

Elks Operation Care Christmas Party



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Elks Lodge 994 hosted their annual Operation Care Christmas party for HeadStart students Dec. 7. This happy little girl was one of 50 preschool students who visited with Santa (portrayed by member Dale Thunker) and received the gifts they had been wishing for. HeadStart teachers had earlier asked their students to write a letter to Santa indicating the gift they would most like to receive at Christmas. The letters were forwarded to Yankton Elks Lodge volunteers who shopped for and wrapped the gifts for distribution by Santa at the Elks Operation Care party. PER Eric Taylor, chairman of the event, explained that HeadStart students and their families were invited to Yankton Elks Lodge where they enjoyed punch and fancy Christmas cookies baked by volunteers, pending the arrival of Santa.

2015 South Dakota Farm Economic Summit To Be Held Dec. 18

BROOKINGS — All farm owners, operators and agribusiness professionals are encouraged to attend the 2015 South Dakota Farm Economic Summit Dec. 18 in Huron at the Campus Center (333 9th Street SW) hosted by SDSU Extension and Farmers and Merchants Bank.

"The economic challenge facing South Dakota agriculture is lower margins. Margin reduction continues as commodity prices decrease and costs of production remain high. The key question is how to adjust operations with lower margins," explained Jack Davis, SDSU Extension Crops Business Management Field Specialist.

Davis is among a lineup of speakers with SDSU Extension who will explore this and other farm management challenges, including commodity price outlooks, land

values and rents, cover crop choices, cattle budgeting tools and commodity price risk strategies.

- The agenda includes:
- 10:10-10:30 a.m. — Registration and Coffee
 - 10:30-11:15 a.m. — Land Values and Rental Arrangements
 - 11:20-noon — Grain Commodity Price Outlook and Hedge Strategies
 - Noon-1 p.m. — Lunch
 - 1-1:45 p.m. — Cover Crop Choices and Management
 - 1:45-2 p.m. — Cattle Budget Tool Preview
 - 2-2:45 p.m. — Cattle Outlook and Price Risk Strategies
 - 2:45-3 p.m. — Wrap-Up
- The registration fee includes access to all materials, break refreshments and lunch. Registration may be completed online at <http://igrow.org/store/> or at the door.

Take Action To Stay Covered Through The Marketplace In 2016

If you bought a health plan through the Health Insurance Marketplace in 2015, it's time to start reviewing your coverage. There may be new plans available for 2016 that weren't an option last year, or you may find another plan that better fits your needs and budget. You'll need to decide whether to stay in your current plan if it's still available, or enroll in a different plan for 2016.

This fall, if you have a plan through the Marketplace, you'll get two important notices about your health coverage. One will come from your health insurance company to explain any changes to premiums and benefits for the coming year. Another will come from the Marketplace with important deadlines and information about Open Enrollment, which started on Nov. 1, 2015. These notices help you

understand your choices for 2016.

FIVE IMPORTANT STEPS

To stay covered through the Marketplace for 2016, follow these Five Steps:

1. Review your current plan's 2016 health coverage and costs.
2. Update your Marketplace application, starting Nov. 1.
3. Compare the health plans available to you in 2016.
4. Choose the plan that best meets your needs.
5. Enroll in the health plan you want for 2016 coverage.

You'll need to complete all 5 Steps to finish enrolling in a health plan, even if you want to stay in the same plan. Things may have changed in your income or household. Even if none

of your information has changed, you might be eligible for lower costs than last year, so it's important to step through each page of your application and update your information. If you're happy with your plan changes and it's still being offered next year, you should still take a look at the health plans offered in your area. You might benefit from a change, and you never know until you compare.

You must enroll in a plan by Dec. 15, 2015, if you want your coverage to start on Jan. 1, 2016. Enrolling by this date will ensure you don't have a break in coverage. Read the notice from your health plan to check when your coverage will start. You can change your plan selection any time during Open Enrollment, which ends on Jan. 31, 2016.

WANT HELP OR NEED MORE INFORMATION?

To complete the Five Steps, or if you have question about staying enrolled in the Marketplace, visit Healthcare.gov or call the Marketplace Call Center toll-free at 1-800-318-2596 to speak with a trained customer service representative. For local help, contact Alexa Raymond at 1-605-469-6167 or by email at araymond@rosinc.org.

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OBITUARIES

Eugene Herrboldt

Eugene Herrboldt, age 94 of Menno and Spearfish, passed away early Monday morning, December 7, 2015 at the Menno-Olivet Care Center, Menno.

Memorial services will be 10:30 a.m. Thursday, December 10 at the Salem Reformed Church, Menno with Rev. Michael Hecht officiating. Burial of his cremated remains will be in the Menno Cemetery.

Visitations will begin at 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 9 at the Aisenbrey-Opahl-Kostel Memorial Chapel, Menno with a 7:00 p.m. Prayer service. Visitations will resume one hour



Herrboldt

prior to the service at the church.

Online condolences may be sent to www.opsahl-kostelfuneralhome.com.

Eugene was born October 18, 1921 in Menno, SD to John and Emma (Neu) Herrboldt. He married Laurene Wright on July 6, 1942 in Hartington, NE. To this union, five children were born. Eugene farmed in the Mitchell area until 1950 when they moved to a farm

southeast of Menno, SD. He farmed until his retirement. Eugene and Laurene wintered in Mesa, AZ for 21 years where they enjoyed golf, playing cards and dancing. After Laurene's death in 2006, Eugene met Beverly Oldham. They resided in Spearfish, SD until his health declined in July 2015 and he moved to the Menno-Olivet Care Center.

Eugene is survived by his sons: Merrith (Judy) of Bay City, MI, Lonnie (Connie) of Yankton and David (Jennifer) of Menno, SD; daughter, Sherril Dubs of Menno, SD, daughter-in-law, Patsy Herrboldt of Scotland, SD; 12 grandchildren; 14

great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; brothers, Alfred (Nona) of Alcester, SD and Alton (Myrna) of Menno, SD and sisters, Bertha Hines of Yankton and Darlene (Lloyd) Wollman of Rapid City and special friend, Beverly Oldham.

Eugene was preceded in death by his wife, Laurene; son, Tom; grandson, Miles Dubs; brother, Leon and his parents.

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Randy Horst

Randy T. Horst, 48, of Sioux Falls passed away peacefully Sunday,



Horst

December 6, 2015, at Sanford Hospital surrounded by family and friends.

Randy was born to Sharon (Pietz) and Roger Horst

and grew up in Rockford, IL through 8th grade. His family moved to Bonesteel, SD when he was a freshman in high school, and after graduating, he attended Huron College. He then lived and worked as a machinist in Sioux Falls, Yankton, and Mitchell before moving to Moline, IL in 1990. In 1990, he married Sandy Baker, and in 1991 they moved to Sioux Falls to be closer to family. Randy then worked as an apprentice plumber, machinist and stay-at-home dad.

Randy enjoyed golfing, playing volleyball, hunting, boating, coaching his son in baseball and basketball, going to his son's baseball, football and basketball games, track meets and spending time at the lake with friends and family. Randy was a social, outgoing person who loved sports and was always willing to help people, and in that spirit, through his death he will help others through the gift of organ and tissue donation. He is survived by his

wife Sandy Horst, their son Michael, sister Pam (Jerry) Hemmer of Yankton, grandfather Vilmer Pietz of Wagner, SD, his beloved black lab Gretchen and the not-so-beloved grumpy kitty Mittens. He was preceded in death by his parents, Sharon (Pietz) and Roger Horst.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Randy's memory can be made to the American Heart Association.

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Christmas Bird Count

A feather in your cap and a really fun family outing!

Every year for over a century, people around the country count birds.

It's called the **Christmas Bird Count**. Counting birds every year at the same time and in the same location gives scientists important information about birds and the environment.

In 2007, Tom Rusert of Sonoma Birding had the idea to include kids in this important "citizen science" effort.

He launched the first Audubon Christmas Bird Count (CBC) for Kids. It was so successful that now organizations around the country are starting their own CBC for Kids programs, following Rusert's model.

It's a fun, healthy holiday celebration for schools and youth groups!

To learn more about how you could start or join a CBC for Kids, visit: www.audubon.org or www.sonomabirding.com

Why It Matters

The information helps scientists protect birds and their habitat—and helps identify environmental problems. For example, changes in bird populations can tell about a threat to the environment, such as groundwater poisoning from improper use of pesticides.

Extra! Extra!
The Eyes Have It
Look through today's newspaper and count the number of eyes you can find in photos, comics, etc. Have a parent try. Who found the most?

Graph It!
Observation is an important scientific skill. Look carefully to count each type of bird and complete this graph by coloring in a bar for each one you count on this page.

Look Again!
How many of these can you find?
— STARS
— ORNAMENTS
— SNOWFLAKES
— CANDY CANES
— HOLLY LEAVES

Now make a graph of your results.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

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Kid Scoop Puzzler

Help this little bird fly home.

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After Dinner Bingo

Take a stroll around your neighborhood with friends or family members. On this walk, each of you take one of the cards below and cross out items as you see them. First one to black out the card wins!

Memory Challenge

Look through the newspaper for a picture and then study it for one minute. After one minute, cover the image and write down or share with a partner every detail you can remember.

Standards Link: Students observe common objects using the five senses.

Write On!

Bird Report

Write a paragraph about a bird you like. Explain why you chose this bird. Include three facts in your report.

Standards Links: Investigation: Record information about the living world.