

'Discover Law Day' to be Feb. 27

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High school and college students who are considering a career in law will have a chance next week to see what their educational experience could be like.

On Wednesday, Feb. 27, the University of South Dakota School of Law is hosting "Discover Law Day," an open house designed to allow students to learn about the school, curriculum and faculty.

"We want to provide an opportunity for people to come get to know us," said Associate Dean Tom Sorensen.

The day is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and includes such activities as a tour of the school and campus, a Q&A with current USD law students and the option to observe a first-year class in action.

Sorensen said one of the main goals of the day is to give students an insight into the applications and admissions process.

"It takes a while," he said. "There are a couple of major hurdles in there. One is to finish college, although you can apply before you finish. The other is the admission test, and that's a requirement of our accreditors, the American Bar Association."

"We all kind of work together in the legal education realm of trying to help people onto the path if they're interested, and then help answer questions along the way," he said.

Additional insight will be provided by the in-class observation.

"(The first-year classes) cover some very important areas that law the foundation for the rest of the legal

education," Sorensen said.

The School of Law has an open-door policy for potential students throughout the year, but usually they visit on a small-group or individual basis, while Discover Law Day is a much bigger event.

The event is presented by the USD School of Law with support from the Law School Admission Council's DiscoverLaw.org Month program.

"They provide a lot of materials," Sorensen said. "They provide a Web site... where people can get a lot of general information about preparation, application and admission to law schools."

"When you visit here, you get that and you get more specific information about the only law school in South Dakota," he said. "We're pretty regional because we're in the corner of several states, and we want people to know they're welcome to come visit us."

Sorensen stressed that the law school is welcome to visitors during any of its special events, from its annual Thurgood Marshall program to when the Supreme Court of South Dakota holds its term there from March 18-20.

"There are a lot of interesting free speakers, programs and symposia," he said.

Students interested in attending the open house are asked to RSVP to Tom.Sorensen@usd.edu no later than 4 p.m. Monday, Feb. 25.

Individual students are also encouraged to visit www.discoverlaw.org/register.asp to register for information about the law school admission process.

For more information about the USD School of Law, visit www.usd.edu/law.

Into the highlands of Guatemala



Sharing the Dream travelers visit La Estrella weavers in Chuacruz.

(Courtesy photo)

By Norma C. Wilson

Part two of a five-part series

In January I traveled with Sharing the Dream in Guatemala's "Fair Trade and Indigenous Cultures" tour with my husband and STDG Board member Jerry Wilson, filmmaker Charles Nauman, weaver Grete Bodogaard, environmentalist Dana Loseke and information technologist Ronda Harry.

On our first day out of Guatemala City, we descended a steep, dusty path to Artisan Development Director Isabel's home in Chuacruz. There we met her grandmother Santos, mother Maria and niece Sandra. Maria is a member of La Estrella (The Star), a group of weavers who create scarves using a foot loom donated by Sharing the Dream.

Isabel and Maria led us up a steep path, past a bin of drying corn, to an adobe building that

housed the loom. Nine women and three of their children waited on benches around a dirt floor carpeted with fresh pine needles. Turquoise threads stretched across the loom.

Thirteen-year-old Victoria was learning from older weavers, just as Isabel had. Many of the women are widows with children, and they expressed thanks to Sharing the Dream for the foot loom, which makes their work faster and easier, and for marketing their products, which helps them sustain their families.

Our next visit was with Asociación Maya de Desarrollo, a backstrap loom weavers' cooperative, dying center and fair trade store in Sololá. This co-op, formed in 1987, now markets the work of 180 backstrap weavers from six rural villages in the nearby highlands. Their products are woven of bamboo, rayon, and cotton fibers, including chenille.

In their spacious, modern building, we observed the dying and drying of many-colored threads. Besides backstrap weaving, the women use sewing machines to make handbags and other accessories.

We descended a steep mountain road to Panajachel on the east shore of thousand-foot-deep Lake Atitlan. There we visited Oxlajuj B'atz', Mayan for Thirteen Threads, a non-profit indigenous women's empowerment and non-formal education organization founded in 2004 by Mayan Hands. Their fair-trade store, resource library and community space is housed in a beautifully refurbished building with courtyard.

Development director Cheryl Conway, originally from Ireland, said the organization offers artisan classes such as rug making, and makes micro loans so that women working in their

homes can purchase supplies they need.

They also encourage women to work with others by requiring that a group seeking a first loan of \$200 must include at least five women. After the women repay the loan, they can apply for a \$300 loan, and once that is paid back, a loan of \$400.

We loved the abundance of flowers and trees in Panajachel—roses, a deep red geranium, calla lilies, moon flowers, an Easter lily, papaya, lemon, orange and grapefruit trees, and a flowering bush we hadn't seen before, the camarón, with coral colored flowers in the shape of a shrimp.

We were thrilled that a hummingbird joined us there. Beneath a lavender-blossomed jacaranda tree, we gazed across Lake Atitlan at the camel-backed volcanoes, San Pedro, Atitlan and Tolimán.

Scholarship Recognition Day weekend Feb. 23-24

High school seniors and their families will have an opportunity to interview for prestigious scholarships, participate in an academic showcase, tour campus and meet with faculty and researchers during Scholarship Recognition Day weekend, Feb. 23-24, at the University of South Dakota.

In addition to competing for USD's most prestigious scholarships, students and family members attending Scholarship Recognition Day will receive information on becoming part of the USD Honors Programs; learn about USD Global Learning opportunities and registering for the fall 2013 semester at USD.

USD's most prestigious scholarships available to incoming freshmen are the George S. Mickelson Scholarship and the USD Presidential-Alumni Scholarship. Both of these prestigious awards provide recipients with four-year, renewable scholarships provided the students meet the

appropriate criteria.

Scholarship recipients will be notified by mid-March following the interview process and recommendations from the University Scholarship Committee.

Scholarship Recognition Day also includes Academic and Information Showcases introducing participants to USD's academic and extracurricular programs.

Other activities include an interactive session on kinesiology and sports science, a newly developed major focusing on the areas of exercise science and sports management; a "real world" classroom scenario developed by the School of Education; and a presentation by College of Fine Arts students at the John A. Day Gallery.

More information about applying for scholarships at USD, including a list of available scholarships to incoming freshmen, is available at <http://admissions.usd.edu/cost-and-aid/scholarships.cfm>.

David Macy

David Macy, 61, of Vermillion, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2013, at the Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls.

David was born June 8, 1951 in Vermillion to Merle and Marjorie (Hilker) Macy. He graduated from Vermillion High School and attended the University of South Dakota. He served in the National Guard and married Janet Walz on April 11, 1970 in Vermillion. David retired as an ag loan officer for the Randolph State Bank in 2008.

David started his banking career at the National Bank of South Dakota in Vermillion where he worked as a teller from 1968 through 1971. In January 1972, he moved his family to Kilgore, NE, where he started working for Farmers State Bank as a teller and loan officer, working his way up to

president of the bank. In January of 1985, the Macy family moved to Lenox, IA. Dave became an ag loan officer at the First National Bank of Lenox until September of 1999 when they returned to Vermillion. Dave worked at CorTrust Bank until 2004, and at the Randolph State Bank in Randolph, NE from 2006 through 2008 when health reasons forced him into early retirement.

Dave was always a farmer at heart and although he didn't farm on his own, his fondest memories were working on the family farm near Burbank, SD and was happiest when being able to make farming possible for countless others.

He is survived by his wife Janet, of Vermillion; his mother, Marjorie of Yankton; a son, Michael David Macy of Des Moines, IA; a daughter, Dana Marie (Paul) Winslow of Vermillion; a brother, Dale

(Sue) Macy of Aberdeen; and two sisters, Cleo (Loren) Anderson of Yankton and Carol (Michael) Engh of Ripon, WI. He is also survived by two grandchildren, Adam David and Macy Marie Winslow and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 9, 2013, at the Hansen Funeral Home in Vermillion with visitation one hour prior.

Thomas Beerman

Thomas Beerman, age 65, of Huron, died Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2013, at Huron Regional Medical Center. His funeral service was Saturday, Feb. 16, at Holy Trinity Catholic Parish, Huron, with burial at St. Martin Cemetery with military honors by the Huron Veterans Council. The family can be reached at Tom and Sandy's residence, 2414 Prairie Eagle Circle in Huron. Visit www.weltherfuneralhome.com.

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NOTICE

The annual meeting of Norway Township will be on Tuesday, March 5, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. at the Clay County Highway Department on Timber Rd. Bids for blading, gravel, snow removal and mowing will be opened at that time. Send bids to: Jay Bottolfson, Clerk, Norway Township, 45723 Timber Rd., Vermillion, SD 57069. No later than Friday, March 1, 2013. Township reserves right to reject any and all bids.

Jay Bottolfson, Clerk

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Bethel Township will hold its annual meeting at 2:00 pm, Tuesday, March 5, 2013 at the Wakonda Legion Hall, Wakonda, SD. Bids will be accepted for snow removal, gravel and road maintenance.

Darby Ganschow, Clerk