

# CCYTF board announces 2013 scholarship recipients

The Clay County Youth Trust Fund, Inc. Board of Directors announces the 2013 scholarship recipients.

The Rosie & Vi Venard Scholarship was awarded to Pearl Gaidelis and Abby Ouellette.

Gaidelis is the daughter of Mike and Sonia Gaidelis and is currently attending Northern Michigan University majoring in Clinical Laboratory Sciences – Anatomic Pathology. Gaidelis is a 2012 graduate of Irene-Wakonda High School.



GAIDELIS

The daughter of Alan and Sherri Ouellette, Abby Ouellette is a May 2013 graduate of Vermillion High School. She will be entering the nursing program at Dakota Wesleyan University this fall.



OUELLETTE

4-H Scholarships were awarded to Elly Miiller, Morgan Hower, Dean Christensen, Allison Heine and Ellen Jean Hanson.

Elly Miiller is the daughter of Tanna and Alan Miiller and is a 2013 Vermillion High School graduate. She plans to attend Mount Marty College and major in Chemistry. Miiller has

been a member of the Clay County 4-H Dog Club for nine years.

The daughter of Valarie and Robin Hower, Morgan Hower is an eight-year member of the Clay County 4-H Dog Club and a 2013 graduate of Vermillion High School. Hower plans to study nursing at Western Iowa Technical Community College.



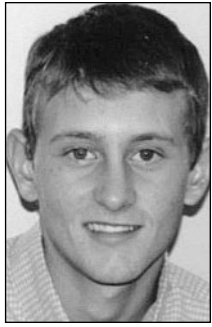
MILLER

Dean Christensen is a 2013 Beresford High School graduate and a 10-year member of the Clay County Cubs 4-H Club. He is the son of Sheree and Dale Christensen and plans to attend South Dakota State University to study Agricultural Business and Marketing.



HOWER

Allison Heine, the daughter of Kelly and Todd Heine, plans to attend South Dakota State University this fall to major in Dietetics. A 2013



CHRISTENSEN

graduate of Vermillion High School, she has also been a member of the Meckling Livestock 4-H Club for 10 years.

Ellen Jean Hanson, a 2013 Vermillion High graduate, plans to attend Mount Marty College this fall to enroll in the Elementary Education program. She is the daughter of Pam and Marlon Hanson and an 11-year member of the Jolly JJ's 4-H Club.



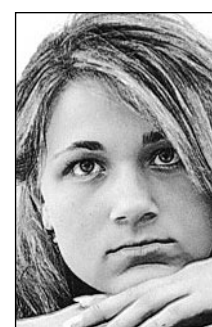
HEINE

Recipients of the 2013 Centennial Scholarships are Jessica Djurkowsch, Courtney Nussbaum, Kyle Weiss, Alexis Reich, Austin Krier and Courtney Johnson.



HANSON

Jessica Djurkowsch is the daughter of Shawntina and Justin Iiams and a 2013 graduate of Irene-Wakonda High School. She plans to attend the University of South Dakota to



DJURKOWITSCH

major in Social Work.

Courtney Nussbaum is currently a student at Southeast Technical Institute studying Surgical Technology and Health Information Services. She is the daughter of Karla and Jarod Nussbaum and a 2011 graduate of Elk Point Jefferson High School.



NUSSBAUM

Kyle Weiss is the son of Rose and Kevin Weiss and a 2013 graduate of Vermillion High School. He will be attending Midland University to enroll in the Education program.



WEISS

Alexis Reich plans to attend Southeast Technical Institute to major in Cardiac Ultrasound. She is the daughter of Kelli and Mike Flemming and Dave Reich and a 2013 graduate of Vermillion High.

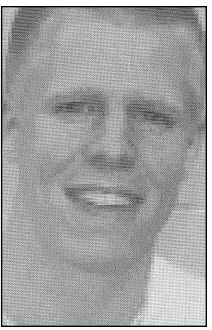


REICH

The son of Paula and Paul Krier, Austin Krier is a

2013 graduate of Vermillion High School. He plans to enroll in the Biology and Pre-Physical Therapy program at Northwestern College.

Courtney Johnson is a 2013 Vermillion High graduate and the daughter of Craig and Christine Johnson. Johnson plans to attend the University of South Dakota and major in Education.



KRIER

The Clay County Youth Trust Fund awards are presented annually to Clay County residents and/or Clay County 4-H members. Scholarships are funded from the Clay County Youth Trust Fund, Inc., a non-profit organization designed to provide financial aid to Clay County youth. It is administered by a board of directors comprised of Cathi Powell, Sharron Jensen, Mike Carlson, Linda Sorensen, Julie Fallan, Deb Christensen and Phyllis Packard.

Rose and Vi Venard were the principal founders and contributors to the fund. Memorials and gifts to the fund are tax-exempt. The board thanks all who donate each year. This generosity makes it possible to award so many Clay County youth help with their educational needs.

For more information, contact any board member or the Clay County Extension Office.



JOHNSON

## SYRIA

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"I think he (McCain) really wants to help the people who are leading the resistance in Syria, and I've always believed, as a matter of principle, that it makes more sense for us to arm and support the resistance than it does for us to put troops on the ground, to put our men and women in uniform in a place like that," Thune told the Vermillion Plain Talk Tuesday morning. "If we can give the necessary equipment, training and weapon systems, that's the best way to shape and influence an outcome in an area in a direction that we would like to see it go."

There are no easy options when formulating U.S. foreign policy towards Syria, he added.

"In this case, it's gotten more complicated because as time has passed the elements of the opposition have changed. Now you've got al-Qaeda in there, of course, Hezbollah is in there, and the Iranians are in there on the side of (Syrian President Bashar) Assad and the regime," Thune said. "But, there are a lot of folks in the opposition now, so it's hard to know who you are arming. Who are you giving arms to, and what is their objective and their purpose?"

"It was easier six months ago; it was easier a year ago, but I think the thing is so muddled now that it's really hard to determine who to support, who to arm," he said.

Thune hopes that, eventually, the U.S. can lend its support to an opposition group in Syria "that is aligned with the forces of democracy and freedom that want to make a difference for human rights in that region."

The South Dakota senator also said there likely will be a spirited discussion when Congress reconvenes concerning the use of drones against terrorist targets.

In a speech last week, President Barack Obama defended the use of drones as an alternative to military intervention. He called drones the course of action least likely to result in the loss of innocent human life. The president admitted that drone strikes raise troubling legal questions. He even acknowledged that critics of drone strikes had a point, but he insisted that drone strikes continue, albeit with stronger safeguards and more transparency.

"I think there is going to be a pretty robust discussion about it. There already has been, but the president himself, in his speech, has sort of pulled back a little bit, and looked at redefining the parameters for use of drones from now requiring an imminent, continuing threat to the U.S. as opposed to a significant threat," Thune said. "It's a different standard that he is trying to put into place, and Congress, obviously, is very concerned about collateral damage, civilian casualties, and how the program is being used and what it is attempting to accomplish."

The senator said he welcomes increased dialogue and scrutiny of this issue in Congress.

"This is an element of our foreign policy, it's an element of our military power, and we need to make sure that we're using those elements of our military power in a way that accomplish objectives that are vital to America's national security interests," he said. "We must also do it in a way that minimizes collateral damage and civilian

casualties."

On the domestic front, Thune held little hope for Congress finding a solution to federal fiscal issues, including a way to end the budget sequester, anytime soon.

"If there was something to replace the sequester, to turn it off, if we could figure out how to proportion the reductions of spending elsewhere in the budget, it could happen," he said. "Democrats in the Congress want to see tax increases used to turn off the sequester. It looks to me right now that it (ending the sequester) could be very hard."

The best that Congress may be able to do, he added, is be more flexible when it comes to formulating guidelines for devoting funds to federal programs in the future.

"I guess the best thing I think we can hope for in the short term is that when Congress does appropriation bills this year that they provide the optimum amount of flexibility so that agencies that are dealing with the sequester can move funds around," Thune said. "The sequester, unfortunately, was pretty prescriptive in how it was designed and so I think if we're going to continue to have these cuts in place, let's allow the agencies that have to implement them to do it in a way that's rational and makes sense."

Compromise among political leaders in the nation's capital, the senator noted, continues to be a difficult process.

"It's hard. We're in a place right now where there are big differences in opinion about what's the best answer, what's the best solution," he said. "Eventually, I think, forces will work to bring that about, but at least for right now, both sides are sort of dug in."

## Seven days of rain impacts SD farmers, ranchers

Last week most of the state saw rain events that dumped as much as 10 inches on some crop acres, said Laura Edwards, SDSU Extension climate field specialist.

"How much moisture received and whether it brought damage or relief to agriculture producers really depended on which South Dakota County their land is in," Edwards said. "Some farmers will need to replant, others have to wait to plant while their field sits several inches under water, and at the same time many ranchers couldn't be happier because now forage and range conditions are looking better than they have in a long time."

Most of the heavy precipitation fell on Turner, Lincoln and Minnehaha Counties. Totals exceeded 10 inches in the center of the storm. This includes areas west-southwest of Sioux Falls that received more than six inches in 24 hours from Saturday to Sunday morning.

A stretch from Onida to Miller also received at least 6-8 inches, with several northwestern South Dakota counties receiving several inches from localized, intense thunderstorms.

Streamflow on the Big Sioux and Vermillion Rivers came up quickly, but are projected to fall within a few days, barring additional heavy precipitation.

"Our primary concern right now is flooding in fields in the eastern part of the state," Edwards said.

Depending on the type of

rainstorm, Edwards said fields could be impacted by flash flooding, which can erode soil, wash away new seed and leave large cutouts in fields; or fields are under standing water, which can suffocate young plants.

Edwards said that based on discussions with SDSU Extension Agronomists, the impact this flooding will have on the 2013 crop all depends on how fast fields dry up and how mature the crop is – if plants have a few leaves above the waterline, the crop may survive. She adds that some of the long-term effects won't be known until later in the growing season.

"This has been a cold wet spring punctuated by extreme rainfall. If the plants do survive this most recent event, we have yet to know what type of diseases may follow," she said.

The heavy rain can also induce crusting on the soil surface, which can slow down emerging plants, or cause uneven emergence in corn and soybean fields.

As to whether or not South Dakota is still in a drought, Edwards said it all depends on where in South Dakota you're located.

"The eastern side of the state has made phenomenal gains this spring which has improved the drought situation dramatically. I still have some concern about the long term deep soil moisture all across the state that could affect us later this summer," she said.

The western counties are holding steady, but drought impacts could emerge quickly as the area enters its dry summer season.

Another severe weather event is expected to sweep across the state May 29 and 30. Bringing with it a potential for severe weather that may include strong winds and hail.

Before replanting, Edwards encourages farmers to consult their crop insurance representatives.

More information will be posted to iGrow.org.

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