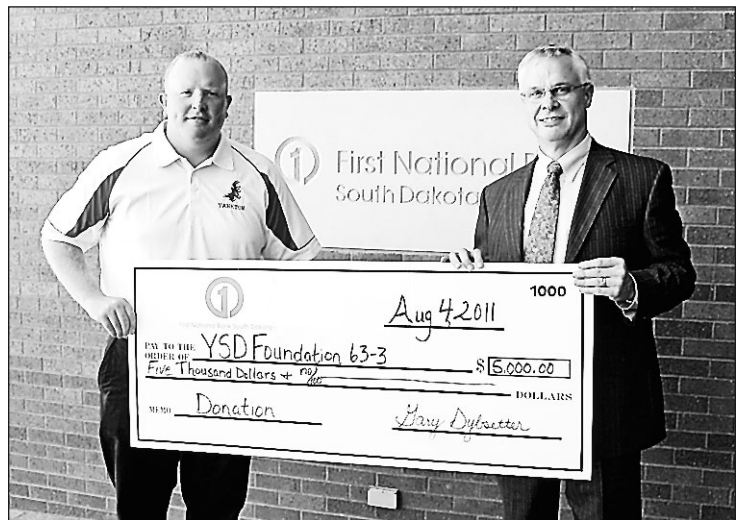


SUPPORTING YMS ACTIVITIES



First National Bank South Dakota recently donated \$5,000 to YSD Foundation 63-3 in support of Yankton Middle School athletic programs. Todd Dvoracek, Middle School Principal (left), is shown accepting the check on behalf of the Foundation from Gary Dybseter, market president for First National Bank South Dakota

Benedictine Sisters' Jubilees Celebrated

Six Benedictine Sisters of Sacred Heart Monastery, Yankton, will mark jubilees of profession in 2011. Ss. Bonita Gacnik OSB and Virginia Pieper OSB will celebrate 25 years of monastic profession on Aug. 7. In a private community ceremony in August, Diamond Jubilarians Ss. Andree Mechtenberg OSB and Eileen Neville OSB will celebrate 60 years of profession, and Ss. Gabriella Baumberger OSB and Judith Kuhn OSB will mark 70 years of professed Benedictine life.

Silver Jubilarians

S. BONITA GACNIK
S. Bonita Gacnik OSB will celebrate her 25th jubilee of monastic profession during the Eucharist on Aug. 7 at Sacred Heart Monastery, Yankton.



Gacnik

S. Bonita, daughter of the late Stanley and Viola Gacnik, is a native of Pueblo, Colo. She attended Catholic schools in Pueblo from grades 1-12. She earned a B.S. in Mathematics from Southern Colorado State College in Pueblo. She worked at the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, CO prior to her entering the monastery in 1984. She made first profession in 1986.

After earning M.A. degrees in Mathematics and Computer Science from the University of South Dakota she began a ministry of teaching at Mount Marty College in Yankton. She later earned a Ph.D. in Computing Technology in Education from the Graduate School of Computer and Information Sciences at Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, FL. S. Bonita now serves as professor of mathematics and computer science at Mount Marty College.

S. Bonita says that she grew up in a very religious home. Her parents were both Benedictine Oblates. She was taught by the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago and her parish was served by monks from Holy Cross Abbey in Canon City. The example of her Benedictine teachers and pastors, her family and her older sister, S. Carolyn, a member of Sacred Heart Monastery, were major influences in her answering the call to religious life. Reflecting on her jubilee she says, "My jubilee celebration causes me to be filled with deep gratitude for my religious community. I live with holy women, committed to seeking God and serving God's people. Monastic life calls me daily to stretch and grow. It is a life of grace and opportunity."

S. VIRGINIA PIEPER

S. Virginia Pieper OSB will celebrate her 25th jubilee of monastic profession during the Eucharist on Aug. 7 at Sacred Heart Monastery, Yankton.

S. Virginia, daughter of Harold Pieper of Gering and the late Mary Ann Pieper, grew up on a farm near Mitchell, Neb. She graduated from Mitchell Public

School. She attended Mount Marty College for three years prior to entering the monastery in 1984. She made first profession in 1986. She earned a BA degree in religious education from Mount Marty College and a MA degree in Earth Literacy from St. Mary-of-the-Woods College in Indiana.

Her ministry has included internal ministry in yards, maintenance and housekeeping at the monastery and Mount Marty College and pastoral ministry at parishes in White Lake and Kimball. She currently is in charge of the monastery garden and orchard and does guest lectures on various aspects of ecology and stewardship of the earth.

Reflecting on her call to monastic life, she says "Benedictine life has taught me to seek God in everything. It has brought the exterior world and the interior life together. The Earth, scripture and the Rule of Benedict have all influenced my journey of seeking God as a Benedictine sister."

Diamond Jubilarians

(60 YEARS)

S. ANDREE MECHTENBERG

S. Andree Mechtenberg OSB, a native of Parkston, celebrated 60 years of monastic profession during a private community ceremony on Aug. 5 at Sacred Heart Monastery, Yankton.



Mechtenberg

S. Andree, the daughter of the late Theodore and Rose Mechtenberg, was born and raised in Parkston. She attended elementary and high school there. She began studies at Sacred Heart School of Nursing prior to entering the monastery in 1949. She made first profession in June 1951. She earned her RN diploma from Sacred Heart School of Nursing in 1954. She credits the influence of her nursing instructors as a major factor in answering the call to Benedictine life.

Her ministry included many years as a nurse at Sacred Heart Hospital, St. Mary's Hospital, Pierre and St. Thomas More Hospital, Canon City, CO. She later earned a BS in Anesthesia and was the first graduate of the Mount Marty College anesthesia program. She then served as a nurse anesthetist at St. Thomas More Hospital and later as Director of Home Health and Hospice for that hospital. In 1991, she returned to the monastery to serve as the Director of the St. Joseph Care Center. Since 2001 she has assisted with the healthcare needs of the older members of the community. She also served on the monastery council and as a board member for Avera Sacred Heart Hospital.

Of her monastic journey she

reflects, "My monastic community has been a stabilizing force for me all these 60 years. I have received prayers, love, encouragement, support and faithfulness, which in turn has allowed me to return that love and support in my service to others."

S. EILEEN NEVILLE

S. Eileen Neville OSB, a native of York, celebrated her 60th jubilee of monastic profession in a private community ceremony on August 5 at Sacred Heart Monastery, Yankton.



Neville

S. Eileen, daughter of the late William and Irene Neville, was born on the Feast of Benedict, July 11, on the family farm near York, Neb. She attended a one-room rural school and graduated from St. Joseph's High School in York. She attended Mount Marty College for one year prior to her entrance into the monastery in 1949. She made first profession in 1951 and received a B.A. degree from Mount Marty College in 1953. Later she earned an M.A. and Ph.D. in English from St. Louis University.

She taught in the English department at Mount Marty College for over 45 years, as well as serving as Visiting Professor at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 1969-70, where she helped prepare students to teach in the culturally diverse settings. She was also active in the S.D. Humanities Council, the American Benedictine Academy and many other state and national organizations, served on the Avera Sacred Heart Board of Trustees, and worked with Native American communities and immigrant families from Viet Nam. She currently serves as Interim Director of On-Going Formation for the monastery and assists with research in the monastery archives and other community needs.

She says that her "vibrant religious family were a strong influence on my vocation. The generous, faith-filled example of my Benedictine Sisters who taught me in high school and college drew me to the Benedictines." Reflecting on her 60 years of monastic life, S. Eileen says that she becomes more grateful each day for God's having called her to this Benedictine life. "As I look back, I glimpse how enriching it has been to have shared family life with hundreds of Sisters. Their example and mentoring have led me to a greater intimacy with God, and which has been a wonderful reassurance in days of trial and stress and a source of deep peace."

Diamond Jubilarians

(70 YEARS)

S. JUDITH KUHN OSB

S. Judith Kuhn OSB celebrated her 70th jubilee of monastic profession in a private community ceremony on Aug. 5 at Sacred

Heart Monastery, Yankton.

S. Judith, daughter of the late Wendelen and Rosa Kuhn, was born near Dodge, N.D., and attended St. Mary's High School in Richardson, N.D., and Mount Marty High School in Yankton. She entered the monastery in 1939 and made first profession in 1941.

S. Judith earned a BA degree from Mount Marty College and taught elementary students in North and South Dakota and Nebraska for 18 years. She then completed graduate studies for a Master's Degree in Hospital Administrations at St. Louis University. In 1962 she became the CEO of St. Thomas More Hospital in Canon City, CO and ministered in this position for 25 years. Following her retirement as CEO of the hospital, she began a parish ministry program for St. Michael's Parish in Canon City. She served the elderly, bereaved and shut-ins and found this ministry to be a very important part of her call of service to God's people. She now resides at the monastery and is active in prayer ministry and growing plants and flowers.

Of her 70 years of monastic life she says, "I am very grateful to God and to my Benedictine community for the years of ministering to God's people in the areas of teaching, health care and comfort to shut-ins and bereaved, and now, these past seven years of being able to live out my days with my monastic community."

S. GABRIELLA BAUMBERGER

S. Gabriella Baumberger OSB, a native of rural Colton, celebrated her 70th jubilee of monastic profession in a private community ceremony on Aug. 5 at Sacred Heart Monastery, Yankton.



Baumberger

S. Gabriella, daughter of the late Rudolph and Mary Baumberger, was born on a farm near Colton. She graduated from St. Mary's High School in Dell Rapids prior to entering Sacred Heart Monastery in 1939. She made her first monastic profession in 1941.

Her ministry included 41 years of teaching primary grades in Catholic schools in South Dakota, Nebraska and North Dakota. Following her retirement from teaching she assisted in the monastery print shop, volunteered at Mount Marty College and did numerous calligraphy projects for the monastery and college. She currently resides at the monastery and assists in various duties at the monastery.

Reflecting on her 70 years of professions, S. Gabriella says that "I am grateful to God for my call to religious life as a Benedictine Sister. Also I am thankful for my family, our parish priests, my relatives and friends, my teachers and our Benedictine community members for the inspiration they have given me."

Husband Thinks 'Towed Miles' Don't Count

BY TOM AND RAY MAGLIOZZI
www.cartalk.com.

Dear Tom and Ray:
My husband just bought a 2004 Chevy Tracker with a smidge over 60,000 miles on the odometer. We think the prior owner might have hauled the Tracker behind a recreational vehicle; there is a tow-hitch bracket under the Tracker's front bumper and a bunch of rock chips in the hood's paint. So our question is this: When a vehicle is towed with four wheels on the ground like that, does the towed vehicle's odometer register all of those miles? My husband thinks most of these miles are "towed miles" and therefore he got a low-mileage vehicle with a high-mileage odometer. Is my husband's smugness justified? - Di



CAR TALK

Tom and Ray Magliozzi

RAY: A husband's smugness is never justified, Di. Because even if he's right about something, it's only a matter of time before he's wrong about something else. If you don't believe me, ask my wife!
TOM: But you don't even have to wait for your husband to be wrong, Di. He's wrong right now. In the old days, odometers were mechanical. They were run by a cable that came up from the output shaft of the transmission. So, when the drive wheels turned, that

shaft turned and the odometer turned, racking up the miles.

RAY: But on modern cars, speedometers and odometers are electronic. So unless the key is on, they're not getting powered and won't register any miles.

TOM: And no one would tow a car any kind of distance with the key on.

RAY: If the car had a stick shift, the person doing the towing would just shift it into neutral and tow it with the key off. Or, if it was an automatic, you would use the shift-lock override to put it in neutral.

TOM: And if you needed the key to be turned - to unlock the steering wheel, for example - you'd probably disconnect the battery to keep it from dying. Otherwise, when you got to the KOA in Winnemucca and tried to go out for some post-14-hour-drive hemorrhoid cream, your Tracker wouldn't start.

RAY: So your husband's new thing, Tracker has 60,000 actual, honest-to-goodness driven miles on it. Plus maybe another 150,000 or 200,000 spent bouncing behind a Winnebago.

Why do unmitigated cheapskates like Tom continue to buy nothing but old clunkers? Find out by ordering Tom and Ray's guide "How to Buy a Great Used Car: Secrets Only Your Mechanic Knows." Send \$4.75 (check or money order) to Used Car, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

Area Teachers Among State's Honored

The South Dakota Association for Career and Technical Education recently recognized individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to career and technical education. The award winners were each presented with a plaque and a \$200 cash award sponsored by Cenex Harvest States Foundation.

Those who were honored at the awards banquet included **Bridget Twedt, the agriculture education teacher from Centerville, for Outstanding New Career and Technical Teacher;** Brigitte Brucklacher, the family and consumer sciences teacher from Haakon County School

(Philip) for Outstanding Teacher in Community Service; Joline Dunbar, the family and consumer sciences teacher from Brookings High School for Teacher of the Year; **Marlys Hauck-Fenner recently retired family and consumer sciences teacher from Freeman, for Outstanding Service Award;** Lynette Molstad Gorder, the business and computer information professor at Dakota State University for Friend of South Dakota Career and Technical Education; and Coleen Keffeler, the career and technical coordinator at Sturgis Brown High School for Lifetime Achievement.



Kruse-Vavruska

Steve and Teresa Vavruska of Tyndall are pleased to announce the engagement of their son, Ryan of Sioux Falls, to Sarah Kruse of Sioux Falls, daughter of Darwin and Terese Kruse of Fulda, MN.

Ryan is a 2006 graduate of Bon Homme High School, Tyndall, and a December 2010 graduate of the University of Sioux Falls with a bachelor's degree in business administration. He is currently employed by Wells Fargo Financial in Sioux Falls.

Sarah is a 2006 graduate of Fulda High School and a December 2010 graduate of USF with a bachelor's degree in biology. She is currently employed at Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls.

The wedding will be September 9 in Sioux Falls.

Celebrating 50 Years
William & Marlene Schramm
William and Marlene (Krcil) Schramm of Yankton, SD, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on August 14, 2011. William and Marlene were married on August 14, 1961, at St. John's Catholic Church, Wagner, SD. The couple has four children: Rhonda (Darrell) Schenkel, Utica, SD; James (Stacy) Schramm, Yankton, SD; Lisa Ostermyer (fiancé, Tom), Sioux Falls, SD; Julie (Larry) Larsen, Sioux Falls, SD. They have 9 grandchildren.
Greetings may be sent to 900 Maple St., Yankton, SD 57078.

Torgerson-Syrovatka
Danielle Torgerson and Jeremy Syrovatka announce their engagement. Parents of the couple are Terry and Cindy Torgerson and Joe and Teri Syrovatka. Danielle is a 2011 graduate of Dakota Wesleyan University Nursing program. She is working at the Springfield Clinic. Jeremy is a 2010 graduate of South Dakota State University with a bachelor of science degree in mathematics. He is currently employed at CorInsurance in Yankton, SD. The wedding will be Sept. 24, 2011, at the First Lutheran Church in Mitchell, SD.

Calvary Kids Preschool
New Student Registration & Open House
Sunday, August 7 • 2:00-4:00PM
Preschool classes offered:
3 year old Class....Tuesday/Thursday, 8:45-11:30 AM
4 year old Class....Monday/Wednesday/Friday, 8:45-11:30 AM
Jr. Kindergarten....Monday-Friday, 12:30-3:00 PM
For more information, call 665-5594
www.calvarykidspreschool.com

Celebrating 50 Years
Mr. & Mrs. Loy Gravholt
Ruth (Fishbeck) and Loy Gravholt will be celebrating 50 years of marriage. Their children are hosting an open house on Saturday, Aug. 13, 2011, from 5-8 pm at the Elk's Lodge of Yankton. All their friends and family are invited to join the celebration. The couple requests no gifts please. The couple has two children: Jay and Rebecca Gravholt of Yankton, and Josh and Molly Gravholt of Minneapolis, MN. They have five grandchildren.

50 Years Together
Kenneth E. and Lonnie J. (Simonsen) Remington
of Yankton will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. Their family invites everyone to honor Ken & Lonnie with a card shower. Greetings can be sent to 2305 Burleigh St. Apt. 101, Yankton, SD 57078. There will be a family get together on Saturday, Aug. 6. The couple requests no gifts please. The couple has one daughter, Jan M. (Danny) Putnam of Gayville. They have two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.