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## Royal Feeling For KC Fans



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ABOVE: Scotland native Kari Kocer and her son Aiden are shown during Game 2 of the World Series in Kansas City, Missouri. For Kari's father, Scotland athletic director Jim Kocer, Sunday's title-clinching triumph by the Royals was a dream come true. It's a passion that runs in the family. "My wife and three kids and spouses and even the grandchildren are big Royals fans," Jim Kocer said. TOP: Royals center fielder Jarrod Dyson holds the World Series trophy up for fans to see after the Royals defeated the New York Mets Sunday.

## Royals Fans Rejoice Over Second Title

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Back in October 1985, the Nintendo Entertainment System was released in North America, Bruce Springsteen wrapped up the "Born in the U.S.A." Tour and the Space Shuttle Atlantis took off on its maiden voyage. And on the 27th of that month, the Kansas City Royals won their last playoff game for 29 years, taking game seven of the World Series over the St. Louis Cardinals.

And almost exactly 30 years later, the Royals are champs again. Sunday night, the Royals defeated the New York Mets in Game Five of the 2015 World Series.

The ultimate triumph for the Royals came a year removed from the team's ultimate heartbreak — a miracle postseason run that ended in a Game Seven loss to the San Francisco Giants.

Jim Kocer, athletic director for Scotland High School, got to see a piece of both of those World Series.

"We've been going to games since about 1982," Kocer said. "Last year, the whole family, except myself, made it to Game One. We

had parent-teacher conferences so I stuck around here for that."

But he added that he would get a chance to see the 2014 Series at its end.

"Kevin (Kocer's son) and I made the trip to KC for Game Seven," Jim wrote to the *Press & Dakotan*. "It was a beautiful day and the excitement in the air around the stadium is one I'll never forget. Unfortunately, the Giants had their terrific pitching ace (Madison Bumgarner) come in as relief, and Kevin and I knew he would finish the game, giving the Royals a one-run loss."

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## Lakota: Talking The Talk At USD

Film Screening To  
Highlight School's  
Lakota Language  
Programs

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VERMILION — The University of South Dakota (USD) in Vermillion will be showing a free Native American film entitled "Rising Voices," which depicts the Lakota people and highlights the struggles in bringing their ancestral language back to their communities.

The showing will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 5, at the Al Neuharth Media Center conference room.

"Rising Voices" includes interviews from members inside the Lakota community and nearby linguists. These people share their stories and day-to-day struggles of restoring the language.

"It is something that we wanted to bring to our campus and our students because obviously Lakota language instruction and preservation of the language is such an important part of our curriculum," said Dr. Laura Vidler, chair of modern languages and linguistics at USD.

USD's department of modern languages and linguistics offers a bachelor's degree in Native American studies that requires introductory classes in the Lakota language. The degree also offers the option of a Lakota studies specialization which includes Lakota language, culture, history, traditions and governance.

"The teaching of Lakota is incredibly important to the University of South Dakota and the state," Vidler said. "We have a responsibility as a public institution to serve the public and the Lakota speaking people who are a critical part of the history, the legacy and the current culture of the state."

Assistant Professor of Linguistics and Lakota Dr. Armik Mirzayan has been with the university since 2011 and is responsible for maintaining communication and collaboration with the Lakota speaking community.

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## CSI: YMS



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Yankton Middle School eighth-graders Josh Loest (left) and Alex Mitchell examine evidence at a "crime scene" in the YMS science lab Monday afternoon. The investigation was part of a crime lab activity conducted each year by eighth grade science teachers Brooks Schild and Carol Larrington. Students working in teams investigate a crime scene — which Monday included the attempted theft of diamonds from the lab — using scientific analytical skills the students have been working on in class and in lab work.

## Yankton

## Meditation Center Celebrates Anniversary

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Those looking for a place to relieve stress don't have to look far.

On Saturday, Nov. 7, an open house to celebrate the Yankton Area Meditation Center's one-year anniversary is from at 9-11 a.m. at Christ Episcopal Church, 517 Douglas. Refreshments will be provided.

The meditation center, held in the church's Olde Rectory at 513 Douglas, was started by the Rev. James Pearson and Michael McVay. McVay, a retired physician, had experience with meditation when he taught a course at the hospital entitled "Mindfulness Based Stressed Reduction." He, along with Pearson, led a series of public presentations entitled "Jesus and Buddha: Past Awakening." After the presentations ended, they developed an idea to start a meditation center.



COURTESY PHOTO

Shown are members of the Yankton Area Meditation Center, which is having an open house Saturday to celebrate its one-year anniversary.

The meditation group meets every Wednesday from 7-8:30 p.m. and is instructed on meditation practices by Pearson and McVay. "It promotes awareness of

mindfulness," McVay explained. "Mindfulness is paying attention in a non-judgmental way or attitude,

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