

SCHOLASTICS

NORTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY

ABERDEEN — Northern State University in Aberdeen has released the dean's list for the spring 2015 semester.

Students who have earned at least a 3.5 grade point average for the semester are eligible for the dean's list. There are four categories:

• Full-time students with a GPA of 4.0.

• Full-time students with a GPA of 3.5-3.99.

• Part-time students with a GPA of 4.0.

• Part-time students with a GPA of 3.5-3.99.

Students who achieved dean's list status and requested that their names be released to the media are listed below. Each category is listed separately. Please check all four lists for students from your area.

Full-time students 4.00  
Elk Point — Nicholas Murphy, Scott Shanks

Full-time students 3.50-3.99

Armour — Donovan Soulek  
Beresford — Sophie Doeden, Ashleigh Ochsner-Nelson

Dakota Dunes — Blake Perryman  
Platte — Alicia Kuipers  
Tyndall — Jacob Jaeger  
Vermillion — Ruth Kinyanjui

Yankton — Jena Nelson

WAYNE STATE COLLEGE

WAYNE, Neb. — More than 900 students at Wayne State College were named to the Dean's List for exemplary academic achievement during the past semester.

Students listed on the dean's list are full-time undergraduate students who have achieved a GPA of 3.5 or above on a 4.0 scale for the semester. An \* denotes a 4.0 GPA for the term.

Area Students are listed according to state, city and name:

NEBRASKA

Bloomfield — Brooke\* Hopkins, Jazmin Lee, Braston Maibaum, Stacy Pedersen  
Coleridge — Trevor Hefner, Benjamin\* Hoffart  
Creighton — Anne Fanta, Jennifer Juracek, Joshua Masat, Taylor Mathis, Aaron Von

Seggern, Jessica Zimmerer  
Crofton — Drew Eskins, Hannah\* Eskins, Henry\* Miller, Alissa Wockman  
Fordyce — Katlyn Arens, Dana Dickes, Jaimi Millage, Julie Zavadil

Hartington — Katelyn Brandow, Jared\* Burbach, Shelby Eickhoff, Frances Heiman, Ashley\* Heine, Britney Heine, Kelsie\* Higgins, Melissa Noble, Brittany Pfund, Connie Reyes, Maggie Schulte, Cody Stappert, Mallorie Steinhoff, Nathan Wieseler, Shelby Wieseler  
Laurel — Kelsey Dietrich, Mallorie Granquist, Brent Heikes, Abygayl Holloway, Jonathon Jacot, Kelsey Kardell, Katelyn\* Lundahl, Johnathan Saunders

Newcastle — Hanna\* Conrad

Niobrara — Mollie Schindler, Marissa Stark  
Ponca — Jacob\* Bell, Aaron Carlson, Andrew Larsen, Jonathan Larsen, David\* Watchorn

Randolph — Luke\* Andrew, Allison Backer, Amanda\* Gubbels, Kevin Keifer, Kari Kollars, Mackenzie\* Lemmons, Joseph Pfanstiel, Nicholas Schmit  
Verdigris — Beth Dather, Alec Hrbek  
Wausa — Lynndy Hauger  
Wynot — Falon Goetz, Logan Weinandt

SOUTH DAKOTA

Elk Point — Taylor\* Hall  
Yankton — Jessica Hofer, Kristen Schubert

SOUTH DAKOTA SCHOOL OF MINES & TECHNOLOGY

RAPID CITY — Nearly 400 South Dakota School of Mines & Technology students were named to the Dean's List for the 2015 spring semester. In order to merit a spot on the Dean's List, students must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher for the semester. Full-time students must have earned a minimum of 12 credit hours that term, while part-time students must have earned between three and 11 credit hours that term.

Students named to the list include:

• Casey Skillingstad, Civil and Environmental Engineering; Dylan Steffen, Applied Biological Sciences, Chemistry, Yankton

# Czech Republic Demonstrates How Freedom And Capitalism Can Benefit Agriculture

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On May 8, 1945 American military forces under the command of General George Patton freed southern Czechoslovakia from Nazi control during the latter part of WWII. The experiences of the Czech Republic over the past hundred years instruct today's producers and consumers of agricultural goods about how democracy influences people and if they will produce enough food and materials for clothing and shelter.

Following WWI Czechoslovakia flourished as many cultures (Czechs, Slovaks and Germanic people to name just a few) combined to form a democracy when monarchical rule ended. Given the opportunity to own land after centuries of serfdom, the farmers prospered.

Yet, despite democracy and modern industrial advances, this small country had little capacity to oppose Adolf Hitler's insistence that it should join Germany in 1938 because many German-speaking residents inhabited its western region called Sudetenland and smaller enclaves elsewhere. Seeking to avoid another major war and pressured by other European leaders, the Czechoslovakian government acquiesced.

Most of the Germanic residents joined in the Nazi nationalistic fervor but almost all other Czechoslovakians opposed the Nazi regime and were appalled by the extermination of Jewish and Roma citizens. Hitler's government appropriated much of the farmland owned by persons who didn't support the Nazi cause and awarded it to people of Germanic heritage, who had already owned much of the best agricultural land.

In retribution as WWII ended in 1945 and democracy was restored, Czechoslovakia expelled its ethnic German citizens, about 2.5 million altogether. Nevertheless, the remaining countrymen were glad the Germans had not destroyed their historic architectural structures, especially its centuries-old churches and educational institutions. Hitler did not bomb Prague, because he had intended it would be the eastern

capital of his German union.

With the departure of many able farmers, there was barely enough to eat for a while as the few Czechoslovakian farmers and insufficiently skilled new farm operators acquired the necessary agricultural equipment and livestock that

previously had been commandeered by the Germans.

Aid from America, which they loved for helping liberate them, assisted in the recovery and agricultural production gradually rose.

In 1948 Czechoslovakia again fell under foreign domination, this time capitulating to Soviet intimidation and political machinations. Czech communists who were puppets of Russia's leaders ran the country, backed by a half million Russian troops.

The Russians, unlike the preceding German occupiers, sought to change the culture of the country. Private farmland was relegated into collective farms, ironically called cooperatives, and the former owners were required to work on these state-owned farms that were supposed to produce ample food for their country and some to export to other Soviet states.

Many of the antiquities were painted in Soviet red and gray colors; open religious and cultural celebrations were forbidden; everything was supposed to be shared by all residents for the common good. Private ownership of land, businesses and companies was not possible. Attempts to gain greater self-determination were brutally shut down by the Soviets in 1968.

When the collective farms failed to produce sufficient food, communist officials allowed the Czechoslovakian people to cultivate private garden plots. Despite their limited size, usually less than a half-acre, the local people raised all the vegetables and fruit they needed on their plots, along with a few

chickens, pigs, sheep and maybe a cow or horse.

Democracy returned in 1989 when Czechoslovakia and other former Soviet-bloc countries were allowed to form their own governments. Communism had failed; farmland in the former cooperatives was put up for sale by the government.

Few Czechoslovakians had enough money to purchase land from the newly formed banks that were given charge of dispersing land to private buyers. Many who managed to make a down payment couldn't afford additional investments in modern farm equipment, seed and livestock and had to renege on their loans.

Successful land owners were mostly those who were officials in the former communist government and who had accumulated wealth by taking bribes and positioning themselves favorably to achieve power. They are still today's major land owners but they mostly lease their land to local renters.

In 1993 the country peacefully split into the present-day Czech Republic and Slovakia. The Republic is modernizing its agricultural practices as enterprising citizens are gradually acquiring their own land and agricultural machinery. Once again an agricultural exporting nation, the experiences of the Czech Republic over the past century demonstrate that the freedom that comes with democracy and the agrarian urges that are empowered by capitalism, enhance morale and economic gain.

Though still trying to catch up with other European Union nations, their agriculture and economic well-being are gradually improving and the people are happy. Most Czechs say the Communists stole their land and culture and they hate them more than they hate the Nazis.

But none of the previous forms of government could squelch their love for freedom and opportunities for self-pursuit of success, happiness and agriculture.

The author spent 12 days in the Czech Republic and Austria in May 2015. Contact him at: www.agbehavioralhealth.com.

## Farmers Union Now Taking Nominations For '15 Rural Dakota Pride Awards

HURON — Helping women in her community has been Cindy Wilk's calling for more than 30 years. It began when her mother, Jan Manolis, was among a group of women to open a domestic violence shelter in Huron.

"Domestic violence is something that is very dear to my heart. Years ago there was no place for women to go for help. If they didn't have help from family or friends, there was nothing — no shelters or no counseling," explains Wilk, who serves as a volunteer advocate.

Today, thanks to the Jan Manolis Family Safe Center and numerous volunteer advocates, not only do victims and their children (the shelter also helps men who are abused) have a safe place to stay if they are in an abusive situation, but they also have an advocate to help them move forward. "We make sure they are not alone," Wilk says.

As an advocate, she carries a shelter cell phone for two weeks at a time, answering calls from victims and helping them with anything they need. "We are there to let them know we are on their side."

In 2014, Farmers Union recognized Wilk with the Dakota Rural Pride Award. "Rural communities depend on these unsung heroes. They are the people who do what needs to be

done," says Karla Hofhenke, Executive Director of South Dakota Farmers Union.

Each year, the Rural Dakota Pride Award recognizes five individuals who give back to their rural communities.

As an organization which supports South Dakota farmers and ranchers, Hofhenke explains that Farmers Union understands the integral connection between those who work in South Dakota's number one industry and their rural communities.

"One survives with the other," she says. "Without thriving communities, it's difficult to encourage young people to return to their family's farm or ranch. Rural communities are key to the future of South Dakota's agriculture industry; which is why we like to recognize those individuals who help them thrive."

The 2015 Rural Pride nominations are due July 1. South Dakota Farmers Union is currently accepting nominations for the 2015 Rural Dakota Pride Awards. Nominations can be submitted via the Farmers Union website, www.sdfu.org, or by contacting Hofhenke at 605-352-6761 ext. 114. The five awards will be presented during Farmers Union Day at the 2015 South Dakota State Fair.



Quinn Fargo made Ratatouille during the Special Foods contest. Quinn was a senior in the contest and received a purple ribbon for his work.

## Yankton Co. 4-H To Make The Best Better

Yankton County 4-H members tested their cooking skills on Friday, June 12, at the 4-H Special Foods Contest.

The Special Foods contest requires 4-H members to learn how to prepare meals and snacks that satisfy aesthetic, psychological, nutritional and individual needs by choosing and preparing a recipe from any one of the five food groups.

Eleven 4-H members participated in the contest, with ages ranging from 5 to 15. Dishes prepared included: smoothies, corn dog mini muffins, savory steak tips and gravy, golden aussie chicken and more.

The 4-H members had 90 minutes to prepare their dish, coordinate a table setting cover in an attractive and aesthetically pleasing manner based on their menu and talk to a judge. They were asked questions about food groups, the amount/number of servings needed for their own age and activity level, major nutrients and more.

Food safety and sanitation are key elements of the Special Foods contest, and the 4-H members that participated discussed with the judges how they could and did avoid bacterial hazards when purchasing, storing, thawing, cooking and serving food.

Kenny Tomek, registered dietician at Hy-Vee in Yankton, and Lisa Barger, teacher

at Sacred Heart Catholic Elementary School whose children were in 4-H, judged the cooking and nutrition components of the competition.

Lauren Hollenbeck, Yankton County 4-H program adviser, and Katie Freng, Yankton County 4-H intern, judged the place setting portion of the competition.

Results were: (name, age division, dish prepared, ribbon placing)

Langdon Klinkhammer, Cloverbud, Purple Monster, Participation; Ryan Lammers, Cloverbud, Breakfast Smoothie, Participation; Natalie Nayokpuk, Beginner, Egg Roll in a Bowl, Purple; Teddy Fargo, Beginner, Corn Dog Mini Muffins, Purple; Seth Fargo, Junior, Breakfast Casserole, Purple; Nicholas Nayokpuk, Junior, Pizza Cake, Blue; Jenna Lammers, Junior, Breakfast Casserole, Blue; Blaine Lammers, Junior, Two Cheese Mac N Cheese, Red; Karlie Freng, Junior, Savory Steak Tips & Gravy, Purple; Quinn Fargo, Senior, Ratatouille, Purple; Leah Waid, Senior, Golden Aussie Chicken, Purple.

For more information about 4-H, how to join 4-H or the Special Foods contest, contact Stephanie Siebrandt at the Yankton County Extension Office at 605-665-3387 or visit yankton4h.com.

## Toastmasters International Recognizes Anderson

Avera Sacred Heart Hospital's Toastmasters Club 6217's Secretary-Treasurer, Steve Anderson,



Anderson

Yankton, was officially recognized by Toastmasters International District 78 Governor Kathy Anderson, Columbia Falls, MT, at the Spearfish SD Conference. Anderson received the "Fab 5 bling and ribbon" given to only a few treasurers within a three state area for performing their duties in an organized and professional manner within a prescribed timeframe.

Anderson has been a member of Club 6217 since 2007 and taking responsibility is one of his best leadership skills, according to his fellow Club members as proven by his reelection to the Secretary-Treasurer post for a second term. Anderson also completed his Competent Communicator Series and will soon receive his Bronze Award for his speaking abilities.

I wish to thank everyone for the gifts and cards and for helping me celebrate my birthday.  
~Karen Cihak

## Special Education Reports Available Online

PIERRE — Information regarding school districts' performance on improving the educational outcomes of students with disabilities is now available online. Results of early intervention services for infants and toddlers with developmental delays are also available.

The Special Education and Birth to Three State Performance Plan Reports

are released annually. The special education report addresses the federal special education program known as Part B. This report identifies school districts' ability to meet federal requirements on several indicators along with performance targets. It is based mainly on data from the 2013-14 school year.

To view the special education report, visit http://

www.doe.sd.gov/oess/sped-spp.aspx. Statewide data are available by clicking on the "State Total" link under the "Indicator 17" heading near the bottom of the page.

The Birth to Three State Performance Report addresses the federal special education program known as Part C. This report identifies the ability of the early intervention program to meet

the 11 federal requirements during the 2013-14 reporting year.

To view the Birth to Three report ("FFY 2013 State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Report"), visit http://doe.sd.gov/oess/Birthto3.aspx and click on the "Public Reporting" link.

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