

THE EXCHANGE

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Shad Bebout to be honored at tea April 25

Shad Bebout has been named Black Hills Workshop's Artist of the Year for 2010. Shad is an active artist at the Black Hills Workshop's Suzie Cappa Art Center and has been since it opened in 2001. He paints, knits, plays piano and has performed in

several theatrical productions including Oklahoma and Flutter. He is also a member of Outright Dance Theatre, Rapid City's new mixed-ability dance company, whose first performance was on Valentines Day. The Artist of the Year award is sponsored by the Black Hills Workshop Foundation and the recipient is honored at our annual **Suzie's Royal Tea, which this year will be held on April 25 from 2-4** in the art center at the Black Hills Workshop. For ticket information, contact JoAnne Schriver at 718-6204.

Free autism workshop

Black Hills Workshop will host a FREE workshop titled "Supporting Language and Communication for Individuals with Autism" on April 20 from 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.. This workshop is worth 0.5 ASHA continuing education units and will be held at our administrative building at 3650 Range Road. We welcome therapists, teachers, parents and anyone involved in the lives of people with autism. Sign up for the workshop online: www.dynavotech.com/training/onlocation/search-aac.aspx. Space is limited and is available on a first come first serve basis. If you have questions contact Karen Fowler at karen.fowler@dynavotech.com or call her at 1-800-344-1778, ext. 5967.

People First brings actress/ comedian to town

March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month and the People First self-advocacy group is marking the month by bringing in actress and motivational speaker Geri Jewell. Jewell will present "Celebrating Abilities" on Friday, March 12 at 2:30 at the Elks Theatre. Jewell will already be in the state for a conference and the Elks Theatre has offered their space for no charge, so People First is able to offer the presentation for free.

Geri Jewell, who started her career as a stand-up comedian, is best known as Cousin Geri on the NBC sitcom, "The Facts of Life." She was the first person with a disability to have a regular role in a prime time series and has also appeared in other shows including the HBO hit series "Deadwood."

Ms. Jewell's motivational speech "Celebrating Abilities" will inspire people with disabilities and show the general public what people with disabilities are capable of. It promises to be entertaining for everyone.

People First has approximately 20 members and another 80-100 people regularly attend their informational classes on a variety of topics including self-advocacy, employment, owning your own home, and other topics for people with disabilities. For information, contact Keven Moulton at 390-6884 or Michelle Aman, 718-6286.

Aging in people with disabilities

There will be a series of teleconferences on Aging in Individuals with Disabilities starting on April 7. Topics include: April 7: The Aging Phenomenon, April 28 Age-Related Physical & Cognitive changes, May 12: Technologies Enhance Independence, May 26: Supporting Families in Making Future Plans, June 9: End of Life Care, June 23: Dementia Care for Adults with Developmental Disabilities. All teleconferences will be held in our training room, 3650 Range Road, from 1-3 p.m.

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Black Hills Workshop Pancake Breakfast

**Sunday, February 28
8 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**Black Hills Workshop
3603 Range Road**

**Sponsored and hosted by
the Rushmore Lions Club**

**Admission is \$6.00
Children 8 and under eat free**



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Special Olympics events

February 27: Polar Plunge- 2 p.m. Memorial Park.

March 4-6: State Basketball Tournament, Corn Palace in Mitchell.

March 22: Track & Field every Monday, 10 a.m. or 4:30 p.m.

March 9: Bowling Banquet, Black Hills Workshop gymnasium. Morning bowlers, 11:30; afternoon bowlers 4:30.

April 23: Black Hills Regional Track & Field Meet, Black Hills State University, Spearfish.

May 20-22: State Track & Field, Sioux Falls.

For information on any of these events, contact Bill Clucas at 718-6288.