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the six public institutions across the state this year, with total head count enrollment up nearly 1 percent from where it was in 2011.

"Having enrollment levels up is a positive development in a time where we are exiting a recession," he said. "Our students tend to forgo schooling and go to work as the economic conditions improve and the employment market improves."

Statewide, full-time enrollment figures are down nearly 1 percent from last year, which is attributed to a slightly greater number of students taking fewer credits than in years prior.

Warner said that this could be due to students working jobs in college and needing to take fewer credits in order to accommodate their work schedules.

Distance education courses in the state saw an increased enrollment of 1,277 students from 2011. The public university system across the state gained a total of 327 students compared to the previous year.

"I am pleased in that the head count enrollment has increased and we are serving even more students," Warner said. "The modest decrease in full-time enrolled students can be attributed partly to adult learners enrolling in the university system to finish or start their degrees while still working full-time. Those students do not carry a large credit load."

He added that the universities across the state are doing a great job fulfilling

the needs of students enrolled.

Abbott said he is happy with where enrollment levels are at USD.

"The increase in enrollment speaks volumes to USD's exceptional faculty, programs and resources we provide to students and we can't overlook the significance of the generous scholarship support provided by the USD foundation," he said.

Overall, USD was one of only two public universities in the state to post increases in full-time equivalent student enrollment.

In addition, the freshman class at USD had an average ACT score of 23.18, which was above the state and national average of 21.8.

Other universities in the state had mixed enrollment results.

• Black Hills State University saw a decrease of eight students, and a de-

crease in full-time students as well.

• Dakota State saw an increase of eight students enrolled, but saw a decreasing number of full-time students.

• Northern State experienced an increased enrollment of 42 students, while its full-time enrollment also decreased.

• The School of Mines and Technology saw 113 more students enrolled as compared to 2011, and saw a 4.43 percent increase in full-time students enrolled.

• South Dakota State University had a decreased enrollment of 142 students and saw a decreased full-time student enrollment.

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Dakota communities compared to 2011 were:

- 7.6 percent higher for Aberdeen;
 - 3.5 percent higher for Brookings
 - 7.3 percent higher for Huron;
 - 9.9 percent higher for Mitchell;
 - 8.4 percent higher for Pierre;
 - 8.8 percent higher for Rapid City;
 - 6.9 percent higher for Sioux Falls;
 - 2.5 percent higher for Spearfish;
 - 1.3 percent higher for Vermillion;
- and
- 6.7 percent higher for Watertown;

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OBITUARIES

Brandon Nelson

TECUMSEH, Neb. — Brandon LeRoy Nelson, age 24 of Tecumseh, Nebraska and formerly of Crofton, Nebraska, died on Sunday, Sept 23, 2012 in a car accident near Pawnee City, Nebraska.

Funeral Services will be on Friday, September 28, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. at the St. Rose of Lima Church in Crofton with Pastor Les Parmenter officiating. Burial will be in the Crofton City Cemetery.

Visitation will be on Thursday from 4-8 p.m. with a Prayer Service at 7 p.m. at the church. Visitation will begin one hour prior to services on Friday at the church. The Wintz Funeral Home in Crofton is in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers will be Jordan Nelson, Morgan Nelson, Laura Huff, Colby Huff, Johnnie Huff, Matt Sage, D.J. Sage, Cody LaCroix and Jared Schuster. Honorary Pallbearers will be Chance Eckmann, Weston Sage, Greg Plager, John Sage, Mitch Sage, Austin Sage, Katie Sage, Adam Sage, Josh Sage, Megan Sage, Christal Plager, Kelly Schuster, all the other cousins and the Class of 2006.

Brandon was born on November 21, 1987 at Osmond, NE to Jerry and Tammy (Hieter) Nelson. He grew up in Crofton and attended school at Crofton Community Schools graduating in 2006. He was involved in wrestling, football, track, FFA and baseball. He played on the 2003 state runner-up football team and qualified for state wrestling his junior and senior years. Throughout high school Brandon worked for Pete Bramschreiber, Jim Boelter, ECI, and Great Plains Communication and was presently employed at CJ Foods in Pawnee City, NE. Brandon married Jill Rears on August 29, 2009 at Pawnee City and they were blessed with 4 children, Brady, Ashton, Madison and Robbie. Brandon was a member of the Tecumseh Volunteer Fire Department and



Nelson

coached little kid wrestling for Johnson County Schools. He loved Nebraska football and NASCAR racing and was able to attend his first NASCAR race in Kansas on April 22, 2012 with his wife Jill and his dad, Jerry. He also attended a Nebraska football game with his sister, Laura. Brandon loved hunting, fishing, camping and playing video games with his friends. His biggest pastime was following his brothers with their sports and giving brotherly advice to his sisters. But most of all Brandon loved spending time with his children and family.

Brandon is survived by his wife, Jill and his 4 children, Brady, Ashton, Madison and Robbie all of Tecumseh; parents, Jerry and Marilyn (Sage) Nelson of Crofton and Tammy and Chris Huff of Pierce, NE; 5 siblings, Jordan Nelson of Yankton; Morgan Nelson of Crofton; Laura Huff, Colby Huff and Johnnie Huff all of Pierce; mother-in-law, Kristi Rears of Tecumseh; grandparents, Jim and Delores Nelson of Plainview, Max Hieter of Royal, NE; John and Lila Huff of Randolph and many uncles, especially Uncle Bill Sage, aunts, cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Linda Hieter, grandparents, George and Beverly Sage, great grandmother, Genevieve Nelson and an aunt, Missy Eckmann.

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Roy Blake

Roy Blake, age 78 of Yankton, SD died Sunday, September 23, 2012 at Avera McKennan Hospital, Sioux Falls, SD.

Funeral Services will be 10:30 a.m. Thursday, September 27, 2012, at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Chapel, Yankton with Rev. Paul Opsahl officiating. Burial will be in the Yankton Cemetery.

Visitations will begin at 5 p.m., Wednesday, September 26, 2012, at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, with a Scripture service at 7 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the funeral chapel. Pallbearers will be Ross Goetz, Jay Nelson,



Blake

Jason Reck, Mike Penning, Richard Kennedy, Steven Goetz, Hugh Luark, Tanner Penning and David Blake. Roy was born in Maxwell, NE on April 7, 1934 to Jess and Nina (Barten) Blake. Roy married the late Patricia Arabelle. On May 14, 1997 Roy married Peg (Cuka) Blake. He worked various jobs including construction, carpentry, brick work and ranching. Roy enjoyed refinishing antique furniture, gardening, fishing, caring for animals,

especially his special dog, Missy. He enjoyed planting a garden every year, and he especially liked his tomato plants. Roy loved to tinker with autos and loved to tell stories and jokes with his family and friends.

His memory will be cherished by his wife, Peg, and his children: Jerry Peterson of Yankton, SD, Cindy Kennedy of Volin, SD, Rita Peterson of Yankton, SD, and Phyllis Luark of Yankton, SD, Marvin Peterson of Phoenix, AZ, Richard Peterson of Tucson, AR; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; sisters: Rita (Duane) Blake of Springfield, MO, Judy

(Everett) Eley of Fresno, CA, Evelyn King of Springfield, MO; brother, Donald (Charlotte) Blake of Towner, ND.

He was preceded in death by his late wife, Patricia, his parents, and his brothers; Harold "Bud" Blake, Allen "Tiny" Blake and Edward "Ed" Blake.

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www.opsahl-kostelfuneralhome.com

Dorris Wynia

Her funeral service will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, September 28, 2012 at the Emmanuel Reformed Church, Springfield, with burial in the Emanuel Cemetery, rural Springfield. Visitation will be at the church Thursday from 5-7 p.m., with the family present, followed by a prayer service. Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home in Springfield is in charge of the arrangements.



Wynia

Dorris Lucille Burr Wynia, daughter of Harvey Colton and Lenna Mae (Graves) Burr, was born October 27, 1921 in Bijou Hills, SD. She was called to heaven on Monday, September 24, 2012 at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton.

Dorris graduated from Platte High School and then received her teacher's certificate from Southern State Normal School in Springfield.

Dorris married Howard Wynia on February 8, 1946 at Vermillion. Seven children were born to their union. Besides raising her family, Dorris was a rural school teacher in Bon Homme, Charles Mix and Brule Counties, farm wife and was employed at the Springfield Post Office for 23 1/2 years. She also

served as Election Boards superintendent and assisted in several city events.

Dorris was a member of the Bijou Hills Community and Emmanuel Reformed Churches. She was active in the ERC Guild and Willing Workers where she held offices for many years. Dorris also was a member of Dacota Club for 51 years and all activities, until ill health intervened.

Dorris collected lighted Snow Village houses. She loved attending and being so very proud of her family's activities and special family events. Dorris was a member of several Neighborhood Bible study groups. She will be remembered also for her poetry compositions, reading to her family and grandchildren, cookie baking with her grandchildren, and reading for her own enjoyment.

Howard and Dorris entered the Springfield Assisted Living Center in June of 2010 and she joined Howard at the Good Samaritan Society in Tyndall the end of July 2012.

Thankful for having shared her life are her husband, Howard; her children and spouses: Larry and wife Carole A., Yankton; Dr. Virgil and wife Joyce, Raleigh, NC; Dennis and wife Marie, Greencastle, IN; Gale and wife Nancy, Sioux Falls; Paul and wife Julie, Freeman; and Kimberly and husband Steve Carnes, Buffalo, WY; 18 grandchildren; 12 great grandchil-

dren; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Dorris was preceded in death by her parents; 3-month-old infant son, Garold; sister, Leila Tjeerdsma; two sisters-in-law; and four brothers-in-law.

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Corrine Eisenbeiss

CENTER, Neb. — Graveside services for Corrine Eisenbeiss, age 75 of Center, Nebraska, will be 2 p.m. Thursday, September 27, 2012, at Bloomfield City Cemetery in Bloomfield, Nebraska. Reverend Beverly Lanzendorf will officiate. Visitation will be Wednesday from 4-7 p.m. at the Center UCC Church in Center, Nebraska, with a 7 p.m. Prayer Service.

Brockhaus Funeral Home of Creighton is in charge of arrangements.

Corrine died Saturday, September 22, 2012, at Faith Regional Health Services in Norfolk, Nebraska.

Corrine (Clarence) Eisenbeiss, daughter of Howard and Marie (Luca) Clarence, was born April 2, 1937 on a farm east of Bloomfield, Nebraska. Corrine attended country school through the eighth grade and Trinity Lutheran Parochial, graduating from Bloomfield High School. On July 2, 1955, she was married to Wes Eisenbeiss at Bloomfield. Three chil-

dren were born to them: Brenda, Lori, and Debra.

Corrine worked for Region IV, cooked for County Prisoners, and dispatched for Knox County Sheriff's Office. She enjoyed cooking, crocheting, knitting, gardening, fishing, spending time with family, and having coffee with her friends. Corrine was a member of Center UCC.

Corrine is survived by her daughters, Brenda (Dan) Sage, and Lori Sackville and friend Rick Backhaus; son-in-law, Leon Schroeder; family friend, Don Henery and family; 10 grandchildren; great-grandchildren; sisters, Pat Thiele and Connie Kaster; brother, Jim Clarence; brother-in-law, Stan (JoAnn) Eisenbeiss; Great-Aunt, Dorothy Porter; and many nieces and nephews.

Corrine was preceded in death by her husband of 55 years, Wes Eisenbeiss; daughter, Debra Schroeder; parents, Howard and Marie Clarence; and parents-in-law, Ruth and Carl Eisenbeiss.

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Danny Merchen

MAYFIELD — Danny Lee Merchen, 53 of Mayfield died Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2012 at his residence.

Arrangements are pending with Wintz & Ray Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Yankton.

Betty Grow

A memorial service for Betty Lou Grow, 84, will be held Saturday, September 29, at 1:30 p.m., at the United Church of Christ (Congregational), 5th & Walnut, Yankton, with the Rev. Paul Opsahl officiating.



Grow

Family will be present at the church from 12:15-1:15 p.m. and during a time of fellowship and refreshments following the service.

Burial of both Betty and her husband, Rev. Roger Grow (1921-2007), will take place at 11 a.m. that same day in the Yankton City Cemetery, with the assistance of Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home.

Betty Lou Grow, a native of Winner, SD, was a graduate of Yankton College and lived in Yankton in 1970-1974 and 1985-1995. She died of cancer on Sunday, August 19, 2012, in Iowa City, IA.

She is survived by four children: Kathy Grow, Yankton, SD; Susan McConnell, Iowa City, IA; Carol Johnk, Coralville, IA; Roger (Cairn) Grow, Duxbury, VT; six grandchildren and two great-grandsons; several special friends including Lea Ann Schramm (her "tall daughter"), Yankton, SD; many nieces and nephews and their families; and other friends.

A full obituary may be found at www.opsahl-kostelfuneralhome.com and memorials may be directed to Iowa City Hospice, 1025 Wade Street, Iowa City, IA 52240 (www.iowacityhospice.org), or a charity of the giver's choice.

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IN REMEMBRANCE

Hazel Peterson

2:00 PM, Wednesday
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Darlene E. Snickles

2:00 PM, Thursday
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Yankton

Virgil D. Overhue

10:30 AM, Thursday
United Church of Christ
Crofton

Brandon Nelson

10:30 AM, Friday
St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church
Crofton

Irene Imig

2:00 PM, Friday
Trinity Lutheran Church
Yankton

Peter Del Favero

Scripture Service
7:30 PM, Friday
Wintz & Ray Funeral Home
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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Keith J. Mueller, PhD

- Dr. Mueller is a Gerhard Hartman Professor and head of the Department of Health Management and Policy, College of Public Health, University of Iowa, Iowa City.
- He is also the director of the Rural Policy Research Institute (RUPRI) Center for Rural Health Policy Analysis.
- His presentation will illustrate the evolution of health care delivery and the importance of partnerships in sustaining high-quality care in rural areas.



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- Rural Health Care Policy Update From Washington, D.C.
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