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# Tips For Promoting Healthy Hearing

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Avera Medical Group Ear, Nose and Throat-Yankton Celebrates Better Hearing and Speech Month.

How often do you hear someone joke, "Oh, I don't have a hearing problem. It's just selective hearing?" What these people may not know is they may be experiencing symptoms of hearing loss. Signs and symptoms of hearing loss can go unsuspected for years before it is officially identified. Even when symptoms are acknowledged, it takes the average individual between 7-10 years before they actually have their hearing examined by a professional. Recent research suggests at least 1 in every 5 Americans possess some degree of hearing loss. This translates to over 34 million individuals experiencing some level of com-

munication breakdown. Hearing loss is not just an ailment of old age either! The Center for Disease Control (CDC) recently estimated that around 5.2 million children ages 6-19 years exhibit hearing loss directly related to noise exposure. Fortunately, noise-induced hearing loss is 100% preventable. Loud music, band instruments, noisy toys, firearms, farm equipment, and even fireworks can cause damage to our ears. Three simple precautions can be taken to protect yourself and others from harmful noise levels.

1. Turn down the volume. 2. Walk away from the loud noise or limit your time to dan-

gerously loud environments. 3. Protect your ears by using

At Avera Medical Group ENT-Yankton, we encourage everyone to learn how to recognize dangerous noise levels that could impact hearing. In addition, we also recommend our patients have their hearing evaluated annually. Whether it is a visit to your local audiologist or a local community health fair, being proactive about hearing health and having your hearing screened could help detect hearing loss and preserve qualyears to come. For children and hearing loss could promote improved social interactions and

communication is the cornerstone to fulfilling our everyday life, as we are constantly connecting with friends and family. terfere with relationships, causing depression, anxiety, withdrawal, and lower self-escontrol of your hearing health.

Avera Medical Group Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) - Yankton, Yankton Sertoma and the ebrate May as Better Speech and Hearing Month by promoting hearing health in our community at an annual hearing screening. If you currently have concerns for your hearing, the Yankton Sertoma Club will be hosting a free hearing screening event for the community at the Avera Pavilion from 1-4 p.m. on Wednesday, May 29, 2013.

ity of life and communication for teenagers, early identification of academic performance. No matter what your age,

A breakdown in communication, specifically hearing loss, can inteem. Don't let your hearing impact your relationships. There's no better time than now to take

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## earmuffs or disposable earplugs.

**Nominations Open For 2013 SDSU Awards** 

BROOKINGS — The Eminent Farmer/Rancher and Homemaker Committee is seeking nominations for SDSU's Eminent Farmer/Rancher and Homemaker Award Program.

This year marks the 86th anniversary of the program which was founded in 1927. The intent of this program is to recognize citizens for a lifetime of leadership and service.

The nominees should have made significant contributions to their community, state and nation; and should be known for giving unselfishly of their talent, time and leadership. There is no age requirement, but the nominees must be living. Husband and wife combinations may be nominated, but a separate nomination form is needed for each individual. Up to five letters of reference are also

Official Eminent Farmer/Rancher and Homemaker brochures detailing the selection process and criteria and official nomination forms are available online at sdstate.edu/abs/honors/eminent.cfm. These forms are the basis for the selection process.

To request a brochure and form, contact Angela Loftesness at  $605\text{-}688\text{-}\bar{67}32$  or angela.loftesness@sdstate.edu. All nominations must be received by June 1.

Send nominations to: EFRH Nominations; ATTN: Angela Loftesness, Dean's Office, ABS College SDSU, Box 2207, Brookings, SD 57007. Or, they can be e-mailed to angela.loftesness@sdstate.edu. The awards will be presented at SDSU on Sept. 20 by the College of Agriculture and Biological Sciences and the College of Education and Human Sciences.

If you have questions, contact Loftesness at 605-688-6732.

## S.T.A.R.S. Benefit Trail Ride Slated For June 2

NEWCASTLE, Neb. — Newcastle Saddle Club will sponsor a benefit ride for S.T.A.R.S., Inc. (Special Troopers Adaptive Riding School) on Sunday June 2, starting at 2 p.m. at the Turkey Creek Ranch, 58020 888 Rd., Newcastle, Neb. Turkey Creek Ranch is located north of Newcastle, Neb., or south 1 mile of the Newcastle/Vermillion bridge turn right and follow gravel road. Signs will be posted.

S.T.A.R.S. is a non-profit organization that improves the well being of individuals with physical, cognitive, emotional or behavioral challenges through therapeutic horseback riding, canine services and other animal-assisted activities.

Free will donation to ride your own horse through the beautiful scenic trails of Turkey Creek Ranch. The Saddle Club will provide an evening meal and there will be chances to buy raffle tickets for vari-

ous raffle items being donated. For more information, contact Stacy Pedersen at 712-239-5042 or stacy@scstars.org.

# **Yankton Community Library Kick-Off Day Set**

Kick-off day for the Yankton Community Library's summer reading program is June 3. Reading minute packets and a calendar of events will be distributed that day and throughout the summer. Children may come in anytime that day, 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., to pick up their packets.

A puppet performance will end our kick-off event at 6:30 p.m. "DIG INTO: Diamonds, Dirt and Discovery!" — an interactive puppet theatre — features Lisa Laird as the puppeteer and is sponsored by the Friends of the Yankton Community Library. Attendees will learn a dance called the squirmy worm, as well as learning about geodes,

diamonds, worms and toads. Area children ages preschool through high school are invited to participate in the Yankton Community Library summer reading program. This year's theme is "Dig Into Reading!" Registration information can be found on the website, http://ycllib.sdln.net, or at the library, 515 Walnut Street.

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



# Weather Challenges Shape Farmers

Awful weather, like we have endured much of the year so far, can make farming severely trying. We experienced one of the worst springs ever, with late snows and cold temperatures in the middle part of the continent, dry hot conditions in the West, floods in the Dakotas, and far too much rain in parts of the eastern Corn Belt and Southeast.

Many tornados have occurred already this year. There are early indicators of a stronger-than-usual hurricane season later on. As I write this on May 5, only about half the intended oats, spring wheat and hay legumes have been planted because the frost was late coming out or soggy conditions made ground preparation impossible.

A cattle producer in western Iowa whom I know has a 22 percent calf loss so far this year, due mostly to cold damp weather. He also blames not having enough feed for his cows after last year's hay ran out and the pastures were not yet growing.

What can a farmer or rancher do? We can't give up, given the need by many producers to pay for recent purchases of land and equipment. Moreover, people need the food farmers and ranchers produce.

We have been through tough times before. Read the 2006 book, The Worst Hard Time, by Timothy Egan or watch Ken Burns' latest public television production, The Dust Bowl, for accounts of hard—and often depressing times due to weather.

Learning about the past can give us perspective about what we are dealing with currently. My father told my brothers and me as we were growing up how he temporarily became an electric and telephone lineman during the 1930s because winter and summer storms tore down transmission wires. He and

other farmers helped the company crews with

Dad showed us his pair of high-topped boots with spikes clamped to the soles to jam into the wooden poles he climbed to reattach wires. Less than a decade later he bought the farm Marilyn and I live on, and paid for it in two years as corn prices rose to the equivalent of \$18 per bushel today. Food was needed to feed hungry people in Eu-

rope during the latter part of WWII. We must have faith. I have written earlier about how essential core beliefs are to farmers (July, 2012) and how bad things happen to farmers (March 2013); this is about faith.

The dictionary definition of faith is to have complete trust in something, even if not proven. Faith is a belief.

Nearly every culture since modern man emerged has developed beliefs in higher forces than humans. Typically, they called these higher forces God. They figured God controlled nature, or they worshipped nature

Sometimes preceding cultures devised elaborate and harsh rituals, even human sacrifices, to attempt to communicate with God, especially when unfavorable weather events occurred, such as droughts. They figured God wanted them to struggle and penance would earn God's favor. They could observe in all of nature surrounding them that life requires struggling.

Knowledge of the laws of nature and religious practices have advanced since the days when ritual sacrifices were practiced. But we don't have enough knowledge—and never will—that our own inventions through sci-

ence will get us through. We have to ask for God's help. We have to believe this is what God intends. This is what

Faith heals. It gives us courage. Faith is being able to say "I accept whatever is offered.'

We can endure anything when we say and mean that. We become adaptable. It is a frame of thinking that has enormous strength. Faith that God will protect us, nur-

It doesn't mean we quit trying to do what we know is useful to get us through tough times. It means we keep trying, for that is the implementation of faith.

When the rows of planted corn and other crops at last emerge in patterns that look like they belong on a quilt, it is testament that we have not been abandoned. Even if things don't materialize as hoped, being able to say "I accept whatever God offers," and mean it, has survival value. For sometimes, even more adversity follows when we think our trials are

There is a beautiful hymn that says "Be not afraid, for I am with you always." Replacing what we want with acceptance and openness to adversity, and generosity toward others who are struggling, are behaviors that enable us to continue on.

So don't be bitter or afraid that the weather adversities we are going through will harm us. They are meant for us to adapt and become better farmers. We aren't alone. A higher force is watching out for us.

Dr. Rosmann is a psychologist and farm owner at Harlan, Iowa. Contact him through his website: www.agbehavioralhealth.com.

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6th Graders — Justin Edelman,
Logan Klaudt, Eisley Sayler

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Fischer, Kaylee Kessler, Lindzie Vaith
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Andrew Schaeffer
8th Graders — Jordan Mehlhaf
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6th Graders — Conner Edelman,
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Heckenlaible, Breanna Mehlhaf, Ashton

6th Graders — Eisley Sayler

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### **CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY**

OMAHA, Neb. - More than 1,600 degrees were conferred during Creighton University's Commencement ceremonies held May 18 at CenturyLink Center Omaha. University President Timothy R. ceremonies. presided at

Area graduates included:
• Anne Schmidt of Yankton earned a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree.

• Matt Walters of Yankton earned a Master of Business Administration de-

### **GAYVILLE-VOLIN**

Spring 2013 Semester
High Academic Honor Roll (3.60
and above semester GPA)
HIGH SCHOOL — Dylan Andal,

Zachary Anderson, Stephen Bergeson, Michael Blassl, Matthew Buckman, Genevieve Clark, Johnathan Guy, Rachel Haas, Jammie Hoffman, Viola Ishmael, Caroline Kuratle, Cassandra Lee, Miranda Mellegaard, Kayla Miller, Rachel Pokorney, Hannah Rolfs, Brandon

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL - Dagny Anderson, Parker Bailey, Meghan Buck-man, Sarah Buckman, Maren Buffington, Elianna Clark, Frank Cutts, Grace Dangel, Tara Doty, Samuel Hanson, Alexis Heier, Megan Hirsch, Alyssa liams, Wyatt Jorgensen, Cameron Jueden, Katie Lee, Laura Nelson, Maddison Nelson, Rachel Nickles, Grant Rice, Cade Rickford, Colbey Rickford, Brook VanOsdel

# Academic Honor Roll (3.00 - 3.59

semester GPA)
HIGH SCHOOL — Shenona Banks,
Kelia Barta, Saxon Bartos, Holly Bouza,
Kourtney Christopherson, Danielle Dangel, Bailey Gale, Mackenzie Gale, Nicole Guy, Shandra Hanson, DaNeila Jensen, Dillon Logue, Justin Logue, Kayla Nedved, Morgan Nielson, Samantha

Nedved, Morgan Nielson, Samantha Olson, Vanessa Ryken, Rochelle Smith, Alex Taggart, Kaley Ulmer JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL — Jayden Engen, Traia Hubbard, Ralph Ishmael, Chandler Lee, Madisen Lee, Taven McKee, Destinee Riedel

# Spring 2013 Semester - Perfect Attendance (no tardies or absences) HIGH SCHOOL — Saxon Bartos JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL — Parker

Bailey, Grace Dangel, Megan Hirsch, Traia Hubbard, Cameron Jueden, William Leggett, Rachel Nickles, Chase Petrik, Colbey Rickford, Kyra Ronke, Brook VanOsdel

### **SACRED HEART SCHOOL** Academic Rolls Fourth Quarter

2012-2013 FIFTH GRADE Roll of Excellence Campbell, Jada Eichacker, Ryan Fanta, Mary\*

Gokie, Hailey Kouri, Cecilia Kouri, Claire Krajewski, Josephine\* LeFebvere, Rose Mines, Ivy Salvatori, Carissa Sandal, Parker\* Schroeder, Madison Vornhagen, Olivia Woerner, Natalie\* Wolfgram, Payton' Straight A's

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Bernatow. Brooklyn Binder, Madeline Bose, Keegin Curran, Christian Dayhuff, Billi Jo Haahr, Anneliese Heine, Morgan Manning, Ava Marsh, Jonah Nelson, Gran Payer, Justin Strom, Jakob Wuebben, Madison Yaggie, Dylan

#### SIXTH GRADE Roll of Excellence

Becker, Abby Becker, Addy Dangler, Bryce\* Geigle, Kellie\* Jussel, Jess\* Kusek, Noel\* Lehl, Nick McCarthy, Erin\* Nguyen, Brian\* Perakslis, Catherine\* Reinhardt Jessica Reinhardt, Jessica Schulte, Miranda Shoberg, Anna Vyborny, Sophia\* Warriner, Olivia Wenande, Courtney Wubben, Madison Straight A's

Buechler, Morgan Hacecky, Harlie Hunhoff, Walker Kolker, Émily Kortan, Samantha Lange, Tyler Liebig, Olivia Madson, Brooke Medeck, Holly Mueller, Evan Peitz, Brandon Sandal, Kendra Sedlacek Sydney Woodmancy, Michael

#### **SEVENTH GRADE** Roll of Excellence

Benoit, Adele Budig, Kate\* Cordell, Madie\* Dvorak, Evan' Eichacker, Nathan Fejfar, Megan\* Fitzgerald, Tanner Fortner, Ethan Frick, Savannah Hicks Holly Mines, Holly Paulsen, Quinn Rafferty, Trevor\* Schoenfelder, Jack Specht, Cameryn' Vavra, Carly

# Shuey, Brandon Stephenson, Nate\* Wubben, Morgan\* \* — Straight A's Honor Roll Becvar, Cheree Bray, Steven

Cameron, Hunter Carda, Lucas Kathol, Jordan Kennedy, Kolbi Kortan, Dylan Liebig, Kyra McDonald, Shannon Mueller, Nicole Payer, Jordan Schild, Keely Schwartz, Stephanie Shoberg, Natalie Warriner, Jacob Wenande, Drew Winterringer, Miranda

Merit Roll Heine, Michael Hunhoff, Kendra Vornhagen, Trentin Welter James Zimmerman, Courtney

### Kelly Ann Kortan' Jan. 11, 1964-Aug. 14, 1988

Jenni Ann Kortan Feb. 27, 1984-Aug. 14, 1988

Ashli Ann Kortan Oct. 7, 1986-Aug. 14, 1988

# Nicole Lynn Sayler

March 12, 1982-Aug. 14, 1988 Some people come into our lives and quickly go. Some stay awhile and leave footprints on our hearts, and we are never ever the same.

Dorothy Sayler, Terry, Robin, Darrel, Sandra & Family

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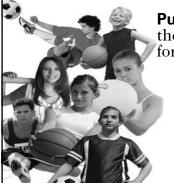
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