

# Job is Sanford PRIDE Employee for Sept.

Sue Job, health information clerk, care center, was selected as the Sanford Vermillion September 2011 PRIDE Employee of the Month. She has been employed here since June 2007. Sue was previously recognized as PRIDE Employee of the Month in August 2010.

The nomination included these comments: Personalized Service: I observed Sue gently holding the phone to a resident's ear so the resident could converse on the phone. Respect: Sue respects resident's desire exactly where to push the wheelchair. She maintains confidentiality. She is neat, with an appropriate appearance. Innovation: Sue offered to take a resident to visit a friend in the hospital when she went to get the mail. Dedication: Sue continually, when I see her, watches for residents who may need redirection. Stated to a resident's family, "they love him so much." Excellence: Her desk/work area is neat and orderly. Always has pen and paper ready if I need it. Additional Comments: Sue's



Pictured are Crissy Skogsberg, education coordinator, Sue Job, September PRIDE Employee of the Month, and Tim Tracy, CEO Sanford Vermillion.

outstanding characteristic is her immediate friendly, welcoming smile and greeting when I or others enter the facility. She makes me and others feel welcome and appreciated the minute we enter the Care Center.

"Sue is willing to take on any task we ask of her. She is an excellent example to all of us at the Care Center. She is one of the most

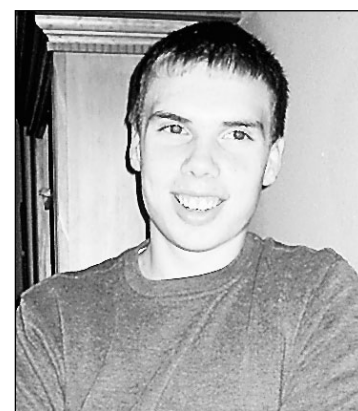
positive and helpful people with whom I have ever worked," said Pat Fodness, director of nursing, Sanford Care Center Vermillion.

Sue (Utley) is a native of and resides in Vermillion. Sue has four children (Trevor, Tyler, Tara and Tasia) and four grandchildren (Kayleen, Kambry, Duke and Ian).

# Bye, Miller named Students of the Month



ELIZABETH BYE



CALEB MILLER

Congratulations Caleb Miller and Elizabeth Bye on being Vermillion High School Students of the Month for September! These two VHS seniors will be awarded a \$100 scholarship from First Bank & Trust because of the excellence they have shown in the classroom and through their extracurricular activities.

Caleb was nominated because of his self motivation, 100 percent effort in class, and having the respect of his peers and the teachers of VHS. He intends to work toward a broad liberal arts curriculum and finish with a degree in history. His parents are Steve Miller and Jill Tyler.

His in and out of school activities include Student Government, Varsity Baseball, NHS, SADD, Religious Youth Councilor, Public Library Volunteer, and High School Delegate to Vermillion Chamber. Some of Caleb's achievements while attending VHS include varsity letters in basketball and

baseball, USD Leadership Award and VHS Citizenship Award. Great job Caleb!

Elizabeth, also known as Lizzy, was nominated because of her determined attitude in the classroom and on the volleyball court. "She leads her classmates to do better and sets the example of learning," says her faculty endorser. Her parents are Brook and Shelly Bye.

Lizzy's future plans are to major in Pre-Vet. She fills her time with numerous activities such as Volleyball, Softball, NHS, SADD and an endless list of community projects. She has participated in 4-H Meals on Wheels, Salvation Army Bell Ringer, and Vermillion Public Library Volunteer. Lizzy has received many awards as a testament to her commitment to be the best student and athlete she can be. Some of those achievements are Honor Roll, American Legion Award, and Most Valuable Defensive Player for Basketball. Way to go Lizzy!

## Community budget talk set for Nov. 17 in Vermillion

How South Dakota collects and spends money should reflect its citizens' shared values - our consensus about needed public services in our state and how they should be financed.

For many taxpayers, though, the state budget process is confusing. Further, they are not aware of opportunities to take part in the discussion.

USD Department of Political Science and the VCDC Legislative Affairs Committee are co-hosting a lunch and discussion Wednesday, Nov. 16 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Valiant Vineyards, 1500 West Main Street, Vermillion. The public is invited to take part in a non-partisan budget discussion, learn about state budget basics, and begin a consensus-building discussion. Local legislators will be invited to attend as distinguished listeners.

Topics will include the following:

- Transparency of budget process,
- Opportunities for citizen input to budget process,
- Revenue adequacy (are there funds enough to provide basic services?),
- Revenue fairness (are taxpayers in similar situations paying equal taxes?),
- K-12 services and spending,
- Medicaid services and spending (human services, health care, long-term care)
- Additional topics of local concern.

The public is invited. A free meal will be served; RSVPs to Ann Breitag, annb@vermillionchamber.com, 605-624-5571 are required by Nov. 11. Seating is limited.

## Concert highlights S.D. Vocal Arts Festival at USD

The University of South Dakota will host the 2011 South Dakota Vocal Arts Festival on Thursday, Nov. 10 at the Warren M. Lee Center for the Fine Arts. The South Dakota Vocal Arts Festival is a day-long event for quad-state area high school singers.

Throughout the day, beginning at 8 a.m., students will have an opportunity to participate in workshops geared toward both the solo and choral singer, and attend performances by the USD Opera, Chamber Singers, voice and piano faculty, and student soloists. Afternoon events include a solo voice competition as well as a concert featuring the competition winners, two guest choirs and a combined festival choir at 4 p.m. in Colton Recital Hall. The concert is free and open to the public.

Workshop presenters include Tracelyn Gesteland, D.M.A., assistant professor in voice/opera at USD, Brandon Hendrickson, D.M.A., assistant professor in voice/opera at USD, David Holdhusen, Ph.D., director of choral activities at USD, and Susan Keith Gray, D.M.A., professor of music at USD. More than 160 students are registered to attend the festival, which will include featured choral performances from the Brookings High School Concert Choir under the direction of Denise Perry and the Elk Point-Jefferson High School Concert Choir under the direction of Dustin Rusche.

For more information about the South Dakota Vocal Arts Festival, please contact the USD Department of Music at (605) 677-5274 or visit [www.usd.edu/music](http://www.usd.edu/music).

## OBITUARIES

### Kenneth Keenum, Sr.

Kenneth Gene Keenum, Sr., age 77 of Murphy, NC passed away Friday, Oct. 28, 2011 at Murphy Medical Center.

He was a native of Gaston County, NC; son of the late Ralph and Addie Parker Keenum. Kenneth attended North Carolina State, Oklahoma State University and the Naval Academy. He was a veterinarian in Murphy from 1966 to 1972 and also for six years prior to that in South Dakota. In 1972 he became the assistant director at the State Lab in Raleigh and retired in 1995 from the Animal Disease Diagnostic Lab under the NC Department of Agriculture.

He enjoyed farming in his retirement and playing bridge in his earlier years in South Dakota and Murphy. Kenneth was a member in the Mason Lodge in South Dakota and JCs in various places, member of the Lions Club and assisted with the veterans. He loved people and meeting their needs. Kenneth was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Murphy.

He is survived by his wife, Clara Ruth Fullbright Keenum; one son, Kenneth Keenum, Jr. of Murphy; two daughters, Lisa Keenum of Murphy and Joyce Jackson of Winston-Salem, NC;

two sisters, Geraldine James and husband, Duke of Waynesville, NC and Carolyn Lonnblad of Glendale, AZ; one granddaughter,



KEENUM

Lianne Olivia Jackson McCray and husband, Rase of Roanoke, VA. Funeral services were held at 1 p.m., Monday, Oct. 31, 2011 at the Friendship Baptist Church in Murphy. Rev. Aud Brown officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery. The family received friends from 12 to 1 p.m., Monday, Oct. 31, 2011 at the church.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Hattie Parker Cemetery Flower Fund at Friendship Baptist Church Cemetery Fund, c/o T.L. McNabb, 186 Friendship Church Road, Murphy, NC.

You may send tributes to the Keenum family at [www.townson-rose.com](http://www.townson-rose.com).

Townson-Rose Funeral Home is in charge of all arrangements.

### Bernita Kinnear

Bernita Joan Kinnear, 78, went home to be with our Lord and Savior on Oct. 31, 2011 at Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls. A celebration of life will be held 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 4, 2011 at the United Church of Christ in Armour with a private interment to follow at Pleasant Ridge Cemetery in Armour.

She was born on Oct. 23, 1933 to George and Marie Reed. She is

survived by her daughters, Connie (Bob) McQuiston, Newton, IA, Debbie (Jim) Klein, Akron, OH, Kathy Hervey, Newton, IA, Juli McCarville, Newton, IA; and son, Rex Kinnear, Vermillion; as well as her brother, Bud Reed, and numerous grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Koehn Bros. Funeral Home in Armour.

### Ann House

Ann House, 66 of Sioux Falls, passed away at her home with family by her side on Friday, Oct. 28, 2011.

Survivors include her grandchildren, Lindsay House and Adam Tebben, both of Sioux Falls; step-children, Steve (Becky) House, Harrisburg, Cheryl Tebben, Sioux Falls; sister, Madonna Lundeen, Sioux Falls; niece, Mary Claus (Ted Muenster), Sioux Falls; several aunts, uncles, cousins; and many

other relatives and friends.

Visitation will begin at 12 p.m. with the family present from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. and a scripture service followed by a rosary at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2011, at Miller Funeral Home, 13th & Main. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 3, 2011, at the Cathedral of St. Joseph with burial in St. Michael Cemetery.

For obituary and on-line registry, please visit [www.millerfh.com](http://www.millerfh.com)

## Another 30-day extension to file flood insurance claims

Missouri River residents who have flood insurance now have an additional 30 days to file their claim and statement of loss for 2011 flooding, officials with the National Flood Insurance Program have announced.

Owners whose buildings or property were initially damaged by Missouri River flooding on June 1 now have until Nov. 28 to file their claims and their "proof of loss" (a statement of what was

damaged by the flood). Those who first had damage on June 2 now have until Nov. 29, and so forth.

Flood insurance claims and proofs of loss usually must be filed with insurance agents within 60 days of the damage. That deadline has now been extended three times for the 2011 Missouri River flooding, to a total of 180 days.

## Great American Smokeout is Nov. 17

If you smoke, make a plan to quit. Set the Great American Smokeout on Thursday, Nov. 17 as the day you plan to quit for good. Here are some reasons to quit and resources to help:

- Smokers who quit can add up to eight years (and up to eight more birthdays) onto their lives.
- One-third of cancer deaths could be prevented if people avoided tobacco products.
- An estimated 36.7 million people in America still smoke

daily, and quitting may help them celebrate more birthdays.

- Find tips and tools to help you quit for good at [cancer.org/smokeout](http://cancer.org/smokeout).
- Join the fight. Sign up to be a grassroots advocate for ACS CAN at [acsan.org/gaso](http://acsan.org/gaso).
- In the United States, tobacco use is responsible for nearly 1 in 5 deaths overall.
- Smoking accounts for \$193 billion in health care expenditures and productivity losses.

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