

South Dakota Recruits Low-Income Teens With Disabilities To Further Education, Employment

PIERRE — The state Department of Human Services recently began mailing letters to recruit 120 of South Dakota's young people with disabilities to participate in a six-state project to improve their educational and employment outcomes.

South Dakota will participate in a joint federal initiative to design and implement interventions for youth ages 14 to 16 who receive Social Security Supplemental Security Income (SSI). Through an experimental design, this five-year, multimillion-dollar project will provide interventions to positively impact the education and employment of this group. Teens with disabilities as well as their families with low incomes are being recruited to participate in this federally funded initiative. U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan said the initiative provides services and support to help some of



the nation's "most at-risk students" so they can focus on their educational and career goals.

South Dakota is part of a consortium called Achieving Success by Promoting Readiness for Education and Employment (ASPIRE) that includes the following west-

ern states: Arizona, Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota and Utah. ASPIRE was formed to implement the U.S. Department of Education grant under the Promoting the Readiness of Minors in Supplemental Security Income (PROMISE) initiative.

Earlier in October, ASPIRE state agencies mailed the first batch of letters to students who fit the initiative criteria based on SSI. South Dakota will ultimately mail 650 letters to eligible students with the goal of securing 120 participants for the PROMISE initiative. Of the ASPIRE states, Arizona aims to enroll the most at 1,050, and North Dakota will enroll the least at 50. Enrollment ends March 2016.

The teens will be divided into two groups. Sixty of the 120 enrolled South Dakota teens and their families will receive information about existing services in the state. The other 60 will be offered additional case management, benefits counseling, financial-capability training, career and work-based learning experiences, and parent information and training until September 2018. The two groups, those who were of-

fered the additional services and those who receive existing services, will be compared to determine the effectiveness of the additional services.

"This is a great opportunity for South Dakota to educate many of its low-income families about programs and services available to support their teens with disabilities," S.D. Department of Human Services Secretary Gloria Pearson said. "This initiative should also show us how effective the programs and services offered through ASPIRE are when it comes to improving educational and employment outcomes."

People can learn more about ASPIRE South Dakota, including whether they are eligible to participate if interested, by visiting aspiwest.org or by calling (800) 224-5336. The ASPIRE consortium also has a Facebook page/.

Parents Night Out Slated Dec. 6

The Yankton Community Library and the Recreation Department are sponsoring a Parents Night Out on Saturday, Dec. 6, from 4:30-7:30 p.m. for boys and girls ages 6-12 at the Summit Activities Center. Participants will make craft projects, eat pizza, play organized games in the gym and take a swim in the SAC pool.

Registration forms are available at the Summit Activities Center or the Yankton Community Library. A limited number of scholarships will be available for this program. The registration deadline is Friday, Dec. 5. Registration forms and payment should be turned in at the Library.

For additional information, call (605) 668-5275, (605) 668-5234 or stop by the Yankton Library at 515 Walnut Street or Summit Activities Center at 1801 Summit Street.

OBITUARIES

Esther Girard

Esther G. Girard, 90, of Vermillion died Sunday, Nov. 3, 2014, at Unity Point Health-St. Luke's in Sioux City, Iowa.

Funeral services are at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 6, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Vermillion with burial to follow in Calvary Cemetery in Vermillion.

Visitation is 6-7 p.m. tonight (Wednesday) at Kober Funeral Home in Vermillion.

Pamela Murra

Pamela June (Johnson) Murra was born June 1, 1955 to Merle and Lillian (Loe) Johnson.

She was baptized at Salem Lutheran Church, rural Irene, and confirmed at Calvary Lutheran Church, Irene. She grew up on the farm southwest of Irene. Pam attended Irene High School and graduated in 1973. While in high school Pam participated in band, chorus and track.

After high school she attended Augustana College. While in college Pam became very involved in athletics. She participated in volleyball, basketball, and softball for Augustana. Pam was named the Outstanding Senior Athlete in 1972. She currently still holds the record for most rebounds in a single game. Pam was also the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Honor Athlete her senior year.

After graduation Pam began teaching in the Sioux Falls School System at Axtell Park Junior High. She coached all sports at Axtell until 1980 when Sioux Falls started girls volleyball at the high school level. Pam was chosen as the first coach at Washington High School. While at Washington the volleyball program won five State Championships and one Runner-up Title, including the first State Volleyball Championship sanctioned by the South Dakota High School Activities Association. In 1991 when Roosevelt High School opened, Pam was hired as a physical education teacher and its first volleyball coach. In 1996 the volleyball team won the first State Team Championship for Roosevelt High School. Pam retired from head coaching and was an assistant to the girls golf program until she retired from teaching in 2012.

Pam has been or will be inducted into the following Halls of Fame: Irene High School, Augustana College, South Dakota Coaches Association, Washington High School and Roosevelt High School.

The relationships Pam made with her athletes, fellow coaches, and administrators are the most special part of her coaching career. Her life was touched by many special people.

In 2000 Pam was married to Vern Murra. They enjoyed many adventures hunting, camping, four wheeling and working on the farm. Time spent with family was the most special towards the end of Pam's life. She especially cherished the time with Vern, sister Deb, her mom, and uncle Maynard.

Pam is survived by her husband Vern Murra; mother Lillian Johnson; uncle Maynard Loe; sister Deb (Steve) Lamb; stepchildren Arlana (Andrew) Spillum, Al (Mindy) Murra, April (Stephen) Crockett, and Aaron (Melanie) Murra; step grandchildren Keenan and Isaac Spillum, Olivia and Noah Crockett, and

Ashton and Annabel Murra; nieces Erika (Brandon) Cave and Kaarin (Bradley) Fasse; great-nieces Sonja Cave and Hannah and Emma Fasse; mother-in-law Dorothy Murra; and many cousins and other relatives. She was preceded in death by her father Merle Johnson, grandparents Herman and Nellie Johnson and Erick and Hannah Loe, and father-in-law Peter Murra.

The family will greet friends from 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, November 6, 2014 at Hansen Funeral Home, Irene, with a prayer service at 7 p.m.

A memorial service will be held at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls, at 11 a.m. on Friday, November 7, 2014. Burial of cremains will be at Salem Lutheran Cemetery, rural Irene.

For obituary and online condolences visit hansenfuneralhome.com

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Pearl Giedd-Hepler

Services for Pearl Giedd-Hepler, 101, of Avon are 10:30 a.m. Friday, November 7, 2014 at the First Baptist Church in Avon. Burial is in the church cemetery, rural Avon.

Visitation is Thursday from 4 to 6 p.m. at the church. Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Chapel in Avon is in charge of arrangements.

Pearl Giedd-Hepler was born August 18, 1913 to Charles and Ida (Voigt) Bochman at Tyndall, SD. She died Sunday, November 2, 2014 at the Good Samaritan Society in Tyndall. Pearl attained the age of 101 years, two months and 15 days.

Pearl attended school through the eighth grade at Fair View School #32, southwest of Tyndall. She worked as a hired girl and on the farm until she married Vincent Giedd of Tripp, SD on February 17, 1938. To this union three children were born. They farmed together north of Avon and moved to the family farm southwest of Tyndall. Vincent passed away June 5, 1973 at Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton. After Vincent's passing she sold the farm and moved to Avon.

On April 16, 1977, she married Roy Hepler and moved to Loveland, CO. Roy passed away in 1994 and Pearl moved into the Avon Manor, where she lived for over 13 years. She then moved to Springfield Assisted Living and soon after moved to the Good Samaritan Center in Tyndall in 2007.

Pearl was a long time member of the First Baptist Church in Avon. She also belonged to the WMF and Bethel Sunday School Class. Pearl loved to visit and kept busy over the years by baking, canning, gardening, sewing, crocheting and her many farm duties. She did beautiful embroidery work until the very end.

Pearl is survived by her three children: Ellen and husband Garth Corey, Albu-

Larry O'Malley

Larry O'Malley, 88, of Yankton passed away on Sunday, November 2, 2014 at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 a.m., Friday, November 7, 2014 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Yankton with Rev. Mark Lichter officiating. Visitations will begin at 5 p.m., Thursday, November 6, 2014 at the 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.

A private family burial of Larry's cremated remains will



O'Malley

be in the Yankton Cemetery with military graveside rites by the Ernest Bowyer VFW Post #791 Honor Guard.

Larry was born July 16, 1926 in Montrose, SD to John (Happy Jack) and Eldora (Cone) O'Malley. The family moved to Yankton in 1927 where Happy became an old time fiddler player on W.N.A.X. and Larry went to work there as a staff guitar player when he was in high school. Larry graduated from Yankton High School in 1945.

Marjorie Scherschligt

Marjorie A. "Marge" Scherschligt, 82, of Lesterville passed away peacefully early Saturday, November 01, 2014 at Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m., Saturday, November 8, 2014 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Lesterville, with Rev. Steven Jones officiating. Burial will be in the parish cemetery.

Visitations will begin at 5:00 p.m., Friday, November 7, 2014 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, with a rosary at 7:00 p.m. followed by a Scripture service at 7:30 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.



Scherchligt

Pallbearers will be Warren Scherschligt, Nick Scherschligt, Mark Kocer, Darin Bierle, Jeff Vaith and Corey Vaith.

Marge was born November 17, 1931 in Yankton to Vit and Lillian (Post) Kocer. She graduated from Scotland High School in 1949. She was united in marriage with John Scherschligt on January 24, 1951 in Lesterville. They were married for 54 years. He preceded her in death on July 17, 2005.

Marge was employed at the Human Services Center in Yankton for 27 years before retiring in 1993. Those who knew her know she was

querque, NM; Earl J Giedd and friend Connie, Mitchell; Eva Johnson, Mitchell; seven grandchildren; one great grandchild; one great-great grandchild; and one sister, Alice Biesma of Avon. Also surviving Pearl are her five step children: Fred (Rachel) Hepler, Barling AR; Evelyn (Preston) Guthrie, Joplin, MO; Edie Greenfield, Luther, OK; Don Hepler, CO; Philip (Janet) Loveland, CO; along with several step grand and great grand children; also many relatives and friends.

Pearl is preceded in death by her parents, both husbands, an infant brother, Paul; three sisters: Golda Sell, Edith Jensen and Sylvia Mudder; also two nieces and two nephews.

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Alan Crowe

Funeral services for Alan Crowe, 50, of Fort Thompson, formerly of Yankton, will be 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 5, 2014 at Christ Episcopal Church in Fort Thompson with burial in the Presbyterian Cemetery at Crow Creek. Wake services will be held Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Christ Episcopal Church in Fort Thompson.

Alan Rueben Crowe was born August 8, 1964 (8x8-64) to Alberta L. (Jones) and Louis H. Crowe, Jr. in Yankton. Alan was raised and attended school in Yankton. He lived in

Yankton for most of his life. During his school years, he played football and was a very good baseball player. He enjoyed playing cards, watching Wheel of Fortune and gambling a little. He also enjoyed going for walks.

Alan made his journey to the Spirit World on November 2, 2014 due to health issues at the age of 50 years. He resided at Morningside Care Center in Alcester. He is survived by his son Anthony Blakey of Yankton; three brothers Virgil Crowe and wife Deloris of Fort Thompson, Louis Crowe, Jr. of Yankton, and James L. Crowe of Vermillion; two sisters Kathy (Crowe) and husband Pete White Buffalo Chief of Sioux Falls and Wannita (Crowe) and husband Paul Denney of Yankton; and many nieces, nephews, and grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his father Louis H. Crowe, Sr.; mother Alberta S. (Jones) Crowe; two sisters Rebecca R. Taylor and Candace L. Crowe; a brother Everett L. Crowe; and two nephews Ira W. Hawk and Roger Taylor, Jr.

Alan was loved by many and will be missed by all.

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deeply devoted to her faith and community. She was a lifelong member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Lesterville, a member of the Ladies Alter Society and a Eucharistic Minister. She also belonged to the American Legion Auxiliary Post, VFW, Lesterville Community Club and the Red Hat Society.

She enjoyed playing cards, having coffee at the cafe, watching the Lesterville Broncos play baseball, but most of all she treasured spending time with her children and grandchildren.

Marge is survived by her children: Paul (Jean) Scherschligt of Lesterville, SD, Steve (Ruth) Scherschligt of Tea, and Peggy (Matt) Griffin of Sioux Falls; 6 grandchildren: Brandon Scherschligt, Travis Scherschligt, Stephanie Kortan, Melissa Ko-

rtan, Matthew Scherschligt, and Abigail Griffin; 2 great-grandchildren, Daily Scherschligt and Hagen Scherschligt; one sister, Patty (Jim) Boydston of Renton, WA and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, a brother, Frank Kocer, and a sister, Kay Bruna.

Memorials can be directed to St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 702 1st Street, Lesterville, SD 57040.

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Shirley Madden

Memorial services for Shirley L. Madden, 83, of Avon, South Dakota will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, November 8, 2014 at the First Presbyterian Church in Avon.

Visitation will be held at the church one hour prior to the service. Burial will be held at a later date.

Shirley passed away Monday evening, November 3 at the Good Samaritan Society

of Tyndall. Online condolences may be sent at www.goglinfh.com/.

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