

Plain Talk Columnist Wins First Place In Competition

SIoux CITY, Iowa — Paula Damon, columnist for The Vermillion Plain Talk, won first place in the 2010 South Dakota Press Women (SDPW) Communications Contest.

Damon's winning entries were selected from her weekly column "My Story Your Story." Judges evaluated her work in four categories: Humorous, General, Informational and Specialized.

Taking the top spot in South Dakota were her articles "Sea shells, cock-

shells, she only says the words" and "Her front, her back, her insides transmit hope." Also winning First Place were her columns "It's going to be a great day because I'm giving it all away" and "Secrets of an alternative lifestyle revealed." Damon also received Second Place



Damon

for her Humorous entries and Honorable Mention for her articles in the Specialized category.

First-place winners advance to the National Federation of Press Women (NFPW) Communications Contest for judging. National winners will be announced in September at NFPW's annual conference in Chicago.

In 1993, Damon's writing won First Place nationwide in the NFPW Communications Contest and throughout the years, she has

won numerous writing awards in Iowa Press Women and SDPW Communications Contests.

In her role as director of marketing and communication at Briar Cliff University, Damon oversees marketing and communications for the University. A resident of Southeast South Dakota, she holds a bachelor's degree in mass communications and a master's degree in English from The University of South Dakota, Vermillion.

OBITUARIES

Ed Zimmer

HARTINGTON, Neb. — Ed Zimmer, age 73 of Hartington, Nebraska died on Saturday, May 15, 2010 at the Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton, SD.

Mass of Christian Burial will be on Tuesday, May 18, 2010 at 10:30 a. m. at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Hartington with the Rev. Jeffery Loseke officiating. Burial will be in the St. Michael's Cemetery in Hartington.

Visitation will be at church on Monday from 3-8:00 p.m. with a Vigil Service at 7:00 p.m.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Wintz Funeral Home in Hartington. To send an online sympathy card, go to www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

Pallbearers will be Jeff Zimmer, Tom Zimmer, Dave Zimmer, Ryan Zimmer, Bruce Wieseler, and Trevor Wieseler. Ed Zimmer was born on

November 2, 1936 in Pierre, SD to Fredrick R. and Antoinette (Fischer) Zimmer. Ed's family moved to Hartington in 1939. He graduated from Holy Trinity High School in 1954 where he was the first All-State basketball player selected from Holy Trinity. He attended Regis College in Denver, CO and the University of South Dakota. Ed served in the U.S. Army from 1956 to 1958. He was united in marriage to Marilyn Haberman on June 10, 1961 at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Hartington. Ed worked for the REA from 1961-1980. From 1980-1991 Ed and Marilyn owned and operated Ed's Drive Inn. From 1987 to 2009 he drove a bus for special needs students. He was on the Board of Directors



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for the Hartington Telephone Company for 37 years. He also held on hour of Perpetual Adoration for several years at Holy Trinity Catholic Church where he was a member. Ed was involved in the Ministry of Praise for several years. He enjoyed golf and the sing a longs that followed. He loved his time spent on the front and back porch. Ed was an avid Chicago Bears fan. He enjoyed attending his kids and grandkids activities over the years.

Ed is survived by his wife of 48 years, Marilyn of Hartington; five children and their spouses, Jeff Zimmer of Sioux Falls, SD; Paula and Bruce Wieseler of Hartington; Tom and Pam Zimmer of Emerald Isle, NC; Dave and Renae Zimmer of Kearney, NE; Ryan Zimmer of Ashland, NE; 6 grandsons, Nathan Wieseler, Trevor Wieseler, Colby Wieseler, Connor Wieseler, Austin Zimmer, and

Nolan Zimmer; 3 granddaughters, Cassidy Zimmer, Kamryn Zimmer, and Madison Wieseler; twin sister, Carol Nemitz of Raleigh, NC.

He was preceded in death by his parents Frederick and Antoinette Zimmer; sister Joan Frerichs; grandson Ross Wieseler; granddaughter Sarah Wieseler; father-in-law Leonard Haberman; mother-in-law Mary Haberman; 2 brothers-in-law Jerome Noecker and Jerry Haberman; sister-in-law Jean Mullenburg.

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Mary Bouza

Funeral services for Mary E. Bouza, 72, of Tripp will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 18 at Frieden's Reformed Church in Tripp with Rev. Greg Way officiating. Interment will follow in Gracehill Cemetery, Tripp.

Visitation will be held on Monday from 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., with the family present to greet visitors from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., at the Goglin Funeral Home in Tripp. Mary passed away on Friday,

May 14, 2010 at the Good Samaritan Society of Tripp. Online condolences may be sent at www.goglinfh.com.

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Richard Storm

VERMILLION — Richard "Dick" Laren Storm, 82, of Vermillion died Friday, May 14 at Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls.

Dick was born Feb. 11, 1928 in Gregory, SD to Fritz and Vera (Troutmann) Storm. He graduated from Coleridge, Ne High School in 1945. He served in the US Army during the Korean War. He graduated from the University of South Dakota (B.S., M.S.) and was employed by Honeywell as a

sales engineer. He married Lucille C. (Olson) Johnson on May 4, 1957. In September of 1957 they moved to Vermillion where he was employed at the University of South Dakota until he retired.

He is survived by a daughter Jill Storm of Sioux Falls, SD; one son John (Maureen Cashin) of Vermillion, and daughter Susan Storm-McDowell (Jamie McDowell) of Sioux Falls, SD. Also surviving him are four grandchildren; Daniel and Eric Storm, Sasha and Maya McDowell, and

two step grandchildren; Patrick and Peter Haught. He was preceded in death by his wife of 52 years, Lucy Storm, his parents, two brothers and his sister.

Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, May 19 2010 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Vermillion, SD with burial to follow at Bluffview Cemetery in Vermillion.

Visitation will be Tuesday evening from 6-8 p.m. with the family present at Hansen Funeral Home in Vermillion.

For online condolences and obituary, please visit hansenfuneralhome.com.

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Andrew Klug

ST. HELENA, Neb. — Andrew A. "Andy" Klug, 80 of St. Helena, Neb., died Sunday (May 16, 2010) at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton.

Funeral services are at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Holy Family (Immaculate Conception) Catholic Church, St. Helena, with the Rev. Eric Olsen officiating. Burial will be at the Immaculate

Conception Cemetery, St. Helena, with military services by the Wynot American Legion Post 31.

Visitation is 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at the church, with a Vigil Service at 7 p.m. Visitation will continue on Wednesday at church one hour prior to services.

Arrangements are under the direction of Wintz Funeral Home in Hartington. To send an online sympathy card, go to www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

Raymond Cahoy

TABOR — Raymond J. Cahoy, 66, of Tabor died Sunday (May 16, 2010) at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton.

Arrangements are pending under the care of Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton.

Mary Martin

Mary Martin, 90, of Yankton died Sunday (May 16, 2010) surrounded by her daughters at her residence after a lengthy illness.

Arrangements are pending with Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton.

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the American Association of School Administrators."

Gertsema said he was surprised to be notified that he was receiving the award, but was pleased at the opportunity it gave to revisit Madison and promote Yankton.

"When I was there, there were about 1,300 students; now they are pushing 3,000," he said. "They have made facility changes with the new Dakota Prairie Playhouse and the armory. They have built new facilities and some, like Kennedy Hall, are no longer there."

In addition to those changes, Gertsema remarked on the differences in course offerings and even names that the campus has seen, many during his four years at the school.

"When I was there it was still General Beadle State College, then they changed it to Dakota State College," he said. "Now, the campus offers many different course majors as well. They offer doctorates and a number of different masters degrees. It is a different campus in the standpoint that, with their information technology, they are one of the most wired campuses in the country, and the students use technology at a very high level."

Gertsema said that taking his family back to the campus stressed to him what a well run, close organization DSU has become, both for faculty and students.

"My daughters and wife were there and we were impressed with how intimate a campus it is," he said. "At commencement, all of the professors were there, where I think at some of the larger campuses and universities you almost have to snag professors to be there. The smaller campuses just offer more of that type of activity and relationship between students and staff. The campus is very well organized and is in

great shape physically. I know they have a lot of pride in their campus and the programs they offer, with good reason."

While he attended DSC, Gertsema was very involved with the student council, serving as vice president for two years. During that time, a very important visitor came to campus for the dedication of the Karl E. Mundt Library.

"That time was very interesting in that it was during the Vietnam War," Gertsema said. "President Nixon visited the campus for the library dedication

while I was there and that brought the campus to the attention of the national media. As student council vice president, I got calls from Chicago, New York, across the country, wanting me to lead anti-war protests.

"They also changed college presidents when I was there. ... It was a very interesting time to be going to school at Dakota State." Gertsema sees the alumni award as recognition that he has been able to accomplish the goals he left the school to pursue.

"It is nice to know that people at the university where you got

THANK YOU
We were deeply touched by all the flowers, gifts, cards, and good wishes from family and friends for our 90th birthdays. To our children for the beautiful mass and to Father Paul Hoelsing for his ministry. For the open house reception and brunch and to all who attended. For the special plaque of recognition from Gov. Michael Rounds, John Thune U.S. Senate, and Sen. Tim Johnson. We ask God to bless and love all in return.
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REGION DIGEST

Johnson Staffer To Be In Bon Homme Co.

WASHINGTON — Sen. Tim Johnson (D-S.D.) has announced that Erik Nelson of his Sioux Falls office will hold an Economic Development Outreach Day in Bon Homme County on Thursday, May 20. Nelson will visit the communities of Avon, Tyndall and Scotland.

Johnson always encourages South Dakotans to call, write or visit his Service Offices in Rapid City, Aberdeen, Sioux Falls or Washington D.C. to share their concerns. South Dakotans may also call Johnson's office toll-free by dialing 1-800-537-0025 or e-mail at <http://johnson.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?p=ContactForm>.

James River Dev. Board To Meet May 20

HURON — The James River Water Development District Board of Directors will be holding its regular meeting at 9 a.m. Thursday, May 20, at the Ramada Inn in Mitchell.

- Items on the agenda are:
- Funding request from City of Alexandria for a wastewater study;
 - Funding request from Sanborn County Drainage Commission for a drainage project through the state GF&P;
 - Funding requests from Spink County for bridge repairs, Slide area and Two Lamas Road;
 - Funding request from Spink County landowner for ditch cleaning;
 - Funding request from City of Mellette for the Mellette Pump House and a wastewater study;
 - Funding request from the City of Yankton for engineering study on a lift station;
 - Funding request from Town of Letcher for a wastewater study;
 - Funding request from the City of Mount Vernon for a wastewater study;
 - Funding request from the City of Huron for engineering fees for designing and bidding for a new water storage tank;
 - Funding request from Hutchinson County Highway Department for tree removal in Wolf Creek;
 - Funding request from the City of Ashton for sanitary and storm sewer construction;
 - Discussion on the Brown County Water Management Plan;
 - Report on the TMDL activities on the James River;
 - Report on the Watershed Management Plan;
 - Update on the Firesteel Creek Project.

Motorists: Be Aware Of Farm Equipment

HURON — South Dakota Farmers Union President Doug Sombke encourages all South Dakota motorists to be aware of the increase in farm equipment on the state's roads and highways during Spring planting.

"Planting season is well under way in many parts of the state, and that means more farm equipment is out on the roads," Sombke said. "Motorists should be alert when driving around farm equipment and be respectful of the farmers and ranchers who are working."

According to the most recent South Dakota Department of Public Safety records, there were 35 accidents involving farm equipment on South Dakota roads in 2008 with 11 reported as injury accidents.

"Farm equipment takes up a large part of the lane and can be slow moving, so motorists should slow down and pass with care when sharing the road with farm equipment," Sombke said. "It can make for a dangerous situation for both the motorist and the farmer, so I encourage all drivers to just be alert and be careful."

Increased moisture last fall and the large amount of snow this past winter has made for bad road conditions in some parts of the state, which forces more farmers to take alternate routes to get to their fields to plant. That could lead to an increase of farm equipment on the state's paved highways this spring.

"Roads are soft, and farmers and ranchers aren't able to use many of the rural roads they would normally travel on," Sombke said. "That will force more farmers to use highways to get around."

"Depending on the weather, the planting season can stretch well into May in many parts of South Dakota, so there will be large pieces of farm equipment out on the roads for weeks yet, and drivers just need to be aware that they'll most likely encounter these farmers and ranchers on the roads," Sombke said.

SAC Announces Summer Hours To Begin

The Summit Activities Center will be closed Monday, May 31, in observance of Memorial Day.

Summer hours at the SAC will begin on Saturday, May 22, and will be the following: 5 a.m.-9 p.m. weekdays; 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturdays; and noon-6 p.m. Sundays.

For further information, call 668-5234 or stop by the Summit Activities Center at 1801 Summit Street, Yankton.

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