

USD To Honor Native American Student Graduates

VERMILLION — The University of South Dakota will honor graduating Native American students at the second annual Native Student Graduate Honoring Ceremony at 6 p.m. Friday, May 7, in the Freedom Forum Conference Room, located at the Al Neuharth Media Center on the USD campus.

Sponsored by the Office of Institutional Diversity, Native Student Services, Department of American Indian Studies and the School of Health Sciences, the event provides an opportunity for Native American students, their families and supporters to express their cultural heritage through indigenous themed song, regalia and honor-

ing practices. All graduating Native students will receive a distinctive stole in recognition of their achievement. Each stole was specifically prepared using satin and incorporating all of the six sacred colors of red, black, white, yellow, green and blue. Following cultural protocol, the men's stoles include an appliquéd emblem of an eagle feather while the women's stoles feature an emblem of a plume.

The keynote speaker for the 2010 ceremony is Leroy (JR) LaPlante, Jr., who received his juris doctor degree from USD in 2009. As a law student, LaPlante served as president of the Native American Law Students Association (NALSA), co-wrote the

Indian Law Clinical Pilot Project Manual, co-wrote the winning brief at the 2009 National NALSA Moot Court Competition, coordinated the Indian Estate Planning pro bono project, and served internships at Dakota Plains Legal Services on the Rosebud Sioux Reservation. He is currently serving as an AmeriCorps Legal Fellow at Access to Justice, Inc., and in February 2010, he was selected to the first cohort of Native Nation Rebuilders with the Bush Foundation's Native Nation Rebuilder's Program. In addition to LaPlante's keynote address and the stole ceremony, the Native Student Graduate Honoring includes a recognition ceremony to honor student leadership on campus.

Letter Carriers Food Drive Set For May 8 To Support Area

TABOR — The National Association of Letter Carriers, with help from thousands of volunteers will be collecting non-perishable food items on Saturday, May 8, to help needy individuals and families in our communities of Scotland, Springfield, Tabor and Tyndall.

This food drive comes at one of the most critical times in recent history. With the many families still struggling through tough economic times they all

too often have been forced to turn to their community pantries for food assistance. Pantries across our state have been seeing a continued and alarming increase in the number of clients that they are serving. In just the first quarter of 2010 alone, some pantries have served 10 percent more clients than they did during the same period last year. With the increased numbers of clients being served, comes an increase in the amount of food

being distributed and that is where you can help.

Support the Letter Carriers "Stamp Out Hunger" Food Drive by donating non-perishable food items — such as cereals, saltine crackers, peanut butter, jelly, hamburger/tuna helpers, and canned goods such as fruits, vegetables, beef stews and meats. Please place your donations in a bag near your mailbox on Saturday, May 8, before your letter carrier arrives. The local and

rural letter carriers will then take the collected food to the post office and then deliver it to the local food pantry. All food collected will be used to provide critical food assistance to those in need.

In its 18th year the Letter Carriers "Stamp Out Hunger" Food Drive has become the largest one-day food collection in the nation. Letter carriers deliver our mail everyday... but on this day, with your help they will deliver much more.

OBITUARIES

Rodney Hennings

Rodney L. Hennings, age 64 of Crofton, Nebraska died on Monday, April 26, 2010 in an accident at the Farmers Pride Coop in Bloomfield, Nebraska.

Mass of Christian Burial will be on Friday, April 30, 2010 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Crofton with Rev. Michael Schmitz officiating. Burial will be in the St. Rose of Lima Cemetery in Crofton.

Visitation will be on Thursday from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. with a vigil service at 8:00 p.m. at the church. Visitation will be one hour prior to services on Friday at the church.

The Wintz Funeral Home in Crofton is in charge of arrange-

ments. To share a memory, please visit www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

Rod was born on January 7, 1946 at Bloomfield, Nebraska to Melvin and Marjorie (Shalberg) Hennings. He grew up in the Bloomfield and Crofton area and graduated from Crofton High School in 1964. He served in the National Guard for 6 years and married Evelyn Ausdemore on August 3, 1968 at Constance, Nebraska. After their marriage they lived on a farm 6 miles southwest of Crofton where Rod farmed and raised



Hennings

cows. He also worked for Farmers Pride Coop for the past 17 years. They moved into Crofton in 2008.

Rod was a member of the St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Crofton. He enjoyed playing cards both with his friends and his family. He also loved his cars, golfing, traveling and going to car shows. He was a big NASCAR fan and his favorite driver was Jimmy Johnson. He loved spending time with his nieces, nephews and his 5 grandkids.

Rod is survived by his wife, Evelyn Hennings of Crofton; 4 children, Christine Hennings and her son Chase of Bakersfield, California; Juleen and Jim Johnson and their sons, Keanu and Beau of Plainview, Nebraska;

Lonnie and Cassie Hennings and their sons, Jett and Cooper of Grand Island, Nebraska; Terry Hennings of Bakersfield; and a sister Pat and Tim Armstrong of Blair, Nebraska.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Kathy Kollars.

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Katherine Slaba

PARKSTON — Katherine Theresa Slaba died Monday, April 26, 2010 at St. Benedict Health Center in Parkston, SD. Katherine attained the age of 96 years, five months and 22 days.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be held 10:30 a.m. Thursday, April 29, 2010 at Assumption Catholic Church in Dante, with burial at St. John Catholic Cemetery, rural Wagner.

Rosary/Wake services will be 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the church. Visitation will be at Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home in Wagner from 2 pm to 5 p.m. Wednesday.

Katherine Theresa Slaba, daughter of Mike and Rose (Schuch) Koupal, was born in Tabor, SD on November 5, 1913.

Katherine's family moved north of Dante when she was three years old and then later moved south of Dante. She attended Rouse Country School through the eighth grade.

At the age of 18, Katherine's mother died and she was left to help her father raise six brothers and a baby sister until she married. Katherine married Joe Slaba in Dante on November 5, 1935. Together they farmed for many years north of Wagner. Three children were blessed to their union. Joe and Katherine moved into Wagner in 1965. Joe passed away on June 28, 1971. Katherine continued to live in her own home until 1997 and then moved into apartments in Wagner. She became a resident of the Good Samaritan Society in June of 2009.

Katherine's main occupation was being a mom and grandma. She also worked at the Wagner Sale Barn, Emmy's Cafe, Dog and Suds, Wagner Good Samaritan



Slaba

Center, Heritage Court, and folded countless towels at the beauty shop throughout her life.

Katherine was a member of St. John Catholic Church, Altar Society and a former member of AARP.

Katherine loved to make kolaches, rollicks and dumplings. She enjoyed watching baseball and football and playing Bingo and Dominoes. Katherine will be remembered for her daily two mile walks, but especially her love for her children and grandchildren.

Thankful for having shared her life are her children: Doris and husband Don Hosek; Wilbur and wife Delma; Eugene and wife Barb, all of Wagner; 14 grandchildren; 32 great grandchildren; seven great-great grandchildren; two brothers: Stephen and wife Helen of Wagner; and Mike and wife Sharon of Yankton; one sister, Maxine Lovelace of Wilmington, OH; and step sister, Lillian Biehl of Geddes; three sisters-in-law: Annie Koupal, Emma Koupal and Irene Slaba, all of Wagner; and many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Katherine was preceded in death by her husband; parents; five brothers: Charles, Ralph, Joe, Leonard and Anton; and a step sister, Albina Koupal.

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Lorenz Fox

Lorenz M. Fox, 83, of Yankton died Tuesday (April 27, 2010) at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton.

Funeral services are at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Benedict Catholic Church, Yankton, with the Rev. Paul Josten officiating. Burial will be in the Sacred Heart Cemetery in Yankton with military honors provided by the Ernest-Bowyer VFW Post No. 791.

Visitation is 5:30-8 p.m. Friday at the church with a rosary at 7 p.m. followed by a Scripture service at 7:30 p.m. Visitation resumes one hour prior to the funeral at church.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Yankton.

The family request that memorials be directed to the One Spirit In Christ Yankton Catholic Community Campaign or the Lorenz Fox Memorial Endowment for Sacred Heart School, both at 200 E. 6th St. Yankton, SD 57078. To post an online sympathy message, visit wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

Dr. Thane Smith

Dr. Thane Smith, 69 of Yankton died of complications of Alzheimer's Disease on January 23, 2010, at the Sanford Care Center, Vermillion.

Memorial services are at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, May 1, at Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Chapel, Yankton, with Rev. Paul Opsahl officiating.

Kenneth Spence

UTICA — Kenneth C. Spence, 61, of Utica died Tuesday (April 27, 2010) at his residence in Utica.

Funeral services are at 10:30

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Lorenz M. Fox

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REGION DIGEST

Yankton Orchestra Concert Set For Tonight

The Yankton All-School Orchestra Concert will be held at the Summit Activities Center Auditorium at 7 p.m. tonight (Thursday). Orchestra students from Beadle, Lincoln, Missouri Valley Christian, Sacred Heart, Stewart, Webster, Yankton Middle School and Yankton High School are participating in the concert.

The theme of this year's concert is "Story Time" and will feature music that tells a story or sets a mood, such as Claude Debussy's "Claire de Lune" and selections from "The Wizard of Oz" and "The Phantom of the Opera."

The Yankton Orchestras are directed by Kim Evander.

Savings Education Class To Be Held

Consumer Credit Counseling Service (CCCS) of Lutheran Social Services will sponsor a free financial education class on Saturday May 8, running from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Yankton Community Library, 515 Walnut Street.

Janette Ellis, certified credit counselor, will present "Make the Most of Your Savings," one of a three-part financial education series featuring information about budgeting, savings and credit.

The class is free and open to the public. Anyone in the Yankton area is likely to benefit from the class. Seating is limited, so reservations are required. For more information or to register for classes, call 888-258-2227.

Equine Information Program On May 1

FORDYCE, Neb. — The S.D. Cooperative Extension Service & WJ Ranch are presenting an evening program of equine information at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 1, at Schiferl's WJ Ranch, located 7 miles south and a half-mile east of Yankton.

This program will feature the South Dakota State University Animal Science Department and Staff, including Dr. Rebecca Bott, South Dakota Cooperative Extension Equine Specialist, and Jen Eide, SDSU Horse Unit Manager and Lecturer.

Topics to be covered will be "Deep Tissue Sports Massage"; "Healthy Fixes to Change Your Horse's Behavior" and a "Q & A forum" featuring our expert panel addressing all aspects of horse ownership. There will be door prizes and refreshments.

This program is free to the public.

HHS To Benefit From Derby Fundraiser

Heartland Humane Society will benefit from the Moose Lodge's May 1 Kentucky Derby Fundraiser. The fundraiser will feature coverage of the Kentucky Derby and great drink specials. Heartland Humane Society's director, Tasha Anderson, will be helping out, so come test her bartending skills! Festivities begin at 4 p.m. and food is served from 5:30-8 p.m. All the tips and donations raised go toward the care of the shelter animals.

"This is the first time the Moose has teamed up with us for a fundraiser and we are really looking forward to it," said Tasha Anderson, executive director at Heartland Humane Society. "We hope to see everyone out having fun on race day for a great cause! I only hope I can keep up with the professional bartenders!"

Paul Cuneo, manager of the Yankton Moose Lodge, reminds the community that this event is open to the public. "We want to see everyone — Moose members and non-members alike — come on down and have a good time for a good cause!"

If you would like additional information about the Kentucky Derby Fundraiser, contact Tasha Anderson at 605-664-4244 or email hhs@midconetwork.com or call the Moose Lodge at 605-665-3933.

Historical Society Asks For Collections Safety

PIERRE — Each year on May 1, cultural resource professionals are encouraged to spend some time doing an activity that will help their organizations better prepare and respond to emergencies that could threaten historical collections.

Initially started in 2006 after the devastating loss of records due to the hurricanes, May Day has continued as a national grassroots effort to get archivists and other historic organization professionals motivated to use this one day to prepare.

"A simple activity that can be completed in one day includes reviewing and updating the disaster plan for your organization, holding a practice evacuation drill for your staff, and surveying the storage area to check for hazards such as leaking roofs or windows," said Chelle Somsen, state archivist for the South Dakota State Historical Society.

The day is meant to be a call to action so an organization can complete a preparedness activity without it becoming overwhelming, she said.

"This year, State Archives staff will update our wallet-sized emergency contact listing and check the level of emergency supplies that we have on hand," Somsen said.

If an organization needs assistance with creating a disaster preparedness plan, it should contact the State Historical Society-Archives at (605) 773-3804 or archref@state.sd.us.

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