

USDA: Storm Shelter Provides Security To Homeowners

SIoux FALLS — The summer months are often associated with baseball games, hot dogs, apple pie and the potential evolution of severe weather. Homeowners Ronald and Lila Kellogg have never felt more secure since they installed a storm shelter with the assistance of USDA Rural Development funding.

"Knowing we have a storm shelter has provided us with peace of mind and a sense of security," said homeowner Lila Kellogg. "It provides us with a safe place to go in the event we need to take shelter during severe weather conditions." Recently, the Kellogg's spent 3 1/2 hours in the shelter and they felt very secure.

The Kellogg's don't have a basement. Their home is built slab on grade. Lila saw an ad in the newspaper from Divine Concrete, Inc. advertising storm shelters and she contacted Rural Development to find out if this was a doable project. The Kellogg's completed an application and were deemed eligible for the agency's 504 Home Repair program. The Kellogg's have used the program in the past. Rural Development provides Section 504 Home Re-

pair Loans and Grants in rural areas to eligible, very low-income homeowners who are unable to obtain credit elsewhere. Under this program, eligible applicants may obtain funds to repair, improve, modernize, or remove health and safety hazards in their owner-occupied dwellings.

USDA, through its Rural Development mission area, has a portfolio of programs designed to improve the economic stability of rural communities, businesses, residents, farmers and ranchers and improve the quality of life in rural America.

USDA has made a concerted effort to deliver results for the American people, even as USDA implements sequestration — the across-the-board budget reductions mandated under terms of the Budget Control Act. USDA has already undertaken historic efforts since 2009 to save more than \$828 million in taxpayer funds through targeted, common-sense budget reductions. These reductions have put USDA in a better position to carry out its mission, while implementing sequester budget reductions in a fair manner that causes as little disruption as possible.

A Question With Teeth

BY TOM AND RAY MAGLIOZZI

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Dear Tom and Ray:

My husband and I disagree about whether the button on the parking brake should be pressed down prior to engaging and lifting it. If you don't, it makes a grinding sound, and I think that can't be a good thing. My husband contends that it makes no difference. Please settle this for us. Thanks. — Carolyn

RAY: I'm so glad people are finally writing to us with questions worthy of this illustrious column!

TOM: It makes no difference, Carolyn. The button is there to release the parking brake. That's why it's called the parking brake release button.

RAY: The clicking you're hearing is a ratcheting mechanism that holds the parking brake in place once you apply it so it doesn't release on its own and let your car roll away.

TOM: There's a metal wheel at the base of the hand brake handle. That wheel, which is called a "ratchet," has a bunch of teeth in it. Then there's a metal spike called a "pawl," which sticks into those teeth as they go by. The pawl allows the handle to go in one direction



CAR TALK

Tom and Ray Magliozzi

(up) but not the other (down). So all you're hearing as you pull up the brake handle is that pawl clicking into each successive tooth.

RAY: When you push in the button, you're pulling the pawl back, out of the way of the teeth. That's why it doesn't click. And that's why pushing the button allows you to move the handle in both directions.

TOM: But it's not necessary to hold in the button while you're applying the brake. On the other hand, it does absolutely no harm. That ratcheting mech-

anism will last for the life of the car whether you let it click or not.

RAY: So, it's an aesthetic decision, Carolyn, not a mechanical one. If you find the clicking sound pleasing, or reassuring — which I do — then just pull up on the parking brake handle and let it click away.

TOM: But if it causes you distress and heartache, then feel free to eliminate that sound from your life by pushing in the button when you engage the parking brake. It doesn't matter to the car.

Don't get stuck with a lemon. Be an informed shopper. Read Tom and Ray's guide "How to Buy a Great Used Car: Secrets Only Your Mechanic Knows." Send \$4.75 (check or money order) to Used Car, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

Get more Click and Clack in their new book, "Ask Click and Clack: Answers from Car Talk." Got a question about cars? Write to Click and Clack in care of this newspaper, or email them by visiting the Car Talk website at www.cartalk.com.

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Upper Deck Offering



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The Upper Deck presented a check in the amount of \$18,623 to the Yankton Sack Pack Program. Moneys were raised from the Upper Deck's second annual Poker Run that was held on June 1. Pictured are, Front Row: Kenneth Hausmann of the Upper Deck, Jill Wermers and Carla Hummel, Sack Pack Board Members. Back Row: Doyle Sage, Matt Hanson, David Abbott, Mark Hausmann and Karen Abbott, Event Chairman.

SCHOLASTICS

MITCHELL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

A total of 284 students at Mitchell Technical Institute have been placed on the Spring Semester 2013 President's List, according to MTI President Greg Von Wald. A GPA of 3.5 or higher is required to receive this honor.

Included on the Spring 2013 President's List are:

- Corey Haisch, Alcester: Architectural Design & Building Construction
- Katherine McDole, Alcester: Business Management
- Haley Scholten, Armour: Accounting
- Derek Cihak, Avon: Agricultural Technology
- Vance Voegeli, Beresford: Power Line Construction & Maintenance
- Evan Schoenfelder, Dimock: Agricultural Technology
- Seth Horstman, Dimock: Precision Technology Specialist
- Christa Roth, Freeman: Agricultural Technology
- Jeffrey Preheim, Freeman: Electrical Construction & Maintenance
- Audra Eberts, Freeman: Medical Laboratory Technology
- Jeremy Albrecht, Freeman: Utilities Technology
- Brandon Lee, Gayville: Small Business Management
- Samuel Millar, Geddes: Precision Technology Specialist
- Jaime Koopman, Hudson: Utilities Technology
- Marcia Dvorak, Lake Andes: Agricultural Technology
- Connor Florey, Lake Andes: Power Line Construction & Maintenance
- Stephen Cournoyer, Lake Andes: Telecommunications
- Patrick Unruh, Marion: Wind Turbine Technology
- Johann Stokes, Menno: Electrical Construction & Maintenance
- Sterling Kinneberg, Parkston: Architectural Design & Building Construction
- Justin Wipf, Parkston: Electrical Construction & Maintenance
- Morgan Griebel, Parkston: General Education
- Brooke Walz, Parkston: Medical Assistant
- Shauna Degeest, Parkston: Medical Office Professional
- Mercedes VanZee, Platte: Medical Office Professional
- Jennifer Kaemingk, Platte: Speech/Language Pathology Assistant
- Drew Holter, Platte: Wind Turbine Technology
- Morgan Iwan, Scotland: General Education
- Charles Wry, Scotland: Information Systems Technology
- Ryan Heusinkveld, Springfield: Architectural Design & Building Construction
- Jesse Boden, Tabor: Automation Controls/SCADA
- Cary Cooper, Tabor: Medical Office Professional
- Jay Kriz, Tyndall: Electrical Construction & Maintenance
- Zachery VanBeek, Viborg: Utilities Technology
- Duffy Ducheneaux, Wagner: Agricultural Technology
- Paige Gunhammer, Wagner: Architectural Design & Building Construction
- Michaela Anderson, Yankton: Accounting
- Kellie Chavis, Yankton: Administrative Office Specialist
- Trevor Haas, Yankton: Farm Power Technology
- Kevin Schurman, Yankton: Heating & Cooling Technologies
- Andrew Adam, Yankton: Industrial Maintenance Technology
- Bobby Ashley, Yankton: Industrial Maintenance Technology
- Michael Darcy, Yankton: Industrial Maintenance Technology
- Joseph Hahn, Yankton: Industrial Maintenance Technology
- Dylan Haas, Yankton: Utilities Technology
- Brad King, Yankton: Wind Turbine Technology
- Cory Loseke, Bloomfield, Neb.: Industrial Maintenance Technology
- Dustin Crosley, Niobrara, Neb.: Power Sports Technology

Volin Student Headed To Girls Nation

WASHINGTON — Alexis Logue of Volin, South Dakota is one of only 98 young women attending the 67th American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) Girls Nation in Washington July 20-27.

Two outstanding citizens, known as "senators," are selected at the 49 ALA Girls State sessions held across the country to represent their state at ALA Girls Nation. This premier leadership conference is designed to provide practical insight into the workings of government, to instill a sense of pride and loyalty in America and to create friendships and memories that last a lifetime.

During her week at South Dakota Girls State, Alexis participated as a member of the cabinet. She has participated in many activities in her school and community including statistician for Football and Basketball, National Honor Society Member, and remains active in her Youth Group at St. Patrick Church.

A key component of the ALA Girls Nation program involves mock senate sessions complete with caucusing and debating of bills that range in topic from personal to political interests. Campaigns are held to elect party officials and an ALA Girls Nation president and vice president.

In addition to their legislative forums, the senators hear distinguished guest speakers and visit the Pentagon, Arlington National Cemetery, the White House and other memorials in the area. Their visit to Capitol Hill includes meetings with their respective senators and representatives and the opportunity to meet President Obama.

"The ALA Girls Nation experience is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for young women across our nation," said Martha Corriher, American Legion Auxiliary Girls Nation national chairman. "After attending their local ALA Girls State program and then ALA Girls Nation, the girls come back to their communities filled with patriotism and pride."

REUNIONS

'THREE J'S' REUNION

The three J's — Jens, Johann and Jorgen Nelson — family reunion will be Sunday, July 28, at noon at JoDean's in Yankton.

Leber Honor By Superintendents Group

At the recent annual conference of the South Dakota School Superintendents Association (SDSSA), the group selected Al Leber of the Dakota Valley School District of North Sioux City as its Superintendent of the Year.

Leber has 39 years experience in administration and has been the Superintendent at Dakota Valley since 1999.

Selected for the Distinguished Service Award was Margo Heinert of Mission. Heinert retired from the Todd County School District in June 2012. She worked in the Department of Education for nine years and spent 13 years as a Superintendent in Shannon County and Todd County.

Also during the conference, the following officers were elected: President Bob Sittig (Baltic); President-elect Dan Leikvold (Lead/Deadwood); Past President Jim Holbeck (Harrisburg); Treasurer Lynn Vlasman (Tripp/Delmont); Secretary Robert Arend (Garretson); and Regional Representatives: Jeff Danielsen (West Central); Jason Bailey (Bridgewater/Emery); Kelly Glodt (Pierre); Scott Lepke (Custer); Kirk Easton (Warner); Brian Heupel (Clark); and Chris Lund (Arlington).

Flower, Vegetable Show Slated July 27

The Yankton Town and Country Garden Club is sponsoring a Flower/Vegetable Show on Saturday, July 27, at the Yankton Community Library.

Guidelines for entering may be picked up at the Library, the Chamber of Commerce, The Center, and the 4-H office.

Submit your entries from 9 a.m.-noon (no charge), with judging from noon-1 p.m. The show is then open for free public viewing in the library meeting room from 1-4:30 p.m.

The club is encouraging all junior gardeners to enter as there is a special division just for them.

For more information contact Betts Pulkrebek at 605-463-2206.

MENUS

Menus listed below are for the week of July 22, 2013. Menus are subject to change without notice. All meals are served with milk.

Summer Food Service

Served At Webster School

Monday — Italian Dunker
Tuesday — Chicken Strips
Wednesday — Teriyaki Chicken
Thursday — Beef Sliders

The Center/Yankton

Monday — Chicken Fried Steak
Tuesday — Pork Roast

Wednesday — Panini Sandwich
Thursday — Beef Tips
Friday — Autumn Chicken

Tabor Senior Citizens Center

Monday — N/A
Tuesday — Roast Pork
Wednesday — Meatloaf
Thursday — Chicken/dressing
Friday — N/A

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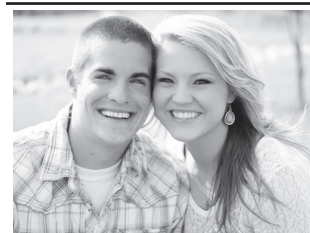
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Tramp-Hofer

Emma Dee Tramp of Omaha, NE, and Michael James Hofer, of Yankton, SD, announce their engagement and upcoming marriage.

Parents of the couple are

Rod and DeeDee Tramp and Kirby and Donna Hofer.

The bride-elect is a 2011 graduate of Crofton High School and a 2012 graduate of the Myotherapy Institute with a degree in Science and Massage Therapy. She is currently employed as a Massage Therapist at Seim Chiropractic Wellness.

The groom-elect is a 2011 graduate of Yankton High School and will be graduating from Grace University in December with a Bible degree.

The couple is planning an August 3, 2013, wedding at Calvary Baptist Church in Yankton, SD.

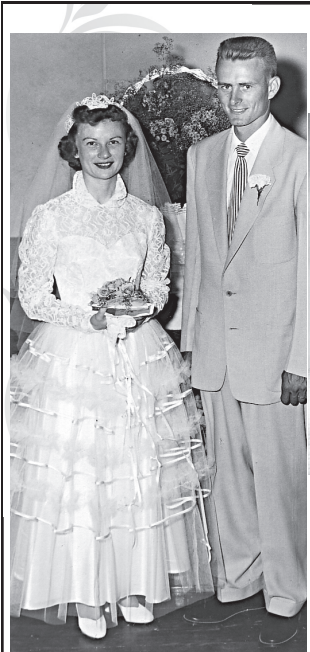


Robertson-Marks

Kathleen Marie Robertson, granddaughter of Marjorie and Luther Odell and daughter of Peggy and Harry Robertson of Lahaina, HI, exchanged wedding vows with Morgan Joseph Marks, son of David and Victoria Marks of Santa Rosa, CA on Friday, June 21, 2013 at the Puamana Clubhouse in Lahaina, HI.

The brother of the bride is Reed Robertson and the sister of the groom is Sasha Marks. Six bridesmaids, six groomsmen and two flower girls accompanied them; the Maid of Honor was Leah Kadotani and the Best Man was Matthew Vioral.

Kathleen is a graduate from UCLA and a teacher in Kaneohe. Morgan, also a UCLA graduate, is an engineer for Tesoro. The rehearsal dinner was held at the Pioneer Inn and a family brunch was held after the wedding at the Robertson's home in Waihikuli, HI.



60th Anniversary



Mr. & Mrs. Myron Van Gerpen

Myron and Murial Van Gerpen of Yankton, SD will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on July 21, 2013.

Murial Smits and Myron Van Gerpen were married on July 21, 1953 in Corsica, SD.

The couple has five children: Maureen (Robert) Jackson, Tracy, MN; Melinda (Gale) Otto, Tracy, MN; Myrna (Jim) Eben, Grand Rapids, MI; Merrill (Sandi) Van Gerpen, Yankton, SD; and Morris Van Gerpen, Yankton, SD.

They have fifteen grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.