

## SDSaves Week To Be Held Feb. 25-March 2

BROOKINGS — Are you ready to take charge of your financial future? South Dakota Saves is here to help.

Feb. 25 to March 2, 2013, is SDSaves week. During this week, sponsors aim to promote good savings behavior, help consumers learn more about personal finance issues and suggest ways to save.

SDSU Extension is part of a national coalition spearheading the promotion of savings across our nation. America Saves is a nationwide campaign run by the Consumer Federation of America that encourages savings among low to moderate income households. Each year they motivate youth and adults to join as a Young America Saver on-line and to take action during this week by opening or adding to an account at a local financial institution. This opportunity allows people to commit to a savings goal and identify specific plans to achieve.

You can enroll as a South Dakota Saver at [www.southdakotasaves.org](http://www.southdakotasaves.org). Enrolled savers receive a newsletter with a variety of savings topics. The website has many online resources where you can learn to save such as building an emergency fund, saving for a home, education or retirement.

The campaign encourages people to set a savings goal; make a plan on how you will save money; and learn to save monthly through direct deposit or automatic transfer from your checking to savings for every time you get paid. Maintaining an emergency savings account should be a top priority for every individual and family. It is possible to have an emergency fund for all Americans, no matter what your income is. With an emergency savings account you will not deplete your savings that is set aside for your personal goals.

There are many places to find money to save. Start with loose change that you accumulate. Americans typically save more than \$100 in loose change each year. Cut back on small, unnecessary expenditures. The America Saves website lists more than twenty ideas for reducing spending. These ideas range from packing a lunch, to switching from daily lattes to daily coffee, to not bouncing checks.

For more information on this campaign contact Karen Slunecka, SDSU Extension Family Resource Management Field Specialist, at 605-626-2870 or email at [karen.slunecka@sdstate.edu](mailto:karen.slunecka@sdstate.edu).

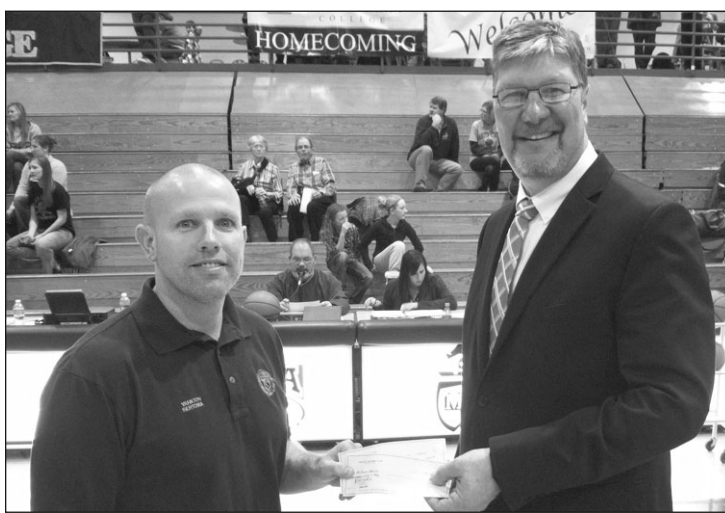
## PAYLESS GIVES BACK



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Remember the days when new shoes meant showing how you could now run faster and jump higher? For many families, the need for new shoes can be a fun, quick trip to the shoe store or department store. But families facing financial hardship may find it difficult to accommodate growing feet. There are many children who never get to experience the excitement of having new shoes. The United Way & Volunteer Services wrote a grant through Payless Shoesource's "Payless Gives Shoes 4 Kids" program to outfit Head Start children in the Yankton area. Head Start is an income based program that serves children ages 3-5 years of age in Yankton County. They have both home-based and center-based families that they accommodate. One-hundred \$20 merchandise certificates were distributed and redeemed during a two day event at Payless in the Yankton Mall. There were many excited faces on the children, as well as the parents.

## SUPPORTING SPORTS



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Todd Larson, President of the local Sertoma Club, presents two checks to Chuck Iverson of Mount Marty College. The Sertoma group donated \$250 to the Mt. Marty Athletic Department and also made a \$250 donation to the Albert Fernandez fund. The local Sertoma Club has been active in Yankton since 1966. Sertoma stands for Service To Mankind. Through the years of Sertoma Club fund-raising activities they have been able to provide financial support to local projects including speech and hearing equipment for the local schools, youth baseball, youth football, Boy Scouts, Junior Achievement, Science Olympiad, youth wrestling, girls' state, youth softball, and high school softball. They were also crucial to the establishment and development of Sertoma Park as well as the construction and maintenance of the replica of the Territorial Capitol Building in Riverside Park.

## USD Center For Disabilities Announces New Exec. Director

SIOUX FALLS — The Center for Disabilities at the University of South Dakota Sanford School of Medicine has named Wendy Parent-Johnson, Ph.D., CRC, CESP as its new executive director. She succeeds Dr. Judy Struck, who retired in January after 21 years as executive director.

Parent-Johnson earned a bachelor's degree in psychology, a master's degree in rehabilitation counseling and a Ph.D. in education from Virginia Commonwealth University. Professionally, Parent-Johnson has held positions at Virginia Commonwealth University, the University of Georgia and the University of Kansas. Prior to the Center for Disabilities, Parent-Johnson worked as research professor



Parent-Johnson

and associate director of the Lawrence site of the University of Kansas Center on Developmental Disabilities and the Schiefelbusch Institute for Life Span Studies.

"I am genuinely excited about the opportunity to lead the Center for Disabilities team and to build upon the expertise we have to increase engagement with the research and medical communities, both here and across the region," said Parent-Johnson. "Growth possibilities, for example in the areas of transition and employment, for persons with

disabilities are numerous, and I'm humbled to join the Center for Disabilities as we continue to expand upon its 42-year legacy."

Parent-Johnson has published numerous book chapters and journal articles and has co-authored several books, while also providing hundreds of presentations and workshops during her career. Her areas of interest and research are supported/customized employment and transition from school to work for individuals with severe disabilities, inclusive post-secondary education, job coach certification, health care transition, and employment first, among others.

## YCTC SAYS THANK YOU



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The Yankton Children's Theatre Company would like to express sincere gratitude to Eagle Eye Ride (The Mary Carda Simek Memorial Charity and Community Fund) for their sponsorship of the upcoming production of "Aladdin & His Wonderful, Magical Lamp" which will take the stage at the Dakota Theatre on Feb. 28. Norm and Barb Carda present the sponsorship check on behalf of Eagle Eye Ride to Jill Paulson, YCTC Board President, and Tara Gill, the director of "Aladdin." Without such generous donors, YCTC would not be able to continue its mission to instill a passion for the dramatic arts in children while building self-confidence and leadership skills which will serve them throughout their lifetime. If you or your business are interested in a sponsorship opportunity, please visit our website at <http://www.yanktonchildrenstheatre.org/corporate-sponsorships.html>.

## Gov. Daugaard Promotes Employment Of People With Developmental Disabilities

PIERRE — Announcing that South Dakota has joined a national network to share resources, South Dakota Gov. Dennis Daugaard has declared an initiative that advocates employment of people with disabilities.

The state Department of Human Services (DHS) recently became a member of the State Employment Leadership Network (SELN), connecting South Dakota with developmental disability agencies across the country that are devoted to improving employment outcomes for people with developmental and intellectual disabilities. The DHS Division of Developmental Disabilities will collaborate with other states to share best practices and resources in an effort to develop, implement and support effective employment strategies.

"My administration is committed to advocating the benefits of hiring people with disabilities, and joining SELN is a firm step in that direction," Daugaard said. "We are willing to learn, ready to contribute and eager to get more people with disabilities employed."

DHS' membership in SELN coincides with completion of the DHS' new strategic plan <[http://dhs.sd.gov/DHS%20Strategic%20Plan%20\(FINAL\).pdf](http://dhs.sd.gov/DHS%20Strategic%20Plan%20(FINAL).pdf)>, which reaffirms the department's dedication to developing statewide employment strategies

as well as employment-first policies. Employment first is a movement to guide policy, with a central philosophy that employment is the first priority and preferred outcome for people with disabilities.

"The timing of our entry into SELN couldn't be better as we move forward with a clear vision of our goals and strategies to optimize the quality of life for people with disabilities," said DHS Secretary Laurie R. Gill. "This initiative recognizes that employment is a significant factor in a person's overall well-being."

Significant research has demonstrated the economic and social value of integrated employment. Full- or part-time employment not only boosts the self-esteem and economic welfare of people with developmental and intellectual disabilities but frequently reduces associated service costs and helps those individuals establish meaningful community connections.

Gill said increasing the number of people with disabilities who are employed in both the private and public sectors has been a longstanding DHS goal, and the governor's support will significantly advance the cause. Gill is hopeful that membership in SELN will improve the department's ability to collect statewide data to annually measure its success in achieving that goal.

## OBITUARIES

### Elmer Baltzer

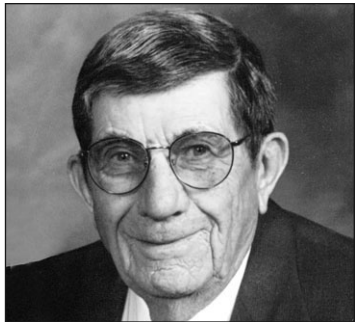
A memorial service for Elmer W. Baltzer of Scotland will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, February 23 at the United Church of Christ in Scotland with Rev. Ron Shifley officiating. Organist will be Sharon Orth and soloist is Linda Kronaizl. Honorary urn-bearers will be Elmer's grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Online condolences may be sent at [www.goglinfh.com](http://www.goglinfh.com).

The family requests that memorials be directed to the music program at the Scotland United Church of Christ.

Elmer William Baltzer was born on Tuesday, December 28, 1915 in rural Hutchinson County, South Dakota to Wilhelm W. and Louisa (Mogck) Baltzer. He attended country school through the 8th grade. He served in the US Army during World War II. Elmer was united in marriage to Lorraine Guthmiller on December 29, 1946 at Parker, South Dakota.

He was a life-long farmer and also worked for the ASCS Office in Hutchinson County. During his retirement years, he was the congenial host, head cashier and coffee pourer on Sundays for many years at the family-owned Sportsman's Café.

In his leisure, he spent time refinishing antique furniture and woodworking. He enjoyed play-



Baltzer

ing pinocle and indulged in the occasional "game of chance." Elmer especially enjoyed following his grandchildren's activities.

Elmer was a lifelong member of the United Church of Christ and in the past had been a trustee of the Kaylor Congregational Church. He was a member and past Commander of the Paul Grosshuesch VFW Post #2966 of Scotland and a member of the Scotland Loyal Order of Moose Lodge.

Elmer passed away at his home in Scotland on Sunday, February 17, 2013 at the age of 97 years, 1 month and 19 days.

Elmer will live on in the hearts of his wife of 66 years, Lorraine Baltzer of Scotland; four children: Dale (Lori) Baltzer of Tripp, Peggy (Ron) Zink of Sterling, Colorado, James Baltzer of Madison and Jerry Baltzer of Scotland; eight grandchildren: Jason (Kristi)

Baltzer, Ryan Kronaizl, Anthony Baltzer, Nicole (Jerry) Caton, Andrea (Aaron) Legband, Ashley Baltzer, Cody Zink and Haley Zink; five great-grandchildren: Trevor, Ashton, Ayrianna, Brooke and Chloe; two step-great-grandchildren: A.J. and Dylan; a daughter-in-law, Linda Ulmer; sisters-in-law: Bertha Baltzer, Ruth Baltzer, and Marge Sorenson; brothers-in-law: Mervin (Betty) Guthmiller and Emmett Guthmiller; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Wilhelm and Louisa Baltzer, he was preceded in death by his son, Terry Baltzer, and his daughter, Kathy (Baltzer) Kronaizl; three brothers: Eugene (Elda) Baltzer, Gilbert Baltzer, and Rueben Baltzer; a sister, Olivia (Albert) Hoff; and in-laws: Irene (Mike) Imig, Marguerite Guthmiller; LaVerne (Marge) Guthmiller, Heins Heinsohn and Lorrel Sorenson.

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### Dennis Pietz

Dennis A. Peitz, 89, of Yankton, and formerly of Menominee, NE, died Monday, February 18, 2013 at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton, SD.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m., Friday, February 22, 2013 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Yankton, with Rev. Mark Lichter officiating. Burial will be in the Sacred Heart Cemetery, Yankton, SD.

Visitations will begin at 5 p.m., Thursday, February 21, 2013 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton with a 7 p.m. rosary and a 7:30 p.m. Scripture Service. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Pallbearers are Robert Peitz, Lawrence Peitz, James Peitz,



Pietz

David Peitz, Darren Ellwein, and Dave Ryken.

Dennis was born January 15, 1924, in Fordyce, NE, to Frank and Mary (Loecker) Peitz and grew up on the family farm in Beaver Creek, NE. He married Clara Lucas on November 13, 1944 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Yankton. They farmed in the Centerville and Gayville areas, was a life-long farmer. They sold the farm and moved to Yankton in 1984. They enjoyed traveling and gardening. Dennis and Clara retired and moved to Yankton in 1986. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. He is survived by his

brother, Art (Delores) Peitz of Yankton; his brother-in-law, Orville Ellwein of Freeman, SD; sister-in-law, Darlene Lucas of Yankton; sister-in-law, Irene Peitz of Orland, CA and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Clara, parents, brother, Gerald, brothers-in-law, Arnold and his wife, Betty Lucas and Lloyd Lucas, sisters-in-law, Lauretta and her husband, Herb Holoch, and Ethel and her husband, Carl Nysven.

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### Wilbur Maag

Wilbur Maag, 90, of Wagner, died Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2013, at the Good Samaritan Society, Wagner.

Funeral Mass is at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, at St John Catholic Church, Wagner. Burial is in St.

Leo's Catholic Cemetery, Tyndall.

Visitation is an hour prior to services at the church.

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

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