

Habitat Seeks Mission Trip Participants

Do you have an interest in pursuing a life changing mission trip? And are you at least 18 years old? Habitat for Humanity of Yankton County needs you.

The group will be joining other affiliates across our great state on a Global Build effort on Nov. 1-10 to Cambodia and would like to take one member of the great community.

Today, Cambodia is emerging from a traumatic past and is one of the 20 poorest countries in the world. The majority of children and families live in desperate poverty and struggle to meet the most basic needs of food, clean water and shelter.

You can be a pioneer of Habitat for Humanity's Mekong Build in Cambodia. Aside from participating in Habitat for Humanity's mission of eliminating poverty housing, this is an opportunity to connect with other dedicated volunteers from around the world.

The cost to participate in the Mekong Build is \$850. This includes transportation, meals, lodging, travel, medical insurance and emergency evacuation insurance. In addition, each volunteer is responsible for the cost of airfare, passport and visa. Habitat for Humanity of Yankton County will assist the eligible applicant with up to \$750 in financial assistance if necessary.

To be considered for this life-changing experience, submit a short essay explaining why you are interested in partnering with Habitat in this Christian housing ministry. Mail or email essays to Habitat for Humanity of Yankton County, 610 W. 23rd Street Ste. 11, Yankton SD 57078 or habitatyank@iw.net.

Habitat for Humanity of Yankton County is a nonprofit Christian housing ministry dedicated to eliminating substandard housing and homelessness in Yankton County and internationally. The organization's vision is to make adequate, affordable shelter a matter of conscience and action.

For more information contact Julie Dykstra, 605-260-4224.

Student Papers Score Top Honors At Conference

VERMILLION — Creighton University student Alexander Sniffen and Kurt Frisch, a student at Dordt College, received awards during the 48th annual Student History Conference held recently at the University of South Dakota.

Sniffen's paper, "Japanese-Latin American Internment: An Untold History," received the Phi Alpha Theta award while Frisch's paper, "The Trent Affair: A Diplomatic Success," received the best-of-conference award.

Twenty-six graduate and undergraduate students from seven colleges and universities throughout the region presented or commented on papers. The winning authors earned certificates and book awards.

The conference was sponsored by the USD Department of History and the local chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, the national honor society in history. Professor Robert Carriker of Gonzaga University, President of Phi Alpha Theta, delivered the plenary address, "Subs & Shells, Bombs & Balloons: Japanese Attacks on the Pacific Northwest in World War II." For more information, contact Clayton Lehmann, Ph.D., professor of history at USD, at (605) 677-5573 or email clehmann@usd.edu.

USD One Of Top Law Schools At Placing Grads

VERMILLION — The University of South Dakota School of Law is one of the top law schools in the nation when it comes to placing graduates in public interest and government jobs.

According to the National Law Journal, the USD School of Law ranks fifth in the United States for grads in public interest or government jobs, one spot ahead of the Georgetown University Law Center and right behind City University of New York School of Law.

"One of the core missions of the law school is to assure a pool of high-quality graduates to fill necessary and essential public service positions in South Dakota at an affordable price," said Tom Geu, interim dean of the USD School of Law. "The rankings suggest the law school is successfully fulfilling that mission."

The National Law Journal rankings are based on the 20 law schools that sent the highest percentage of their 2012 graduating class into either government jobs, such as prosecutors, or public interest jobs, such as public defenders or nonprofit attorneys. According to data released by the National Law Journal, a little more than 26 percent (26.3) of 2012 USD School of Law graduates entered the workforce in government or public interest positions. The College of William and Mary's Marshall-Wythe School of Law ranked first at 34.3 percent followed by George Washington University School of Law at 32.5 percent.

The complete National Law Journal list is available online at www.law.com/jsp/nlj/PubArticleNLJ.jsp?id=1202595078977&slreturn=20130318114333/.

Math Instructor Named Outstanding At USD

VERMILLION — Clare Wagner, instructor for the Department of Mathematical Sciences at the University of South Dakota, is the 2013 recipient of the Outstanding Instructor Award presented by the College of Arts & Sciences.

Wagner, who received her M.A. in mathematics and B.A. in mathematics education from USD, was selected for her outstanding teaching skills and her ability to work with students in courses such as College Algebra, Quantitative Literacy, and Calculus I. In addition Wagner developed the first Quantitative Literacy course in the state and has developed an online version of that course as well as an online version of Calculus I. She has also been instrumental in implementing and coordinating the Math Emporium approach for teaching College Algebra at USD.

The Outstanding Instructor Award is given annually to a faculty member in the College of Arts & Sciences who demonstrates outstanding classroom teaching and mentoring of students. The winner receives a cash prize, made possible through an annual gift of the Johnson family. Mary Elizabeth Johnson is a USD graduate in mass communication who served as Chaplain at the Mayo Clinic for over three decades, working closely with women experiencing health issues and loss. Johnson completed graduate work at Seattle University, and served as an adjunct member of the Mayo Medical School.

S.D. FFA Stars Awarded For Projects

BROOKINGS — Several South Dakota FFA members were awarded with the South Dakota FFA Association Star Awards for project excellence at the 85th South Dakota State FFA Convention in Brookings on April 14-16.

The South Dakota FFA Star Awards recognize FFA members who have demonstrated exemplary work in their Supervised Agricultural Experience (internship) programs. Through their Supervised Agricultural Experience, these FFA members have mastered skills in agriculture production, finance, management and research.

After an extensive review of their Supervised Agricultural Experience program and records, 20 FFA members were selected as

South Dakota's finalists for State Star Farmer, Star in Agribusiness, Star in Ag Placement, Star in Agriculture and Star Greenhand. The finalists also discussed their projects in an oral interview with a panel of industry judges.

In the Star of Agribusiness division, Brandon Reif of McCook Central was the winner, with finalists including Lexi Slack, Viborg Hurley; Chad Buse, Lennox-Sundstrom; and Samantha Rothschadl, Viborg-Hurley.

The National FFA Organization (formerly Future Farmers of America) envisions a future in which all agricultural education students will discover their passion in life and build on that insight to chart the course for their educations, career and personal future.



SUBMITTED PHOTO
Pictured are, from left: Brian Bye, representative of Farm Credit Services of America; Brandon Reif, McCook Central; Chad Buse, Lennox-Sundstrom; Samantha Rothschadl, Viborg-Hurley; Lexi Slack, Viborg-Hurley.

Attorney General Warns Seniors To Be Cautious Of Scams

PIERRE — Attorney General Marty Jackley is warning S.D. seniors to be cautious if they receive telephone calls from someone who claims to be their grandchild or other family member and requests money for a critical situation. The Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division has seen an increased number of complaints from seniors who have been receiving telephone calls from a purported grandchild in need of money.

In this reoccurring scam, the caller poses as a grandchild and

uses a plea for help and a sense of urgency when asking for a wire transfer. If the scam works as it should, the victim will wire money and by the time the senior realizes what happened, the money is long gone and most likely not recoverable. In addition, these scam artists are getting wise and avoiding national chain stores for wire transfers. These chains are asking the right questions to help avoid these scams from occurring. The scammers are directing seniors to payday loan operations that may not be familiar to these types

of scams, and other related scams. Here are tips to remember to avoid becoming a victim:

- Ask several personal questions including something that only a grandchild would be able to answer like a nickname, name of a family pet or special family tradition. This will help determine if this is a fraud or not.

- Don't hesitate to call another family member or the grandchild directly with a number that is familiar to you.

- Do not fill in the blanks for the caller. If the caller says, "This is

your granddaughter," ask "which one?" or "where are you calling from?" The caller is looking for answers that will assist them in the scam.

- Be cautious if the caller asks you to not tell anyone else, like the parents, because he or she will get in trouble. It is all part of the scam.

If you believe the call is fraudulent then contact your local law enforcement agency. Those who have already sent money should contact the Consumer Protection Division at 1-800-300-1986 or by email at consumerhelp@state.sd.us.

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U.S. Submarine Veterans Meeting Set

The WWII USS Scorpion SS-278 memorial in Yankton will be the site of the next meeting/service of the United States Submarine Veterans (USSVI) and the U.S. Submarine Veterans of World War II. The event will take place at noon on Saturday, May 11, at the memorial located at the foot of the Meridian Bridge (South Dakota side).

There will be a special service for the Scorpion crew and all submariners lost at sea. South Dakota Lt. Gov. Matt Michels will be the special guest speaker. The event will conclude with a tossing of a wreath/bouquet into the river. Veterans are invited at 1 p.m. over to the Yankton VFW for lunch.

The local USSVI Scorpion Base invites the public to this special ceremony, open to all veterans, active duty personal, their families.

For more information, contact Kent Winter at (605) 951-5941 or winterinsd@sio.midco.net.

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Adjective

1. Chosen in accordance with wisdom or prudence; likely to be of benefit.

Synonyms: reasonable - wise - judicious - perceptible - rational



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