Literary Luncheon Slated For Vermillion

VERMILLION — The 2012 Literary Luncheon will be held at the Vermillion Public Library, 18 Church Street, Vermillion, at 11:30 a.m. Thursday. April 19.

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Featured at the luncheon will be the presentation "Stories of Inspiration" by quilter Diane Gubbels.

For more information, contact Jane Larson at 677-7060 or jlarson@sdln.net.

USD To Be Represented At D.C. Seminar

VERMILLION — Sheri Gunderson from the Center for Disabilities at the Sanford School of Medicine of the University of South Dakota and two trainees from the Center for Disabilities' South Dakota Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (LEND) program will attend the Disability Policy Seminar in Washington, D.C., April 23-25.

Gunderson, director of development and evaluation at the Center for Disabilities, and Stephanie Havelaar, Speech Language Pathology leadership trainee, from South Sioux City, Neb., and Paige Fossum, Social Work trainee from Lennox, will have the opportunity to hear from leading public policy experts, disability advocates and Congressional staff members as they discuss current key policies important to the disability community. The seminar will culminate on Wednesday, April 25, with in-person visits to Congressional delegates on Capitol Hill.

A one-year program, South Dakota LEND offers specialized graduate-level training that focuses on the interdisciplinary training of professionals for leadership roles in the provision of health and related services to infants, children and adolescents with neurodevelopmental and related disabilities and their families. A part of the leadership training is building the capacity of its pre-service trainees to guide public policy and health care practice at the state and federal level in areas that affect people with disabilities and their families. The South Dakota LEND Program is supported by a grant from the Maternal and Child Health Bureau, Health Resources and Services Administration of the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

'Spring Walk To School Day' Slated April 25

LINCOLN, Neb. - Safe Routes Nebraska invites parents, educators and community leaders to take a step toward healthy, active lifestyles for kids by participating in Nebraska's fifth annual Spring Walk to School Day on Wednesday, April 25.

Communities from every corner of the state will be hosting Spring Walk to School Day events, including walkathons, walking buses, health and wellness fairs, safety presentations and more. Though the event is only three weeks away, there's still plenty of time for parents, educators and community groups to organize and register their events, said Angela Barry, Safe Routes Nebraska program coordinator.

"In addition to getting daily exercise, kids who walk or bike to school show improved concentration and behavior in the classroom. Spring Walk to School Day is a great way to celebrate being active," said Barry.

Safe Routes Nebraska offers a variety of resources on its website, saferoutesne.com, to help groups plan, organize and promote their Walk to School Day events. Once organizers register their event, they'll have access to the Spring Walk to School Day toolkit, which includes posters, printable brochures and ideas for promoting the event in the community. The kit also includes a certificate of participation for children who take part in the event.

"Even if there's no formal event at your school or in your neighborhood, Spring Walk to School Day is an opportunity for students to have fun while celebrating the benefits of daily exercise," Barry said. "It can be as simple as walking or biking to school just one day a week.

Spring Walk to School Day is conducted through Safe Routes Nebraska, a state affiliate of the National Safe Routes to School program.

Pebbles-On-Ice Theory Has Flaws

BY TOM AND RAY MAGLIOZZI King Features Syndicate, Inc.

Dear Tom and Ray:

The other day, I installed winter tires on my car (I have those tires on separate rims, so I can do this myself). Prior to attaching the wheels to the car, I checked the tires for any damages I might have overlooked last spring. Apart from one or two pea-size pebbles, I noticed quite a few very small pieces of gravel that had lodged themselves in the small crevices of the tread. I cautiously removed all those gravel bits - but while doing this, I wondered, Don't those embedded pieces of stone somehow resemble the studs or spikes we used to have on winter tires (which have since been outlawed where I live)? Maybe I should intentionally allow small pieces of debris to collect there. My question is: Am I doing the right thing when I remove those bits of stone, or should I instead take the car for a spin in the gravel pit to create "instant studded tires (just add stones)"? — Wolfgang TOM: It's "Eureka!" moments like these that

lead to great inventions, Wolfgang.

RAY: Notice we said moments LIKE these. Not this one in particular, Wolfgang.

TOM: Unfortunately, the pebble theory has

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Tom and Ray Magliozzi

a couple of flaws. If you managed to embed enough pebbles in your tire to make a difference on ice, you'd run into the same problem that studded tires have: That is, they're awful on wet and dry roads — or any non-icy surface.

RAY: Think about it. You're essentially driving on little pieces of metal (or stone, in your case) instead of on rubber. And to make it worse, the pebbles are much more random in

size, and therefore are less controllable and predictable than even the lousy studs.

TOM: But you don't have to worry about that, Wolfgang, because the pebbles won't stay in there anyway. As soon as you reach any kind of decent speed, centrifugal force will throw most of those stones out, banging them against the underside of your car and the windshields of the poor schmoes driving behind you.

RÅY: So file it under "interesting theories, still in development," and take out the pebbles, Wolfgang.

In their pamphlet "Should I Buy, Lease, or Steal My Next Car?" Tom and Ray break down the strategies for buying a car, so you can make the most of your money. Send \$4.75 (check or money order) to Next Car, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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MMC Faculty Member Receives IBM Award

Sr. Bonita Gacnik, PhD, chair of the Department of Mathematical Sciences and professor of mathematics and computer science at Mount Marty College, has received a 2011 IBM Faculty Award.

In his letter of congratulations, Jeffrey Brody, IBM Faculty Award Program, IBM University Programs World-Wide, wrote, "This award is highly competitive and recognizes the quality of your program and its importance to our industry." Only 131 faculty members worldwide received the IBM Faculty Award in 2011 and only 57 awards went to U.S. faculty members.

Sr. Bonita remarked, "To say that I am excited about this is a gross understatement! I am very pleased and honored that IBM has recognized Mount Marty's new interdisciplinary leadership program with this prestigious award.'

The IBM Faculty Awards are meant to foster collaboration between researchers at leading universities worldwide and those in IBM research, development, and



services organizations, as well as to promote courseware and curriculum innovation to stimulate growth in disciplines and geographies that are strategic to IBM. Nominations for these awards must be initiated by someone within IBM

Wendy Murphy, Program Man-

ager in IBM's University Relations, nominated Gacnik for the award. According to Murphy, "Mount Marty's adoption of the spirit of the concepts in our guide on service science, management and engineering is a terrific way to get students exposed to multi-disciplinary skills." She continued that she was delighted to work with Gacnik, MMC's leading force behind the new program, and aiding Gacnik in selecting what was gleaned from the guide to fit the needs of MMČ's students and constituencies. This collaboration resulted in the Mount Marty College interdisciplinary Leadership Program Minor, launched in the fall of 2011.

Mount Marty College is the first undergraduate institution in the world to launch an adaptation of IBM's Service Science, Management, and Engineering (SSME) curriculum as an undergraduate interdisciplinary leadership program. The program adds value in the areas of professional

preparedness and marketability to every program participant's degree. The principles and theories presented in the classroom are applied in the workplace through case studies and community outreach activities. The program has been designed for MMC's best and brightest and its curriculum is designed to produce students with the skills needed to enter today's workforce. Upon completion students are ready to contribute immediately to the economic and innovation agendas of their employers. The leadership courses are also available to entry-level management and administrative professionals.

Mount Marty College plans to use the monies associated with the award to fund campus leadership initiatives. For more information on the IBM award or the Service Science Leadership minor, contact Sr. Bonita Gacnik at 605-668-1582 or bgacnik@mtmc.edu.

MMC Launches Summit Camp Youth Program

Mount Marty College has announced the establishment of the Summit Camp youth program sponsored by the Benedictine Institute of Leadership, Ethics and Social Justice in conjunction with the Mount Marty College Campus Ministry Office. The event, being held July 8-14, is an empowering Catholic youth leadership camp offering opportunities for growth and fellowship through God's word and the liturgy. Summit Camp is designed for students entering grades 8-10 for the 2012-2013 school year and will include catechesis, liturgical and spiritual formation, as well as theological reflection. It will be a week-long event of faith formation balanced with music, drama, sports, games, and fellowship during which the students will live in the Mount Marty College residence halls. Mount Marty College President Dr. Joseph Benoit sees the creation of this program as another opportunity for the college to provide education that fosters the development of the region's youth. "Summit Camp will be a won-derful opportunity for our youth to enrich their faith in a fun-filled week of activities," he said. "Campers will sample life and experience learning in our Benedictine liberal arts traditions. Interest in quality summer activi-ties for youth is high in Yankton area communities and Mount Marty College is excited to provide programming that will emphasize spirituality and leadership. For more information on the Summit Camp program, visit www.benedictineinstitute.org.

Newspaper Hall Of Fame To Honor Noel Hamiel

Longtime newspaperman Noel Hamiel will be inducted into the South Dakota Newspaper Hall of Fame on April 27 at Cedar Shore Resort, Oacoma.

Hamiel will be honored during the 130th convention of the South Dakota Newspaper Association. He sports writer. He also worked at the Brookings Register, Argus Leader in Sioux Falls, The Morning Sun in Pittsburg, Kan., the Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan and the Cincinnati Post.

When he retired from newspapering in 2007, Hamiel took a posi-

ness in our state," said SDNA President Lucy Halverson, publisher of the Lyman County Herald, Presho. "Noel Hamiel has had a positive, powerful impact not only on the newspaper industry in South Dakota, but throughout our state as well.

Dakota State University in 2007 for outstanding service to journalism and received the SDNA Distinguished Service Award in 2009.

Hamiel served in the South Dakota Legislature from 2008 to 2010. As a freshman representative, he successfully sponsored a bill to have three grown children and four grandchildren.

Plaques honoring members of the Newspaper Hall of Fame are displayed in the lobby of the Anson & Ada May Yeager Hall on the SDSU campus. The SDSU Department of Journalism and Mass Communica-

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(Crystal Nelson)

becomes the 103rd member of the Newspaper Hall of Fame. Hamiel retired as publisher of

The Daily Republic in Mitchell in 2007 after 35 years in the newspaper business. He began his career in 1972 at the Huron Plainsman as a

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tion with the South Dakota Community Foundation where he works with communities statewide

in philanthropic development. We are humbled to honor someone who has made huge contributions to the newspaper busi-

Through his years as a journalist, Hamiel won numerous awards for editorial and column writing. He was president (twice) of the South Dakota Associated Press Managing Editors group and served on the SDNA Board of Directors. He was named a Lusk Fellow at South

require transparency for certain no-bid contracts in government. He served as co-chairman of the Governor's Wage Study Task Force and as chairman of the South Dakota Board of Education.

Hamiel and his wife Janet have been married for 38 years. They

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tions has been home to the Newspaper Hall of Fame ever since it was established in 1934.

South Dakota Newspaper Association, based in Brookings, represents the state's 130 weekly and daily newspapers.

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The couple is planning a June 16, 2012 wedding in Yankton, SD.

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Guy & Tonya Graff Guy & Tonya Graff were married on April 24, 1982 in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. The Graff's have

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two children and three grandchildren. Daughter Lacey and husband Kyle Kirschten (granddaughters Chloe & Meika); son Brady and wife Courtney Graff (granddaughter Kynslie). Guy and Tonya will be celebrating their 30th anniversary with a family dinner.

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