SCHOLASTICS

Sacred Heart Honor Rolls

ROLL OF EXCELLENCE (* means straight A's) FIFTH GRADE

Dangler, Bryce Geigle, Kellie Jussel, Jess Kusek, Noel Lehl, Nick* McCarthy, Erin Nguyen, Brian Sandal, Kendra Schulte, Miranda Vyborny, Sophia

6TH GRADE

Baker, Shiann Benoit, Adele' Bent, Max* Budig, Kate* Buttolph, Katie Callahan, Brendan* Cordell, Madie* Dangler, Brady Dvorak, Evan' Eichacker, Nathan' Fejfar, Megan* Fitzgerald, Tanner* Frick, Savannah Hicks, Holly* Knoff, Anne* Mines, Holly' Paulsen, Quinn* Rafferty, Trevor* Specht, Cameryn* /avra, Carly Wolfgram, Jack*

7TH GRADE

Becker, Cortney* Bent, Keeli* Bisgard, Sophie* Brockberg, Avery Buttolph, Emily* Cwach, Blake Hauser, Katie* Heine, Belle Kanaly, Samantha* Katterhagen, Kate* Kouri, Sophie* Liebig, Kyra McDonald, Shannon Mueller, Nicole Mueller, Tasha Rezac, Alexis*

Rezac, Kristen* Rezac. Lauren' Rucker, Rachel* Schroeder, McKenzie* Shuey, Brandon Stephenson, Nate* Wenande, Drew Wubben, Morgan*

8TH GRADE

Dvorak, Danielle Geigle, Brianna* Hauser, Nicholas Huber, Spencer Kusek, Adrienne* Manning, Maddie Perakslis, Cody' Rolfs, Sean Schröeder, Kenneth* Sundleaf, Mason* Trail, Jenna

HONOR ROLL 5TH GRADE

Becker, Abby Buechler, Morgan Hacecky, Harlie Hunhoff, Walker Kortan, Samantha Lange, Tyler Liebig, Olivia Madson, Brooke Medeck, Holly Mueller, Evan Peitz, Brandon Perakslis, Catherine Reinhardt, Jessica Sedlacek, Sydney Shoberg, Anna Warriner, Olivia Wenande, Courtney

Wubben, Madison

6TH GRADE Becker, Abby Buechler, Morgan Hacecky, Harlie Hunhoff, Walker Kortan, Samantha Lange, Tyler Liebig, Olivia Madson, Brooke Medeck, Holly Mueller, Evan Peitz, Brandon

Perakslis, Catherine Reinhardt, Jessica Sedlacek, Sydney Shoberg, Anna Warriner, Olivia Wenande, Courtney Wubben, Madison

7TH GRADE

Bray, Steven Cameron, Hunter Carda, Lúcas Heine, Michael Hunhoff, Kendra Kathol, Jordan Kennedy, Kolbi Kortan, Dylan Leader, Jústin McDonald, Haley Payer, Jordan Ruffinott, Rose Schild, Keely Schwartz, Stephanie Shoberg, Natalie Warriner, Jacob Winterringer, Miranda Wintz, Josh Zimmerman, Courtney

8TH GRADE

Barger, Austin Ingalls, Sydney Lucht, Jordan Salvatori, Danielle Smith, Andrew Strom, Mike Vornhagen, Cody

MERIT ROLL

5TH GRADE

Kolker, Emily

Smith, Alexander Woodmancy, Michael **7TH GRADE**

Becvar, Cheree

Vornhagen, Trentin Welter, James

8TH GRADE Heine, Adam Kaiser, Riley Kreitzinger, Christopher Meshoto, Jorden

MSU-Mankato Announces Dean's Lists

MANKATO, Minn. — The Academic High Honor and Honor lists (Dean's lists) for the past fall semester at Minnesota State University, Mankato have been announced by Scott Olson, Provost and Vice President for Academic & Student Affairs.

Among the more than 15,640 students, a total 803 students qualified for the High Honor List by achieving a 4.0 straight "A" average, while 2.382 students earned a 3.5 to 3.99 average to qualify for the Honor List. To qualify for academic honors, undergraduate students must be enrolled for at least 12 credit hours in a semester.

From the area:

Elk Point: Taylor Targonski, FR; Vermillion: *Philip Munkvold, JR;

Yankton: Stephanie Benda, SR; Drew Delvaux, JR; Amber Schramm, SR.

Althoff Named To Saint Mary's College Dean's List

NOTRE DAME, Ind. — Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, Ind., named Gina Althoff to the Dean's List for the fall 2011 semester. Gina is the daughter of Mary and Rick Althoff of Yankton.

To earn academic honors at Saint Mary's, a student must achieve a grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.6 on a 4.0 scale, have at least 12 graded credit hours, no incompletes, and no grades lower than a C.

L.C.H.B. Scholarship Applications Now Available

The Lewis & Clark Home Builders Association announces that the 2012-2013 HBA Scholarship applications are available. The Lewis & Clark Homebuilders Association has established this scholarship to assist a graduating high school senior with expenses in pursuing a post secondary education in a construction related field. This can include, but is not limited to Heating/Ventilation/Air Conditioning/Refrigeration, Landscaping Design, Building Trades Technology, Civil Engineering, Architectural Drafting, Construction Engineering Technology, Carpentry or Plumbing. Applications can be requested by contacting the Lewis & Clark HBA Office at (605) 661-7215, lchomebuilders@iw.net or by visiting the Lewis & Clark Homebuilders Association website at www.lewisandclarkhomebuilders.com

Thune's Office Accepting Internship Applications

WASHINGTON — Senator John Thune is currently seeking hardworking college students to serve as interns in his office in Washington, D.C., as well as in his offices in Aberdeen, Rapid City, and Sioux

Interns in Thune's state offices will participate in constituent service and state outreach activities, while students in the Washington, D.C. office will have the opportunity to witness the legislative process, give Capitol tours, and attend Senate votes and hearings. Both in-state and Washington, D.C. internships will allow students to work closely with constituents, hone their research and writing skills, and learn a multitude of valuable office skills.

"Interning in a Congressional office provides students with a front row view of the legislative process and can serve for many as an excellent introduction to public service," said Thune. "I encourage all interested college students to apply for this rewarding experience.

Thune is a member of the Senate Committees on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; Budget; Commerce, Science, and Transportation; and Finance.

College students who are interested in interning in Thune's Washington, D.C. office should submit a resume and cover letter, by March 30th, to: Senator John Thune, Attn: Stephanie Gruba, Intern Coordinator, 511 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510. By Fax to: 202-228-5429.

College students who are interested in interning in Thune's Sioux Falls, Rapid City, or Aberdeen offices should submit a resume and cover letter, by March 30th, to: Senator John Thune, Attn: Sara Konechne, 320 North Main Avenue, Suite B, Sioux Falls, S.D. 57104. For more information, please call 202-224-2321.

YOUR NEWS! The Press & Dakotan



Daugaard Addresses S.D.N.C.S

PIERRE — Gov. Dennis Daugaard addressed the newly appointed South Dakota Commission for National and Community Service at its convening meeting in the Čapitol on Thursday, Jan. 12.

He thanked the Commissioners for committing the next three years as volunteers in service to the Commission. Daugaard said, "I want to especially thank Tom Katus for his advocacy in bringing the Commission to South Dakota.'

South Dakota is now no longer the only state without a volunteer service commission. Thus, funds from the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) that were previously distributed to other states will now come to South Dakota.

Having just been elected as the commission's first chair, Katus thanked governor Daugaard and his staff. Katus specifically acknowledged the support of Dusty Johnson, Chief of Štaff; Kia Warne, Special Assistant, who worked closely with the Attorney General's Office to secure approval of the relationship to CNCS; as well as Joe Kafka, Special Assistant for Boards and Commissions, who screened and approved Commission applicants; and former and current Directors of Scheduling, Ryan Budmayr, and Kelsey Webb, respectively.

"You are an outstanding governor," Katus concluded, "and your equally outstanding and professional staff has been most impressive in helping the South Dakota Nonprofit Association establish the Commission."

Daugaard's Commission appointees include the following:

- William Anderson, Vice President at Good Samaritan Society, Sioux Falls; • Rich Braunstein, Professor of Political
- Science at USD and Board Chair of SDNA, Vermillion: • Sara Carothers, Volunteer Services Di-
- rector at Helpline Center, Sioux Falls;
- Emma "Pinky" Clifford, Executive Director of Oglala Sioux Tribe Partnership for Housing, Pine Ridge;
- Bill Colson, Executive Director of Children's Home Society of SD, Rapid City;
- Joann Conroy, Executive Director of the Center for Restorative Justice, Rapid City;
- Sandy Diegel, Executive Director of the John T. Vucurevich Foundation, Rapid City;
- Michelle DuBray, Owner of Pinto Horse Woman Consulting, Mobridge; • Scott Engmann, Executive Director of
- Black Hills Habitat for Humanity, Rapid City; • Julie Garreau, Executive Director of
- Cheyenne Youth Project, Eagle Butte; • Jean Huegel, Community Leader, Sioux
- Tom Katus, Managing Director of the Rural Ethnic Institute, Rapid City;
- J.R. LaPlante, State Secretary of Tribal
- Relations, Vermillion; • Michelle Madsen, Program Director at Lutheran Social Services of SD, Sioux Falls;
- Joy McCracken, Executive Director at NeighborWorks, Deadwood;

- Tina Merdanian, Director of Institutional Relations at Red Cloud Indian School, Pine
- Katie Nagle, Project Director of Central SD RSVP, Pierre;
- Ritchie Nordstorm, Alderman, Rapid
- Michael Saba, Executive Director of Development of Sanford Children's World Clinics, Sioux Falls;
- Deb Schiefelbein (ex officio), Corporation for National and Community Service,
- Eric Schlimgen, USD junior studying political science and criminal justice, president of the Alternative Week of Off-Campus Learning (AWOL) student volunteer program, and AmeriCorps volunteer, Vermillion;
- Hani Shafai, President of Dream Design International, Rapid City;
- Helen Usera, President and CEO of the Chiesman Foundation for Democracy, Inc.,
- Rapid City; Nancy Wietgrefe, Director, BHSU Retired
- Senior Volunteer Program, Spearfish; • Sarah Hirsch Wittmuss, Director of the Center for Academic Engagement at USD, Ver-
- Michael Wyland, Partner at Sumption and Wyland, Sioux Falls,

Katus was elected chair, Saba was elected vice chair, and Carothers was elected Secretary. The positions for Treasurer and Ameri-Corps Chair remain open, pending committee

Dr. Saba emphasized that the presence of the new state service commission will have positive implications for strengthening the communities of South Dakota. "Volunteers contribute significantly to helping fulfill myriad needs." Saba said, "The Commission will give access to organized, federally supported volunteer programs to help South Dakota nonprofits accomplish their missions."

Throughout the day, the commissioners and the South Dakota Nonprofit Association (SDNA) Board members and staff met legislators in a variety of venues. SDNA provided refreshments to the senators and representatives in the respective public annexes. SDNA Board members Dr. Richard Braunstein, Chair; Shelly Pfaff, Vice Chair; and Tom Katus were introduced in various House and Senate Committees, the Republican Senate Caucus, and Democratic Senate and House Caucuses, as well as the Galleries of the Senate

and House respectively. Sen. Eldon Nygaard (District 17) thanked Katus and Grayson for their testimony. At the invitation of SDNA, a number of legislators attended the convening meeting or met with Commissioners individually: Rep. Susy Blake (District 13), Sen. J. Mark Johnston (District 12), Rep. Tom Jones (District 17), Rep. David Lust (District 34), Sen. Tom Nelson (District 31), Rep. Jacqueline Sly (District 33), and Sen. Craig Tieszen (District 34).

Katus said, "While South Dakota is the last state in the U.S. to establish a commission, Gov. Daugaard's appointees may well be the

most diverse and representative of any state.' The Commission is equally balanced of men and women, half from each East River and West River. Commissioners represent educational institutions, the corporate and non-

Saturday, 2.4.12

profit sectors, and government. Katus continued, "The six Native commissioner appointees go well beyond a token representation. From conversations with Ron Lessard, Strategic Advisor for Native American Affairs at CNCS, it is my hope that South Dakota's Commission will become the model

for all 'Indian Country' states.' State Secretary of Tribal Relations, J.R. La-Plante was also tapped to serve on the commission. Katus said, "J.R.'s participation on the Commission is noteworthy because of his direct connection to the Governor's office. his work with the state's Native community and his former volunteer service in the AmeriCorps program."

LaPlante commented on his tenure as an AmeriCorps volunteer saying, "I look back on my time as an AmeriCorps volunteer with tremendous pride. I did meaningful work, learned a lot about myself and, perhaps most importantly, about others. My time as an AmeriCorps is an experience that will pay dividends for life."

Rep. Sly asked if AmeriCorps volunteers could be assigned to assist in the cleanup of the Mountain Pine Beetle epidemic. Katus reported that the AmeriCorps/National Civilian Community Corps had previously provided volunteers for the cleanup and that a new cycle of volunteers will be training in February with placement in March.

John Ĝrayson, SDNA's Executive Director, will oversee the day-to-day operations of the Commission from SDNA's office in Vermillion. Grayson is an alderman for the City of Vermillion.

Grayson said, "Last year South Dakota was ranked fifth nationally for volunteerism. The new volunteer service commission will contribute to increasing South Dakota's culture of neighbor helping neighbor by raising awareness of volunteer opportunities and training and connecting volunteers to nonprofits across the state.

The major role of the commission in the first year will be to conduct a statewide assessment of service needs. The assessment will result in a three-year strategic plan to be implemented in the beginning of 2013.

Organizations that already have volunteers in South Dakota are likely to receive increased volunteer support for their programs. Small grassroots community organizations that currently do not receive CNCS volunteers will benefit from having access to volunteers for the first time.

SDNA was designated the administrative agency for the Commission by the Governor's Executive Order 2011-07. SDNA will contribute 15 percent of the commission's costs in the first year, and will gradually increase its share to 50 percent by the fifth year of operations.

Keep Yankton Beautiful

Exploring Community Service As A Volunteer

BY JACK LYONS

When I left the field of academe, I decided to explore community organizations where I might serve as a volunteer. One of the organizations I explored was Keep Yankton Beautiful. I had observed some of this organization's very visible projects which had enhanced the city. I quickly found out, however, that Keep Yankton Beautiful does more than beautify the city. In its mission statement Keep Yankton Beautiful enumerates several goals which have guided its efforts during the last 10 years.

These goals are: 1. Preventing litter through education

2. Improving the quality of life and community pride by encouraging commercial and residential owners to improve the physical appearance of their property

3. Enlisting public support in the implementation of beautification programs and

4. Minimizing the impact of

In accomplishing its goals, Keep Yankton Beautiful has been fortunate to have the assistance of hundreds of volunteers for



Jack Lyons, picturd here helping collect the trash on last year's Riverboat Days parade route, is current board member of Keep Yankton Beautiful.

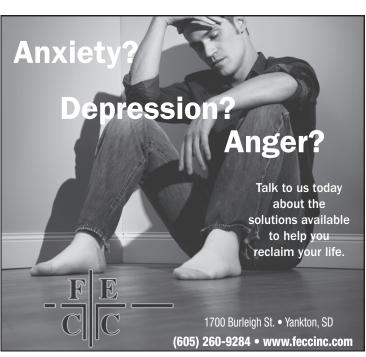
projects such as the city and river clean-ups. The City of Yankton and Keep Yankton Beautiful have partnered on several projects including the recent beautification of Tripp Park which presents such an eye-catching appeal as one drives down Broadway. Both entities are now in the planning stages for a formidable landscaping project at the historic Meridian Bridge.

Even though much has been

accomplished in recent years in the improvement of the appearance of Yankton there remains much to be done. Individuals and businesses should look at their property and ascertain if there is anything that can be done to update and improve its appearance; perhaps current

landscaping needs revitalizing. Perhaps there is junk that can be removed or old structures that could be torn down. All individuals should become aware of the opportunities for recycling and participate in the program on a regular basis.

Keep Yankton Beautiful, like other non-profit organizations, relies heavily on funding from individuals, business, and corporations. If you would like to help Keep Yankton Beautiful and preserve the environment for our generation and future generations, please consider a membership. We can be found at the beautifully re-done 322 Walnut Street, thanks to the generosity and support of Kennedy, Pier & Knoff law offices. You can also reach us at (605) 838-0665 or info@keepyanktonbeautiful.org. Our website is www.keepyanktonbeautiful.org and we our Facebook is: Keep Yankton Beautiful. We look forward to hearing from you and serving you in this exciting Meridian Bridge Park Plaza





Pharmacy & Drive-Up Hours:

MONDAY - FRIDAY: 8:30AM to 9:00PM SAT: 8:30AM to 5:00PM SUN: Noon to 5:00PM

Call for Prescriptions: 605-665-2929 or 800-572-2072 WE ACCEPT ALL INSURANCE CARDS.