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they're not tremendously lower."

When it comes to expenses, the farm sector is benefiting from the current falling fuel prices, he said. However, other input costs haven't seen a great deal of adjustment in relation to crop prices, he said.

"The land values are holding, which is good. The land prices have been steady for the last two or three years," he said. "The land rents are still rising, but they will stabilize because of commodity prices."

While producers can tighten their expenses, other factors are out of their control, Bohnsack said. Those factors range from drought to international trade.

"The market is in the process of finding an even keel," he said. "There are a lot of things out there. It's a global market, and you have to plan

for it."

Many of those concerns will be addressed during First Dakota National Bank's annual AgriVisions conferences, Bohnsack said. The bank is holding gatherings later this month in Yankton, Crooks and Mitchell.

This year's featured AgriVisions speaker is Dr. Brent Gloy, founding director of the Purdue University Center for Commercial Agriculture. He co-founded Ag Economic Insights with the website www.ageconomists.com, and he specializes in agricultural finance and agribusiness.

Gloy will speak on the topic "Managing For Success In The Shifting Ag Environment." After many years of high commodity prices with strong profitability, the landscape in the row-crop sector has shifted dramatically. Gloy will provide a short- and long-term economic perspective and strategies to position for long-term success.

"Dr. Gloy will offer a farm management perspective," Bohnsack said. "He will give ideas on what to do for stability in the short term and suc-

cess in the long run. How do we weather the short term? How do we plan for the long term?"

The Yankton conference will be held at 7 p.m. Jan. 26, at the Best Western Kelly Inn. An RSVP is requested by Jan. 21 and can be made by calling (800) 657-5826 or (605) 665-4904.

Gloy will also speak at 1 p.m. Jan. 27 at the Crooks Community Center and at 7 p.m. Jan. 27 at the Mitchell Technical Institute.

While the current market requires adjustments, many farmers do so as part of their regular business operation, Bohnsack said.

"With my customers, we have a strategic planning session on an annual basis," he said. "We look over the past year, and we see where we are (headed) with the 3- to 5-year plan. We see if we're on course or if we need to make adjustments."

Such corrections are necessary because of changing conditions, he said.

"Our strategic plan is a

work in progress, and we revisit it on an annual basis," he said. "We look to the future for maximum efficiency."

While farmers currently face challenges, they are also very adaptable, Bohnsack said.

"Farmers are restructuring themselves," he said. "We're maneuvering and changing plans. The ag industry is resilient by nature."

That's where the Dakota Farm Show and similar events come into play, Bohnsack said.

"There are farmers who place orders here (with exhibitors) every year, but they aren't here just to buy something new," he said. "They're also looking at what ideas are out there. Are there better ways to do 'X'? If there's something new, then we may do that."

While Bohnsack greeted a visitor at his booth, technicians Doug Johnson and Garold Williamson were offering a challenge for visitors to their Southeast Research Farm booth. The experimental farm is located along University Road, north of Vermillion and

southwest of Beresford.

The Southeast Research Farm's booth contained a "mystery crop," with correct guesses qualifying for a prize drawing. No one had submitted the right answer by mid-afternoon Tuesday.

Johnson and Williamson didn't want to reveal the crop's identity to a reporter. However, they offered a hint.

"It's not commonly grown here (in southeast South Dakota), but it is grown on the research farm," Williamson said.

While no one may guess the mystery crop, the two men were promoting an event where everyone is a winner — the research farm's annual meeting. This year's event is set for 1-4 p.m. Jan. 27 at the Community Center in Parker.

This year's topics include: multi-hybrid planter and crop research; the 2015 weather outlook; technology in precision agriculture; a beef Extension update; and the use of cold pressed soybean meal in swine rations.

The research farm is work-

ing with the multi-hybrid planter for the third year, Johnson said. The driver can correct the planter to stay in line and can switch from one hybrid for low land to another hybrid for high ground.

Weather conditions can affect the effectiveness of switching hybrids, the men said. One year saw a gain of 9 to 10 bushels an acre for corn, while another year saw little difference because cool weather affected germination.

The two technicians said the annual meeting reaches out to farmers in the research farm's service area, bounded by the Missouri River and Interstate 90.

"They rotate the annual meeting around the region," one of them said. "It makes it easier for people who may be interested (in the research farm) but who we normally don't see during the year."

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OBITUARIES

Hali Strom

Funeral services for Hali Strom, age 18, of Crofton, Nebraska, will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, January 7, 2015, at First United Methodist Church, 207 West 11th Street, Yankton, South Dakota. Reverend Ron Johnson will officiate with burial in Bloomfield City Cemetery in Bloomfield, Nebraska.



Strom

Visitation will be Tuesday from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Yankton, with a 7:00 p.m. Prayer Service. Family will receive friends from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Brockhaus Funeral Home in Bloomfield is in charge of arrangements.

Hali died Friday, January 2, 2015, at St. Bernard's Medical Center in Jonesboro, Arkansas.

Hali Jill Strom, daughter of Todd and Jill Strom, and blessed child of God was born August 14, 1996, in Pender, NE. Hali lived with her family in Beatrice, Nebraska and Pierce, Nebraska during her pre-school years. Hali moved with her family to Crofton, Nebraska in 2001, where she attended Crofton Elementary School and graduated from Crofton High School in May of 2014. She was baptized at the United Church of Pender, in 1996, and confirmed at Yankton First United Methodist Church in 2010. Hali was currently a freshman elementary education major, music minor and campus ministry team member at Dakota Wesleyan University in Mitchell, South Dakota. She went to be with her Lord on January 2, 2015, in Jonesboro, Arkansas while on a campus ministry trip.

Family was the heart of Hali's life. She was a beautiful blessing to her parents, brother and sister. Hali easily expressed her love, by touch, word and action. She was proud of her family and based many decisions on honoring them. Any opportunity to spend time with relatives was embraced by her, especially holidays, and even enduring hard work on the family farm as long as it was with siblings, cousins or Dad. She especially enjoyed the overnight stays and sharing with her grandmothers. Welcomes and departures were always a passionate hug and "I love you" by Hali.

Hali lived life as a joyful and loving servant to Christ and others. She purposely attempted to know Christ, stay true to her faith and self and remain pure in actions. She was having the time of her life as a vibrant freshmen DWU student involved in several activities. God blessed Hali with a love of music and a beautiful voice. She honored God by participating in chorus, campus ministry team, the DWU "Messiah" production and the Mitchell community "Scrooge" musical. She was a recipient of the DWU Bishop Leadership Award. Hali's magnetic personality attracted many friends and she was known campus wide for her smile, laugh and strong visible servant leadership. She was a 2014 DWU freshmen homecoming beanie queen candidate. Hali's passion was serving God with her fellow campus ministry team members. She was excited and proud to work beside them and looked forward to every

Clifford 'Kip' Larson

Clifford G. "Kip" Larson, age 95, of Yankton, passed away Saturday, January 3, 2015 at the Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton, SD.

Memorial services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, January 9, 2015 at the Christ Church Episcopal, Yankton with Father Jim Pearson officiating. Burial will be in the Sacred Heart Cemetery with military graveside rites by the Ernest-Bowyer VFW Post #791 Honor Guard and the South Dakota Army National Guard Honor Guard.

Visitations will be from 5-8 p.m. Thursday, January 8, 2015 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.



Larson

Clifford 'Kip' Larson was born November 24, 1919 to John and Ida Larson in Yankton, South Dakota. He attended Yankton Public School and was a three sport letterman at Yankton High School. He was also homecoming king in 1938.

He served four years with the 550th Airborne Infantry.

He returned to Yankton and was married to K. Irene Keller in April 30, 1945. Together they had four children — Richard, Roger, Douglas and Karen. After Irene had passed, he married Shirley Modereger on September 3, 2006.

He lived in Yankton and was an active in many asso-

ciations supporting growth in Yankton and South Dakota. He was a past Commander of VFW Post 791, past president of the Yankton Restaurant Association and the South Dakota Restaurant Association. He was elected to one term of the Yankton City Commission, past chairman of the Sacred Heart Hospital Board of Trustees and past chairman of the South Dakota Tourism Committee which he served on for 10 years. He was active in the Yankton Chamber of Commerce also.

He was an avid supporter of Yankton High School and Yankton College athletics.

He owned and operated Kips Blue Moon Drive Inn which later became a full service restaurant Kips Inn. He was an influence on a number of young people

who had worked for him.

He is survived by his wife Shirley, Yankton; her daughters: Shirley Ann Doerr, Yankton, Beth Kathol, Yankton, and Janice Giacalone, Austin, TX. His sister, Phyllis Berg (Spencer) and his children: Richard (Patricia Lawyer), Milford, OH, Roger Mill, Valley, CA, Douglas (Val Stange) and Karen Larson, Greeley, CO. His grandchildren: Matt Larson, Yankton, Adam Larson, Colorado Springs, CO, Abby Larson, Yankton, and Sara Blom, Yankton, Justin Larson, Alexandria, VA, Kati Larson, Mt Pleasant, SC, Bryce Larson, Boston, MA, and Zachary Larson, Milford, OH. His children by the union with Shirley — Shirley Ann Doerr, Yankton, Janice Giacalone, Austin, TX, and Beth Kathol, Yankton.

He had 8 great grandchild-

dren — Cody, Connor, Dakota, Vera, Carl, Emery, Emelia, and Max. He also had an additional six grandchildren and four great grandchildren with Shirley.

He was preceded in death by his wife, K. Irene, his parents, John and Ida Larson, his brother Joseph, his sisters Inez Harris and Edith Pike.

In lieu of flowers memorials can be sent to Yankton High School Athletics Department, 2410 West City Limits Road, Yankton, SD 57078 or the VFW Post #791 — Teener Baseball, PO Box 299, Yankton, SD 57078.

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meeting or activity that united them in Christ's work. True Christian friendship blossomed from these shared college experiences.

Hali was an active member of First United Methodist Church serving as a Sunday school teacher, praise team member, volunteer at the Yankton Banquet, Habitat for Humanity volunteer and Kids Against Hunger volunteer. She loved her church family, young and old. She gained inspiration by attending Christian music festivals like Lifelight and brought that energy back to her church family. The church truly was her second home.

Hali's school activities included chorus, FFA, volleyball, basketball, student council, track, FCCLA and she was a manager for the boys' basketball team. Hali valued positive interaction, especially humorous times, with teachers, custodians, coaches, friends and sometimes even the principal, during her school days. Hali's experiences were trying at times and her stubborn faith did not leave one guessing what was on her mind. She disliked the drama of certain social settings in school, people being treated poorly or judged falsely and purposely dodged negativity in her life, trying to encourage a mature acceptance among all people. Hali was always willing to return a smile, encouraging word and if you were up for it, a hug. She had many true friends and prayed that all her peers would eventually follow Christ and take the high road regardless of what life brought forth.

Lifeguarding at the Crofton pool, Sunday School involvement and Bible school enabled Hali to develop strong, caring relationships with many young kids in the Crofton and Yankton communities. She stayed involved in their lives, supported them and even corresponded by letter to several while at college. Her hands were never empty, usually holding little one's hands whenever she walked. Hali was an officer and member of the Lucky Livewires 4-H club. She enjoyed the members, showing cattle, pigs and camping at the Knox County Fair. She also formed a strong bond with the Crofton American Legion and community members during her school years as she emotionally performed taps at many Veterans' services. She also developed many friendships with her newspaper and "egg customers" in Crofton and while a member of the Crofton

United Church of Christ.

Hali is survived by her parents, Todd and Jill Strom; brother and sister, Elijah and Hannah, all of Crofton, Nebraska; grandmothers, Mary Hanson of Vermillion, South Dakota, and Barb Strom of Bloomfield, Nebraska; uncles, aunts, and cousins: Troy, Pat, Alex, Logan and Chelsea Strom of Norfolk, Nebraska; Dan, Jodi and Tanner Pierret of Wichita, Kansas; Kory Pierret of Houston, Texas; Randy and Tanya, Kyla, Kenzie, Jack, Blaine and Chance Ritter of Norfolk, Nebraska; Karen Ritter of Norfolk, Nebraska and Brad Ritter of Golden, Colorado; and several relatives, friends, and followers of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her grandfathers, Norman Strom, Doyle Ritter and step-grandfather Harvey Hanson. Pallbearers are Hali's father's college teammates: Tim Mudd, Tom Bies, Richard Faidley, John Osborne, Bob Augustine and Mason Billings.

Memorials will be directed to a faith-based scholarship in Hali's name at Crofton High School.

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Dennis Huber

Dennis E. Huber, 62, of Mission Hill died Monday, Jan. 5, 2015, at his home in Mission Hill.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 9, at Vangen Lutheran Church in Mission Hill with Pastor Velma Larsen officiating. Burial will be in the Vangen Lutheran Cemetery in Mission Hill.

Visitation is from 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 8, at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton with a prayer service at 7 p.m. Visitation will resume one hour prior to the funeral on Friday at the church.

To send an online message to the family, visit www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

Gene Mead

Gene Richard Mead, 82, passed away Friday, January 2, 2015 at a Sioux Falls Hospital.

A funeral service will be held Thursday, Jan. 8, at 10:30 a.m. at Larkin Chapel, Christy Smith Funeral Home.

Visitation will be Wednesday from 6-7 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery.

James Oursland

James Oursland was born on June 8, 1938, and passed

away on Dec. 12, 2014.

He was cremated and his burial will be at Saint Michael's Cemetery in Sioux Falls later this summer.

Alan Sternquist

Alan Roy Sternquist died at his home in Pleasanton California January 1, 2015.

He was born to Orland and Harriet (Berg) Sternquist September 28, 1946.

A memorial service will be held at the Dalesburg Lutheran Church at 2 p.m. on March 28th, 2015 because he would have rather come home as a new planting season begins rather than in the depths of winter. He will be laid to rest next to his parents in the Dalesburg Lutheran Cemetery.

He was baptized, confirmed and married at the Dalesburg Lutheran Church. He grew up on the family farm which his great grandfather homesteaded in 1869.

He was introduced to responsibility early in life. Because of injuries to his older brother and while his dad hauled cattle from Canada, he harvested the oats with a Case pull-type combine behind a model A John Deere tractor. The canvas feeder repeatedly plugged with weeds requiring him at the age of 12 to resort to salty language. He was into electronics throughout his life and built an amplifier for Heath kit during his teens. After falling from a tree fracturing his left forearm, he played 4H softball the rest of the summer in a long arm cast, batting and fielding one-armed. In his teens, he learned to play the accordion. Later in his life, he said "the definition of a gentleman was one who could play the accordion — but doesn't." He was educated at the Dalesburg grade school which his great grandfather helped found. At Beresford High School, he was homecoming king, student body president and an FFA (Fu-



Sternquist

ture Farmers of America) star farmer. He later served as a state officer for the FFA. At South Dakota State University, he earned a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

In the summer of 1963, the Dalesburg preacher's niece spent the summer babysitting for the preacher's children. Alan struck up a summer romance which would enrich him later in life.

After graduation from State, he loaded his VW beetle with all his worldly possessions and drove to California to start work as an engineer at the Naval Ship Yards in Alameda. He spent most of his career improving the design of steam turbines used to propel Nuclear Aircraft Carriers and Nuclear Submarines for the U.S. Navy and was the Lead Engineer at Northrup Grumman Corporation from 1986 until the time of his death. His fertile mind resulted in several patents to his name. He excelled at photography and was a true audiophile, building and improving his stereo system. He spent many hours driving the back roads, literally and metaphorically. He enjoyed gin and tonics, gambling and reading. He was not only a voracious reader but could recall detail he had gleaned from novels read years before. Once his younger brother tried to impress him regarding metaphors in a Kurt Vonnegut novel. Alan said he had read it years ago and then recalled details his brother only vaguely recalled from a reading done the week before. He was absolutely confident in his memory creating many vigorous discussions with his siblings regarding details of our lives. He could quote the likes of Keats, Bob Dylan, Albert Einstein or the Bible with equal aplomb in letters and emails beautifully describing his life experiences. The combination of his mathematical left brain and his creative right brain resulted in what one might call a modern-day Renaissance Man.

He had a series of girlfriends during his life and on

reflection they all bore a striking resemblance to the preacher's niece. In 2000, their paths crossed and he made sure he did not lose her again. On May 25th 2002, he married Elaine Cornelius in the little country church where they met some 40 years before. Dad said Alan had "changed for the better" after his marriage. Unfortunately, 55 years of bachelorhood would not allow him to adjust to married life and they divorced in 2013. She remained the love of his life and they remained friends and confidants to the end.

Alan was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by brothers Sheridan (Phyllis) of Centerville, John (Nancy) of Yankton and a sister Brenda of Haslet, Michigan, multiple nephews and nieces and of course Elaine Sternquist.

Memorials could be directed to the Dalesburg Lutheran Church or to South Dakota State University Department of Mechanical Engineering.

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Paydyn McBride

Paydyn Reign McBride, infant daughter of Whitney McBride and Keith Hayes of Wagner, died Thursday, Jan. 1, 2015, at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton.

Wake services are being held at the YST Community Gym in Wagner. Funeral Services are 10 a.m. today (Wednesday, Jan. 7) at the gym. Burial is in the Holy Name Episcopal Cemetery, rural Dante.

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

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