

Clay-Union Foundation scholarship available

The Clay-Union Foundation is offering a \$500 community service scholarship to Vermillion and Elk Point-Jefferson high school seniors who will graduate this spring and attend a four-year educational institution. The scholarship application is available at <http://www.clay-unionfoundation.org/> under the events tab, and may be returned by e-mail. The scholarship award winner will be announced at the spring

awards program, with the funds awarded in their second semester. Students are encouraged to apply to the scholarship, which will be due March 1. The board will then evaluate applications at its March meeting. The board hopes to have many applications to consider. For further information, please call John Gille at (605) 421-5050, or e-mail jgillersd60@yahoo.com.

Sanford/USD awarded Magnet recognition

For the third-consecutive time, Sanford/USD Medical Center has achieved Magnet® recognition as part of the American Nurses Credentialing Center's (ANCC) Magnet Recognition Program, positioning the institution in the top 1 percent of facilities nationwide for nursing excellence.

Bestowed every four years, the Magnet Recognition Program's distinction is the highest honor an organization can receive for professional-nursing practice. Magnet® recognition is often considered when the public judges health care organizations. Just 378 of the United States' nearly 6,000 facilities attained Magnet® status for this cycle.

"Magnet recognition is a prestigious honor that reflects our commitment to deliver the highest quality of care," said Diana Berkland, RN, chief nursing officer at Sanford/USD Medical Center. "Our staff pursues excellence each and every day – always keeping the needs of our patients at the forefront."

Sanford/USD Medical Center passed a rigorous and lengthy process that demanded widespread participation from leadership and staff. The facility was also required to submit written documentation demonstrating qualitative and quantitative evidence regarding patient care and outcomes, which, when deemed to be at an excellent level, prompted an on-site review. The Commission on

Magnet then voted to grant recognition.

Because Sanford/USD Medical Center was a Magnet® recipient in 2008, it was required to provide how Magnet® concepts, performance and quality were sustained and improved over the past four years.

The Magnet® model is designed to provide framework for nursing practice and research and measurement of outcomes. Elements like quality of nursing leadership and coordination, collaboration across specialties and processes for measuring and improving the quality and delivery of care were considered for selection.

"Retaining this honor for another four years is a testament to our nurses and nursing leadership and the quality care they provide," said Charles O'Brien, MD, president of Sanford/USD Medical Center. "We strive daily to become a better institution, and this award illustrates that this effort is surely paying dividends."

Magnet recognition has been shown to provide specific benefits to hospitals and their communities:

- Higher patient satisfaction with nurse communication, availability of help, and receipt of discharge information;
- Lower risk of 30-day mortality and lower failure to rescue;
- Higher job satisfaction among nurses; and
- Lower nurse reports of intentions to leave position.

Kelly lecture part of IdeaFest April 10

Capt. Mark Kelly, astronaut and retired U.S. Navy Captain, a best-selling author, prostate cancer survivor and an experienced naval aviator who flew combat missions during the Gulf War, will be the guest speaker for IdeaFest at the University of South Dakota on April 10 at 7 p.m. in Slagle Hall's Aalfs Auditorium.

Kelly's lecture, "Endeavour to Succeed," will address his success in space as well as his personal life and how it forever changed in the assassination attempt on his wife, U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords (D-AZ). Kelly and Giffords co-authored, "Gabby: A Story of Courage and Hope," released in November 2011, which explores Kelly's public service as a pilot and astronaut, his wife's public service as a politician, and their struggles following the shooting that left her critically injured.

Kelly served as commander of Space Shuttle Discovery and flew his first of four missions in 2001 aboard Space Shuttle Endeavour, the same space shuttle that he commanded on its final flight in May 2011. He was selected as an astronaut in 1996 and received a B.S. degree in marine engineering and nautical science from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in 1986. In 1994, Kelly received an M.S. degree in aeronautical engineering from the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School.

Presented in partnership with the Beacom School of Business Opportunity Fund and

the Arthur Volk Symposium, "Endeavour to Succeed" is free and open to the public and one of two lectures scheduled for IdeaFest, April 10-11. Dr. David Sweatt, the Evelyn F. McKnight endowed chairman of the Department of Neurobiology at the University of Alabama Medical School, and the director of the Evelyn F. McKnight Brain Institute, will present a second keynote address, "Neurobiology of Creativity," at 7 p.m. on April 11. Sweatt's lecture, presented in partnership with the Division of Basic Biomedical Sciences at the Sanford School of Medicine, the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, and the Center for Academic Engagement, is at the Muenster University Center and is also free and open to the public.

IdeaFest is an annual event that showcases accomplishments in graduate and undergraduate research, creative scholarship and academic engagement. Established in 1992 as a celebration of academic and cultural diversity at USD, IdeaFest is hosted by the Center for Academic Engagement, Council for Undergraduate Research and Sponsored Activity, USD Graduate School, Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, and the USD Office of Academic Affairs.

For more information about IdeaFest, visit www.usd.edu/engage.

Rawlins Trio performs tonight

The University of South Dakota's nationally-acclaimed Rawlins Piano Trio and friends will present a chamber music concert at 7:30 p.m. tonight. The concert, open to the public and free of charge, will be in the National Music Museum Arne B. Larson Hall.

The concert will feature the museum's 1876 Broadwood Semi-Grand piano with a program of 19th century works by Schubert and Brahms.

The trio will share the concert with mezzo-soprano Tracelyn Gesteland and baritone Brandon Hendrickson, who will sing selections from the German with pianist Susan Keith Gray. All artists are faculty members in the USD Department of Music.

Since its founding in 1987, the Rawlins Piano Trio has distinguished itself as a dynamic group of performers, teachers and scholars. The ensemble performs regularly throughout the United States and abroad, including recent concert and teaching tours throughout Taiwan and Panama.

Owing to its expertise as a preeminent interpreter of American music, the ensemble has recorded four CDs on the Albany Records label. The fourth disc, "American Discoveries" was released in July 2009. It presents the Trio's first commissioned composition, "Volvic Maritim," by New York based composer Daniel Bernard Roumain.

The Trio recorded a fifth CD on the Azica label in June of 2012. It will be released in 2013.

Tracelyn Gesteland, mezzo-soprano and assistant professor of music in voice/opera, is an active performer on the opera, concert and recital stage. She has appeared in leading roles and concerts with



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the Houston Grand Opera, Atlantic Coast Opera, Stoughton Opera, Lone Star Lyric Theater, Sounds of South Dakota, South Dakota Symphony, Sioux City Symphony, Nachitoches-Northwestern Symphony, Elgin Opera, Light Opera Works, Center Light Theatre, l'opera piccola, Ars Lyrica Houston, Moores Opera Center, Harrower Opera, Contemporary Opera Lab, National Opera Association, and the Chicago Symphony Chorus under the batons of Barenboim, Mehta, Boulez, Penderecki and Wolff.

Brandon Hendrickson, assistant professor of Voice and

Opera at the University of South Dakota, holds the degrees of Master of Music and Doctor of Musical Arts from Louisiana State University. In 2011 Hendrickson was a Regional Finalist of the Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions in St. Paul, Minnesota. Hendrickson's recent credits include debuts with the Helena Symphony Orchestra, Madison Symphony Orchestra, Des Moines Metro Opera, Sounds of South Dakota, Louisiana Sinfonietta, Southeast Pennsylvania Symphony, Charleston Symphony, The South Dakota Symphony, Pensacola Opera, Opéra

Louisiane, and The Dallas Opera in the world premiere of Jake Heggie and Gene Scheer's American opera, Moby Dick.

Last spring he made his debut with Opera Charleston singing along side Denyce Graves in Bizet's Carmen, and recently performed along side Samuel Ramey in a production of Die Zauberflöte, as Papageno.

The trio is named for benefactors Marjorie Rawlins and the late Robert Rawlins. For more information see the trio's Web site at www.rawlinstrio.com or call the USD College of Fine Arts at (605) 677-5481.

OBITUARIES

Betty Jensen

Betty Jean (Johnson) Jensen, 84, of Vermillion, passed away on Jan. 26, 2013, at Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls.

Visitation was held from 6 to 7 p.m., with a prayer service at 7 p.m., on Thursday, Jan. 31, 2013, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Vermillion.

A funeral service will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 1, 2013, at Trinity Lutheran Church. Both services will be officiated by Rev. Anna Peck.

Burial will take place at a later date.

Betty was born at home on Jan. 6, 1929, to Dalber and Mildred (Stalheim) Johnson. She was the oldest of four children. She attended Spring Hill Country School and graduated from Meckling High School in 1947. Betty was a surrogate mother to her siblings and many nephews.

Betty married Norman Jensen on Aug. 29, 1949, at home in Meckling. To this union Karen (Jensen) Velasquez was born on Sept. 29, 1950.

She was a lifelong member of Pleasant Valley Lutheran Church and the Ladies Aide. She was a long time member of the Hillside Extension Club, a charter member of Eagles Auxiliary and the Bluff View Birthday Club.

Betty was a wonderful cook and many meals were shared



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with grateful hired men and the fraternity where she worked. Her many interests included playing Bridge, camping

with the Clay County Ramblers Club, and her huge bell collection. She continued to do as much as she could until Rheumatoid Arthritis prevented her from these activities.

Betty is survived by her husband of 63 years, Norman; her daughter, Karen (Michael) Velasquez of Seattle, WA; her brother, Daryl (Arlis) Johnson of Vermillion; her sister, Marlene (Richard) Trudeau of Mitchell; her brother-in-law, Joe Reedy of Bremerton, WA; and many cousins, nephews, nieces and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Dalber and Mildred (Stalheim) Johnson; and her sister, Beverly Reedy.

Services have been entrusted to Kober Funeral Home of Vermillion.

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

Katherine Slaughter

Katherine S. Slaughter, died Jan. 26, 2013, in Omaha, NE. She was born Sept. 18, 1933 in Yankton.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald O. Slaughter; and is survived by a son, Donald (Libby) Slaughter; and a granddaughter, Kat.

A memorial service will be held Friday, Feb. 1 at 1 p.m. at Countryside Community Church, 8787 Pacific Street in Omaha, NE.

Arrangements by Heafey-Hoffmann-Dworak-Cutler, Omaha, NE. www.heafeyheafey.com



SLAUGHTER

Eugene McMunigal

Eugene McMunigal, 86, of Flint, MI, died Sunday, Jan. 13, 2013 at Genesys Health Park in Michigan. Funeral Mass was held in Shelby Township Michigan.

Eugene was born in Wakonda, on Sept. 20, 1926, the son of John Joseph and Mary (Ryan) McMunigal. He married Frances Shields on Aug. 22, 1959 at Michael Catholic Church in Flint, MI. Eugene valued hard work and education greatly. His career at General Motors imparted expertise and knowledge that he was happy to share with friends and family. Eugene always went above and beyond in everything that he did. He was an active member of St. John Vianney Catholic Church where he served as a St.

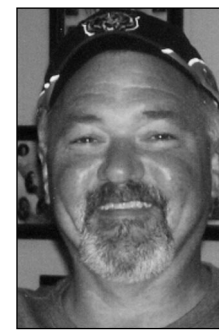
Joseph Worker and choir member. Eugene adored music; he especially enjoyed watching the Lawrence Welk Show and listening to Frank Sinatra and instrumental records. He also loved being a part of nature through golfing and bird watching.

Eugene is survived by his wife of 53 years, Frances; children, Anne (Harvey) Leite, Shawn McMunigal; granddaughter, Theresa (Paul) McMunigal; brother, Jack (Jean) McMunigal; sisters, Marg (Fred) Fuchs, Mary (Wayne) Merrigan; many loving nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews and devoted friends. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Joan McMunigal, in 2003.

Tony Kaiser

Funeral services were held for Tony Kaiser on Saturday, Feb. 2, 2013 at 11 a.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Henning, MN, with Pastor Roger Johnson officiating. The hymns were sung by the congregation, accompanied by Diane Hermanson. The pallbearers were Gary Eckhoff, Keith Eckhoff, Russ Freed, Matt Reinbold, Robert Lohse, and Jeff Weller.

Tony Lee Kaiser was born on March 11, 1955 in Vermillion. His parents are Lyle Kaiser and the late Ella June (Brown) Kaiser. Tony graduated from the Wakonda High School with the class of 1973. On July 18, 1981, Tony was married to Shirlene Cary in Brookings. Their marriage was blessed with a daughter, Theresa. On April 26, 1991 Tony was united in marriage with Nancy Joan Morse at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Henning, MN. Together they made their home in Henning as their marriage was blessed with two children, Zach and MaKenna. Tony enjoyed gardening, farming and previously owned and operated an on-site tractor tire repair company. To help him fulfill his love of sports he had been a basketball and football coach, which he loved, and also a referee. Tony was employed with Otter Tail Dairy Supply, Brogards Plumbing and Heating, and most recently enjoyed farming as he was employed at the Eckhoff Farm.



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He was an avid sports fan of his children during their school events and also cheered for the Chicago Bears, New York

Yankees, and the Nebraska Cornhuskers.

On Jan. 27, 2013 Tony passed away after a long struggle with medical issues at the St. Cloud Hospital in St. Cloud, MN, at 57 years of age. He will be dearly missed by his family and friends. Preceding Tony in death were his mother, Ella June; uncle, Douglas Brown; and sister-in-law, Teri Morse.

Tony is survived by his wife, Nancy; two daughters, Theresa and MaKenna; son, Zach; grandson, Adrian; father, Lyle; two sisters: Kimberle (Richard), Nancy (Gary); brothers, Charles (Cindy); parents-in-law, Jim and Wilma Morse; brothers-in-law, Todd (Donna), Mike (Jodi) and David (Barbara); sisters-in-law, Anji (Shawn) and Holly (Jeff); numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and a host of friends.

Arrangements were provided by the Belmont Funeral Home of Henning, MN.

Tributes may be posted online at belmontfuneral.com.

Dorothy Russo

Dorothy Rose Russo, 90, passed away on Jan. 14, 2013 in Casa Grande, AZ.

Mrs. Russo was born on May 14, 1922 in Vermillion and was the daughter of Herman and Dorothy Berke. She moved from Vermillion a year ago. She was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary. She enjoyed bingo.

Survivors include a sister, Marilyn Sendgenath of Dakota Dunes; and a brother, Charles R. Berke of Fort Dodge, IA. She is preceded in death by her husband, Al; and two brothers,



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John and James Berke.

Burial of her ashes beside her husband in Vermillion will be at a later date.

Angels In Waiting Casa Grande Cremation Center was in charge of the arrangements.

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