

Ceremony to be held Sept. 9

Lori Kober of Verm. is award recipient

Gov. Dennis Daugaard will recognize individuals and employers for their contributions to the rehabilitation and employment of South Dakotans with disabilities during a ceremony next month at the Capitol.

The South Dakota Board of Vocational Rehabilitation and the Department of Human Services announced the Governor's Awards will be held Monday, Sept. 9, at 10 a.m. in the Rotunda of the State Capitol, 500 E. Capitol Ave. The Capitol Lake Visitor Center, 650 E. Capitol Ave., will be the alternative location if the restoration work in the Rotunda has not been completed.

Daugaard will present the awards to the following 2013 recipients:

- Daniel Hammett of Box Elder – Outstanding Employee with a Disability
- Lori Kober of Vermillion – Outstanding Citizen with a Disability
- KFC/A&W (Dee Jay's QSR, Inc.) of Sioux Falls – Outstanding Private Employer (Small Employer)
- Burger King, Dakota King, Inc., of Sioux Falls – Outstanding Private

Employer (Large Employer)

- Mount Rushmore National Memorial, National Park Service of Keystone – Outstanding Public Employer
- Maria Jongbloed of Watertown – Outstanding Award in Transition Services
- Lyle Cook of Eagle Butte – Distinguished Service Award

The Governor's Awards ceremony is co-sponsored by the Boards of Vocational Rehabilitation and Service to the Blind and Visually Impaired, the Statewide Independent Living Council and DHS.

For more information about the ceremony or to request accommodations, please contact Board of Vocational Rehabilitation staff at (800) 210-0143 or (605) 945-2207.

About DHS

In partnership with its stakeholders, the South Dakota Department of Human Services' mission is to optimize the quality of life of people with disabilities through the programs and services offered by its divisions. Learn more by visiting the department's website, dhs.sd.gov, and viewing the 2013 DHS Strategic Plan.

Maxine Johnson named Melvin Jones Fellow

Maxine Johnson of Vermillion has been named a Melvin Jones Fellow by Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) in recognition of her commitment to serving the world community.

Named for the founder of Lions Clubs International, Melvin Jones, the fellowship is one of the Foundation's highest recognitions, honoring the commitment to humanitarian service.

Johnson is the 15th Vermillion Lion to become a Melvin Jones Fellow since 1993.

Johnson, who joined the Vermillion Lions Club in 2005, recently received a commemorative plaque and lapel pin acknowledging her dedication to the foundation's humanitarian goals.

As a Melvin Jones Fellow, she becomes a part of the growing network of

individuals who are committed to improving the quality of life for people locally and in communities around the world.

She has served in several capacities on the club's board of directors, including two terms as club president.

In addition, Johnson is active as a volunteer with other community organizations, including United Way, Clay County Historical Society, Main Street Center, and the W.H. Over Museum.

The Melvin Jones Fellowship is a recognition presented to those who donate US\$1,000 to LCIF or to people for whom a donation was made by others. It is the backbone of LCIF, providing 75 percent of the Foundation's revenue. Contributions can be made by individuals (including non-Lions), clubs or districts.



MAXINE JOHNSON

Overview of State Fair policies

With the South Dakota State Fair (SDSF) coming up shortly, SDSF Administration would like to remind people about a few important State Fair policies.

Animal Industry Board Hours

For livestock exhibitors coming to the State Fair needing their animals checked, fair entrance gates will be closed to animal entries between the hours of noon-6 a.m. Animal Industry Board staff will not be present, so please plan accordingly.

Dog and Cat Policy

Per state statute 12:02:06:03, dogs and cats are restricted to the campgrounds only and are required to be current with their vaccinations. Each animal area must be maintained and kept clean. Dogs and cats are not allowed in the vending, exhibit or carnival areas. Service dogs and dogs and cats that are part of an exhibit are an exception to the rule.

Golf Cart Policy

Earlier this spring, the South

Dakota State Fair implemented new restrictions on golf carts for the safety of fair-goers.

To eliminate the risks associated with operating personal golf carts during the State Fair, personal golf carts will no longer be allowed on the fairgrounds during the annual event. Many other transportation options will be available.

Golf carts will be made available for rent from an authorized golf cart vendor prior to and during the State Fair. Information on rental rates and reservations can be obtained by contacting GTI Golf Carts at (800) 477-0467. Renters will be required to obtain golf cart permits from the State Fair office and show proof of \$500,000 liability insurance stating for the use of a golf cart on the SD State Fairgrounds.

Information on golf cart permits can be obtained by going to the State Fair Web site at www.sdstatefair.com or by contacting the State Fair office

at (605) 353-7340.

The 2013 South Dakota State Fair will run from Thursday, Aug. 29, through Monday, Sept. 2. Channel Seeds Preview night will be Wednesday, Aug. 28. This year's theme is "Starry Nights and Midway Lights."

For more information on State Fair events, contact the Fair office at (800) 529-0900, visit www.sdstatefair.com or find them Facebook and Twitter.

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Bank collects school supplies for area children

First Dakota National Bank held a school supply drive during the month of July to help ensure area children are equipped for the new school year.

First Dakota employees at their 16 locations competed to see who could collect the most items. Community residents were invited to join in the fun and were encouraged to add to the baskets and boxes of supplies. First Dakota extends a huge thank you to area residents who donated supplies.

At the Vermillion location, over 180 items

were donated. Items collected included: pocket folders, spiral notebooks, pencils, pens, crayons, markers, Kleenex, three-ring binders, Elmer's glue, color pencils, glue sticks and rulers.

First Dakota was founded in 1872 and holds the first bank charter issued in all of Dakota Territory. It has 16 full-service banking locations in twelve South Dakota cities. It also has six loan production offices throughout South Dakota and Nebraska.

CLAY COUNTY SHERIFF'S PRESS BRIEFING

08/11/13 00:29 – A deputy responded to a residence in Irene to assist a Turner County deputy with a domestic assault report.

08/11/13 14:58 – A rural resident reported his neighbor's goats were loose and grazing in his bean field. A deputy contacted the owner of the goats, who returned them to a pen.

08/11/13 15:29 – A caller reported an erratic driver southbound on Dakota Street south of Vermillion. A deputy responded but was not in position to intercept the vehicle. The information was shared with the Dixon County, NE, sheriff.

08/12/13 15:30 – A deputy transported an inmate to a doctor visit and then returned him to the jail.

08/12/13 16:57 – A deputy assisted ambulance

personnel at the scene of a medical emergency in Vermillion.

08/12/13 17:16 – A deputy investigated a report of various items missing after scrap haulers removed scrap metal from a rural residence.

08/13/13 09:36 – Deputies and Vermillion Police Officers served a court order to search a residence in Vermillion for weapons after a protection order was served. No weapons were found.

08/13/13 11:07 – Deputies traveled to Joliet, IL, to transport a fugitive back to the Clay County Jail.

08/13/13 18:12 – An inmate was transported to the Clay County Jail from the Union County Jail after being arrested there on a Clay County warrant.

08/14/13 18:45 – A vehicle was observed in Wakonda with a

malfunctioning brake light. The vehicle was stopped and the driver was notified of the problem.

08/14/13 20:50 – A report was received of tire debris on Highway 50. A deputy responded and removed the debris from the road.

08/15/13 10:28 – A deputy investigated a report of damage to a telephone box south of Vermillion. The damage was found to be accidental and the person responsible was located.

08/15/13 11:38 – A deputy investigated a report of damage to highway signs near Burbank.

08/15/13 18:28 – A deputy responded to a report of a cow on Timber Road.

08/15/13 19:28 – An anonymous caller reported an intoxicated driver northbound on Highway

19. A deputy located the vehicle but did not observe any indications of impairment or any reason to stop the car.

08/15/13 23:10 – A deputy and a State Trooper responded to a report of a prowler at a rural residence. They checked around the residence and found no one present.

08/16/13 09:08 – A deputy investigated a non-injury accident on Highway 46 near Beresford.

08/16/13 20:03 – A rural resident near Beresford reported her son may be at a house party at another rural residence. A deputy responded but did not observe a party or the teenager who was reported to be there.

08/17/13 23:10 – Deputies assisted Vermillion Police Officers with an underage house party in Vermillion.

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For children who are currently ages 3-5

- This screen is for children whose parents may suspect a delay in their child's development
- Areas of delay may include speech and language, school readiness skills, fine and gross motor skills or self-help and social skills
- Children must reside in the Vermillion School District
- Screening will be held on Wednesday, August 21st and Thursday, August 22nd. Screening times will begin at 9:00 and end at 2:00
- Call 677-7010 (Austin School) to schedule and appointment. Please ask for Kazy Mollet