

Law Enforcement Officers Honored



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Four area law enforcement officers were honored at the 39th annual Yankton Lions Club Law Enforcement Recognition Dinner and Dance, held Friday, March 13, at the Kelly Inn. Pictured are, from left: Lt. John Pribyl and Senior Officer Bradley Elle (honoree) of the Yankton Federal Prison Camp; Senior Corrections Officer Jerry Kloucek

(honoree) and Associate Warden Susan Jacobs of Mike Durfee State Prison/S.D. Department of Corrections; Lt. Mark Payer and Dispatcher Kim Storgaard (honoree) of the Yankton Police Department; and Chief Deputy Mike Rothschild and Jail Officer Tonna Popper (honoree) of the Yankton County Sheriff's Office.

Hudson's Evaluation Nearly Ready

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Just a little more than one year since Joshua Hudson was accused of murdering his uncle, a state evaluation on his mental state is nearly complete.

At a status hearing on Monday, Deputy State's Attorney Erich Johnke reported that Dr. Hartley Alsgaard had administered a forensic evaluation on Hudson at the Human Services Center on March 3 and that Dr. Alsgaard is set to have his report completed by the end of the month.

Hudson's court-appointed attorney, Dan Fox, raised no objections to the state's presentation.

First Circuit Judge Glen Eng set 8:30 a.m. March 30 as a status hearing to present Dr. Alsgaard's findings.

On March 7, authorities were called to check on the status of Todd Hudson. Joshua Hudson showed up at the residence of Todd's ex-wife and was quoted as saying "I axed my uncle." Hudson was apprehended following a high-speed chase later that day.

You can follow Rob Nielsen on Twitter at twitter.com/Rob-NielsenPandD/. Discuss this story at www.yankton.net/

Organic Producer Surveys Due April 3

BROOKINGS — National Agriculture Statistics Service (NASS) mailed its 2014 Organic Producer Survey to organic producers nationwide. Participation is mandatory. "I urge all South Dakota organic producers to fill out the survey as the data collected is crucial to developing agriculture-related programs that directly affect the life and communities of growers," said Alvaro Garcia, SDSU Extension Agriculture and Natural Resources Program Director and SDSU Professor.

Online responses are by April 3, 2015. The online survey can be found at http://www.agcensus.usda.gov/Publications/Organic_Survey/.

USD: Freeman Named To Professorship

VERMILLION — Dr. Jerome Freeman, Brandon, professor and chair of the Department of Neurosciences at the University of South Dakota Sanford School of Medicine, has been named the recipient of the inaugural John C. Sall, MD, Professorship in Medicine.

It is the first endowed professorship in the history of the medical school. The three-year appointment recognizes Dr. Freeman's leadership and service to the medical school, as well as his distinguished career as a physician.

Freeman's initial assignment as a faculty member at the medical school was in 1980. He has served as professor and chair for the Neurosciences Department since 1991. Freeman is a graduate of Augustana College in Sioux Falls, and he earned his medical degree from the University of Utah School of Medicine.

The professorship is named for Dr. John Sall, a Sioux Falls native, who graduated from the University of South Dakota Sanford School of Medicine, and was a founder and partner of the Central Plains Clinic in Sioux Falls. Dr. Sall died in 2010 at age 63.

"Dr. Sall was widely respected for his bravery and brilliance," said Dr. Mary Nettleman, dean of the University of South Dakota Sanford School of Medicine. "Despite battling polio and other afflictions, Dr. Sall was devoted to the medical school and his profession. His commitment is carried on through his generous gift to establish our first endowed professorship, and Dr. Freeman is an especially worthy recipient. This is an important event in the distinguished history of the medical school."

'Gold Star' Card Works For Licensing

PIERRE — Now that nearly all licensed drivers in South Dakota hold federally compliant licenses, the Driver Licensing Program reminds them that when they renew, they need only the compliant card and two documents showing proof of address.

"More than 98 percent of the 620,353 licensed drivers in South Dakota now hold federally compliant driver licenses," said Jane Schrank, director of the Driver Licensing Program. "If you already hold a compliant card and need to renew it, all you'll need to bring with you to the exam station is the card and two recent proofs of address."

A federally compliant card is denoted by a gold star in the upper right-hand corner of the card. Holders of compliant cards may prove their current address with documents such as utility or phone bills, rent receipts, bank statements and pay stubs.

South Dakota is one of 21 states that have met the federal requirements.

Schrank also noted that because of legislation passed in 2014, most drivers with compliant cards may renew online or by mail. Additionally, drivers can go online to schedule an appointment at an exam station.

For more information on renewing or obtaining a driver license or ID card, either at an exam station or online, visit the Driver Licensing page on the Department of Public Safety website at dps.sd.gov/.

BBB: SD Consumer Has Close Call With Sweepstakes Scams

OMAHA, Neb. — The South Dakota Attorney General's office suggested that a consumer contact Better Business Bureau's branch office in Sioux Falls about being selected as a winner of multiple sweepstakes.

The consumer reported that she has been called numerous times over the past two weeks by various people on behalf of American Sweepstakes Network (ASN) Claims Department, Publishers International, Publishers Clearinghouse and American Sweepstakes Lottery Company telling her she has won \$28,000; \$525,000; 1 million plus \$400,000 in cash; and \$2 million. The consumer told BBB that all of the callers had Spanish sounding accents, and they were calling her because she had not replied to their letters. The consumer acknowledged that she had been receiving lots of letters, but had, in fact, not responded to them.

One caller from ASN stated that BBB gave them the information about her winning the prize. Another claimed he was a "federal notification agent" who was going to bring the money to her. A third caller mentioned that the lead investigator with the FTC had verified her winning. Each caller told her that she needed to send money in varying amounts from \$280 to \$5,250.

First, she was instructed to get money orders and/or cashier's checks. Most re-

cently, the woman was directed to go to her bank to pay for insurance before delivery of her prize. She was also told that "if the bank teller asks any questions, say, 'It's for a personal matter,' and if they persist, say, 'It's for a timeshare'."

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JIM HEGARTY

According to BBB President Jim Hegarty, "Most of these schemes play-off the Publishers Clearing House Sweepstakes. Scammers also use other sweepstakes names that sound familiar, but often do not exist, or they have changed the names slightly to trick consumers into thinking they are legitimate. The real Publisher's Clearing House Company has a message on their homepage about several scams using their name and informs consumers how their sweepstakes operates. It clearly states winners do not have to pay anything out of pocket to claim their prize." Additionally, none of the callers' phone numbers are in BBB's database, and one had an area code from Jamaica.

The consumer did, at one point, try to deposit \$500 in a bank account, but was stopped by the bank. Now she's aware that she did not win any sweepstakes but has continued to be targeted and

harassed. "Losses to consumers who are drawn into these schemes can be enormous," said Hegarty.

Here is how you can spot a sweepstakes scam:

- Beware of any sweepstakes requiring a fee for entry and of any prize promotion requiring you to send in a payment or to purchase merchandise.

- It is not the prize promoter's responsibility to charge the winner for tax; they will just report your winnings to the Internal Revenue Service and the IRS will bill you for the appropriate taxes.

- Read the description of the prizes carefully for inaccuracies or inconsistencies.

- Do not be swayed by high-pressure sales tactics of promoters.

- If you do not remember entering a sweepstakes or buying a ticket in a lottery, you most likely have not won a prize.



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MMC 'Evening Of Entertainment' Set

The Choral Department at Mount Marty College is presenting the second annual "Evening of Entertainment" on Saturday, March 21, at 7:30 p.m. in the Dining Hall in Roncalli Student Center.

Enjoy a three-course dessert as you hear soloist and ensembles from the MMC Choral program. You'll also be treated to a preview of songs from the upcoming MMC Theater Department production of "Little Shop of Horrors." There will also be a

silent auction during the evening of items donated to the department. Proceeds from the evening will go towards the upcoming production of "Carmina Burana" on April 28.

Tickets are available for purchase online @ www.mtmc.edu/arts or by contacting the box office at 605-668-1234 or mmcboxoffice@mtmc.edu.



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OBITUARIES

John 'Fritz' Bartels

John F. "Fritz" Bartels, 83, of Vermillion passed away on Saturday, March 14, 2015, at Sanford/USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, after being ill for several months.

The Celebration of Fritz's Life will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 18, at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Vermillion with Fr. John Fischer officiating.

Visitation with family being present will be from 6-7:30 p.m. today (Tuesday) at St. Agnes Catholic Church with rosary to begin at 7 p.m., and a wake service to follow at 7:30 p.m.

Burial of cremains will be at a later date.

Kober Funeral Home of Vermillion has been entrusted with services.

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