

Education: A Family Affair

Beadle families kicked off American Education Week by having a breakfast in the Beadle Gym on Nov. 16. The breakfast was sponsored by the Beadle staff and through a grant from Thrivent Financial. American Education Week runs from Nov. 16-20, 2015. This year's theme is, "Great Public Schools: A Basic Right and Our Responsibility." (Courtesy Photo)



OBITUARIES

Wilbur Foss

Wilbur Peder Foss of Scotland, SD died on Nov. 18, 2015 at the Landmann Youngman Memorial Hospital in Scotland at the age of 94. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, friend and mentor to generations.

Visitation will be Friday, Nov. 27 from 3-5 p.m. at the Goglin Funeral Home in Scotland.

A Celebration of Life service is planned for Saturday, Nov. 28 at 10:30 at Zion Lutheran church in Scotland. Pastor Jonathan Vehar will officiate. Online condolences may be sent at www.goglinfh.com.

Wilbur was born on June 15, 1921 to Jarle and Inga (nee Jorstad) Foss in rural Freeman. He attended rural schools and graduated from Menno High School. He attended Southern Normal



Wilbur Foss

College in Springfield. His teaching and coaching career began at Rose Cottage, Pleasant View, and North Star Schools and continued in Wagner, Lennox, Davis, Beresford.

Wilbur married Elizabeth Busch on June 15, 1946. With his wife Elizabeth he owned and operated the Coast to Coast hardware store for 17 years. Following another interest, he was a bank officer at the Valley State Bank in Yankton, SD for 23 years. They returned to live Scotland in 1997. He moved to

the Good Samaritan Center in February 2015. During his working years and beyond, he was involved in volunteering, education, church participation, basketball refereeing, baseball, politics, horse trading, car deals, old time and country music and mentoring young fiddlers. Wilbur had the desire to learn to play the fiddle at age 55 and continued until he died. He and Elizabeth founded the South Dakota Fiddlers in 1976 and they entertained often in the five state area. They traveled to Arizona 14 winters and made countless friends there who shared a love for old time music. Wilbur wrote for the Yankton County Observer on a regular basis, his last entry was published after his death. With a great memory for detail, he wrote about the communities he loved and the interesting people he met along the way.

Wilbur was preceded in death by his parents

Jarle and Inga Foss and his brother Palmer Foss.

Wilbur is survived by his wife of 69 years, Elizabeth; a daughter Nancy (William) Penk of Hopkins, MN; a grandson Ryan (Anette) Penk and their sons Bjorn and Noah of Lier, Norway; and a granddaughter Emily (Marshall) Penk-Smith and their daughter Elsa of St. Louis Park, MN. He is also survived by his sister-in-law Eirleen Foss.

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Goglin Funeral Home

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Visitation will be Tuesday, November 24 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Faith United Lutheran Church.

For obituary and online condolences, visit hansenfuneralhome.com.

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James Boocock

James Arthur Boocock, 72, of Pierre, passed away November 22, 2015 in Yankton

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 27, at Feigum Funeral Home in Pierre.

Condolences may be conveyed to the family at www.feigumfh.com.

David Red Owl Jr.

David Red Owl, Jr., 21, of Wagner died Saturday, Nov. 21, 2015, in Mitchell.

Wake services began Monday at the YST South Housing Gym in Wagner. Burial is in the Holy Name Episcopal Cemetery, rural Dante. Funeral services are 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25, at the gym.

Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home in Wagner is in charge of arrangements

District Awards Money For Area Conservation

HURON — Chairman Randy Stanley of Groton announces that the James River Water Development District awarded \$306,378.18 in cost-sharing assistance at their special Board of Directors meeting held in Huron on Thursday, Nov. 19.

The district awarded \$105,000 to the Conservation Districts within the James River Water Development District for 2016 tree planting efforts. Each of the following Conservation Districts will receive \$10,000: Beadle, Brown-Marshall, South Brown, Davison, Hanson, Hutchinson, Marshall, Sanborn, Spink and Yankton. Aurora County, which is shared with the South Central Water Development District, will receive \$5,000. These funds will encourage producers to plant trees to improve the environment, for example; by protecting the soil, improving water quality and to establish wildlife habitat.

The district awarded \$10,000 to Yankton Conservation District for purchasing a grass seeding drill. This drill will be used to plant all types of grasses and small grains and cover crops in the Yankton County.

The district awarded \$26,250 to Beadle Conservation District to help fund a test site to demonstrate grazing and cropping systems management to improve soil health and water quality. Approximately 600 acres will be used to demonstrate improved grazing techniques and approximately 20 acres will be used to demonstrate cropping techniques that will improve soil health by reducing erosion and runoff, improving organic matter and bring saline soils back into production.

The district awarded \$50,000 to the Town of Dimock in Hutchinson County to help with improvements on its wastewater treatment facilities. The wastewater treatment facility has compliance issues regarding maintaining an adequate depth in the pond and freezing of the influent line in the winter. Correcting this deficiency includes replacement of the existing stream crossing segment of the influent line as well as the in-

stallation of an interior dike dividing the deeper section from the shallow section.

The district awarded \$45,000 to Ducks Unlimited to re-construct a breached dam and to restore four wetland basins along Firesteel Creek in Aurora County. The dam provides water for livestock and wildlife and reduces peak flows from entering the Firesteel Creek. The four wetland basins currently drain into the same West Branch Firesteel Creek sub-watershed. These temporarily wetlands are currently in CRP in a field adjacent to the dam reconstruction site and are drained by overland ditches. This project would restore approximately six acres of wetlands by plugging these ditches with compacted soil to restore the original hydrology. The restored wetland basins will provide wildlife habitat, increase water infiltration, and improve water quality in the watershed.

The district also awarded \$2,000 to Ducks Unlimited to repair a dam adjacent to Snake Creek and three miles downstream form Mina Lake in Brown County. This project will repair a headcut that is occurring on the grassed spillway of an earthen dam that impounds about 1.1 surface acres of water. The repair process will be to fill in the headcut with compacted soil, graded to slope, and cover with a LandLock 450 turf reinforcement mat made of UV and biodegradable-resistant polypropylene fibers.

The district awarded \$44,981.18 to a landowner, to build three dams in Walsh-town Township in Yankton County. These dams are designed to slow down the water prior to it running through a farmyard and through the Northeast James River Road below the dams.

The district awarded \$23,147 to the United States Geological Survey for operation and maintenance of three stream flow gaging stations on the James River near Stratford, Redfield and Yankton. These funds will provide quality hydrologic data on the James River in a timely and professional manner. Current stream flow conditions can be found at <http://waterwatch.usgs.gov/>.

For further information, contact the James River Water Development District office in Huron at 352-0600.

Harold Smith

Harold Smith was born on March 15, 1926 to Orville and Sarah (Fetzer) Smith on the family farm north of Gregory, SD. He was baptized and confirmed at St. John Lutheran Church in Gregory.

Harold attended rural school north of Dallas through the fourth grade. He then attended school in Gregory and graduated from high school in 1943. Harold joined the United States Army in 1944 and served at Fort Lawton, WA, where he joined the personnel group on the base. Among the many details of his job were the preparing of discharge papers for returning servicemen and ordering the many supplies needed on the base. Harold was honorably discharged in 1946.

Harold made the decision that he wanted to become a teacher. He enrolled at the University of South Dakota-Springfield through the G.I. Bill and completed the requirements for a Bachelor's Degree in English education in 1949 graduating summa cum laude. He had reached the first part of his goal. He later earned a Masters Degree from the University of Wyoming in 1954.

Harold began teaching in Colome and Winner as a high school teacher. In addition to his English classes he directed speech activities including declam and plays. Harold began teaching at USD/Springfield during the fall of 1956. Harold married Dolores Klima on June 4, 1966 at the Little Brown Church in Nashua, IA. Harold continued teaching at USD/S until the life of the institution ended in 1984 due to legislative actions. After the closure, Harold joined the faculty at Mount Marty College in Yankton, SD.

The final step in his teaching journey was in River Forest, IL where he taught at Concordia University. The experience of living in the Chicago area proved to be an exciting and rewarding way to end his career. Thus, the final goal was completed.

Harold enjoyed gardening and raising beautiful flowers. He shared tomatoes and other vegetables from his garden with friends and family.

Harold passed away



Smith

November 19, 2015 at Avera Rosebud Country Care Center in Gregory at the age of 89 years.

Harold was preceded in death by his parents; brother Charles and wife Blanche; sister Vivian Thietje and husband Fred; sister Phyllis Schroeder and husband Herman; sister Ruth Gall and husband Mike; and nephews Melvin and David Smith.

He is survived by his wife, Dolores, many nieces and nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Harold loved life and had a deep and abiding faith in God. We will miss him.

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Cortez Castillo

Cortez Carter Castillo, 8, of Yankton, left his earthly home surrounded by family and loved ones, to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Sunday, November 22, 2015.

Cortez was born on July 25, 2007 in Yankton, SD to Melissa (Mount) and Ricardo Castillo III.

Cortez attended Lake Preston Elementary and Stewart Elementary in Yankton. Cortez is now Mecp2 free, dancing and playing in heaven.

Cortez is survived by his parents, five sisters: Dayjia, Emity, Kellie, Isabel and Brielle; his grandparents, Bill and Karen Mount, Rick (Kristin) Castillo and Debra K. Trudell; great grandmother Vivian Mount.

Visitation will be held from 7-9 p.m. with prayer service at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 24 at Calvary Baptist Church in Yankton.

A Memorial Service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 25 at Calvary Baptist Church in Yankton. Private burial will follow at the Evergreen cemetery at the Bergen Church.

Memorials may be given in honor of Cortez in lieu of flowers to the Mecp2 Duplication Syndrome research: www.401project.com.

Online condolences can be made at HansenFuneralHome.com.

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Merle 'Cliff' Eli

Cliff Eli, age 71, died Sunday, November 22, 2015 at his home in Yankton after a long battle with cancer.

Merle "Cliff" Eli was born May 30, 1944 in Viborg, SD to Albert and Ruth (Bratberg) Eli. He was a former resident of Sioux City, IA and Dallas, TX. Cliff was formerly employed by Sunshine Food Market, Chesterman Bottling Company and Home Depot.

Survivors include his children Terry (Scott) Spidell, Colony, TX, Kristi (Brian) Christle, Ogden, IA, Kim (Mike) Sullivan, Lee's Summit, MO, Kirby (Jeaneen) Eli, Lavon, TX, nine grandchildren and siblings; Marvin Eli, Ray Eli, Linda Bak, Lamay Chrissy and Gene Eli.

Cliff was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorial services will be 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 25 at Faith United Lutheran Church, rural Volin, SD. Private family burial will take place at a later date.



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