

HOMETOWNNEWS

RAISING THE ROOF



KELLY HERTZ/P&D

On behalf of First Dakota Bank, Larry Ness recently donated a check in the amount of \$20,000 to the Lewis & Clark Theatre Company. The check, which matched funds raised by the community will go toward the stage one restoration project that begins this month at the theatre. Pictured are Chuck Lambertz and Larry Ness.

THEATER FOR YOUTH



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Yankton Sertoma Club recently donated \$1,000 to the Lewis & Clark Theatre Company. The Yankton Sertoma Club hosted the Young Americans in Yankton earlier this year giving kids of Yankton the opportunity to sing, dance and learn from some of the best talent in America. Thirty-nine kids from the Yankton area participated in the three-day event with a show the final night. Sertoma raises funds throughout the year to donate to local programs such as the youth baseball, softball and football, the Sertoma baseball park and hearing equipment for local schools. Pictured are Chuck Lambertz and Dave Carda.

RADIOLOGIC GRADUATES



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Avera Sacred Heart Hospital School of Radiologic Technology will hold graduation ceremonies for its Class of 2010 on Friday, Aug. 13, in Yankton. Pictured from left are (front) Arielle Klein, Chanda Mueller, Kelly Olmer; (back) Morgan Campbell and Justine Kellen.

EXPLORING NATURE



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On Aug. 8, the Bazile Creek chapter of Pheasants Forever held the first outdoor family event in the state of Nebraska. Outdoor Families Exploring Nature Together is partnership between the Nebraska Games & Parks Commission and Nebraska Pheasants Forever. The purpose of this unique one day free event is to expose Nebraskans, both young and old alike, to the wonderful adventures of the great outdoors. The event attracted 127 families from Creighton and surrounding areas as far away as 75 miles. Don Henery, the Bazile Creek PF chapter's youth chairman, Ruth Fulton, and 49 other chapter members worked for three months to prepare for this event. They had 32 corporate sponsors come aboard to help open the doors to families to explore what nature has to offer, many for the very first time. Don and Ruth stated that the hard work and time spent was well worth being able to experience the smiles on the young kids faces, seeing and learning new things about the outdoors. The Bazile Creek PF chapter is leading the way and exposing more families and kids to the outdoors; for that they are the Hero of the Month.

FRIENDS FOR A CAUSE



SUBMITTED PHOTO

President Beth Parr and members Cathy Durham and Tammy Wadsworth of the City of Yankton Employees Union, AFSCME Local 3968, presented a check to the Verlin Larsen family from a fund raiser they recently held. Verlin is a former long-time City of Yankton employee who was diagnosed with terminal colon/rectal cancer in December, 2004. He has been through numerous surgeries and more than 100 chemotherapy sessions. Anyone interested in making a donation to help the family cover medical expenses can still do so. Checks should be made out to "Verlin Larsen Benefit" and mailed to 805 E 18th Street, Yankton, SD 57078.

RC&D

Three Household Hazardous Waste Collections Held

There's always lots of paint to be disposed of at Household Hazardous Waste Collection events and this time was no exception. Approximately 3,570 pounds of old unwanted paint was brought in from 130 households in 23 communities around the region. Pesticides were the second-largest amount — 1,110 pounds. From several sources there was 26 pounds of mercury properly disposed of. The rest of the almost 3 tons of stuff included used oil which was retrieved by the counties, acids, bases, antifreeze, fluorescent light bulbs and car batteries.

Last week's events were sponsored by the Northeast Nebraska Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) Council and Red Willow County Household Hazardous Waste Team in partnership with the communities of Wakefield, Hadar and Clearwater.

Thirteen volunteers helped survey participants, unload items from their vehicles and open paint cans. Earlier this year the RC&D held three collections in their northern tier of counties which brought in 5 tons of material. These events do a lot for the environment by keeping unacceptable and hazardous materials out of landfills.

For more information about this project or others contact the RC&D office in Plainview at 402-582-4866.



Top: Aerosol cans are punctured so the paint can be drained out before disposing of the empty containers.

Bottom: Leroy Kerkman, Elgin and Bill Elliott, Red Willow County Hazardous Waste team leader open some of the many paint cans brought into the events.

SACRED HEART MONASTERY

Jennifer Knight Welcomed As Postulant

Jennifer Knight entered Sacred Heart Monastery during a ceremony preceding Evening Prayer on July 27. Jennifer will spend her time as a Postulant learning about Benedictine life by sharing in the prayer and community life of the monastery.

Jennifer is a native of North Carolina and a veteran of the US Air Force. She earned a BS degree in accounting from the University of Wyoming and worked as a corporate accountant for a number of years. She is also a trained pilot and flight instructor. She later earned her Master Catechist certification through the Diocese of Salt Lake City, Utah and then taught Faith Formation and sacramental preparation in Utah and Wyoming. She has also done Hospice ministry. Prior to entering Sacred Heart Monastery, she taught theology at St. Labre Indian School in Ashland, Mont.

After visiting the monastery the first time, Jennifer says she was "impressed with the beautiful liturgies, the sisters' devotion to prayer, their dedication to their myriad ministries, and the community's joie de vivre (joy of living)." She also experienced "a sense of joy here (in the monastery) evidenced by the sisters' faces and their ready laughter. It was easy to call Sacred Heart home right from the very beginning."



SUBMITTED PHOTO

After knocking on the front door of Sacred Heart Monastery and requesting entrance, Jennifer Knight (left) is welcomed as a Postulant by Sister Jennifer Kehrwald, OSB, prioress (right).

SCHOLASTICS

WESTERN IOWA GRADUATES ANNOUNCED

Western Iowa Tech Community College (WITCC) conferred 201 degrees, diplomas and certificates at its summer commencement ceremony at the Western Iowa Tech gymnasium Aug. 6.

Following is a list of area WITCC graduates and their major. An asterisk (*) denotes students graduating with honors.

Elk Point: Elisha A. Evans-Raber, arts and sciences;

Yankton: Joshua A. Strike, industrial welding.

KNUTSON AWARDED SDSU SCHOLARSHIP

BROOKINGS — Shawna Knutson of Irene was awarded the Engineering Technology and Management (ETM) Department Head Scholarship in Support of the Jackrabbit Guarantee 2006 Challenge for the 2010-2011 academic year at South Dakota State University.

Knutson is a senior majoring in construction management at SDSU, where she is active in the Construction Management Club and Habitat for Humanity. She is the daughter of Todd and Lori Knutson and is a 2007 graduate of the Irene High School.

Dr. Teresa Hall, Head of the Engineering Technology and Management Department recognized the need of named scholarships for ETM programs.

MEETING MINUTES

SHANNON TRAIL PROMOTERS

HARTINGTON, Neb. — The Shannon Trail Promoters met on Aug. 3 at Broadway Lanes in Hartington. Attending were Laurie and Gil Larsen, Sally Gubbels, Mary Rose Pinkelman, Joan Thomson, Cindy Howey, Sally Snowe, Shirley Kehne and Hartington Chamber VP Cary Ponce.

Thank-yous were noted for the community memberships given in 2010.

The report on the 2.5 Carrot/Run Walk was that it broke even financially. The purpose is to encourage physical activity in youth and families. The desire is for it to again be held in Hartington with promotion to a wider area. Sally Gubbels made a motion that the Promoters again support this effort in partnership. Gil Larsen made the second, with those present in agreement.

Geocaches continue to grow in popularity. Two \$500 grants are now available from the Promoters toward replacing Shannon wood carvings. Lindy is showing interest. A world champion carver from Iowa demonstrated at the Cedar County Fair.

The next meeting of the Mid-Missouri Lewis & Clark group will be on Friday, Aug. 27, in Yankton at 10 a.m. Location is the Visitors Center, east on Hwy. 50, left side of road. RSVP by Aug. 20 only if partaking in the lunch.

Application forms to request funds from the Cedar County Lodging Tax are being sought. Shannon the Mannequin is now at the Ponca State Park. The weekly Park Show is broadcast on KK93 is a popular means of advertising for the parks.

Shirley reported on attending the recent meeting of the Northeast Nebraska Travel Council at Wayne. The 2011 edition of the Discover Travel Guide was discussed.

The Shannon Trail Promoters Archery Tournament will be Sunday, Aug. 22, one mile east of Hartington. Help and food donations were solicited. Time is 7:30 a.m.

Carey Ponce told of a board game fund raiser Hartington's Chamber has committed to. Shirley moved the Promoters give \$200 to gain a space on the game. Cindy Howey made the second. This is a family game with trivia questions.

Mary Rose told of a weekend activity called "See the Byway the Quiltway" on Oct. 1-3. This takes in 17 towns along Hwy 12 from South Sioux City to Valentine. A speaker, on quilts, will be found at Wynot, Niobrara and Springview. A \$10 wristband may be purchased to include all stops or a minimal charge at single stops. Visit nebraskautlaw-trail.com for details.

The next meeting will be at Niobrara's White Tail River Lodge on Monday, Sept. 13. A catered meal, so a RSVP will be necessary. Mary Rose made the motion to adjourn and Sally Snowe the second.

INTERCHANGE

Interchange met on Monday, Aug. 9, at noon at the Waterfront.

Paula Tacke, Interchange Vice President, called the meeting to order with the flag pledge.

Pauline Ackland introduced her guest Krista Roth from Independent Living Choices. Jane

Bobzin encouraged those that had not seen the play My Fair Lady, that this was the last weekend to see it.

Carla Ewald from Shurco was the hostess with Guest speaker Dr. Joe Gertsma presenting on his recent trip to China.

The next Interchange meeting will be held Monday, August 16th Melea DeJean has counselors presenting from Ideal Weigh, a recent new business in Yankton.

YANKTON COUNTY REPUBLICANS

A recap of the July 14 picnic and open house of the new full time headquarters, located at 401 Capitol, was well attended. Local candidate campaigns were discussed and plans for each person to be in the Riverboat Days parade were finalized. The Get Out The Vote (GOTV) statewide lists are automated and ready to go.

The next events of State candidates to attend are the Sioux Empire Fair in Sioux Falls and Mitchell's forum Ag Fest. In September we are looking into an outdoor gathering sponsored by area republicans.

The next meeting will be September 13 at 5:30 p.m., instead of the first Monday due to the Labor Day holiday. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend. Any questions, visit our website at yanktongop.com.

LILLEHAMMER LODGE (LL) #1-633 SONS OF NORWAY (SON)

June 15, the LL #1-633 of the Yankton area met at the Christ the King Lutheran Church in Yankton. The American and Norwegian National Anthem and

recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Meeting opened with Joanne Christensen explaining due to health she needed to respectfully resign. Carol Broderson called the meeting to order and read secretary minutes, which were approved. Clarice Holm read the treasurer's report and stated the club is still waiting information from Gene Iverson to complete audit.

A call for nomination for president, no nominations or volunteers were offered. Diane Reese accepted Secretary position and Carol Broderson assumed the role of President. All members were in favor. Hartington newspaper will no longer print SON news and no new membership forms submitted.

Some members attended Twila Anderson and Nellie Nielsen's funerals. Nielsen family will return scrapbook, patches and memorabilia. On July 20 at 6 p.m., the SON potluck picnic (meeting) was held at shelter by the Capital building, additional supplies taken care of by the SON.

Entertainment "Jazz Connection" performed in the amphitheater. The evening speaker, Julie Dykstra was introduced. Information was shared about "Habitat for Humanity" via power point. Members were invited to participate in building the home and giving donations. John Grinvold, lead the Norwegian prayer and the birthday song was sung. Meeting was adjourned. Lunch was served.

Next meeting will be to be determined at a later date. Diane Reese, secretary.

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