

2013 Cash Lecture to feature Trahant

Mark Trahant, a member of the Shoshone-Bannock Tribe of Idaho and former president of the Native American Journalists Association, will present the 2013 Joseph Harper Cash Memorial Lecture at the University of South Dakota on Thursday, Nov. 7 at 7 p.m. at the Al Neuharth Media Center.

Trahant's presentation, "Money in the Cup: The Affordable Care Act and American Indian Health Care," will explore how the Affordable Care Act impacts the Indian Health Service. Trahant is an independent writer, teacher and a "Twitter poet."

A 2009-2010 Kaiser Media Fellow, he was editor of the editorial page for the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. Trahant was also chair and CEO at the Robert C. Maynard Institute for Journalism Education, a nonprofit organization that serves as the country's premier institute for providing advanced diversity training and services to news media.

He and his wife, LeNora Begay Trahant, have two sons, Marvin and Elias, and presently reside on Bainbridge Island in Washington state.

The Cash Memorial Lecture was inaugurated in 1995 to promote education and awareness of American Indian culture, issues and problems.

Supported by an endowment established by Cash's family and friends, the lecture annually features scholars in the fields of Indian studies, frontier, Western and mining history – the four major areas of Cash's interests. Cash, from Bonesteel, SD, was dean of the College of Arts & Sciences at USD for a decade.

In his lifetime, he forged lifelong friendships with Indian and non-Indian people, and admonished his students to remember history from small places. His memorial lecture series, which is free and open to the public, is built on that thesis.

For more information regarding the 2013 Joseph Harper Cash Memorial Lecture, contact the Institute of American Indian Studies at The U, (605) 677-6497 or e-mail iais@usd.edu.

A list of previous Cash Lecture guests is available online at www.usd.edu/institute-of-american-indian-studies/cash-lectures.cfm.

Pink Walk planned before Sat. game

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While Coyote fans often wear red to the DakotaDome, there may be a lot more pink than usual during Saturday's game against Youngstown State.

That's because it's also the day of the Pink Walk, a cooperative effort between USD and Sanford Vermillion that aims to raise awareness of breast cancer and breast health within the community.

"I developed the concept of the Pink Walk for Sanford health to tie in with their game sponsorship," said Neal Bendesky, director of marketing and promotions with USD Athletics, in an e-mail. "Mary Merrigan of Sanford Vermillion was very receptive, and she has created additional components to help bring us all together in support of breast cancer awareness."

"It was just kind of a natural thing for us to pull all that together and make a little celebration out of it," Merrigan said.

The walk will begin at Sanford Vermillion at 11:15 a.m. Saturday with a special ribbon cutting by local cancer survivor Carol Bye.

"Carol will cut a pink ribbon to start the walk at Sanford Vermillion, and she will also be recognized at halftime of the football game," Bendesky said.

Bye was diagnosed with breast cancer in February 2012, and her diagnosis required six months of treatment at the Sanford Cancer Center in Sioux Falls, Bendesky said.

"During that time, Carol appreciated the help of so many friends and family including her husband, sisters, children, in-laws and grandchildren, who all took time to escort her to treatments and provide support for her," Bendesky said. "Carol is an 18-month survivor of breast cancer and is happy to report that she has no sign of cancer."

The walk will begin following the ribbon cutting, and will move across the USD campus to Coyote Tailgate Nation outside the DakotaDome, where they will be hosted with a pre-game party by Classic Hits 106.3 and ESPN Radio 1570.

"For anyone that walks with us, when they get to the tailgate area, they will receive a pink bag that will have a giveaway in it, as well as educational materials," Merrigan said.

Once they reach Coyote Tailgate Nation, walkers will receive a pink bag with giveaway items and educational materials, Merrigan said.

They also will get a free ticket to the game, along with a voucher for 50 percent off another ticket, and will be entered in a drawing for a gift package.

Free tickets are available for the first 150 participants who register.

"If we gave every of those out, that would be fantastic, but we'll be excited with whatever we have for a crowd," Merrigan said.

Approximately 25 people had already registered as of Monday, she added.

During the game itself, Bendesky said the USD football team will wear pink shoelaces and wristbands, and the training staff will use pink tape that was provided by Sanford Health.

Merrigan said this is the first time Sanford Vermillion has partnered with USD for an event of this level.

"We've certainly had some awareness games before, but deciding to add the walk was kind of a fun and different element," she said.

"Hopefully we're pulling in some people that maybe otherwise wouldn't be going to the game or going to the tailgate area," she said.

Bendesky said he hoped the event would help bring focus to the cause.

"So many are touched by this disease, as one in eight women will face breast cancer in their lifetime," he said.

To register for the event, call Jill Christopherson at (605) 638-8465 or e-mail at jill.christopherson@sanfordhealth.org. Registration can also take place via twitter using @sdcoyotes or @neal-bendesky.

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very positive response and reply to that.

"We were interested in how the public looked at the results of Vermillion one (the first Vermillion Now! campaign). Again, we received very, very positive results on that," he said.

Convergent also tested a prospectus plan for Vermillion Now! two, and also received a positive response, Madigan said.

"The results of that survey have really laid the groundwork for Vermillion Now! two," he said. "The response back on Vermillion Now! two – while it was very, very positive – gave us some ideas to do some refinements."

Madigan and VCDC executive director Steve Howe are now in the process of compiling the results and refinements to come up with the official plan for Vermillion Now! two that they can present to prospective investors.

One of those investors is the City of Vermillion. During the first Vermillion Now! campaign, the city contributed \$450,000 in cash and in-kind funds.

Howe said that an increase in funding will be requested for the second campaign – a total of \$500,000, \$50,000 of which would be made up of in-kind funds.

No formal requests have been made yet, Howe added.

Among the businesses that have expanded or were brought to Vermillion with the help of the first campaign are Alleviant, Eagle Creek and Masaba.

Howe said the campaign is currently working to help improve infrastructure – including street construction, and extending water and sewer into the area – near Brooks Industrial Park on the south side of Highway 50.

"There's still \$175,000 that remains to be allocated," Howe said. "We do anticipate most of that will be used up with that Commerce Street project, so there'll be a little bit left

over in that fund."

Howe said that many of these projects may not have happened when they did without the city's support of Vermillion Now!

"From the infrastructure standpoint, it would have been very difficult to get the Brooks Park property shovel-ready without these funds," he said. "We wouldn't have had the cash for that. ... The Masaba electrical expansion was under \$10,000, and we probably could have covered that with the BBB funds or the private contributions, but we would not have been able to open this industrial park at all without the city allocations."

Howe said everything "worked out really well."

"It didn't require any additional unbudgeted cash or anything of that nature, and second penny is already allocated for public improvement, so we could have essentially an account for those various projects, so it was very convenient for us," he said. "The city may have ended up doing those anyway, but this ensured they got done."

Howe added that there is a lot of city oversight with these projects, with two appointees from the city council serving on the VCDC board of directors.

Mayor Jack Powell also served on the Vermillion Now! Advisory Governance Council, from which Howe said permission is required before anything over \$10,000 is spent.

"There's a lot of oversight by the city staff and elected officials over how these funds are spent," Howe said. "If we have a project, the VCDC board of directors will approve going forward with the project, and then we utilize our funds to pay for the project, and then we come back to the city for reimbursement. It's not a case of the city laying the money out first. The project has to be completed and meet engineering standards and qualify as a city public improvement project."

From the standpoint of the City of Vermillion, the second Vermillion Now! campaign would begin in 2015.

Nov. is Diabetes Awareness Month

November is Diabetes Awareness Month and the South Dakota Diabetes Coalition has information to help South Dakotans deal with the disease.

Diabetes is a leading global cause of blindness, kidney failure, heart attack, stroke and amputation. According to the International Diabetes Federation and the World Health Organization, more than 360 million people worldwide have diabetes.

In 2010, 41,821 people, or 6.9 percent of South Dakotans over the age of 17, had been told they have Type 1 or Type 2 diabetes, according to the South Dakota Diabetes Coalition. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention indicates approximately 25 percent of people with diabetes do not know they have it, which means an additional 13,940 South Dakota adults could have undiagnosed diabetes.

Additionally, 35 percent of adults in the United States ages 20 years or older have prediabetes, meaning 79 million Americans are at risk for diabetes. By applying this analysis to South Dakota, more than 200,000 South Dakotans are at risk for developing diabetes.

Diabetes is a serious public health problem in South Dakota and the number of South Dakotans who have the disease or are at-risk for it grows each year.

Research shows that Type 2 diabetes can be prevented. Lifestyle modifications such as proper nutrition and moderate exercise can reduce the risk of developing Type 2 diabetes by as much as 60 percent.

Education and proper care can help people with diabetes live long and healthy lives and diabetes self-management education can teach people with diabetes to be proactive about their health, resulting in a better health status and increased quality of life.

Awareness of resources and access to care allows people with diabetes to obtain necessary services and help prevent the complications that diabetes can bring.

The South Dakota Diabetes Coalition is a non-profit organization comprised of over 60 diverse partners – health care professionals, advocacy groups, government agencies, tribal health representatives, persons with diabetes, quality improvement and wellness program coordinators and many others.

The Diabetes Coalition is a volunteer-based organization comprised of professionals and citizens who are passionate about preventing diabetes and empowering those with diabetes to successfully manage their health.

To learn more about diabetes and the South Dakota Diabetes Coalition, go to SDDiabetesCoalition.org or contact your health care provider.

OBITUARIES

LeRoy Styles

LeRoy James Styles, age 69, of Yankton, formerly of Vermillion, died Thursday, Oct. 24, 2013, at Prairie Homes Assisted Living in Yankton.

Funeral services were 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2013 at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton with Reverend David Wildermuth officiating. Visitation was from 12 to 2 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home.

LeRoy James Styles was born into a large family on June 18, 1944, in Draper, to Harold and Mary (Robertson) Styles.



Styles

His family moved to Meckling when he was 16. He married Nancy Gray in July of 1963 in Yankton. They moved to California for a few years where LeRoy worked as a mechanic until moving to the Vermillion area. He started working for the Ford Dealership in Vermillion as a mechanic, which he continued for over 20 years.

LeRoy enjoyed fishing and music. He was a self-taught guitar, harmonica and piano player and loved playing with his brothers on the weekends. He was a man of few words but his family always knew how he felt about them. He was a very supportive father and loved his children, always making

sure they had what they needed even if he had to sacrifice things for himself.

Survivors include his three children, Kim Turner of Vermillion, David (Lisa) Styles of Vermillion, and Jeff (Dawn) Styles of Yankton; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; sister, Rosemary Orr of Yankton; three brothers, Eddie (Mary) Styles, Richard (Mary) Styles, and Danny (Pam) Styles, all of Sioux Falls. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister,

Dorothy Snow; and six brothers, Lester, Donald, Carl, Paul, Orville, and Gene Styles.

To post an online sympathy message, please visit wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

Marcine Namanny

Marcine Namanny, 79, of Vermillion, passed away Monday, Oct. 28, 2013, at the Sanford Vermillion Hospital.

No services are being held and burial of ashes will be at a later date. hansenfuneralhome.com.

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Position closes on November 29, 2013.

Send resume and cover letter to VCDC
116 Market St. Vermillion, SD 57069
Attention: Executive Director Search Committee.