

Former SEC chair to address USD audience for 'I I Volk Symposium

Christopher Cox, the 28th chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission, will present the 2011 Arthur A. Volk Accounting Symposium/Ethics Lecture at the University of South Dakota at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 26 at the Wayne S. Knutson Theatre.

Cox, an accomplished lawmaker and reformer, will speak about the complex regulatory environment and its long-term impact on business. He addresses the current economic climate from the point of view of someone who understands the need for free markets, fiscal responsibility, and a robust U.S. business community.

As chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission, Cox made vigorous enforcement of the securities



COX

laws a top priority. He brought groundbreaking cases against a variety of market abuses, including hedge fund insider

trading, stock options backdating, fraud aimed at senior citizens and securities scams on the Internet.

Cox spent 17 years in Congress where he served in the majority leadership of the U.S. House of Representatives. In 1994 he was appointed by President Clinton to the bipartisan commission on entitlement and tax reform. From 1986 until 1988, Cox served as senior associate counsel to President Reagan. Today, he is a partner at the Corporate, M&A and Securities Group at Bingham McCutchen and a principal at the Bingham Consulting Group. He received an M.B.A. from Harvard Business School and a J.D. from Harvard Law School, where he was an editor of the Harvard Law Review.

Made possible by the Volk Symposium Fund and the Beacom Opportunity Fund, Cox's lecture is free and open to the public. This event is also sponsored by The University of South Dakota Beacom School of Business and USD's chapter of Beta Alpha Psi, the national honors fraternity for financial information professionals.

The Volk Symposium honors the legacy of Arthur A. Volk, who joined the USD faculty in 1948. During his 36-year tenure at USD, he taught every accounting course offered by the school as well as other business courses. The Symposium was established as a fund to bring together students, academicians and business leaders for discussion of current topics of interest.

Enrollment in the Honors Program reaches new heights at USD

In addition to growing first-time, full-time student enrollment this fall by more than 9 percent, enrollment in the University of South Dakota Honors Program grew by record numbers. The incoming freshman class enrolled in the USD Honors Program increased 28 percent from a year ago to 137 students in 2007.

"The class of students entering the Honors Program continues a trend in growing enrollment while maintaining the consistently high levels of academic achievement that have been one of the hallmarks of the program," said Scott Breuninger, director of the Honors Program. "Entering Honors students have also been extremely successful in securing the competitive merit scholarships

offered by USD and as student numbers have increased, incoming Honors students' GPA and ACT scores have remained consistent and well above averages."

The incoming class of Honors students' average ACT score is 28.96, which is higher than the five-year average of 28.89. Likewise, the incoming students' average high school GPA is 3.916, slightly above the five-year average of 3.915. In fact, 37 of the incoming Honors students were ranked first in their high school graduating class.

Over the past five years, USD Honors graduates have a 96 percent placement rate in graduate and professional programs. Please visit www.usd.edu/honors for more information about the Honors Program or contact honors@usd.edu.

Honoring & Remembering:

Sergeant E5 Leo F. Powell

By Donna Schafer

VFW Auxiliary President
Clay County Post 3061

Sergeant E5 Leo F. Powell was born Sept. 22, 1949 in Vermillion, to Lorraine and Frank Powell Jr.

"When I was 18 I enlisted in the Army under the buddy system with Mike Taggart, a lifelong friend. It was obvious to us we were going to be drafted so at least by enlisting and adding a year more to our service time we could at least pick a vocation. We dodged the draft by enlisting.

On Feb. 14, 1968 I had my physical, was inducted into the Army and flew by commercial air to Fort Lewis, WA for basic training. Ten weeks later I was in Fort Ord, CA learning how to climb poles. After swearing I would never climb another pole, I went back to Vermillion to get ready to spend 18 months in Germany as a radio repairman.

By the time I was 19 and knew more than anyone in the world, I volunteered to go to Vietnam for 14 months. Mike left Germany and was two months behind me. I arrived at Cameron Bay in July of 1969. I was sent to LZ Baldy, American Division, 3rd of the 82nd Artillery attached to the 196 Infantry. I was promoted to sergeant shortly after that. About



LEO F. POWELL

the same time I turned 20 and was making life-and-death decisions, we were totally overrun by the Viet Cong in the middle of a dark night on Baldy.

The fight had died down by daylight and today I have no memory of how many of each side had died or were wounded. I barely remember picking up bodies because the Marines had moved into the area late in the afternoon before we won. I was on the east side of the Forward Fire Direction Center that night with three other people that I don't remember

protecting the FDC. A satchel charge had been thrown on the west side of the FDC but everyone was okay because the weak spot, the door, was on the east side. The four of us were awarded the Bronze Star and the Army Commendation Medal.

I spent my 14 months delivering resupply by helicopter to forward firing batteries and ground troops of 196th. We flew into some exciting places that did make me realize I didn't know as much as I thought I did when I was in Germany. I also spent four months with a group of six other people flying support to LZ Maryann. We were a long way beyond where nowhere was. One of our helicopters was shot down with 26 infantrymen (grunts) on board. Everyone died on that flight. In 1971 LZ Maryann was overrun, destroyed and never rebuilt.

I came home Sept. 17, 1970 just five days before I turned 21. In a university town it was best at that time not to mention you just came back from combat in Vietnam. The ADA to this day still says Vietnam veterans can't be discriminated against. Does anyone today know why? I have the greatest respect for all veterans. World War I and II deserve a great deal of respect. The grunts and the helicopter pilots are undoubtedly the reason I was able to come home to Vermillion and start climbing poles for a living."

History book club discusses state's haunted locations

South Dakota has almost as many haunted locations as there are signs for Wall Drug.

That's according to Chad Lewis, co-author of "The South Dakota Road Guide to Haunted Locations."

Those attending the October meeting of the History and Heritage Book Club will learn about some of those haunted locations. "The South Dakota Road Guide to Haunted Locations" is the book club selection for October. Ron Lutz of Pierre will join the group in person to share his tales of unexplained sights and sounds, while Lewis will talk to the book club via telephone.

"With Halloween coming up, this is the perfect time to hear ghost stories and read about ghosts," said Patricia Miller, president of the South Dakota Heritage Fund. "Both Lutz and Lewis should have great ghost

stories to tell. And people are welcome to share their own ghost stories."

The Heritage Fund is the nonprofit fundraising partner of the South Dakota State Historical Society and, along with the SDSHS Press, sponsors the book club.

The History and Heritage Book Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. CDT on Thursday, Oct. 13, at the Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre. Everyone is welcome to attend the free meeting.

Lewis, who lives in Minneapolis, Minn., has been a paranormal researcher for more than 15 years. Paranormal is defined as psychic or mental phenomena outside the range of the normal.

With Terry Fisk, Lewis has written "The Road Guide to Haunted Locations" book series.

The book contains information about 52 sites in the

state. For each site, there is a photograph and information about the site's history and what people have experienced that led them to believe the location is haunted.

In order for a location to be included in the book, it had to have a long history of reports, there had to be many people who had witnessed unusual activities, and there had to be current activity.

"We usually don't go into it saying if a place is haunted," Lewis said. "We let the reader decide."

By writing the book, Lewis said that he and Fisk wanted to document stories that people sometimes had not shared with anyone in years and would have taken to the grave. They also wanted people to explore and learn the history of different places throughout South Dakota

that are listed in the book.

"A lot will read it in their favorite chair, but to me, the book should be taken on a road trip," Lewis said. "It's about adventure. We've had people say they went and didn't see anything, but they had a real great time."

Lutz is one person who has seen and heard things for which there seems to be no explanation. He would often hear footsteps and doors being slammed in The Flame Room, the Pierre nightclub he owned in the 1970s. He has seen the shadowy figure of a woman in the Grand Opera House in Pierre, where he has been involved in plays as an actor and director.

"The South Dakota Road Guide to Haunted Locations" is available at the Heritage Stores at the Cultural Heritage Center and at the Capitol.

OBITUARIES

Wanda Hannahs

Wanda Hannahs, 48, of Vermillion, passed away on Friday, Oct. 7 at her home.

Wanda was born October 15, 1962 in Vermillion, to Lyle and June (Miille) Sherman. She attended school in Wakonda, and graduated in 1980. Following graduation she enrolled in Nettleton College and graduated with an associate's degree in accounting.

Wanda married Daniel Swensen on Aug. 7, 1982. Their daughter, Heather, was born on April 5, 1985. They later divorced and she remarried Tim Hannahs on Dec. 17, 1993. With this union Wanda gained two step-daughters, Echo and Jenni. Tim and Wanda's daughter, Dana, was born April 17, 1991.

Wanda enjoyed driving motorcycles, camping, hunting and spending quality time with her family. After being involved in a tragic motor vehicle accident, Wanda spent many days volunteering her time to tell her story to many people including USD Physical and Occupational Therapy students. Wanda touched many hearts in the community with her warm and cheerful personality. She was always optimistic in trying to make the best of her situation.

She is survived by her husband, Tim, of Vermillion;



HANNAHS

two step-daughters, Echo Heinrich of Yankton, Jenni (Greg) Bates of Centerville; and two daughters, Heather (Tyler) Anglin and

Dana Hannahs (Justin Nelsen, special friend) all of Vermillion. She is also survived by her mother, June Sherman of Vermillion; and five sisters, Sandra (Cal) Rahn of Ponca, NE, Elaine (Skip) Johnson of Vermillion, Janice (Don) Lyso of Wakonda, Verlene (Richard) Olson of Irene, and Verna Jean (Dick) Orr of Wakonda; and six grandchildren, Mackenzie, Katie, Coral, Matthew, Cameron and Waylon.

She was preceded in death by her father and a brother, Stephen.

Funeral service was 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 11 at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Vermillion. Burial followed in the BluffView Cemetery in Vermillion. Visitation was at 5 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 10 with a prayer service at 7 p.m. all at the church.

hansenfuneralhome.com.

For publication on October 7 and 14, 2011 SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CITY OF VERMILLION NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING / OPEN HOUSE #1 VERMILLION TRANSPORTATION STUDY

Date: October 27, 2011
Time: 6:45 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.
Place: Council Chambers, City Hall
25 Center Street, Vermillion, SD 57069

The South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT) and the City of Vermillion will hold an open house style public information meeting to discuss and receive public input to the on-going long range transportation study. The long range transportation study is being updated from 2005 and represents the master plan for roadway, bike, pedestrian and transit improvements in town through 2035.

The purpose of this public information meeting/open house is to provide residents, business owners and university students/faculty/administrators with:

- Background on what goes into the long range transportation plan.
- An opportunity to voice your experience with daily travel throughout the community and to provide staff preparing the plan with ideas that you believe could improve the safety, efficiency and quality of the transportation system.
- Information on how to keep informed and involved throughout the year long project.

At 7:00 p.m. the open house will include a brief overview of the plan development process. Staff would like to reserve most of the meeting time to gather your input on gaps you experience in the system; things that you think work well and should be replicated elsewhere in town; and concerns that you have with the roadway network, the bike network, sidewalks and trails, parking issues; and bottlenecks in the system.

Notice is further given to individuals with disabilities that this open house/public meeting is being held in a physically accessible place. Please notify the SDDOT ADA Coordinator at least 48 hours prior to the open house meeting if you have special needs for which this department will need to make arrangements. The telephone number for making special arrangements is 605-773-3540 or 1-800-877-1113 (Telecommunication Relay Services for the Deaf).

All persons interested in helping to shape the future Vermillion transportation system are invited to attend this meeting/open house to share your views any time between 6:45 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Those who cannot attend the meeting or desire further information regarding the study may visit the study's webpage at:

<http://vermilliontransportation.blogspot.com/>
or contact Steve Gramm at (605) 773-6641 /
email steve.gramm@state.sd.us.

Notice published twice at the total approximate cost of \$258.24.



BUILDERS CHOICE
is now hiring in Vermillion for the following positions:

**Carpenters,
Electricians,
Plumbers and
General Laborers**

Download an application at www.bcialaska.com and bring it to the South Dakota Department of Labor, 1024 W. Cherry, Vermillion or fill one out while you're there.

**Full-Time Opening for
ADVERTISING
ASSISTANT**

Enjoy a challenging and rewarding career opportunity in our fun, fast-paced environment, working for one of the most established media companies in the area.

This position will report directly to the Advertising Director and applicants must possess excellent verbal and communication skills as well as have strong computer background.

The Advertising Assistant will help the marketing representatives with clerical work, mailings, customer contact as well as a wide variety of other duties as needed.

Employees receive outstanding compensation and benefits. Medical, dental, vision, paid vacation/holidays and a professional work environment.

Please submit resumes to:

**YANKTON DAILY
PRESS & DAKOTAN**
Attn: Micki Schievelbein
319 Walnut, Yankton, SD 57078
or email them to
micki.schievelbein@yankton.net
Equal Opportunity Employer

Social Services

In this rewarding role, you will assist in matters of resident advocacy, protection and promotion of resident rights. Assessments, documentation, admission/discharge planning, therapeutic interventions, and review of resident and family grievances are some of the duties. Background in counseling or human services. Social Work degree preferred. Full-time.

Prairie Estates Care Center
600 S. Franklin Elk Point, SD 57025-0486

Apply in person or fax letter & resume to:
Cherilyn 605-356-2241 or call 605-356-2622
or email hrdept@lantisnet.com EOE