

## Applications Sought For Russia Trip

PIERRE — Applications are being accepted for a beef genetics trade mission to the Russian Federation. The trade mission is hosted by the South Dakota Department of Agriculture (SDDA) and the South Dakota Beef Breeds Council, and interested beef producers and industry representatives are encouraged to apply. This will be the third year that SDDA has led such a mission. Successful missions were completed in 2012 and 2013 with the state sending three delegates on each trip.

Tentatively planned for October, as many as five delegates will be selected to attend with stops planned at both working ranches and one of the agricultural exhibitions held across Russia. Funding from SDDA will be available to those who are selected.

"This trip will be a collaborative effort to not only continue demonstrating that the U.S., especially the Northern Plains, is a top producer of high-quality beef genetics, but to help build the knowledge and relationships necessary for willing South Dakota producers to capitalize on this emerging market," says Ty Eschenbaum, eastern South Dakota agriculture development representative for SDDA.

According to the USDA Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS), 2014 live cattle import projections for Russia total 110,000 head. That is more than \$200 million in live breeding cattle with an embryo and bovine semen market that is continually growing, estimated at over \$5 million in 2013. Historically, roughly 60 percent of these genetics are coming from the U.S. Furthermore, Russian cattle breeders like the fact that cattle from the U.S. northern plains are coming from a similar climate to their own.

"Many of these cattle are coming out of South Dakota, not surprisingly, as our state is home to some of the best cattle genetics on the globe," said Eschenbaum. "Also, in 2013, we were the fourth largest cow/calf producing state in the nation, based on calves born."

Funding for the focused trade mission to Russia is provided by U.S. Livestock Genetics Export (USLGE), a non-profit international trade organization that includes SDDA as a member. USLGE has cooperator status with the FAS of the USDA and uses federal Market Access Program funds to help develop international markets for U.S. livestock.

The application deadline for producers interested in attending the trade mission to Russia is Monday, July 14, and is posted online at <http://sdda.sd.gov/legacydocs/AgDevelopment/Dairy/PDF/Russian%20Trade%20Mission%20Application.pdf>.

For more information on the application and the October trade mission, contact Ty Eschenbaum at 605-280-4744.

## Constituent Case Day Set For July 15

Sen. Tim Johnson has announced that Shad Christman of his Sioux Falls office will hold a Constituent Case Day in Yankton County on Tuesday, July 15. He will hold office hours from 11 a.m. noon at Muggsy's Sub Galley, 821 Broadway, in Yankton.

"Many South Dakotans are unable to travel to my offices in Rapid City, Aberdeen, or Sioux Falls. Outreach Days help me remain in touch with the concerns of South Dakotans," Johnson said. "South Dakotans are my number one priority and I want to make sure that everyone, regardless of where they live, has the opportunity to meet personally with my staff."

If local residents would like to make an appointment with Christman, they may call 1-800-537-0025.

Johnson has always encouraged South Dakotans to call, write or visit his Service Offices in Rapid City, Aberdeen, Sioux Falls or Washington to share their concerns. South Dakotans may also call Johnson's office toll-free by dialing 1-800-537-0025 or e-mail at <http://www.johnson.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?p=Contact-Form/>.

## USD Dean:

# Medical School Key To State's Health Care

VERMILLION — In her remarks to the Governor's Primary Care Task Force on July 9, Dr. Mary Nettleman, dean of the University of South Dakota Sanford School of Medicine, emphasized the vital and expanding role of the medical school in helping the state of South Dakota successfully address health care access issues for its citizens.

"The medical school is expanding class size by 11 students starting in the fall of 2015. This will put more physicians in more South Dakota communities," Nettleman said.

Class size at the state's only medical school was 56 this year. Next year 67 first year-students will be accepted. This expansion was recommended by the task force, and supported by Gov. Dennis Daugaard and the state legislature as a strategy to meet the needs of South Dakota's aging and rural population. This expansion also offers new opportunities for South Dakota students to enter medical school and pursue medicine as a career.

According to Nettleman, there are now 636 physicians serving communities across South Dakota who are grad-



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uates of the University of South Dakota Sanford School of Medicine. South Dakota's medical school leads other medical schools in the region in the percentage of its graduates who remain in the state to practice medicine.

Another important directive issued by Daugaard and overseen by the task force is that citizens residing in rural areas of the state benefit from improved access to healthcare providers. The medical school, explained Nettleman, is meeting that challenge.

"Thirty-three percent of our graduates," she said, "are practicing medicine in rural areas." No other medical school in the nation, Nettleman added, is placing a higher percentage of its graduates in rural settings than the USD Sanford School of Medicine.

"We are targeting medical service to rural areas by pursuing innovative initiatives," Nettleman stated. "The official launch of the FARM (Frontier and Rural

Medicine) program just today demonstrates the commitment of the medical school and the commitment of our state's leadership to assist rural South Dakotans with their health care needs."

The FARM program places six third-year medical students in five rural communities. Each student participates in an intense nine-month training at one community. This introduces the student to rural medicine, and it's anticipated that this program will foster more physician interest in practicing in rural communities. The FARM program will expand student participation in the future.

"Through innovative programs, a top-caliber faculty, and a nationally recognized curriculum, the University of South Dakota Sanford School of Medicine is advancing health care for all South Dakotans," Nettleman added. "This is a team effort, tapping into the impressive resourcefulness of South Dakotans. We strongly appreciate the support of the state's leaders, and the many clinical physicians who teach at the school."

## JRWDD

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indicate Thursday any need for major tweaks in the preliminary budget. The document is expected to receive the final OK without much change.

Bartel told the Press & Dakotan that the JRWDD has gotten the most from its budget.

"We have spent our water district money wisely," he said.

The district is spending its budget on structures rather than studies, Bartel said.

"We aren't spending a lot of money on studies," he said. "Occasionally, we may conduct a small study to learn if a project is beneficial, but we're not doing the multi-million dollar, multi-year study."

When it comes to spending, the board indicated Thursday it wanted to invest in earthen dams and conservation projects to help control the flow of water into the James River.

In the respect, board members spoke in favor of partnering with local governments on projects. They favored increasing their cost share for some projects, placing a cap on the total costs and not shouldering the entire financial burden.

As an example of its project support, the board approved Thursday a funding request of about \$2,100 from Capital Township for river bank stabilization near Olivet in Hutchinson County.

"It needs bank stabilization. It puts a lot of sediment in the Jim (River)," Bartel said. "There were deposits under the bridge south of

Menno, by Highway 46."

JRWDD director Clinton Bauer of Freeman agreed, saying the funding request from his home Hutchinson County was for a good project.

Many local governments badly need financial assistance wherever they can get it, Bartel said.

"I feel for the townships," he said. "They don't have a lot of money for gravel, let alone these projects."

The JRWDD board also indicated it wanted to increase its cost share for earth dams.

At Thursday's meeting, Bartel said the water district has covered a 50 percent share of such projects during the last two years. He inquired whether the board wanted to increase that figure.

To help the board with its decision, Bartel handed out calculations for 60 and 75 percent cost shares.

Bartel called the earth dams "very important" and said a board in northeast South Dakota has shown excitement in starting one of the dams.

Currently, the district works with dams that fulfill a critical need for the district in terms of holding back water and sediment, Bartel said. The district presently works more with repair and maintenance of smaller dams, he added.

The board spoke of the desire to contribute a larger cost share but place a cap on spending. The members also spoke of the need to fence off dams that could sustain livestock damage.

JRWDD director Randy Grismer of Aberdeen asked for the projected impact of raising the district's cost share to 75 percent.

Bartel said he has de-

tected interest among local governments and property owners in building new dams. Greater financial incentives would make those projects more likely, he added.

The board directed Bartel to draw up an official policy statement for a 75 percent cost share and \$50,000 cap to be approved at the September meeting.

The JRWDD board also addressed the district's current practice of offering enhanced payments to landowners in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). The incentives are designed to encourage practices that benefit water quality and erosion prevention.

The JRWDD currently offers landowners an enhanced payment amounting to 40 percent of a county's CRP rate over the life of a 10- to 15-year contract, Bartel said. The landowner receives the 40 percent up front and can use the money for whatever reason.

The board allocated \$50,000 for the program two years ago, and about half the money remains, Bartel said. That particular grant expired Thursday, so the board needed to decide whether to extend the grant or let it expire and make a new allocation.

JRWDD director Dan Klimisch of Yankton spoke in favor of continuing and increasing the enhanced payments.

"I think it's important for erosion and water quality," he said. "I think we should incentivize as much as we can, up to 75 percent."

The board decided to extend the current program through the end of the year and raise the share to 75 percent. Bartel was instructed to draw up a formal presen-

tation for approval at the September meeting.

After the meeting, Bartel told the Press & Dakotan that the James River board members went beyond what he intended to suggest for the enhanced CRP incentive.

"We are at 40 percent, and I wanted to see it go up to 60 percent, but the board took it to 75 percent," he said. "We are trying to increase the buffering along these streams. We want to prevent runoff."

Bartel believes landowners are interested in the incentives, but they are hesitant to enter into any agreements with the current uncertainty about farm programs.

The James River district has much at stake with the enhanced CRP payments, Bartel said.

"We are looking at water quality, and we are looking to eliminate a lot of sediment and wash off the fields," he said. "You drive up and down the James River, and you see where the producers farm up to the stream bank."

The board's actions could be seen as a long-term investment, Bartel said. "Anything we can do to slow down the water that gets to the James River has got to help," he said.

Bartel told the Press & Dakotan he was pleased at his board's move forward on the earth dams and enhanced CRP payments.

"I thought those (programs) were some things the board would embrace," he said. "I'm really excited about it."

You can follow Randy Dockendorf on Twitter at [twitter.com/RDockendorf](http://twitter.com/RDockendorf). Discuss this story at [www.yankton.net](http://www.yankton.net).

## OBITUARIES

### Marian Buchholz

Marian Etta Buchholz, age 92 of Tyndall, SD passed away Sunday, July 6, 2014 at the Tyndall Good Samaritan Center, Tyndall, SD.

Memorial services will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday, July 12, 2014 at the United Methodist Church, Tyndall, SD with Rev. Ron Johnson officiating. Burial of her cremated remains will take place at a later date in Minnesota.

Visitations will be one hour prior to the service at the church. The Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory is assisting the family.

Marian was born on October 2, 1921 in Todd County, MN to Elmer & Ruth (Quance) Johnson. After finishing high school, Marian attended school to become a Certified Nursemaid (live-in nanny.) She worked for several families but the one she talked about most was that of Eero Saarinen. Mr. Saarinen was a famous architect, who designed the Dulles International Airport Terminal in Washington DC and The Gateway Arch in St. Louis MO. Marian continued to do nanny work in Washington DC during the days after she married Leslie Robert Buchholz, May 3, 1943 at Ft. Belvoir, VA. Les and Marian moved back to Hewitt, MN after Les finished active military duty. They had 4 children Mavis, Craig, Gail & Calvin.

Many, many people were blessed by Marian's love of writing letters. She also sewed, knitted (mainly dish cloths), crocheted (mainly "scrubbies"), loved to play scrabble, baked excellent pies & cakes, gardened, canned, read many books, (especially "how to" books),



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traveled, sang in the church choir and helped out in many ways at her church and in her community. She was an amazing lady.

Marian spent many of the Holidays with Calvin's family after they moved to SD in 2002. She came for Christmas in 2009 and due to a fall, was not able to go back to live in her home of 60+ years. She moved to North Point Apartments in August of 2010 and enjoyed her years there, spending most Sundays with Calvin's family. Marian moved to Good Samaritan Society, Tyndall on April 2, 2014 after a bout of pneumonia and entered hospice care on May 7, 2014.

Left to mourn her absence are her sons, Craig (Linda) Buchholz of East Gull Lake, MN and Calvin (Debra) Buchholz and their children, Hannah & Jared, of Springfield, SD; daughter, Gail (Royal) Oyster of Thief River Falls, MN and their son, Leslie, of Crystal, MN. Marian became a great grandmother on May 14, 2014 when Leslie Oyster's daughter, Stella, was born.

Marian was preceded in death by her parents; husband; brother, Duke; sister, Meredith Seaver; two brothers, Dennis & Blaine; grandson, Adam Oyster and daughter, Mavis Buchholz.

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### George Schunk

George Schunk, 65, of Marty died Tuesday, July 8, 2014, at his home in Marty.

Funeral services are at 2 p.m. today (Friday) 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.

### Louise Seger

Memorial services for Louise E. Seger, 83, of Wausa, Nebraska, are at 2 p.m. Sunday, July 13, 2014, at Thabor Lutheran Church, 300 Norris Street in Wausa, under the direction of Brockhaus Funeral Home.

Louise died April 23, 2014, in Wausa.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorials be made to Thabor Lutheran Church, Veterans of Foreign Wars, or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in honor of Louise Seger. These were three of Louise's favorite organizations.

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this profession," Warren said.

South Dakota ranks last in the nation for teacher pay with an average of \$39,018 compared with a national average of \$56,103, according to the National Education Association. State lawmakers gave school districts an extra \$2.2 million in the 2014-15 budget designated for a raise of about \$230 a year for teachers. This works out to an annual raise of less than 1 percent based on the average South Dakota teacher salary.

Superintendent positions are turning over across the country, with the position requiring people to make increasingly tough decisions, such as cutting programs and personnel to accommodate shrinking budgets, says Dan Domenech, executive director of the School Superintendents Association, a national advocacy group for education professionals.

"The economic recession has made it a very difficult position," Domenech said. His

association has surveyed members and found that the average age of superintendents is 52 and many plan to retire in a few years.

Warren is moving from the classroom to the top of the district, though she also served as the dean of students at the middle school. She joined the district in 1983 and said her familiarity with the school and the community is a boon.

"I felt that helped me with the transition," Warren said. "It's going to be a challenging experience for me."

Munson said his organization is helping to support these new superintendents, including an upcoming conference that'll feature a workshop for those new to their post.

"There's going to be a huge learning curve for those folks," Munson said. "We're going to see more and more vacancies and challenges to fill those roles."

## Parks

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spent at least a one-night stay there, up 10 percent from this time last year.

Other campgrounds in the district with increases include Tabor, which has seen 46 units, up 77 percent. Springfield is up 11 percent with 447 units, while Chief White Crane is up 5 percent with 3,653 units.

Sand Creek has seen a decrease of 6 percent so far this year, with 34 units. Pierson Ranch is also down 7 percent

so far with 1,399 units.

"With the higher gas prices and the economy, people are looking to stay closer to home," Bertsch said. "Our reservations look strong, and we'll be full every weekend until the second or third weekend of August. We encourage people to reserve as early as they can."

Campers can reserve their camping pads or cabins by calling 1-800-710-2267 or visiting [www.campsd.com](http://www.campsd.com).

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