

HOMETOWNNEWS

Wagner Hosts Its Third Annual Cancer Walk

The Wagner community held their third annual Cancer Walk on Friday, Aug. 6. The evening began at 6 p.m. with a customer appreciation supper held at the Wagner Lake and hosted by the Wagner Chamber of Commerce. This was the second year for the two events to be held simultaneously. Craig Krsnak, Wagner businessman, and Arlis Kafka, Cancer Walk Chairperson cooperated in coordinating the two events simultaneously.

Supper was held in one of the picnic shelters at the Lake and as soon as attendees were finished eating they wandered off towards the Rotary Picnic Shelter where the Cancer Walk event was situated. There were booths for bingo, games, drawing prizes, and Cancer Walk T-Shirts and luminaries were being sold. There is a walking path

that runs around the perimeter of the lake and it was lined with luminaries in memory of or in honor of someone who has had cancer and is deceased or is presently in treatment or remission from cancer. There were 120 registered walkers with many others who just came out to show support and walk around the lake.

At 7 p.m. the event was officially begun with the dedication of the Cancer Ribbon on the north side of the lake by the waterfall. Earlier this summer the Cancer Walk Committee and the Beautification Committee worked to obtain a community grant to construct a stone cancer ribbon. Chad Soulek, owner of Lawns Unlimited in Freeman and Wagner, was instrumental in designing and building the ribbon on the side of the hill so that everyone

who is traveling by on Highway 50 can see the ribbon from a distance. It was planted with approximately 275 pink petunias. Chad's wife, Deb Soulek, passed away suddenly on Dec. 14, 2009, from complications during treatment for cancer. The Cancer Walk committee dedicated the ribbon to Deb's memory and Chad and his family as well as members from Deb's family were in attendance for the ceremony.

The Cancer Walk Committee is presently selling Memory Stones from the same landscaping blocks used in the construction of the ribbon for placement along the walkway next to the cancer ribbon.

"Our goal is to have these blocks engraved with names of the people who are fighting cancer or who have passed away from cancer. Almost everyone's life has been

touched by someone they love having this disease" said Arlis Kafka at the dedication. "We never forget them."

All the money raised by the Wagner group stays in the community to help those who need help in dealing with their individual circumstances.

"It is distributed among the cancer patients and every penny stays in the Wagner area community," Kafka said.

Approximately 45 cancer survivors joined in the first lap around Wagner Lake. This was followed by other walkers until sunset and a fireworks display ended the evening. Midway through the evening there was a tug-of-war across the lake by members of the Wagner and Dante firemen and the Soulek Family.



Submitted photo
The Wagner Community recently completed its third annual Cancer Walk. Held to honor those who are fighting and have fought the disease.

EAGLE PROJECT HELPS KIDS



KELLY HERTZ/P&D

Taylor Tielke of Yankton recently completed an Eagle Scout project that will give a helping hand to a local soccer program. Tielke, a 17-year-old senior at Yankton High School and a member of Yankton Boy Scout Troop No. 181, constructed this storage facility at Memorial Park to be used by the TOP Soccer program, which allows special-needs kids with physical, mental, emotional or social issues to participate in soccer. Pictured are, from left: Tielke; Dr. Nancy Saunders, TOP Soccer director; and Todd Larson, Yankton Parks and Recreation director. Not pictured are Pam Kettering of the United Way of Greater Yankton and Larry Ness of First Dakota National Bank. Others assisting in the project included Chuck Tielke, Stu Kissick, Roger Willcut, Ryan Ford, Nick Stone, Matt Stone and the Yankton parks and Rec. Department. Local businesses that assisted include Clark's Rentals, Yankton Redi-Mix, Pro Build, Fullerton Lumber, Yankton Paint & Decorating and Yankton Concrete and Materials.

YART OFFICERS ANNOUNCED



SUBMITTED PICTURES

Pictured are the 2010-2011 officers for the Yankton Area Retired Teachers Association. Left to right are President Marilyn Kratz, Vice President Gene Bormann, Secretary Nora Lee and Treasurer Pat Michels. The association will meet for lunch and program Thursday, Sept. 2, at 11:30 a.m., at the Elks Lodge, 504 West 27th St. Members are encouraged to come at 11 a.m. because yearly dues will be collected. The program will be the M-2 Prison Ministries, presented by Darold Adamson. Everyone interested in education is invited to attend. No reservations are required. Call 664-5864 with questions.

SISTER JULIE PEAK PROFESSION RENEWAL

Sister Jennifer Kehrwald, OSB, prioress, and the Benedictine Sisters of Sacred Heart Monastery witnessed the renewal of monastic profession of Sister Julie Peak, OSB, on Aug. 1. Peak made her first profession in 2006 and currently serves as the monastery archivist.



Peak

SHERRIE LEWIS RECOGNIZED FOR 30 YEARS OF SERVICE

Working for USDA Rural Development has been such a rewarding and unbelievable journey," said Rural Development Manager Sherrie Lewis. "I hope that I have made a difference in services available in rural South Dakota such as health care, emergency services, clean and safe drinking water, sanitary sewers and economic growth."



Lewis

Lewis was recently recognized by Elsie M. Meeks, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development South Dakota State Director for 30 years of dedicated service to the federal government. Lewis began her federal career in 1980 and has been with Rural Development the entire time. The greatest change for her has been watching the structure of the agency go from 41 field offices down to seven over the span of her career. Basically, all programs are available at the field level and a lot of thinking outside of the box has occurred to make projects work.

"Sherrie works in each community as if she is a part of it. I have had people tell me how great it is to work with her. Her most recent achievements include involvement with the expansion and renovation done to three critically access hospitals in the Charles Mix and Bon Homme Counties," Meeks said. "She is a technical expert and a real asset to our agency and the communities."

Lewis is currently the Rural Development Manager in the Yankton Rural Development Office. Previous positions held have

taken her to Redfield, Watertown, Vermillion and most recently Yankton. In addition, she is active with Habitat for Humanity, serving as the Family Selection chairperson for 10 years and on the committee for 13 years, and involved in 4-H Shooting Sports in Yankton.

Lewis's role model has been her parents. "My dad was a hard worker, quick thinker and self motivated. My mom was my best friend. She taught me humanity, humility, kindness and compassion," Lewis said.

Sherrie resides in Yankton with her husband Larry. They have three grown children and 12 grandchildren. In her free time, she loves to camp, swim, bike, hike and spend time with her kids and grandkids.

JOLENE PRAVECEK RECOGNIZED FOR 20 YEARS OF SERVICE

Elsie M. Meeks, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development South Dakota State Director recently recognized Jolene Pravecek for 20 years of dedicated service to the federal government. Pravecek began her career in 1989 and started with Rural Development in February of 2002.

"Jolene's great attitude and hard work has helped many families through the process of buying a home," Meeks said. "She cares a great deal about helping families take advantage of Rural Development's programs."

Pravecek is currently a rural development technician in the Yankton area office. Her previous experience includes working for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Farm Service Agency. She spends most of her time working with the multi-family housing, community facility, water and waste, and energy programs offered through the Agency.

"I take great pride in providing excellent customer service," Pravecek said. "I feel very fortunate to work for an agency that has such a positive impact on rural families and communities."

Pravecek resides in Yankton with her husband, Jeff. They have two children, Kyle and Nicole.

CENTERVILLE MAN NAMED TO SOUTH DAKOTA HOUSING DEVELOPMENT BOARD

PIERRE — Gov. Mike Rounds has appointed Bill Hansen to the South Dakota Housing Development Authority (SDHDA) Board of Commissioners.

Hansen grew up in Centerville, raised his family there and continues to live and work there as a grain farmer and as the economic development director for the city.

Hansen began farming in 1979, and throughout his professional life he has been active in other areas of agriculture. From 1986 to 1993, he served as an agricultural lender at First Midwest Bank and from 1993 to 1998 at First Dakota National Bank. Since 1998, Hansen has served as an agricultural loan specialist and finance counselor for First Dakota National Bank, Home Federal Bank and the South Dakota Department of Agriculture.

"SDHDA began working with Bill in 2006 when he applied for funds to prepare and develop needed housing in Centerville," said Mark Lauseng, executive director. "His experience and knowledge gained from being a developer and his past experiences as a lender make him a great addition to our Board of Commissioners."

Besides being economic development director for Centerville, Hansen is also involved in many other areas of his community and surrounding areas. He participates in the Centerville School Board, Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, Foundation, South Eastern Council of Governments, Sioux Empire Housing Partnership, Interlakes Community Action Partnership and Pioneer Memorial Hospital Foundation.

Hansen joins current Commissioners Linda Barker of Sioux Falls, Brent Dykstra of Fort Pierre, Kurt Pfeifle of Miller, Bruce Rampelberg of Rapid City and Chairman Lloyd Schipper of Pierre.

SDHDA's commissioners, who are appointed by the governor, serve to establish policy for the organization and oversee its operations.

Hansen and his wife, Jan, have been married for 30 years and have four children.

O'LEARY SELECTED TO HELP GUIDE IDAHO STATE BAR

The Idaho State Bar Board of Commissioners welcomes two new members. Mary "Molly" O'Leary, of Boise, and Paul Daugharty of Coeur d'Alene.

Molly O'Leary, the daughter of Paul C. and Mary K. O'Leary of Yankton, was recently elected by her colleagues in the Fourth Judicial District and she began serving in that position following the Bar's annual meeting on July 14. Daugharty was elected from the First and Second Districts.

O'Leary is a managing member of the law office of Richardson & O'Leary, PLLC, where she focuses in the area of counseling small business owners and telecommunications clients.

She received her J.D. from the University of Idaho College of Law in 1994.

In 2003, Ms. O'Leary was honored as Business Woman of the Year by the Boise and Southeast Idaho Chapter of the National Association of Women Business Owners, and was honored in 2009 as one of the Idaho Business Review's "Women of the Year."

SMITH JOINS MMC'S ADMISSIONS OFFICE

Dr. Carrol Krause, Interim President of Mount Marty College, announces the appointment of Timothy John "T.J." Smith as Enrollment Counselor for Mount Marty.

Smith, a native of Lake Crystal, Minn., is a 2006 graduate of Mount Marty College, where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in chemistry.

During his time at Mount Marty, Smith participated in track and cross-country, and worked as a student admissions rep. He worked directly with the Admissions Office by guiding prospective students on campus tours, assisting on campus visit days, maintaining continuing contact with potential students and assisting the admissions office with communications.

As an enrollment counselor, Smith's duties will include the recruitment of new freshmen from the states of Minnesota, North Dakota, Iowa, Kansas and Missouri.

Smith and his wife, Kari, plan to live in Yankton.

MEETING MINUTES

YANKTON AREA WRITER'S CLUB

The Yankton Area Writer's Club met Monday, Aug. 9, at the Yankton Community Library. This month we welcomed new member Lisa Lynn-Carroll. Nancy Burk and Margaret Rahn read original works. Nancy Burk offered a writing prompt, and all in attendance read their responses.

The Yankton Area Writer's Club meets the second Monday of every month (the third Monday if the second falls on a holiday), at the Yankton Community Library. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Membership is free and open to all ages and all genres of writing.

For more information, visit: <http://www.iw.net/~nburk/>, e-mail yankton.area.writers.club@gmail.com, or contact Nancy Burk at (605) 664-6582.

INTERCHANGE

Interchange met at noon on Monday, Aug. 16, at the Waterfront. Paula Tacke, Interchange vice president, called the meeting to order with the flag pledge.

Jane Rupiper from Rupiper Travel introduced her guest, AnnaLiese Dehmer from Rupiper Travel. Lois Halbur from HSC introduced her guest, Lois Olson from MN. Halbur announced the Back to School Breakfast at the Knights of Columbus.

Malea Dejean from WNAX was the hostess with Guest speaker Julie Dickes, reception and coach from Ideal Weight, presenting on the benefits of their program.

The next Interchange meeting will be held Monday, Aug. 23. Donna Dietrich is the hostess. Denise Cody of the Yankton

Women's and Children's Center will present a program on the new shelter.

ROY ANDERSON POST #12

Roy Anderson Post #12 held its monthly meeting on Aug. 12, with eight members present.

Commander Ausborn called the members to attention, which was followed by salute to the flag and the Preamble. Chaplain Tienken gave the invocation then the meeting was declared open.

First order of business was the reading of minutes from the July meeting then reports from Finance, Americanism, Youth sports and membership.

Unfinished Business: Need servers for the seven beer and wine bar fundraisers Thursday, Aug. 19, from 6-9 p.m., with proceeds go to the Honor Flight.

There was no old business this month.

New Business: The Adjutant District 7 meeting will be Saturday Sept. 25, at the Vermillion Fire Hall. Social is at 12:30 p.m., with meeting at 1:30, N. Dakota Street. The membership dinner will be Jan. 13, 2011, with guest speaker Carroll Isburg. Isburg is a Korean Conflict veteran.

Sick Call: Morris Wachendorf is now in a nursing home. If anyone knows which one, please contact Chuck Tienken.

Post Everlasting Leonard (Smitty) Smith had passed away since the last meeting. I would like to announce that if there is anyone who would like to transfer a membership or become a new member to contact Don List at 605-665-5924 for more information. Chaplain Tienken gave the

benediction and the meeting was declared adjourned. The next meeting will be Sept. 9 at 7:30 p.m. at the V.F.W. Post Home.

YANKTON REGIONAL AVIATION ASSOCIATION

Thirty members and guests of the Yankton Regional Aviation Association (YRAA) met on Aug. 15 at 6 p.m. at Chan Gurney Airport in the terminal for a potluck supper meeting. Participants were from Menno, Springfield, Tyndall, Vermillion, Yankton, Allen, Hartington, Norfolk, and Randolph. The meeting was called to order by President John Lillevoid. Two new pilots in the Yankton area were introduced: Dr. Jill Kruse of Tyndall and Aaron Greer of Yankton. Both passed their check rides on Aug. 10 and 11, respectively, with designated pilot examiner Charlie Hawley at Denison, Iowa. The annual Chan Gurney Airport breakfast on Sept. 19 was discussed and volunteers signed up for duties. The YRAA, HyVee and Hoffman Flying will be the major sponsors of the breakfast. The Hartington Airport breakfast on Aug. 22 was

discussed. Both events have been widely advertised. The purchase of a "tribute brick" at AirVenture, Oshkosh, WI, in the name of the YRAA and Yankton EAA Chapter 1029 was discussed. An aviation record set in a 500 kg aircraft built and flown by Arnold Ebner (cousin of Gene Ebner of Yankton) was discussed. After the record-setting flight from Seattle to Maryland, Arnold visited Yankton on his return flight home to Seattle.

For more information about the YRAA, call 665-8448.

SOUTH DAKOTA VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

Animal welfare issues, wound management and repair, bovine respiratory disease, and companion animal dentistry were among the topics covered when more than 200 veterinarians and veterinary technicians met at the recent Annual Meeting of the South Dakota Veterinary Medical Association in Sioux Falls. A lineup of nationally-known speakers presented these topics and many others to participants that included veterinarians from South Dakota as well as from

surrounding states. The meeting featured sessions on companion animal, food animal, and equine medicine, and included case reports from SDSU Animal Disease Research and Diagnostic Lab faculty involving current animal disease issues.

Dr. Russ Daly of Brookings was honored as Veterinarian of the Year. Dr. Daly is the Extension Veterinarian for the S.D. Cooperative Extension Service and Associate Professor with the Department of Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences. In that role, he has served the SDVMA as chairman of the Continuing Education committee, coordinating speakers and topics for veterinary continuing education, as well as serving as a member of the SDVMA Executive Board.

Carter Johnson, Black Hawk, S.D., received the Bill Davis Award. This award is given annually to a sales representative of a veterinary supply company who has demonstrated an unusual degree of service and assistance to veterinarians and the veterinary profession in South Dakota.

Dr. Stephen Frusher, Selby; Dr. Janet Messner, Yankton; Dr. Richard Ovenson, Madison; and Dr. L. Lee Nefstead, Canby, Minn., attained life membership status in the SDVMA for their years of practice.

The following board members were elected for the coming year: Dr. Bill Baus, Redfield, president; Dr. Penny Dye, Rapid City, president-elect; Dr. Cindy Franklin, Yankton, vice-president; Dr. Tom Rentschler, Tea, secretary-treasurer; and Dr. Christy Teets, Rapid City, District 3 representative. Other board members include Dr. Todd Carr, Dell Rapids, District 1 representative; Dr. Jeff Stolle, Groton, District 2 representative; Dr. George Twitero, Rapid City, AVMA delegate; Dr. Jim Bain, Frederick, AVMA alternate delegate; Dr. Dick Rogen, Sioux Falls, past-president; and Jennifer Stalley, Pierre, executive director.

The 2011 SDVMA annual meeting will be held Aug. 7-10 in Sioux Falls.

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