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Gov. Daugaard speaks to a crowd attending Friday's Inaugural Gifted Education Summit at the USD campus in Vermillion.

Gov. Daugaard Speaks At Gifted Education Summit

BY SARAH WETZEL
Plain Talk

VERMILLION – In front of more than 300 youth from across the state, Gov. Dennis Daugaard attended and spoke at the Inaugural Gifted Education Summit at the close of the 32nd Annual South Dakota Governor's Camp on the University of South Dakota Campus Friday morning.

Other special guests included First Lady Linda Daugaard, S.D. Senator Arthur Rusch (R-Dist. 17) and S.D. Representative Nancy Rasmussen (R-Dist. 17).

Daugaard recognized what an important part the Governor's Camp and the Ambassadors of

Excellence camp plays in the Gifted Education Initiative.

"I'm very glad that we're having kids get here to the university setting and seeing what it's like to be on a university campus, hear from people who are interested in their post-secondary education and get them ready for the world of work," he said. "At the middle school level I think it's really important for kids to see learning and intellectual curiosity as not making them a geek or a nerd or an outcast but in fact by seeing others who have a little more intellectual curiosity they might see that it is a good

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Area Officials To Help Keep Sturgis Rally In Control

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Bikers from across the country are already well on their way to the Black Hills for the 75th annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally. In addition to the thousands of rally-goers, officials from the Yankton area will be going to help ensure the safety of the event.

Among them is Yankton County Emergency Management director Paul Scherschligt.

Scherschligt told the *Press & Dakotan* that his team is going out to Sturgis to help assist for the week-long rally.

"Four of us have come to assist the emergency manager out here to work in their emergency operations center in the event something would happen," Scherschligt said. "We're basically a support group for the emergency manager that's out here."

Accompanying Scherschligt are Lesterville Fire Chief Ron Trotter, Yankton County Public Information Officer Lee Rettig, Bon Homme County Emergency Manager Scott Burgi and Lake County Emergency Manager Doug Huntsrod.

Scherschligt said the group will be busy throughout the week.

"We develop and write the incident/accident plan daily for the emergency operations center here in Meade County," he said. "The state has a rally operations center that's a regional concept that takes care of the entire scope of communities out in the Black Hills. We send up our information and they compile it. ... We review plans, we review, in case of severe weather, what we've got to do with notifying the people."

Scherschligt's team will be on site through Aug. 10.

He added that the same group traveled out to last year's rally in order to get a feel for the job they were taking on in 2015.

"Last year we came out to get a taste of how this all goes down to get an idea," he said. "The goal was that we come last year to learn how the rallies work and to meet the people for the 75th. Now we're able to put it to work."

Scherschligt said helping with emergency operations at events like the Sturgis Rally also help prepare him and his staff to deal with growing events back home.

"It gives me a better perspective for when we have big things back home," he said. "It seems like as our communities in Yankton County grow, we're going to see bigger numbers of people. We have Riverboat Days, a couple of months ago we had the World Archery tournament — the year before out here gave me a little idea of what to look at for large

A Day At The 'Beach'



JAMES CIMBUREK/P&D

Ron Evans gets out of a sand trap on Hole No. 11 during the opening round of the Thrivent Financial Charity Pro-Am on Friday at Yankton's Fox Run Golf Course. The event runs through Sunday. For more coverage, see today's Sports section, Page 7.

Emergency Management Director Joins IMAT For Sturgis Rally

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VERMILLION – It's isn't just motorcycle enthusiasts making their way to the 75th annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally.

It is also police, fire and rescue, emergency medical staff and ambulances, emergency management and so much more.

For Layne Stewart, director of Clay County Emergency Management (EMO), this will be the third year he has made the journey west to help behind the scenes of the rally, but his first time actually in Sturgis – ever. The last two years were spent in Belle Fourche and Rapid City.

"I am going out as part of the South Dakota Incident Management Assistance Team (IMAT)," he said. "There is a thing called the ROC – Rally Operations Center – so, I will be part of that. It is the headquarters for different entities to report to for situational stuff."

While he will be reporting to the ROC, he will be working out of the Meade County Emergency Operations Center, a block off Main Street Sturgis.

"The job is not necessarily working for Meade County; rather it is working for the Rally Operations Center as a liaison to Meade County," he said. "So, if something comes up that is more than Meade County can handle on their own, I

can get state resources for them. The main job of it all is going to be resource management and acquisition; a lot of situational awareness things, because even now they don't know where the larger groups are going to be."

Last year an estimated 442,000 people made the pilgrimage to Sturgis from around the world.

Sturgis officials have been planning for up to a million people to attend this year's rally, which begins Monday and runs through Aug. 9.

"They are expecting a lot of people, but they are spread out over quite an area, as well,"

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Achievement Days Continues Without Poultry Present

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While old and new favorites will be featured at this year's Achievement Days, some won't. In early July, the South Dakota Animal Industry Board canceled all poultry events until further notice, just as was done in Iowa, Minnesota and Nebraska due to the avian flu.

In accordance with SDAIB, all 4-H poultry shows are suspended until further notice. If the suspension is lifted, the State 4-H office will work with SDAIB to develop a timely plan. However, members are still encouraged to complete the ownership and identification requirements for poultry projects.

This continuation of the norm will help ease the transition if and when poultry events are back in business.

Department representatives made the decision in effort to protect the physical and economic health of the poultry sector. They believe this ban will help decrease the spreading between poultry.

Due to this ban, the youth did not bring poultry to this year's Yankton County Achievement Days. If the ban is lifted next year, the poultry show tradition will continue. If it is not, or if other



ALISSA WOOCKMAN/P&D

Yankton county 4-H member Jackie Pajl displays a photo of her single-cone Rhode Island Red chicken at 4-H Achievement Days on Friday.



RANDY DOCKENDORF/P&D

John Cannon Sr. (center), a World War II veteran with the 818th Tank Destroyer Battalion, is flanked by sons John Cannon Jr. (left) and Joseph Cannon at Friday's memorial ceremony at Sacred Heart Cemetery in Yankton. The ceremony, part of the 818th annual reunion, honored the late Joe Goeden of Yankton and other members of the unit.

818th Reunion Tightens Bonds

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Gen. George Patton may have commanded troops during World War II, but he had to ask young soldier John Cannon Sr. for directions to the battlefield.

"(Patton) was lost and needed help finding his way," Cannon said Friday during a reunion of WWII veterans in Yankton.

Scott Cannon explained his grandfather's face-to-face encounter with the general, one of three during the war.

"My grandfather was on guard duty, and Patton was lost in the fog just before the Battle of Metz, so my grandpa pointed him in the right direction," he said.

John Cannon Sr., now 90 and living in Florida, was the lone surviving member of the 818th Tank Destroyer Battalion attending this week's reunion. With the number of remaining soldiers rapidly dwindling, the annual reunion has drawn mostly family members in recent years.

This group of men trained under General George Patton when they arrived in Northern Ireland in November 1943 and was attached to other Army groups for support. The 818th was composed of 600 men and officers and 36 M-10 tank destroyers.

The reunion rotates around the nation, depending on who hosts the event. This year's 58th annual reunion – hosted by the family of the late Joe Goeden of Yankton – has drawn around 50 descendants from across the United States.

This year marks the fourth time the reunion has been held in Yankton.

Ray Goeden, one of Joseph's children, will turn 66 next month and has attended most of the reunions his entire life. Ray continued attending even after his father's death in 2007 and offered to help host this year's reunion.

"I have gone to these things since I was 9 or 10 years old," he said. "I grew up with these every year, and it was important to keep going."

A table and the walls of the meeting room contain memorabilia and photos of the World War II battles. The room also contains scrapbooks and photo albums of past reunions.

"Even if their father is gone, a lot of these children will bring stuff and display it," Ray said. "That was one of the big things, that the families have kept it going. It's just fun to get together."

The veterans tended not to talk much about their war experiences, particularly the horrors they witnessed, Ray said. They preferred to remember the good times, he said.

"At one area in Germany, they couldn't get

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