

# Union County to create K9 unit

Attorney General Marty Jackley announced today that the Union County Sheriff's Office has been awarded \$18,345 for a drug dog and related start-up costs to be used in drug investigations. The money was awarded out of the Drug Control Fund.

The award will assist local law enforcement in drug control and apprehension purposes.

"I would like to thank Attorney General Marty Jackley for providing the grant for our K-9 program. The grant will make the program a reality here in Union

County, we are excited and very pleased for the partnership we have with the Attorney General's Office," said Sheriff Dan Limoges.

"The Drug Control Fund allows law enforcement to combat controlled substance abuse by funding local programs with monies seized from drug arrests," said Jackley. "These funds will assist the Union County Sheriff's Office to better protect its communities."

If you have any additional questions contact Sara Rabern at (605) 773-3215.

# Missouri National Recreational River added to National Water Trails System

A water trail that flows above abandoned frontier towns, waters that Lewis and Clark traveled, and a popular water trail that follows an international border were added to the National Water Trails System Nov. 19.

"These national water trails provide exemplary close-to-home places for people to explore and enjoy," said National Park Service Director Jonathan B. Jarvis. "And I am particularly happy to have these trails added to the system. They are cooperatively supported and sustained through the efforts of community, state and federal partners."

The three newest additions to the national system are:

- The Island Loop Route Water Trail in Michigan
- The Red Rock Water Trail in Iowa
- The Missouri National Recreation River Water Trail that flows through South Dakota, Nebraska and Iowa.

The newly designated national water trails join a system of 11 locally managed water trails throughout the country. The trails increase access to water-based outdoor recreation and contribute to the livability and economic vitality of local communities.

More about the new trails:

- The Island Loop Route, the most popular water trail in St. Clair County, Michigan, provides a unique recreational experience for residents and visitors of all abilities as they navigate the trail, which includes part of Lake Huron, a canal, and two rivers. Boaters and paddlers pass Michigan's oldest lighthouse, drift over rare sturgeon spawning habitat, and glide under the Blue Water Bridge that

connects to Ontario, Canada.

• The Missouri National Recreation River Water Trail carries visitors through some of the last natural stretches of America's longest river. Paddlers and boaters have the chance to explore more than 147 miles, including wild and scenic stretches of the Missouri River, and view scenery that Lewis and Clark recorded in their journals more than 200 years ago.

• The Red Rock Water Trail is a 36-mile loop on scenic Lake Red Rock. Boaters and paddlers of all skill levels can see magnificent sandstone bluffs, watch birds and other wildlife, explore the trail by moonlight, and discover stories about historic frontier towns below the river's banks.

National Water Trails are designated by the Secretary of the Interior and are part of the National Trails System, administered by the National Park Service in partnership with a wide range of federal agencies.

Designation of national water trails helps to strengthen local efforts for recreation, conservation and restoration of America's waterways and surrounding lands.

National water trails are the pathways of rivers, lakes and bays, providing a connection for current and future generations to the nature, history and adventure that can be found on the water.

Explore the entire National Water Trails System online through a dynamic collection of videos, stories and pictures at [www.nps.gov/watertrails](http://www.nps.gov/watertrails). While you're there, check out the online toolbox to learn more about best management practices from national water trails across the country.

# Aldermen agree to help fund students' German trip

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The Vermillion City Council has pledged financial support for a high school trip to Vermillion's sister city in Germany.

On Nov. 4 the council voted to contribute \$150 per student up to 10 students for the Vermillion High School German Club's trip to Ratingen, Germany, which will take place next year.

"The plan is to (have) a long-term exchange program with high school students in Ratingen," said German instructor Kami Dibley.

The program is called the German American Partnership Program, which is sponsored by the US Department of State and the German Foreign Ministry.

Five sophomores and juniors will be going, and each of them are being asked to put \$3,300 toward the trip, although Dibley said that amount could decrease based on fundraising.

"The biggest hurdle is always airfare," she said. "The cheapest airfare that we can find right now is somewhere between \$1,600 and \$1,700. It's about the time when we need to start putting money down for that."

The students will be in Germany a total of three weeks.

"For the first two weeks that we are in Germany, we are going to be in Ratingen," Dibley said. "The kids will be staying with host families, individuals with their own families so they won't be doubling up."

They also will be attending school in Ratingen for 10 days.

During the third week, students will be traveling through other areas of the country, Dibley said.

"It doesn't seem fair to us to ask for help for that because the whole purpose is that this is to bolster and build partnerships with our sister city," she said.

Michael Deninger, an adult volunteer in the German class, will be a trip chaperone this spring.

Deninger went to Germany as a Vermillion High School student in 2007, and he said he hopes the current students will have an experience similar to his.

"I gained a lot of experience and personal growth, and from that I decided I would go to SDSU and proceed in global studies, which was one of my degrees," he said.

Deninger went on to study at the University of Heidelberg, and is now in the process of enrolling in the Peace Corps.

Dibley said it's been "a while" since VHS students have made the trip to Ratingen, a partnership that

was founded through the efforts of USD professor Benno Wymar, a native of Germany.

"I feel like we need to refresh this, get a young face on the partnership," Dibley said. "I don't know how many of you follow German-American politics, but it's shaky. That breaks our hearts as German teachers and educators because we have had such wonderful experiences, and Germany and the US have been such allies for so many years."

"It is personal relationships that will help us get past those rocky times, I think," she said.

Because of the exchange nature of the program, students from Ratingen will come to Vermillion in 2015.

"These sorts of programs kind of get rolling," Dibley said. "I anticipate the next time I take students in two years, we'll probably have a bigger number."

The city council moved unanimously to support the trip, and Mayor Jack Powell said he will write a letter for the VHS students to deliver to the Ratingen town council.

"I think it would be nice to keep that tie," Powell said.

The VHS German Club's trip to Ratingen will take place from May 24 through June 15.

# USD School of Law student scores top honors at Moot Court Competition

David Sahli of Aberdeen, a third-year student at the University of South Dakota School of Law, was honored as the best oralist at the Region 14 Tournament of the National Moot Court Competition at Minneapolis, MN, last weekend.

Matt Laidlaw of Lead, a second-year law student at USD, was recognized as the fifth-best oralist.

The Region 14 Tournament of the National Moot Court was hosted by the University of Minnesota Law School, Nov. 13-16.

In addition to two teams from USD School of Law, the competitors included teams from Drake University Law School, Hamline University School of Law, St. Thomas University School of Law, William

Mitchell College of Law, the University of Iowa College of Law, and the University of Minnesota Law School.

Joining Sahli and Laidlaw in representing the USD School of Law were Ryan Kurtz of Battle Ground, WA, Christen Leedom of Sioux Falls, Rachel Preheim of Freeman, and Matt Templar of Torrington, WY.

Professor Barry Vickrey, USD Moot Court Board faculty advisor, served as coach of the USD moot court teams.

The National Moot Court Competition is sponsored by the New York City Bar Association and the American College of Trial Lawyers. Started in 1950, it is the oldest and most prestigious national moot court tournament.

## OBITUARIES

### Esther Schulte

Esther J. Schulte, age 92, of Aberdeen, and formerly of Vermillion, died Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2013, at Avera Mother Joseph Manor in Aberdeen.

Mass of Christian Burial was 10 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 16, 2013, at St. Agnes Catholic Church, Vermillion, with Father John Fischer, Celebrant. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Vermillion.

Visitation was for one hour prior to Mass at the church on Nov. 16.

Schrivers Memorial Mortuary & Crematory of Aberdeen is in charge of local arrangements.

Hansen Funeral Home of Vermillion conducted the service. Friends may sign her online guestbook at either [www.schriversmemorial.com](http://www.schriversmemorial.com) or [www.hansenfuneralhome.com](http://www.hansenfuneralhome.com).

Mrs. Schulte was born Aug. 26, 1921, in Newcastle, NE, to John "J.T." and Elizabeth



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(Ross) Kneifl. She was the eighth oldest child in a family of six boys and six girls. Esther

graduated from Newcastle High School in 1939 as Class Valedictorian.

She married Roman G. Schulte on Sept. 12, 1945, in Newcastle, NE. They lived in Sioux City, IA for about a year until Roman's employment led them to Omaha, NE. From there she and her family moved to Albuquerque, NM, until Roman's promotion took the family to Watertown in 1956. She was active in church work and scouting activities of her children, as well as working as a teacher's aide. In 1974, she and Roman bought the Coast to Coast Store in Vermillion. After the store closed in 1988, she remained active in the local community and St.

Agnes Church, as well as serving lovingly as a caregiver to her husband until his passing in 1991. After suffering a stroke in 1996, she moved to Aberdeen and resided in the Mother Joseph complex.

It was hard to be a stranger around Esther; she would engage you in a conversation and quickly be able to empathize with your concerns. Her family would kid her about her penchant for talking but always enjoyed hearing her voice and listening to her motherly "medical" advice. Having a wonderful sense of humor and a very positive attitude, this determined lady showed how to deal with challenges that life presented. Fond of dotting on her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, this warm-hearted, loving lady, who kept many in

her prayers, will be greatly missed.

She is survived by her sons, Mark (Rosalie), Sartell, MN, Mike (Peggy), Mina, and John (Suncha), Seoul, South Korea; her daughter, Mary (Allen) Thompson, Independence, MO; along with nine grandchildren (and their spouses); eight great-grandchildren; in addition to her brother, Michael (Ursula), Dixon, NE; and her sister, Mary Lou Duling, Sioux City, IA.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Roman, on Aug. 19, 1991; infant granddaughter, Gina; brothers and sisters, Phillip, William, Elizabeth "Dolly" Calvert, Richard, Florence Travers, Harold, Celia Breslin, Helen, and Darrell "Pat."

**Thank You**

My sincere thanks for all the beautiful cards in honor of my 90th birthday and also for the lovely flowers, gifts and telephone calls. It was a memorable day for me.

**Florence Williams**

I want to thank all of you who helped make my 90th birthday a memorable one. I was overwhelmed with the beautiful flowers I received, my mailbox overflowing with cards, and to all who attended the surprise party at Pleasant Valley Church. As I celebrate my 90th year, I wish to thank all of those, past and present, who have made my life full and enjoyable. I have been blessed by wonderful family, friends and neighbors.

Thank you  
**Sylvia Johnson**

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