



JUSTIN RUST/P&D
Steve Smith, better known as Red Green, signs a roll of duct tape for a young girl during his appearance in Yankton at Bomgaars Sunday afternoon. Smith said he has signed more than 10,000 rolls of duct tape. Approximately 1,000 were on hand at Bomgaars. Smith is currently on tour for Red Green's "Wit and Wisdom Tour."

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Smith said the audience reacted well to the character, and away it went.

He initially turned down a chance to create a TV show around the character in 1982, but in 1990, the character hit the television airwaves as a fill-in show.

"It was a six-month job, and I was just looking to have fun with it," Smith said. "I figured I would have to find a real job when it was done."

However, the show lasted for 15 years. "The Red Green Show" aired on CBC Television in Canada and was picked up by as many as 80 Public Broadcasting stations in the United States. The show is still shown in syndication.

Smith said one of the reasons for the show's success is because he did what he thought was fun and went in his own direction with the show.

"We didn't let anyone tell us what to do," he said. "It's an oddball show, and it's like the flu, not everyone gets it. But our audiences were great and devoted. They would write a check to keep us on the air for PBS."

Smith has done more than just a TV show. He used to write a column that was published by 275 newspapers in the U.S. and 50 in Canada.

"That was tough to give up because I got paid \$4 a week to do that column," he joked.

Also, Smith has written four books with his fifth one, "How To Do Everything (From the Man Who Should

Know)," is due out in October.

"I am proud to say that I have written more books than I have read," Smith said.

Even with all the material Smith has done on TV and written in the past couple of decades, he is always known as Red Green and not Steve Smith.

"I've signed more stuff Red Green than Steve Smith, and Steve Smith had a 45-year head start," he joked.

However, it's Smith who has won three Gemini Awards, which is the Canadian version of an Emmy, and the Earle Grey Lifetime Achievement Award.

In 2006, Smith became a Member of the Order of Canada, which is the highest civilian honor the Canadian government can bestow.

"When they called to tell me I was getting it, I thought everyone in Canada was going to get it," he said.

He decided to bring his mother to the event.

"My mother said it was the best day in her life, and that includes her marriage and my birth!" Smith said.

He has about 20 events left of his current tour before he starts a new one in October to promote his new book.

"I'm really enjoying this, the live events and meeting people," Smith said. "It feels new, instead of TV, to meet the audience and to see them."

Smith said he has probably signed more than 10,000 rolls of duct tape through the years, but is never asked for advice about how to fix things.

"They have seen my show, so they know I don't how to fix it," he joked.

OBITUARIES

Dr. Robert Foley

TYNDALL — Dr. Robert J. Foley, 87, of Tyndall died Wednesday, July 28 at St. Michael's Hospital Avera after a courageous battle with cancer.

The memorial Mass will begin at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, August 3 at St. Leo Catholic Church, Tyndall. The Rev. Charles Cimprl of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Sioux Falls will officiate.

Visitation will be held on Monday from 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., with the family present to greet visitors from 7:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., at the Goglin Funeral Home in Tyndall. Online condolences may be sent at www.goglinfh.com.

Emergency surgery that saved his life as a youngster motivated him to become a doctor — a difficult goal in those depression years. Born April 13, 1923 to Robert and Alma (Johnson) Foley of Blair, Nebraska, he graduated from Blair High School and attended Dana College there for a year. To help meet expenses when at Creighton University, each day after classes he worked a full 10-hour shift at Walgreens. Later, he became a manager at Harkett's Burgers. Each job paid 15 cents an hour. Best at Harkett's, the hourly wage included a bowl of soup and a burger. He was accepted into the wartime accelerated V-12 program at Miami University School of Medicine in Ohio. Upon completion, he received his medical degree from the University of Nebraska at the young age of 23. He interned at Mercy Hospital and Loyola University clinics in Chicago. He then spent three years in the naval service as a physician and medical officer, Lt. senior grade.

A blind date arranged by friends introduced him to Phyllis Gross of Huron, South Dakota, the girl he married December 27, 1950.

He served on the staff of the US Naval Hospital in Pensacola, Florida. Upon his discharge from



Dr. Robert Foley

the Navy, the couple arrived in Tyndall for what they thought would be a 6-month stay that lasted a lifetime. He established practice in a two-room office above the then post office and went to work. At times he was the sole physician in the county where he served as the family doctor, surgeon, orthopedist and delivered a recorded 1,600 babies including 5 sets of twins. Dr. Foley was the family physician to generations of families in and around the Tyndall area during his many years of practice. The couple raised their family of seven — six sons and one daughter — in this community — a town they loved.

Tyndall's acceptance was immediate and soon resulted in the enlargement of the hospital. Dr. Foley established the Tyndall Clinic, which endures today as the Bon Homme Family Practice Clinic in St. Michael's Hospital Avera.

Although he encouraged his family to be independent and make their own decisions in life, it was of great personal satisfaction that four children chose the field of medicine. His own passion for medicine was rivaled only by the love of family, farming and environmental conservation.

He was recognized for his 50-plus continuous years of practice by the South Dakota State Medical Association. During this time he served on the clinical faculty of the USD School of

Medicine, on the SD Medical Association Legislative Commission and as a president of the Yankton District Medical Association. In Tyndall, he was a member of the school board and was instrumental in promoting the Tyndall Lanes, which has been given to the city. He helped initiate building the Tyndall swimming pool and served as a pool board member. He was a 50-year member of St. Leo Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus and the American Legion.

He is survived by his wife Phyllis of Tyndall and their seven children: Bob, Albemarle, North Carolina; Don, Yankton, South Dakota; Steve, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Jeff (Sara), Harrisburg, North Carolina; Scott (Ronda), Omaha, Nebraska; Elizabeth (James) Zorn, Phoenix, Arizona; Shawn (Janel), Philomath, Oregon; and eleven grandchildren. Four members of his birth family, three brothers and a sister, reside in Nebraska.

The many people whose lives were touched by Dr. Foley will remember him as a dedicated physician and friend. He will be missed.

In lieu of flowers, those wishing to make memorial contributions are asked to consider the Foley Family Medical Scholarship at the Sanford School of Medicine, USD, Vermillion, SD. This award is given annually to a student with an interest in rural medicine.

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Norman Lammers

FORDYCE, Neb. — Norman Lammers, 65, of Fordyce, Neb., died Sunday (Aug. 1, 2010) at his residence.

Funeral services are pending at Wintz Funeral Home, Hartington.

Dean Nelson

HARTINGTON, Neb. — Dean M. Nelson, 80, of Hartington, Neb., died Sunday (Aug. 1, 2010) at his residence.

Funeral services are pending at Wintz Funeral Home, Hartington.

Rose Johnson

VERMILLION — Rose Johnson, 100, of Vermillion died Sunday (Aug. 1, 2010) at Terrace Manor Care Center, Dell Rapids.

Funeral services are pending with Iverson-Siecke-Kober Funeral Home, Vermillion.

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Suicide Prevention Week Activities Planned At USD

VERMILLION — Registrations are being accepted for Vermillion's fourth annual Nikki's Fund 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, Sept. 11, at Prentiss Park. This event is one of several campus activities to increase suicide awareness and raise funds for USD students in crisis situations.

The 2010 race/walk takes participants on a scenic route of Vermillion beginning at Prentiss Park at 9 a.m. Prizes from the 5K will be awarded to the first place finishers in the male and female categories of 15 and under, 16 to 25 years old, 26 to 54 years old, and 55 and over. Contact for pricing information.

Registration forms for the Nikki's Fund 5K Run/Walk for Suicide Awareness are available at the Muenster University Center on the USD campus; the USD Student Counseling Center, which is located in Julian Hall 336, the office side of the building; on-line at www.alsportcentral.com; or participants can complete a registration form the day of the event beginning at 8 a.m.

All proceeds from the event, including the registration fee and in-kind donations, will go to Nikki's Fund, which was established in memory of Nicole Vallie Harris, the daughter of Janine Harris, manager of the Al Neuharth Media Center, who died from suicide on June 15, 2005. Nikki's Fund donations support suicide prevention programs and other mental health needs for USD students.

Additional activities planned for National Suicide Prevention Week on the USD campus, which is the week of Sept. 5-11, include information booths with pre-, inter- and postvention suicide materials, and "Kristin's Story," a program by Andrea Cooper, at 7 p.m. on Sept. 9 at the Muenster University Center Ballroom. "Kristin's Story" details the loss of Andrea's daughter, Kristin, who died as a result of suicide.

For more information about Nikki's Fund or to make a donation, call (605) 677-5424.

REGION DIGEST

Yankton Street Closures Are Planned

The following streets are planned to be closed to all traffic at the times indicated.

- Burleigh Street — 8th to 11th: Monday, Aug. 2;
- Burleigh Street — 11th to 15th: Tuesday, Aug. 3; and
- Summit Street — 15th to 21st: Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Aug. 4, 5 and 6.

Dates listed may be adjusted for weather and other conditions. No traffic will be able to travel on these streets while new asphalt pavement is being installed. Anticipate taking alternate routes for these streets next week.

Vermillion To Host National Night Out

VERMILLION — Vermillion will host the 27th annual National Night Out 2010 at Prentiss Park at 5-8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 3.

This event is a community-law enforcement partnership program that emphasizes crime and drug prevention awareness.

For more information, contact Crystal Brady at 605-677-7070 or cbrady@vermillionpd.org.

Shannon Trail Promoters To Meet Tuesday

HARTINGTON, Neb. — The Shannon Trail Promoters will meet at Hartington's Broadway Bowling Lanes on Tuesday, Aug. 3. The meal will begin at 6:30 p.m. with the meeting to begin at 7:15 p.m.

Disability Education Meeting Set For Tues.

The Disability Education and Awareness Committee are hosting a meeting open to the public a 5:30-7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 3, at Regional Technical Education Center (RTEC).

The goal of the meeting is for the committee to be able to gather information from the community and to provide a source of information to anyone coping with a disability, the public, caregivers and providers.

For more information, contact Krista Roth at Independent Living Choices or call 668-2940.

Amateur Rib Cook-Off Contestants Sought

Historic Downtown Yankton is seeking Amateur Rib Cook-Off contestants to highlight the fourth annual Rockin' Ribfest in downtown Yankton on Saturday, Sept. 18.

The Amateur Rib Cook-Off Competition is open to everyone and follows the KCSB guidelines. Registration starts at 9 a.m. at Third and Douglas in downtown Yankton with a turn-in time at approximately 4:30 p.m. First place will be awarded with a \$400 cash prize, second place with \$300 and third place with \$200.

Rockin' Ribfest has become a popular one-day event located on Third Street in Historic Downtown Yankton. Last year's event drew more than 8,500 people to the area. Yankton's "Biggest Block Party" features free live music, a free Kids' Playland, an Amateur Rib Cook-Off Competition and rib vendors from across the Midwest.

Rockin' Ribfest will runs from 11 a.m.-11 p.m. A free classic rock 'n' roll concert opening with Rust will kick off the event. The Mitigators, Mrs. Begley and the Boys, the Austin Beuscher Band and Go Figure will follow. Quazy will cap off the night, playing from 9-11 p.m.

For more information about Rockin' Ribfest or to become an Amateur Rib contestant, call 605-260-3003 or email vhrd@iwinet.net. To download your Amateur Rib Cook-Off Competition application, rules and guidelines, see www.historicdowntownyankton.com/events/ribfest.

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