



U.S. Senator Tim Johnson (D-SD) meets with South Dakota State Representative Tom Jones and his wife Linda, both of Viborg.

The Joneses visit nation's capital

U.S. Sen. Tim Johnson and U.S. Rep. Kristi Noem took time to visit with District 17 State Rep. Tom Jones and his wife, Linda, in Washington, DC last week. Rep. Jones had two issues that were particularly of interest to all South Dakotans as well as the entire nation. One issue concerns South Dakota's unemployment insurance benefits and the

other issue is the exorbitant costs of items that Americans are charged for items they receive, but are paid for by the U.S. government.

During their trip to Washington D.C., the Joneses were able to tour the Capitol Building, White House, Arlington Cemetery, Holocaust Museum, Pentagon Memorial, and the Smithsonian Institute.

Boating bans lifted on Mo., Big Sioux rivers

With the continued decrease in river flows, the U.S. Coast Guard has granted Gov. Dennis Daugaard's request to rescind the ban on boating on the lower portions of the Missouri and Big Sioux rivers.

Effective at 8 a.m., on Monday, Sept. 26, the Missouri River was re-opened downstream from Ponca State Park in Nebraska to the Iowa-Nebraska border, or river mile marker 734.

In addition, the boating ban that was in effect for the Big Sioux

River from the confluence of the Missouri River upstream to Military Road in North Sioux City was re-opened at 8 a.m. Monday.

South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks personnel have surveyed those rivers and conclude that they can be safely opened for public use. However, boaters will need to exercise caution on those waters.

Although flows are greatly diminished from the peak Gavins Point Dam releases of 160,000 cubic feet per second (cfs),

current releases of 65,000 cfs continue to create strong currents. Boaters should control their wakes and be alert to possible water hazards.

Gov. Daugaard's decision to ask that the rivers be opened came after careful consideration for public safety and the potential for property damage from waves created by boating. It was determined that the potential for property damage is greatly diminished with reduced river flows.

Larson receives Golden Seatbelt award

Dr. Linda Lujan, president of Chandler Gilbert Community College (CGCC), Chandler, AZ, recently announced that Professor James Larson was a 2011 recipient of a Golden Seatbelt award. This award is conferred upon eight adjunct faculty from various departments throughout the college for outstanding success in student retention.

Dr. Larson teaches microeconomics and macroeconomics in the Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences. He has been employed by CGCC for the past four years and has now won this award for the second time since 2009.

CGCC has student enrollment of approximately 17,000 and

employs nearly 500 adjunct instructors. Jim is a graduate of Vermillion High School class of 1966 and received his bachelors and masters degrees at USD.

Dr. Larson and his wife Karen are residents of Sun Lakes, AZ. He is the son of Mel and Betty Larson of rural Meckling.

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Kathy participated by riding in a golf cart, and by mingling with friends and family as runners crossed the finished line in the DakotaDome. Cancer treatments have left her body weak, but it was obvious that her spirit remains strong.

"Four years ago, I was diagnosed, so then we started doing the first race after that, and this year (the team) is by far the largest," she said. "It's because I'm going through chemo treatments again for a second time. I'm in the middle of them right now, so that's why everybody has gathered together - my friends and co-workers from Sioux Falls have come down, and of course there are all of my family members down here."

Her treatment four years ago included a mastectomy, reconstruction surgery, chemotherapy, and an oral

chemotherapy treatment that continues to this day.

"I just started chemo in September, so I'm just right in the middle of it right now," she said. "Now that we've had a reoccurrence, we go on to the 'big chemo.'"

She will undergo a CAT scan in a couple of weeks so that doctors may determine how well this second round of chemotherapy is working.

"This round of chemotherapy is made up of a treatment every two weeks for eight weeks," Kathy said. "I'll begin a milder treatment for about a year then after this. I'm stage four, so this is the rest of my life. This is how it is. I'll always be on something - since I'm stage four, it's already advanced to my liver and my lymph nodes, so it just is what it is."

"I just make the best quality of life that I can, and just enjoy it, and it's times like this that I really enjoy, with all of my family and friends," she said.

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vaccinated.

South Dakotans can also prevent the spread of the flu by practicing the common sense measures of the department's "Stopping the flu starts with you" campaign:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water or use alcohol-based hand gel if you can't wash;
- Cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze;
- Don't touch your eyes, nose or mouth;
- Stay home if you're sick. Influenza is a viral respiratory illness marked by

Flu shot clinic Oct. 5

Sanford Vermillion will host a flu shot clinic on Wednesday, Oct. 5, from 10 a.m. to noon, at the Main Street Center, 320 W. Main Street, Vermillion.

The cost is \$20 to receive the flu vaccine, and \$25 to receive the vaccine in mist form.

the sudden onset of fever, headache, extreme tiredness, dry cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose and muscle aches. It spreads when an infected person coughs, sneezes or talks, sending the highly contagious virus into the air. Learn more at <http://flu.sd.gov>.

USD awarded Military Friendly School title from 'G.I. Jobs'

The University of South Dakota has been honored as a Military Friendly School. "G.I. Jobs," the premier magazine for military personnel transitioning into civilian life, designated USD as a 2012 Military Friendly School - a list that honors the top 20 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools that are doing the most to embrace America's military service members and veterans as students.

"This is a tremendous honor and we certainly take pride in being among the top 20 percent of all colleges, universities and trade schools nationwide awarded this respect," said James Parker, dean of students at the University of South Dakota.

The 1,518 colleges, universities and trade schools on this year's Military Friendly School list prioritize the recruitment of students with military experience. USD makes the grade by providing veteran students with assistance through the USD Veterans Club, the AmeriCorps National grant from the Colorado Campus Compact and the Fides faculty development program as well as offering scholarships and discounts, and other services to those who served.

In its effort to help student veterans find the right school, G.I. Jobs incorporated a survey of student veterans for the first time. This feedback provides prospective military students with insight into the student veteran experience at a particular institution based on peer reviews. Student veteran survey feedback as well as the 2012 list can be viewed at www.militaryfriendlyschools.com.

USD celebrates International Ed Week

The University of South Dakota celebrated International Education Week, Sept. 26-30, with several unique activities.

Co-sponsored by the Center for Academic Engagement and the Division of Student Services, International Education Week featured programs that broaden international and cultural awareness at USD, including a special performance by Darin Wadley and the Caribbean Steel Drum Group at 3 p.m. on Monday at the Muenster University Center as well as several forums and panel discussions about study abroad opportunities for USD students.

Activities began at noon on Sept. 26 with "Changes in the

Middle East," an international forum sponsored by the Beacom School of Business, in Room 216 at the Muenster University Center followed by a 2 p.m. address at the Pit Lounge by Emily Haddad, associate dean of the College of Arts & Sciences, highlighting USD's internationalization efforts.

Presentations on scholarships and financial aid, and panel discussions on international studies and foreign language were also part of International Education Week programming. Additional events included a Global Learning and Engagement Fair at 11 a.m. on Sept. 28, and the Global Palate and Photo

Contest Display at 5 p.m. on Sept. 29 at the Muenster University Center Ballroom. The Global Palate is a free food event featuring appetizer-style dishes from around the world.

International Education Week, nationally, is a joint initiative between the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education to promote programs that prepare Americans for a global environment and attract future leaders from abroad to study, learn and exchange experiences in the United States. For more information, please contact the Center for Academic Engagement at (605) 677-6338 or e-mail theworld@usd.edu.

Heartland Humane Society to host Wine and Whiskers Nov. 5

Heartland Humane Society will host its second Wine & Whiskers event Saturday, Nov. 5, at the Hillcrest Country Club in Yankton from 6 to 10 p.m.

The event, which funds the local animal shelter, will feature wine and beer tasting, hors d'oeuvres, live music and variety of live and silent auction items.

"Heartland Humane Society relies on donations from Yankton, Clay, and Cedar counties and Wine and Whiskers is one of our largest fundraisers to date," said Kerry Schmidt, executive director at Heartland Humane Society. "We want to thank those from the community

and businesses that have already provided sponsorships and auction gifts and welcome any assistance in funding."

Tickets are \$50 per person and may be purchased by contacting the Heartland Humane Society at 605-664-4244, any Heartland Humane Society board member or emailing hhs@midconetwork.com. Donations may be sent to PO Box 585, Yankton, SD 57078 or dropped off at the shelter, located at 601 1/2 Burleigh Street in Yankton.

"This event is a chance to ensure more strays find permanent homes in 2012 and a chance to get everyone in the communities together for

a great cause. We are looking forward to celebrating animals and our shelter program on Nov. 5," Schmidt said. "We hope if you have a love for pets that you will consider joining us."

Heartland Humane Society serves Yankton and Clay counties in South Dakota and Cedar County in Nebraska and surrounding communities, protecting and enhancing the lives of companion animals by promoting healthy relationships between pets and people. Visit Heartland Humane Society online at www.heartlandhumanesociety.net.

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BENDESKY ADDRESSES VERMILLION ROTARIANS

The Vermillion Rotary called was called to order by President David Herbster on Tuesday, following a noon meal of chicken-fried steak, mashed potatoes and fresh broccoli. The meeting was opened by reciting the Boy Scouts prayer and the "four-way test" Rotarians subscribe to as a means of keeping their words and actions professional and faithful to our motto, "service above self."

After the singing of "Take Me Out To the Ballgame," and "Smile," Sergeant-at Arms Ralph Brown worked the club for a few fines to support the charitable programs of Rotary. Announcements included a thank-you from Junior Achievement for our support of their program and that Coyotopolis will again by collecting food and monetary donations for the local Food Pantry in November.

Our program was presented by Neal Bendesky, the new director of marketing and promotions for the USD athletic department. If Mr. Bendesky's dynamic and interesting program is any indication of his abilities to carry out his job, USD has hired a real winner. He has a good history of filling positions similar to what he holds here, but was looking for a location and college where he and his family can live in a comfortable community and where the institution has a real need for his talents. We think he, as well as the university, has made a good choice.

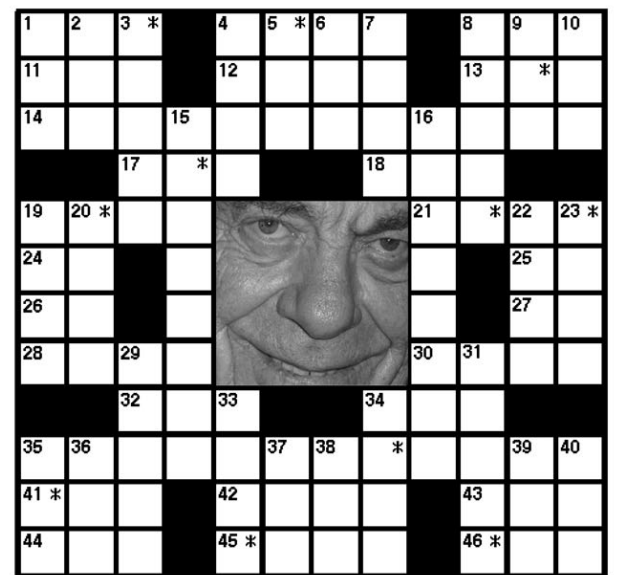
Mr. Bendesky described his approach to the responsibilities involved in marketing USD athletic programs. He described keys to success as being surrounded by good fellow people in the department, and by setting and achieving goals that will make USD athletics a celebration of the university and the community by all who attend athletic events. He also spoke of

involving the Vermillion business community more fully by showing them the great value USD athletic events provide for the financial and social life of the community.

He spoke of concrete plans already in place to improve the large screen visual presentations on the scoreboard at the Dakota Dome, of improving customer services for those who attend events there, and producing a more welcoming entrance hall

décor. All of this is directly connected with the larger goal of attracting not just student athletes, but more students of all kinds to the University.

We wish to thank Mr. Bendesky for his informative program. We wish him well in his work for USD. Our meeting was closed, as always, by singing the first stanza of "My Country 'Tis of Thee."



The identity of the featured celebrity is found within the answers in the puzzle. In order to take the TV Challenge, unscramble the letters noted with asterisks within the puzzle.

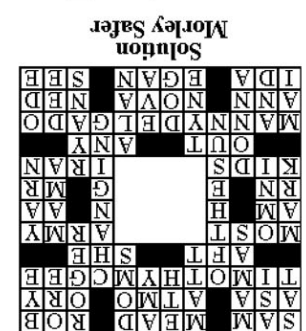
ACROSS

1. "Criminal Minds: Suspect Behavior" lead role
4. Anthropologist Margaret
8. Laura Petrie's hubby
11. "Life ___ House"; 2001 Kevin Kline movie
12. Prefix before sphere
13. Ending for direct or arm
14. Role on "NCIS" (2)
17. Fore and ___
18. Part of the title of Angela Lansbury's hit series
19. "America's ___ Wanted"
21. "___ Wives"
24. "I ___ Number Four"; 2011 movie
25. Self-help org.
26. "Rachel Gunn, ___"; 1992 sitcom
27. "___ Sunshine"
28. "19 ___ and Counting"
30. Middle East nation
32. "___ of Practice"
34. "___ Given Sunday"; Al Pacino movie
35. "Modern Family" role (2)
41. Bonnie Franklin's "One Day at a Time" role
42. PBS science series
43. Stacey's man
44. Rhoda's ma
45. Actor Richard
46. "... The house is a museum, when people come to ___ 'em ..."

DOWN

1. Calendar abbr.
2. "___ was saying ..."
3. "___ Family" (1983-90)
4. Damon, for one
5. Haile Selassie's nation: abbr.

6. Mom on "Little People, Big World"
7. DeLuise's namesakes
8. Film critic Ebert
9. Unrefined mineral
10. When repeated, farewell to Birdie
15. "Tears ___"; 2003 Bruce Willis film
16. "___ Lanes"; 2002 Ben Affleck movie
19. One of the boys on "Home Improvement"
20. Old Atlanta stadium
22. "Baby ___"; 2008 Tina Fey movie
23. Story
24. Laura Prepon's role on "That '70s Show"
31. "___ Hope" (1975-89)
33. ___ Daly
34. Role on "Two and a Half Men"
35. ___ tai
36. "My Wife ___ Kids"
37. "___ the Bounty Hunter"
38. Actress Longoria
39. Ruby or Sandra
40. "___ to Billy Joe"



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