

Preschoolers Collect Cereal For Contact Center



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We are in the spirit of giving! With the holidays around the corner, St. John's Lutheran preschoolers spent the week talking about how they could help others. The preschool collected 50 boxes of cereal total to be donated to the local Contact Center. This act of stewardship has helped the preschoolers learn ways to be more like our friend Jesus.

Record Attendance At Springs Showdown Prospect Calf Show

BROOKINGS — A record number of cattle were exhibited during the Springs Showdown Prospect Calf Show held Nov. 8 in Wessington Springs.

"Youth as far west as Rapid City stretching over to neighboring Minnesota set the attendance record of 170 head of cattle exhibited," said Audra Scheel, SDSU Extension 4-H Youth Program Advisor.

Travis Hoffman of Brookings, judged the show. Hoffman, formally a Meat Science Professor at Colorado State University, recently returned to Brookings to teach at South Dakota State in the Animal Science Department. "Hoffman did an outstanding job with the youth and an excellent job evaluating the cattle," Scheel said.

Top five breeding heifers: Champion, Tyler Bush, Britton, with an Angus female; Reserve Champion, Sammi Schrag, Marion, with a Commercial heifer; third place, Allyson Beninga, Sioux Falls, with Chianina heifer; fourth place, Dani Stoltz, Mt. Vernon, with Hereford heifer and fifth place, Corey Eggleston, Wessington, with Charolais female.

Top five overall market beef: Champion, Trevor Bergh, Florence, with Chianina steer; Reserve Champion, Talli Heim, Wessington Springs, with Crossbred steer; third place, Harlee Heim, Wessington Springs, with Simmental steer; fourth place, Rachel Derksen, Huron, with Crossbred steer and fifth place, Nalea Dunsmore, Wessington Springs, with, Market heifer.

SHOWMANSHIP

Eighty-five youth competed for showmanship honors. "For many youth, this weekend held a lot of firsts- first calf, first time in the show ring, first success, and first step towards confidence," Scheel said. "It was great to see so many new faces participating."

Top five Beginner Showmanship winners: first place, Payton Beare, Ree Heights; second place, Carissa Scheel, Alpena; third place, Harlee Heim, Wessington Springs; fourth place, Patricia Lammer, Orient and fifth place, Shayda Ness, Kimball.

Top five Junior Showmanship winners: first place, Kindra Wolter, Wessington Springs; second place, Swayze Ness, Kimball; third place, Storm Johnsen, Wessington; fourth place, Kylie Harriman, Parker and fifth place, Callie Frei, Wagner.

Top five Senior Showmanship winners: first place, Samantha Podzimek, Mitchell; second place, Haley Ringkob, Lake City; third place, Clay Osterday, Java; fourth place, Kadon Leddy, Stockholm and fifth place, Landon Laible, Howard.

4-H LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

Prior to the beginning the cattle show 32 youth participated in a 4-H Livestock Judging contest. "During the livestock judging contest youth sharpened their skills by evaluating EPDs (Expected Progeny Differences), feeder heifers, market goats, breeding sheep, and swine parts and breeds," Scheel explained.

Top five in the Beginner division: first place, Payton Beare, Hand County; second place, Raylee Fagerhaug, Jerauld-Buffer Counties; third place, Sydney Johnsen, Hand County; fourth place, Ryder Michalek, Brule County; and fifth place, Hannah Heezen, Jerauld-Buffer Counties.

Top five in the Junior division: first place, Quinten Christensen, Jerauld-Buffer Counties; second place, Kindra Wolter, Jerauld-Buffer Counties; third place, Payton Tobin, Jerauld-Buffer Counties; fourth place, Mason Schelske Jerauld-Buffer Counties; and fifth place, Storm Johnsen, Hand County.

Top 5 in the Senior division: first place, Sawyer Naasz, Brule, County; second place, Landon Wolter, Jerauld-Buffer Counties; third place, Riley Larson, Jerauld-Buffer Counties; fourth place, Samantha Rogers, Hand County; and fifth place, Carter Linke, Jerauld-Buffer Counties.

4-H LIVESTOCK SKILL-A-THON CONTEST

Youth also participated in a 4-H Livestock Skill-a-thon contest during the afternoon. During the contest, youth were challenged to identify feeds stuffs, cattle breeds, goat breeds, swine breeds, body condition scores in cattle, EPDs and whole sale cuts of lamb.

"For many, broadening their livestock knowledge will help their decision making skill set and well as their level of livestock evaluation," Scheel said.

Winners in each age division received a feed scoop. Winners include, Beginner, Teagan Scheel, Alpena; Junior, Quinten Christensen, Wessington Springs and Senior, Landon Wolter, Wessington Springs.

A special thanks to the committee members which include; Erin Yost, Jim and Audra Scheel, Alpena; and Melanie Schelske, Kari Fagerhaug, and Matt Sinkie. "The committee would like to thank all the sponsors that made this show possible, and all the attendees for a great turnout. It's great to see the 4-H beef project growing and the future looks very bright," Scheel said.

To learn more about South Dakota 4-H and how you or your youth can become involved, visit iGrow.org, or contact Scheel at audra.scheel@sdstate.edu.

City Gets Grant To Renovate Riverside Park Play Area

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Yankton's Riverside Park Boundless Play Area project was recently approved for a \$10,000 Kickstarter grant from the Wellness Foundation.

This project will consist of removing the current outdoor playground equipment and placing new ADA-accessible play equipment and rubber fall material. The city's goal is to increase the use of the Riverside Park by children and adults with disabilities and special needs.

This Kickstarter grant will add to the city's \$40,000 National Park Service's Land and Water Conservation Fund and the \$150,000 the city has budgeted in 2017 for the project. The \$200,000 will be used toward the purchasing of new equipment and playground surfacing.

Yankton's Parks & Recreation Director Todd Larson was happy to receive the news about the Riverside Park Boundless Play Area being one of the projects chosen.

"That was great to know," he said. "From the information we shared through e-mails and on Facebook, we knew the word was getting out. We had a lot of comments on posts and e-mails, so we knew there was a lot of positive buzz about the project."

Yankton's project was announced as a grant winner earlier this month, along with 54 other projects across South Dakota and Iowa. These projects are to encourage community access to healthier habits.

Wellness Foundation manager Stephanie Perry knew that Yankton's project would help achieve that goal.

"We know that city budgets are tight, and our goal with this new grant program was to fund projects that are important for the overall health of the community that might not otherwise

be funded," she said. "The Boundless Play area at Yankton's Riverside Park interested us because it focuses on children of all abilities. Just because a child has a disability shouldn't mean they can't have access to a playground."

The foundation took into account community need, the overall reach of people it would benefit and the immediate impact of funds being awarded.

Online voting was also a component of the grant review process. More than 57,000 votes were received during the two-week voting period at the end of September.

"It was clear from online voting and the number of submissions that the communities are very passionate about their projects' impact they will have now and for future generations," Perry said. "These grants will empower the communities to improve upon the health and well-being of their communities for years to come."

The construction is set to begin once the 2016 Riverboat Days Festival has concluded. The city would begin the process of removing the current equipment and the sand fall material. There are also timbers, benches and garbage cans that the department will be removing and replacing.

Plans for the equipment and fall material have yet to be decided. That would determine what the city will purchase with the grant money and specifics on area digging to put new material underneath the equipment.

"There could be a concrete surface with rubber matting over the top. It could be rubber tiles over the top or we are starting to look into the option of artificial turf," Larson said. "We are looking at different options and what would be cost effective, with the idea that anyone with mobility issues should be able to use that playground surfacing."

The next steps of the project will be spent working with the city's purchasing cooperatives, which is an arrangement to get lower prices from selected suppliers. It is often used by government agencies to reduce costs of procuring materials. Since governmental entities are required to follow laws regarding competitive bidding above certain thresholds, they can sign an agreement that allows them to legally use a contract that was procured by another governmental entity.

"We are able to go in, get a design for a space that we can give them and, knowing what we can spend, figure out the equipment and fall material through these buying cooperatives," Larson said. "We don't have to do a bid process."

These cooperatives will decide what playground equipment companies to review and ultimately finalize what the city will install. The new plan is set to be bigger than the space occupied by the current equipment, Larson said.

Depending on the particular playground equipment manufacturing company, the city will schedule one of its full-time employees for a supervised installation.

"That way, we have one of their employees help identify exactly what parts we are looking for, what things should go together first, problem shoot and help us that way," Larson said.

Larson plans to order the equipment in November or December 2016, with delivery and payment being in January 2017. The department wants to have the equipment here as soon as weather starts to break in order to start the installation, Larson said.

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OBITUARIES

Robert 'Bob' Reedy

Robert Harold Reedy, 85, of Medford OR passed away on November 12, 2015. Bob was born on August 25, 1930 to Thomas Harold Reedy and Alice (Mello) Reedy in Yankton. Bob attended Yankton HS and graduated from Yankton College in 1952.



Reedy

While in school, he began a lifelong passion for sports and excelled in football and track. He was a lifeguard at the area swimming pool in the summer, and an ice skater in winter and once was offered a job with the Ice Follies.

He went on to become a graduate in physical therapy from the Medical College of Virginia in 1953 and worked first in St. Paul MN.

That year Bob married June (Snow) Lee of Yankton. Bob started at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, IN in 1954 as a staff physical therapist specializing in the care of children and young adults. He became involved in hospital administration and retired in 1985 as president of the hospital.

While in Fort Wayne, he again showed his versatile athletic abilities by playing squash, claiming city and state championships.

Bob moved to The Meadows in Sarasota, FL in the late 1980s and enjoyed his retirement, playing golf and tennis and going on cruises for the next 20 years with his many friends.

He will always be remembered for his quick wit and concern for others.

He is survived by his son, Mike Reedy, his wife, Susie (Brodie) Reedy, their children Joe and Kelsey and

by his daughter Sue (Reedy) Paulus, her husband Sam and their children Kassie, Scott and Carly.



Reedy

A remembrance service will be held at Horton Plaza in Medford OR on December 27 at 2 PM.

Interment will be in Yankton. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be sent to Foundation for Physical Therapy at foundation4pt.org.

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Cynthia 'Cindy' Johnson

Cindy K. Johnson, 61, Valley Springs, died Saturday, November 21, 2015, at home surrounded by her family.

Family visitation was from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, November 24 at Heartland Funeral Home, with a short Prayer Service at 7 p.m. Funeral Services will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, November 25, at Blessed Redeemer Lutheran Church, Brandon. Interment will follow at Hills of Rest Memorial Park, Sioux Falls.

Cindy will be deeply missed by her husband, Rick; three children, Sarah (Jake Wheeler) Johnson,

Marvin Mueller

Marvin Mueller, 90, of Freeman, South Dakota and formerly of Tripp passed away on Monday, November 23, 2015 at Prince of Peace Hospice in Sioux Falls.

Visitation with family present will be held one hour prior to the funeral service. Marvin's funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, November 27 at First American Lutheran Church in Tripp. Burial will follow in the Gracehill Cemetery,

Valley Springs, Tyler and Alex Johnson, Valley Springs; granddaughter, Lexie; mother, Helen Kriz, Garretson; two siblings, Roger (Leanne) Kriz, Sioux Falls and Karen (Michael) Beyer, Valley Springs; and many extended family.

Cindy was preceded in death by her father, Roy Kriz.

In lieu of flowers, her family requests memorials be made to any breast cancer research association.

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Connie Knodel

Connie R. Knodel, 66, of Menno passed away early Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2015, at Sanford Medical Center, Sioux Falls.

Tripp with military graveside rites. Funeral arrangements are being handled by the Goglin Funeral Home of Tripp. Online condolences may be sent at www.goglinfh.com.

Goglin Funeral Home

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Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Menno, with the Rev. Matthew Resner officiating. Burial will be in the Menno Cemetery, Menno.

Visitations will be from 6-8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, at the Aisenbrey-Opahl-Kostel Memorial Chapel, Menno, with a prayer service at 7 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

To send an online condolence, go to www.opahl-kostelfuneralhome.com.

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