

# Support Offered For Beginning Farmers, Ranchers

DAVIS, Calif. — U.S. Agriculture Deputy Secretary Krysta Harden has announced the implementation of new Farm Bill measures and other policy changes to improve the financial security of new and beginning farmers and ranchers. Harden also unveiled [www.usda.gov/newfarmers/](http://www.usda.gov/newfarmers/), a new website that will provide a centralized, one-stop resource where beginning farmers and ranchers can explore the variety of USDA initiatives designed to help them succeed.

"New and beginning farmers are the future of American agriculture," said Deputy Secretary Harden. "The average age of an American farmer is 58 and rising, so we must help new farmers get started if

America is going to continue feeding the world and maintain a strong agriculture economy. The new policies announced today will help give beginning farmers the financial security they need to succeed. Our new online tool will provide one-stop shopping for beginning farmers to learn more about accessing USDA services that can help their operations thrive."

USDA's New Farmers website has in depth information for new farmers and ranchers, including: how to increase access to land and capital; build new market opportunities; participate in conservation opportunities; select and use the right risk management tools; and access USDA education, and technical support programs. These issues have been identified as top priorities by

new farmers. The website will also feature instructive case studies about beginning farmers who have successfully utilized USDA resources to start or expand their business operations. Today's policy announcements in support of beginning farmers and ranchers include:

Waiving service fees for new and beginning farmers or ranchers to enroll in the Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) for the 2014 crop year. NAP provides risk management tools to farmers who grow crops for which there is no crop insurance product. Under this waiver, announced via an official notice to Farm Service Agency offices, farmers and ranchers whom already enrolled in NAP for the 2014 crop year are eligible for a service fee refund.

Eliminating payment reductions under the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) for new and beginning farmers which will allow routine, prescribed, and emergency grazing outside the primary nesting season on enrolled land consistent with approved conservation plans. Previously, farmers and ranchers grazing on CRP land were subject to a reduction in CRP payments of up to 25 percent. Waiving these reductions for new and beginning farmers will provide extra financial support during times of emergency like drought and other natural disasters.

Increasing payment rates to beginning farmers and ranchers under Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-

Raised Fish Program (ELAP). Under this provision, beginning and farmers can claim up to 90 percent of losses for lost livestock, such as bees, under ELAP. This is a 50 percent increase over previously available payment amounts to new and beginning farmers.

In the near future, USDA will also announce additional crop insurance program changes for beginning farmers and ranchers — including discounted premiums, waiver of administrative fees, and other benefits.

A fact sheet outlining significant USDA efforts to support beginning farmers and ranchers, and other Department-wide accomplishments, are available on [www.usda.gov/results/](http://www.usda.gov/results/).

## OBITUARIES

### Lloyd Pedersen

Lloyd Emil Pedersen, age 90 of Hartington, Nebraska, died on Friday, July 4, 2014 at the Golden Living Center in Hartington surrounded by many of his family.

Funeral Services will be on Tuesday, July 8, 2014 at 10:30 a.m. at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Hartington with Rev. Amanda Jertson officiating. Burial will be in the Hartington City Cemetery.

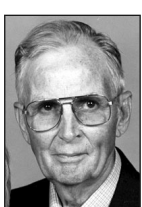
Visitation will be on Monday from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Wintz Funeral Home in Hartington and continue one hour prior to services on Tuesday at the church.

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Pallbearers are Nick Bottolfsen, Scott Bottolfsen, Adam Willis, Chase Kern, Troy Kern and Tate Hamann.

Lloyd was born on October 1, 1923 at Hartington to Neils K. and Elvine (Dybdal) Pedersen. He grew up on a farm near Hartington and attended a country school through the 8th grade at which time he went to help his dad on the farm. He worked as a farm hand for many years until he began a job at Swifts Packing House in Sioux City, Iowa in 1943. That same year he met Inez C. Gunderson. They dated



Pedersen

and were married on August 27, 1944 in Hartington. Lloyd worked for Elmer Hintz as a farm hand and for Otto Swartz and Dick Putter as a carpenter before beginning work for Hans J. Sorensen and Son at the John Deere Dealership on December 1, 1945. The dealership changed hands to Burt McFarland and then to Gerry Miller but Lloyd kept this job for 40 years working as a mechanic, parts manager, truck driver, set up man and service manager. He retired in

1986. Over the years Lloyd ran a saw sharpening and lawn mower repair service. He mowed the Hartington City Cemetery for 20 years and was summoned by many area farmers to work on their older farm equipment since he was the only person in the area with that skill and knowledge.

Lloyd was a longtime member of the Trinity Lutheran Church and served on the church council as well as the church custodian. He was a former volunteer fireman, was a member of the Odd Fellows and volunteered to play his accordion at the nursing home and other functions. Lloyd enjoyed attending

auction sales, dancing, playing his accordion and collecting toy tractors. He also enjoyed coffee and fellowship with his friends and loved spending time with his family.

Lloyd is survived by 3 children and their spouses, Dennis and Cyndee Pedersen of Sacramento, CA; Lois and Don Bottolfsen of Yankton, SD; Bev and Scot Lund of Hutchinson, KS; a daughter-in-law, Ann Pedersen of Sioux City, Iowa; 8 grandchildren and their spouses, Cara and Troy Kern, Minda and Tate Hamann, Jana and David Hesker, Nick and Jenna Bottolfsen, Scott and Katy Bottolfsen, Ann and Fletcher Sheridan, Kiley and Adam Willis, Lauren and David Kre-

hbiel, 10 great grandchildren, 2 brothers, Gerald and Lorraine Pedersen and Marvin and Gladys Pedersen both of Hartington; a sister, Doris Bell of Scottsdale, AZ.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, Inez on March 30, 2008 at the age of 86, his oldest son, Darrell Pedersen on September 7, 2011 and 2 brothers, Gunnar and Richard Pedersen.

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### Edwin 'Eddie' Ellis

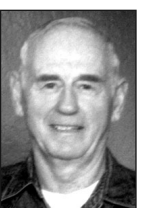
Edwin "Eddie" Ellis, age 81, of Yankton, South Dakota, passed away on Thursday, July 3, 2014 at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton surrounded by his family.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, July 8, 2014, at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton with Reverend Bob Cappel officiating. Burial will be in the Garden of Memories Cemetery in Yankton with military honors provided by the Ernest-Bowyer VFW Post No. 791 and the South Dakota Army National Guard.

Visitation is from 5:00 to 8:00 on Monday, July 7, 2014 at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home with a prayer service at 7:00 p.m.

Pallbearers are Robert Graham, Russ Simonsen, Charles Gust, Jeff Day, Christopher Gust, and Steve Ellis. Honorary pallbearers are his grandchildren.

Eddie Ellis was born September 8, 1932, in Yankton, South Dakota to Edwin E. and



Ellis

June 23, 1955 in Yankton. They lived on a farm in rural Yankton, where Eddie began working as an auto body technician in Yankton most recently for Steve's Auto Body in Yankton. Eddie worked in body shops most of his life but also worked as a part-time farmer around his place raising feeder pigs.

Eddie took great pride in the large family he built. He loved spending time with his family and was very proud of all of their accomplishments. He truly showed his family what it meant to love, since next year Eddie and Alice would have celebrated 60 years of marriage.

Survivors include his wife of nearly 60 years, Alice Ellis

of Yankton; five daughters: Barbara (Charles) Gust of Omaha, Nebraska; Lori (Russ) Simonsen of Yankton; Judi (Jeff) Day of Elburn, Illinois; Cathy (Kelly Rayson) Voyles of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; and Amy (Robert) Graham of Wichita, Kansas; 11 grandchildren; four step grandchildren; five great grandchildren; eight step great grandchildren; special nephew, Steve Ellis of Yankton; and many other nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters: Charlotte Case and Katherine Mielenz; and two brothers: Orval Ellis and Barry Ellis.

To send an online sympathy card, please visit [www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com).

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### Doug Ray

Doug Ray, age 61, of Yankton, South Dakota, died Friday, July 4, 2014 at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton, surrounded by his family.

Funeral services are at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, July 8, 2014 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Yankton with Reverend David Wildermuth officiating. Burial will be in the Vangen Cemetery in rural Mission Hill, South Dakota.

Visitation is from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Monday, July 7 at Trinity Lutheran Church with a prayer service at 7:00 p.m.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Yankton.

Pallbearers are Bill Arens, Kevin Buckman, Todd Hecht, Mike Johnson, Larry Nickles, Brad Parker and Dave Ray. Honorary pallbearers are Doug's fellow coworkers of the Yankton Emergency Services.

Doug was born May 10, 1953 in Yankton, South Dakota to Robert and Luella (Grage) Ray. He grew up



Ray

near Mission Hill at the WNAX transmitter site where his dad was the engineer. Doug graduated from Yankton High School in 1971 and then attended Yankton College. He married Leann Johnson in 1977 and together had two sons, Dave and Robbie. On September 27, 1986, Doug and Susan Repp were married and six years later, their daughter, Heather was born. Doug worked for the Yankton County EMS for nearly 25 years, first as a part time volunteer, then in a full time position and finally as a paramedic. He also was a member of the Volunteer Fire Department and the Search and Rescue Unit. For the last four years, Doug was a driver and dispatcher for Yankton Transit. Doug loved the outdoors where he enjoyed hunting, fishing, boating and golfing. He loved watching sports, especially his favorite teams, the Denver Broncos and Minnesota Twins. But most of

all, he loved watching his daughter, Heather, play. Doug was a tall man with a big heart and gentle spirit. He always went out of his way to help others and enjoyed visiting with people. He loved his wife and children and proud of all of them. He cherished the time spent with them and his grandchildren.

Doug is survived by his wife, Susan Ray of Yankton; three children: Dave Ray of Pierre, SD, Robbie (Katie) Ray of Gayville, SD and Heather Ray of Yankton; and two grandchildren, Makiya and Robert Jr.

Doug was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Alan and Stan Ray.

To send an online message to the family, please visit [www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com).

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### Kathleen 'Kay' Haberer

Kathleen Louise "Kay" Haberer, age 90 of Hartington, Nebraska, died on Thursday, July 3, 2014 at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton, SD.

Mass of Christian Burial will be on Monday, July 7, 2014 at 10:30 a.m. at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Hartington with Rev. Jeffery Loseke officiating. Burial will be in St. Michael's Cemetery in Hartington.

Visitation will be on Sunday from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with a Vigil Service at 7:00 p.m. at the church. Visitation will continue one hour prior to services on Monday at the church.

The Wintz Funeral Home in Hartington is in charge of arrangements. To view the video tribute, or to send online condolences, please visit [www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com/](http://www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com/).

Honorary Pallbearers will be her granddaughters, Jana Fischer, Kim Kathol, Stacy Eskins, Aisley Ferguson and



Haberer

Kelsey McGregor. Active Pallbearers will be her grandsons, Michael Emanuel, Joel Emanuel, Scott McGregor, Todd McGregor, Kris Kathol and Cale Haberer. Kay was born on July 19, 1923 at Hartington to Casper and Kathryn (Lammers) Koenig. She grew up in the Hartington area and graduated from Holy Trinity High School. Kay contributed to the war efforts during WWII. She moved to Detroit where she assembled B29 bomber planes. She returned to Hartington and married Henry M. "Butch" Haberer on September 23, 1947 at Hartington. They farmed east of Hartington and also operated Broadway Lanes from 1970 to 1978. In 1990 they moved into Hartington. Kay was a former member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Wynot, Nebraska and is a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Hartington. She liked to

garden, crochet, read, play cards, especially sheep head, and was a fan of all Husker sports.

Kay is survived by 5 children, Linda and Chuck Kathol, Bonnie and Joseph Emanuel, Carol and Dave McGregor, Gene and Karen Haberer all of Hartington; Gary Haberer and Peggy D'Orio of Clearwater, Florida; 11 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Butch, on March 21, 1995 at the age of 78, a daughter, Janice Haberer, 4 grandsons, Taylor and Aaron Emanuel, John and Daniel Kathol, 2 brothers, Owen and Adrian Koenig and a sister, Germaine Koenig.

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## Ballot

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secretary of state's office on the day the signatures are due, according to Laura Strimple, a spokeswoman for Nebraska Secretary of State John Gale.

Organizers of the minimum-wage petition drive assumed they would need about 81,000 signatures, and aimed to far exceed that number; they submitted nearly 135,000 signatures on Thursday for verification. If it qualifies, the proposal will be the first petition initiative to make the ballot since 2008.

Sen. John Murante of Gretna proposed a constitutional amendment this year to lower the signature threshold to 3

percent of registered voters for changing state law and 5 percent for constitutional amendments, but it died in committee.

Murante said petitioning rights are especially important for Nebraska because of the state's one-house Legislature, which has no other chamber to check its power.

"The people are the second house," Murante said. "Right now, we have a petitioning process which is completely inaccessible to the average Nebraskan."

At the same time, petition requirements that are too lax could lead to a surge in citizen-led ballot measures and potentially misleading tactics by circulators, said Lynn Rex, executive director of the League of Nebraska Municipalities.

Rex, who testified against Murante's proposal in February,

said lawmakers have worked to strike a balance between direct democracy and protecting the public from those who abuse the system. She pointed to a 2006 ballot proposal to impose a cap on state spending, for which signature-gathering efforts included inaccurate promises that the measure would lower property taxes.

Bernbeck's lawsuit also takes issue with the geographic distribution requirement, which he says effectively makes rural votes more valuable than urban votes, since nearly half of the state's population lives in five counties in the Omaha area. He argues that a petition circulator could gather two to three times as many signatures as needed in those counties alone, but would still have to travel to other counties for the measure to qualify for the ballot.

### Mark Baker

Mark Baker, 53, of Lake Andes died Friday, July 4, 2014, at his home in Lake Andes.

Funeral services are at 10:30 a.m. today (Monday) at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Marty. Burial is in the church cemetery.

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

pending with the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton.

### Pamela Anderson

Pamela J. Anderson, 70, of Yankton died Sunday, July 6, 2014, at her home.

Arrangements are pending with the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Yankton.

### Marian Buchholz

Marian E. Buchholz, 92, of Tyndall died Sunday, July 6, 2014, at the Tyndall Good Samaritan Center, Tyndall.

The Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton,

### Robert Hanson

Robert W. Hanson, 91, of Yankton died Saturday, July 5, 2014, at the Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton. Funeral services are

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