



Courtesy photo Sgt. Corbin Peterson, his wife, Kristan, and daughter, Blakeley, 15 months, reunite at the Donald E. Young Center in Spearfish Sept. 27.



Pictured are musicians Mike and Jay, and an example of Virginia Johnson's artwork. (Submitted photos)

Chili Blues Cook-Off adds heat to USD Dakota Days

Musicians Mike and Jay, Vermillion artist Virginia Johnson, and a dozen area chefs are cooking up a tasty celebration of food and music at Vermillion Area Arts Council's 22nd annual Chili Blues Cook-Off on Saturday, Oct. 6.

Spicy, mild, vegetarian and Texas-style, the cooks will have a chili to suit all. The event, starts at 6 p.m. at the home of the Vermillion Area Arts Council, the Washington Street Arts Center, 202 Washington St., Vermillion. The annual event coincides with the University of South Dakota's Dakota Days homecoming celebration.

Chili Blues guests will cast votes for their favorite chili to win the "People's Choice" award. Three judges from the community will also weigh in to award the "Judge's Choice" to

their favorite chili concoction.

In addition to chili selections, the cook-off will feature a variety of cornbreads, side dishes and desserts. Soda, beer and wine will be available for an additional purchase. Mike Hilson and Jay Gilbertson will entertain the hungry guests throughout the evening. The Yankton duo got together in 1987 when Mike returned from studying jazz performance at North Texas State University. There he was "bit by the blues bug" in the music of Stevie Ray Vaughn. Jay brought his Neil Young-like voice and guitar playing to the duo. Mike and Jay's guitars and voices are a perfect blend. Audiences sing along as they perform songs by Bob Dylan, the Beatles, Eric Clapton, John Prine and other favorites.

Virginia Johnson's stunning acrylic paintings will surround

the gallery with colorful landscapes and flowers. After 36 years on the faculty of the University of South Dakota School of Medicine, Johnson retired as Professor Emeritus. Since 2009, she has devoted herself to painting.

She says, "It all makes sense. Assets in visual spatial relationship, pattern recognition and visual memory are critical to surgery, chromosome analysis and syndrome identification. Medicine is an Art. . . . The avocation of painting has become a lifeline in my retirement years."

Tickets to Chili Blues are \$10 for each Vermillion Area Arts Council adult member; \$15 for non-member adults; \$5 for children ages 11-18, and free for children ages 10 and under.

842nd honored at welcome home ceremony

Soldiers of the South Dakota Army National Guard's 842nd Engineer Company arrived back in the Black Hills today after completing a yearlong deployment to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

A welcome home ceremony was held in their honor at the Donald E. Young Center at Black Hills State University in Spearfish, where more than 1,500 family members, friends and community supporters gathered to greet them, including Gov. Dennis Daugaard, Sen. John Thune, Rep. Kristi Noem, Spearfish Mayor Jerry Krambeck, Sturgis Mayor Mark Carstensen, Belle Fourche Mayor Gary Hendrickson and Maj. Gen. Tim Reisch, the adjutant general of the SDNG.

"Today is a day to enjoy life, to be glad to be back together with your family and friends and to enjoy each other's company," said Daugaard. "We are so proud of you. Welcome home to all of you and we are glad you are back safe and

sound."

"Thank you 842nd for what you have done for our state and for what you continue to do for our communities and our country. We are all blessed by your service," said Thune.

The 160 members of the Spearfish, Belle Fourche and Sturgis-based unit deployed in September 2011 with a mission to provide horizontal construction and engineering support. Equipped with bulldozers, scrapers, cranes, loaders and 20 ton dump trucks, the unit built and maintained roads, constructed base force protection measures and provided limited clearing operations.

While on deployment, the 842nd partnered with Afghan Army soldiers to train them on engineering techniques, worked alongside coalition partner nations such as Norway, Poland and Germany for various operations, conducted missions at 58 different locations throughout Afghanistan and completed 123 operations. The total value of all their

engineering efforts totaled \$21 million.

The unit also completed 275 miles of road construction and improvements, traveled 16,000 convoy miles, completed more than 373,000 cubic yards of cut and fill, maintained 445 pieces of equipment, and was awarded 247 medals for their accomplishments.

"We had a highly successful deployment," said Capt. Allen Godsell, 842nd commander. "The soldiers remained focused, they remained diligent and they got the job done time after time. It speaks volumes to the quality of Soldiers before you and to the dedication they have to doing the job right."

"It's quite remarkable the accomplishments of the unit over that year's time," said Thune. "The efficiency, the skill, the professionalism, the skill, the courage with which you have done your jobs is a great tribute to not only you and your families but also to our state and country, and I cannot tell you how grateful we all are for your service."

'Politicizing Aesthetics' opens in the John A. Day Gallery at USD

Beginning Monday, Oct. 1, the John A. Day Gallery at the University of South Dakota will host the national juried exhibition, "Politicizing Aesthetics." This exhibit features artwork by eight contemporary artists from across the nation and will be on display through Nov. 2.

"Politicizing Aesthetics," juried by Monica Herman, director at Mixed Greens of New York City, includes eight artists whose work investigates the perceptions and misperceptions of American poverty, religion, material culture, national security, consumer waste and war. The eight artists in "Politicizing Aesthetics" are Cassie Marie Edwards of Madison, SD, George Bedell of La Plata, MD, Andrea Ferrigno of Iowa City, IA, Karen Hackenberg of Port Townsend, WA, Joe Johnson of Columbia, MO, Laurel McMechan of Allston, MA, Sarah Tortora of Guilford, CT, and Konstantin K. Zlatev of San Francisco, CA.

A closing reception for "Politicizing Aesthetics" is scheduled for 5 p.m. on Nov. 2. Because the exhibit leads up to the Tuesday, Nov. 6, general

election, attendees are encouraged to dress as their favorite politician.

Also that day at 3 p.m. at the Day Gallery, Pat Boyd from South Dakotans for the Arts and Michael Pangburn from the South Dakota Arts Council will present on the topic of government funding and the arts.

The exhibition, reception and special presentation by Boyd and Pangburn are free and open to the public.

For more information about

upcoming exhibitions, e-mail Alison Erazmus, director of the University Art Galleries, at Alison.Erazmus@usd.edu or call at (605) 677-3177. To see more photographs of exhibitions and gallery events, "Like" the University Art Galleries Facebook page at

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