

USD To Recognize Student Veterans Saturday

VERMILLION — The University of South Dakota is recognizing student veterans during the 126th Spring Commencement on Saturday, May 4 with special commemorative graduation cords. In addition to cap and gown attire, student veterans will wear a braided three color cord representing the United States flag. "The red, white and blue cord not only serves as a token of appreciation for military service but it also serves as a symbol for this milestone in their lives," stated Kimberly Grieve, dean of students. "USD is honored to be known as a 'military friendly' university and this is an appropriate new tradition for us to honor our veteran graduates in a unique way." Prior to spring commencement, student veterans will receive their cords at a special ceremony at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, April 30 at the Student Veteran Resource Center on the USD campus. Cords will be awarded by Lt. Col. Ross Nelson, a member of the Soldiers, Veterans & Dependents Committee at USD. For more information about the ceremony or the commemorative cords, contact Jason Dean, USD Veterans Coordinator, by calling (605) 677-8833 or email veterans@usd.edu.

S.D. Seeks Preliminary Damage Assessment

PIERRE — Gov. Dennis Daugaard has asked the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for a joint preliminary damage assessment (PDA) to begin determining the cost of damages to public and private non-profit property caused by the April ice storm in South Dakota. Assessment teams will include representatives of FEMA, State Office of Emergency Management and local governments. The assessments will begin on Tuesday, April 30 and are scheduled to conclude Thursday, May 2. The teams will visit seven counties and one Tribe that have formally approved disaster declarations. The assessments are an initial step in the process of estimating the extent of damage incurred by the state, cities, counties, tribes and eligible private, non-profit organizations. Damage to rural electric cooperatives and debris removal costs such as fallen tree limbs and power lines will likely be a significant part of the total cost from the ice storm this spring. The PDA is an information-gathering process. It gives officials a preliminary estimate of the cost of repairing damage to public structures. Using that information, the Governor determines whether or not to make an official request for a presidential disaster declaration. If damages are determined to be so severe that recovery is beyond the capability of state, local and tribal resources, the Governor may seek federal assistance. Neither the PDA process nor the Governor's request is a guarantee that federal assistance will be provided. A presidential disaster declaration authorizes FEMA to implement a recovery program that could reimburse the state, cities, counties, tribes and eligible non-profit organizations for up to 75 percent of the eligible costs related to the flooding.

Bon Homme Democrats To Meet Wednesday

TYNDALL — The Bon Homme Democrats will meet at 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 1, at the Bon Homme Courthouse, Tyndall. McGovern Day plans, Tim Johnson's retirement, upcoming elections and Czech Days will be discussed. For more information, contact 583 4468.

National Music Museum To Host Open House

VERMILLION — Instruments owned and played by some of music's greatest legends, including a Bob Dylan harmonica, a guitar custom-made for Johnny Cash and an electric guitar once owned by Muddy Waters, are all part of a new exhibit at the National Music Museum, located on the University of South Dakota campus in Vermillion. These instruments are part of six new additions that will be on display during an open house at the National Music Museum commencement weekend, May 3-4, on the USD campus. Museum hours on Friday are extended until 8 p.m. Admission to the Museum both days is free and provides visitors access to all NMM exhibits as well as several other special attractions, such as an Elvis Presley guitar and the King's Harley-Davidson motorcycle, courtesy of Pioneer Auto Show, Murdo. In honor of Elvis, Heck's Dakota Style Barbecue of Vermillion will serve Memphis-style barbecue both days (4-8 p.m. on Friday and from 11 a.m. on Saturday until supplies run out). The first 50 visitors on Friday who successfully complete a "scavenger" hunt in the NMM will receive a voucher for a free plate of Heck's Dakota Style Barbecue.

USD Spring Commencement Is Saturday

VERMILLION — Michael M. Vekich, CPA, CEO of Vekich Chartered of Minneapolis, Minn., will be the keynote speaker as the University of South Dakota confers degrees to more than 1,400 students at the 126th Spring Commencement at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 4. Vekich, a candidate for the nomination for governor of Minnesota in 2002, serves as chair of HF Financial Corp and Home Federal Bank, South Dakota's largest publicly-traded savings bank. Previously, he was owner and CEO of Vekich Arkema & Company, a public accounting firm servicing clients in nine countries worldwide. Additional public service positions include chair of the Board of Trustees, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities; chair of the Minnesota State Board of Accountancy; and a former member of the Rochester, Minn. Higher Education Development Committee. In 2008, Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty appointed Vekich chair of the Governor's 21st Century Tax Reform Commission. The commission provided advice and recommendations on reforming the state's tax laws with the goal of making long-term improvements in the revenue system. Four years earlier, Pawlenty appointed Vekich acting director of the Minnesota State Lottery. During his eight-month tenure, he created the organization's first strategic plan and increased profits by 26 percent to \$100 million, the largest return to the state in the Lottery's history. Vekich received a B.A. in accounting and business administration from the University of Minnesota. In addition to a keynote address by Vekich and conferring of degrees, USD's Spring Commencement will honor distinguished faculty from the 2012-13 academic year, including recipients of the Belbas-Larson Awards for Excellence in Teaching; the Richard and Sharon Cutler Awards in Liberal Arts; the John Wesley Jackson Memorial Award presented to the outstanding professor of law; and the College of Fine Arts Distinguished Professor Award.

BOARD OF TRADE

CHICAGO (AP) — Grains futures rose Monday on the Chicago Board of Trade. Wheat for May delivery rose 21 cents to \$7.0975 a bushel; May corn rose 40 cents to \$6.84 a bushel; May oats rose 20.25 cents to \$4.11 a bushel; while May soybeans jumped 41 cents to \$14.7175 a bushel. Beef and pork prices fell on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. June live cattle slipped 0.05 cent to \$1.2255 a pound; May feeder cattle fell 1.38 cent to \$1.4042 a pound; June lean hogs fell 0.37 cent to 92.15 cents a pound.

LOTTERIES

MONDAY'S RESULTS
2 BY 2: Red Balls: 9-26, White Balls: 3-5
MYDAY: Month: 7, Day: 15, Year: 78
PICK 3: 2-8-0
PICK 5: 04-20-25-28-38. Estimated jackpot: \$118,000

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OBITUARIES

William 'Bill' Tamisiea

William "Bill" Tamisiea, age 65, of Yankton, died Saturday, April 27, 2013 at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton. Funeral services are 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, May 2, 2013 at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton with Reverend David Gunderson officiating. Burial will be in the Sacred Heart Cemetery in Yankton. Visitation is from 5-8 p.m., on Wednesday, May 1, at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton with a prayer service at 7:30 p.m. Visitation resumes one hour prior to the funeral. Pallbearers are Keith Bauer, Tom Cihak, Tom Merrill, Karl Schenk, Rich Willert, and Robert Wittenbrink. Honorary Pallbearers are the Alpha-1 Support Group of Sioux Falls. Bill was born June 27, 1947 in Yankton, South Dakota to Ralph and Mabel (Wickre) Tamisiea. He graduated from Yankton High School in 1965. He married his high school sweetheart, Alana Kaufman, October 4, 1969. Bill graduated from Yankton College. During his college years he learned the family business, Bagg's & Tamisiea, a John Deere



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implement dealership, and later purchased the business from his father, Ralph Tamisiea, and Clint Bagg's. The location of the John Deere business was moved in 1980 to its current location on east Highway 50. In his little spare time he enjoyed fishing, boating on the River, and traveling. He especially enjoyed trips to Disney World with his family. In 1988, Bill was diagnosed with Alpha-1, which is a progressive and genetic form of emphysema. This diagnosis was life altering and he retired in 1993 in order to focus on his health. Shortly thereafter, he underwent an experimental procedure called a lung reduction and became a resource for people across the world who were interested in this procedure. As one might expect, Bill loved agriculture. He watched as Yankton County attempted to balance urban and farm life. In 2000, he was elected to the Yankton

County Commission and then again in 2006, serving another 4 year term. His business background, knowledge of agriculture, and common sense were an integral component of the Commission. Although it was a difficult decision, Bill chose to place his name on the lung transplant list. About one year later, he received the call. The wonderful surgeons at Mayo Clinic transplanted two new lungs on April 7, 2008. He has always been grateful to the Gift of Life Transplant House and to the person (and the donors family) who so graciously donated the lungs. After the lung transplant, Bill enjoyed the simple things in life. He treasured family gatherings and holidays. He had always been handy at the grill, but he became a great chef. Tinkering on the computer and reading became his hobbies. He also loved a round of golf with friends, and spending time with his Grandchildren. Bill was very proud that he gave insight on his lung transplant experience to others who had similar lung problems. Bill is survived by his wife, Alana Tamisiea of Yankton; two

children, Steph Tamisiea (Dave Hosmer) of Yankton and Jeremy (Nicole) Tamisiea of Sioux Falls; five grandchildren: Ella and Harper Hosmer and Christopher, Andrew and Allison Tamisiea; two sisters, Gail (Robert) Wittenbrink of Broomfield, CO and Jean Frost of Omaha, NE; brother-in-law, Rich (Nancy) Willert of Yankton; and many nieces and nephews. Bill was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Joan Willert; father-in-law and mother-in-law, John and Nedra Kaufman; and brother-in-law, Kerry Kaufman. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Gift of Life Transplant House, 705 Second St. SW in Rochester, MN 55902. To post an online sympathy message, please visit www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com. Yankton Press & Dakotan April 30, 2013

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Marie Killian

Marie Killian, 85, of Yankton, died unexpectedly, Saturday, April 27, 2013, at her home in Yankton. A gathering of friends and family will be Wednesday from 2-4 p.m. at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton with a memorial service at 3:30 p.m. by Reverend David Wildermuth. Inurnment will be in the Garden of Memories Cemetery in Yankton. Arrangements are under the direction of the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home. Marie Alice Killian was born to James and Matilda (Nedved) Krovoza. Marie and her twin sister Mae were born November 4, 1927 at Millboro, South Dakota. Marie attended Yankton public schools



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and graduated in 1946. She went to school in Martin, South Dakota for a short time when she and Mae both worked for their aunt Betty Looby. Marie started to work at WNAX in 1947 and retired as the business manager in 1991, after 43 years of employment. After her retirement from WNAX, she worked for John Hesse at Truckers Bookkeeping until 2012. She was a member of the VFW Auxiliary in Yankton. She bowled for the WNAX Team in her early years and loved to crochet and

knit. She often gave her work to fundraisers, family, or charity. She loved Country Western Music and often attended dances or concerts where, "A steel guitar could melt her heart." She loved her family very much but especially her nieces and nephews. She always had time to be with them or to hear news about their activities. She is survived by her three sisters: Helen Thompson, Velma Klein, and Norma Washburn all of Yankton. She is also survived by her many nieces and nephews. Her niece Julie was her special caregiver. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Vince Nelson; husband, Kenny Killian; twin sister, Mae Matthews; and two

brothers, Ray Krovoza and Jim "Bud" Krovoza. Memorial may be directed to 506 Spruce Street, Yankton, SD 57078. To send an online sympathy card, please visit wintzrayfuneralhome.com. Yankton Press & Dakotan April 30, 2013

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Robert Nelsen

Robert H. "Sonny" Nelsen age 79 of Viborg; died Saturday April 27, 2013 at Centerville, South Dakota. Funeral Services will begin at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday May 1, 2013. The Rev. Daryl Dachtler, will officiate at the First Baptist Church Viborg. Burial will be in the Baptist Cemetery rural Viborg. Public Visitation with family present to greet friends will begin at 5 p.m. Tuesday April 30, 2013 at the First Baptist Church and will resume at noon on Wednesday until the time of the funeral service. Military Honors will be provided by the Viborg American Legion.



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Robert H. "Sonny" Nelsen was born February 17, 1934 at Union County, South Dakota the son of Hans and Hulda (Jensen) Nelsen. At the age of nine he moved with his family to Viborg, where he attended country school. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1952 and served aboard the Destroyer USS Brush. After his honorable discharge from the Navy in 1956 he worked construction. On November 2, 1954 he married Carol Jensen, at Minneapolis, Minnesota. He resided in the Viborg, area where he farmed and together they raised their family. In 2006 they moved into Viborg. In addition to farming he also had worked at Asco Paving Company in Sioux Falls. At the time of his death he was working at the Centerville Ag Center helping with the Spring Planting Season. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Viborg, where he

had served as a Deacon and as a Trustee; a member of the American Legion in Viborg, past member of the D.B.S in Viborg, as well as a past member of the Daneville Township Board.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife: Carol, Viborg, two sons: Greg (Sue) Nelsen, Centerville, Jody (Amy) Nelsen) Viborg, a daughter: Linda (Ray) Wieler, Las Vegas, Nevada; eleven grandchildren and one great grandson, a sister Verna Nelson, Viborg. He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters. BLESSED BE HIS MEMORY. Yankton Press & Dakotan April 30, 2013

Diane Backstrom

Services for Diane Backstrom, 64 of Creighton, Neb., are pending at Brockhaus Funeral Home, Creighton. Diane died Saturday, April 27, 2013, at Golden Living Center in Wausa, Neb.

Phyllis Turgeon (Erickson)

Phyllis Lorraine Turgeon (Erickson), 86, of Thornton, Colo., died in her sleep, on April 12, 2013. Graveside Services will be held on Friday, July 5, 2013, at 11 a.m., at Walshtown Zion Evangelical Cemetery, rural Mission Hill. Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton is in care of the arrangements.

Adam McManus

Adam Joseph McManus, 37, of Flagstaff AZ left this life Tuesday April 23 after a brave battle with cancer. A celebration of life will be held Saturday April 27 at Memorial Services of Iowa, 4208 North Ankeny Blvd, Ankeny IA. Visitation will be at 1:00 and services will be held at 2:00. Adam was born in Viborg, South Dakota on September 2nd 1975. He lived in many places — South Carolina, Holland, California. He lived in Costa Rica as a foreign exchange student for 3 months. He received his degree in Archeology from ISU. He also went to Colorado State University in Fort Collins and Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff AZ, where he obtained a graduate certificate in Geographic Information Systems. His work took him to many beautiful locations — Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming, Iowa. He was a mapping instructor and crew chief in Peru near Caraz, traveling by foot and any other available means in Peru for several weeks. As anyone who knew him would agree, Adam was an intensely passionate person. He had a great love for the outdoors,

camping and exploring with friends. In later life, he became very in touch with his spirituality, and many friends have said that he helped them ask important questions about themselves. Adam saw the truth and beauty inside everyone he met. He loved his family, whom he adored every day and felt a deep connection to, no matter what part of the world he found himself in. And he finally found the greatest love of his life in his final year, becoming engaged to his fiancée Kristen. He is survived by his parents Jim and Nancy Blunck, fiancé Kristin Van Pelt, sisters Amanda Blunck and Andrea Imes and brother-in-law Elliot Imes, grandmother Charlotte McManus, grandparents Lyle and Delores Blunck, niece Jaynemie and nephews Aiden and Kieran, and many aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by his Father Joseph McManus, Grandmother Neva Peterson, Grandfather Norman Peterson, Grandfather Jim McManus, Uncle Russell Peterson and Aunt Theresa Stockman. In lieu of flowers, the family wishes for donations to be made to the American Cancer Society. Yankton Press & Dakotan April 30, 2013

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