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Yankton resident Pete Montagne will be among those inducted into the Legends of South Dakota Country Music, as part of the group's inaugural event Sunday in Sioux Falls.

Yankton Man To Be Honored As 'Legend'

Montagne To be Lauded Sunday In Sioux Falls

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This Sunday, a Yankton man will join in the celebration of his own — and South Dakota's — musical legacy, as well as help to give a boost to aspiring musicians.

Pete Montagne will be among the inductees at the first Legends of South Dakota Country Music event, which will take place from 2-7 p.m. Sunday at the American Legion in Sioux Falls.

The other inductees include Dana Jensen, Danny Dee, Darrel "Boomer" Hoiand, Howie Gamber, Johnnie White, Steve Ransom and Wes Pierson, who will perform Sunday along with the event's emcee, Harvey Lee. KXRB Radio will also be inducted.

Montagne said he's honored to be included among the initial honorees.

"To be real honest, it's great to see a lot of these guys that I've known and played with for a lot of years get this honor," he said. "I feel good about it. ... We paid our dues, and that's what the Legends are all about."

Sunday's ceremony is part of what the group hopes will be an annual event — a benefit to provide schoolchildren with musical instruments.

"Mainly, we're going to buy instruments with this and give them to underprivileged kids," Montagne said. "A lot of these little towns can't afford instruments. They keep getting the same (ones) fixed in these small schools."

Legends began at the memorial service for South Dakota musician Curt Powell.

"He was a real legend," Montagne said. "He played all over the United States with all that Dick Clark stuff. He was a great guitar player. When he died, we had a little memorial for

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The band Judd Hoos performs tonight (Friday) at Riverboat Days. It is the band's first appearance in Yankton. Judd Hoos takes the stage at 8 p.m. COURTESY PHOTO

Fresh From Sturgis, Band Hits Riverboat Days Tonight

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udd Hoos will finally play in Yankton.

The rock group has been through Yankton countless times, but now the band will finally get to perform here.

"This will be the first time we will get to play in Yankton. We've played around it, but never in Yankton," said lead singer Bob Zwart. "We drive through all the time to get to shows, so it's finally nice to stop and show off what we are all about."

Judd Hoos will be the main show for Riverboat Days tonight (Friday). Zwart said the show for Yankton has been in the works for some time.

"A couple members of the Riverboat Days committee lobbied hard to get us," he said. "They have worked for a couple years now to get us, and thought we could bring in a modern touch and youthful aspect."

"The event is a lock for the town, and I expect it to be a good event," Zwart added. "I know we will entertain them."

Judd Hoos was formed in 2005 by Zwart and drummer Shane Funk. The band plays a number of covers from Aerosmith to Led Zeppelin and Blind Melon. But Judd Hoos does have its own original music and released its debut CD "Better Intentions" in 2008.

Judd Hoos' show is primarily a rock show, but Zwart said they like to mix it up.

"Everything we play you have probably heard, and we are a little harder than soft," he said. "We don't lock down into hard rock, though. We bounce around with what we play."

The band travels all around the Midwest, and in 2009, Judd Hoos performed 114 shows in nine different states.

Zwart said the group likes to keep the shows in the Midwest, and they prefer to play just on the weekends.

"We don't go too far out of the Midwest because we are smart about keeping the shows profitable and manageable," he said. "We also want to go out on the weekends and not 10 nights in a row."

The group just got done performing at the Sturgis Rally, but it wasn't just for one night. In 2009, Judd Hoos performed for eight nights at the Loud American Roadhouse in Sturgis. Last week, the band performed for seven straight nights.

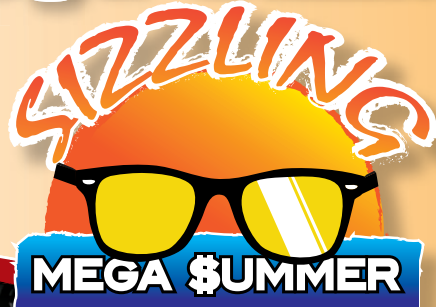
Zwart said it was another huge year at the Rally for the group.

"Every year we play there, we reach a lot of new faces," he said. "It was just mayhem and we really brought it to them."

Judd Hoos still has another 24 shows to play this year after Riverboat Days, including a show in Vermillion on Sept. 10 and another show in Yankton on Oct. 29.

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