

## NPS To Present Program On Artifact Thefts

From P&D Staff Reports

The National Park Service is giving a “brown bag” presentation today (Friday) on the theft of artifacts from the Missouri River banks. The program, presented by seasonal ranger Justin Work, runs from noon to 1 p.m. at the Dakota Territorial Museum in Yankton. The event is free and open to the public.

Work will talk about the protection of cultural and historical resources. Many of those resources were removed this year by the public when the Missouri River levels fell with the receding of flood waters and the shutting down of Gavins Point Dam for a brief time.

## USD Summer Bridge Program Concludes

VERMILLION — Twenty-four first-year students received a head start on their college careers thanks to the University of South Dakota Summer Bridge Program, which concludes with a Summer Bridge Closing Banquet at 6 p.m. tonight (Friday) at the Freedom Forum Conference Room at the Al Neuharth Media Center.

In its first year at USD, the Summer Bridge Program began July 9 as a four-week academic program created to help first-year students adjust to academic and campus life at USD. Students in the program received personalized attention in the daily math and speech courses they're required to take, and they also dedicated an hour every Monday afternoon to USD's First Year Experience (FYE), a program specifically created for incoming students to make a successful academic and social transition to college.

“Students received hands on academic advising, participated in study groups and enjoyed getting a chance to acquaint themselves with other incoming freshmen and the resources that campus has to offer,” explained Christina Keller, associate dean of the College of Arts & Sciences at USD. “The Summer Bridge Program was set up in a way that not only provides students with an opportunity to get help in courses that will provide a foundation for their academic careers, it means that they'll be more likely to graduate within four years at USD.”

While the Summer Bridge Program was established for incoming students to strengthen their academic skills in the fundamentals of speech communication and pre-college algebra, students in the program also had an opportunity to network with USD faculty and their classmates as well as participate in recreational activities, including a Sioux City Explorers baseball game with the USD Alumni Association, swimming, bowling and movie nights.

More information about the Summer Bridge Program is available online at <http://admissions.usd.edu/academics/summer-bridge-program.cfm> or by emailing [admissions@usd.edu](mailto:admissions@usd.edu).

## Extension To Host Drought Update In Yankton

South Dakota State University and University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension hosts a Drought Update Aug. 9 in Yankton. The event runs from 7-9 p.m. and will be held in the 4-H Building on the Pine Acres Fairgrounds, (709 Whiting Drive).

Event presenters include: Dennis Todey, SDSU State Climatologist; B. Lynn Gordon, SDSU Extension Cow/Calf Field Specialist; Bruce Anderson, UNL Extension Forage Specialist and Tim Lemmons, UNL Extension Educator, Applied business research and agricultural economics.

The event is free and open to the public.

For more information about this meeting, contact SDSU Extension Cow/Calf Field Specialist Lynn Gordon at 605-782-3290. For more information on the drought and resources, SDSU Extension provides weekly drought briefings throughout the 2012 growing season on iGrow.org.

## NECC Continues Its Career Coaching

NORFOLK, Neb. — As a new academic year approaches, the Career Services Department at Northeast Community College has scheduled three more sessions of its popular “I Can” Career Coaching Workshops

The free workshops are designed to provide fresh new ideas on how to start over in a new career. Although offered in three different sessions, participants need attend only one session.

The first session is Thursday, Aug. 9, from 4-7 p.m. The second session is Tuesday, Oct. 9, from 4-7 p.m. The final session this fall semester is Wednesday, Dec. 5, from 1-4 p.m. All three sessions will be held in the College Welcome Center. Participants are asked to park in front of the Maclay Building and enter by the stairs on the southeast side of the Welcome Center.

The sessions will be facilitated by Career Services Director Terri Heggemeyer and New Beginnings Director Brandi Rossman. These workshops are again designed for those considering a career change or looking for employment after a job layoff. The workshop will also be beneficial to those re-entering the workforce after an absence or those who want to confirm they are on the right career path.

During the workshop, participants will learn to make positive changes, explore careers of interest, and participate in a career/interest assessment. Participants will also examine their likes/dislikes and strengths/weaknesses as they are encouraged to develop the confidence to make a career change.

For more information on the free workshop or to register, contact Terri Heggemeyer at (402) 844-7263. She can also be reached by email at [terrih@northeast.edu](mailto:terrih@northeast.edu).

# Achievement Days To Feature Celebrity Round-Robin

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Local “personalities” will be featured during the celebrity round-robin event scheduled for 6 p.m. Saturday during the Yankton County 4-H Achievement Days at the Yankton fairgrounds.

The Achievement Days have featured a round robin presentation of livestock in the past. However, this year marks the first celebrity event, said Lauren Fosheim, Yankton County 4-H/youth development director.

“During the round robin, each participant will show a beef calf and a pig,” she said.

“Then, we will crown the overall and reserve champion based on which person shows his or her animal the best.”

The event features a variety of elected officials, educators and a businessman. The celebrities include the following:

- Charlie Gross, Yankton city commissioner;
- Todd Dvoracek, Yankton Middle School principal;
- Matt Tereshinski, First Dakota National Bank;
- Allen Sinclair, Yankton County commissioner;
- Dr. Wayne Kindle, Yankton High School principal;
- State Rep. Bernie Hunhoff (D-Yankton);
- State Sen. Jean Hunhoff (R-Yankton).

The celebrities will show 4-Hers' animals, with judging by 4-H junior leaders Katie Freng, Jessica Goeken and Morgan Nielson.

The event will be held during the 4-H supper from 5-7 p.m.

In addition, the cake auction will be held at 5 p.m. The auction will feature entries from the cake, cookie and cupcake decorating contest.

Contestants in the decorating contest can drop off entries between 11 a.m. and noon Saturday at the 4-H Building, Fosheim said. A cake-decorating professional will judge the entries, and cash prizes will be awarded for first and second places in each category.

Yankton County auctioneer Shane Hauger will auction off the cakes, cookies and cupcakes, with the proceeds going to 4-H programs.

For more information, contact the Yankton County 4-H office at 665-3387.

# Area Literary Council Tutors Honored For Service

Since it began in 1987, the Yankton Area Literary Council has trained and placed more than 150 volunteer tutors who have instructed more than 500 adults and some children in reading, writing, math, computer literacy, and spelling and speaking English.

The volunteer-based organization's mission is to promote literacy programs in Yankton County and surrounding areas and to educate the community about the importance of literacy.

Due to their dedication and passion to serve, the Yankton Area Literary Council (YALC) tutors have been awarded with the United Way & Volunteer Services' Volunteers of the Month Award for June of 2012.

According to YALC Director, Bev Calvert, “Our tutors have donated over 1,200 hours of service in 2012. And we are only half way through the year!”

“It is amazing to see the progression of our students and how their passion for learning continues to grow due to the time and talents of our tutors.”

“We have many student success stories, some gaining promotions at their employment, obtaining a driver's license, writing their own name for the first



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**Tutors for the Yankton Area Literary Council were recently awarded with the United Way & Volunteer Services' Volunteers of the Month Award for June 2012.**

time or being able to continue their education,” says Calvert.

The English as a Second Language (ESL) classes, offered four days a week at the Yankton Library and on Sunday afternoons at the United Church of Christ, have grown tremendously over the last couple of years. The YALC currently has four tutors teaching ESL classes with an average of 12 students per class.

Tutors also share their skills

with students during one on one tutoring sessions.

Speech Therapist at Stewart Elementary, Patty Steulpnagel, is one of the many volunteers sharing her talents with the YALC. Witnessing many young children who struggle with reading and writing skills, Steulpnagel began to wonder about adults who struggle with literacy and how that affects their daily lives.

Stuelpnagel decided to get in-

# Schwartz Honored As HSC's June Employee Of Month

Donna Schwarz was honored as the June Employee of the Month at the South Dakota Human Services Center (HSC), Yankton, South Dakota, announced Administrator Ric Compton, MPH.

Schwartz began employment at HSC in March of 2010, and currently works as a Mental Health Aide serving the Cedar 2 treatment unit. She is a Certified Nurse Aide and a Certified Pharmacy Technician.

HSC colleagues recognized Schwartz for modeling all of the Pillars of Character Counts including: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship.

Schwartz was honored for being cheerful, compassionate, a hard worker, and for promoting high quality patient care.



Schwartz

Schwartz is an active supporter of the American Cancer Society Relay for Life and has volunteered with 4-H for over 30 years.

Donna and her husband Bruce Schwarz have four grown daughters, sons-in-law, and 11 grandchildren.

# Hirsch Honored As HSC's July Employee Of Month

Cindy Hirsch is being honored as the July Employee of the Month at the South Dakota Human Services Center (HSC), Yankton, South Dakota, announced Administrator Ric Compton, MPH.

Hirsch joined HSC staff in October of 1991, when she began working with Custodial Services. She currently serves as a Custodial Crew Leader, for the Birch 2 treatment unit and the Specialty Clinic.

HSC colleagues recognized Hirsch for modeling all of the Pillars of Character Counts including: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring



Hirsch

and Citizenship.

Hirsch was honored for her hard work, cheerfulness, willingness to help others, her commitment to excellence in completing her job duties, and for

going above and beyond her assigned responsibilities.

Originally from Yankton, Cindy is the daughter of Ken and Irene Hirsch. Hirsch is married to Brad Delvaux. She has two children Sally and Nathan Quatier.

## OBITUARIES

### Leone Anderson

Leone C. Anderson, 94, of Vermillion, SD passed away Wednesday, August 1, 2012 at the Wakonda Heritage Manor in Wakonda, SD.

Leone Ostrem was born December 10, 1917 in Centerville, SD to Thomas and Gay (Lunning) Ostrem.

She married Russell Anderson on September 8, 1937 and they farmed and raised a family in rural Wakonda area for 48 years. Leone also worked as a Nurse's Aide at the Dakota Hospital in Vermillion for a few years during that time.

Leone was an active member of the First Lutheran Church in Wakonda before they moved to Vermillion in 1986 and they joined the Trinity Lutheran Church. Her favorite times were family, crocheting and knitting.

Leone was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Russell, two infant grandsons, a great grandson, three brothers, a daughter in law and a son in law.

She is survived by her daughter Janet Hollingsworth of Green Valley, AZ, her sons: Dick (Linda) of Vermillion and Doug (Valerie)

of Great Falls, MT, five grandchildren, eight great grandchildren and one great great grandson. She is also survived by a brother Boyd Ostrem of Centerville, SD three sisters; Joyce Edman of Waverly, IA, Phyllis Larson of Beresford, SD and Anna Mae Nelson of Centerville and three sister in laws; Marie Ostrem and Fern Ostrem of Centerville and Ruth Ostrem of Waverly, MN and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday, August 7 at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Vermillion with burial in the Union Cemetery rural Wakonda. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church.

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### Robert 'Joe' Farner

NORFOLK, Neb. — Funeral services for Robert J. “Joe” Farner, 83, of Norfolk, Neb., are pending at Brockhaus-Howser-Fillmer Funeral Home, Norfolk.

Joe died Thursday, Aug. 2, 2012, at Heritage of Bel-Air, Norfolk.

### Roger Kozak

Roger L. Kozak, 66, of Vermillion, SD passed away Wednesday, August 1, 2012 at the Sanford Vermillion Hospital after a battle with cancer.

Roger was born October 15, 1945 in Lake Andes, SD to John and Louise (Jaeger) Kozak. He graduated from Lake Andes High School and started working on his Business Administration degree when he got the call to serve in the United States Army. He served most of his two years stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia, serving as a non-commissioned officer in Battalion Headquarters for the 2nd Engineering Battalion. After his discharge, he went on to receive his Bachelors Degree from Southern State College and a Masters and Doctorate Degree from the University of South Dakota in Vermillion.

He married Patricia Patocka on June 6, 1970 in Lake Andes. He served four years as the Director



Kozak

of Research for the South Dakota Board of Regents in Pierre, SD and in 1979 Roger relocated to Vermillion, where he began a twenty-two year employment engagement with USD. Roger served as Special Assistant to the President, Associate Vice President for eleven years, and finally Vice President for six years, retiring in 2002 and was named Professor and Vice President Emeritus.

During his tenure at USD, Roger was actively involved in the community, serving on the Vermillion City Council for seven years and as Mayor for three years. He also served on the Vermillion Chamber and Development Corporation, Junior Achievement, Community Foundation, Dakota Hospital Foundation and the University of South Dakota Foundation Board of Trustees. He was also a member of the Vermillion Rotary Club for over 29 years, serving Rotary in many different capacities on the district and local levels.

Roger is survived by his wife Patricia of Vermillion, and two sisters; Lois (Eugene) Slaba of Geddes, SD and Jane (Ronald) Rada of LaCrosse, WI.

Funeral Mass will be 10:30 a.m. Monday, August 6 at the St. Agnes Catholic Church in Vermillion with burial to follow in the Calvary Cemetery in Vermillion. Visitation will begin at 5 p.m. Sunday with a Prayer Service at 7 p.m. all at the church. In Lieu of flowers please send donations to the Roger and Patricia Kozak Endowed Scholarship fund at USD or the Roger Kozak Rotary Endowed Scholarship fund managed by the Vermillion Area Community Foundation. [hansen-funeralhome.com](http://hansen-funeralhome.com).

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### Donna Dragg

LAKE ANDES — Donna Dragg, 50, of Lake Andes died unexpectedly at the Community Memorial Hospital, Wagner, on Monday, July 30, 2012.

Funeral services are at 10 a.m. Friday at the Native American Church Cemetery, rural Wagner.

Wake services were held at the White Swan Community Center in Lake Andes.

Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home in Wagner is in charge of arrangements.

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Thanks to those of you who were able to attend the Memorial Mass for Willie, gave memorials or sent flowers, sent cards or just expressed your sympathy. We appreciate it all.

Willie Schmidt's Family

Many many thanks to the friends and relatives that remembered my 80<sup>th</sup> birthday, especially the ones with that “special gift” enclosed. So many beautiful cards and notes will be long remembered and enjoyed.

Thanks again.

Diane Gunderson

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