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Mental Wellness Conference Awards



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The 17th Annual Mental Wellness Conference was held at Mount Marty College in June with 35 speakers presenting to 240 participants. Professional certification as well as undergraduate and graduate credit was attained. During the conference, the following awards for outstanding service were presented: Back row left, Vicki Barron and daughter Sarah Shortbull presenting the Charlie Barron Lifetime Achievement Award to Kathy Jorgensen (front row left), (front row middle and right) Mental Wellness Community Service Award to Gert Boyles and Yankton Area Mental Wellness Board of Directors Award to Dianna Marshall and Theme Award "Bridging Systems of Care" to Ability Building Services received by Beth Kathol and Sharon Oien (back row right).

USDA Grant To Help Farms And Rural Businesses Protect The Environment

LINCOLN, Neb. - As the world focuses on cleaner energy and renewable energy, the Nebraska Manufacturing Extension Partnership (NE MEP) based at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln is turning its focus to helping agricultural producers and rural small businesses reduce energy costs and consumption and meet the critical energy needs within Nebraska

The assistance is made possible by funding of \$71,363 to the Board of Regents, University of Nebraska, University of Nebraska-Lincoln through the USDA Rural Development Rural Energy for America Program, in addition to \$52,974 in other funding.

Through this project, NE MEP has established an energy auditing program to assist ag-ricultural producers and rural small businesses with evaluating the energy efficiency of their operations and the potential for incorporating renewable energy technology into their opera-tions. With NE MEP's connections to Nebraska's manufacturing sector, industrial and/or business audits are expected to comprise the largest percentage of completed audits. The focus of these audits will be areas not currently being adequately served by other organizations.

Dr. Curtis Weller, Director of the NE MEP said, "We welcome the opportunity to help Nebraska businesses and agricultural producers achieve greater efficiency in their operations. USDA approached NE MEP and made us aware of a service gap in rural areas of the state for qualified as well as affordable energy auditors. With the support of this grant, NE MEP will be able provide this valuable service. It is a

winning proposition for everyone." For more information, contact NE MEP at (402) 472-5993 or ne.mep@unl.edu.

These audits are made possible by USDA Rural Development's Energy Audits-Renewable Energy Development Assistance (EA-REDA) grant program. NE MEP is one of 25 organizations selected for EA-REDA grants through USDA Rural Development's popular Rural Energy for America Program (REAP). For more information on EA-REDA or REAP, visit www.rd.usda.gov/ ne or contact USDA Rural Development Energy Coordinator Jeff Carpenter at 402-437-5554 or jeff.carpenter@ne.usda.gov.

'We only get one environment to live in and the Nebraska Manufacturing Extension Partnership will help us to protect it. Also as energy needs grow, the audits will identify opportunities for energy efficiency and help to reduce costs and the energy demand," said Nebraska State Director Maxine Moul, USDA Rural Development.

The Nebraska MEP is part of the National In-stitute of Standards and Technology's Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) program. Residing within the U.S. Department of Commerce, MEP was created in 1988 with the intent of enhancing the productivity and technological performance of U.S. manufacturers. Today, the MEP program consists of 60 centers in every state and Puerto Rico, with more than 400 service locations and 1.300 technical experts working together to advance and strengthen U.S. manufacturing.

OBITUARIES

Doyle Stewart

Doyle E. Stewart, age 95, of Yankton, South Dakota, died Sunday, July 5, 2015 at Avera Yankton Care Center.



Stewart

2015, at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton with Reverend Molly Carlson officiating. Burial will be in the Garden of Memories Cemetery in Yankton with military honors provided by the Ernest-Bowyer VFW Post No. 791. Visitation is one hour prior to the funeral at the funeral home.

Pallbearers are: Brent Stewart, Jesse Johnson, Kim Johnson, Amy Ziereis, Jacob Stewart, Erica Stewart, and Deanna Stewart. Honorary pallbearers are: Brandon Stewart, Karen Donnelly, Matt Ziereis, Lar-'ietz, Ron Rachuy, Jim

years until moving to Yankton, South Dakota, where he finished his education. He married Dorothy Aman on October 18, 1942, in South Sioux City, Nebraska. Doyle enlisted into the United States Army Air Force, where he worked on the flight line, maintaining the airplanes during World War II. After the war he began working for Montgomery Ward Co. which he continued for 12 years in Sioux City, Iowa; Yankton, South Dakota; Omaha, Nebraska; and Phoenix, Arizona. They moved back to Yankton where Doyle began working for Vanderhule Furniture Co for three years. In 1958, Doyle and Dorothy started the Stewart Carpet Center, which they operated for 22 years until retiring in 1980, when he sold the business to Gregg and Mary Lee Stewart. After their retirement, they enjoyed traveling all over the coun-

try in their motor home. Doyle also enjoyed working with his cars, coffee with his friends at Tastees, and visiting with everyone he

Survivors include his two sons: Douglas Stewart and his fiancée, Roxanne Paulsen of Mitchell, SD and Gregg (Mary Lee) Stewart of Yankton; five grandchildren: Brent (Erica) Stewart, Brandon (Karen) Śtewart, Kim (Jesse) Johnson, Amy (Matt) Ziereis; and Jacob (Deanna) Stewart; and 10 great grandchildren: Jack and Isaac Stewart; Brianna, Elle, Trystan, Kirsten, and MaKenzy Johnson; Maxwell and Samantha Ziereis; and Oscar Stewart and one sister-in-law, Peggy Aman.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Dorothy; parents, George and Lillie Stewart; daughter-in-law, Bonnie Stewart, and brother, Glenn Stewart.

Memorials may be directed to the UCC (Congregational) Church, 218 West 5th Street, Yankton, South Dakota 57078.

To post an online sympathy message visit wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

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Marilynn Bierle

Marilynn (Orth) Bierle, 78, of Scotland, South Dakota passed away on Sunday, July 5, 2015 at Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Funeral services for Marilynn will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 8 at Zion Lutheran Church in Scotland. Burial will follow at Rosehill Cemetery, Scotland.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, July 7 from 4:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Goglin Funeral Home in Scotland. Funeral arrange-ments are being handled by the Goglin Funeral Home of Scotland. Online condolences may be sent at www. goglinfh.com.

Marilynn Mae (Orth) Bierle was born on Friday, January 8, 1937 to Jacob and Laura (Magstadt) Orth in her Uncle Pete's home near Lesterville. South Dakota. She was baptized and confirmed in Petersburg Congregational Church. As a child, Marilynn rode her horse or the family buggy

School until she completed

the 8th grade. On July 29,

1955, she was united in

southeast of Scotland.

Marilynn was a caring

marriage to Larry Bierle

in Scotland. Together they

made their home on a farm



Marilynn Bierle

ing what was necessary for her family. She milked cows, helped in the fields, and sewed holiday dresses for her daughters. In 1989, they moved into Scotland.

Marilynn loved baseball and especially enjoyed watching the games of her grandchildren, local teams. and her beloved Minnesota Twins. She also enjoyed bowling with the Thursday Ladies Group and pinochle with the Scotland Ladies.

Throughout her life she was helpful to anyone in need, from making abundant bowls of potato salad for funerals to recently sewing school bags for oversea missions. She was an active member of Zion

Lutheran Church in Scot-

land and served on many

on Sunday, July 5, 2015 at

Sanford Hospital in Sioux

Falls having attained the

age of 78 years, five months

Marilynn passed away

different church boards

and ZLCW positions.

and 27 days.

membered by her children and their families: Diane Ellefson of Sioux Falls and her children Paul, Laura (Matt) Arnett, Mark, Mike, and Sara; Nancy (Steve) Sternhagen of Scotland and their children Alicia (Brandon) Clocksene, Jeremiah (Ann) Varilek, Ashley (Dustin) Taylor, Kelley, and Timothy; Dennis (JoAnn) Bierle of Omaha, NE and their children Mike (Kate), Jeff, Allison, Eric, and Scott; Dawn (Brian) Vaith of Scotland and their children Jason and Josh. Marilynn is also survived by six great-grandchildren, sister Carol Bush, and brother Darrell Orth.

She is survived and re-

She was preceded in death by her husband Larry in 1996, parents, son Dave in 2010, grandson Nick Vaith in 1992 and brother Allen Orth.

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Goglin

Robinson, Tom Fitzgerald and all of his coffee friends at Tastee Treat.

Doyle E. Stewart was born February 19, 1920, in Rupert, Idaho, to George and Lillie (Shalberg) Stewart. He attended school in Crofton, Nebraska, for a few

Lowell Johnson

Sunday, July

5, 2015 at the

Avera Heart

Hospital in

Sioux Falls,

Funeral

services will

be 2:00 p.m.,

Thursday,

July 9, 2015

Home in Irene.

SD.

Lowell L. Johnson, 77,

at the Viborg Community Center with Pas-

tor Mark Ostrem officiating.

Burial will follow in Bethania

Cemetery rural Viborg.

Johnson

of Viborg, SD passed away

met. He enjoyed working in the carpet center and had an unbelievable talent for remembering his customers, including telephone numbers and even birthdays. He loved his family above all else and missed his wife greatly after she passed on May 26, 2012.



Lowell was very proud

of his family heritage, being

and family history and spent

many hours sharing his sto-

ries with his daughter, grand-

kids and many other friends.

He knew it was important to

pass down that family herit-

age and the love of the farm.

He always enjoyed making

people laugh or to make his

ter Karla Johnson, grand-

daughter Leah Johnson and

grandson Logan Johnson all

of Viborg. Not to mention

many friends, family mem-

For obituary and online

condolences, visit hansenfu-

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bers and neighbors.

neralhome.com.

4th generation Johnson to

farm in the area and was

they were busy doing.

mother and farmwife, do-

Daniel Collett

Daniel E. Collett 71, of Cathedral City, CA (formerly of Gayville, SĎ) died Thursďay, July 2, 2015 at the Sky Ridge Medical Center in Lone Tree, CO due to complications from cancer.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 11, 2015 at the Gayville Methodist Church in Gayville, SD. Burial will follow in the Mission Hill Cemetery, Mission Hill, SD. Daniel Ellsworth Collett

was born June 17, 1944 to Sherman and Bernice (VanOsdel) Collett in Yankton, SD. He grew up in Gayville graduating from Gayville High School in 1962

Dan ran the local Gayville Cafe and later the Gayville Bar. He moved to California to be near his brothers and attended a Junior College. Upon graduation, he worked at the Ventura Bank in California. He went on to work with Texaco Oil as a purchaser for several years. Dan retired early to lovingly care for his brother who was ill and most recently cared for his spouse, who died from brain cancer in April of 2015. Dan and John were mar-

ried September 9, 2013 in

Palm Springs, CA. Dan enjoyed phone calls with his siblings and nieces, dining at restaurants with John and taking "breaks" outdoors.

He was preceded in death by his spouse, John Heinrich, his parents, two sisters, Frances Rempp and Linda Zimmerman and four brothers, Donald, Jim, Richard (Dick) and David. He is survived by sisters Lora Yahnke, TX and Leila Draper, IA; brothers Paul Collett, NE and Robert (Bob) Collett of IA and many nieces and nephews.

For obituary and online condolences, visit hansenfuneralhome.com.

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Stewart

CARPET CENTER

1803 Broadway, Yankton

Will be closed

Thursday, July 9th

in memory of

Doyle Stewart



Mary Auch

Mary J. Auch, 62, of Yankton died Tuesday, July 7, 2015, at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Saturday, July 11, at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton with Pastor Kwen Sanderson officiating. Burial will be in the Garden of Memories Cemetery in Yankton.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to the funeral on Saturday at the funeral home.

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

Visitation will be from 5 grandkids giggle. to 7 p.m., Wednesday, July 8, Lowell was preceded in to feed my calves in the 2015 at the Hansen Funeral morning because they are death by his parents. so happy to see me and Grateful and very blessed Lowell Lee Johnson was getting out in the field to do to have shared his life are born on April 4, 1938 to some work". His long time his wife, Bonnie (Anderson) Marvin and Gladys (Hansen) hired man; Ivan Anderson Johnson, Viborg, son Kyle Johnson, Seattle, WA, daugh-

Johnson on a farm by Centerpoint. They later moved to a farm 3 miles west and 2 1/2 north of Viborg, where Lowell grew up. Lowell attended country school, District #44 and later went to Viborg School. He finished the 9th grade and then decided to do what he loved the most and stay home to help his dad farm.

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After his parents both passed away, his home and farm were destroyed by a tornado in 1965. Never deterred by any form of tragedy, he moved to his farm located 3 miles west, 1 north and 1/2 mile west of Viborg. He started to build again the dream that he always longed to accomplish.

He married Bonnie Lou Anderson on April 7, 1967 in Parker, SD. In 1970, Karla Kyle David was born.

Lowell continued to build up his farm, working long hours and hard days. He loved farming and feeding his cattle and when asked what constituted a good day, he would answer, "Ğetting was always at his side. His daughter Karla, was following along behind as his constant shadow and in the recent year, his grandson Logan was also beside him. In the rare times that he wasn't working, he enjoyed his 1958 Chevys, his Harley Davidson Motorcycles or going to numerous state fairs in the area. In later years, he enjoyed going and checking on the neighbors to see what



very proud to be a member of the Viborg farm community. He loved to tell stories of all kinds. His favorite was stories of himself growing up, what farming was like

Lynn was born and in 1977,