. This episode will air nationally and online in the fall of 2013.

What began as a radio experiment in 2000 quickly

became one of the fastest growing and most popular weekly classical music programs on public radio.

Broadcast on nearly 250 stations nationwide to an audience of nearly 700,000 listeners, “From the Top” has been described by the *Boston Globe* as “an entertaining, accessible and inspirational mix of outstanding musical performances, informal interviews, skits, and games, the show is a celebration of extraordinary musicians who happen to be teenagers leading fairly normal lives.”

Annually, “From the Top’s” live tapings reach more than 20,000 live audience members of all ages across the United States. In conjunction with its national tour, the Boston-based non-profit offers leadership training to young artists and conducts classroom and community programs leveraging the power of its performers as role models

for younger students. In addition, From the Top and the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation award \$10,000 scholarships to high achieving musicians with limited financial means. The program has invested more than \$1.8 million in support for pre-college students since 2005. From the Top launched its Emmy Award winning PBS television series From the Top at Carnegie Hall in 2007.

“From the Top” is an independent non-profit organization headquartered in Boston that celebrates the power of music in the hands of extraordinary young people: unleashing the potential of young musicians as leaders in the arts; trumpeting the role of music to impact and enrich lives; and inspiring and building new audiences with a deeper appreciation for classical music.

Learn more at www.fromthetop.org.

OBITUARIES

Rodney Inberg

Rodney Willis Inberg was born in Hub City, Clay County, on Sept. 10, 1929 to parents William and Pearl Swedeen Inberg. He passed away on Aug. 6, 2013 in the Bethesda Nursing Home in Beresford.

Rodney attended Dalesburg Elementary School and graduated from Vermillion High School in 1947. During his youth, he worked for several area farmers; after high school he worked for his father in the Hub City Garage and for the Clay County Highway Department. Rodney was an outstanding baseball player. He played for the Vermillion Junior League team and the Hub City, Centerville and Beresford baseball teams. He entered the US Army in September 1951, taking training at Ft. Knox, KY, before being assigned to Korea in 1952 during the Korean War. In Korea, he served with the 25th Infantry Division where he participated in several major battles, including the infamous “Pork Chop Hill.” He distinctly remembered the night that the Armistice was signed to end the war ... suddenly the shelling stopped, leaving an eerie silence. After leaving the Army in 1953 as a corporal, he again worked with his father a short time before moving to Sioux Falls.

Rodney married Audrey Skaff on 28 May 1955, in Sioux Falls. To this marriage they had two

children, Karen and Rodney Jr. (Roddy). While in Sioux Falls he worked for Hutton-Tufty and attended Augustana College, and later worked at Sherwin-Williams and managed the Color Center Home Decorating business in downtown Sioux Falls. In 1968, he moved to Sacramento, CA, where he owned and operated the “Memories in Oak” furniture store. In 1998, he retired and he and his wife moved back to Beresford. In retirement, he enjoyed working on woodworking projects, his favorite being mantle clocks. He was an avid Minnesota Twins fan ... always listening to the games on

radio ... he rarely missed a game! He was a member of the Dalesburg Scandinavian Association, the Alsen American Legion and the Beresford Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He is preceded in death by his parents; and his son, Rodney Jr. Inberg. He is survived by his wife, Audrey of Beresford; his daughter, Karen Inberg; his grandchildren, Jennifer and Eric Fong all of Elk Grove, CA; his sisters, Betty Dahlin of Lead, Connie Richards of Beresford; and his brothers, Ret. Col. Darlow (Delda) of San Antonio, TX, and Elliot (Nancy) of Bryan, TX; and several nieces and nephews, and many cousins.

Funeral services and burial was at the Dalesburg Baptist Church of rural Beresford/Vermillion at 10 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 10, with visitation one hour prior to services.

Delbert Rumelhart

Delbert D. Rumelhart, 83, of Burbank, passed

away at the Texas Health Huguley Hospital in Fort Worth, TX, on Aug. 10, 2013.

A visitation was held from 6 to 7 p.m., with a prayer service beginning at 7 p.m., on Thursday, Aug. 15, 2013, at the Kober Funeral Home of Elk Point.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 16, 2013, at the Kober Funeral Home with Rev. David Bambas officiating. Burial will take place immediately following the service at the Elk Point Cemetery.

Delbert was born on Aug. 31, 1929, in Artesian to Orlen and Marjorie (Nesbet) Rumelhart.

Delbert was an outdoorsman who loved to fish, hunt and spend time outside. He was known for regularly disappearing to spend the day fishing. When he wasn’t outside he loved to work with his ham radio, a passion he passed down to his kids. He was known as a practical joker who loved to talk to everyone young and old.

Delbert is survived by his children, Mike (Lea) Rumelhart of Vermillion,



Rumelhart

Randy Rumelhart of Burbank, Larry Rumelhart of Storm Lake, IA, and Rose Girard of Burbank; his grandchildren, Joe Girard, Kayce Jennson, and Ryan Rumelhart; his great-grandchildren, Jay, Emmy, Blake, and Bria Rumelhart; and his special friend, Jean Searles of Fort Worth.

Delbert was preceded in death by his parents, Orlen and Marjorie Rumelhart; his wife, Lila (Hansen) Rumelhart; his brother, Darel Rumelhart; and his sisters, Marjorie Rumelhart and Frances “Babe” Everhom.

Services have been entrusted to the Kober Funeral Home of Elk Point.

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

Vergene Stockland-Fletcher

Vergene Grace Stockland-Fletcher, 83, of Akron, IA, went home to her Lord and Savior on Aug. 9, 2013, following complications from a stroke.



Stockland-Fletcher

Vergene was born Jan. 3, 1930, in Freeman, to Paul and Mary (Wipf) Wollmann. She grew up in Freeman and Hurley. Vergene married Frank Stockland, Sr. on March 18, 1948. They farmed near the Wakonda area and raised nine children. Frank passed away in 1979. Vergene married Robert “Bob” Fletcher of Sioux City on April 2, 2005, and they resided in Akron, IA. Vergene enjoyed baking, dancing, embroidery, bingo and spending time with her family and friends. She was known as the butterfly grandma to her grandchildren and great grandchildren because she always wore a butterfly as part of her outfit. Vergene was a member of Calvary Episcopal Church in Sioux City, IA.

She was preceded in death by her husband,

Frank; her second, husband, Lloyd Fickbohm; her parents; two brothers, (Art and Arnold) and two sisters (Edna and Erma).

Survivors include her husband, Bob Fletcher of Akron, IA; nine children, David (JoAnn), Carol (Guy), Linda (Carl), Steve, Pam (Jim), Julie (Al), Frank (Robin), Banita (Musie) and Lee (Angie); as well as 23 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

Visitation was at Hansen Funeral Home in Vermillion on Aug. 12 from 5 to 7 p.m. Funeral services were held Aug. 13 at 10:30 a.m. at Calvary Episcopal Church in Sioux City, IA, followed by a private burial ceremony at Union Cemetery with burial next to her first husband, Frank.

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