

Afghanistan university receives textbooks from Corps

NANGARHAR PROVINCE, Afghanistan –Nangarhar University received more than 4,500 textbooks, delivered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Afghanistan Engineering District-North Jalalabad Area Office June 22.

The U.S. Agency for International Development and the Government of Afghanistan Ministry of Higher Education coordinated the project to bring the books to the university. The Capacity Development branch of USACE, Afghanistan Engineering Program-North funded the books through the Commander's Emergency Response Program.

"We noticed late in 2010 that many universities were using paper copies of textbooks," said U.S. Army Maj. Erica Iverson, of Vermillion, S.D. and chief of the Synchronization and Initiatives Group, Capacity Building Team, USACE, Afghanistan Engineering Program-North, "Overall, 30 years of conflict have severely compromised Afghanistan's University System. The current situation includes the use of photocopies of outdated engineering books, many of which are in Russian."

Established in 1963, Nangarhar University managed to prosper and expanded its education program, but it has not been immune to the country's strife. Prior to the engineers' hefty book delivery, the library was completely bare. Now, 357 boxes of various engineering text and reference books are stacked inside the spacious, sunny room.

"It is very difficult to get textbooks," said Professor Arifullah Mandozai, dean of the university. "If we had to buy these books on our own, we would not be able to buy this many good, quality books in 10 years time."

The project supports the prioritization of the Afghanistan National Developmental Strategy, presented at the Kabul Conference on July 20, 2010, which is to improve higher



Vermillion native, U.S. Army Maj. Erica Iverson has been instrumental in delivering textbooks to universities in Afghanistan. Recently, with her assistance, new textbooks were delivered to three Afghanistan universities. She is pictured helping unload new books at Kabul University where she serves as the Chief of Synchronization and Initiatives Group and the Capacity Building Team for the Afghanistan Engineer District-North headquartered in Kabul.

education. The curricula of Afghanistan's universities are being revised to meet the developmental needs of the country, private sector growth and accreditation, said Iverson.

"No proper education is why our country is in its current state," said Dr. Mohammed Sabar, chancellor of the university, "It is important to get an education, all people are improved with education. If we can improve education, we can improve Afghanistan. We need more, good, educated people to help the

community."

The engineering department of Nangarhar University said they are especially thankful for the books.

"Now when I speak with the students, and make a speech, I can explain the U.S. Army gave us this very good opportunity, and they will see you are here to do good things to help us become better," said Mandozai.

Blood donations in 'urgent' need

Sanford Vermillion Medical Center and Community Blood Bank will be joining together to host the Third Annual All American Community Blood Drive on Wednesday, July 20 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2:30 to 6 p.m. at Sanford Vermillion Medical Center.

"Blood usage has been up nearly 20 percent in the last two weeks following the July 4 holiday placing a heavy burden on the blood supply," said Ken Versteeg, executive director, Community Blood Bank. "It is crucial that the blood supply is at an adequate level throughout the summer months for use in traumas, surgeries, burn and cancer treatment. Please consider donating blood when we are at Sanford Vermillion Medical Center on July 20. Your donating will impact lives throughout the summer."

Donors donating on July 20 will receive a special commemorative ALL AMERICAN BLOOD DONOR t-shirt and a free lunch, compliments of Sanford Vermillion Medical Center.

Donors must be at least 17 years of age (16 years old with a signed parent consent form found at www.cbblifeblood.org), weigh 110 lbs. or more and be in good general health. Please bring an ID with you. It is recommended that donors eat and drink plenty of fluid prior to donating blood.

Community Blood Bank is proud to be the sole provider of blood and blood products to Sanford Vermillion Medical Center for over 10 years. For more information log onto www.cbblifeblood.org or call 624-2611. Walk-ins are welcome.

Naturalization ceremony to be held at Mount Rushmore

The United States District Court of South Dakota will hold a Naturalization Ceremony at Mount Rushmore National Memorial on Thursday, July 14, at 2 p.m. in which approximately 100 people will become new American citizens. The ceremony will be held in the Amphitheater and is sponsored by the Mount Rushmore Society.

Representatives of the United States District Court for the District of South Dakota, United States Citizenship & Immigration Services, the United States Marshals Service and the Department of Homeland

Security will participate in the ceremony. Special guest speaker Walter Lesnevich of Lesnevich & Marzano-Lesnevich, LLC, a law firm in New Jersey, will present Immigration: The Promise Continues. Lesnevich has over 30 years experience in a wide-range of cases and is certified by the Supreme Court of New Jersey as a Civil Trial and Criminal Trial Attorney, something only the most skilled lawyers achieve and maintain.

More than 80 members of the Dakota Choral Union will perform three patriotic songs, including the Star-Spangled Banner. In addition, Mount

Rushmore National Memorial's Superintendent Cheryl Schreier, the Mount Rushmore Society and students from West Middle School will make special presentations to the new citizens.

Following the ceremony, Pennington County Auditor Julie Pearson will be available for voter registration outside the Carvers Cafe. Registration will be open to all eligible South Dakota voters, not just those from Pennington County.

The public is invited to attend this celebration of

citizenship of the United States. The ceremony is free. There is an \$11 parking fee per car.

The Mount Rushmore Society – through the Mount Rushmore Bookstores, the Mount Rushmore Audio Tour, the Mount Rushmore Institute and other activities—is dedicated to the preservation, promotion and enhancement of Mount Rushmore National Memorial and the values it represents through a partnership with the National Park Service.

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Senator John Thune is currently seeking intelligent, hard-working college students to serve as interns in his office in Washington, DC, as well as in his offices in Aberdeen, Rapid City, and Sioux Falls.

College students who are interested in interning in Thune's Washington, DC office should submit a resume and cover letter by July 11, 2011, to: Senator John Thune; Attn: Dakota Bixler, Intern Coordinator; 511 Dirksen Senate Office Building; Washington, D.C. 20510; By Fax to: 202-228-5429

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should submit a resume and cover letter by July 11, 2011, to: Senator John Thune; Attn: Sara Konechne; 320 North Main Avenue, Suite B; Sioux Falls, S.D. 57104

For more information, please call 1-866-850-3855.

Spirit Mound Township Meeting
Tuesday, July 19 - 7:30PM

Purpose of Meeting:
 Purchase of a Maintainer

ATTENTION!

Vermillion Wastewater Utility Users

Due to the excess rains we have been receiving, we want to remind everyone that your sump pump must be discharged outside, away from your home or business. This water must be discharged outside so that the storm water system can receive it. When discharged into the sanitary sewer system, these waters may overload your sanitary sewer, the City's sanitary sewer systems and the Wastewater Treatment facility; all of these can lead to costly sanitary sewer back-ups or sanitary sewer overflows. Your cooperation with this is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please call the Wastewater Facility at 605-677-7077 and we would be happy to assist you.

Remember, City Ordinance 53.015(E) 1 reads:

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CHECK IT OUT

By Anne Marshall

One World, Many Stories Summer Reading Program

The library's summer reading adventures includes an adult program, Cultural Clips Film Festival, young reader and young adult reader programs, and preschool and toddler story time sessions. For more information, pick up a Check It Out Newsletter and Calendar of Events pamphlet at the circulation desk. This summer is going to be your greatest adventure yet!

Monday, July 11: Craft Day. Join us at 1:30 or 2:30 p.m. to create European Windmills.

Tuesday, July 12: Children's showing of The Hunchback of Notre Dame starts at 1:30 p.m. (90 mins., rated G).

Wednesday, July 13: Native American program starts at 1:30 p.m.

Global Creations starts at 4 p.m.

Thursday, July 14: World Travelers' Club (Europe) at 1:30 p.m.

Multicultural Mapping starts at 3 p.m.

In keeping with the world theme, children are invited to check out a little stuffed animal for one week. During that week the child should read about a foreign country, take an imaginary vacation to that country, write a note on a postcard (provided by the library) about their adventure with their stuffed friend, and draw a picture depicting a famous landmark or area representing the country. Returned postcards will be displayed on a world map in the Community Room throughout the summer.

During the summer the Vermillion Public Library is closed on Sundays. Materials may be returned to the book or A/V drop boxes located on the south side of the building.

Weekly Online Book Club

The DearReader.com Book Club offers many selections to Internet patrons. Each book runs for five days, Monday through Friday. Some genres offer selections every other week. Check out this service by registering at the library's Web site, <http://vplsdlm.net> and clicking on the book club icon. The Online Book Club is asking it's readers to write and tell what they enjoy about this special library service. The features for the week of July 11 are:

BUSINESS: Do More Great Work: Stop the Busywork, Start the Work That Matters, by

Michael Bungay Stanier.

CLASSICS for JULY: Celestina, by Fernando de Rojas.

FICTION: The Virgin Widow, by Anne O'Brien.

GOOD NEWS: Plain Wisdom, by Cindy Woodsmall.

MYSTERY: Deadly Threads, by Jane K. Cleland.

NON-FICTION: Lego: A Love Story, by Jonathan Bender.

ROMANCE: To Desire a Wicked Duke, by Nicole Jordan.

SCIENCE FICTION: Eureka: Substitution Method, by Chris Ramsay.

TEEN: Dead is Not an Option, by Marlene Perez.

THRILLER: Running Dark, by Jamie Freveletti.

New Adult Non-Fiction

"Brothers, Rivals, Victors," by Jonathan W. Jordan tells the true story of friendship and rivalry among the greatest American generals of World War II. Supreme Commander Dwight D. Eisenhower, General George S. Patton, and General Omar N. Bradley engineered the Allied conquest that shattered Hitler's hold over Europe.

In the beginning, the World Wide Web was exciting and open to the point of anarchy, a vast and intimidating repository of un-indexed confusion. Many books have chronicled the phenomena of Google's rise, but "The Googolization of Everything (and Why We Should Worry)," by Siva Vaidhyanathan, looks broadly, soberly, and entertainingly at the implications of this giant new global fact of life.

What does the tradition of marriage really look like? "In A History of Marriage," lauded historian and best-selling author Elizabeth Abbott paints an often surprising picture of this most public, yet intimate institution.

From the best-selling author of "The Working Poor," comes an impassioned, incisive look at the violations of civil liberties in the United States that have accelerated over the past decade and have had a direct impact on our lives. "The Rights of the People: How Our Search For Safety Invades Our Liberties," by David K. Shipler is a brilliant, immeasurably important book for our time.

Join the flock to create your own aviary of charming, beautifully detailed, one-of-a-kind fabric bird sculptures. Artist Abigail Patner Glassenberg presents a gallery of 16 birds with step-by-step instructions in her guide, "The Artful Bird: Feathered Friends to Make and Sew."

STIP Public Meetings

S.D. Dept. of Transportation has developed a Tentative 2012-2016 Five-Year Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The Tentative STIP includes all the state sponsored transportation projects for this time period.

Prior to final approval of the STIP by the Transportation Commission, public meetings will be held on the following dates and locations to receive public comment on the tentative program.

July 12, 2011	Ramada Inn	Aberdeen	7:00 PM
July 21, 2011	Ramkota Hotel	Rapid City	7:00 PM
July 26, 2011	Ramkota Hotel	Sioux Falls	7:00 PM
July 27, 2011	Highland Conference Center	Mitchell	7:00 PM
July 28, 2011	Ramkota Hotel	Pierre	7:00 PM

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