

## HHS Adoption Promotion Begins Friday

The Heartland Humane Society, 601 Burleigh Street in Yankton, is holding a “9 Lives for \$9” cat adoption program from June 21-30. You can adopt a cat nine months or older for only \$9. All cats are spayed or neutered, vaccinated and ready to go home. For more information, contact the Heartland Humane Society at (605) 664-4244 or visit <http://www.heartlandhumanesociety.net/About%20Us.htm/>.

## MNRR Programs Slated For This Weekend

The Missouri National Recreational River has announced for following programs for the weekend of June 21-23:

- Friday, June 21  
— Chief White Crane Amphitheater, 7 p.m.: “Where’s the Park?” — Gas prices cramping your travel style? Test and expand your knowledge of America’s special places through a hands-on game and an engaging presentation. A National Park Ranger gives you a glimpse of the nearby National Parks in South Dakota and Nebraska, including Missouri National Recreational River, created under the National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.
- Saturday, June 22  
— Mulberry Bend boat ramp (Nebraska), 8 a.m.: Missouri River Institute paddle event — A National Park Ranger reveals the secrets of the natural and cultural history of the Missouri River in this outing sponsored by the Missouri River Institute at the University of South Dakota. Takeout is approximately 2:00 pm at the Bolton river access near Burbank, South Dakota. Participants must provide their own canoe or kayak and equipment. Return shuttle service will be available. For more information visit [www.mnrrwatertrail.org/](http://www.mnrrwatertrail.org/).
- Lewis & Clark Visitor Center at Gavins Point Dam, noon-4 p.m.: Corps of Engineers Water Festival — Have fun learning about the Missouri River, recreation opportunities, and water safety as National Park Rangers join the Corps of Engineers for an afternoon of games, activities, and exhibits.
- Sunday, June 23  
— Fort Randall historic site, Pickstown, 11 a.m.: “Citadel on the Missouri” — For 36 years, Fort Randall stood as the easternmost link in the chain of forts surrounding the Great Sioux Reservation and the Lakota people. A National Park Ranger leads this guided walk of the site and ruins of the fort, revealing stories of those who lived there. Tour meets at the chapel ruins.
- Lewis & Clark Visitor Center at Gavins Point Dam, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.: “Cultural, Medicinal, and Edible Plants of the Prairie” — Discover the challenges “living off the land” as practiced by Plains Tribes, explorers and settlers through this exhibit of native prairie plants. The ranger will explain these plants in detail and offer samples.

## Big Friend/Little Friend Rally Is A Success

A Young Eagles Rally was held for the Big Friend/Little Friend organization at Chan Gurney Airport on June 11. Jacob Hoffner, Yankton EAA Chapter 1029, and Stacy Starzl, executive director of Big Friend/Little Friend in Yankton, organized the event.

Twenty-seven kids, ages 8 to 17, were given free airplane rides and received Young Eagles certificates. Ground volunteers for the rally include Hoffner, Steve Hamilton, Mark Yonke, Sandy Hoffner, Pam Hamilton, Jim Smith, Ed Lammers, Lou Ella Machin, Butch Becker, and Mike Roinstad.

Roger Huntley flew six kids in his Cessna 172. John Lillevold flew six kids in his Cessna 172. Mark Yonke flew seven kids in his Cessna 210. Jay Williams flew five kids in his Cessna 182. Steve Hamilton flew three kids in his Cessna 172.

Of the 27 kids flown, 24 were from Yankton and three from Springfield. Several adults and younger kids were given rides too.

The Big Friends, Little Friends and volunteers at the rally enjoyed pizza, drinks, and ice cream bars after the flights.

## Sodak Stamm To Meet In Kaylor June 23

KAYLOR — The next Sodak Stamm meeting will be held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, June 23, at the heritage site in Kaylor.

The program will be by Gary Jerke on the history of the German Russians.

Everyone is invited to attend.

## BLOOD DRIVES

The Blood Center, formerly known as the Siouxland Community Blood Bank, will have a mobile unit at the following dates, locations and times:

- Friday, June 21 — Yankton Community Library — 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 15 — Yankton, Avera Sacred Heart Hospital/Benedictine Center, 12:30-6 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 25 — Yankton, Avera Sacred Heart Hospital/Benedictine Center, noon-6:30 p.m.

Schedule a blood donation appoint-

ment online at [www.siouxlandbloodbank.org](http://www.siouxlandbloodbank.org) or call 800-798-4208.

Eligible blood donors must be at least 16 years old, should weigh at least 120 pounds and should be in general good health and have not donated whole blood in the past 56 days. For more information about blood donation or to schedule an appointment to donate blood, call 800-287-4903 or visit [www.lifeservebloodcenter.org](http://www.lifeservebloodcenter.org). A photo I.D. is required at the time of registration.

## OBITUARIES

### Keith DeRouchey

Keith L. DeRouchey, 81, of Elk Point, passed away Sunday, June 16, 2013 at Prairie Estates Care Center, Elk Point. Cremation has taken place and no formal services will be held locally.

Burial of Keith’s cremated remains and military rites will be in the Black Hills National Cemetery in Sturgis, SD at a later date. Arrangements are pending under the care of the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton.

Keith Louis was born on August 1, 1931 in Hoven, South Dakota to Jerome and Patricia Elizabeth (Schulte) DeRouchey. He worked for Jennings Brothers in Miller, SD from 1947-1952 as a farm hand. On February 28, 1952, he entered into the United States Marine Corps serving during the Korean War and was wounded as a result of action with enemy forces for which he received a Purple Heart Medal. He was Honorable Discharged on February 27, 1960. After his



DeRouchey

DeRouchey of Miller, SD and James Cletus DeRouchey of Frisco, TX; three sisters: Lorraine Margaret Werdel of Vermillion, Jane Clara DeRouchey of Vermillion, SD, and Patricia Nation of Mesa, AZ.

He was preceded in death by his parents and five brothers: Donald Vincent, Carroll Jerome, Michael Paul, David Charles, and Jerome James.

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Online condolences at:  
[www.opsahl-kostelfuneralhome.com](http://www.opsahl-kostelfuneralhome.com)

discharge, he lived in Arizona before returning back to Vermillion to work for his brother, David.

Keith is survived by his two brothers, Dr. Vincent Francis

# Biodiversity Project Looking For Volunteers

BROOKINGS — SDSU Extension wants to know what insects are in your backyard. On June 26 at 10 a.m. CDT, Amanda Bachmann, SDSU Extension Consumer Horticulture Field Specialist will present a webinar introducing her project on backyard biodiversity in South Dakota.

There will also be evening in-person workshops in Pierre, Brookings, and Rapid City presented by Bachmann, and two other SDSU Extension Specialists; Buyung Hadi, SDSU Extension Pesticide Applicator Training and Urban Entomology Specialist and Mary Roduner, SDSU Extension Consumer Horticulture Field Specialist. The workshop in Rapid City will be at the West River Ag Center on July 18 from 7-9 p.m. MT. The Pierre workshop will be July 15 from 7-9 p.m. CT at the Pierre Regional Extension Center. The Brook-

ings workshop details will be announced shortly.

This citizen science project is looking for volunteers around South Dakota who are interested in learning how to observe and record insect sightings in their backyard. For 2013, the project will focus on identifying what pollinators are present in mid-July to mid-August. The webinar will teach participants how to identify major groups of pollinators and go through the simple data collection and reporting process.

This project will utilize Project Noah ([projectnoah.org](http://projectnoah.org)). Bachmann has already created a mission for backyard biodiversity in South Dakota.

Interested individuals are encouraged to create a free account on the website, and there will also be a pen-and-paper option for

data collection.

Bachmann is working with Buyung Hadi to locate participants who would be willing to have passive insect collection systems installed in their yards during early August. This type of insect collecting will give them a better idea of the insect diversity in South Dakota backyards.

Collecting data for the project will take about 20 minutes once or twice a week for four weeks. Bachmann will present webinars and workshops throughout the summer and the 2013 results will be published on iGrow in the fall.

Individuals who are interested in participating can contact Amanda Bachmann at [Amanda.bachmann@sdstate.edu](mailto:Amanda.bachmann@sdstate.edu) and go to [iGrow.org/events](http://iGrow.org/events) for the webinar link.

# USDA Seeks Applications To Support Disadvantaged Producers

WASHINGTON — Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack has announced that USDA is seeking applications from cooperatives to provide technical assistance to small, socially disadvantaged agricultural producers in rural areas. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) remains focused on carrying out its mission, despite a time of significant budget uncertainty. Today’s announcement is one part of the Department’s efforts to strengthen the rural economy.

“These grants will jump start small business hiring and help producers in areas facing economic challenges get the tools they need to succeed,” Vilsack said. “Small businesses are the engines of job growth and innovation in America.”

Funding will be made available through USDA Rural Development’s Small, Socially Disadvantaged Producer Grant program (SSDPG). The maximum grant award is \$200,000.

The grants assist producers like Frank Taylor who returned home after college and established the Winston County Self-Help Cooperative in Mississippi, a consortium of local farmers that pool their resources to receive training in business development, conservation and health. The Cooperative also has a youth program, which teaches skills to the next generation of Winston County farmers. The Winston County Self-Help Cooperative, whose motto is “Saving Rural America,” has received USDA funding to expand operations into

the surrounding counties of central Mississippi.

The SSDPG and other USDA business and cooperative development programs have had a significant impact on rural communities. In 2012 alone, they helped almost 10,000 rural small business owners or farmers improve their enterprises. Business and cooperative program funding created or saved an estimated 53,000 rural jobs in 2012.

Eligible applicants include cooperatives, groups of cooperatives, and cooperative development centers where a majority of the governing board or board of directors is comprised of individuals who are members of socially disadvantaged groups. Small, socially disad-

vantaged producers include farmers, ranchers, loggers, agricultural harvesters, and fishermen that have averaged \$250,000 or less in annual gross sales of agricultural products in the last three years. Producers will be able to conduct market research, product and/or service improvement, feasibility studies, training, and implement business plans.

The application deadline for Small, Socially Disadvantaged Producer Grants is July 15, 2013, for paper applications and July 10, 2013, for electronic applications. For additional information on how to apply, see the June 12 Federal Register, page 35239, or visit [http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/BCP\\_SSDPG.html](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/BCP_SSDPG.html).

# Gala

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columnist and developed a strong bond with her readers.

“You connect (with others) when you share your lifestyle. It’s entertaining when you share with others,” she said. “That’s why I like best about ag — it’s never boring.”

The humor helped Kirk deal with the stress of ranch life, particularly during dark periods such as drought.

“Anytime you mix family with a livelihood that depends on things outside your control, you have a life full of adventure,” she said. “There are times where you have setbacks, plans that fail.”

Those setbacks seemed to

occur particularly during physically and emotionally demanding chores such as planting and calving seasons, she said. Awkward situations became even more uncomfortable.

During Tuesday’s talk, Kirk shared her loneliness when her family became socially and geographically isolated with their ranch lifestyle. Again, her column helped connect her with others, even thousands of readers she would never meet.

“Anytime we can relate to someone else’s problems, we feel less alone,” she said. “We all have challenges from time to time.”

Kirk also uses her column as an educational tool, particularly for those who are unfamiliar with the challenges of agriculture.

“I write a lot about the state of our industry and our family ranch,” she said.

# Votes

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aide, and No. 2 House Democrat Steny Hoyer of Maryland called the food stamp cuts “irresponsible” on Tuesday.

House Agriculture Chairman Frank Lucas, R-Okla., pleaded for votes on the House floor Tuesday, saying a robust farm policy is necessary to avoid farm crises like those in the 1930s and 1980s.

“I will work with all of you to improve this draft,” he said. “I ask you to work with me.”

Lucas called his bill the “most reform-minded bill in decades,” saying it would make needed cuts to food stamps and eliminate \$5 billion a year in direct payments, subsidies that are paid to farmers whether they grow or not. The bill also expands crop insurance and makes it easier for rice and peanut farmers to collect subsidies.

It is uncertain how a number of amendment votes will affect the vote on final passage, which is expected later this week. Any alterations to the delicate balance of farm subsidy support included in the bill could cause members who represent the regions or crops affected to turn on it. Amendments expected to be voted on Wednesday could target rice, peanut, sugar and dairy subsidies, among others. There also could be votes on changing the food stamp cuts.

It has been more than five years since the House passed a farm bill. Since then, Republicans took control of the chamber and more than 200 new members have been elected — many of them conservatives who re-

placed rural Democrats.

The politics of farm and food aid have also changed since then. Farm country is enjoying record-high prices and is one of the most profitable sectors of the economy, causing many lawmakers to question why farmers still receive more than \$15 billion a year in subsidies. And the food stamp program has doubled in cost as the economy has struggled.

Farm groups were scrambling Tuesday to lobby House members, with the first votes expected Wednesday.

Chandler Goule, a lobbyist for the National Farmers Union, said his group is telling Democrats that the food stamp cuts will likely be reduced in conference because the Senate farm bill passed last week has a much smaller cut — about a fifth of the amount of the House cuts, or \$400 million a year. With the presidential veto looming, lawmakers will have to bring that number down, Goule said.

“We need to remember this is not the last vote,” Goule said he is telling lawmakers.

With leadership staying mostly on the sidelines, most of the lobbying has been left to the farm groups, Lucas and Minnesota Rep. Collin Peterson, the top Democrat on the agriculture panel. On Tuesday night, both said they think they have the votes for passage.

Peterson said predicted at least 40 Democrats will support the bill. He too has been telling fellow Democrats that the food stamp cuts are likely to change in a conference with the Senate.

If the bill fails, he said, Congress will just have to haggle over another extension of current law. The 2008 farm bill was extended in January.

“If we can’t get this through now, I don’t know when we can,” he said.

By coping with humor, Kirk has found a healthy way to deal with the stresses of life and the thoughts that go through her mind.

She has also discovered three key elements — improvise, adapt and overcome — as applicable to both ranching and writing.

“Bad decisions sometimes make great stories, and sometimes great columns,” she said with a laugh. “We (in agriculture) are unique problem solvers, especially when it comes to time and money. We use what we have and adapt, which sometimes leads to interesting solutions.”

The Ag Gala also featured the introduction of Heine Farm and Feedyard, Ron and Steve Heine and family, as the Farm Family of the Year.

The program also recognized

the 2013 Promoting Agricultural Youth (PAY) scholarship recipients: Jessica Goeken of Utica, Christina Mogck of Olivet, Alec Weber of Tyndall and Wesdon Wortmann of Crofton, Neb.

The four students, who are entering an agriculture-related field, will each receive a \$3,500 scholarship. Goeken, Mogck and Wortmann were on hand for the program, while Weber was traveling in Italy and unable to attend.

Lt. Gov. Matt Michels of Yankton served as Master of Ceremonies, and Greg Ryken served as auctioneer for the live auction.

Michels announced during the program that the Ag Gala had raised more than \$13,000.

You can follow Randy Dockendorf on Twitter at [twitter.com/RDockendorf](https://twitter.com/RDockendorf)

# Jones

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The request was tabled until the commission’s July 2 meeting because it hadn’t been properly advertised;

- appointed a nine-member task force to meet once a month to create a zoning masterplan for the Highway 52 corridor that can then be considered by the Yankton County Planning Commission and the County Commission. The meetings will begin June 27 and are expected to take place for the next 18-24 months;

- was told by Zoning Administrator Pat Garrity that an election for a road district along Nome Street, which is south of Highway 52 along Deer Boulevard, had failed. Of the 27 eligible voters, 10 people cast ballots. It resulted in a 5-5 tie, failing to meet the simple majority needed to establish the district. Arnie Boschker, an advocate for the district, appeared be-

fore the commission with questions about the election and advice regarding problems he had with the process. He indicated he will push for another election;

- approved taking Yankton Search and Rescue under its auspices and having the group’s day-to-day affairs managed by the Yankton County Emergency Management Office. Commissioners felt the services search and rescue provides are important, and that having the group as part of the county will help assure ongoing funding;
- approved putting a request for proposals out for a security system at the Yankton County Government Center; and

- agreed to seek more bids for splitting a conference room in the Yankton County Courthouse and Safety Center into two offices for court services. Commissioners felt a \$5,750 bid from Welfl Construction was high. The commission may also seek to have the finishing touches put on a court room at the same time.

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