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heard at said scheduled public hearing who are interested in the approval or rejection of any such application.

Dated at Vermillion, South Dakota this 17th day of May, 2013

Michael D. Carlson, Finance Offi-

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The University of South Dakota is accepting sealed bids for USD Sculpture Walk Aggregate Pier Project until 2:00 P.M., June 11, 2013. Sealed bids must be delivered to the University of South Dakota, Purchasing Office, 209 Slagle Hall, 414 East Clark St., Vermillion SD. Copies of the bid solicitation and specifications are available through the office of Stockwell Engineers, 600 North Main Avenue, Suite 100, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, 57104, telephone number: (605) 338-6668. The University reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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#### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the Governing Body of the City of Vermillion, South Dakota will meet at the City Hall meeting room of said City on the 30th day of May 2013, at 2:00p.m. at which time bids and proposals will be received, publicly opened and read. The bids will be acted upon by the City Council at City Hall located at 25 Center Street on the 3rd day of June 2013, at 7:00 p.m. The materials and services required are as follows:

TRAFFIC SIGNAL POLE REPLACEMENT (N. UNIVERSITY AND E. CHERRY STREETS)

The major quantities are 1 LS of Remove Signal Pole; 1 LS Remove and Salvage Equipment; 1 EA of Pedestrian Push Button Pole; 3 EA of Install City Furnished Heads; 1 LS of Reinstall Mast Arm with Heads; 1 LS of Rewire Heads and Luminaire; 1 LS of Install City Furnished Signal Pole; 1 EA of Reinstall Luminaire; 1 LS of Traffic Control; 1 LS of Mobilization.

Copies of the specifications are available for review at the office of the City Engineer, 25 Center Street, Vermillion, South Dakota, 57069.

Bid security is required according to state law and the bid specifications.

Payment for the materials and services herein provided for will be in cash.

The City of Vermillion reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any irregularities therein.

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#### **■** BROCK

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realized that "going blind was nothing. I had to put everything in perspective, and there was a lot to understand."

Her blindness, and her husband's death, she said, was no one's fault. "It was simply what life was presenting us. I had to put things in that perspective, and respect what happened."

She decided to make sure that their daughter, Joy, would come to realize that one can live a positive, productive life if one chooses to find it.

She said it's obvious that the Dakota Hospital Foundation and the Vermillion community are choosing to do the best they can under somewhat difficult circumstances, too.

"I'm proud to have attended the University of South Dakota, and today, to hear of the many positive things that are happening with the foundation and in the community itself," Brock said. "It's a choice you're making. These are tough times and each and every step you make - it all comes back to making good choices in the midst of very difficult times. It's important to do that so you can go forward positively and productively."

#### **PULPIT REFLECTIONS**

## The grumpy old guy at the counter

By Rev. Rick Pittenger

 $First\ United\ Methodist\ Church, Vermillion$ 

"We don't yet see things clearly. We're squinting in a fog, peering through a mist. But it won't be long before the weather clears and the sun shines bright! We'll see it all then, see it all as clearly as God sees us, knowing him directly just as he knows us!" I Corinthians 13:12 The Message

School will be out later this week. Back when my kids were in school I'd take them each out of school once a month for lunch with their dad. Kind of a one-on-one bonding time. They still remember, too!

Today, I'm feeling kind of melancholy with all the graduation parties I've seen setting up and taken down around town last weekend. This coming weekend is Memorial Day, again a time to be with family and friends and "remember" those who have gone before with supreme sacrifices of love for country.

I remember as if it were yesterday. We drove to a fast food restaurant that day. It was lunch hour and life was at a hectic pace; workers with limited lunch hours, people rushing and grabbing a quick bite to get down the road.

From the start, things didn't look

First, the worker behind the counter was handing a cup to a patron adding, "Sorry, I forgot your drink!" Then, another came up with an order for another patron stating, "Sorry about the wait!"

Still, before we were able to put our order in a man in his mid-60s or so approached the counter. "Uh, miss, could I speak to your manager!"

"Just a minute sir, she's really busy!"
"I'll wait," he said.

Another man walked by him with his tray and said to the man, "Good luck!" He waited patiently.

We put in our order. I wanted to see what he was going to say. We received our meal in short order and were forced to go find a seat as it would have looked "nosey" to stand around waiting, I mean, I could only fill my pop so many times before suspicion gave me away.

Jesus was passing by, he saw a man who was sightless from birth. When the eyes of Christ saw his blindness, Jesus had compassion on him.

Many of Christ's healings began with Jesus simply seeing the need with the compassionate eyes of Christ. Jesus often responded without even being asked, simply because the love in the eyes of Christ prompted him to act.

When the widow of Nain was burying her only son, Jesus saw her and had compassion on her and raised her son to life. When Jesus entered Peter's house, he saw Peter's motherin-law lying sick with a fever and he healed her.

Yes, the eyes of Christ often saw the malady and responded with sympathy, tenderness, and understanding by initiating the forgiveness of sins and healing of the affliction. The eyes of Christ saw much misery and he responded with concern, mercy and pity.

When he saw the crowds Jesus said, "I have compassion for them, for they are harassed and helpless like sheep without a shepherd."

Back to my friend at Arby's on a Sunday afternoon. I sat facing him from the other side of the restaurant. Wondering just what he was going to chew out the manager for.

"She'll be right here!" I heard the worker at the counter say. It must have taken five minutes.

Finally the manager came and I overheard just what a nearby worker said, "Can we have that in writing?"

I still didn't get it! I saw the man leave the restaurant doors. He opened them patiently for his wife. She was using a walker. Out to their car they

"Lord, I wish I knew what he said!" I said to myself. I was almost out of pop and I got up from my table, and sure enough just then, he returned to the door of the restaurant, his wife headed to the restroom.

I said, "Sir? You got me curious. What did you say to the manager?" I asked.

"Oh," he said, "I just told her how much I appreciated them working so that my wife and I could enjoy our meal. I guess I chose a bad time to tell her. It's so easy for people to take the service industry for granted, and I wanted her to know we appreciated it."

I saw a glimpse of the Savior at a fast food restaurant. I hope you see as he saw, too!

You who have sorrow now, I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your jor from you!"

As you travel the highways and byways of summer days, please take the time to thank those who are over stressed and under paid along your journey. A little kindness can work wonders to bring hope to a hurting world. If Sunday finds you in church; all the better!

Go in peace.

## SD Shakespeare Festival offers free youth workshops

The South Dakota Shakespeare Festival is pleased to announce a weekend of free arts workshops for youth and adults to take place Friday, June 14, and Saturday, June 15, at 1-4:30 p.m., in Vermillion.

Workshops will be offered in Improvisation, Playwriting, Costume Crafts, Acting, and Stage Combat, for ages 8-12 and 13-18 at the Warren M. Lee Center for Fine Arts on the USD campus. Elizabethan Dancing will be held in Vermillion's beautiful Prentis Park, accompanied by live music, on Saturday at 3:30 p.m.

Families, children and adults of all ages are welcome to attend this session.

All workshops are free and require advance registration by e-mailing company@sdshakespearefestival

For full workshop schedules and descriptions visit Facebook or e-mail company@sdshakespearefestival



Brian and Mary Begley from Discovery Movement Theatre lead students in a workshop on physical theatre during SDSF 2012.

(Photo by David Lias)

### SD 4-H Character Education Conference set for June 13-14

The tenth annual South Dakota 4-H Character Education Conference is set for June 13 and 14 in Sioux Falls. It will take place at the Ramkota Hotel and Convention Center in Sioux Falls.

To register, go to http://igrow.org/up/articles/P60 15-2013.pdf. If you have questions regarding the conference, contact SDSU Extension 4-H Youth Character Education Field Specialist, Karelyn Farrand at karelyn.farrand@sdstate.edu or call (605) 626-2870.

The central theme of the event is "Reflection Leads to Excellence." The goal of this year's conference is to address the importance of reflection and evaluating past practices for positive change in character education programs. The SDSU Extension 4-H/Youth Development Character Counts Program staff will host the conference.

Pre Conference Session June

A pre-conference session is set for June 13 from 1-6 p.m. at the Ramkota Hotel and Convention Center in Sioux Falls. This session is open to parents, teachers and community members. This training focuses on the history and background of the Character Counts program, including activities connected to the program's Six Pillars of

Character. This training also includes discussion on ethical decision-making and building partnerships.

Deb Austin Brown will open the conference on June 13. She is a teacher, author and nationally known speaker. Her keynote will inspire attendees with success strategies and a wealth of character knowledge from her 37 years of teaching and from the lessons she has shared within her five published books. Brown's life work is to be an architect and builder of human potential.

Thom Flamboe will share two presentations, on June 14. Flamboe, is an educator, counselor, communication specialist, nationally known lecturer and author. Flamboe will motivate and inspire you to promote good character in positive ways for youth and adults.

On June 14 conference participants are invited to share a Character Education Best Practice Display from their school, organization or community.

Character Counts and the Six Pillars of Character are trade marks of the Josephson Institute, and operates in South Dakota under the leadership of the South Dakota Cooperative Extension Service's 4-H/Youth Development program.

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