

# Store Introduces ‘Caroline’s Cart’

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Yankton’s Hy-Vee is implementing a new type of shopping accessory to make moving about the store easier.

The device is called a “Caroline’s Cart,” which is specially designed for children and adults with disabilities. Parents will now be able to transport their children and loved ones while grocery shopping without the hassle of maneuvering both a wheelchair and a regular shopping cart.

“We have had three requests this month from parents with disabled children,” said Tonya Graff, Yankton HyVee store manager. “One mom turned us on to the website and we decided to order one.”

The cart is named after Caroline, the special-needs daughter of Drew Ann and David Long of Birmingham, Alabama. Both parents saw a need for such a product after their daughter outgrew the child seat on the average shopping cart.

They developed a cart design and partnered with Technibilt, the largest shopping cart manufacturer in North America, to help bring the cart into mainstream

manufacturing to be utilized by nationwide retailers.

“The major challenge will be making sure that the cart is reserved for people with disabilities,” Graff said.

Very little has changed in the design of the ordinary shopping cart since its creation in the 1940s. Some of today’s carts offer restraint straps to keep the child upright and prevent falls. But the issue of keeping the passenger safe still exists.

According to a study published in 2009, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) estimated that, on average, more than 21,000 U.S. children under age 5 are treated in emergency rooms every year for injuries involving shopping carts.

For this reason, “Caroline’s Cart” is designed with a large, contoured seat in the front of the cart that is comfortable for low muscle-tone individuals. This allows parents to have their child seated in front of them while they continue shopping.

The seat comes complete with a safety strap harness and a platform foot rest that is capable of securing a person up to 250 pounds. The extra wheels and lock brakes provide stability when loading and



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**Yankton Hy-Vee store manager Tonya Graff and grocery employee Chris Putnam stand next to a “Caroline’s Cart,” a device that allows for easier mobility in the store for children and adults with disabilities.**

unloading occupants.

“It’s not as cumbersome as a wheelchair and is a lot easier to use,” Graff said. “It really is just like a car seat.”

According to the Census Bureau, approximately 1.6

million children between the ages of 6 and 14 have severe disabilities. Many of these children are unable to take

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# USD Requests Moldy Building Response Review

VERMILLION (AP) — The University of South Dakota has asked the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to review its response to complaints about mold in a campus building.

Noteboom Hall is a 70-year-old dormitory that has been converted to a speech therapy center. Former USD employee Nancy Andresen recently told the *Argus Leader* newspaper that working there gave her breathing problems, migraines and other health issues.

An analysis in 2013 concluded the Communications Sciences and Disorders Department should move out of Noteboom Hall. The college has unsuccessfully asked the Legislature for money to replace the building, USD spokeswoman Tena Haraldson said.

“We can’t move the entire department,” she said.

The school has installed humidifiers and air filters, moved offices and gotten rid of old fabric furniture in Noteboom. The school

says air quality tests show improvements, but officials asked the CDC’s National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health to evaluate the mitigation efforts in the wake of Andresen’s complaint.

“When someone raises a concern or makes a complaint, we address it,” Haraldson said. “We’ve been working on this for years.”

Institute officials will review the situation and determine if an onsite evaluation is needed, spokeswoman Stephanie Stevens said.

Andresen said she’s glad the school has reached out to federal officials but hopes they don’t rely too much on air-quality tests offered by the school.

Students have complained about mold in other campus buildings in recent years.

“We have a lot of old buildings. The university started in 1862,” Haraldson said. “Things have changed a lot. What we need to do now is figure out what stays, what goes and what gets moved.”

# Delmont

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business, which would have been covered by the request for individual assistance.

FEMA notified South Dakota last week that it rejected the governor’s request. The denial came in a letter from FEMA administrator Craig Fugate. He said damage to homes and businesses fell short of the severity and magnitude to warrant federal assistance.

“I would have preferred that FEMA found their way to approve the request,” Thune said Wednesday.

However, the numbers didn’t add up to meet the FEMA threshold for

receiving the individual assistance, Thune said.

“It was fairly clear-cut from the threshold they were following ... that it might be a heavy lift (to get federal disaster assistance),” the senator added.

Even though FEMA denied the governor’s request, there may still be federal resources available, Thune said. Those resources could include SBA low-interest loans, he said.

Delmont may not have qualified for individual assistance, but that doesn’t mean the community didn’t suffer tremendous damage, Thune said.

“I saw how much destruction took place,” he said, referring to a tour he took of the community following the tornado.

A number of individuals

feel the federal disaster declaration would have allowed them to accomplish what they needed to complete their recovery, he added.

Thune noted federal assistance can become available depending on the circumstances. He referred to last year’s tornado which devastated portions of Wessington Springs.

“Wessington Springs couldn’t get individual assistance, but it could get \$3.5 million in public assistance to cover damage to the public infrastructure,” he said.

Some speculation has arisen that the outpouring of private donations and volunteer labor may have shown local resources were available for Delmont’s recovery efforts, hurting the application for federal assistance.

Thune couldn’t speak with certainty, but he said he doubted the private support in the tornado’s aftermath was a major factor in FEMA’s decision.

“I wouldn’t put too much on that (speculation),” he said. “I’ve been through a few of these (disaster assessments), and from what I’ve observed of the FEMA process, it’s pretty formulaic and a cut-and-dried threshold, and we didn’t make it there.”

The response following the May 10 tornado showed the willingness of everyday people to lend a helping hand – unsolicited – to those in need, Thune said.

“The volunteers did a tremendous amount of good out there in terms of debris clean-up,” he said. “It’s just people stepping up and

trying to help out a neighbor. It speaks more of the quality of people in our state.”

Daugaard called the FEMA denial disappointing. However, he said South Dakotans will continue to work together to help individuals and the Delmont community recover during the coming weeks and months.

The last time South Dakota qualified for a Presidential Disaster Declaration for Individual Assistance was in 2011 for damages to homes and businesses caused by Missouri River flooding.

For now, Delmont residents are looking to the state for recovery assistance. They are also determining the town’s future, including the loss of those who didn’t carry insurance or are otherwise financially unable to rebuild and remain in the community.

Delmont residents are invited to attend a long-term recovery information supper and meeting today (Thursday). The event is at the Delmont Community Center, with the meal starting at 7 p.m. and the meeting at 8 p.m.

The meeting will discuss assistance available to help those recovering from the tornado.

People who want to help with the cleanup are invited to Delmont this Friday and Saturday, June 12-13. Volunteer hours are 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Those who want to help can register at the Lutheran Social Services volunteer reception center by calling (605) 212-9605.

New hours have been set for the Donations Management Center located in the Delmont American Legion Hall. The hours are 1-5 p.m. Monday-Friday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and closed Sunday. For an appointment, call (605) 779-2211.

Monetary donations can be mailed to the Delmont Disaster Relief Fund, Delmont State Bank, Box 68, Delmont SD 57330.

Also, it’s been confirmed he Delmont High School alumni reunion will be held as scheduled Aug. 7-8.

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## OBITUARIES

### Veda Wheeler

Veda Ethel Wheeler, age 83, passed away peacefully at the Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton, SD on Monday, June 8, 2015. Funeral Services will be 10:30 a.m., Friday, June 12th, 2015 at St. Benedict, Yankton, SD with Rev. Ken Lulf officiating. Burial will be in the Bloomfield Cemetery, Bloomfield, NE at approximately 1:30 p.m., Friday, June 12th. Visitations will begin at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, June 11th, 2015 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton, SD, with Scripture Service at 7:00 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church. The Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory is assisting with the funeral arrangements. Pallbearers are grandsons: Tagg Bozied, T.J. Wheeler, Justin Wheeler, Danny Kohles, John Kohles, Jordan Wheeler, Jackson Smith.



Wheeler

Honorary pallbearers are granddaughters: Tanya Illela, Jennifer Edgell, Sherri Wheeler-Hayes, Tara Wheeler.

Beau Marie Huerta, Kristine Kohles-Flyinghawk, Megan Wheeler, Whitney Wheeler, Alex Smith, Kenedy Smith. Veda was born April 24, 1932 at rural Lindy, NE to John and Ethel (Burrus) Broders. She attended District 147 School through eighth grade and attended Bloomfield High School until 1949. Veda married Howard “Tag” Wheeler on October 11, 1949. To this union, 6 children were born. Veda’s life revolved around the children while at the farm, requiring long hours of hard work. She came from a large family and had great stories about her family. She was fiercely proud

of the family she came from and was even more proud of the family she had with “Tag”. The loss of Dougie at a very young age had a strong impact on her life. She was talented and enjoyed quilting, sewing, craftwork and gardening which produced beautiful quilts, wonderful flowers and weed less gardens. Pulling weeds was her quiet place. Her sense of accomplishment and work ethic is unmatched. She loved being outside. Her passion was evident in the way her children speak of her being a good mother who kept each of their spirits alive and loved each as an individual. Her strength to weather a storm stands the test of time. Her quilts and peonies will be as timeless as the family memories. She remained faithful to her family and the church throughout her life.

Veda is survived by her sons: Bo (Patty) Wheeler of Crofton, NE and Dan

Wheeler of Sioux Falls, SD; daughters: Kathy (Bob) Bozied of Denver, CO, Mary Beth (Dale) Schenkel of Yankton, SD and Faith Ann (Raphael) Perez of Navarre, FL; 17 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren; sisters, Shirley (Ewald) Poppe of Crofton, NE, Bette Ann Jensen of Bloomfield, NE and Alice Lou (Marv) Hegge of Crofton, NE; brothers: Mick Broders (Mara Lea) of Norfolk, NE and Dick Broders (Sharon) of Norfolk, NE.

Veda is preceded in death by her husband Howard (Tag), her parents, John and Ethel, son, Douglas in 1964 and seven brothers: Orville (Buddy), Everett, Dewitt (Dee), Harry (Tino), Alton, Delbert and Larry.

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### James Shepherd

James M. Shepherd, age 74 of Port St. Lucie, FL, passed away on May 11, 2015 at Kindred Hospital, Melbourne, FL.

A private memorial service will be held on Saturday, June 13, 2015. Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory of Yankton are in care of the arrangements.

James (Jim) Michael Shepherd was born March 20, 1941 in Des Moines,

Iowa to Harold H. Shepherd and Bernice E. (Lydon) Shepherd. Shortly after Jim’s birth, the Shepherd family moved to Yankton, SD. Jim attended Sacred Heart School for grades 1-8 and graduated from Yankton High School in 1959. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1962 and received an honorable discharge in 1966. His Navy service took him around the world; he often spoke particularly fondly of Denmark. After the Navy, he

worked as a signal analyst for HRB Systems in State College, PA. After HRB was acquired by Raytheon Intelligence and Information Systems in 1988, Jim and his wife, Carol, moved to Florida where he worked as a condo manager until his retirement.

Jim is survived by his wife, Carol, of Port St. Lucie, FL; three sisters, Susan Bailey of Highlands Ranch, CO; Mary Westergaard of Viborg, SD; and Shannon

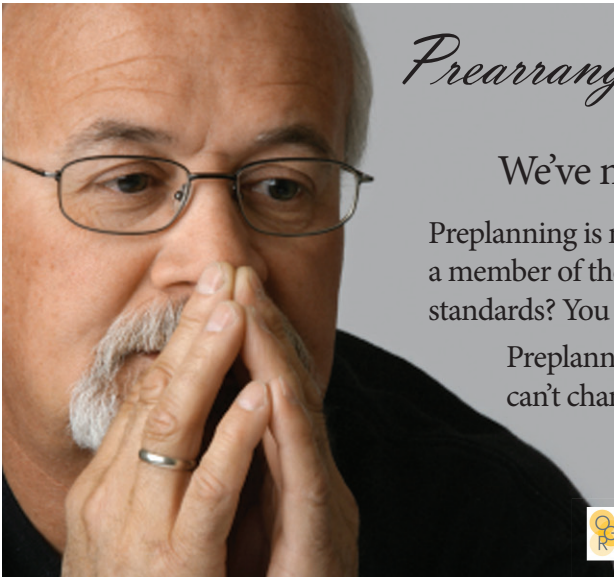
(James) Gleich of Yankton, SD; two nephews, Patrick and Bryan Bailey, and a niece, Katie (Jeremy) Hoeck. He is preceded in death by one brother, Hugh J. Shepherd, and his parents.

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### Marvin Harms

Graveside services for Marvin L. Harms will be on Sunday, June 14, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. at the Hartington City Cemetery with the Rev. Amanda Jertson officiating. The Hartington VFW Post #5283 and the American Legion Riders will provide military honors. Marvin died on January 29, 2014 in Coleridge and donated his body to Anatomical Study. Arrangements are under the direction of the Wintz Funeral Home in Hartington.



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