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Retired Yankton banker Denny Everson relaxes on the backyard deck of his home overlooking the Missouri River. Everson has been selected as a member of the Class of 2015, in the agriculture category, for the South Dakota Hall of Fame. The induction ceremony will be held in September at Chamberlain.

Everson To Deck The Hall

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Longtime Ag Booster Named To SD Shrine

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Yankton banker Denny Everson always saw tremendous leadership potential among South Dakota's agriculture producers and rural communities. As a result, he played a key role in founding the South Dakota Agriculture and Rural Leadership (SDARL) organization. The training program, launched in 2000, offers seminars and travel to participants during a two-year cycle. Besides gathering for classes across the state, SDARL participants travel to Washington to learn the federal impact on agriculture. In addition, the SDARL program includes international trips to experience agriculture around the globe. "It was direly needed in South Dakota, and it has far exceeded expectations," Everson said. "Generally, we have

30-32 participants in each class. We're now in our eighth class."

As a result, about 250 new leaders are providing a better quality of life for all of South Dakota, Everson said. "SDARL is my legacy to the state of South Dakota," Everson said. "It's one of the greatest experiences of my life." The South Dakota Hall of Fame (HOF) has recognized Everson's contributions with his selection to its Class of 2015. Selected in the agriculture category, he and eight other new inductees will be recognized at the Sept. 12 banquet at Cedar Shores resort at Chamberlain. The South Dakota Hall of Fame board considered more than 75 applications for the annual induction, said Hall of Fame President/CEO Greta Chapman.

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Fallen SD Firefighter Had Been Drinking

Autopsy Finds Man Had Twice The Legal Blood Alcohol Limit

By The Associated Press

SIoux FALLS — A volunteer firefighter who died fighting a house fire in Brandon that also killed the homeowner had a high blood-alcohol level when he responded, investigators said Friday.

An autopsy determined that Steven Ackerman, 38, had a blood alcohol level of nearly 0.19, more than twice the legal limit for driving, police said. The 14-year volunteer with Valley Springs Fire and Rescue died April 12, and investigators determined he likely fell through the floor in the burning home.

The fire, which also killed 47-year-old David Smith, started in a first-floor vent pipe enclosure that served a basement furnace and water heater. The blaze has been ruled accidental, authorities said Friday. It was never considered suspicious.

Both Ackerman and Smith died of smoke inhalation, Brandon Police Chief Dave Kull said.

Firefighters responded to the scene shortly after 10 p.m. and encountered heavy smoke coming from the garage. Smith was taken from the home around 10:35 p.m., and five minutes later, all firefighters were ordered out.

Ackerman was reported missing about 11 p.m. His body was found in the basement about 1:30 a.m. the next day and recovered about 10:30 a.m., when it was transported to the coroner's office.

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Mourners Pay Their Respects To Biden's Son

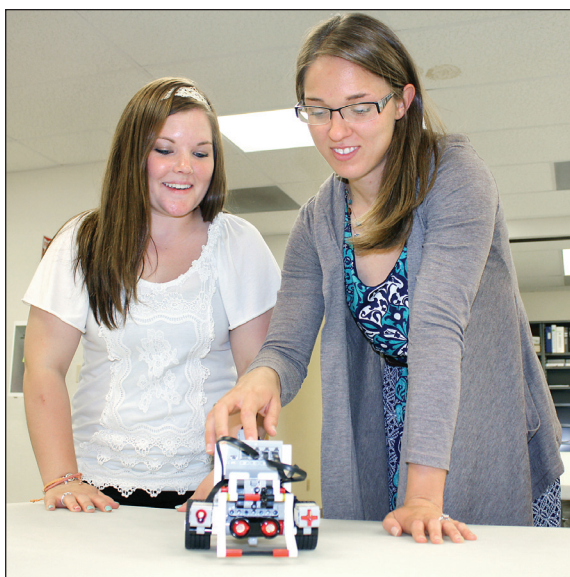
WILMINGTON, Del. (AP) — Mourners gathered at a Catholic church in Wilmington on Friday to pay their respects to former Delaware Attorney General Beau Biden, who died of brain cancer last week at the age of 46.

A daylong public viewing was held Friday for Biden, eldest son of Vice President Joe Biden, at St. Anthony of Padua church. On Thursday, Beau Biden lay in honor in the state Senate chamber in Dover.

Mourners began lining up outside the church even before Biden's flag-draped casket arrived shortly after noon. Viewing hours were to be from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

A funeral Mass will be held at St. Anthony on Saturday, with President Barack Obama giving a eulogy.

Joe Biden and his family greeted mourners Friday in a receiving line next to his son's casket as sunlight streamed through the stained-glass windows of the church.



ALYSSA SOBOTKA/P&D

Katie Freng (left), Yankton County 4-H summer intern, and Stephanie Siebrandt (right), Yankton County 4-H youth development assistant, test out the first Lego robot Freng constructed from the brand-new kits.

Robotics Class Aims To Push Boundaries

BY ALYSSA SOBOTKA
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Beginning June 11, 24 area youth will spend six weeks piecing together their creativity by working in pairs to construct, program and operate a Lego robot during the first-ever Yankton County 4-H robotics class.

"Across the nation, the interest in robotics is growing," said class instructor Stephanie Siebrandt, Yankton County 4-H Youth Development program assistant. "(Robotics) is a fast moving area in 4-H and other organizations, so I knew it was something that youth today are really interested, thrive in and enjoy with the activities and challenges."

Youth will begin and complete construction of a beginner robot from the LEGO MINDSTORMS EV3 kit during

"We'll take a lot of time learning about how robots think and then how they take information they're given to move and function."

STEPHANIE SIEBRANDT

the first session, but the following two weeks will be devoted to learning how to program the robot's array of functions.

"The key with robots is you have to be very specific," Siebrandt said. "We'll

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