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'Useless, but Indispensible' features student artwork at USD

'Students from The University of South Dakota will present their bachelor's of fine arts graduation exhibit, "Useless, but Indispensible," at the Main Gallery in the Warren M. Lee Center for the Fine Arts, May 4-8.

This exhibition presents diverse bodies of work from painting majors and graphic design majors. Each artist has a distinct approach to art making and this show presents an amalgamation of their different media, aesthetic attitudes, and ways of handling space, varying from two dimensional to intermedia installation.

Leah Keating of Madison is also a painting major whose is a graphic design major with emphasis in photography. Her work in the exhibition is playful in nature with mythological overtones. Jessica Dunn from Sioux Falls is a bachelor's of fine arts candidate with an emphasis in painting. Autobiographic notions of motherhood oscillating between tears and laughter manifest in her work. Painting in a direct manner owing to the candor of her imagery, emotional brushwork dominates and forms a visual narrative that speaks of sensitivity and psychological significance.

Megan Dirks of Akron, IA,

paintings and installation meditate, in limine, on the opposing forces of chaos and order, which is often a minute hovering space. She imposes large scale and structural elements thus positioning the audience to enter the work. Colin Hover, a graphic design major, who has enjoyed globetrotting a majority of his life. His work is reflective of design and time; and he is all out of time at USD. Sara Gotch, from South Sioux City, NE, found a love for art through her experiences at the USD. Her interest in a simplistic style with a bit of an

edge led her to emphasize in graphic design.

A closing reception for the artists is scheduled for Friday, May 8 from 7 to 9 p.m. and is open to the public. The Main Gallery in the Warren M. Lee Center for the Fine Arts is open to the public from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and from 1 to 5 p.m. on weekends. Tours and special showings during non-public hours are available upon request. For more information about this exhibition, please contact the Art Galleries Director Eddie Welch at (605) 677-3177 or email Eddie.Welch@usd.edu.



Gerry Tracy, SESDAC, Inc. executive director and Jennifer Palsma present Janelle Hillrichs, primary community supports instructor, with SESDAC, Inc. Employee of the Month.

Taggart wins Vermillion Hy-Vee drawing

Ron Avery, Vermillion Hy-Vee store director, presents Sarah Taggart of Vermillion with a \$1,000 Hy-Vee Gift Card, along with a book and Cherrios' box autographed by Olympic gold medalist and Dancing with the Stars contestant, Shawn Johnson. Also pictured is Chad Holden, assistant store manager, Elaina, Sophia and Anneliese Taggart. Sarah is now eligible for the grand prize drawing of \$5,000 cash and a trip for two to Los Angeles for the Dancing with the Stars season eight finale on May 19.

Hillrichs selected as employee of the month

Janelle Hillrichs, primary community supports instructor, was selected as the SESDAC, Inc. April, 2009 Employee of the Month. Janelle has been employed at SESDAC, Inc. since July 2006.

Janelle was nominated for the award by her fellow co-workers, based on her dedication to her job and the people she sup-

Co-workers had the following compliments written in their nominations for Janelle..."Janelle is a true team player. She is always willing to help out her fellow co-workers.' Janelle currently resides in Akron, IA, with her husband, Steve and their two sons.

SESDAC, Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that assists people with disabilities to live, work, and socialize in their community. SESDAC, Inc. began providing services in 1973 and currently serves 75 people with disabilities and has 140 employees.



CHECK IT OUT

By Anne Marshall Vermillion Public Library

Top Ten Reasons to Support Libraries

#5. Libraries promote literacy. Libraries promote a lifelong reading habit starting with story times for preschoolers and continuing with special collections and programs for teens. Many libraries offer book discussion groups, large print books for the elderly, presentations by authors, and other book-themed programming. Many South Dakota libraries also collaborate with local literacy councils and provide assistance for English as a Second Language citizens. In 2007, South Dakota libraries provided 6,880 children's programs and 966 programs for adults.

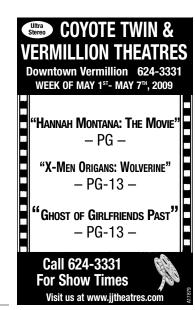
#4. Libraries are essential to education. From the cradle to the grave libraries support lifelong learning. Libraries provide books, classes, and other resources to help keep us learning."Tuition" for learning is free. In addition to materials and programs, in 2007 librarians answered 375,717 reference questions for the citizens of South Dakota.?Look for the other reasons to support you library in the next article.?

New Adult Mysteries

The young and powerful warrior Arthur stands on the brink of British legend. A young woman is brutally murdered and the blame is placed on Merlin, in The Killing Way, an evocative historical mystery by journalist and novelist Tony Hays.

Author Cassandra Fallows made an unsuccessful attempt at fiction writing but believes she has found the right nonfictional story. Life Sentences by real author Laura Lippman is the journey of Cassandra's journey into the past and an unsolved mystery.

When Dan Rhodes is asked to join the Clearview Barbershop Chorus, he suspects an



ulterior motive. Murder in Four Parts, by Bill Crider is the latest Sheriff Dan Rhodes mystery and throws our hero into an unusual assortment of small-town crimes.

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The following selections for the week of May 4 are: AUDIO BOOK: The Book of the Dead, by Douglas Pre-

BUSINESS: Who Said So, by Michael E. Parker. FICTION: The Memory of

Water, by Karen White. GOOD NEWS: Multiple Blessings, by Kate Gosselin and Beth Carson.

MYSTERY: The Betrayal Game, by David L. Robbins. NON-FICTION: The Year We Disappeared, by Cylin Busby and John Busby.

PRE-PUB: Ghostwriter, by Travis Thrasher. ROMANCE: Trouble in

Mudbug, by Jana Deleon. SCIENCE FICTION: Cauldron, by Carl Deuker.

TEEN: Gym Candy, by Jack THRILLER: Calling Mr.

Lonely Hearts, by Laura Bene-

Vermillion Public **Library Upcoming** Activities

 A memoir is a piece of autobiographical writing that often tries to capture certain highlights of one's past. Greg Dyer, University of Sioux Falls the Dakota Writing Project. will be facilitating a memoirwriting workshop in honor of Vermillion's sesquicentennial celebration. The last meeting of a three-part workshop will be held in the Community Room at the library on the Saturday, May 16 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

• Summer Story Time begins June 1. Sign-up for this program begins on April 29 at the Armory from 3:30 to 7 p.m. or stop by the library for

sign-up and information. • Baby Lapsit will return in the fall. Be Creative @ Your Library is the theme of this year's summer reading pro-

Join the Vermillion Public Library for a kickoff carnival on Thursday, May 28 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. There will be entertainment, games, and snacks. Pick up your bag, reading log, and information for a summer of creativity and fun.

Regulation for over-width fertilizer applicators temporarily lifted

South Dakota has temporarily lifted an over-width transportation regulation on commercial fertilizer applica-

Over-width applicators that don't exceed 12 feet are allowed to operate during nighttime professor and consultant for hours from April 22 until May 31. The temporary regulation change excludes the Memorial Day travel period, from sundown on Friday, May 22 through midnight on Monday, May 25.

To legally operate during nighttime hours, fertilizer application vehicles must be equipped with flashing or rotating amber or white lights at the widest extremities of the vehicles.

Under state law, over-width fertilizer applicators are not allowed on state highways during nighttime hours, but unseasonably wet soil conditions have delayed fertilizer applications.

Consequently, Gov. Mike Rounds signed an executive order temporarily lifting the regulation in order to enable farmers to adequately fertilize fields.



EMS department receives power cot

Jerry Johnson, Dakota Hospital Foundation Board president, presents a Stryker power cot to Aaron Leesch. EMS director. Vermillion-Clay County EMS and Katie Walter, physical therapist at Sanford Vermillion and volunteer EMT. Walter submitted a proposal through the DHF Employee Idea Challenge in 2008 regarding the necessity of a power cot for Vermillion. Dakota Hospital Foundation purchased the cot earlier this year for donation to the local EMS Department.



PLAIN TALK

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Tips and computer program at www.sudoku.com. For solution, check out Yankton Daily Press on the Solutions page of www.sudoku.com Or check next week's Plain Talk for the solution to this week's puzzle.

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