

Projects

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USD is now seeking approval of a \$10.6 million Science, Health and Research Lab facility that will accommodate the needs of Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Physician's Assistant, and Kinesiology and Sports Sciences (KSS) programs.

Both USD and Sanford Health — which made a \$20 million donation toward athletic facilities in August — see those programs as an area of growth in the near future, Sayler said.

"That research tie is huge," he said. "It is definitely something Sanford was looking to partner with us on. It's really worked out

exactly how we'd hoped. We couldn't be more excited for the future."

Because the funding for the two projects would come from different sources, USD had to submit them as separate entities, Sayler said.

Funding for the \$48 million arena and track/soccer complex will come from cash donations of \$14.15 million, a pledge from the USD Foundation for \$9.9 million, athletic revenues of \$3.4 million and \$20.6 million from debt financing (portion of Sanford gift, rental agreements and corporate sponsorships).

Sayler said his department has raised a "substantial amount of money" so far, but seeks an additional \$12 million from a variety of avenues over the next 6-8 months.

"That's my challenge to our staff," he said. "Our foundation is fully supportive of the project, but

I still have to go out and seek the pledges to support their portion. Before a shovel is in the ground, they want to make sure we have the money."

In terms of the proposed lab facility, funding for that project will come from \$8.7 million from the Higher Education Facilities Fund and \$1.9 million in donations.

Relocating the health sciences and ultimately moving the nursing program out of Julian Hall would allow USD to begin removal of both Julian Hall and Noteboom Hall from the building inventory. That would erase \$9 million from deferred maintenance.

Put another way, Sayler said he hopes the Regents OK the funding sources and allow USD to move forward in its goals. The next step would be presenting the proposals to the South Dakota state Legislature in January.

"What we're trying to shoot for is that if we have the funding in place for any one of the three, we could start building," Sayler said. "You might see the lab done before the arena, if we have the funds available."

"Right now, it's all about getting down the proper channels."

First things first: USD will make its presentation to the Regents' Committee on Budget and Finance at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Muenster Center Ballroom. Sayler said each side will go over the details with a "fine-toothed comb" and ensure that everyone clearly understands the funding sources.

Though there are a lot of numbers, figures and schematics surrounding the projects, Sayler said when it comes to talking with potential donors, the message is rather simple.

"There seems to be this percep-

tion that this hurdle is hard to get through, but our job is looking across the table and saying to people, 'Sign this piece of paper and we can move forward,'" he said.

Beyond the health and conditioning aspects of the projects, the involved athletic teams (basketball and volleyball) will obviously benefit from a new arena. Sports like football, indoor track, and swimming and diving would remain in the DakotaDome (which will undergo renovations following the arena project), while soccer would have a new home.

Outdoor track and field, however, is one sport that would perhaps benefit the most. Those athletes regularly travel to Yankton to train and practice at Williams Field, which causes scheduling conflicts. The pricetag of \$4 million for that project might be the one reached first, Sayler said.

"Track itself has raised specific donors because of the dollars being smaller, so that might start first. That could be done before everything else," he said. "There are a lot of people interested. And we all know that facility could really put us over the top, regionally and nationally."

For now, both in preparation for and following the presentation to the Regents, USD has tried to sustain the momentum for the athletic facility projects following the lead gift from Sanford Health, Sayler said.

"Everyone's anxious, and that's good," he said. "It drives me and our fundraising staff."

You can follow Jeremy Hoeck on Twitter at twitter.com/jhoeck

OBITUARIES

James Kirkendall

James Monroe Kirkendall, age 39, of Yankton, South Dakota, died Monday, September 24, 2012 at the Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, Nebraska.

Funeral services are 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 9, 2012 at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton.

Visitation is from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Monday, October 8, at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton.

James was born September 15, 1973 in Roswell, New Mexico to James Sr. and Theresa (Smith) Kirkendall. He grew up in Roswell where he attended Roswell High School and then graduated from Goddard High School. After school, James worked in many places across the country, first working in the oil fields and then installing radio towers. He moved to Yankton and on May 16, 2001, James married Maria Garza. James then worked at Wilson Trailer, Kolberg-Pioneer and was currently a lead man at Dakota Trailer. James was a hard worker and was always polite, courteous, and respectful. He had a unique ability to get people to come together and be united. He loved fishing, playing games, and being with his family. He also enjoyed the



Kirkendall

company of his two dogs, Razzle and Tator.

James is survived by his two brothers, Richard (Stacy) Kirkendall of Roswell, NM and Travis (Katrina) Lindsey of Yank-

ton; two sisters, Merlesha Lindsey of Albuquerque, NM and Brenda (Harold) Waterman of Pierce, NE; mother, Theresa (Michael) O'Shea of Yankton; three step-children: Berta (Chon) Rubio of Levelland, TX, Javi Garza of Roswell and April (John) Holmquist of Aberdeen, SD; 10 step grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

James was preceded in death by his wife, Maria on May 1, 2010 and grandmother, Lucille Smith.

To send an online sympathy message, please visit wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

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Online condolences at:
www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com

William Bergman

William H. Bergman, 85, of Yankton, SD, died Saturday, October 6, 2012 at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton, SD.

Visitation is from 5 to 7 p.m., Tuesday, October 9, 2012 at Kober Funeral Home in Vermillion with a prayer service at 7 p.m.

Funeral service will be held in Vermillion at the United Church of Christ-Congregational on Wednesday, October 10, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. with Rev. Steve Miller officiating.

Burial will be at Bluff View Cemetery, Vermillion, with military rites conducted by Clay Post 3061 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Post 0001 of the American Legion.

Bill was born April 3, 1927 to Henry and Nellie S. (Weed) Bergman in Vermillion. He graduated from Vermillion High School, received a B.S. in Industrial Engineering and an M.B.A. from the University of South Dakota, and his doctorate from the University of Northern Colorado.

In 1969 he married Harriett (Hanson) Schramm, formerly of Winner. She passed away in 1995. In 1997 he married Mary Ann (McQuaid) Goetz and they were at home at Lewis and Clark Lake, Yankton.

Dr. Bergman retired as Director and Professor of the Health Services Administration program at USD in 1990 after 27 years of service to USD and the state of South Dakota. While at USD he also served 20 years as Associate Director of the Business Research Bureau and Professor of Business Statistics. Concurrently he founded and was the first Director of the State Data Center, was the first Executive Director of the South Dakota Advisory Council on Vocational-Technical Education, and was the Director of the Vocational-Technical Research Coordinating Unit.

Prior to joining USD, for 10 years he was employed as Service Engineer in the Diesel-Electric Locomotive Division of Fairbanks, Morse & Co. and for several years was an Industrial Division Area Manager in the machine tool industry with the Mobil Oil Co.

He enjoyed sports, including golf, hunting, boating, and baseball, and was a running back in football for Vermillion High School. He grew up in the shadow of Inman Stadium in Vermillion and was a life-long USD Coyote supporter.

He grew up in and was a member of the United Church of Christ-Congregational where he served as Sunday School Superintendent and Chairman of the Board of Trustees. He was one of the founders and served 23 years on the Board of Directors of the Clay County Park Association. He also served on the Boards of Dakota Hospital and Southeast Dakota Nursing Home and the Vermillion Development Co. He was licensed by the U.S. Coast Guard as a charter boat captain and was



Bergman

a past Flotilla Commander for the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

He was a member of Clay Post 3061 of the V.F.W. and American Legion Post 0001 of Vermillion. He was proud of having served 11 years as a member of the Vermillion Volunteer Fire Dept.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Ann; step-sons, James Schramm of Winner, Tom Goetz of Kearney, NE, John Goetz of Hartington, NE; step-daughter, Nancy Giesinger of Huron, Mary Kay Kollars of Sioux City, IA, and Cindy Quitsch of South Carolina; eight grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren; He is also survived by four beloved cousins who reside in California, and his brother, Robert E. Bergman and family of Warner Robins, GA.

Kober Funeral Home, Vermillion, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be posted online to www.koberfuneralhome.com.

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Winifred Miles

GUILFORD, Maine — After a long battle with Parkinson's Disease, Winifred Evelyn Miles, 84, passed away October 4, 2012, surrounded by the love and support of her family and friends.

She was born in Sangerville, Maine November 29, 1927, a daughter of Lester and Hester (Goodell) Moulton, Sr.

One of 8 children, and a child of the Depression Era, Winifred had to leave school early to work and help support her family. A woman of incredible personal strength and character, Winifred set a goal for herself to one day go back to school and earn her diploma. After raising her own family of 5 children, she did exactly that, earning straight A's along the way. Indeed, Winifred so embraced the value of education that she took numerous classes in typing, accounting, and bookkeeping over her lifetime.

December 8, 1945 Winifred married Kenneth Warren Miles, and for 54 years she was his partner in life, partner in business, and deeply devoted wife. A life-long teetotaler, Winifred had her first taste of champagne in celebration of her 50th wedding anniversary. Celebrating her 50th wedding anniversary was one of her great personal goals in life and she thoroughly enjoyed her surprise party surrounded by family and friends.

Being a very detail-orientated person, Winifred excelled in her role of bookkeeper and accountant within K.W.Miles, Inc., her husband's construction firm. Both Winifred and her husband Kenneth prided themselves on creating beautiful homes while maintaining the highest standards of workmanship and integrity.

Winifred was an active member in the Valley Grange of Guilford and the local chapter of the Rebekahs for many years and held a number of offices. She also enjoyed her many grandchildren and great-grandchildren and cherished the many family barbecues that celebrated birthdays, graduations, and other special family events. The refrigerator in her kitchen was always covered with artwork created by the children in the family, and it was affectionately displayed for the rest of the world to enjoy.

Extremely talented at ceramics, Winifred took many classes learning to paint fine features on figurines such as faces, eyes, and even eyelashes. Each season her home was decorated with numerous ceramic scenes, villages, and figures she personally had created. She tailor made many ceramics for family members that reflected their personal tastes and interests. She also enjoyed knitting, crocheting, and other crafts.

Winifred enjoyed a green thumb and particularly loved flowers of all kinds. For many years she created and maintained a variety of flower beds surrounding her home. Her favorite flowers were Black Eyed Susans and Tiger Lilies and she especially enjoyed the smell of lilacs in the spring. One of the things that brought her immense joy were the wild flower bouquets that her grandchildren and great grandchildren would gather from the pastures surrounding the family home. She would proudly display them in an heirloom ruby red colored vase on the family kitchen table for all to see.

Her love of flowers led her to a love of birds, especially hummingbirds and blue birds. She hung many hummingbird feeders around her home testing which designs drew the most birds. Many years she had nests of hummingbirds and blue birds surrounding her home and took great pleasure in watching each season of new families take flight. Many family and friends would come to her home to watch the hummingbirds and take pictures of them in flight. Eventually, the hummingbird became synonymous with Winifred and very much represented who she was as a person: hard working, active, and beautiful.

Survivors include: a son, Dennis Miles, and his wife Shirley,



Miles

Harry Cuka

Funeral mass for Harry Cuka, 87, of Wagner will be 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, October 9, 2012 at the Assumption Catholic Church in Dante. Burial is in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, rural Dante, with military honors.

Visitation is Monday from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home in Wagner. Rosary/Wake services are 7 p.m. Monday, at the church in Dante.

Harry G. Cuka was born November 9, 1924 at Wagner, SD, the son of John and Mary (Kostel) Cuka. He died peacefully on Thursday, October 4, 2012 in Mitchell. Harry attained the age of 87 years, 10 months and 25 days.

Harry attended country school south of Wagner and graduated from Wagner High School in 1942. He served in the US Army during the Korean War with the rank of Staff Sergeant. He operated a .50 Caliber Quad 4 on a half track, which is why Harry said he couldn't ever hear anything. Harry then came home to work on the family farm. He farmed with his family all of his life.

Harry was a member of the



Cuka

VFW, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church in Dante. He was one of the first lectors of the church.

Harry will be remembered for his love of farming, working with livestock, his cats and kittens, reading, playing cards, playing scrabble, playing and watching baseball and football.

Thankful for having shared his life are his brother Leonard and wife Helen of Wagner; sister-in-law Dorothy Cuka of Wagner; nieces and nephews: Tim Cuka and Arlis, Peggy Blake, Bob Cuka and Deb, Jim Cuka and Denise, Angie and husband Sam Fousek, Mark and wife Robbin Cuka, Gerard and wife Sharon Cuka and Mary Shaffer; 18 great nieces and nephews and 21 great-great nieces and nephews.

Harry was preceded in death by his parents; brothers and sisters-in-law: John, Laddie and Evelyn, Carl and Irene, Ed, Albin; and nephew Tom and Donald Cuka.

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Julie Kramer

CROFTON, Neb. — Julie M. Kramer, 66, of Crofton, Neb., died Saturday, Oct. 6, 2012, at the Avera Heart Hospital, Sioux Falls.

Mass of Christian Burial is at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 10, at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Crofton, with the Rev. Michael Schmitz officiating. Burial will be

at the St. Rose of Lima Cemetery, Crofton.

Visitation is 5-8 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, Crofton.

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