

November Is Adoption Awareness Month

PIERRE — During the month of November the South Dakota Department of Social Services (DSS) will emphasize the critical need for adoptive parents for children who are waiting for forever homes.

The month of November has been named Adoption Awareness Month.

“There is continuously a need for adoptive parents in South Dakota, including relatives of the children, who are willing to provide a safe and loving home,” said Virgena Wieseler, director of the Division of Child Protective Services. “Adoption is a selfless act and current adoptive parents should be recognized for their generous commitment.”

Since July 1, 2013, 186 children in South Dakota were adopted through the Department of Social Services; several other adoptions also took place through independent and private agencies throughout the state.

These children range widely in age and may have physical or emotional challenges, developmental disabilities or are part of sibling groups, who all need a place to call home. It is a DSS priority to place children in homes that will be able to provide for their individual needs.

The Department of Social Services offers services to adoptive families to help them meet the unique needs of the children adopted through the department. For more information, visit www.dss.sd.gov/adoption/.

Fall Story Times To Conclude At Library

Fall story times and toddler times conclude the week of Nov. 18 at the Yankton Community Library, 515 Walnut Street, with all programs running on a normal schedule that week.

Story times are Monday at 6:30 p.m., and Wednesday and Thursday at 10:15 a.m. Toddler times are Tuesday at 10:15 a.m. or 5:30 p.m.

Mark your calendars for very special sessions in December. Santa Claus is coming to visit. Santa story times are Monday, Dec. 8, at 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 10-11, at 10:15 a.m. Toddlers are invited for Santa stories and songs on Tuesday, Dec. 9, at 10:15 a.m. or 5:30 p.m.

The winter/spring sessions of story times and toddler times resume Jan. 5, 2015. Registration sheets are now available.

Story time is for ages 3-5 and includes books, rhymes and finger plays, music and movement and a craft. Sessions are held on Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. and Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 10:15 a.m.

Toddler Time is on Tuesdays at 10:15 a.m. or 5:30 p.m. It is designed for ages 1-3 and their parents and caregivers. Sessions includes short books and lots of music and movement. Siblings of all ages are welcome.

New participants can register by stopping at the library, calling 668-5276 or by e-mailing Youth Services Librarian Joyce Moore at jmoore@cityofyankton.org.

Gayville-Volin In Ribbon Week Contest

Throughout October, in conjunction with the 29th annual Red Ribbon Week®, families and schools worked to decorate their homes and campuses to promote living healthy, drug-free lifestyles. Now they need your votes to win the grand prize: \$1,000 for their school's drug prevention programs and an iPad for their family or classroom.

The National Red Ribbon Photo Contest, sponsored by the National Family Partnership® and co-sponsored by the Drug Enforcement Administration, was created in an effort to prevent drug use and educate youth during Red Ribbon Week and beyond.

“This contest ensures students hear our Red Ribbon Week message from multiple channels – at school and in their homes,” said NFP President Peggy Sapp. “It gives parents a natural way of bringing up the topics of drug abuse and prevention – and the importance of making smart decisions in the future.”

One of the entries is from Gayville-Volin. It is listed under the “Region 8” link.

Voting is easy and the deadline is Nov. 19. Simply visit www.RedRibbon.org/vote and decide which entry you feel best represents this year's theme: “Love Yourself. Be Drug Free™”. You may vote up to 10 times per day in support of your favorite photo. A total of ten students and one school will be announced Dec. 5 as winners of the 2014 National Red Ribbon Photo Contest.

To learn more about Red Ribbon Week, visit www.RedRibbon.org.

‘A Football Life’ To Air On NFL Network

To describe Lyle Alzado has having a “softer side” might come as a surprise to most, especially since the NFL star was famous for his intimidating style of play, but that is exactly what the NFL Films series intends to do when the hour-long documentary “A Football Life” on the late Alzado airs Nov. 21 at 8 p.m. CST on the NFL Network.

To piece this untold Alzado story together, supervising producer, Neil Zender, and a crew from NFL Films came to Yankton last August to visit the former Yankton College campus where the Long Island, New York, native obtained his higher education and played football for the Greyhounds.

Yankton's YC alumni and former faculty that knew Lyle were interviewed and Alzado archives were also researched at the Yankton College office. Zender admitted at that time there “is more to Lyle Alzado than just steroids ... there is a positive lesson that can be learned from his life.”

“A Football Life” is a documentary series developed by NFL Films and aired on NFL Network that documents the lives of select National Football League players, coaches, owners, and teams. Check local cable stations for the NFL Network channel or request viewing the documentary at your favorite sports bar.

For more archival information on Lyle Alzado, contact Yankton College by phoning (605) 665-3661.

Cheek To Cheek



Yankton High School football player Nick LeFave thought he was getting a kiss from one of the YHS cheerleaders during Friday's pep rally at the YHS/Summit Activities Center gymnasium, but he really got a peck on the cheek from his mother, Lori. It was part of the festivities of the pep rally, held a few hours before Friday night's Class 11AA championship game in Vermillion against Brookings.

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Dakota Resources Rising Entrepreneur Fellowship Accelerates Growth

South Dakota rural entrepreneurs have an opportunity to grow their businesses bigger and faster by being selected as a Dakota Resources Dakota Rising Fellow.

Dakota Rising is a three-year Dakota Resources fellowship that supports entrepreneurs that are beyond the survival stage in growing their businesses more quickly and efficiently. The program's goal is to help companies all over South Dakota become more successful, put more people in their communities to work and help entrepreneurs better manage their businesses. Information on Dakota Rising and the steps necessary to become a Dakota Rising Fellow are available at

<http://www.dakotare-resources.org/dakota-rising>.

The application process enables entrepreneurs to step back and think strategically about growing their business. “The Dakota Rising application process attracted me as much as the cash award,” said Dee Sleep, owner of Chicken Creek Communications and a 2011 Dakota Rising Fellow. “Even if I had not been selected as a Fellow, I knew that I had already gained the valuable experience of creating a business plan. I feel like I am sometimes an island and having a network of support was very attractive.”

Applicants for the Dakota Rising 2015 Fellowships must be sponsored by one of the six Community Sites located

around South Dakota or by a Dakota Rising Fellow or Alumni. Contact information is available at <http://www.dakotare-resources.org/dakota-rising>.

Launched in 2008 by Dakota Resources, Dakota Rising has since supported dozens of entrepreneurs who have accelerated their business growth and have taken advantage of the insight, ideas, experience and expertise of a network of other Fellows, mentors and professional resources.

“I always thought I had a high chance of success in my businesses,” said Alumni Chris Malo, owner of Black Hills Urethane. “What Dakota Rising did was help me grow faster and further than I ever would have dreamed in a

SD FFA Members Earn Golden Keys

BROOKINGS — Forty-one South Dakota FFA members received the coveted gold American Degree key, the highest degree awarded by the National FFA Organization. This final step in the FFA Degree system encourages students to grow, achieve, and establish themselves in an agricultural career.

Attaining the American FFA Degree requires a solid commitment to agriculture and FFA.

This honor recognizes demonstrated leadership abilities and outstanding achievements in agricultural business, production, processing and service programs. Recipients must have earned \$7,500 through a supervised agricultural experience program and productively invested those earnings. Only about one half of 1 percent of the total national membership attains this high honor. The recipients were honored at a reception on Nov. 1 at the 87th National FFA Convention in Louisville, Kentucky.

Area South Dakota's gold key recipients included: Seth Engen, Viborg-Hurley; Jason Mehlhaf, Menno; Samantha Rothschild, Viborg-Hurley; and Lexi Slack, Viborg-Hurley.

Yankton/Missouri River KOA Awarded 2015 President's And Founder's Awards By Kampgrounds Of America Inc.

BILLINGS, Mont. — The Yankton/Missouri River KOA Campground has been awarded the 2015 KOA President's and Founder's Awards by Kampgrounds of America Inc., the world's largest system of family-friendly campgrounds.

The awards were presented Friday, Nov. 14, at KOA's Annual International Convention in Charleston, South Carolina. KOA is celebrating its 52nd anniversary in 2014.

The KOA President's Awards are presented annually to campgrounds that receive high scores in customer service from their campers, and also receive high scores in KOA's annual Quality Review.

The KOA Founder's Award is named in honor of Dave Drum, who founded KOA on the banks of the Yellowstone River in Billings, Montana in 1962. It is given

to those KOA campgrounds that attained the very top scores in both customer service and the KOA Quality Review. KOA surveys hundreds of thousands of campers each year regarding their KOA camping experience.

“We listen very closely to

what our campers have to say about their KOA experience,” said KOA President Pat Hittmeier. “Our owners and their staffs are well trained and truly are the leaders in outdoor hospitality in North America. It's an honor to be able to recognize their efforts by present-

ing them both the KOA President's Award and KOA Founder's Award.”

To find out more about this KOA, or any of the other 485 KOAs in the U.S. or Canada, go to www.KOA.com.

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NECC Hosting Open House At Hartington

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HARTINGTON, Neb. — Northeast Community College (NECC) will hold a ribbon cutting and open house Monday for its new Hartington regional office.

The office is located in the Hartington City Office building at 107 W. State Street.

Hartington Chamber of Commerce members will attend the event, scheduled from 3-5 p.m. A program and ribbon cutting will be held at 3:30 p.m.

Dignitaries from Northeast, the City of Hartington, the Hartington Chamber and others will speak.

Northeast opened the office in Hartington in 2013 to enhance its presence in Cedar and Knox counties of northeast Nebraska.

Russell Flamig serves as Northeast's regional coordinator in Hartington.

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