

Estate Planning And Farm Transition Conferences To Begin On March 12

BROOKINGS — Aberdeen, Sioux Falls and Mitchell will be the sites for a series of South Dakota State University Extension training sessions which will focus on estate planning.

Sustaining the Legacy conferences also help people who seek transition of their farm or ranch from one family member to another. Extension staff and industry professionals will help participants develop the tools they need in order to face estate-planning challenges with less stress.

The sessions will be hosted in Aberdeen on March 12, 19, 26 at the Aberdeen Regional Extension Center, 13 2nd Ave. SE; in Sioux Falls on March 13, 20, 27 at the Sioux Falls Regional Extension Center, 2001 E. 8th Street; and in Mitchell on March 14, 21, 28 at the Mitchell Regional Extension Center, 821 North Capital Street.

Registration is required by March 6. To register, call Livestock Business Management Field Specialist, Heather Gessner at 605-782-3290. You can find the brochure and registration form at www.igrow.org.

"Each session is filled with important information that can help farm and ranch families address questions they may face as parents or

grandparents get older and consider their legacy," said Gessner, who is organizing the conferences. "Producers have told me that the value of this program was \$1 million, due to the changes they made to their estate plan and the reduction of potential estate taxes."

Each day of the three-session programs is full of tools and how-to information families can use to create and implement their individualized plan, no matter how big or small the operation. Topics for the sessions cover communication styles, business structures, goals, asset distribution, wills and probate, retirement planning and funding, fair versus equal distribution, tax implications for the operation, life insurance, long-term care insurance, trusts, and other topics as determined by the audiences.

"Many of the past participants have utilized the information from the conference to reduce potential estate taxes and ensure that their operation is passed down to the next generation in a smooth, hassle free transition," Gessner said.

All family members are encouraged to attend the sessions, and on- and off-farm heirs are also invited to learn about the tools and participate in the discussions.

"Past participants have used this conference to interview attorneys and insurance agents while they are presenting the basics of using the many tools available to them," Gessner said. "If you are making plans to retire or becoming a partner in the operation, or if you own farm or ranch assets, this program is a great start for you. Our goal is to give you the tools to develop your estate plan and the motivation to get started, combined with some gentle nudging that keeps you moving forward with the process."

Partial funding for this program is provided by the South Dakota Soybean Research and Promotion Council.

"SDR&PC is proud to be one of the sponsors for this year's estate planning workshops. With rising land values and profit margins, estate planning has never been more important," said Doug Hanson, a SDR&PC board member and a past participant of the conference. "My wife and I have attended these workshops in the past and have found them very informative."

Call Gessner at her Sioux Falls Regional Extension office with questions at 605-782-3290, or e-mail her at this address: heather.gessner@sd-state.edu.

Candidates File For City, County Seats

From P&D Staff Reports

Two candidates have filed petitions for the Yankton County Commission race, while one more has added her name to the Yankton City Commission election.

Connie S. Kerns-Grams, a Republican, and James Van Osdel, a Republican, have filed nominating petitions for two open seats on the Yankton County Commission.

Candidates have until Tuesday, March 27, to file for the June 5 primary election.

Also, Pauline Akland filed her nominating petitions in the race for three open seats on the City Commission. She is seeking a second term.

David Carda and Chris Ferdig have also submitted petitions.

Candidates have until Friday, Feb. 24, to turn in petitions for the April 10 municipal election.

Reception Honoring Stange's Set For March

A reception for Tom and JoAnne Stange, Yankton's 2011 Citizens of the Year, will be held Sunday, March 4, at the Yankton Elks Lodge, 504 W. 27th St.

An open house will be held from 1:30-4 p.m., with a special program at 2 p.m.

Being Prepared To File Your Income Taxes

The Rural Office of Community Services will be providing free basic income tax preparation services to all taxpayers within the 20-county service area with low or moderate incomes.

To be prepared start collecting the following documents and information prior to your tax appointment:

- Valid Photo ID
- Social Security Cards for you, your spouse and dependents and/or a SSN verification letter issued by the Social Security Administration
- Birth dates for you, your spouse and dependents on the tax return
- Current year's tax package if you received one
- All Wage and earnings statement(s) Form W-2, W-2G, 1099-R, 1099 MISC from all employers
- Interest and dividend statements from banks (Forms 1099)
- A copy of last year's federal and state returns, if available
- Bank routing numbers and account numbers for Direct Deposit
- Total paid for daycare and the daycare provider's tax identifying number
- To e-file taxes on a married-filing-joint tax return, both spouses must be present to sign.

Call the ROCS office for more information or to schedule your appointment at 605-487-7634. ROCS is an Equal Opportunity Organization.

Girl Scout Cookies Slated For Sale

Girl Scout Cookies may be purchased from individual Girl Scouts and at local cookie shops in Yankton and the surrounding areas in South Dakota through March 24.

The eight flavors are: Caramel deLites, Peanut Butter Patties, Shortbread, Thin Mints, Peanut Butter Sandwich, Thanks-A-Lot, Lemonades and Shout Outs! Watch for your local Girl Scouts coming soon to a door near you.

If you are not contacted by a Girl Scout during this time, call Shawn at (605) 668-0545 or the cookie hotline at (605) 336-2978 to place a cookie order.

Lifeguard Training Courses To Be Offered

The Summit Activities Center will be offering two Lifeguard Training Courses this spring. The first class will be held March 2-4, and the second class will be held April 13-15.

Class times for each course will be 5-10 p.m. Friday and from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Attendance is mandatory for all classes and the prerequisite testing.

Registration begins immediately. Participants may register online at www.cityofyankton.org or at the front desk of the Summit Activities Center.

Cost for the training includes lifeguard training books. Participants must be at least 15 years of age before the class ends.

- Prerequisites are:
- Swim 300 yards continuously.
 - Starting in the water, swim 20 yards using front crawl or breaststroke, surface dive 7-10 feet, retrieve a 10-pound object, return to the surface, swim 20 yards back to the starting point with the object, and exit the pool without using a ladder or steps within 1 minute, 40 seconds.
 - Treading Water for 2 minutes using legs only.
 - Participants who fail the prerequisites will not be able to continue the course.

The Class One course schedule is the following:

- Prerequisite Swim Test: Tuesday, Feb. 28 — 5:30 p.m.;
- Friday, March 2 — 5-10 p.m.;
- Saturday, March 3 — 8 a.m.-8 p.m.;
- Sunday, March 4 — 8 a.m.-8 p.m.

The Class Two course schedule is the following

- Prerequisite Swim Test: Tuesday, April 10 — 7 p.m.;
- Friday, April 13 — 5-10 p.m.;
- Saturday, April 14 — 8 a.m.-8 p.m.;
- Sunday, April 15 — 8 a.m.-8 p.m.

For further information, call 668-5234 or stop by the Summit Activities Center at 1801 Summit Street, Yankton. Remember to follow the Yankton Parks and Recreation on its Facebook page.

OBITUARIES

Mason Vig

Mason Vig, age 26, of Gilbert AZ and formerly of Yankton, SD passed away on Friday, February 17, 2012 in Gilbert.

Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m. Saturday, February 25, 2012 at Trinity Lutheran Church, where he was baptized and confirmed in Yankton, SD. Rev. Dave Wildermuth is officiating.

Visitations will be 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, SD with a Scripture service at 7:00 p.m. followed by a video tribute and memories sharing. Visitation will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Casket bearers for the funeral are Frank Leibfarth, Trey Erickson, Bryce Ahrendt, Mike Thunker, Heath Hagge, Jake Pole, Tom Hill, Brady Bulian, Eric Pollard, Dan Morrison, Cody Garvey, Mike Loberg, Andy Pick, and Matt Vig. Honorary Pallbearers are his YHS Classmates of 2004, his PT Classmates at A.T. Still, and his Augie baseball teammates of 2005-2008.



Vig

Mason Patrick Vig was born in Yankton on June 6, 1985, to parents Joe and Patti (Pick) Vig. Although born six weeks early and weighing only 5 pounds, he

quickly grew into a fit, strong, and healthy young man. Mason had many interests and loved sports of all kinds, while maintaining an excellent academic record throughout his school years, graduating Summa Cum Laude. He was a Gold Letter Award winner at Yankton High School, earning accolades in the 3 sports of football, basketball, and track all 4 years of high school. He was a member of a State Championship Teener Baseball Team, a Quarterback on the 2002 State AA Championship Football Team, a National Honor Society member, Optimist Youth of the Year, Chris Burgess Memorial recipient, named to the Student Athlete

Advisory Committee of the NCC, and the recipient of the 2009 Mark Mehlhaf Amateur Baseball Award, in addition to volunteering on many youth and community activities. He graduated with a Biology Degree from Augustana College and played college baseball for the Vikings (1B and 3B) all 4 years, despite being diagnosed with cancer in the spring of his Junior year (2007), a battle he fought and won.

At the time of his death, Mason was attending A. T. Still University in Mesa, in his second year of the Doctor of Physical Therapy program. Mason donated his corneas to the Donor Network of Arizona, so that possibly others could appreciate nature like he did, which is reflective of his constant desire to help others. He has been mentoring a disadvantaged high school youth for the past few months and liked to use his wit to make others laugh, especially with his great impressions of famous people. He always wanted to "pay it for-

ward" with his love, his smile, and his kindness.

He is survived by his parents, Joe and Patti Vig of Yankton, his sisters Julie (Kevin) O'Brien and Melanie (Mark) Ryken, his brother Mark, all of Yankton, his girlfriend Shana Fredrickson of Phoenix, his niece Bergen O'Brien, his nephews Rex Ryken, Godson, Rugby Ryken, and Godson, Abe O'Brien, all of Yankton, and a total of 90 aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Mason was preceded in death by his Grandparents, Alfred and LaVerne Pick and Julian and Martha Vig, and two uncles, Gary Pick and Robert Vig.

Memorials for Mason may be directed to the Yankton Baseball Association or Trinity Lutheran Church.

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John 'Joe' Sealey

MECKLING — John Kenneth "Joe" Sealey, 61, died of cancer Friday, February 17, 2012 at his home in Meckling SD. Friends and family were at his side.

Joe was born August 29, 1950 in Vermillion to John and Agnes (Roberts) Sealey. After previous marriages, Joe found his soul mate Alice (Dunnam) Peters of Alcester. On February 28, 2007 they were married in Vermillion, SD and made their home in Meckling.

Joe grew up on the family farm and attended Meckling School until it closed in 1965. Joe attended Wakonda High one year and graduated from Vermillion High School in 1969. He went to Southern State College in Springfield for four years, after which he went to work at the Chevy Garage in Vermillion. In addition to helping on the farm, in 1975 he went into partnership with his father's business, Sealey's Friendly Service, keeping the local farmers equipment running until 1991. Joe worked in the fields and as a mechanic for Freeburg Trucking and then Mount Trucking. In 1999, he partnered with Dale Heimes and started Spirit Mound Construction. The business closed in the summer of 2011 when Joe's health began to fail. He was a member of the Vermillion IOOF Lodge #3 and Rebekah Lodge #28 since 1968 and a lifelong member of the Bergen Lutheran Church.

Joe enjoyed being an auto mechanic, particularly working on cars, until electronics became more important than twisting wrenches. His old remodeled Chevy pickup was his pride and joy during the 70's. Carpentry was his second love. In addition to designing and building his own house and helping his sister and brother-in-law build theirs, it became a career. He and his friend Dale Heimes made construction into a successful business. Joe had an instinct and the math skills to be a creative car-



Sealey

penter. He knew how to build and repair just about anything, including all the plumbing and electrical skills to complete the whole project.

Joe had a soft spot for animals. Whether it was his 4-H calves and sheep, the several dogs, his cat in the shop, to the Alpacas and dog, Safyre, they all took to him. 20 yr old Sydney, the cat, was his loyal friend at his bedside.

He enjoyed the camaraderie of playing softball and bowling for Toby's Lounge, hunting, demolition derbies, Bull-a-ramas, playing pitch for turkeys in Gayville, the catfish fries and sports betting pools at Bunyan's, and most of all, his Green Bay Packers. His last big hope was to see them play in this year's Super Bowl.

Joe loved music, particularly country and the 60's. He would often break out in song, in his deep bass voice, with his favorite tunes on the radio. He loved his family and his family loved him. Joe was a man of "height and heart."

Survivors include Alice, son William "Bill" (Susan) Sealey, grandchildren Emma, Robert and Hayden of Sioux Falls, his parents John and Agnes Sealey of rural Meckling, brother Michael of Vermillion, sister Jane (Michael) Slattery of rural Meckling, brother in law Ron (Joan) Huot of rural Centerville, uncles George Sealey of Hot Springs and Dwight Joslin of Sioux City, aunt Henrietta Sealey, great aunt Goldie Sealey, nieces and nephews Randy (Nancy)Huot, Cliff (Sherrrie)Huot, Ladonna (Donovan)Leach, Kim (Jim)VanderWoude, Nick (Cindy) Slattery, Tom (Jean) Slattery, Jim (Carmen) Slattery, 16 grand nieces and nephews, partner Dale Heimes, Alice's children Becky, Michael and Jessie and his many friends.

Joe was preceded in death by grandson Matthew Sealey, his sister Nancy Huot, grandparents Fred and Caroline (Demann) Sealey and William and Dena (Anderson) Roberts, uncles Harold Sealey and Ole Linsley, and aunts Norma (Roberts) Linsley and Berniece (Roberts) Joslin.

Memorial service will be held Saturday, February 25th at the Bergen Lutheran Church on Timber Rd near Meckling at 10 AM. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service. There will be a video tribute showing in the fellowship hall during the visitation at the church. Burial of his ashes in Meckling Cemetery is planned for the Memorial Day weekend.

The family would like to thank Sanford Hospice of Vermillion for their support and care these last few months. Condolences can be sent to Kober Funeral Home of Vermillion or online at www.koberfuneralhome.com.

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Louie Schulz

VERMILLION — Louie E. Schulz, 91, of Vermillion, SD, passed away, Tuesday, February 21, 2012 at Sunset Manor/Health Care Center in Irene, SD after a brief illness.

Louie was born to Karl and Sophie (Wenzel) Schulz on May 24, 1920 in Bloomfield, Nebraska. He was baptized and confirmed at First Trinity (Mo. Synod) Lutheran Church in Bloomfield. He attended country school in the Bloomfield area. He was a farm laborer for many years. He hauled hay and shelled corn for a living as well as working for a short time for the City of Vermillion. He retired in 1969.

Louie's life partner for over 20 years was Kate Ann Brown. She brought much happiness and



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great companionship to him. Kate passed away June 17, 1980. Having lived and worked in the area for most of his life, Louie was a familiar face in Vermillion. He has made his home at Town Square Apartments since 2003.

Louie is survived by one nephew, Earl Johnson of Martinsburg, Nebr., three nieces, Eunice (Roger) Johnson of Wakefield, Nebr., Evelyn (Joe) Calvillo of Sioux City, IA, and Erma Johnson of Pasadena, TX; many great and great-great-nieces and nephews and numerous of friends he enjoyed so much.

Louie was preceded in death by his parents, his sister, Louise Johnson and his life partner, Kate Ann Brown.

Funeral service will be 2:00 p.m., Saturday, February 25, 2012 at Kober Funeral Home in Vermillion with Rev. Elmer "Sandy" Aakre officiating. Burial will be in Bluff View Cemetery, Vermillion. Visitation will be from 1 to 2 p.m., at the funeral home on Saturday.

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

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

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Marcella Auch

SIOUX FALLS — Marcella Auch, 83, of Sioux Falls died Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2012, at Good Samaritan Village.

Mass of Christian Burial is at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Michael Parish. Burial will be held at Black Hills National Cemetery at 1 p.m. (MT) Monday.

Visitation begins at 11 a.m. Friday with the family present from 5-7 p.m. and a prayer service beginning at 7 p.m., at Miller Funeral Home, 507 S. Main Ave., Sioux Falls.

WANTED

A New Home for Macey.
Macey is a female black and tan Coonhound mix with energy to burn! She is very active and playful, good with other dogs and seems to be OK with cats. She just wants someone to love her and give her some attention. She would be great for a family with children who can teach her all the things she wants to learn.



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