

University Center dedicates new Veterans Resource Center

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RAPID CITY — A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held for a new Veteran's Resource Center Friday, March 15, at the South Dakota University Center in Rapid City (UCRC). The new center will serve as an informational hub designed for military veterans and active military or National Guard service members who are perusing post-secondary education.

Currently, about 130 students, or a little more than 12 percent of the students at the University Center are veterans. The Veterans Resource Center will help military members and veterans understand their educational benefits, opportunities and resources. The Veteran's Center also provides a designated area for veterans to socialize and quiet area to study.

Among the speakers at the ceremony were Gov. Dennis Daugaard, South Dakota National Guard Adjutant General Maj. Gen. Tim Reisch, Black Hills State University President Kay Schallenkamp and South Dakota Board of Regents President Dr. Kathryn Johnson.

"It is a resource center for student



Faculty, distinguished guests and military veterans dedicate a new Veteran's Resource Center during a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the University Center Rapid City March 15. The new center will serve as an informational resource hub designed for military veterans and active military or National Guard service members who are perusing post-secondary education.

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veterans for all of their individual needs," said Gov. Daugaard. "It isn't the physical space that is needed, it is the knowledge that all those who work or volunteer in the center can impart."

The UCRC represents a partnership

between South Dakota's public universities working together to deliver curriculum from all of the universities in one convenient location. Military students at the University Center now have one place to turn to for support services.

"The Center is more than just the space, it is about the environment," said Dr. Johnson.

"The Veteran's Center in the UCRC gives veterans a place to come," said Dwight Holt, of Veteran's Upward Bound, the coordinator for the Veteran's Resource Center. "Many of our veterans are non-traditional students, and this gives them a quiet place to do homework and a place to relate with other veterans."

While the space is small, it serves a larger purpose.

"Some of our veteran students like the small place to come to and decompress," said Holt.

The hope is that through demand for the space and as time progresses, the Veteran's Resource Center will be allocated a larger space within the UCRC building. The resource center will cater to students from all of the six South Dakota public universities attending UCRC.



Former 2009 Clay County Fair Princess Marley Hanson has a new title – Miss Rushmore Outstanding Teen. She was crowned at a pageant held in February in Rapid City.

(Submitted photo)

Hanson crowned Miss Rushmore Outstanding Teen

Marley Hanson went from being the 2009 Clay County Fair Princess to now being the current Miss Rushmore's Outstanding Teen.

She got bit by the pageant bug when she competed and won her first pageant at the Clay County Fair. She then went on and competed in the Miss South Dakota Teen USA pageant on Nov. 3-4, 2012. She was one of the youngest contestants competing in this pageant and pulled through to make it into the top 15 semifinalists. Only three months after that, on Feb. 9, she was back on the stage vying for another title, with the Miss America Association this time, all the way out in Rapid City.

Marley competed against other contestants in five different categories: interview,

fitness, talent, evening gown, and two on stage questions. She swept two of the four small caption awards away, top interview and Miss Congeniality. She won the top interview award with the platform of 4-H.

Marley won the title Miss Rushmore's Outstanding Teen 2013. With her title she gets to promote her platform, 4-H, throughout her reigning year. She can also be seen helping out with Children's Miracle Network fundraisers because CMN is the Miss America Association's national platform. Along with that she also gets to compete at the state pageant in Hot Springs in late June of 2013 for the title of Miss South Dakota's Outstanding Teen with the Miss America Association.

The Prairie Doc Perspective:

Comfort not poison

By Richard P. Holm MD

I believe it is a moral duty to provide comfort for the suffering.

About twenty years ago my father was dying of metastatic colon cancer spread to bone. Dad was one of those unusual cases in which meds were simply inadequate for his unrelenting pain. Either he was totally unconscious, or awake and very uncomfortable. There seemed no helpful in-between, and too often pain meds brought wild and scary dreams, caused him to be combative, and frightened him and all us involved. I should add here, we do better now-a-days.

Mom called me one evening and warned that Dad was talking about driving into a bridge abutment. Then she handed him the phone and I pleaded with him not to do such a thing. "I will talk with your doctor and find a better pain reliever," I said. "How can I get relief, and how will this end?" he replied. I explained in cases like his, people often develop pneumonia, and since he directed us not to use antibiotics, this might do it, "But don't kill yourself!"

Indeed, in less than two days he developed pneumonia, his need for pain medicines lessened, and in less than two more days he escaped his cancer dying from pneumonia. The death certificate called it death by natural causes, but I suspect he voluntarily stopped coughing after our talk that night, which

allowed for the blessing of a rapid case of pneumonia. Still, I would agree on the natural cause statement.

There are those who request that physicians should, by law, be allowed to prescribe death-inducing poisons for patients who are similarly suffering. These people could then fill the prescription, take the poison on their own time, and thereby choose to die on their own terms instead of having to wait for pneumonia. Although this is law in some states in the US, I struggle with that prescription for death.

In my opinion the issue turns around the word "intent." It runs against my moral duty to give a poison intended to kill. On the other hand, I consider it also my moral duty to prescribe enough medicine intended to relieve suffering, even if it might hurry death.

I believe there is a huge difference between the intent to kill and the intent to comfort.

Dr. Rick Holm wrote this Prairie Doc Perspective for "On Call," a weekly program where medical professionals discuss health concerns for the general public. "On Call" is produced by the Healing Words Foundation in association with the South Dakota State University Journalism Department. "On Call" airs Thursdays on South Dakota Public Broadcasting-Television at 7 p.m. Central, 6 p.m. Mountain. Visit us at OnCallTelevision.com.

South Dakota ranks 12th in the nation for personal income

South Dakota's growth in personal income from 2000 to 2011 surpassed the growth rate for both the region and the nation. South Dakota's personal income grew by 82.5 percent, compared to a rate of 51.4 percent for the nation, according to the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA).

Since 2000, South Dakota's per capita personal income has increased by 67.4 percent. South Dakota's per capita personal income of \$44,217 in 2011 ranks 12th of the 50 states.

State Labor and Regulation Secretary Pam Roberts said, "In 2009, during the midst of

the recession, we were ranked 36th. In just a few short years, South Dakota has improved dramatically."

South Dakota has also performed well economically in recent years based on the BEA per capita disposable personal income measure. This measure represents the amount the average person has available for saving or for consumption.

"South Dakota's per capita disposable personal income in 2011 was \$41,133," Secretary Roberts said. "This ranked the state 10th in the nation, a healthy climb from our 35th ranking in 2000."

Soybean cyst nematodes, an expanding pest in South Dakota

By Connie Strunk

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One of the most destructive pests found in South Dakota soybean fields and in the world is soybean cyst nematode (SCN). SCN was first detected in South Dakota in 1995 in Union County. By 2012 SCN was detected in 27 counties in South Dakota. Although it hasn't been found in all soybean growing counties in South Dakota, soybean cyst nematodes are hardy and likely to survive anywhere soybeans are produced in the state.

As you can see in the map, there are a lot of counties which produce soybeans but have not detected SCN. The South Dakota Soybean Research and Promotion Council have provided a grant for a SCN survey targeted towards the counties which have not yet detected SCN. We are looking for producers and crop consultants to help us with this survey by collecting soil samples or providing field locations for us to sample. If you are interested in assisting us with this survey please contact Connie Strunk at the Sioux Falls Regional Extension Center, 605-782-3290 or by email at, connie.strunk@sdstate.edu.

Cysts of soybean cyst nematodes may remain viable in the soil for up to 10 years. Each cyst may contain up to 500 eggs. Utilizing a soybean variety with SCN resistance will help reduce the buildup of SCN in the soil. Soil sampling for SCN is extremely important in managing this pest.

Testing is offered for free for South Dakota soybean growers at the SDSU Plant Diagnostic Clinic for testing because the South Dakota Soybean Research and Promotion Council are underwriting this cost through a grant given to the SDSU Plant Diagnostic Clinic.

To obtain soil testing bags please contact the SDSU Plant Diagnostic Clinic. The soil sampling information sheet (found at <http://www.sdstate.edu/ps/plant-clinic/upload/SCN-Soil-Sampling-Info-Sheet.pdf>). The address for the SDSU Plant Diagnostic Clinic is:

SDSU Plant Diagnostic Clinic
SPSB 153, Box 2108
Brookings, SD 57007-1090
Phone (605) 688-5545

SCNs are persistent pests and can be difficult to identify in the field often silently robbing soybean yield. If you have not sampled for SCN I encourage you to do so. If it has been a while since you have sampled, I encourage you to sample again to see how your SCN numbers are sitting. Fall sampling is recommended as it provides the producer with enough time to make management decisions. Soil sampling can actually be done anytime of the year; you just need to be able to get a soil probe into the ground to pull a soil sample.

For more information on SCN and other soybean related problems go to www.planthealth.info where you will find the updated "Soybean Cyst Nematode Management Guide." The guide is provided by

the North Central Soybean Research Program (NCSRP). You can also refer to the Soybean Cyst Nematode factsheet at http://pubstorage.sdstate.edu/AgBio_Publications/articles/FS902A.pdf.

For more information, contact SDSU Connie Strunk at <http://igrow.org/about/authors/connie-strunk/> at the Sioux Falls Regional Extension Center, 605-782-3290, connie.strunk@sdstate.edu.

Calendar of events:

A complete listing of all events can be found at <http://igrow.org/events/>

The New Cumulative Forage Reduction (CFR) Index, March 27th @ 10:00am, Each one-hour webinar will start at 10 a.m. (CT) with a briefing on current drought status and what to expect in the foreseeable future, followed by a session on a specific topic or tool related to drought planning, and question-and-answer time. The webinars will be led by ranchers and advisors with hands-on experience in drought planning and range management.

March 27, 2013 - 10:00 AM CST, The New Cumulative Forage Reduction (CFR) Index: Assessing Drought Impacts and Planning a Grazing Strategy, by Pat Reece, owner and senior consultant of Prairie Montane Enterprises and Professor Emeritus of the University of Nebraska - Lincoln.

The sessions are free and open to the public. Registration is required to receive the Adobe Connect webinar link.

These meetings are sponsored

by the National Drought Mitigation Center at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. The series was developed with support from the Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) program, which is funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture - National Institute of Food and Agriculture (USDA-NIFA).

Specialty Producers Educational Forum Monday March 18th 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Spearfish Canyon Lodge

Topics will include:

- the latest research on northern grape varieties
- pest management for organic growers
- an update on the newest food safety regulations for growers
- ongoing efforts in South Dakota to encourage community- and regionally-based food production and purchases
- and more

The cost of the forum is \$45 for non-SDSPA members, \$35 for member; this includes lunch and breaks. To register, send a check made out to "SDSPA" for the appropriate amount to SDSPA, SDSU-WRAC, 1905 N. Plaza Blvd., Rapid City, SD 57702. With the check, please include your name, address, and contact information (phone and email), and indicate the number of persons attending.

For more information contact Dr. Rhoda Burrows, SDSU Extension Horticulturist at 605-394-2236 or Rhoda.burrows@sdstate.edu.



All your eggs.
One basket.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt Tuesday, March 26

The residents at Sanford Care Center Vermillion are hopping with joy to be co-hosting the community's Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Bring your basket, hunt for eggs, find some candy and win fun prizes.

Age Group	Time	Location
1-3 years old	5 p.m.	Courtyard at Sanford Care Center Vermillion (Enter courtyard from the south on Jane Street)
4-6 years old	5:30 p.m.	Prentis Park (south side)
7-8 years old	5:30 p.m.	Prentis Park (south side)

Two special prizes per age group.

Rain Date: Thursday, March 28

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