

Arrest Made In Geddes Elevator Theft

GEDDES — The Charles Mix County Sheriff's Office arrested an individual Thursday after some suspicious activity was reported at a Geddes grain elevator.

According to a press release from the sheriff's office, a semi-truck with trailer was observed loading grain at the Geddes Elevator by a Geddes resident at approximately 4:30 a.m. Thursday. This suspicious activity was reported to the sheriff's office and the semi was stopped by a Deputy approximately 8 miles from Geddes.

During the stop, the deputy asked the driver, who was identified as Jeff Eckert from Pilger, Neb., for the proper paperwork for the grain on the trailer that he had loaded at the elevator in Geddes. The driver was not able to produce any paperwork for the grain.

Eckert was escorted back to the Geddes Elevator where it was determined that he had loaded his trailer with 1,175 bushels of soybeans on his own without the permission of the elevator. The current sale rate of soybeans at the Geddes Elevator is \$14.41 a bushel. Eckert was arrested for grand theft after it was determined that the amount of the theft was \$16,941.41.

Charles Mix County Sheriff Randy Thaler said in the press release, "This theft was squashed by a citizen that saw something suspicious and reported it. Should this citizen not have taken the action that he had; the Geddes Elevator would be out a lot of money. This is an example of why it is important for suspicious or out of the ordinary activity to be reported law enforcement."

YCL Hosting Scavenger Hunt For Teens

The Yankton Community Library, 515 Walnut, invites teens to "Check In @ your library™" during Teen Tech Week, March 10-16. To celebrate, the library is hosting a "QR Scavenger Hunt." Teens can stop by the library during the week, complete the scavenger hunt, and receive a prize. While you are here, check out our digital resources: eBooks, movies, music, audio books, databases and more.

For more information, contact the library at 668-5275.

USD Students Elect Next SGA President

VERMILLION — Erik Muckey of Corsica and Clay Hoffman of Winner were elected by students at the University of South Dakota to lead the Student Government Association (SGA) in 2013.

Muckey, a junior economics major, will be sworn in on Tuesday, March 12, as SGA President while Hoffman, a sophomore political science major, is the new SGA Vice President following a close election last week where they defeated Stephen Bollinger, a junior from Pierre, and his running mate, Kara Fischbach, a sophomore from Mellette, 1,075 votes to 925 votes.

Muckey and Hoffman replace Alissa VanMeeteren, president, and DJ Smith, vice president.

'Bully' Documentary To Be Shown At Library

Have you ever been bullied or been a bystander to bullying? Are you a parent of a victim of bullying? Do you just want to learn more about the topic?

Join the staff at the Yankton Community Library, 515 Walnut, at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 14, as it presented the documentary "Bully." Yankton police officer Jeff Johnson and Lewis & Clark Behavioral Health Services counselor Stephanie Lund will be available after the screening to facilitate a discussion and answer questions.

"Bully," which is rated PG-13, is a "character-driven documentary following five students and families over the course of a school year. Offering insight into different facts of America's bullying crisis, the stories include two families who have lost children to suicide and a mother awaiting the fate of her 14-year-old daughter, who has been incarcerated after bringing a gun on her school bus. With an intimate and often shocking glimpse into homes, classrooms, cafeterias and principals' offices, this is a powerful and inspiring film that every educator, parent and teenager should see."

"While this is not a 'feel good' movie, it addresses what many children and teens are experiencing every day of their lives," stated Library Director Kathy Jacobs. "I think it is very important that the library offer a venue to bring teens and adults together to view the documentary and promote open discussion on the topic."

For further information, contact the library at 668-5276.

Riverboat Days Board Seeking Nominations

The Yankton Riverboat Days Board of Directors is now seeking nominations for Captain and Belle 2013.

Applications can be sent either by email to office@riverboat-days.com or by mail to: Riverboat Days Board, PO Box 483, Yankton, SD 57078.

The deadline to submit nominations is March 21.

OBITUARIES

Ruth Stewart

Funeral services for Ruth Stewart, 83, of Scotland will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, March 11 at the First Presbyterian Church in Scotland with Rev. Mark Werner officiating. Interment will follow in Rosehill Cemetery, Scotland.

Visitation will be held on Sunday from 3-7 p.m. at the Goglin Funeral Home in Scotland, with a prayer service at 6 p.m.

Ruth passed away on Wednesday, March 6, 2013 at

the Good Samaritan Society in Scotland.
Online condolences may be sent at www.goglinfh.com.

Goglin Funeral Home
Tyndall - Scotland - Tripp

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Harvey Pietz

Funeral services for Harvey Pietz, 76, of Parkston will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 1 at Friedens Reformed Church in Tripp with Rev. Greg Way officiating. Interment will follow in Friedens Reformed Cemetery, Tripp.

Visitation will be held on Monday from 3-7 p.m. at the Goglin Funeral Home in Tripp.

Harvey passed away on Wednesday, March 6, 2013 at Avera St Benedict Hospital in Parkston.

Online condolences may be sent at www.goglinfh.com.

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F. Ellen Frick

F. Ellen Frick, 95, of Yankton died Thursday, March 7, 2013, at the Avera Yankton Care Center, Yankton.

A Memorial Mass is at 10:30 a.m. Monday, March 11, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Yankton, with the Rev. John Rutten officiating. Burial of her cremated remains will be in the Sacred Heart Cemetery.

Visitations begin at 5 p.m. Sunday at Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton, with a 7 p.m. rosary followed by a 7:30 p.m. Scripture service. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

IN REMEMBRANCE

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FIGHTING HUNGER — 4,968 TIMES



LEFT: The Yankton Rotary Club packed 2808 meals for the "Kids Against Hunger" and had 14 members of the Yankton Rotary Family participate and also received donations from many of the other members that helped pay for the meals. The Yankton Rotary Club is committed to Service Above Self and they meet every Tuesday noon at the Hillcrest Country Club. Anyone interested in joining please contact Matt Hanson matt@hansonbriggsadvertising.com. RIGHT: The 9th grade class from Trinity Catholic Church of Hartington recently packed over 2,000 meals for children in need of our care. If you would like to learn how you can make a difference in the lives of children, please visit www.kahyankton.org (Courtesy Photos)



How To Start Your Plants For Spring

BROOKINGS — Groundhogs aren't much good at measuring winter's length jokes, David Graper, Extension Horticulture Specialist and Director of McCrory Gardens.

"I don't know what the Dakota groundhogs saw back on Feb. 2, but it still looks a lot like winter around here. In fact, I don't think the groundhogs we have here at McCrory Gardens even bothered to get out of bed and take a look. They just know that we will have at least six more weeks of winter and then some," Graper said. "But, for gardeners, once we hit March we just can't help but think of spring and the upcoming gardening season."

Until warmer weather arrives, Graper says that many South Dakota gardeners bide their time by studying garden catalogs and many have already ordered some, if not all of their seed for the coming growing season.

"We have been busy planting here at the greenhouse at SDSU with over 120 different varieties already planted. Most of these are either perennial plants or annuals that take a long time to grow large enough to be transplanted to the garden in the spring. All of the annuals that grow quickly are still waiting in the freezer until it is their turn to get planted," he said.

Graper adds that some home gardeners like to try to grow their own seedlings too.

"But before you get started, there are some things that you should keep in mind, such as when to sow certain kinds of seeds, how to plant them and where they can get enough light to grow. That being said, here are some tips for you to keep in mind if you want to start your own seeds," Graper said.

First of all, gardeners will need to order or purchase seeds for the plants they want to start fairly soon. It is not uncommon for popular varieties to get sold out. Seed is often available locally at area garden centers, hardware stores, discount outlet stores etc. but the selection will likely be limited. In most cases, getting the typical packet size will give gardeners plenty of seeds for a typical family's needs.

Next, he reminds gardeners to get their seeding supplies, which include seeding flats or pots and a good seedling potting mix.

Gardeners can start seed in an ordinary flower pot but they will typically have better results if they can spread the seed out more thinly in a larger flat or container. I recommend using a seed starting or propagation mix to germinate your seeds. Most of these are composed of peat moss and vermiculite, and maybe some perlite. They are light weight and have excellent water holding capacity.

If a gardener chooses to use a flat, they can make little rows in the flat to sow their seed or just scatter it across the top of the flat. The more spread out the seeds, the better they will grow. And, make it easier to transplant

them to cell packs later. If a gardener is not planning to grow a lot of different seeds or are limited in space, they can buy cell packs and direct sow right into the individual cells.

Another option is to use peat pellets or peat pots. The peat pellets are particularly fun for kids because when you place them in warm water they puff up and expand in a matter of minutes. Then, just plant a couple seeds in each one.

Once you have the seed spread out in the pot or flat, it is a good idea to sprinkle a little media over the seed. This will help to keep the seed moist during the germination process. After you have that done you need to thoroughly soak the growing media. The best way to do this is to fill a pan with warm water and set the pot or flat in it to allow the water to be absorbed through the bottom of the pot or flat. Let the flats or pots sit in the water until the surface of the media looks wet. Alternatively, gardeners can use a small sprinkling can to water from above but they must be careful to not wash the seed into a pile in the pot or flat.

WATERING TIPS

Once the seeds are planted, gardeners need to keep the media and seed moist until the seed germinates and comes up. They can do this by putting individual pots into a small plastic bag to keep the humidity high or they can get planting flats that come with a plastic dome that fits over the flat to keep it from drying out.

If the media gets too dry during germination, the germinating seed may die. It is important to place your pots or flats of seeds in a warm spot to germinate. Some place that is about 70 to 75°F works well. While many people will grow their seedlings on a windowsill, it might be too chilly to get the seed to germinate well.

PLENTY OF LIGHT

Once gardeners see the seedlings coming up, open the bag or partially remove the dome to start getting the little seedlings used to dryer air. After a couple days, completely remove the covering. Now light becomes the most important issue because the young seedlings will grow tall and spindly if they don't get enough light. A sunny south or west window will be good, or gardeners can use artificial light, usually fluorescent works well. Keep in mind that most vegetables will be growing in full sun in their garden so they need pretty high light to develop nice stocky seedlings that will transplant well later. Simple, fluorescent shop lights fitted with two tubes will work well and are inexpensive.

Each four-foot shop light will provide enough light for four typ-

ical flats of seedlings, placed end to end about 6" below the lights. Gardeners can hook the shop light up to a timer so that it will automatically get turned on and off each day. Plan to give seedlings about 16 to 18 hours of light each day.

FERTILIZE

Young seedlings need fertilizer. Many propagating mixes come with some slow release fertilizer already mixed into the media, so be sure to check chosen media before starting fertilizing. Purchase some water soluble fertilizer and start by applying it at about half-strength roughly once a week. Use a small watering can, or a gardener can use the soak method, and water from below while the seedlings are still small enough that they don't wash them out.

Once the seedlings get their second true leaf, then the rate can gradually increase. Be careful and don't overdo it, as young seedlings can be very sensitive to fertilizer. Gardeners can also use an organic fertilizer, like fish emulsion. These are much less likely to cause fertilizer burn, however, using this stuff can be a stinky job - think of that dead carp you came across on the shore of your local lake and you will get the idea. If the seedlings are close to living quarters, like on the window sill by the kitchen table, gardeners might want to move them somewhere else or avoid this type of fertilizer.

TRANSPLANTING FROM FLAT TO CELL PACK

If seeds were started in a pot or open flat, gardeners should probably transplant the seedlings into cell packs or peat pots. The advantage of using the peat pots is that you can plant the whole pot in the ground and avoid some transplant shock that can occur if you use plastic cell packs.

Wait until the seedlings get large enough to handle, usually after they get about three or four true leaves. Remember, that when most seedlings first emerge, they will have two little cotyledons or seed leaves. The true leaves start growing after that. Regular potting soil can be used in the cell packs or peat pots if desired.

If the gardener has a little plant stake or pot label, use this to "dig" out each seedling and make a hole in each cell of the cell pack or peat pot for it to grow on. Press the media down a little to firm it around the little seedling. Once transplanting is done, give them a good watering

with a watering can to further settle the media around each plant. Place them back in the sunny window or under the lights to continue growing.

TIMING

Timing is important for little seedlings. Often people get a little too anxious to get planting and start tomatoes in early March and later find out that the seedlings are too tall and spindly by the time they need to be transplanted to the garden. In general, gardeners are better off starting a couple weeks late as opposed to starting a month too early.

Start by figuring out when the garden is typically planted, keeping in mind the last spring frost in the area. Gardeners must also keep in mind that some vegetables can take cooler temperatures, known as cool season crops, while other vegetables will not tolerate temperatures close to freezing, thus needing to be planted later after the weather and soil has warmed up. Here is a little guide to use in deciding when to start seeds.

In early March, or 10-11 weeks before planting outside, plant broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, onions, coleus, petunias, rudbeckia, snapdragons, and vinca.

In mid-March, or 9 weeks before planting outside, plant peppers, eggplant, dill, ornamental peppers, salvia, and sweet alyssum. In early April, or 6 to 7 weeks before planting outside, plant tomatoes, calendula, celosia, marigolds, basil, ornamental kale, and portulaca.

In mid-April, or 3 to 4 weeks before planting outside, you can plant cosmos, sweet peas and zinnias.

In late April you can plant some warm-season vining crops such as watermelon, pumpkins, and squash in peat pots or peat pellets.

Keep checking the seedlings regularly, especially once they get a little bigger as they can dry out more quickly and get stressed or even die. Let the media dry out some before watering, but then water thoroughly. If using grow-lights, gardeners may have to move them up a little as the seedlings grow, but try to keep the bulbs about 6" above the plants to help them grow healthy and robust.

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8:20 am Yankton Figure Skating (Fred Binder)