

Weydert commissioned as second lieutenant

McKinsey L. Weydert has been commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army after successfully completing the Army ROTC (Reserve Officers' Training Corps) program and graduating with a bachelor's degree from the College of St. Benedict, St. Joseph, MN.

The new officer will be branched to a specific corps in the Army to serve on active duty or in the National Guard or Reserve. The lieutenant will attend an officer basic course relating to his or her particular military occupational specialty/job. Afterward, the officer will complete advanced training by attending basic officer leadership courses for career progression purposes.

The ROTC curriculum prepares students with the tools, training and experiences to help cadets succeed as effective leaders in any competitive environment. Army officers serve as leaders, counselors, strategists and motivators, who lead other soldiers in all situations occurring in ever-changing environments. As trained problem-solvers, key influencers and planners, they are driven to achieve success with their team on every mission.

Weydert will attend pilot training at Laughlin Air Force Base, Del Rio, TX.

She is the daughter of Glenda Walker of Vermillion, and Nick Weydert of Yankton.

USD Theatre students win national acting awards

Cody Strand, a junior B.F.A. theatre major specializing in acting, received the Mark Twain Scholarship for Comic Performance as part of the Irene Ryan Acting Competition at the National Finals of the American College Theatre Festival in Washington, D.C.

Strand was one of 16 finalists in the competition that included two participants from eight regional festivals. Strand and his acting partner, Ty Hudson, who is currently pursuing a master's degree in education at The U., presented two scenes – a comic scene written by Strand and a serious scene. He concluded his six minute audition with a monologue from Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night."

The Mark Twain Scholarship for Comic Performance is a \$2,000 award. Hudson was also acknowledged for his

outstanding performance by being awarded a CSU Summer Arts Scholarship to attend a week-long workshop in Michael Chekov Technique at a studio in Los Angeles, Calif. Strand and Hudson were mentored by Professor Priscilla Hagen, coordinator of the acting specialization at USD.

In addition to auditioning at the National Festival, Strand



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and Hudson attended workshops with industry professionals, viewed invited university productions from the eight regions, and competed against and networked with some of the best university acting talent in the country.

Strand, a Brandon, S.D. native, has been featured in several productions at The U., including "The Woman in Black," "Twelfth Night," "Evita" and "Peter Pan."

Hudson, from South Sioux City, Neb., has had prominent roles in Student Theatre Cooperative's "Evil Dead the Musical" and University Theatre's "Evita" and "The Lieutenant of Inishmore."

USD named to Community Service Honor Roll

For the fourth straight year, The University of South Dakota was recognized nationally for outstanding community service by the Corporation for National and Community Service, which named USD to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll.

USD is one of 641 colleges and universities recognized for instituting an exemplary service-learning program on campus. The honor is a reflection of the hard work and dedication from students, faculty and staff members who have made service a priority at USD, according to USD's Center for Academic Engagement. USD is one of five institutions from South Dakota on this year's honor roll.

The Honor Roll recognizes higher education institutions that reflect the values of exemplary community service and achieve meaningful outcomes in their

communities. USD's selection to the Honor Roll is recognition from the highest levels of the federal government for the university's commitment to service and civic engagement. In the past year, close to 700 USD students contributed more than 6,500 hours of service in a variety of curricular and co-curricular activities, including service-learning through academic classes such as the Interdisciplinary Education and Action (IDEA) Program, First-Year Experience and individual courses, and through programs like Alternative Week of Off-campus Learning (AWOL) or campus organizations that include Students Enhancing Resources for Vermillion Enrichment (SERVE).

The complete honor roll as well as special achievement award winners can be found at www.learnandserve.gov/about/prgrams/higher_ed_honorroll.asp.

Woods joins First Dakota Trust & Investment team

Larry Leet, First Dakota National Bank senior vice president and trust & investments manager, announces the addition of Todd B. Woods, trust officer, to the Trust and Investments Department at the Yankton office.

Woods holds a BS from SDSU with an emphasis in biology, and minors in microbiology and criminal justice. He is also a Series 7 & 66 licensed insurance agent and has his law enforcement certification. In his new position with First Dakota, he will assist customers reach their personal financial goals through investment management accounts, trusts, retirement planning and estate planning.

Woods is a member of the Yankton Sertoma Club, serving on the Yankton Sertoma



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Football Board and also serves on the Boys & Girls Club Resource Development Board. He and his family are members of St John's Lutheran Church of Yankton. Woods and his wife, Joleen, live in Yankton with their children; Savannah, 13 and Isaiah, 12.

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Vermillion criminal justice student wins national crime-solving title

Vermillion native Meagan O'Connor, a criminal justice student at Colorado Technical University (CTU) in Sioux Falls, competed in a national crime-solving competition and helped her team bring home the first-place title.

As a result of their teamwork and crime-scene training, O'Connor and seven other students from the CTU Chapter of Alpha Phi Sigma won first place in the Crime Scene Competition at the National Criminal Justice Honor Society conference in Toronto. They also earned second place in the College Bowl and won the Outstanding Chapter Goal Award for Unity.

O'Connor is currently working toward her bachelor of science in criminal justice with a concentration in human services at CTU Sioux Falls, a leading provider of education for career-motivated students.

For the fifth consecutive year, CTU Sioux Falls won first place in the Crime Scene Investigation Competition, where students vied for the title against other



Pictured are (back row), Meagan O'Connor, Michael Thorson, Beau Devlin, Professor Michelle Nichol, Matthew Freeburg, and (front) Christa Dendering, Cassandra Baumgaertner, Amber Taylor and Teena Johnson.

university teams from across the country. As part of the challenge, the students were evaluated on their ability to accurately assess a mock crime scene, package evidence and interview "suspects."

The Sioux Falls chapter also was one of only three chapters nationwide to receive the Outstanding Chapter Goal Award for Unity, which is given to groups exhibiting unity, leadership and service to their

communities. In addition, the team took second place in the College Bowl, in which teams competed by answering a range of criminal justice-related questions.

O'Connor is a graduate of Vermillion High School. She is the daughter of Larry and Renae O'Connor of Vermillion.

For more information about CTU, visit www.coloradotech.edu.

OBITUARIES

Hazel Green

Hazel Marine Spencer Green was born on Jan. 16, 1912, to Harry and Minnie Spencer in Houghton, South Dakota. She decided that 99 1/2 years was long enough to live and released her spirit on June 11, 2011. She was married to George Hugh Green in 1935 and was preceded in death by her husband, parents, four siblings and two children at birth.

Hazel sacrificed every bit of her life for her family and they love her unconditionally for that! She cared for her mother in her home every fall and winter season



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feisty, full of laughs, had rock-solid opinions, loved to dance and sing as she worked, played cards, and all the while was teaching in

rural schools around South Dakota. Her credentials were one year at Northern State Teachers College, and to show her determination, she earned her BA degree at age 60 from the same institution. There never was a harder worker! As first born in her family, she worked in the fields and ran machinery with the toughest of men.

Hazel is survived by her sister, Marion Hinman, Omaha, NE; her three children, William H. Green (and Kay) of Rio Vista, CA, Minnietta M. Millard (and Kent Millard), Indianapolis, IN, and Jeanette J. Green, Vermillion; her

grandchildren, Lori Green, Durango, CO, Kristi Green Carter, Livermore, CA, Scott Green, Verona, WI, Kendall Millard, Indianapolis, IN, Koretta Millard Hall, Indianapolis, IN, Jana Derichs, Sioux City, IA, and Haley Dring, Yankton; 15 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Her strength and commitment will be remembered by all who knew her. Hazel was cremated, and graveside rites will be held with family.

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

Peter Lohman

Peter Lohman, 67, of Vermillion passed away on Tuesday, June 7, 2011 at Sanford Vermillion Care Center.

Memorial service will be on Monday, June 13, 2011 at 11 a.m. at First Baptist Church in Vermillion with Pastor Elmer "Sandy" Aakre officiating.

Peter was born on Sept. 28, 1943 in Minneapolis, MN. He was adopted when he was 4 by Erwin and Hazel (Elkjer) Lohman, and moved to Sioux Falls when he was 7. He graduated from Washington High School in Sioux Falls, and then attended and graduated from Augustana College in Sioux Falls with a degree in teaching. He also earned a master's degree in Library Science and History from the University of Minnesota.

For 14 years, Peter taught in



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public schools – mainly setting up resource centers for the schools. For three years, Peter also did cataloging at Sioux Falls College (now University of Sioux Falls). At the beginning of 1982, Peter came to work at the I.D. Weeks Library at the University of South Dakota. He worked there for 23 years until poor health forced him to retire.

Peter was known for befriending USD students from other countries and helping them adjust to life in Vermillion. He

spoke several languages and he especially helped them with the nuances of the English language.

Peter joined the First Baptist Church in Sioux Falls in 1971 and joined the First Baptist Church in Vermillion in December, 1984. He was an active member of the First Baptist Church and set up and maintained the church library. He invited many of the foreign students he mentored to church to unfold them into a caring community while they attended USD. Peter served on numerous boards and committees as well as teaching Sunday School for 23 years. Teaching Sunday School had been spiritually rewarding for Peter.

Peter was an avid bridge player and a superb calligrapher. He enjoyed reading, music, and art. He enjoyed many friendships at the Vermillion Senior Center and

took part in many activities that were held there. Peter was the keeper of the Elkjer family history and was always delighted to share anecdotes and stories with the rest of the family.

Peter is survived by his first cousins, Steve (Barbara) Elkjer, Bill (Edie) Elkjer, Mary (Steve) Steele, David (Cindy) Elkjer, Therese (Rich) Goraj, Ann (Mike) Doyle, and Joe (Jenny) Elkjer; and their many children and grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Erwin and Hazel Lohman.

Memorials may be given to the First Baptist Church, 101 E. Main Street, Vermillion, SD, 57069 to support the programs with which Peter worked. Condolences may be posted online at www.koberfuneralhome.com.

Retha Donnelly

Retha J. Donnelly, 83, of Elk Point, died Sunday, June 12, 2011 at her home surrounded by family.

Retha Carroll was born Feb. 21, 1928 on a farm in rural Elk Point to Wade and Dessa (Summers) Carroll. She graduated from Elk Point High School in 1946, and married Jack Donnelly in 1947. They raised their children on the family farm west of Elk Point until 1976 when they built a home in Elk Point.

She enjoyed attending daily mass at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Elk Point, and was a member of the Altar Society. Her garden of roses and hybrid irises were vibrant, tended by her beautiful hands. She loved golf, bridge club and quilting, and loved traveling to Arizona with Jack and visiting her grandchildren anytime any place. Retha was a loyal sports fan and always made time for her family and friends.

Retha was a woman of faith, grace, determination and good humor whom made life better for

all of us as our mother, wife, sister, aunt, grandmother and friend.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Jack and three brothers; Forrest, Earl and Bill Carroll.

Thankful for having shared her life is a daughter, Barbara Donnelly of Denver, CO; a son, Steve Donnelly and his wife Peggy of Vermillion; and grandchildren, Melissa of Sioux Falls, John of Cincinnati, OH, Meggie of McCook, NE and Jeffrey of Vermillion. She is also survived by a sister, Betty Eidem and her husband James of Sioux Falls; and many nieces and nephews and lifelong friends.

Funeral Mass was 10 a.m. Thursday, June 16, at the St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Elk Point with burial following in the church cemetery. Visitation was at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, June 15 with a Rosary at 5:30 p.m. and a prayer service at 7 p.m. all at the church.

For online condolences and obituary: hansenfuneralhome.com.

Ilene Holmes

Ilene Gregoire Holmes, born in Dalesburg, South Dakota June 21, 1928, passed away of cancer on June 5, 2011, in St. George, Utah.

She married Robert Holmes on April 4, 1948.

Ilene woke each morning thanking God for the day. She put others first & always had a listening ear. In recent years she enjoyed their cabin on Cedar Mt., riding their 4-wheelers, rooting for the Utah Jazz, and winning at pinochle.

She is survived by her husband, Robert; her children: Rob (Amy) Holmes, Sandra (Wayne) Goulden; her grandson, Ben; sister, Gloria Gregoire Maisch of Grand Island, Neb.; her

brothers: Lowell of Clearwater, Kansas, and Ernie (Lois) of Marion, Iowa; sisters-in-law: Marilyn Gregoire, Shirley Girard, Fritz Lefler, Pat Holmes; brother-in-law: Roger Holmes; also left to cherish her memory are several nieces and nephews.

Ilene was preceded in death by her parents, Ida and Ernest Gregoire; her brother, Ellsworth and infant brother, Buddy.

Funeral services will be held in Vermillion, South Dakota on June 18. Fellowship at 1:00 p.m. at Kober Funeral Home, graveside services at 2:00 p.m. in Bluff View Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to go to Bluff View Cemetery or one of your choice.

Condolences may be sent to www.spilsburymortuary.com

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The USD Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders is seeking children ages 5-7 years who have been diagnosed with Specific Language Impairment (SLI) by a Speech-Language Pathologist or have no history of language, learning, or hearing problems to participate in a research study regarding the brainstem timing to speech stimuli.

Participation will require one listening test session at the USD Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic in Vermillion. The session will take approximately two hours and can be scheduled at your convenience (including evenings and weekends).

All participants will receive a free hearing test. Participants also will be compensated for their participation.

To participate you must:

- Have a diagnosis of Specific Language Impairment OR
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- Have normal hearing
- Be between 5-7 years of age

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