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Young Eagles Events Coming Up

Young Eagles events will be held at Yankton's Chan Gurney Airport in the terminal building Saturday, June 20, from 8 a.m.-2 p.m., and at Vermillion Airport in the terminal building on Saturday, June 27, from 9 a.m.-noon. The Yankton Chapter 1029 of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) is conducting the two events.

The Young Eagles Program of the EAA has the goal of giving 100,000 kids ages 8-17 a free airplane ride in 2015. The EAA achieved their previous goal of flying 1 million kids by Dec. 17, 2003, which was the 100th anniversary of powered flight, first accomplished by the Wright Brothers. The current total is 1.9 million Young Eagles flown.

The YRAA has flown more than 2,700 kids in Young Eagle events at local airports including Yankton, Bloomfield, Gregory, Hartington and Vermillion during the past 22 years.

A parent of guardian must sign a registration form that will be available at the registration table in the airport terminals. Young Eagles receive a flight certificate, pilot logbook for free web-based ground school training (ages 13-17 years old), and their name is placed in the world's largest logbook at www.youngeagles.org.

For more information, contact Steve Hamilton at 605-665-8448.

Spirit Of Dakota Nominations Sought

The Spirit of Dakota Award Society is seeking nominations for their 29th anniversary award presentation and celebration. The recipient of this award will be announced at a banquet at the Huron Event Center on Saturday, Oct. 3.

The 2015 Spirit of Dakota Award winner will be chosen by a state-wide Selection Commission including First Lady Linda Duagaard of Pierre; Glenna Fouberg, Aberdeen; Julie Garreau, Eagle Butte; Jean Hunhoff, Yankton; Bette Poppen, Chairman, DeSmet; Tona Rozum, Mitchell; Suzette Kirby, Sioux Falls; Marsha Sumpter, Kodoka; Ginger Thomson, Brookings; Judy Trzynka, Watertown; and Bev Wright, Turton. The nomination process is open to all interested individuals or organizations who wish to recognize an outstanding woman in their community.

This award is presented to an outstanding South Dakota woman who has demonstrated vision, courage and strength in character and who has made a significant contribution to the quality of life in her community and state.

Past recipients have included community leaders in business, government and civic organizations and have been described in newspaper articles as "the cream of the crop in terms of South Dakota's best." The 2014 award recipient was Theresa Stehly of Sioux Falls who was a citizen advocate; and whose vision and purpose without personal gain along with her leadership, served her community with the best of her abilities.

Nomination forms are available by contacting the Huron Area Chamber of Commerce, 1725 Dakota Ave S., Huron, SD 57350 (1-800-487-6673) or online at www.spiritofdakota.org.

SDSU Extension Awards Garden Seeds

BROOKINGS — Twenty-nine educational garden programs across South Dakota were awarded vegetable and flower seed packets from the SDSU Extension Seed Bank this spring.

Seeds were donated by Master Gardeners, seed dealers, individuals and 4-H clubs across the state to assist youth and adult programs that are utilizing gardens for educational purposes.

SDSU Extension stores the seeds and coordinates the seed bank effort.

Projects that received 20 seed packets included gardens for schools, learning centers, daycares, 4-H clubs or other non-profit groups, where the produce will be used as part of the program or freely shared with those in need in the community.

The awarded projects include a formal educational program with at least 15 participants.

This year's area awardees include:

- Andes Central After School Program & Charles Mix County 4-H, Lake Andes
- Bon Homme County 4-H Garden Club, Tyndall
- Marty Boys & Girls Club & Charles Mix County 4-H, Marty
- USD Children's Center, Vermillion

The Seed Bank will again be available in 2016, with applications opening in mid-January. If individuals are interested in donating seed packages for the 2016 growing season, contact Chris Zdorovtsov, SDSU Extension Community Development Field Specialist at 605-782-3290. Unopened seed packets less than one year old are preferred.

To learn more or to be added to the Youth Gardening List-serv for regular updates about grants and trainings contact Zdorovtsov at 605-782-3290 or via email at christina.zdorovtsov@sdstate.edu.

Autopsy

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Valley Springs Fire Chief Don Johnson could not be reached Friday. It's unclear whether that department has a policy regarding alcohol use, although many do, state Fire Marshal Paul Merriman said.

In South Dakota, more than 95 percent of the state's 337 fire departments are volunteer, and they all have their own policies governing conduct, Merriman said. There's no uniform policy regarding alcohol use and currently no state law that gives the fire marshal's office oversight in these matters. But Merriman said during state-certified training firefighters are taught about issues regarding being impaired while volunteering.

"It's important to remember that two people lost their lives and it was a tragic event, and I guess what a guy hopes is from events like these, usually comes an opportunity to

learn from them and hopefully be safer going forward," he said.

Ackerman was the 43rd firefighter to die in the line of duty in South Dakota since 1924, and the 22nd volunteer firefighter to be killed. Hundreds of people turned out for his funeral.

Girls State

Noem Uses The Past To Inspire Future Leaders

BY SHAUNA MARLETTE  
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VERMILLION – Seize every opportunity.

Three simple words that US Representative Kristi Noem hopes the participants of Girls State take to heart.

Noem, who spoke to the Girls State representatives Friday night at the MUC ballroom on the campus of the University of South Dakota, said if the girls take nothing else from the week, she hopes they learn that they don't have to be afraid to try.

"(Speaking at events like) this is one of the things that has always been a priority for me, because I remember things that people said to me when I was this age that changed how I felt," Noem said following her speech. "I was a very insecure person in high school and people said things to me that showed that I could contribute and that is helpful."

She commented that if the attendees of Girls State learn to take opportunities when they come, they will be successful.

"I think a lot of times we talk ourselves out of doing things before we ever experience them," Noem said. "So, I hope they see something and just go try it. If it doesn't work out, it doesn't work out. I think a lot of times people look at failure as something that is big and scary when, really, it is just a teaching opportunity."

Using two examples of women who went outside their traditional roles and



Rep. Kristi Noem spoke to the Girls State attendees Friday night in Vermillion. Noem stressed to the girls that they need to be leaders for the future and not be afraid to try new things. Pictured is Yankton Girls State attendee Talitha Greaver, one of several Yankton High School representatives.

life stories, Noem hoped to impress on those in attendance that many times we are our own worst enemy.

"I know that many times when we come to big groups, we come in not very sure of ourselves," she said. "Have

you ever driven your car and realized that it is driving very hard, that it just doesn't feel like it is working correctly? It's jerking and it's stiff, then after a

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OBITUARIES

John Kruse

John Joseph Kruse, 55, passed away on May 24th, 2015 at Truman Medical Center surrounded by his three children, close friends, Andy and Lisa Bielby.

John was born in Sioux City, Iowa on April 26th, 1960, to John and Patricia Kruse. He was raised in Yankton, South Dakota where he later graduated from Yankton High School Class of 1978. A few years after graduating, John married and started his family. He worked for Taystee Bread where he quickly began to rise within the company which landed him and his family in Kansas City, Missouri. John decided that Kansas City was the place he wanted to plant their roots, and so he did in the heart of the Midwest. At age 36, John pursued a new career by attending Vatterott College where he obtained his HVAC certification in October of 1996. John worked for Brush Creek Heating and Cooling for many years, and later for Lip-pert Heating and Cooling.

John had many passions, but family superseded above all. With family, John spent the majority of his summers at the lake camping, boating, fishing, swimming and taste testing the BBQ any chance he had! John had no much he wanted to give, not only to his family, but to others. He volunteered his time at the same St. Luke's Hospital where he was previously a stroke patient many years earlier. John spent numerous motivational hours with individuals, helping them with rehab by giving them the living proof it can be done and there can be good times ahead.

John was preceded in



Kruse

death by his father, John Francis Kruse, who passed away January, 2004. His survivors include his mother, Patricia Kruse; siblings, Mike Kruse, Brenda Aase, Vincent Kruse, Donald Kruse, and Richard Kruse; three children Aaron Joseph Kruse, 34; Rebecca Lee Kruse, 32; and Brandon Vincent Kruse, 31; as well as his two grandchildren, Kylie Marie Collins, 14; and Ian John Kruse, 8.

The family has chosen to have a life celebration in private with immediate family only. If you would like to send flowers, they can be delivered to 5410 NE Oak Ridge Rd, Kansas City, MO 64119 between the hours of 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m. on Sunday, June 7th only.

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Rosemary Ballard

Rosemary "Schaefer" Ballard, 91, went to be with her Lord and Savior Thursday, June 4, 2015. She passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her family.

Rosemary was born in Wakonda, SD on 11/16/1923. She married her husband Howard Ballard on 7/11/1945 and they lived on a farm near Burbank. They later moved into Vermillion in 1969. Rosemary was a member of Saint Agnes Catholic Church and the Catholic Daughters. She was a part owner of the Four Seasons Dress Shop and was a Chamber of Commerce board member. In 1979, Howard and Rosemary moved to Sun City West, AZ.

Rosemary was a member of Our Lady of Lourdes, Catholic Church in Sun City West, AZ. She was a Charter mem-



Ballard

Helmuth Fischer

Funeral services for Helmuth F. Fischer, 85, of Scotland, South Dakota will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 9, 2015 at Zion Lutheran Church in Scotland. Burial will follow in Rosehill Cemetery, Scotland.

Visitation will be held from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 8 at the Goglin Funeral Home in Scotland. A prayer service will follow at 7:00 p.m. later that evening at the church.

Helmuth passed away on Thursday, June 4, 2015 at

Doherty Hospice House in Sioux Falls.

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

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ber of the Catholic Daughters and served as a Eucharistic Minister for many years.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Carl and Katie Schaefer, her husband Howard Ballard, her son Robert Ballard and a great-granddaughter Ivy King. She is survived by her son Richard (Debbie) Ballard, daughter Mary (Brad) Iverson, three granddaughters, one grandson, five great-grandchildren, a brother and sister. She loved us all until her last breath and we will love her forever.

Her funeral will be at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Sun City West, AZ on Friday, June 12, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

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Bonnie Haessig

Bonnie D. Haessig, 83, of Aberdeen died Thursday, June 4, 2015, at Aberdeen Health and Rehab.

Her funeral will be Monday, June 8, at 10:30 a.m. at Thelen Funeral Home in Redfield. The Rev. Marty Toepke-Floyd will officiate. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery in Redfield, with military rites.

Visitation will be Sunday from 3-7 p.m. with the family present from 6-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Visit www.thelenfuneral-home.com.

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As a reminder, all Memorial Day decorations in the Garden of Memories Cemetery will be removed two weeks after Memorial Day on June 8.

In an effort to improve the cemetery, regular trimming will be done around the markers. To assist us in this process, only flowers in a permanent vase and one iron decoration may remain. If you have a solar light, flag, or other items, please include that within the vase so that there are no other items around the edge of the marker except one iron decoration. On June 8, all other items will be removed and discarded by the cemetery staff. This regulation will be strictly enforced so we would appreciate your cooperation and understanding. Vases will then be turned down for the winter on November 1st. If you have any questions, please call the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home at 605 665-3644.

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