

# Young musicians descend on USD

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Although most classrooms at the University of South Dakota have been empty since spring commencement, the Warren M. Lee Center for the Fine Arts has been bustling with activity all week.

The USD Department of Music currently is hosting the 62nd annual USD Summer Music Camp, which concludes tonight with a concert at 7 p.m. in Aalfs Auditorium.

"It's always a whirlwind when you have 180 kids, but there's so much energy it's really fun," said camp director David Holdhusen, Ph.D. "The students seem to be enjoying themselves, and there's definitely music being made, which is what we were hoping for."

According to camp manager Becca Lunstrum, there are 176 campers from eight different states, including Kansas, Missouri and New York, as well as a student who came all the way from Norway.

While there, they have the opportunity to choose from 16 elective classes, six major ensembles and six auxiliary ensembles.

"Everything is going as well as we could have planned, so all the prep-work has gone over very, very well," Lunstrum said. "There's a lot going on, but that makes it a fun time."

Despite the planning, there are always surprises, such as schedule problems and broken instruments.

"You can never anticipate everything," Holdhusen said.



High school trumpeters rehearse at the 62nd annual USD Summer Music Camp, which is taking place this week. The camp will conclude with a concert tonight at 7 p.m. in Aalfs Auditorium.

(Photo by Travis Gulbrandson)

"The thunderstorm on Sunday night was kind of interesting. At the time when they were supposed to be walking from here to the dorm was right when the storm hit, so we had to adjust for that, too.

"But those are things you just roll with," he said.

The camp staff consists of 48 members, including 19 from the USD faculty and 24 USD students.

Many of the counselors were once campers themselves. James Stueckrath, 19, of Osmond, NE, went to camp for six years and is now in his first as a counselor.

"It's a whole different perspective," he said. "I feel like I'm a lot busier this year, actually running and doing stuff instead of just staying on one room with an ensemble. The whole time I'm running, getting mallets, instruments, music copied

making sure everyone has everything that they need.

"It's really busy, but it's a lot of fun seeing all the new kids coming up and working so hard," he said.

Many of the campers return year after year, as well. Holdhusen said that of this year's attendees, "about 100 of them" have gone at least once, with a handful of them in their sixth year.

Krista Stueckrath, 18, is one of those sixth-year students. Over the course of the week she has participated in percussion ensemble, choir and show choir.

"This is my last year (as a camper)," she said. "It's been fun ever year that I've been coming, so I really enjoy it. ... Every year I meet someone new, and always have a different group of people to hang out with."

Trina Swanson, 15, is a third-year camper. She played multiple instruments throughout the week: Oboe in band, tenor saxophone in jazz band and violin in orchestra.

"It's a lot of fun getting to do everything," Swanson said. "I like coming here because at school in your music programs, you're always under pressure for competitions, and here you can just come and have fun playing music."

It's also a chance to learn new things.

"I know last year I had never done improvisation solos for jazz band," Swanson said. "I was too afraid to do it at school, but here, it was fun to figure out and then take back to school."

There will be two performances today. The first will take place at 11:30 a.m. in Colton Recital Hall, and will feature chamber strings, opera, chamber choir, and other small ensembles.

The second will be at 7 p.m. in Aalfs Auditorium, and will feature concert bands, concert choirs and string orchestra.

For more information, visit <http://www.usd.edu/fine-arts/music/usdsummermusiccamp.cfm>.

## Sanford med school reps to visit FARM sites

Dean of the University of South Dakota Sanford School of Medicine Mary Nettleman, M.D., M.S., M.A.C.P. and Susan Anderson, M.D., Director of the school's Frontier And Rural Medicine (FARM) program will visit FARM's inaugural clinical training sites to present commemorative plaques recognizing the communities' participation in the program.

On July 11, visited Winner Regional Hospital in Winner. On July 12, they will visit Platte Health Center Avera at 10 a.m. in Platte, SD, before visiting Avera St. Benedict's Health Center Education Center in Parkston, SD at 12:30 p.m.

Planned attendees for the ceremonies include each site hospital's CEO, FARM program physician coordinators and community ambassadors and FARM program students.

"We are eager for the opportunity to build strong, productive relationships with our outstanding FARM program communities," said Anderson. "These visits represent important steps toward that end – and toward a healthier South Dakota."

Designed to combat the rural health care shortage, the FARM program is a unique opportunity for select groups of third-year medical students to obtain clinical training in carefully selected rural South Dakota communities – Milbank, Moberly, Winner, Platte and Parkston. Beginning in July of 2014, participants will spend nine intensive months working with local physicians and becoming immersed in the communities.

More FARM site visits will take place in early September 2013, including Moberly and Milbank.

## South Dakota Farmers Union opposes splitting farm bill

South Dakota Farmers Union has issued a statement opposing splitting the farm bill and repealing permanent law.

"It is not by happenstance that the farm programs and nutrition assistance were joined into one bill," said South Dakota Farmers Union President Doug Sombke. "The farm bill has been, and always should be a nonpartisan piece of legislation that provides a safety net for our country's farmers and ranchers and food assistance to those most in need. Splitting the farm bill is not only a step backward, but it would be a significant blow to the future of rural America."

It was reported earlier today that House Republican leaders have made the determination to drop the nutrition title from the farm bill, which provides food assistance to low-income people. They are also considering repealing permanent law, originally passed in 1949, which takes effect if Congress would

allow the current farm bill to expire on Sept. 30 of this year.

"Renewing federal farm policy every five years ensures that America will continue to have a diversified and strong agricultural industry to feed Americans and the world," Sombke said. "By repealing permanent law, Congress has no incentive to come together and pass a bipartisan bill addressing our country's safe, wholesome, affordable food supply. House leadership is not addressing the issues at hand.

"Rather, they are looking to move our country back decades to an era that had required Congress to pass ad hoc disaster bills to fix previous legislative errors," he said. "I encourage all others concerned about feeding our country to stand with us on this important legislation."

Last week South Dakota Farmers Union joined a large coalition of organizations and companies from across the country to push for passage of a

long-term farm bill after the U.S. House recently failed to pass the legislation.

Farmers Union joined a total of 532 agriculture, conservation, rural development, finance, forestry, energy and crop insurance companies and organizations in sending a letter last week to Speaker of the House John Boehner calling for the passage of a five-year farm bill before the current bill expires.

The U.S. Senate passed its version of a farm bill in 2012 and again in 2013. The House Agriculture Committee also passed farm bills in 2012 and 2013, but the 2012 farm bill was never brought to the House floor for a vote and was allowed to expire before an extension agreement was reached, prolonging the 2008 farm bill until Sept. 30, 2013. The U.S. House floor vote on June 20 failed with 195 voting yes and 234 voting no.

## OBITUARIES

### Michael Joffer

Michael Jay Joffer was born on April 17, 1967, in Sioux Falls, the son of Earl and Shirley (Osthus) Joffer.



Joffer

He grew up in Parker, and graduated from Parker High School in 1986. He then received a degree in Criminal Justice from USD. He was employed as a Correctional Officer at the SD State Penitentiary.

Mike was united in marriage to Kim Wolthuis on March 27, 1993, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Tea. Following their marriage, the couple lived in Vermillion where he served as a police officer on the Vermillion Police Department. The family moved to Tea in 2003. Shortly thereafter, he began his employment as a civil service processor and later a deputy sheriff for the Minnehaha County Sheriff's Office. He also worked part-time as a Transport Officer for the Federal Marshall's Office. Mike had dedicated nearly 26 years to law enforcement.

He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church,

Fraternal Order of Police and the Deputies Association. In 2011, Mike was the recipient of the Cecil-Fischer Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award from the Fraternal Order of Police. He also donated his time to the Annual Law Enforcement Special Olympics Torch Run and Polar Plunge to raise money for children with special needs. He also served as a Confirmation Mentor at his church.

In addition to law enforcement, he also very much enjoyed driving limos for Stellar Limousine in Sioux Falls. He loved helping people celebrate those special times in their lives and creating special memories.

Mike's hobbies included being an avid Dallas Cowboys fan, a fan of Nebraska Cornhuskers football and North Carolina Tar Heels basketball, fishing with his Dad, any activity that involved his boys and restoring old cars with his Dad. He was a great advocate for Ford vehicles. A special memory for Mike was attending the annual Barrett-Jackson Car Show and Auction in January of 2013 with his dad and brothers.

Mike devoted his time and love to Kim and their boys, Brandon and Kaleb. They enjoyed many special camping trips and vacations together as a family, along with an annual trip to a Minnesota Twins game. Mike and Kim enjoyed watching their boys participate in all sports and school activities.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Jeff Joffer; his grandparents, Clarence and Elizabeth Joffer and Ben and Emma Osthus; and his father-in-law, Harlan (Stretch) Wolthuis.

Mike died in Sioux Falls on July 1, 2013, having attained the age of 46 years.

Those most grateful for having shared his life are his wife, Kim; his two sons, Brandon and Kaleb; his parents, Earl and Shirley Joffer of Parker; his siblings, Kevin (Cindy) Joffer of Elk Point, Mark (Lisa) Joffer of Parker, Sherry (Doug) DeNeui of Chancellor and Brent Joffer of Brookings; his mother-in-law, Bonnie Wolthuis of Tea; sister-in-law, Kathy (Kevin) Tyler of DuBois, PA; brothers-in-law, Todd Wolthuis of Tea and Terry (Kelly) Wolthuis of Rapid City; plus many nieces, nephews and great friends.

### Richard Trudeau

Richard (Dick) Leo Trudeau, 81, Mitchell, died Wednesday, July 3, 2013, at Prairie View Care Center in Woonsocket.



Trudeau

Funeral services were Wednesday, July 10, 2013, 10:30 a.m. at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Mitchell. Burial was in Saint Agnes Calvary Cemetery in Vermillion at 2 p.m. with services. Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday evening with a Prayer Service at 7:00 p.m. at the Bittner Funeral Chapel.

Richard (Dick) Leo Trudeau was born on March 6, 1932, to Leo and Vera (Rosenberger) Trudeau near Elk Point, where the family first homesteaded. Richard was one of four children. The family moved to Vermillion where they farmed and raised their family. Richard attended Spirit Mound country school and later graduated from Meckling High School. He met Marlene Johnson and they dated through high school.

Richard served in the Navy during the Korean

conflict. He was on the battle ship USS Uvalde-AKA88 as a gunners mate.

After the war, Richard married Marlene and they began raising their family in Vermillion, Centerville and Mitchell. Richard's knowledge, passion, perfection, hard work ethic, humorous, straight shooting approach to life made him the person you wanted to be around, whether buying or selling livestock, hunting or just having a good time. Richard had a passion for livestock from his 4-H days throughout his lifetime of farming and order buying from Centerville, Hawarden, Iowa, Mitchell, Platte, Chamberlain and surrounding communities.

Richard enjoyed being around his family and friends. His hobbies consisted of dancing, playing cards, fishing, hunting, grilling and

growing a bountiful garden. Ultimately, Richard's failing health lead him to the Woonsocket Nursing Home, where the loving staff became as attached to him as we did to them. Richard is survived by his wife, Marlene; son, Brad (Linda) of Centerville; daughter, Teresa (Jim) Madsen of Watertown; son, Don of Twin Falls, Idaho; son, Ray (Rhonda) of Mitchell; 12 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; many nieces, nephews and beloved friends; one brother, Jim (Marlyn) Trudeau of Sturgis.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, Dorothy Marcotte and Maxine Christopherson, an infant son, and other beloved family and friends.



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