

Democrats

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technical school scholarship to careers that are needed by South Dakota companies, adjust the tax structure for the wind industry, review the effects of the contractor's excise tax on all development, focus more economic development resources on expanding existing state businesses and assisting new local entrepreneurs, and start a "Buy SD First" program to encourage state departments to buy as many supplies and services as practical from South Dakota firms.

On the education front, they aim to create basic standards for preschool education, establish a K-12 funding target and reduce tuition costs for tech schools.

"I think most people would agree that education is your best economic development tool," Hunhoff said. "And yet it is alarming how we've treated education these last several years."

He said it is especially important to pursue preschool education measures.

"We have local programs and programs funded by the federal government, but nothing is being done at the state level," Hunhoff said. "We don't even have standards, which in some areas has cost us federal dollars for programs for at-risk kids. We need to at least begin to have a discussion about standards. The Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis did extensive research and found that you get perhaps the best bang for your buck that a state government can get by spending money on early childhood development programs for at-risk kids. It's a 16 percent return on investment."

To create more responsible government, Democrats will push for the creation of an online database to help lawmakers and taxpayers analyze how economic development grant and loan programs operate; a pay-to-play law to prohibit elected officials from receiving campaign contributions or other gifts from principals in companies that receive state no-bid contracts, grants or loans; and the review of policies pertaining to private sponsorships of state events to deter improper influencing of decision-makers.

"A few years back, we had the most backwards open government laws in the nation," Hunhoff said of past efforts to make South Dakota government more transparent. "Democrats really started making an issue out of it, and they eventually gained some Republican supporters. We ended up passing open government laws that are not perfect but are a big improvement."

Democrats will need to find partners on the other side of the aisle to achieve success. There are five Democrats in the 35-member state Senate and 19 in the 70-member House.

"I think we can get some things done. I think Democrats have shown they can advance an agenda," Hunhoff said. "We're looking for places we can agree (with Republican lawmakers). We're not going to be a rubber stamp. I don't think the Democrats, or the Legislature as a whole, should be a rubber stamp for the governor."

A MATTER OF TASTE



PHOTO: ELIZABETH "SAM" GROSZ
Nancy Lohmiller, right, and her husband, LeRoy, offer a sample of their raspberry jam to several attending the Simply South Dakota Tasting Event Saturday in Delmont. The Lohmillers have a new business this year, just outside of Delmont--Farmer in the Dell Raspberry Farm. They were among the 10 vendors participating in the Delmont Non-Profit Development Corp event, in its fourth year of showcasing South Dakota food products. The event was preceded by Delmont's annual New Year's Eve Parade.

Program

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that is targeted for economic development efforts. If the program is successful, Scheve said funding requests could increase in the future.

"There are communities of comparable size in the region that have spent upwards of around \$100,000 in new event and convention marketing," she stated.

To receive funding from the incentive program, interested parties will have to submit an application at least 90 days in advance and make a case for how the event will impact Yankton and draw a majority of its participants from outside the community. The request would require approval from the CVB advisory council.

City commissioners questioned

Scheve about the program prior to approving the funding for it in December.

Commissioner Charlie Gross asked how the CVB will differentiate between a new convention that needs an incentive to come to Yankton and one that would come to the community regardless of the program.

"It really goes back to the CVB staff doing the research and taking a look at the business on the table and whether or not it is something that is part of a rotation (that would bring it to Yankton) or something new," Scheve said.

She was also asked by Mayor David Knoff if there had been a recent circumstance where Yankton could have gotten an event by using incentives.

"It's very similar to economic development, where it is the process of elimination," Scheve responded. "I cannot give any specific example of something where, I think if we put an

Next Deadwood Fund Grant Applications Are Now Available

PIERRE — The South Dakota State Historical Society has announced that the applications for the next round of the Deadwood Fund grant program are due on Feb. 1, 2012 for work beginning May 1, 2012.

The program is designed to encourage large-scale restoration or rehabilitation of historic properties by individuals, organizations or public agencies, according to Jay D. Vogt, director of the State Historical Society, whose historic preservation office administers the program.

Grants will be awarded in amounts ranging from \$1,000 to \$25,000. The grant amount must be matched on a dollar-for-dollar basis from nonfederal and nonstate sources. Nonprofit organizations will be allowed to use in-kind services for one-half of their match.

In 2010, more than \$138,000 was distributed among 10 projects.

Funding for the program is from Deadwood gaming revenue earmarked by state law for historic preservation projects throughout the state and distributed by the State Historical Society.

The second round of 2012 applications will be due on Oct. 1, 2012.

For more information on the South Dakota State Historical Society's Deadwood Fund grant program, contact the State Historic Preservation Office at the Cultural Heritage Center, 900 Governors Drive, Pierre, SD 57501-2217; telephone (605) 773-3458.

Grant forms are available online at <http://history.sd.gov/Preservation/FundingOpps/FundingOpportunities.aspx>.

soring a particular event."

Commissioner Dave Carda questioned Scheve about how many events could realistically be helped by \$5,000.

"What we've looked at is increments of \$250, \$500 and \$1,000, and touching between five to seven events a year," she said. "I think that's a reasonable amount to start with."

Commissioners Paul Lowrie and Nancy Wenande offered praise for the proposal, especially for the application process.

"I thought this was a new and creative way to try and draw entities to come into the community," Wenande said.

Scheve said that once the \$5,000 is used up, the program will be halted until it is decided whether to provide more funding for 2013.

"Once it's spent, it's spent," she stated. "We're looking at making it an annual request."

OBITUARIES

Alice Jensen

Alice Jensen, age 91, of Yankton, SD died Saturday, December 31, 2011, at Avera Sr. James Care Center in Yankton.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, January 4, 2012 at St. Benedict Catholic Church, Yankton, with Rev. Tim Lange officiating. Burial will be in the Sacred Heart Cemetery, Yankton, SD.

Visitations will begin at 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, with a Rosary at 7 p.m. and Scripture service at 7:30 p.m. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church.

Pallbearers will be Michael Mayer, Matthew Mayer, Lynn



Jensen

Alice Jensen was born July 20, 1920 to William and Mary (Walloch) Tank in Bon Homme County near Tabor, SD. She attended both grade school and high school in Utica, SD. She finished high school in Yankton, SD and graduated in 1938.

After graduation she did housework at the Hogan residence and worked one year at Gurney's Seed & Nursery. Alice

Eckmann, Dennis Rous, Leonard Cap and Duane Wenzlaff. Honorary pallbearers are all retirees from JC Penny and those of the Antique Auto Association.

then went to work at JC Penny as a clerk for 38 years. She married Merlin Jensen on February 27, 1946 in Yankton, SD.

She is survived by her daughter Jolene (Jim) Merkwan of Tabor, SD, granddaughter Jill (Lynn) Eckmann of Norfolk, NE, grandsons Michael and Matthew Mayer of Sioux Falls, SD, and great-granddaughters Emma Eckmann and McKinley Mayer.

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Hartington City Cemetery.

Visitation is 7-8 p.m. Friday at the church.

Arrangements are under the direction of Wintz Funeral Home, Coleridge.

Gertrude Bowers

MENNO — Gertrude H. Bowers, 94, of Menno died Sunday, Jan. 1, 2012, at the Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton.

Funeral services are at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Aisenbrey-Opsahl-Kostel Memorial Chapel, Menno, with the Rev. David Ellis officiating. Burial will be in the

Leona Barber

Leona M. Barber, age 97, of Yankton, South Dakota, died Saturday, December 31, 2011 at Avera Yankton Care Center.

Funeral services are 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 5, 2012 at Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton with Reverend David Gunderson officiating. Burial will be in the Yankton Cemetery.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the funeral service on Thursday.

Leona was born October 13, 1914 at Sutherland, Iowa to Hans Henry Ferdinand and Alma Dora (Wittrock) Matz. As a small girl, she moved with her family to Hartford, South Dakota. She attended grade school in Minnehaha County District 54 and graduated from Hartford High School in 1932. Leona was baptized in the Lutheran faith at Calumet, Iowa and was confirmed at Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church at Hartford, South Dakota in 1928. Leona married Myron T. Barber on February 18, 1934 at Zion Lutheran Church of rural Hartford. In the fall of 1947, they



Barber

moved to Yankton, South Dakota. Myron worked for the Extension Service and Leona was a homemaker and interested and helpful in all of the Extension organizations. She joined the Friendship Extension Club in 1948. In 1961, she was given the honor of being the Yankton County Homemaker of the Year which was sponsored by the Sioux City Chamber of Commerce. Leona worked as a part time real estate salesman for several years after her husband's retirement from the SD State University Extension Service. In January 2009, she became a resident of Avera Yankton Care Center. She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Yankton, the Ruth Circle, the Senior Citizen Center and the T & T Folk Dancers for many years. Leona also enjoyed reading and playing whist. Concern for her family was among her highest priorities. Leona is survived by her son,

Charles Barber of Yankton; daughter, Charlene L. Barber of Hillsboro Beach, Florida; three grandchildren; seven great grandchildren; two sisters, Verna Mae (Dalton) Mugge of Okoboji, Iowa and Arlene Selk of Denver, Colorado; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Leona was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Myron on March 16, 1982; two brothers, Alvin and Ray Matz; and a sister, Bernice Brentro.

Memorials may be directed to St. John's Lutheran Radio Broadcast at 1009 Jackson St. in Yankton.

To send an online sympathy message, please visit wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

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Online condolences at:
www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com

Karen 'Carrie' Boulter

LOVELAND, Colo. — Karen "Carrie" Boulter of Loveland, CO died January 1, 2012 at Northshore Health & Rehab in Loveland. She was born April 6, 1913 in Nibe, Jutland, Denmark.

Carrie is survived by her son M.J. Christensen (Bev) of Hudson, NH; daughter Doris "Tootie" Helwig of Loveland, CO; 10 grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; 10 great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her sons Robert Christensen and Leon Burton Christensen, grandsons Robert and Shaun, brother Chester Sorensen and sister Helga Sundleaf.

Memorial services will be held, Thursday 11:00 a.m. at Viegut Funeral Home, Loveland,



Boulter

CO. A reception will follow services at the Viegut Reception Center. Cremation will be completed.

Go to www.viegutfuneralhome.com for condolences and full obituary.

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Vicky (Milander) Kennedy

COLERIDGE, Neb. — Vicky (Milander) Kennedy, 55, of Coleridge, Neb., died Thursday, Dec. 29, 2011, at St. Luke's Hospital, Sioux City, Iowa, after battling cancer.

Memorial services are at 1-30 a.m. Saturday Jan. 7, 2012, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Coleridge, with the Rev. Katherine Russell officiating. Private family burial of her ashes will be at the

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