

YHS Student Featured At 1 Million Cups

Yankton High School student Adam Walter will be sharing his ideas of a business, Red Arrow Bowfishing, during this week's 1 Million Cups meeting at 9 a.m. Wednesday at the Avera Professional Pavilion, Yankton.

Next week, Mike Huether, mayor of Sioux Falls and a Yankton native, will speak at the meeting.

First Half Taxes Are Due April 30

The Yankton County Treasurers Office reminds the public that the First Half of the 2014 (payable in 2015) Real Estate Taxes and the First Half of the 2015 Mobile Home Taxes are due and payable on April 30, 2015.

You can use the Silver Drop Box on the North Side of the Government Center for payments or bring them in to the office. If you mail the payments they MUST have an April postmark. Mailing address is Yankton County Treasurer 321 W. 3rd St. Suite 107 Yankton, SD 57078.

Interest will be charged May 1.

Knox Co. Residents Urged To Sign Up

CENTER, Neb. — The Knox County Sheriff's Office, Knox County 911 and Knox County Emergency Management encourages all of the residents of Knox County to sign up for Nixle alerts.

The season for severe weather is once again upon us. Knox County 911, Emergency Management, and the Knox County Sheriff's Office would like to remind all Knox County residents of the Community Information Service designated to deliver important and timely information to everyone in Knox County. The service, created by Nixle, LLC, delivers trustworthy and important neighborhood-level public safety notifications by web, e-mail and cell phone. Nixle is a provider of mass notification services for public safety agencies across the nation. Nixle is completely simple, trusted and available at no cost to the county or residents of the county.

Residents of Knox County can now take advantage of Nixle, a community information service that alerts you to public safety threats and community events via web, e-mail and cell phone. These alerts may include weather, missing person reports, community outreach programs and other public safety information. The Knox County Sheriff's Office encourages all of the residents of Knox County to sign up for Nixle alerts.

Citizens can register to receive messages by sending a text message with their zip code to 888777, via their cellular phones. Online registration is also available at www.nixle.com/. There is no cost for anyone to register. Once registered, users can customize the types of alerts they wish to receive, via text messages to your cellular phone, via an e-mail message, or online. Register now and learn more at www.nixle.com.

Garden Educator Workshop In Sioux Falls

BROOKINGS — SDSU Extension and Ground Works are hosting a training series in Sioux Falls for elementary teachers, afterschool programs leaders and others who utilize a garden as part of their educational program.

The "Growing the 4-Seasons Teaching Garden" workshop provides a series of two-hour sessions that will feature horticultural information, hands-on demonstrations of relevant lessons for students and food preparation and nutrition activities.

The workshops will be held at the Teaching Garden Demonstration and Training Center at the Mary Jo Wegner Arboretum, 1900 Perry Pl., Sioux Falls.

Pre-registration is required. Refreshments will be provided. Sessions run from 6-8 p.m. (CDT) on the following dates:

- April 21 — Bed preparation, planting & care, a related curriculum lesson, harvest, storage & preparation lesson.
- June 16 — Food safety, good bug-bad bugs- identification & control, a related curriculum lesson, harvest, storage & preparation lesson.
- July 21 — Pest control-managing insects, diseases & weeds, a related curriculum lesson, harvest, storage & preparation lesson.
- Aug. 18 — Season extension & frost protection, cover crops, a related curriculum lesson, harvest, storage & preparation lesson.
- Sept. 15 — Garden clean-up, winter activities, vermicomposting, harvest, storage & preparation lesson.

Continuing education units (CEU's) are available through South Dakota State University. Attendees seeking CEU credit must complete 5 training hours for one-half CEU or 10 training hours for 1 CEU.

Registration forms are available at iGrow.org/events, under the date of the event. Completed registration forms should be emailed to christina.vanruler@sdstate.edu or printed and mailed to SDSU Extension, 2001 E. 8th St., Sioux Falls, SD 57103.

Contact Chris Zdorovtsov at christina.zdorovtsov@sdstate.edu or 605-782-3290 or Tim Olsen at revtim93@gmail.com or at 605-275-9159 for more information about the training.

Abuse Prevention: Watch Verbal Abuse

Children believe what adults tell them. What you say to children can determine how they feel about themselves. Start using words that help — stop using words that hurt.

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. Do something positive for a child today.

This message brought to you by the Yankton County Child Protection Team.

OBITUARIES

Raymond Dolejsi

Raymond T. Dolejsi, 86, of Yankton passed away on Monday, April 13, 2015, at the Avera Yankton Care Center, Yankton.

Arrangements are pending under the care of the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton.

Denise Hecht

Denise E. Hecht, 74, of Yankton passed away early Monday morning, April 13, 2015, at the Good Samaritan Center, Sioux Falls.

Memorial Mass will be 2:30 p.m. Thursday, April 16, at Sacred Heart Catho-

lic Church, Yankton with the Rev. Robert Wullweber officiating. Burial will be in the Sacred Heart Cemetery, Yankton.

Visitations will be from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, April 15, at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, and then one hour prior to the service at the church.

Condolences may be sent at www.opsahl-kostelfuneralhome.com.

BY LINDA WUEBBEN
P&D Correspondent

CROFTON, Neb. — Cole Steffen was faced with a dilemma last year as Christmas approached.

"Well, everyone knows how hard it is to buy presents for Dad," Steffen said. "So I put a lot of thought into it."

Steffen remembered a day he had spent with his dad Jeff last summer near Constance when a local agronomist held a field demonstration with a drone. Jeff was amazed how clearly he could see the crops in the field and identify any number of issues like nutrient problems from corn row to corn row.

Steffen decided to build his dad a drone — it was just as simple as that. Now that might terrify some people, but not him because his passion for years and years has been aviation. And drones were definitely a tantalizing opportunity for someone who, as a senior in high school, has had a pilot license for a few years already.

After researching quadcopters online, which is essentially what a drone is, Steffen found a model kit for an air frame for a drone. He ordered one and also ordered an electronic kit which was recommended by the model company so he could attach wires for directional flying. His final purchase was a radio transmitter with GPS for flying operations.

Steffen headed to their basement dungeon, a concrete shelter in their basement, and set up buckets for a table and brought cords and lights and tools and his dad never suspected anything.

In between all the high school classes and extracurricular activities like sports, speech, FFA, music and band, Steffen managed to get the drone erected in the month before Christmas. He estimated it only took three to four hours and he knows the next one will go even faster. The transmitter he added to the project is capable to be programmed for up to 10 different quadcopters so there'll be more. He is headed for a college degree in mechanical engineering.

The aviator and model sites Steffen researched also recommended a new 'flyer' to start small when actually making a test flight so he purchased a micro-quadcopter about four inches in diameter also. It was better to fly a small frame to learn the muscle coordination needed to control the quadcopter and if it crashes, it will be less costly.

The quadcopter frames are metal but connected with plastic clips and straps designed to release if a crash occurs. If one breaks, replacement parts are not as easy to come by and after one crash with the large quadcopter, he had to design a replacement part using what he



PHOTO: LINDA WUEBBEN
Cole Steffen of Crofton displays the drone that he built for his father as a Christmas present. He foresees a lot of uses on the farm. "The sky is the limit for the use of the drone," Cole said.

could find on the farm, keeping in mind weight could possibly affect the stability of the quadcopter.

Steffen and his dad have been practicing and even attached dad's phone to the drone to see what kind of video feed it would have. He is now researching the last parts to add to the drone project — a video camera, video transmitter and receiver so real live video can be received and also flight data. By now he knows he will probably need a more powerful lithium rechargeable battery and he will need to design a harness to attach all these add-ons to the drone.

Of course in the future, video goggles will be the way to use a drone which will enable to operator to actually see what the drone is doing in real time Steffen said.

"The sky is the limit for the use of the drone," Steffen said. "We will be able to check day-by-day, week-by-

week, or after an application of nitrogen or herbicide to see how the crop reacts, check drought conditions or weed infestations."

He started using the drone topic with as a FFA speech project this year and wishes he would have had the drone idea earlier. It would have been a great FFA project for either private or commercial use.

The possibilities are endless and Steffen is staying up-to-date with FFA determinations for drone use and the legality of the new flying machine. Recreational flying is quite common and many places have quadcopter clubs for group flying activities and learning skills.

"The technology is there and drones are the future," Steffen said with a smile. "And they are better than strapping a phone to a broomstick."

Search Goes On For Prison Walkaway

From P&D Staff Reports

The search continued Monday for an inmate at the Yankton Minimum Unit who was reported as missing Sunday night.



Archambeau

According to a press release from the unit late Sunday night, Jonathan Archambeau failed to return from his work release job site earlier that evening.

Archambeau is described as a 28-year old white male with brown hair and blue eyes. He is 5-feet-11 inches tall and weighs approximately 185 pounds. He is currently serving a four-year sentence for grand theft out of Hughes County.

Anyone who sees Archambeau or knows of his whereabouts should contact law enforcement immediately.

Hilt

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mother's boyfriend, were fishing off a dock in Riverside Park. At around 7:25 p.m., the family noticed Lincoln had disappeared from his position on the dock. After a short search of the park concluded Lincoln had not

left the dock area, a search of the river commenced.

His body was recovered Friday afternoon 100 yards downriver of the dock and 28 feet from shore.

Rescue operations consisted of a number of agencies including the Yankton Police Department, Yankton County Sheriff's Department, Nebraska Game Commission, South Dakota Game, Fish &

Parks, Yankton Search & Rescue, Cedar County Emergency Management, Yankton County Emergency management and utilized several boats, divers and aircraft. The search was hampered by rainy weather throughout the week and went from a rescue operation to a recovery operation on Wednesday.

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Hudson

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Melissa Spanggaard of Sioux Falls for the defense and one administered by Dr. Hartley Alsgaard of the Human Services Center for the state. Dr. Spanggaard's assessment concluded that Hudson suffers from schizophrenia and would've been defined as legally insane at the time of the killing. Dr. Alsgaard wrote in his report that he didn't have enough evidence

to draw a conclusion of Hudson's mental state at the time.

Fox objected to a third evaluation, saying the state is only doing it out of dissatisfaction over Dr. Alsgaard's findings. Eng granted the state's request to transport Hudson to Rapid City for a new evaluation.

Hudson's third evaluation is expected to take place as early as mid-May.

Eng set July 27 as the beginning of Hudson's trial.

On March 7, 2014, authorities were called to check on the status of Todd Hudson.

Joshua Hudson showed up at the residence of Todd's ex-wife and was quoted as saying "I axed my uncle." Hudson was apprehended following a high-speed chase later that day.

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Control noxious weeds when they are young and easy to control

Possible Noxious Weed Sites

- Fence Lines and Roadsides
- Pasture
- Vacant Lots and Unused Areas
- Around Lakes, Streams & Dry Streams
- CRP Ground
- Windbreaks and Tree Plantings
- Field Borders
- Fields that were to wet to plant last year

NOXIOUS WEEDS FOUND IN THIS AREA ARE: Canada Thistle, Leafy Spurge, Musk and Plumeless Thistle, Creeping Jenny, Perennial Sow Thistle, Russian Knapweed, Hoary Cress, Wormwood, Purple Loosestrife. Spraying and inspecting will begin as soon as weather permits.

NOTICE ~ ANY LAND INFESTED WITH NOXIOUS WEEDS NOT CONTROLLED WILL BE PUT ON ENFORCEMENT

Yankton County Weed Board 3302 W. City Limits Rd.
Call your Weed Supervisor 605-260-4473 or 605-760-9485

