

Family Reunion



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Pictured are, front/seated from left: Marvin, Selma, Alfred and Verina; standing from left: Gideon, Ronald, Victor, Geraldine and John. (Note: Ronald is standing in for the late Elton Schaeffer.)

21st Annual William's Ten Reunion Held

MENNO — The 21st annual 'William's Ten' reunion was held at The Legion Hall in Menno from July 28-30. Those attending were standing from were eight of the nine surviving "William's Ten" and their spouses (listed in order of age): Marvin Schaeffer of Freeman; Selma (Schaeffer) Fischer; and Alfred (Leona) Schaeffer of Menno. Verina (Elton) Schaeffer Tiede, Parkston; Gideon (Mary Jane) Schaeffer of Tucson, Arizona. Harriet Schaeffer Menno (spouse of the late Elton Schaeffer); Victor (Darlene) Schaeffer of Yankton; Geraldine (Amos) Schaeffer Schultz of Menno; and John (Darleen) Schaeffer, Grimes, Iowa. Unable to attend were Arnold and June Schaeffer of Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Lynette Kerlin from Bruce, was in attendance for the duration. Others joining us for part of the time were Nancy & Ken Bauder; Curtis & Marcella Cass; of Scotland; Ron Schaeffer of Menno with his children Zoe, Daniel & Ivana; Derrick Fischer; Tom Fischer of Menno with his grandchildren — Ambriana and Grayden. We were also pleased to have Arlene Hasse of Scotland and Ted and Mildred Schaeffer of Viborg join us.

Alfred & Leona Schaeffer and Victor & Darlene Schaeffer served as the planning committee for the reunion.

The family reminisced, in a formal session, of occurrences in the past year. Photos and records of past reunions were made available to browse. A time was set aside to do the annual

"Painting of the T Shirts" and later family photos were taken wearing our special T-Shirts.

Verina Tiede and her daughter, Lynette Kerlin, gave an interesting presentation on the history of buttons.

Geraldine Schultz shared her experiences of her trip to Germany (her granddaughter, Air Force Captain Katie Schultz is stationed there and planned the trip for her and also for Katie's mother, Ann Schultz and her brother William). Geraldine also shared photos and various other items.

We toured the museum in Menno and found it very interesting! We did see the uniform that William (Dad) Schaeffer wore during World War I, while he was stationed at Camp Dodge, Des Moines, Iowa.

We played Card Bingo, did some singing and just had a good time visiting and sharing jokes.

The noon meals for the 3 days were served to us at the Open Door Restaurant and also one evening meal was served at The Schnitz and most everyone enjoyed Chislic! The Dairy Bar catered one evening meal at the American Legion Hall.

The reunion climaxed and concluded with a Family Communion Service conducted by Rev. John Schaeffer, assisted by Victor Schaeffer. Mary Jane Schaeffer accompanied the singing of the hymns, on the piano.

Plans are in progress for the 22nd annual William's Ten Reunion to be held at the Menno American Legion Hall in 2015.

Public Is Welcome To Join Wagoneers To Celebrate South Dakota's Statehood

Travelers were arriving in Yankton by train, horse and steamboat 125 years ago when South Dakota gained statehood.

Steamboats and passenger trains are long gone, but visitors will be arriving with horses next week in the old Missouri River city, where a quasiquintennial wagon train will begin on Thursday (Sept. 4).

The public is welcome to join the wagoneers for a celebration of statehood on Wednesday afternoon and evening (Sept. 3). Headquarters for the festivities is the Yankton rodeo grounds, a half-mile west of the intersection of Highways 50 and 81 on the far northside of town.

From 1-5 p.m., unique tours will be offered of a museum-in-progress — the restoration of the historic Mead Building as a new home for Yankton's Dakota Territorial Museum. Wagon rides will be provided from the rodeo grounds to the nearby museum (pulled by an old tractor, not a horse.)

A chicken dinner will be served from 5-7 p.m., with proceeds going to the Dakota Territorial Museum. Tickets may be obtained in advance at the Museum in Westside Park. Tickets may also be purchased at the event on a first-come, first-serve basis. Call the museum at 665-3898 for questions on the meal.

A program of music and history also begins at 4 p.m., hosted by Terry Crandall. The agenda includes re-enactors from the Missouri National Recreation River, singer Mike McDonald, a re-enactment of the first gover-

nor by actor John Timm, songs by the Beadle School first-graders, music by local country singers Rachel Wood and Ashley Schweitzer, a speech by wagonmaster Gerald Kessler and remarks by Gov. Dennis Daugaard.

A concert and dance will ensue from 7-10 p.m., featuring the country/folk songs of Poker Alice. All the activities except the meal are free. No beer or alcohol will be served at the program or dance.

"Bring your children and grandchildren," urged Carmen Schramm, one of the event's organizers and the executive director of the Yankton Area Chamber of Commerce. "This will be their memory of our state's 125th birthday and we'll have a good time."

Everyone is encouraged to dress in western wear, contemporary or historic. Commemorative T-shirts are available at the Chamber of Commerce for \$12. They will also be sold at the event on Wednesday. The T-shirt slogan reads, "Happy Trails to You, Until We Meet Again in Yankton." Mead Building T-shirts and memorabilia will also be available at the event. Schramm said the event will further establish Yankton as the region's historic river city. "Yankton is where it all begin — as a fur-trading post and shipping center, as the territorial capitol and a center for religion, commerce, education and politics. We're proud of our history and we welcome all our friends from far and wide to join as we kick-off the wagon train with Yankton's usual style."

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United Way

United Way & Volunteer Services Gear Up To Kick Off 2014 Campaign

All of us at United Way & Volunteer Services of Greater Yankton are gearing up to kick off the 2015 Campaign where we get to share with the community the incredible works of over 35 local programs. Once again we will be hosting events to raise awareness during UNITED WAY WEEK September 5th - 12th!

THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES ARE PLANNED FOR UNITED WAY WEEK:

- **Friday, Sept. 5:** Yankton Bucks football game
- Look for United Way at the game & register to win LIVE UNITED shirts and other UW gear!

- **Monday, Sept. 8:** Yearly Marquee Event

Look for the LIVE UNITED logo all around town! Participating businesses with marquees will be promoting LIVE UNITED.

- **Tuesday, Sept. 9:** The

BIG THANKS event! This is where United Way volunteers, wearing LIVE UNITED shirts, will be standing outside establishments who are loyal supporters of United Way, holding signs, thanking them for their support! Keep your eyes peeled!

Look for us at: First Dakota National Bank, 21st & Broadway; CorTrust Bank, 2405 Broadway; Applied Engineering, 2008 East Highway 50; and Kolberg Pioneer, E 23rd Street.

- **Wednesday, Sept. 10:** HEART CLUB Appreciation & BIG THANKS Award Event

We invite you to come learn about the IMPACT your generosity makes on our community, meet program directors, board members & staff, and help kick-off United Way & Volunteer Services of Greater Yankton's 2015 Campaign!

- **Thursday, Sept 11:** A free appreciation car wash

at the Boys & Girls Club, 1804 Broadway, 4:00pm to 6:00pm

- **Friday, Sept. 12:** LIVE UNITED Day

Wear your LIVE UNITED shirt to work today or check us out on Facebook to win more LIVE UNITED gear!

Again this year, we ask that you look for the double sided mailer coming to your door September 8th. The mailer lists our partner agencies supported via this campaign, pictures of people that live and work in the greater Yankton area, a tear-off pledge card, plus information how partner agencies and programs network with each other to address community issues.

The 2015 Campaign theme, "It all begins with YOU" emphasizes that your much appreciated gift, combined with the gifts of others, will improve thousands of lives each year.

Your contribution goes far, but not far away. It stays right here in the Greater Yankton area, improving the lives of our neighbors, friends, relatives, and co-workers.

When that one sheet mailer comes to your mailbox, please take a few minutes to read it, decide the donation you would like to share, and mail the pledge form and your donation to: United Way & Volunteer Services, 610 W. 23rd St., Yankton, SD.

If you would like more information, go online to www.yanktonunitedway.org, call 665-6766 or email us at unitedway@iwn.net

Please help us make this year's campaign a success. Give. Advocate. Volunteer. LIVE UNITED! It all begins with YOU!

Virginia VonHaden Named Sanford August PRIDE Employee Of The Month

VERMILLION — Virginia (Virg) VonHaden, was selected as the August Sanford Vermillion 2014 PRIDE Employee of the Month. She has been employed here since July 2008.

NOMINATIONS FOR VIRG INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING:

Personalized Service:

Virg took a picture of a couple (patients) for their "60th" anniversary. She had it printed up on special paper and gave it to them. They were thrilled with it. Definitely, an experience you typically wouldn't get at a doctor's appointment.

Respect: Virg is very good on the phone with patients and people enjoy talking to her. She is very cheerful and you can hear it in her voice.

Innovation: Those patients loved the photo and were very proud of it.

Dedication: She followed



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Pictured: Theresa Bendert, Clerical Supervisor and Virginia (Virg) VonHaden, August Employee of the Month.

through with the commitment of printing the photo for the anniversary couple. Virg is dedicated to engaging in smiles all day long!

Excellence: How much

better can a clinic appointment be when you can celebrate an anniversary with the staff there!

Additional Comments: She also takes photos at the

Nikki's Fund 5K Run/Walk Slated Sept. 13

VERMILLION — The University of South Dakota, along with the communities of Vermillion and Yankton, will sponsor the ninth annual Nikki's Fund 5K Run/Walk at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 13, at Prentis Park in Vermillion.

Part of National Suicide Prevention Week activities in September, Nikki's Fund 5K raises money for USD students in crisis situations and helps promote suicide prevention awareness throughout the region.

"Nikki's Fund and the Nikki's Fund 5K are extremely important in assisting USD students who are in need during crisis situations," stated Teresa McDowell-Johnson, di-

rector of Student Rights and Responsibilities at USD. "All the support from this event goes a long ways in supporting students who need our help."

Registration forms are available now at the Student Counseling Center, which is located at the Cook House on the USD campus and participants can also register online at AllSport Central (www.all-sportcentral.com/) or complete a form the day of the run at 8 a.m. at Prentis Park. Registration cost is \$15. All proceeds will benefit Nikki's Fund to support suicide prevention programs and other mental health needs for USD students.

"The communities of Ver-

million and Yankton have been wonderful partners and supporters of Nikki's Fund. Since its inception in 2006, we've raised more than \$35,000 for USD students," said Janine Harris, founder of Nikki's Fund, which was created in memory of her daughter, Nicole Vallie Harris, who died from suicide on June 15, 2005. "Suicide is a preventable public health problem and prevention begins with each and every one of us. Our mission is educating others that suicide is not an option, that getting the help they need and deserve is."

The 2014 race/walk starts at 9 a.m. at Prentis Park (also the finish line) with runners and walkers navigating a street course through downtown Vermillion. Prizes are awarded to 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. T-shirts and refreshments will also be provided.

For more information about Nikki's Fund or to make a donation, please call (605) 335-1688 or email www.nikkisfund84@gmail.com

MEETINGS

V.F.W. LADIES AUXILIARY

The Ladies Auxiliary to Ernest Bowyer V.F.W. Post 791 August meeting opened by President Joyce Stahlecker. Roll call was taken, followed with the Opening Prayer by Slowey, Patriotic Instructions by Olson. The Pledge to the Flag was said and the Star Spangled was song. Minutes from July meeting was read by Schramm and the Treasurer's report was giving by Stoddard.

Reading of the bill was given by Simonsen, and Correspondence was read by Schramm. Followed by the Committee's report, Hospital by Slowey, Funerals By Schramm, there was one. Members by Stoddard, and Poppies by Blaha: Poppy Days will be on Oct. 10-11. Volunteers will be needed. Yankton Care by Gwinn and Majestic Buys by Mellem, a Legislative by Olson: reminded everyone that election coming up and encouraged members to start sending E-Mails with their desires and concerns. Youth by Simonsen, a donation was giving to the Contact Center for school supplies for the needy. Unfinished Business was none.

New Business. President Stahlecker advised bingo volunteers are needed. this is our main source of income. it is a vital program for our Auxiliary. Dorothea Blaha will need volunteers to help promote the sales of poppies on Oct. 10-11.

Oct. 21 is set for the V.F.W. soup Kitchen, there is be no Las Vegas night this year.

President Stahlecker then asked if anyone interested in riding on the float or walking in the Riverboat Day Parade, they were to be at the Post Home at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday.

Stoddard received two donations for funeral luncheons and this will be go to the Post. She advised the change the "Donation" fund to "Veterans and Family Support Fund."

Bender was advised the red V.F.W. Auxiliary shirt she wanted has been discontinued, but others were available.

Simonsen reported District #1 meeting is Oct. 12 and the Department President will be the Official Visitor. State Fair will be Aug. 28-Sept. 1. Simonsen read donations this month: State Obligations, State

Fair, National Home, Health and Happiness Fund and State Special Olympics Fund.

September Lunch Committee will be Simonsen, Zimmerman and Stahlecker.

Next Meeting will be Sept. 9, 2014, at 7:30 p.m.

YANKTON REGIONAL AVIATION ASSOCIATION

Thirty-nine members and guests of the Yankton Regional Aviation Association (YRAA) held a potluck meeting on Aug. 24 at 6 p.m. in the terminal at Chan Gurney Airport. Participants came from Allen, Crofton, Hartington, Norfolk, Randolph, Menno, Mission Hill, Scotland, Tyndall, Vermillion and Yankton.

President John Lillevold welcomed everyone to the potluck meeting. Lillevold presented Jake Hitt with the YRAA Flight Training Scholarship and the Bud Becker Memorial Scholarship. Lillevold reviewed the memorial service for Jim Smith, and recapped the "aircraft light painting" event with the Yankton Photography Club at the airport on Aug 23. Twelve aircraft and nine photographers participated in the event. Lillevold passed around a framed set of photos of the ACE Camp held at SDSU, Brookings in July. The YRAA provided two scholarships to the ACE Camp. An airport breakfast at Springfield Airport on Sept. 14 was announced. Steve Hamilton announced that the Chan Gurney Airport breakfast was set for Sept. 21 and will be held in Crop Dusters hangar and sponsored by HyVee. Lillevold reported that he would be selling his flight training aircraft and its hangar to the Yankton Flyers LLC in the near future, but he would continue his flight training on a limited basis. Lillevold said he would also be sitting down at YRAA president at the end of December after serving for six years. Lon DuBois suggested hosting a special fly-over of Jim Smith's farm on Sept. 21.

The next YRAA meeting will be on Oct. 19 at 6 p.m. in the terminal at the Chan Gurney Airport. For more information about the YRAA, contact Steve Hamilton at 605-665-8448.



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