

Over-Width Bale Hauling Extended

PIERRE — Gov. Dennis Daugaard has extended an Executive Order to haul over-width baled livestock feed until Feb. 21, 2013, in South Dakota.

The Executive Order states that, upon receipt of a permit, permission is granted to move over-width baled livestock feed not exceeding 12-feet-wide or 15-feet-high for two hours after sunset and two hours before sunrise. The order allows movement of over-width baled livestock feed until cessation of the drought emergency, or no later than Feb. 21.

Over-width vehicles must be equipped with flashing or rotating white or amber

warning lights on each side of the load's widest extremity. The warning lights must be clearly visible to motorists approaching from the front and rear. Movement under the Executive Order is valid only for baled livestock feed.

"This year's persistent drought conditions have left livestock producers across South Dakota with inadequate feed supplies," said South Dakota Secretary of Agriculture Walt Bones. "Increasing hauling height and width restrictions for baled hay will allow producers to move feed in a more efficient manner."

The normal size restriction on South

Dakota highway loads is 14-feet, 3-inches high and 8-feet, 6-inches wide.

Although height and width restrictions for baled livestock feed have been temporarily increased by Executive Order, several highways in the state have width and height restrictions in place because of construction or permanent structures that cannot accommodate such large loads. Truckers are encouraged to check their routes ahead of time for those restrictions.

For information on permits, contact a South Dakota port of entry or call 800-637-3255.

It's A MATCH



VITA Site Coordinator Darci Bultje receives a check \$2,500 from Fort Randall Federal Credit Union President Julie Thomson in support of the VITA Program.

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Fort Randall Federal Credit Union Matches ROCS VITA Grant

The Fort Randall Federal Credit Union has donated \$2,500 in matching funds to the Rural Office of Community Services, Inc. in support of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program.

The Board of Directors of the Fort Randall Federal Credit Union have offered their support of the free income tax preparation program provided by the ROCS office. ROCS has been awarded a federal VITA grant to support the services and are required to match the federal funds with local funding.

"Without this generous donation from the Credit Union we would not be able to provide this important service to the community," said VITA Site Coordinator Darci Bultje. These funds will be used to market the program and provide program support.

"We are excited to partner with ROCS on this project. We feel it is incredibly important to have this service available to our members and to the surrounding communities," Credit Union President Julie Thomson said. The Credit Union will assist in promoting the VITA program to its members.

"The VITA program is an opportunity to not only provide tax preparation services, but

also to educate clients about using their tax refund wisely and ensure that our clients get their taxes prepared and filed accurately. The best part is that we do it all for absolutely no charge," said Bultje.

Bultje said that this is the second year that the free income tax preparation program will be available in the area. Last year, 80 income tax returns were filed for taxpayers for free and the program has a goal this year of 200 returns prepared.

The VITA services will be available beginning Jan. 14 and lasting until the last filing day in April. Appointments will be available weekdays in Lake Andes and outreach days in Mitchell, Parkston, Winner, Chamberlain. Virtual VITA services will also be available this year.

This service is available in 20 counties in the ROCS Service area including Aurora, Bon Homme, Brule, Buffalo, Clay, Charles Mix, Davison, Douglas, Gregory, Hanson, Hutchinson, Jerauld, Jones, Lyman, Mellette, Sanborn, Tripp, Todd, Union and Yankton counties.

To make an appointment for free tax preparation, contact the ROCS office at 605-487-7634.

Southeast Job Link Enters Into Deal For IT Testing

Southeast Job Link has entered into an agreement with Pearson VUE, the computer-based testing (CBT) business of Pearson, to test candidates pursuing key industry certifications from leading IT programs, such as Cisco, CompTIA, EMC, HP, LPI, Oracle and VMware.

Pearson VUE believes testing and certification is at the heart of the learning experience, and Southeast Job Link will play its part by offering accessible and secure testing to candidates.

Pearson VUE's advanced system administers exams on behalf of hundreds of businesses, boards and organizations around the globe through the world's largest most secure test center network. The system enables candidates to register and reschedule their tests online or through a Pearson VUE call center.

"We're very excited about our new partnership with Pearson VUE," said Sheri Duke, Executive Director of Southeast Job Link. "The Pearson VUE Testing System gives us control and flexibility over our ability to manage our business our way and the agreement means we can easily offer same-day testing. We're pleased to partner with a company whose industry status, technology and passion for excellence will allow us to provide even greater service for our customers."

The list of certification tests available from test sponsors through the Pearson VUE system is continually growing. Test results are quickly transmitted back, ensuring the candidate's certification status is promptly updated.

Ray Murray, Vice President/Business Development, Pearson VUE said, "We are proud to welcome Southeast Job Link to the rapidly growing global network of Pearson VUE Authorized Test Centers. Together, we are providing even more candidates with the opportunity to obtain meaningful certifications and advance their careers."

Pearson VUE delivery of exams has continued to increase rapidly in recent years, with the company delivering 10 million exams in 2011.

Contact Southeast Job Link for further information about computer-based testing (CBT) and certifications at 605-668-3480.

OBITUARIES

Sam DeNeui Jr.

The funeral for Samuel A. DeNeui, Jr., 80 of Wagner will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday, December 22, 2012 at the Wagner Community Church, rural Wagner, with burial in the ZCBJ Cemetery, rural Wagner.

Visitation will be at the church Friday from 3 to 7, followed by a 7 p.m. prayer service.

Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home of Wagner is in charge of the arrangements.

Samuel Alfred DeNeui, Jr., son of Samuel and Marie (Berens) DeNeui, Sr., was born October 13, 1932 at Lennox. He died Wednesday,

December 19, 2012 at the Wagner Community Hospital in Wagner, SD. Sam attained the age of 80 years, two months and seven days.

Sam moved with his family to Wagner in 1940. He attended Wagner High School.

Sam married Shirley Greger on November 12, 1955. A daughter, Rhonda, was blessed to their union.

Sam was baptized at St. John Lutheran Church in Wagner and was a member of the Wagner Community Church.

Sam worked for Haar Implementation as a mechanic for 50 years and retired in 2007. He also enjoyed fishing, farming, raising Weimaraners, doing carpentry work and tractors- John Deere tractors.

All who knew Sam will remem-

ber his as being a very special friend. He will always be remembered for his smile, love for animals, jokes (everyone loved his jokes) and most of all, his singing. His greatest joy was spending time with his family. He loved visiting with his grandchildren and was so proud of all of them.

Grateful to have shared in his life are his daughter, Rhonda Bermudez of Wagner; four grandchildren: Jenny (Toby) Noldner, Sam Bermudez, and Darcie Bermudez, all of Sioux Falls, and Ricky Bermudez of Tarpon

Springs, FL; six great grandchildren: Whitney, Sam, Jason and Kyra Noldner and Brandon and Jordan Bermudez; two sisters: Margaret Moderegger and Florence Kuemper, both of Sioux Falls; and many relatives and friends.

Sam was preceded in death by his parents; son-in-law, John Richard Bermudez; three brothers-in-law: Sam, Ronald and Donald Greger; and his ex-wife, Shirley.

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Watertown Man Dies In Bon Homme Co. Crash

From P&D Staff Reports

WAGNER — A Watertown man died Thursday in a two-vehicle crash at the intersection of South Dakota Highways 46 and 37, according to the South Dakota Highway Patrol.

The accident occurred around 12:35 p.m. in Bon Homme County, 16 miles east of Wagner.

Jacob Joseph Burke, 23, was driving a 2008 Dodge 3500 west on Highway 46. He failed to stop at the intersection stop sign and struck a 2009 Freightliner truck traveling south on Highway 37. David Richard Hecht, 51, of South Sioux City, Neb., was driving the Freightliner.

Burke, who wasn't wearing a seatbelt, was thrown from the vehicle and died at the scene. Hecht was wearing a seatbelt. He was transported to a Tyndall hospital for possible injuries.

No further information is immediately available.

The South Dakota Highway Patrol is investigating. Bon Homme County Sheriff's Office, Avon Fire and Ambulance and Tyndall Ambulance assisted.

Two People Receive Knife Wounds In Incident

From P&D Staff Reports

Two people with knife wounds were taken to the hospital Thursday afternoon after being involved in an altercation.

According to Lt. Todd Brandt of the Yankton Police Department, a report was received at approximately 3:15 p.m. of a fight at 610 West 21st Street.

Officers found Jacob ThinElk, 19, and Nicolette Rouse, 21, with knife wounds.

Both were transported to the hospital, treated and released.

ThinElk was later arrested for aggravated assault (domestic). Bond has not been set.

Girl Scout Troop To Offer Gift Wrapping

Girl Scout Troop 50082 will be wrapping gifts at Kmart in Yankton Dec. 22-24. Gifts purchased at other stores are welcome.

Hours for this fundraising event are:

- Dec. 22 — 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Dec. 23 — 1-5 p.m.
- Dec. 24 — 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

The scouts are raising funds for their senior trip to Florida in 2015.

'Scoop It' Snow Removal Program Offered

PIERRE — The Department of Corrections "Scoop It" snow removal program assisted nearly 70 homeowners across the state following last weekend's snowstorm.

Inmates from the minimum-security units in Pierre, Rapid City, Sioux Falls and Yankton are dispatched to clear away snow for elderly and disabled homeowners that either can't physically remove the snow themselves or can't afford to pay someone else to do so.

The snow removal is coordinated through community resource agencies in those cities. The agencies do a screening of those asking for the assistance and call the prison units with the information and addresses. A uniformed correctional officer accompanies the inmate crew, which is made up of non-violent inmates who are nearing the end of their sentences.

For more information on the "Scoop It" program in the Yankton area, call the Yankton Area Senior Citizens Center at 665-4685.

Event Aimed At Halting Impaired Driving

LINCOLN, Neb. — December is a month filled with holiday parties, but alcohol can lead to motor vehicle crashes and deaths.

"No one thinks that their holiday celebration will end in tragedy," said Scot L. Adams, director of the Division of Behavioral Health at the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services. "But for those who include alcohol in their celebrations and then get behind the wheel, this can happen. So do your part this holiday season by choosing to drive safe and sober and help others do the same."

Before you head out to any holidays parties, if you plan on drinking, make sure you have a designated driver.

If you are the designated driver, always buckle up and make sure your passengers are buckled in, drive with caution, and don't hesitate to call 911 to report a suspected drunk driver.

If you are hosting a celebration involving alcohol:

- Designate a sober driver or arrange another safe way home.
- Never serve alcohol to those under the age of 21.
- Plan safe parties, including providing non-alcoholic drink options to guests and not serving alcohol the last hour of the gathering.

• Be prepared to get everyone home safe in case plans or individual circumstances change.

• If someone you know is drinking, don't let that person get behind the wheel. Your actions may save someone's life.

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