

Clay County farmers support VHS girls' basketball

Local farmers Gene and Peg Nelsen have directed a \$2,500 donation to the Vermillion High School girls' basketball team.

Funded by America's Farmers Grow Communities, the donation will help the school purchase a new set of uniforms and record banners, as well as provide basketball camp money.

Thanks to the support of farmers across the country, more than \$3.2 million is being directed to nonprofits in 1,289 counties in 39 states.

"We are very excited to be receiving this generous gift," said Jason Huska, dean of students and athletic director at Vermillion High School. "This funding will allow us to include more kids in off-season plans, while increasing recognition for the program."

America's Farmers Grow Communities works directly with

farmers to support nonprofit organizations like Vermillion High School, who are doing important work in their communities.

The program offers farmers the chance to win \$2,500, which is then donated to the farmer's nonprofit of choice. The search for funding to sustain and enhance programs is a year-round job for nonprofit organizations across the country.

Through America's Farmers Grow Communities, farmers have been able to support a variety of groups, such as schools, fire departments, community centers and youth organizations like 4-H and FFA.

America's Farmers Grow Communities launched in 2010, and has since donated over \$13 million to more than 5,200 nonprofit organizations across the country. America's



On Jan. 30, the Vermillion High School girls' basketball team was presented with a \$2,500 check to from local farmers Gene and Peg Nelsen on behalf of America's Farmers Grow Communities. The team will use the donation to purchase a new set of uniforms and record banners, as well as provide basketball camp money.

(Photo by David Lias)

Farmers Grow Communities, sponsored by the Monsanto Fund, is part of the America's Farmers initiative, which highlights and celebrates

the important contributions farmers like Gene and Peg Nelsen make every day.

For a complete list of Grow Communities

winners and more program information, visit growcommunities.com.

CLAY COUNTY SHERIFF'S PRESS BRIEFING

02/02/14 18:00 – A caller reported a van parked on a rural road with a woman inside. A deputy checked and found the woman was fine and needed no assistance.

02/02/14 21:56 – A deputy responded to a report of a vehicle westbound in the eastbound lane of Highway 50. The vehicle was located in Yankton County and the impaired driver was arrested.

02/03/14 07:49 – A deputy responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle parked near a vacant house in Irene. The vehicle was gone upon arrival.

02/03/14 20:00 – A business requested extra patrol after firing a disgruntled employee.

02/03/14 21:05 – A patient was transported from the hospital in Vermillion to the Human

Services Center in Yankton for an involuntary mental illness committal.

02/04/14 10:45 – The school resource officer investigated the theft of items from the high school girls locker room. The thieves were located and the stolen property was recovered. The report was forwarded to the States Attorney for consideration of charges.

02/04/14 12:16 – Deputies assisted with traffic control for a funeral procession that needed to cross the Highway 50 Bypass.

02/05/14 11:17 – An inmate was transported from the Yankton County Jail to the Clay County Jail after a 24/7 program violation.

02/05/14 12:37 – An inmate was transported to a doctor appointment and then returned to the jail.

02/06/14 06:17 – A

deputy responded to a report of a vehicle becoming a traffic hazard on Highway 46. The owner was contacted and requested to move the vehicle from the road. The deputy provided traffic control until the vehicle was moved.

02/06/14 06:51 – A deputy investigated a car/deer collision on Burbank Road.

02/06/14 18:38 – An inmate was transported to the Yankton County Jail to meet a prisoner transport shuttle to Hughes County. 02/06/14 23:47 – A vehicle was stopped in Vermillion and the driver was notified of a burned-out headlight.

02/07/14 07:34 – A complaint was received of numerous cars running the stop signs at Highway 19, Timber Road and Highway 50 each morning as people

commute to Vermillion. Extra patrol was conducted and numerous violations were observed and vehicles were stopped. Extra enforcement will continue, subject to staff availability, until the problem is resolved.

02/07/14 08:03 – A vehicle was observed with the driver driving with her head out of the window due to a frosted over windshield. The vehicle was stopped and the driver was provided with time to clear her windshield. The driver was then cited for no valid driver's license and escorted to the examination station.

02/07/14 08:28 – A deputy and a trooper mediated a family dispute at a rural residence regarding care and placement of an elderly mother.

02/07/14 19:04 –

Deputies located a woman who was wanted for Clay and Union County warrants. The woman was booked into jail and later posted her bond.

02/07/14 20:55 – A vehicle was stopped on Highway 50 and the driver was notified of a burned out headlight.

02/08/14 09:14 – A rural resident reported an injured raptorial bird at her residence. A local conservation officer was notified.

02/08/14 18:33 – While arresting a man for a warrant for a drug crime, deputies found new evidence of drug use. A search warrant was conducted and the man and a woman present were subsequently charged with additional drug offenses including Possession with Intent to Distribute Marijuana.

Total Records: 20

Legislature OKs plan for EB-5 hearings

By Bob Mercer
State Capitol Bureau

PIERRE – The state Senate gave final approval Monday to a plan for legislative hearings on the EB-5 immigrant investor program in South Dakota.

Senators voted 33-1 to approve HCR 1010. The

measure previously cleared the House of Representatives 51-18.

The Governor's Office of Economic Development meanwhile disclosed Monday that its EB-5 report to the federal government is now on the state government's website.

It is the first public

information voluntarily provided to the public by GOED regarding EB-5.

The report shows five sets of EB-5 loans that were assembled from foreign investors for South Dakota projects.

The projects were Dakota Provisions of Huron, Northern Beef Packers of Aberdeen, NextEra Energy's Day County 2 Wind Farm, Basin Electric's Deer Creek generation plan at Elkton and Deadwood Mountain Grand hotel and casino at Deadwood.

The report doesn't show the amounts raised or the numbers of EB-5 investors involved for each project, however.

Under EB-5, foreign investors who provide at least \$500,000 apiece for job creation in the United States can become eligible for permanent U.S. visas

to live anywhere in the nation.

The report doesn't show two projects that were rejected by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services after EB-5 loans were assembled for them.

USCIS oversees the EB-5 program at the federal level.

One of the rejected loan pools was a third round of financing for Dakota Provisions. The other was for Iberdrola Resources for its Buffalo Ridge II wind farm.

The resolution calls for the Legislature's joint committee on government operations and audit to conduct hearings.

The committee will look at the investigation reports and reviews conducted by the state attorney general, two

private accounting firms and the state Department of Legislative Audit.

The committee also can order additional audits and has power to summon witnesses and issue subpoenas.

The work will start upon receipt of the Legislative Audit report.

The resolution requests the committee make a final report no later than Dec. 1, 2014, and to offer "any recommendations deemed necessary."

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SPIRIT MOUND TOWNSHIP

Annual Meeting

Tuesday, March 4th, 2014 • 1:30p.m.

Clay County Extension Office
515 High St. • Vermillion
Curt Brodsky, Clerk

Annual Meeting Township of Garfield

will be held
Tuesday, March 4, 2014, 1:30 p.m.

at the Dalesburg Lutheran Church for the purpose of electing one supervisor, treasurer and one clerk and for any other business that comes before the board.

Jim Danielson, Clerk

NOTICE

CLAY CREEK DITCH & YANKTON CLAY DITCH JOINT MEETING
Tuesday, February 25, 2014 at 1:00 P.M.

At Toby's Lounge, Meckling, SD

To discuss maintenance on the ditches for 2014/2015 and other matters to come before the Board. All interested persons are urged to attend.

Board of County Commissioners Carri R. Crum
Clay and Yankton Counties Clay County Auditor

Attention Pleasant Valley Township Residents Pleasant Valley Township Annual Meeting

Tuesday, March 4th, 2014 7:00 pm
at Clay Rural Water System

Items to be considered include annual elections of clerk and treasurer, election of one supervisor, and opening of quotes for gravel, mowing, and summer and winter road maintenance. All residents are encouraged to attend.

For a complete agenda or more information, please contact:
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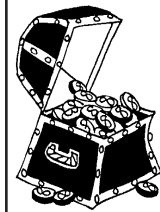
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