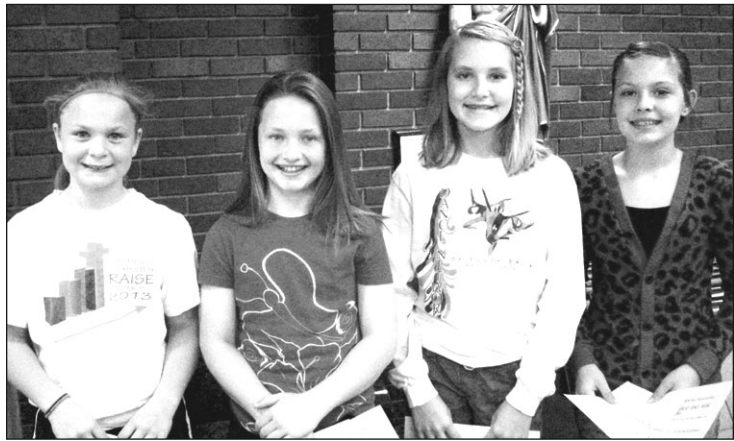


Local Americanism Award Winners Announced

The Americanism Essays and Poetry Contest was sponsored recently by the American Legion Auxiliary Roy Anderson Post Unit #12 Post. First- and second-place awards were presented by the Chairman, Malena Diede.

The Title for the essay contest was: "What Freedom Do I Enjoy the Most?" and the Theme for the poetry contest was, "Veterans ... The Apple of our Eye."



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From Sacred Heart School, Grade 5 Poetry: 2nd place, Ava Manning; 1st place, Payton Wolfram; Grade 6 Poetry: 2nd place, Courtney Wenande; 1st place, Sydney Sedlacek.



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From Beadle School, Grade 4 Essay: 1st place, Cole Zimmerman.



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From Stewart School, Grade 5 Essay: 2nd place, Samantha Aune; 1st place, Kylie Roth.



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From Sacred Heart School, Grade 6 Essay: 1st place Kellie Geigle (who also won 3rd place in the District contest); 2nd place, Sophia Vyborney.



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From Missouri Valley Christian School, Grade 3 Essay: 2nd place, Ellie Novak; 1st place, Joshua Saylor.



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From Lincoln School, Grade 4 Poetry: 1st place, Riley Folkers; 2nd place, Tyler Pulice; Grade 4 Essay: 2nd place, Kya Kaufenberg.

DENR Awards Certificate Of Achievement Award

PIERRE — The South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) announced that the East Winds Court, Inc., public water system and the system's operation specialist have been awarded a Drinking Water Certificate of Achievement Award.

The award is for outstanding water system operations and environmental compliance with state drinking water standards for the past year.

The system manager is Ron Galvan and the system's operation specialist is Roy Mellegaard.

"Many people turn on the tap in

their home or office and take the clean, safe water that flows out for granted," said DENR Secretary Steve Pirner, "but it takes highly trained, certified system operation specialist to make it happen every day for a whole year."

To qualify for the Drinking Water Certificate of Achievement Award, public water systems and their system operations specialist had to meet all of the following requirements for 2012:

- compliance monitoring and reporting,
- drinking water standards, and
- certification requirements.

OBITUARIES

Lonnie LaFave

Lonnie LaFave, 73, of Onida, SD died unexpectedly Monday, May 20 at Avera St. Mary's Hospital in Pierre. Visitation will be 6-7 p.m. Thursday, May 23 at the Onida Methodist Church with Prayer Service/Masonic Service at 7:00 p.m. Services will be at 11:00 a.m. Friday, May 24 at the Onida Methodist Church with Pastor Jeff Adel officiating, burial will be at Onida Cemetery.

Arrangements have been placed in care of Isburg Funeral Chapel. Online condolences may be made at www.isburgfuneralchapel.com.

Lonnie Dean LaFave was born June 1, 1939 in Geddes, SD to Eugene and Olinda (Odenbach) LaFave. He lived in Fairfax until 1942, when the family moved to a ranch near Draper, SD. In 1945 they moved to a farm east of Onida. He attended Blaine School and then Onida High School until November 1954 when he moved with his family to a ranch east of Pierre. He graduated from Pierre High School in 1957. After high school, he received a technical degree from DeVry Institute. He also enlisted in the SD National



LaFave

Guard and received an Honorable Discharge as a Reserve Commissioned Officer of the Army, 1st Lieutenant on December 6, 1965.

He was united in marriage with Irene (Soogie) McChristy on June 4, 1961 at Salem Lutheran Church in Irene, SD. To this union four children were born: Alan, Steven, Amy and Linda. They lived in Pierre, where he worked for Hull and Albertus for seven years. On February 1, 1965, Lonnie and Irene opened LaFave Electric, a TV and electrical shop in Onida. He retired in 2007.

Lonnie was active in the Onida Chamber of Commerce, serving as president in 1965. He joined the Onida Fire Department in 1966 and served for 15 years. He was a member of the United Methodist Church, serving as a Sunday school teacher and Lay Leader over the years. He was a member of the Onida Masonic Lodge and served in most of the offices over the years, including Master.

Lonnie was a man of deep

USD Dean Of Education Stepping Down

VERMILLION — The University of South Dakota announced that Rick Melmer, Dean of the School of Education, is stepping down to become an advisor for several educational agencies at the state and national levels.

Melmer, whose last day at USD is June 21, has served as the Dean of the School of Education since 2008. Prior to joining USD, Melmer served as Secretary of Education for the State of South Dakota. During his tenure, Melmer secured critical support from the Bush Foundation that has enabled the transition of USD's teacher education programs to a full-year residency program.

"As dean, Rick has been integral in his support of advancing educational opportunities for all South Dakotans, not just students at USD," stated Chuck Staben, Ph.D., Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs at USD. "Through his leadership, the School of Education acquired federal support for a program to enhance training of Lakota language educators and he led a reorganization and curricular renovation that led to the creation of the Division of Kinesiology and Sport Science."

Melmer, who was appointed Secretary of the Department of Education in June 2003 by Gov. Mike Rounds, has been a member of the board of directors of the Council of Chief State School Officers, including past president. Additionally, Melmer has been a member of the National Council of Accreditation for Teacher Education since 2005. Prior to his appointment as Secretary of the Department of Education, Melmer was superintendent of schools in the Watertown School District for eight years where his responsibilities included serving as administrator of Lake Area Technical Institute. From 1991 to 1995, Melmer was superintendent of the Sioux Center Community School District in Sioux Center, Iowa.



Melmer

MNRR To Open Season This Weekend

Missouri National Recreational River — Southeast South Dakota's and Northeast Nebraska's only National Park — will open the 2013 season with the following ranger programs this weekend:

- Saturday May 25

— Lewis & Clark Visitor Center at Gavins Point Dam, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.: "Tokens of Friendship?" — For Junior Rangers. Peace medals were an important part of negotiations and treaties with American Indians, including Lewis & Clark's contacts. A National Park Ranger reveals their mixed meanings while you make your own decorated peace medal.

- Sunday, May 26

— Lewis & Clark Visitor Center at Gavins Point Dam, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.: "River Wheel." — Discover America's greatest river as you spin the wheel, answer questions about the Missouri River and win a prize.

— Fort Randall Historic Site west of Pickstown, 1:30 p.m.: "Fort Randall: Citadel on the Missouri." — Following the 1 p.m. Fort Randall reenactment and cannon firing, National Park Rangers will lead a tour of the fort site and reveal its history through the experiences of some of the residents of this outpost, a key link in the chain of forts surrounding the Lakota people.

- Monday, May 27

— Lewis & Clark Visitor Center at Gavins Point Dam, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.: "Free Land!" — The Homestead Act gave away millions of acres of land, but was it really free? Experience a taste of life on the prairie and learn the true cost of "free" land in this ranger-staffed exhibit of typical homesteader goods and building materials.

Jackson, and father and mother-in-law, Everett and Christine (Babe) McChristy.

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Noel Raysby

Noel Raysby, 81 of Tyndall died Wednesday, May 22, 2013, at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton.

His funeral services are pending with Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home, Avon.

Thank You

Thank you for the many personal greetings, cards, and gifts we received for our 50th anniversary.

Special thanks to our family for the open house.

God Bless,

Carrol and Pearl Jerke

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