

AIRPORT

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"Katie is, without a doubt, the hostess with the mostess," Gary said.

City Manager Doug Russell said he is happy to see the work put into the local airport recognized at the state level.

"It goes to show all the efforts that go into this airfield," he said. "There are a wide range of people working on it and looking

after it." Many improvement projects have been done at the airport in recent years with the help of federal grant money, according to Kevin Kuhl, Yankton's director of public services.

"We've replaced almost all the asphalt with concrete," he said. "If we don't have good pavement out here, it can be a really troublesome issue (because aircraft cannot handle crumbling runways)."

Katie praised the cooperation of the city in making sure the airport gets the attention it needs.

"It's the total involvement of a lot of people so that one thing can shine, and it's this airport," she said. "This airport is shining. It is beautiful."

Chan Gurney is shining so bright that it is even being touted by pilots from outside the region.

A recent edition of the British FLYER magazine features a photo of five British flight students at the airport.

Olly King, one of the students to take a month-long flying tour of the United States, commented in the article he wrote about the trip that, "One airfield in South Dakota that I must mention is Chan Gurney, SD. This has to be one of the friendliest places ever."

Katie said such recognition fulfills one of the earliest goals of Carlson Aviation.

"When we first got into the

business, Gary said, "Someday Yankton is going to be on the map," she stated. "Yankton is definitely on the map. We're getting aircraft from all over."

The Carlsons said they plan to use the recognition to promote the airport. In coming weeks, they will kick off their annual campaign to attract pilots heading to the huge Oshkosh (Wis.) air show that begins in late July.

Katie said she hopes to arrange something so families

can watch aircraft landing at the airport in the evenings as they head to and from Oshkosh.

"Bringing the community into the airport is a big deal because, for so long, people didn't think that this airport did anything," she said. "What we've been trying to do since we started this business is to get the people of the city involved. We're putting the word out there, and people are coming."

VOTE

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neighbors, consumers and other business owners, both large and small, to support and utilize all of the local businesses as often as possible.

The City of Yankton should support economic development by providing a business friendly environment for all businesses. Cooperation and strategic planning with YAPG, the Yankton Chamber of Commerce, along with the momentum of the YES Campaign has the opportunity to lead to great things in our community.

3. The budget for the city has been strained by the economic slump. Do you have any ideas for cost cuts or savings? Are there areas where the city needs re-prioritize and spend more money?

It is not what you make but rather what you spend that causes budgetary problems. A decline in revenue does make it difficult, but not necessarily impossible to balance any budget. Providing basic and critical services for the citizens of Yankton must remain a priority. Expenditures on non-essential projects/items must be critically analyzed to determine whether the risk is worth the reward. This may lead to having to make some unpopular cuts to certain items. However, just as we adjust our own personal budgets to decide between wants and needs, the City of Yankton should be expected to do the same.

4. Renovation work is set to get under way this spring on converting the Meridian Bridge into a recreational trail. The city has done a lot of planning for the downtown area to prepare for this eventuality. Once the renovation is complete this fall, what steps do you think the city needs to take to capitalize on this unique project?

The Meridian Bridge has served our community well and connected us to our neighbor to the south in the past and is being given the opportunity to continue that through its latest renovation. Connecting the Meridian Trail on the South Dakota side to the eventual trail on the Nebraska side will provide unique opportunities for not only the citizens of Yankton but to our visitors. It will be another connecting link between Yankton and the lake area. Increasing pedestrian traffic to the downtown area will afford our visitors the opportunity to experience what we have to offer. It would be my desire to see every downtown building occupied with additional businesses to for our visitors and the citizens of Yankton to patronize.

5. Any closing thoughts?
As stated earlier, I have no hidden agendas behind my reason(s) for entering this race. I feel strongly that my educational and small business owner backgrounds are positive assets that I can bring to the City Commission. The citizens of Yankton, along with local leaders, need to work together to solve the issues ahead of us. I look forward to representing the citizens of Yankton as a City Commissioner. I would appreciate your vote on April 13. Thank you.

CUTTER

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state map of South Dakota." The process of designing the cookie cutters began with images that Perk selected, which VanDeRostyne then transferred into a three-dimensional computer image using computer-aided designing software. From there, he used the three-dimensional imaging printer at the Regional Technical Education Center (RTEC) to create the cutters.

"Brian asked if we could take his designs from the computer aided design software to a reality, and I said sure," said RTEC general manager Josh Svatos. "He brought his design ideas over here to RTEC and made his design become a reality. In the process, he learned all the stages of manufacturing, from prototyping to production to the end product."

The 3D printer is a fairly new item that students have been working with at RTEC. Purchased in June 2009, the printer takes drawings and, according to Svatos, melts the plastic into layers and builds the object.

"If you think about building a house, the process is similar," Svatos said. "A house starts from the ground up. That is what the printer does. It starts to build the object from the bottom up, building the object in layers three-dimensionally."

That end result is a white solid cookie cutter that will hold up to repeated use.

"That printer is great because you print a part and within minutes, you have a part that shows form, fit and function. So, if it isn't right, you know it before you have a lot of expense tied up in production," Johnson said. "You will know if it is going to work, fit and function with other parts."

VanDeRostyne said it took him 12 hours to print the first prototype — a coyote — because when they oriented the image, it printed standing up rather than laying flat. That was a lesson that teacher and student learned together.

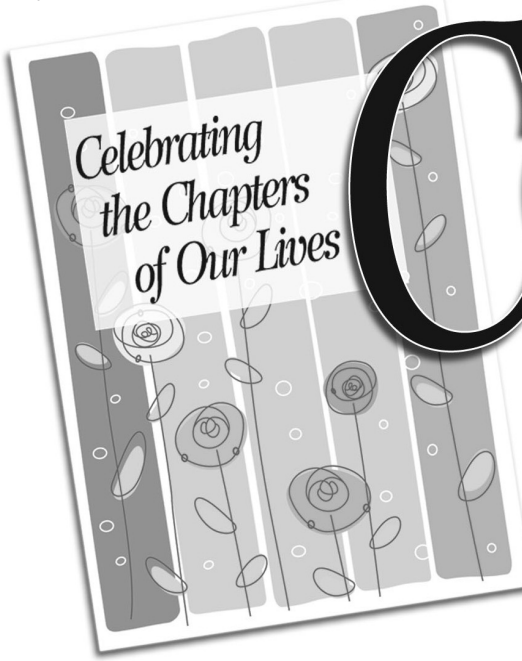
"The learning experience has been way above what I ever thought we would be able to accomplish, way beyond what I

know in fact," Johnson said. "However, I knew that Brian would be able to produce exactly what (Perk) was looking for."

Perk said he has been testing the cookie cutters, and they are working very well. There may be a few adjustments of rounding corners rather than having sharp edges so the cookies bake more evenly, but he said, the cutters exceeded what he expected.

The cookies made using the cutters will be served June 19 in Pierre. Because of the hard work put in by both VanDeRostyne and Johnson, there will be a table card explaining how the cutters were made and where.

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