

GARDEN NOTES

'Youth In The Garden' Webinar Offered Feb. 29

BROOKINGS — SDSU Extension will discuss garden resources, grant opportunities and growing transplants during the February Youth in the Garden Webinar.

"These Webinars are perfect for school teachers and afterschool and summer garden program leaders — basically anyone who works with youth and would like to see youth step outside and embrace gardening," said Chris Zdorovtsov, SDSU Extension Community Development Field Specialist.

The Webinars will run the last Wednesday of the month and will run from 3:45-4:45 p.m. An additional Webinar will run during the growing season. Webinars are an hour long and will typically have two presentation topics running 15-20 minutes each with about 20 minutes for a discussion session within the learning community.

To join each Webinar visit <http://igrow.org/events/category/gardens/>. Participants are encouraged to click on log in within 30 minutes of the specified time.

The upcoming webinar schedule includes:

- Feb 29: Presentation 1: "Garden Resources," discussion lead by, Karllys Wells, SDSU Extension Associate, Family/Nutrition Program/Team Nutrition.

- Presentation 2: "Growing Transplants," discussion lead by, Geoffrey Njue, SDSU Extension Specialty Crops Field Specialist.

- Discussion Time: "SDSU Minigrants & Funding Q&A," discussion lead by, Marilyn Rasmussen, SDSU Extension 4-H/Youth Development Specialist and Chris Zdorovtsov, SDSU Extension Community Development Field Specialist.

- March 28: Presentation 1: "Vegetable Gardening 101," discussion led by, Rhoda Burrows, SDSU Extension Fruit & Vegetable Specialist.

- Presentation 2: "Scheduling the Plantings," discussion led by, Chris Zdorovtsov SDSU Extension Community Development Field Specialist.

- Discussion Time: "Youth Gardening Project Summaries from Participants," discussion led by, Chris Zdorovtsov.

- April 25: Presentation 1: "Building Raised Beds," Chris Zdorovtsov, Community Development Field Specialist, SDSU Extension

- Presentation 2: "Resourcing the Garden Program: People and Money", Tim Olsen, Director, Ground Works.

- Discussion Time: "MoreYouth Gardening Project Summaries from Participants," discussion led by, Chris Zdorovtsov.

Additional Webinars are scheduled for May 16, May 30, June 13, June 27 and July 11. For more information contact Chris Zdorovtsov, SDSU Extension Community Development Field Specialist at 605-782-3290 or Christina.Zdorovtsov@sdstate.edu.

Additionally, if you are interested in joining the Youth Gardening LISTSERV to receive information on relevant events and funding opportunities or to exchanging questions and ideas with others involved in similar projects, email Zdorovtsov.

Community Garden Start-Up Webinar March 7

BROOKINGS — SDSU Extension is hosting a Community Garden Start-up Webinar March 7, running from 7-8 p.m. CST.

Community Gardens are a place to grow food, reconnect with nature and get physical exercise. Community Gardens provide a place for renters without access to land or for homeowners with yards that are too small or too shady to garden.

Is your community interested in starting a community garden? If so, join SDSU Extension field specialists for an introductory Webinar on getting started.

Specialists will discuss action steps on starting a Community Garden — various models, site assessment, resources needed and more. During the Webinar, they will also discuss successful community gardens which have started as a result of the SDSU Extension Horizon's Program, an action-based community development program.

To participate in the March 7 Webinar, visit Participant Link: <http://igrow.org/events/>.

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SCHOLASTICS

Boudreau Named To Dean's List AT WUSL

ST. LOUIS, MO — Joseph Wesley Remie Boudreau of Yankton, was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2011 semester at Washington University in St. Louis. Boudreau is a graduate of Yankton Senior High School in Yankton, and is enrolled in the university's College of Arts & Sciences.

To qualify for the Dean's List in the College of Arts & Sciences, students must earn a semester grade point average of 3.5 or above and be enrolled in at least 14 graded units.

MSU-Mankato Graduates Announced

MANAKTO, Minn. — Minnesota State University, Mankato had 1,543 students graduate during summer/fall commencement exercises Saturday, Dec 10, 2011 at the Taylor Center on the Minnesota State Mankato campus.

Undergraduate students receiving recognition included 78 students graduating summa cum laude, 191 students graduating magna cum laude and 161 students graduating cum laude.

Awarded at the undergraduate level were 23 associate of arts degrees, 85 bachelor of arts degrees, 2 bachelor of athletic training degrees, 28 bachelor of fine arts degrees, 1,020 bachelor of science degrees, 15 bachelor of science in engineering degrees, and 30 bachelor of science in social work degrees.

1 Doctor of Education degree was awarded.

Graduate level degrees presented included 79 master of arts degrees, 6 master of arts in teaching degrees, 17 master of business administration degrees, 9 master of fine arts degrees, 12 master of public administration degrees, 145 master of science degrees, 8 master of science in nursing degrees, 27 master of social work degrees, and 36 specialist degrees.

From the area were:
• Maria Fowler, Bachelor of Science, Elementary Education, Cum Laude, Elk Point,
• Chelsea Gauer, Bachelor of Science, Family Consumer Science, Magna Cum Laude, Vermillion.

YAA Seeks Volunteer Teaching Artists

Yankton Area Arts is seeking volunteer teaching artists for the second term of our Art of Healing program.

Working in partnership with Avera Sacred Heart Cancer Center, YAA will offer any cancer patient or survivor free fine arts classes tailored to the talent and availability of our volunteer teachers. Courses are offered in three-month terms, and students are allowed to bring a relative, co-survivor, or caregiver to class with them for support.

If you would like to volunteer to lead a single class or one that is ongoing anytime in April through June, contact Amy at yaa@iw.net or 665-9754.

Dad Shouldn't Pick This Nit

BY TOM AND RAY MAGLIOZZI
www.cartalk.com

Dear Tom and Ray:

I need your opinion on whether something the driving instructor is teaching our daughter to do is hard on the car. When parallel parking, he has her turning the wheels in place while the car is stopped in order to position it for the next move. We were practicing today, and echoes of my dad were going through my head — that doing this is hard on the steering components, and that you should try to be moving slowly when you turn the wheel. Now, I'm not going to make her challenge her instructor on this, but I do want to know if this is bad for the car. If not, I'll shut up and leave it be. But if it is as I remember, then I want to provide her with some balanced information on this. I know sometimes it's unavoidable, but is my memory just crap, or is there something to this?

— Jeff

TOM: Well, we don't know about your memory, Jeff. Do you remember writing to us last week with this same exact question?

RAY: Actually, your dad was correct. It



CAR TALK

Tom and Ray Magliozzi

does place more strain on the steering components and tires when you steer the front wheels while the car is stopped.

TOM: But it's hardly worth worrying about. Think about the amount of time you spend parallel parking versus the amount of time you spend actually driving. It's minuscule. So, even though it's a little harder on a

few of the car's parts, its overall effect on the life of the power-steering pump, or your tie-rod ends, or your front tires, is insignificant.

RAY: And the long-term cost is tiny compared with the increase in insurance rates you'll pay when she creases the Mercedes in front of her while parallel parking because she's worried about the wear and tear on Daddy's power-steering pump.

TOM: Right. She's got more than enough to think about now in learning to drive and learning to parallel park. The last thing you want to do is add another thing for her to think about, especially if it's not important.

RAY: Once she's been driving for a while and can parallel park the car in fewer than 24 attempts, then you can suggest that she start moving backward slowly as she turns the wheel. But it should be low on the priority list, Jeff.

Get more Click and Clack in their new book, "Ask Click and Clack: Answers from Car Talk." Got a question about cars? Write to Click and Clack in care of this newspaper, or e-mail them by visiting the Car Talk Web site at www.cartalk.com.

USD Professor Earns Plaudits For Extraordinary Research

VERMILLION — A chemistry professor at the University of South Dakota is being lauded for his outstanding research with both NASA and the National Science Foundation (NSF).

Ranjit Koodali, Ph.D., an associate professor of chemistry at the University of South Dakota, is in the process of helping NASA develop structures that will make it possible for people to live on the moon. He is also developing a process cited by the NSF to rapidly create a novel material that generates hydrogen in the presence of water and sunlight. The results of this research could lead to further developments of an alternative fuel source using solar energy.

Thanks to a \$207,485 grant from NASA, Koodali's research focuses on the design of a multi-functional structural composite insulation system for lunar habitats. According to Koodali, this project will directly address



Koodali

NASA's Exploration System Mission Directorate (ESMD) to develop a sustained human presence on the moon and Mars, and to promote exploration and commerce. The goal of this research includes developing and evaluating the performance of constituent insulating nanomaterials, and fabricating and testing load-bearing, high-thermal-insulation composite panels assembled from selected constituent materials. The project will be carried out through collaboration of faculty members and students from USD, the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, NASA research scientists, the Kennedy Space Center and industrial partners.

Additional research by

Koodali, "Mesoporous Material Transforms Solar Energy Into Fuel," has been cited in the NSF FY2013 Budget Request to Congress. "Mesoporous Material Transforms Solar Energy Into Fuel" is part of the Research Infrastructure Improvement Award's PhotoActive Nanoscale Systems, and involves developing a method to rapidly create a novel material that generates hydrogen in the presence of water and sunlight. The research expands the understanding of how to generate fuel using visible sunlight rather than ultraviolet light. Because the hydrogen generation occurs at room temperature, the process easily scales up to large production volumes. Applications of the new material range from removal of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere to the mitigation of environmental pollution. The complete NSF FY13 Budget Request to Congress is available for viewing online at:

<http://tiny.cc/iz5gn>.

"The NSF is a key steward of federal funding for scientific research in the U.S.," said Laura Jen-ski, Ph.D., Vice President for Research at USD. "Having Dr. Koodali's important research highlighted in this way is an honor for USD and underscores the valuable research happening at South Dakota universities."

Koodali is a member of the South Dakota Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) and he serves as the graduate program director for the USD Chemistry Department. He also serves on several university committees, including University Research Council, University Scholarship Committee, and the University Strategic Planning Committee. In addition, he also serves as the secretary of the Sioux Valley section of the American Chemical Society (ACS). He will serve as the program chair of the Energy and Fuel Division of ACS for the year 2014.

Thune's Office Seeks Internship Applications

WASHINGTON — Sen. John Thune is currently seeking hard-working college students to serve as interns in his office in Washington, as well as in his offices in Aberdeen, Rapid City and Sioux Falls.

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

College students who are interested in interning in Thune's Washington office should submit a resume and cover letter, by March 30 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 30 to: Senator John Thune; Attn: Sara Konechne; 320 North Main Avenue, Suite B; Sioux Falls, S.D. 57104

For more information, call 202-224-2321.

BBB Warns Of HomeServe USA Mailings

Consumers have contacted the Better Business Bureau serving Nebraska, South Dakota and southwest Iowa (BBB) regarding a mailing they've received from HomeServe USA.

The mailings inform recipients that they are responsible for the maintenance and repair of their exterior water lines, leaving them liable for repairs which could potentially cost thousands of dollars. It provides an 800 number and a deadline to enroll in their Water Service Line Coverage. Some consumers have stated the mailings appear to be from a local government agency or utility. The BBB is advising consumers to review these notices carefully, particularly the portion that says HomeServe USA is an independent company separate from your local utility or community.

The BBB also notes that while the company is correct when they say homeowners are responsible for the maintenance and repair of their water lines "utility service connection to your home," the warranty coverage they offer is optional.

"Similar to any warranty,

service plan or insurance policy, it is up to the consumer to determine its value and whether or not it's worth purchasing," said Jim Hegarty president and CEO of the BBB. "They should also be clear about what is covered under the policy offered, as well as what is not covered."

The BBB says that while some homeowners may not be covered for the line repairs offered by HomeServe USA, anyone who is uncertain should call their water department to avoid paying for duplicate coverage. You should also review your homeowner's insurance policy to see if coverage is already provided, as well as contact your insurance company to ask how this coverage would work in conjunction with your current policy.

Although HomeServe USA is headquartered in Stamford, CT, the company does claim a Post Office Box in Lincoln, Neb. The Connecticut BBB's Business Review rated the company a "D," and noted that HomeServe USA has entered into consent agreements with the states of Kentucky, Ohio and Massachusetts. Both Kentucky and Ohio alleged

that the mailing solicitations "generated confusion" and were "deceptive" in their appearance. According to the Business Review, the settlements should not be considered as an admission of guilt or a legal violation.

The BBB recommends the following tips to consumers who receive a call or letter from Home Serve USA or similar companies:

- Read the service contract very carefully and make sure you have a clear understanding of it, especially each of the exclusions, before agreeing to buy coverage. Do not purchase any coverage over the phone without seeing a contract with all details that were discussed verbally set down in writing.

- Make sure you're familiar with the company's cancellation policy in case you change your mind after signing up.

- Check the company's BBB Business Review at www.bbb.org to see if there are any unanswered, unresolved or unusual pattern of complaints that other consumers have noticed.

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Ziegler-Weidler

Stephanie Ziegler and Brent Weidler were married July 16, 2011, at the Hilltop United Methodist Church, Sioux Falls, with Rev. Brook McBride officiating.

Parents of the couple are Bill and Tin Ziegler of Yankton and Gary and Glenda Weidler, Sioux Falls.

Maid of Honor was Katie Nelson. Bridesmaids were Jennifer Ackerman, Amanda Kneip and Jessica Oster. Junior Bridesmaids were Jenna Frink, Hailey Luken, Erin Luken and Allie Frink. Flower girl was Hannah Remacle. The bride's personal attendants were Michelle Kathol, Jessica Arends and Kim Richmond.

Best man was Cole Zdenek. Groomsmen were Jeff Schmuck, Travis Kneip, and Mark Ziegler. Ushers were Jon Radermacher, Ian Geise, Pat Brown and Brad Miles.

Flower attendant was Deb Hansen. Program attendants were Taylor Stotz and Abby Montoya.

The reception was held at Callaway's in Sioux Falls.

The bride is a graduate of USD with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. She is employed at the Sioux Falls Department of Veteran Affairs.

The groom is a graduate of USD with a bachelor's degree in mathematics and psychology. He is a human resources specialist at the Sioux Falls Department of Veteran Affairs.

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MORNING COFFEE
WEEKDAYS MONDAY-FRIDAY

Monday, February 20
7:40 a.m. Yankton County Comm (Bruce Jensen, Allen Sinclair)
8:15 a.m. Yankton Children's Theater (Julie Perakslis)

Tuesday, February 21
7:40 a.m. Girls JV Hockey Tourney (Mike Freeman, Jill Sternhagen)
8:15 a.m. Hy-Vee Dietician (Rachel Pinos)
8:45 a.m. Dakota Terr. Museum (Crystal Nelson)

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