

## Connell, SESDAC, Inc. Employee Of the Month



**Pictured above is Taylor Connell, Direct Support Professional, center, Brandee Ostrem, Assistant Director of Services, right, and Gerry Tracy, Executive Director, left**

Taylor Connell, Direct Support Professional, was selected as the SESDAC, Inc. August, 2015 Employee of the Month. Taylor has been a part of our organization since October, 2014. Taylor was nominated for the award by her fellow co-workers, based on her dedication to her job and the people she supports.

Co-workers had the following compliments written in their nominations for Taylor... "Taylor displays a sense of desire to learn more not only for herself, but in order to provide better support for the people she supports." Taylor currently resides in Vermillion.

SESDAC, Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that assists people with disabilities to live, work, and socialize in their community. SESDAC, Inc. began providing services in 1973 and currently serves 96 people with disabilities and has 140 employees.

## Online Webinar for Garden Educators Sept. 24

BROOKINGS, S.D. - Putting Your School Garden to Bed for the Winter is the topic of the next garden-based education webinar presented by SDSU Extension. The program is scheduled for Sept. 24, 2015 from 9:30 to 10 a.m. CDT and repeated from 3:30 to 4 p.m. CDT.

"School teachers, afterschool and garden program leaders and helpers are all encouraged to participate," said Chris Zdorovtsov, SDSU Extension Community Development Field Specialist.

This is the fourth season of SDSU Extension's webinar programs targeting teaching garden educators. The program, presented by Zdorovtsov and will discuss fall garden clean-up and classroom learning activities that keep gardening active in the winter months.

To participate in the Webinar, visit the iGrow events page and click the link within the event posting. Participants are encouraged to log in within 15 minutes of the specified time, especially when participating for the first time, to allow for computer set-up.

## Fraternity Raises Support For Childhood Awareness Month

September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and one University of South Dakota Fraternity (PIKE), whose charity-of-choice is Cure Kids Cancer, is proud to engage the USD campus and Vermillion communities in their efforts as they help local children battle cancer.

Throughout September, the PIKES will be hosting the following events:

- Sept. 14: Ribbon and awareness handout throughout campus
- Sept. 24: Annual Dining for Kids event at Little Italy's Restaurant (831 East Cherry Street). From 5 p.m. until 7 p.m., guests will be able to enjoy two slices of pizza and a soft drink for \$5. A large portion of the funds raised will benefit local, courageous children helped by Cure Kids Cancer.
- Numerous posts through our social media outlets to help raise awareness for this worthy cause. And much more...! Stay

connected with us through our social media outlets at the bottom of the page!

Cure Kids Cancer's mission is to help children's cancer centers, like the one at Sanford Children's Hospital in Sioux Falls, SD, find life-saving treatments and eventually cures for children's cancer by raising funds and awareness. Cure Kids Cancer is a program of Children's Miracle Network Hospitals.

Third-year Nursing major and Pi Kappa Alpha vice president of external affairs, Robert McCauley, of Primghar, IA, is proud of his fraternity's accomplishments. "Cure Kids Cancer is a special organization to our fraternity. We are helping local kids battling for their lives," McCauley said. "We are committed to making a difference."

For more information about Pi Kappa Alpha at USD, please contact Nathan Christensen at (507) 215-5396 or by email at Nathan.D.Christensen@coyotes.usd.edu.

## Theatre Dept. Plans Busy Season

The University of South Dakota Department of Theatre will bring to stage for the 2015-16 season comedies, thrillers and musicals in four productions.

The season opens Sept. 25-Oct. 4 with William Inge's comedy "Bus Stop." It's March 1955 when a freak snowstorm forces an interstate bus of passengers to pull over and take shelter in a rural diner just outside of Kansas City. It shows what bad weather can do to our emotions and attitude toward others.

USD actors next travel to

Transylvania and produce one of Mel Brooks' famous comedies, "Young Frankenstein," from Nov. 20-Dec. 6. All characters from the film make their way to stage in this energetic musical as Fredrick Frankenstein creates a creature just like his infamous grandfather with the help of Igor and Inga.

In the spring, the department moves from hilarity to the shadowy world of playwright Martin McDonough as it presents his dark comedy "The Pillowman" Feb. 18-21. This play contains adult themes and languages as

the audience watches fiction writer Katurian being interrogated by two police about some gruesome child murders.

The main stage season concludes April 14-24 with Stephen Sondheim's musical "Assassins." This Tony Award winning musical brings to life people who attempted or achieved the assassination of U.S. presidents. The assassins share stories, meet and discuss issues and inspire each other as they pursue their idea of the American dream.

All USD Theatre Depart-

ment performances are in the Wayne S. Knutson Theatre on the USD campus with evening performances at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. Season tickets, which provide a 25 percent discount, are \$45 for adults, \$36 for seniors (62+), \$30 for youth (K-12) and non-USD students, and \$15 for USD students with a valid ID. A form for ordering season tickets can be downloaded from www.usd.edu/theatre or requested by calling 605-677-5400 or emailing theatre@usd.edu.

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