

USD, SDSU Part Of New Initiative

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SIoux FALLS — South Dakota's two largest universities are now part of a nine-school national collaborative effort to expand an early-childhood education initiative first funded by philanthropist T. Denny Sanford.

The University of South Dakota and South Dakota State University announced their participation Tuesday on the effort, which will train teachers on a program targeting the social and emotional development of children in preschool through sixth grade. A \$20 million anonymous donation to National University in San Diego, which is leading the collaborative, will allow for the expansion of the Sanford Harmony and Sanford Inspire programs at schools nationwide.

The Harmony Program encourages students to work together to foster empathy and cooperation and is the only part of the effort implemented in South Dakota.

"The program is unique in that it starts at the early-childhood and primary school level, but with the long-term goal of being able to overall improve academic performance, to increase positive attitudes with school, to increase empathy and to reduce gender stereotyping and aggression in general throughout the student's life," said Nicholas Shudak, USD's chair of the division of curriculum and instruction. Some South Dakota teachers, for example, will read children stories about "Z," an alien who "isn't a he or a she — just a Z," according to the curriculum. The stories are meant to teach children to appreciate similarities and embrace differences as a way to encourage mutual respect.

The Harmony Program is expected to reach over 2,000 schools across the country, including some in Sioux Falls, Vermillion and Beresford, and the Boys and Girls Clubs in Brookings and Flandreau. The clubs provide summer-enrichment programs to children who are at risk of falling behind academically.

Officials Announce Giant Industrial Park In Sioux Falls Area

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SIoux FALLS, S.D. — The largest industrial park in South Dakota's history will span more than 800 acres in the northwest area of Sioux Falls and has already attracted a roughly \$70 million business facility, officials involved in the project said Tuesday when they announced the development.

The roughly 820-acre industrial park, in its early stages of development, is backed by a mixture of public and private financing. The financing includes \$11.5 million from the state plus funds from the Sioux Falls Development Foundation to back about \$20 million in land purchases for the "mega site," as it has been dubbed.

Officials from the mayor of Sioux Falls up to South Dakota Gov. Dennis Daugaard celebrated the new, spacious project as a major draw for large businesses that wouldn't otherwise be able to expand or relocate to the growing metropolitan area of roughly 250,000. The first development is a \$70 million, roughly 600,000 square foot warehouse to be shared by a logistics company and a firm that transports fruit to consumers.

The industrial park is dedicated in phases: one for firms such as large manufacturers, food processing outfits and logistics

companies, and another as a site for a single "mega project."

"Today's announcement is so wonderful," Sioux Falls Mayor Mike Huether said. "It will prove to be an economic development and job creation juggernaut for generations to come."

A state economic development board on Tuesday approved an \$8.5 million low-interest loan for the industrial complex that will be located near Interstate 29 and Interstate 90. The state is also providing an additional \$3 million grant for the project, dubbed "Foundation Park." The city of Sioux Falls will help construct infrastructure estimated at about \$10 million for the park, which has access to a full-service rail line that runs through the development.

Scott Lawrence, chairman of the board of directors for the Sioux Falls Development Foundation, praised the local, private and state partnership that spawned the "game-changing" development. Daugaard said significant state tax revenue and economic activity is dependent on the Sioux Falls area.

"If Sioux Falls does well, then the state will generally do well," he said. "Yet there are still some projects that are difficult for the community on its own, standing alone, to be able to manage, and this is a project like that."

12 Neb. Health Plans Propose Double-Digit Increases

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — A dozen individual health insurance plans in Nebraska are proposing double-digit premium increases for next year, citing higher medical and prescription drug costs and greater use of services.

The proposed hikes would apply to individual plans sold on the federal health insurance exchange as well as individual coverage sold through brokers and agents.

United Healthcare Life Insurance Company proposed one plan with a 10 percent increase, while Time Insurance Company is proposing 32 percent increase for one of its plans and 28 percent for another. Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nebraska proposed one plan increase of 12 percent and one of 16 percent. Coventry Health Care of Nebraska proposed increases for seven of its

plans, the largest being 16 percent.

The rate proposals were posted online by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Rate increases were only disclosed on the website if they were proposed to grow by 10 percent or more. Specific coverage levels weren't specified in the filings.

Insurers say the rates reflect averages and do not necessarily mean that a customer's premiums will increase. Those that do could grow by more or less than what was shown online.

"The exact rate change will depend on what benefit plan the subscriber chooses, the number of members and their ages, where in Nebraska the subscriber is located, and which members use tobacco," Coventry Health Care of Nebraska said in one of its filings to the Nebraska

Department of Insurance.

The proposed rates were submitted to the department for review and approval, and are subject to change. Bruce Rame, the department's director, said the rates could be finalized in late August.

Other factors behind the increases include reduced payments from the Federal Reinsurance Program, a temporary program to help stabilize the market as the Affordable Care Act went into effect. The program is scheduled to reduce its payments to insurers in 2016 and will be phased out in 2017.

Individual health insurance policies are a relatively small slice of the overall market. Many more people are insured through an employer.

Open enrollment begins later this year.

Company Ordered To Repay Wages

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — An Omaha plumbing company accused of falsifying payroll records has been placed on probation and ordered to repay more than \$138,000 in wages.

The U.S. attorney's office in Nebraska says Vincentini Plumbing paid employees less than the prevailing wage between June 2010 and July 2011 while the business performed work on two building projects for the public school district in Council Bluffs.

Vincentini Plumbing does business under V & V Construction. A message left for the construction company was not immediately returned Tuesday night.

A press release Tuesday says the company was given three years of probation on charges of violating federal law that requires participants on a qualifying federal contract to pay a prevailing wage. A federal court imposed a \$25,000 fine and ordered more than \$138,000 in restitution.

Veterinarian Confirms Dog Flu Found

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A new canine influenza that has sickened many dogs throughout the Midwest but has killed only a few has been confirmed in South Dakota, the state veterinarian said Tuesday.

Laboratory tests confirmed the presence of the H3N2 strain of the dog flu virus in two cases in the Rapid City area, according to Dr. Dustin Oedekeoven, who said he suspects there's been unconfirmed cases elsewhere in the state.

This strain of dog flu has not been known to affect humans and is not likely to kill dogs, but is easily transmitted between dogs and can cause respiratory disease symptoms, including fever and coughing. It can spread among dogs by direct contact with an infected dog or by contact with contaminated objects.

All of the dogs who have been confirmed or suspected of having the flu have not died and are recovering, Oedekeoven said.

Most of the cases so far in South Dakota have been connected to boarding facilities, where dogs spend large amounts of their day with dogs from other areas.

Oedekeoven said dogs at daycares, dog parks or boarding facilities could be at increased risk of becoming infected and that owners of dog-related businesses should consult local veterinarians to develop biosecurity measures.

Body Of Marine Arrives In Nebraska

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — The body of a U.S. Marine has arrived in Nebraska after he was killed while delivering relief supplies to Nepal villages devastated by earthquakes.

Capt. Dustin R. Lukasiewicz, 29, of Wilcox, died last month when the helicopter he was flying crashed in Nepal. Five other Marines and two Nepalese soldiers also were killed.

Lukasiewicz is survived by his wife, Ashley, and daughter, Isabelle. He and his wife are expecting a son later this month.

Lukasiewicz's casket arrived at Omaha's Eppley Airfield late Monday afternoon and was met by his family, fire-trucks from the towns of Elba, St. Paul and Farwell, as well as two units from the Howard County Sheriff's Office.

"He's a soldier of ours," said Michael Higgins, a training officer from the Elba Fire Department. "We're from a small town. So it's to show the respect and support him, and his father, who served in our department."

The Marine honor guard carried the casket to a hearse for the 135-mile journey to St. Paul, where services are to be held on Saturday. He will be buried with full military honors at St. Anthony's Cemetery near Farwell.

Hundreds of people lined the streets in St. Paul to honor the return of Lukasiewicz's body. Several who knew Lukasiewicz's family made sure to attend the gathering.

Janet Edwards said she's close to Lukasiewicz's grandparents and that one of her grandsons is his cousin. Watching his casket pass by was the least she said she could do to show his family that they had her support.

"There's nothing to say, and there's nothing to do but show up," Edwards said.

OBITUARIES

Janet Gath

Janet Rae Gath, wife of Don Gath (a native of Mission Hill), died on May 14, 2015, in Modesto, California.

She was born October 11, 1933, in Overland, Missouri. Janet worked her way from the assembly line to management positions in the semiconductor industry in Silicon Valley, working days while Don worked nights to raise their six children. They moved to Modesto and retired there in the mid-1990s. She enjoyed spending time with her children and grandchildren. Until recent years, the family got together annually for camping trips, most often in Morro Bay. Janet loved celebrating birthdays and holidays, especially Christmas, with family and friends. In 2010, she and Don celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with a large party attended by all of her family members and friends dating back to her days on the assembly line in San Jose.

Janet was deeply loved and is survived by her husband Don; her daughter Cecilia Palmer and son-in-law Walter of Cerritos, California; her daughter Susan Gath of San Jose; her daughter Theresa Waitzman and son-in-law Ben of Salida; her son Jim Gath and daughter-in-law Joy of San Ramon; her daughter Donna Herrera and son-in-law Tom of Las Vegas, Nevada. She is also survived by her younger sister Glenda Hefner of Sparks, Nevada.

Her grandchildren are grateful to have had her with them for so many years, and she will be missed by her grandsons Walter Palmer of Fullerton, California; Chris Herrera of Las Vegas, Nevada (and his wife Caitlin and son James); Travis Waitzman of Salida, and Ken Gath of San Ramon, as well as her granddaughters Natalie Gath of San Ramon and Mary Herrera of Las Vegas, Nevada.



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She was preceded in death by her son Lee Moore of Illinois, and by her sisters Gloria Taylor and Barbara Cerulo.

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Jan DeVries

Jan DeVries, 59, of Sioux Falls died unexpectedly on Sunday, May 31, 2015 at her residence.

Family present visitation will be from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 3, at Miller Funeral Home - Westside Chapel, 6200 W. 41st St. with a Prayer Service beginning at 7:00 pm.

Funeral Service will be 10:30 a.m. Thursday, June 4, at Spring Valley Lutheran Church, 28974-448 Ave. Viborg, SD with interment at Spring Valley Lutheran Church Cemetery.

Janiese "Jan" Ann Sorensen, daughter of Lowell and Rosezella (Welf) Sorensen, was born April 9, 1956 in Yankton, SD. She grew up on the family farm West of Viborg, SD. She attended country school there and graduated from Viborg High School in 1974.

She attended a couple years at University of South Dakota in Vermillion. She then attended Travel School in Rapid City, SD. With this new found career, she began working for Braniff Airlines in Dallas, TX for the next couple years. She returned to her home roots of South Dakota moving to Sioux Falls and working for Nervig Travel.

Jan was united in marriage with Frank DeVries on March 9, 1985 in Sioux Falls, SD. She was associated with several of the travel firms in Sioux Falls area before retiring after 30 years in the Travel Business.

In 2009, Frank and Jan opened a restaurant in Beresford, SD called A Touch of Dutch Family Restaurant which they have owned and operated since.



DeVries

They are members of The Church of the Gate in Sioux Falls. Jan loved her family and especially her four grandchildren. She really enjoyed crocheting, sewing, but her passion was her flowers, especially her roses.

Grateful for having shared her life are her husband of 30 years, Frank, Sioux Falls, SD; three children: Connor DeVries, Sioux Falls, SD, Justin DeVries, Des Moines, IA, and Kristin (Jared) Steffen, Remsen, IA; four grandchildren, Jady, Kamden, Kezden Steffen, Remsen, IA and Jonathan DeVries, Vermillion, SD; her mother, Rosezella Olson, Viborg, SD; a brother, Terry (Cleo) Sorensen, Sioux Falls, SD; three sisters, Renae (Rick) Gammel, Norfolk, NE, Carla (Dave) Vlieger, Maryville, MO, Kim (Ted) Poncelet, Sioux Falls, SD; sister-in-law, Mary (Willard) VanVugt, Orange City, IA; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Jan was preceded in death by a son, Franklin Chad DeVries; her father, Lowell Sorensen; her step-father, Ed Olson; and father and mother-in-law, Frank and Ruth DeVries.

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Lynn Wallingford-Egger

Lynn Wallingford-Egger, age 54, of Columbus, Nebraska, went to be with her Lord on June 2, 2015.

Arrangements are pending with the McKown Funeral Home in Columbus and the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton.

Bernice Buschelman

Bernice Bernadine Buschelman, 95, of Fordyce, Nebraska, died Monday, June 1, 2015 at the Golden Living Center in Hartington, Nebraska.

Mass of Christian Burial will be on Friday, June 5, at 10:30 a.m. at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Fordyce with the Rev. Jim Keiter officiating. Burial will be in St. John the Baptist Cemetery in Fordyce.

Visitation will be on Thursday from 5-8 p.m. with a Vigil Service at 7 p.m. at the church. Visitation will begin one hour prior to services on

Edward Brezina

Funeral mass for Edward "Eddy" Frank Brezina, 85, of Tripp, South Dakota will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, June 5, 2015 at St. Leo Catholic Church in Tyndall. Burial will be held later that day at 1:00 p.m. in Vodnany Cemetery in rural Tyndall.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, June 4 at the Goglin Funeral Home in Tripp from 3:00 p.m. until a 7:00 p.m. wake service there.

Eddy passed away on Saturday, May 30, 2015 at Hennepin County Medi-

cal Center in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by Goglin Funeral Home of Tripp. Online condolences may be sent at www.goglinfh.com.

Friday at the church.

The Wintz Funeral Home in Hartington is in charge of arrangements.

Linda Zimmerman

Linda E. Zimmerman, 69, of Yankton passed away at her residence with her family by her side on June 2, 2015.

Memorial services will be

cal Center in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by Goglin Funeral Home of Tripp. Online condolences may be sent at www.goglinfh.com.

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2 p.m. Saturday, June 6, at Riverview Reformed Church, Yankton, with the Rev. Rod Veldhuizen officiating.

Visitations will be one hour prior to the service on Saturday at the church.

The Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton, is assisting with the service details.

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