

Yankton Museum Hosts Brown Bag Lunch

Yankton's Dakota Territorial Museum will host the Brown Bag Lunch program "George Custer in Dakota Territory," presented by Jeff Barnes, at noon on Friday, May 4.

Barnes is returning to the museum to give a program about his new book, "The Great Plains Guide to Custer." Barnes will focus his discussion on the sections of his book that talks about Custer's time spent in Yankton.

Barnes' last discussion at the museum was on his book, "Some Military Forts of Dakota Territory."

The Brown Bag Lunch program is held on the first Friday of each month at the museum, located at 610 Summit.

Briar Cliff To Host Junior Visit Day

SIoux CITY, Iowa — High school juniors who are looking for something more in their college search are invited to Briar Cliff University's Junior Visit Day on Friday, May 4. Junior visitors to Briar Cliff have an opportunity to explore their academic interests and learn more about what BCU has to offer.

The day begins with registration at 9:45 a.m. in the Stark Student Center on the Briar Cliff campus, 3303 Rebecca Street, Sioux City and concludes at 2 p.m. During their visit, juniors, their families and friends also will tour BCU's dynamic hilltop campus and enjoy a complimentary lunch.

For more information, call the Office of Admissions at 279-5200 or email admissions@briarcliff.edu.

'Friday Night Opry' Slated For Kaylor

KAYLOR — The public is invited to come enjoy "The Friday Night Opry," an evening of old-time country and gospel music in Kaylor at 7 p.m. Friday evening, May 4. The venue is the GRHS Heritage Building, located on the north end of Main Street in Kaylor.

Local entertainers are invited to come and participate in the program and anyone appreciating old time country music is invited to come be in the audience.

If the public shows an interest, this will be made into a monthly event.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call: 605-212-9011.

Vermillion High Presents 'Bye Bye, Birdie'

VERMILLION — Vermillion High School will present the classic musical "Bye Bye, Birdie" May 4-6 at the VHS Performing Arts Center, 1001 E. Main Street.

This high energy show tells the story of Conrad Birdie, a 1960s Elvis type rock-n-roll star, who must do one more big publicity stunt before joining the Army. He has to kiss a randomly selected teen on a national TV show. Albert, Conrad's agent, has a difficult time making it all happen when his rock star disappears, his meddling mother comes to town, his secretary quits, and an overprotective father and jealous boyfriend threaten Conrad. Recognizable songs like "Put On A Happy Face" and "Kids" are in the show along with many popular tunes.

Showtimes are 7:30 p.m. May 4-5 and 2:30 p.m. May 6.

For more information, contact Mary Begley at 677-7035 or mary.begley@k12.sd.us, or visit www.vermillion.k12.sd.us.

'First Friday' Reception Set For GAR Gallery

Yankton Area Arts is presenting the exhibit "Cylindrical," featuring new three-dimensional work of Springfield artist Cheryl Peterson-Halsey. The show is running through June 5 at the G.A.R. Hall Art Gallery at 508 Douglas Avenue.

A First Friday reception to honor the artist will be held at 5-7 p.m. Friday, May 4, at the G.A.R. Gallery. There is no charge for the reception, the public is invited to attend, and refreshments will be served. Halsey will be on hand to introduce the exhibit and speak about the inspiration behind these cylinders and "3D murals" during the Gallery Talk which will begin at 5:30 pm.

The G.A.R. Hall Art Gallery and Yankton Area Arts are located at 508 Douglas. The gallery is open to the public free of charge from 1-5 p.m. weekdays and from 1-3 p.m. on Saturdays. For more information call 665-9754, email yaa@iw.net or see www.YanktonAreaArts.org.

First Friday is a monthly event designed to promote access to and celebrate the arts in the community.

Judi's Dance Studio Recitals Slated Sunday

Students from Judi's Dance Studio will present their Spring Recital, "Timeless" at 1 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Sunday, May 6, in the Yankton High School Theater.

The talented students ranging in age from 3 years to adults will be showcasing their dreams, hopes, and wishes through ballet, pointe, jazz, tap, lyrical, modern, hip hop, dance team, and gymnastics. Magnificent costumes, light design, sets, and scenery will all be a part of the great performances.

Seniors in this year's performances include Mindy Doering, Taylor Hirsch, Elizabeth Kube, and Mikayla Vetter. These talented dancers have choreographed their own solos and the Senior Dance.

Library To Observe Children's Book Week

The Yankton Community Library, 515 Walnut, will celebrate Children's Book Week May 7-13.

Established in 1919, Children's Book Week is the longest-running literacy initiative in the country. Franklin K. Matthews, the librarian of the Boy Scouts of America, proposed creating a Children's Book Week to promote higher standards in children's books.

During the week, books from the 100 top children's book list will be on display and available for check out. Staff will be available for Stories on Demand as well. Stop by the library with your child or grandchild during Children's Book Week and request a special read-aloud just for you.

TumbleBooks and South Dakota Titles to Go ..., e-books for children and teens, will be demonstrated each day from 3:30-5 p.m. in the library children's and teen area.

Finally, children and teens signing up for a library card during Children's Book Week will have their names entered into a drawing for a special prize.

For more information, contact the library at 605-668-5275.

RiverWalk Set To Celebrate New Sculptures

Yankton RiverWalk will kick off its new year with the installation of 14 new sculptures on Friday, May 11, followed by an artist celebration at The Landing (104 Capital Street). A barbecue, silent auction and social begin at 6 p.m., and music by Poker Alice will start at 8 p.m.

Yankton's current street sculptures will be brought into The Landing for the celebration. Created by top artists throughout the Midwest, the sculptures will be available for viewing and for purchase. Many of the artists will be present to discuss their work.

Tickets may be purchased at the G.A.R. Hall Art Gallery, South Dakota Magazine and the Yankton Chamber and Visitors Center. Proceeds go to the RiverWalk project, a 501(c)3 organization.

Call 665-3636 with questions or to purchase tickets.

USD

Parry To Speak At Commencement



Dr. Rodney R. Parry

was presented with the South Dakota State Medical Association Presidential Award and from 1986

VERMILLION — Rodney R. Parry, M.D., former dean of the University of South Dakota Sanford School of Medicine, will deliver the keynote address as the University of South Dakota confers degrees to more than 1,300 students at the 125th Spring Commencement at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 5 at the Dakota-Dome.

A native of Canistota, Parry became the 13th dean of the medical school in 2004. He retired as dean of the Sanford School of Medicine last June, however, remained dean on an interim basis until April 1, 2012. Parry was a member of the medical school faculty for 35 years and also served as president of the South Dakota State Medical Association in 1998. In 2008, he

to 2004, Parry served as the director of the USD Cystic Fibrosis Center. He was also chair, Medical School Section, American Medical Association from 2007-2008.

Parry received an undergraduate degree in pharmacy at South Dakota State University in 1965 and a B.S. in medicine from USD in 1967. He earned his M.D. from the University of Wisconsin in 1969 before completing his internship in mixed medicine and pediatrics at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Phoenix (1970), and his residency in internal medicine at the Mayo Graduate School of Medicine in Rochester, Minn., two years later. His professional training includes a fellowship in pulmonary disease at the Mayo Graduate School of Medi-

cine (1972-73) and from 1973 to 1975; he served as a major in the Department of Medicine, United States Army. In 1976, he became one of the state's first pulmonologists when he moved back to South Dakota.

In addition to a keynote address by Parry, USD's 125th Spring Commencement will honor distinguished faculty from the 2011-12 academic year. Faculty to be recognized include recipients of the Belbas-Larson Awards for Excellence in Teaching; the Richard and Sharon Cutler Awards in Liberal Arts; the John Wesley Jackson Memorial Award presented to the outstanding professor of law; and the College of Fine Arts Distinguished Professor Award.

USD To Honor Faculty With Belbas-Larson Awards

VERMILLION — The University of South Dakota will honor two faculty members for their teaching excellence at the 125th Spring Commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 5.

Cliff H. Summers, department of biology in the College of Arts & Sciences and neuroscience group, division of basic biomedical sciences at the Sanford School of Medicine, and David Hulac, school psychology program in the division of counseling and psychology in the School of Education, are recipients of the 2012 Belbas-Larson Awards for Excellence in Teaching.

In addition to being recognized at USD's Spring Commencement, they each will receive a \$5,000 tribute, a framed certificate commemorating their accomplishment and a commemorative medal. The Belbas-Larson Awards for Excellence in Teaching is the highest honor USD bestows upon its educators.

Honored in the tenured category, Summers, Ph.D., is a professor of biology and neuroscience. He received his bachelor's degree in wildlife biology from Colorado State University (1978), and a master's degree in reproductive biology (1982) and a Ph.D. in endocrinology from the University of Colorado (1987). He is a

previous Belbas-Larson Award recipient (1995) and his research interests investigate the impact of social and environmental stressors on molecular, neural and endocrine responses that influence adaptive behavior and activities like learning, coping, reproduction and social interaction. In addition to having several articles featured in publications such as Neuroscience and Behavioral Brain Research, Summers has given presentations across the United States and throughout the world, including conferences in Washington; San Diego; Lisbon, Portugal; and Barcelona, Spain. He has been a member of the USD faculty since 1991.

Recognized in the tenure-track category, Hulac, Ph.D., is an assistant professor of psychology within the USD School of Education. He received a B.A. in History and B.S. in Mathematics from Lafayette College (1995), his M.A. in Special Education from the University of Denver (2001), and a Ph.D. in School Psychology from the University of Northern



Summers



Hulac

Colorado (2007). Hulac teaches classes in academic and behavioral assessment, cognitive assessments and multicultural issues in school psychology. His research interests include academic and behavioral assessment and interventions, cognitive assessment and linking assessment to interventions. His articles

have appeared in several publications, including Psychology in the Schools, School Psychology Forum and Psychological Assessment. He was also the lead author of the book, "Behavioral Interventions in the Schools: A Response-to-Intervention Guidebook." Hulac was honored last year with an Exemplary Designation for Teaching by the School of Education. He has been a member of the USD faculty since 2007.

The Belbas-Larson Awards were established by a 1956 graduate of USD, Dean Belbas of Edina, Minn., and Sioux Falls, and his friends, Harold W. and Kathryn Larson of Bemidji, Minn., and Scottsdale, Ariz.

SCHOLASTICS

SOUTHWEST MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

MARSHALL, Minn. — Six hundred and forty-seven bachelor's, master's and associate degree candidates are scheduled to graduate May 5 from Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall, Minn. A total of 379 will participate in the 44th commencement exercises, which start at 10 a.m. in the Recreation/Athletic Facility on campus.

The commencement speaker this year will be Dr. Thomas Jackson, a 1985 alumnus. Jackson is the Vice President for Student Affairs at the University of Louisville.

The class of 2012 includes students who will graduate with honors. They are indicated as follows: *Cum Laude 3.30-3.49 grade-point-average); **Magna Cum Laude 3.50-3.79); and ***Summa Cum Laude 3.80-4.0.) A 3.0 average is a grade of 'B' and a 4.0 is a grade of "A."

Degree candidates from the Yankton area are:
 GRADUATE STUDENTS
 EDUCATION DEGREES
 Master of Science
 Burbank — Carly Jean O'Connor (MS in Education);
 Dakota Dunes — Jessi Jo Jensen (MS in Education);
 Vermillion — Mary Alice Jordt (MS in Education); Abigail Anna Voss (MS in Education)
 UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS
 College of Arts, Letters, and Sciences and College of Business
 Education & Professional Studies

Freeman — Troy James Osterloo (BS in Justice Administration/Political Science);

Vermillion — Stacy A. Bottolfsen** (BS in Management/Finance)

CAITLIN HOF

STORM LAKE, Iowa — Caitlin Hof, a sophomore biochemistry, biology, chemistry and psychology quadruple major at Buena Vista University (BVU) from Yankton, has been accepted to the highly-competitive Sanford Program for Undergraduate Research (SPUR) in Sioux Falls for the summer of 2012.

During this paid fellowship, Caitlin will work in the Sanford Children's Health Research Center with Dr. David A. Pearce, whose laboratory focuses on Batten's disease, a devastating childhood neurodegenerative disorder.

"I participated in a research program last summer, and I really wanted to experience it again," says Caitlin. "I wanted to work in a more neuroscience focused lab since I think that is what I would like to do after graduation. The lab I will be working in works with a childhood neurological disease called Batten's disease. I am excited to be working in a clinically relevant lab. I think it will show me if I truly want to do clinical neuroscience research in the future. Right now that is the direction I am headed, so it will be nice to have some experience. I hope it shows me my true passion!"

Caitlin has been working with BVU science faculty to prepare for her summer at SPUR.

"The professors have been very encouraging. They were al-

ways more than happy to send another letter or look over my essay through the application process," Caitlin says. "After I was accepted, they have also helped me learn about Batten's disease and some other things I may encounter. I have taken many science courses and I will be able to apply the things I have learned. We have awesome professors that have taught me so much."

This is Caitlin's second research-based fellowship. In the summer of 2011, she worked with Dr. Kristy McClellan, assistant professor of biology, at the University of Iowa's College of Medicine FUTURE (Fostering Undergraduate Talent-Uniting Research and Education) in Biomedicine program. Together, they investigated the role of a Drosophila zinc finger transcription factor in germ line and neuronal development. Caitlin says this experience introduced her to a new possible career path in research, an avenue she will explore further in her upcoming fellowship.

McClellan believes Caitlin is prepared and equipped for her upcoming opportunity. After working closely with her in 2011, she is confident about Caitlin's skills and work ethic.

"Having a student from BV receive a summer research fellowship is not only an opportunity for the student but is also a benefit to the University, specifically to the School of Science," McClellan says.

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