

SCHOLASTICS

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA/
LINCOLN

LINCOLN, Neb. — The University of Nebraska-Lincoln granted degrees to nearly 750 students during the summer all-university commencement ceremony Aug. 15 at Pinnacle Bank Arena.

Shane Farritor, Lederer Professor of Engineering, delivered the commencement address. Farritor leads UNL's Robotics and Mechatronics Lab, a research and education program focused on the innovative application of robotics technology. Farritor helped create miniature surgi-

cal robots that can be inserted through a tiny incision and perform minimally invasive surgery that significantly reduce the patient's pain and recovery time.

The graduates were from 35 states, the District of Columbia and 25 countries.

Following is a list of area graduates alphabetically by hometown, state and country.

- Saint Helena, Neb.: Brett Daniel Klug, College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, bachelor of science in PGA golf management
- Springfield: Emily Sue Romkema, Graduate College, master of arts for teachers

REUNIONS

YHS CLASS OF 1980

The Yankton High School Class of 1980 will hold a reunion in Yankton Sept. 4-5.

Classmates will meet at the Ice House on Sept. 4 and at Rounding Third on Sept. 5.

For more information, contact Kelly at (605) 660-1559 or klsparks@iw.net, or check out Facebook.

YHS CLASS OF 1990 REUNION

The Yankton High School

Class of 1990 will be hosting its 25-year reunion during Riverboat Days Aug. 21-23. The central meeting spot will be the Riverside Park picnic shelter immediately east of the Beer Tent Shelter at 7 p.m. Aug. 21-22. There will also be a Happy Hour & Dining at JoDeans, from 5-7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, no RSVP needed.

For further information, visit the website: <http://yhs1990.flavors.me/> or the Facebook page "YHS Class of 1990 25 Year Class Reunion."

United Way

A Look At The Yankton Area Literacy Council

BY SHERI DUKE
Coordinator

In April, Southeast Job Link (SEJL) took over the Coordination of the Yankton Area Literacy Council (YALC) with the support of United Way of Greater Yankton. Joining forces between the two organizations was a natural fit as both organizations have similar literacy missions. And, although I can't say that combining forces has been a completely smooth transaction, I can say it has given both organizations a chance to expand our visions and we are eager moving forward.

SEJL is a Career Learning Center whose purpose is to provide employment training services that meet the needs of employers and job seekers in the region. As part of that mission, SEJL provides English Language Learning (ELL), and Adult Education and Literacy Services (basic skill development and/or GED attainment) to adults in Yankton and the surrounding area.

The Yankton Area Literacy Council's (YALC) mission is to improve literacy skills for individuals of all ages through the valuable use of trained volunteers and by expanding community awareness.

As an organization, it acts as a referral source for all ages in literacy related services; provides support and materials to individuals and organizations interested in promoting literacy in the community; tutors adults and children in reading, writing, speaking, math, and English as a Second Language.

Education towards GED completion to post-secondary education and on to long-term employment options cannot currently be effectively provided by YALC, and SEJL cannot currently provide literacy services to all members of the community due to funding restrictions prohibiting them from providing services to individuals under the age of 18. Therefore, in order to provide a broader range of services to a larger group of individuals and to avoid duplication of services, YALC partnered with SEJL, with a goal to improve literacy at all levels and to prepare all community members for successful educational and employment opportunities.

Over the past three months, the Yankton Area Literacy Council has:

- Had 16 tutors, who have tutored 26 students over the course of 457 hours;
- Trained five new tutors, and had 2

others register as tutors;

- Created a partnership with the Boys and Girls Club, with one of our tutors tutoring onsite at the Academy;
- Began a weekly Conversational English class for students to practice their English speaking skills, and;
- Have shared information and given away books at the annual Arts in the Park event.

As we continue work to improve the student and volunteer tracking process, and we work to get our current students assessed for better educational planning and better student/tutor matching; as the Coordinator of this program, I am very excited to see what happens next.

Literacy is a "life-wide and life-long" learning process that affects every aspect of our lives. Because of this new partnership, and the support that United Way of Greater Yankton provides to the Yankton Area Literacy Council, we can continue our mission to improve the lives of youth and adults in our community!

For more information about these services and the partnership between SEJL and the YALC, call (605) 668-3408 or visit www.southeastjoblink.org/yankton-area-literacy-council.

Bow Valley Celebrates 119 Years Of Schuetzenfests

BY LISA FISCHER

BOW VALLEY — The last phone call was made, the final task completed and by sunset on Aug. 2, Bow Valley's 2015 Schuetzenfest was complete.

There was plenty to do on Aug. 3, a day after the event, and members of Bow Valley's Park Association were there to do it. The day before these same men, known as BVPA Honor Guard, dressed in white and used 30/30 rifles to shoot at a wooden bird placed atop a pole about 30-feet-high found on the town's baseball diamond. While organizing the ball field and surrounding area, members spoke fondly of their experience and how much fun they were sure to have five years from now at 2020's Schuetzenfest.

"It's a German celebration," said Clint Pinkelman Schuetzenfest chairman and BVPA member. "Lots of towns have German celebrations, but nobody does it like we

do in Bow Valley."

Attendants of last weekend's event, a tradition that began in the town 119 years ago, began the day with a 7:30 a.m. 5K fun run, followed by 9 a.m. mass at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church. By 10:15 a.m. a service honoring departed members was held and a 11 a.m. parade was led by the Schuetzenfest Drill squad. By noon, patrons gathered at Bow Valley's dance hall and baseball diamond to enjoy food from a variety of vendors before the U.S. flag was raised and the national anthem played at 1 p.m.

After the national anthem played, approximately 35 BVPA members began taking turns shooting at the bird until Todd Wiebelhaus took the final piece down at 2:35 p.m. The shot effectively pronounced he and his wife, Jean, 2015 Schuetzenfest king and queen.

"It surprised me I'll tell you that much," Wiebelhaus said.

He and Jean were crowned by 2010 king and queen Danni and

Karen Thoenne outside Bow Valley's dance hall. Wiebelhaus said the experience of being crowned king was like no other and immediately began observing said duties by following tradition and opening a bar tab enabling all the shooters to drink for free.

"We get to drink off the king the entire night," Pinkelman said.

According to local historians, the celebration honors the area's German heritage. It dates back to the 17th century when Germany was divided into tribes. The tribes appointed a contingent of soldiers called Schuetzenverein to defend against any opposition, (i.e. usurpers, opposing tribes). "Schuetzen" means protect or guard and "verein" refers to a community or union. In honor of their protectors tribes held annual shooting fests or "Schuetzenfests."

These traditions continued when Germans immigrated to Cedar County and hosted their first Schuetzenfest in 1896. The earliest

note took place on acres of land leased from Willibald Schulte, one of the many German immigrants who began Bow Valley's Schuetzenfest. More than 100 years later, the traditions started by those German-Catholic ancestors are still being practiced.

This was Pinkelman's first year chairing the event but not his first to attend. As a life-long resident of Cedar County, Pinkelman remembers going to Schuetzenfests as a child, being a junior marcher and witnessing his father, Rick, and his mother, Mary, being crowned 2000 Schuetzenfest king and queen. So when BVPA members asked for volunteers to chair the quinquennial (five-year) event, Pinkelman was the first to volunteer.

"I thought why not," Pinkelman said. "Besides there were so many people willing to help it didn't make the task feel like a job at all."

Shortly before 4 p.m. on Aug. 2, BVPA members welcomed a local auctioneer to the stage in

place of the German dancers who were scheduled at that time. It was followed by a talent show held on the same flatbed trailer as the coronation and the auction, a dance featuring "Just Because," a polka band, and the lowering of Old Glory at Bow Valley's baseball diamond.

Bow Valley's Schuetzenfest is a quinquennial community unifying event organized by the village's Schuetzenverein (i.e. BVPA's Honor Guard). The celebration includes a Catholic Mass, BVPA Honor Guard marching from Sts. Peter and Paul Church to the baseball diamond, and the crowning of the king and queen. It has been here for more than a hundred years and people like Tom Wiebelhaus, a member of the BVPA and Honor Guard, hope it will remain for many more.

"Clint did a fantastic job chairing the event," Wiebelhaus said. "I cannot wait to see what 2020 brings."

MEETINGS

TOASTMASTERS CLUB 6217

Chelsi Hames, Crofton, NE, called the August 6, 2015, noon meeting to order at noon for Avera Sacred Heart Hospital Toastmasters Club 6217 in the Pavilion Conference Room 2 with Eric Taylor leading the invocation.

Hames introduced Jen Hovland, Elk Point, SD, as the panel moderator leading the discussion as to when Toastmasters' Recognition Pins should be presented. Hovland demonstrated the goals of a good moderator according to her evaluator, Greg Stach. Stach said Hovland was to remain neutral, encourage all to participate, to keep the remarks focused on the topic at hand, and to keep within the time limits. She met her goals by using directed questions and avoiding distractions.

Fran Kocer timed Hovland's presentation. Club 6217 members were participated in Table Topics, asked by Joyce Stevens, Crofton, NE.

Stevens had a "picnic" theme and asked Stan Sudbeck about picnic pests, with his reply that ants are everywhere. S. Eileen O'Connor enjoys the Marty Mile walk after a big picnic dinner. With tongue in cheek, Taylor said his favorite picnic fare is the "mystery meat on lettuce." Jennifer Wubben finds camping near the playground at a local site, like Pierson's Ranch, as good ending to an exhausting week.

Ah-counter Wubben "nailed" the speakers who used fillers and O'Connor gave the word of the day "resilience" as part of the General Evaluation team for Muriel Stach.

In keeping with her picnic theme, Stevens invited all members to the club officer induction potluck picnic August 13th, and said guests were also welcome.

YANKTON REGIONAL AVIATION ASSOCIATION

Twenty-five members and guests attended the YRAA meeting on August 16 in the terminal at Chan Gurney Airport for a potluck dinner. Attendees came from Elk Point, Jefferson, Irene, Menno, Springfield, Tea, Vermillion, and Yankton.

Prior to the meeting John Lillevoild lead a 30-minute safety meeting discussing the use of the International Flight Plan form that will be required for domestic flights in the near future. The group was treated to witness a Boeing V-22 Osprey aircraft make several "helicopter" landings on the main runway at Chan Gurney Airport.

The crew was invited to the potluck meeting, but they had already eaten in Sioux Falls. President Petra Wilson welcomed everyone to the meeting. A thank you card to the YRAA from the SDSU ACE Camp staff and students for providing scholarships was read. A framed LifeTime Membership certificate for Isabella Daugherty was shown and will be presented at a later date. The airport breakfast at Chan Gurney was set for Sunday, September 20, was discussed.

The SD Aviation Hall of Fame event set for September 12 at Spearfish Airport was reported. Since this meeting was the last for Petra Wilson (she and her family will be moving to Hot Springs), she was presented with a framed Certificate of Appreciation for being president. She was also given a commemorative "postal stamp" in the Yankton Presidents series. John Lillevoild was elected president, and Francis Serr elected Vice President, starting September 1. Chris Nelson showed photos and videos of his flight on a KC-135 refueling tanker based at Sioux City, IA. The flight refueled F-16 fighters over Duluth, MN. Petra Wilson talked about the Great Plains Balloon Festival held at Kenny Anderson Park in Sioux Falls. The next YRAA meeting is set for October 18 in the airport terminal at Yankton. For more information about the YRAA contact Steve Hamilton at 605-665-8448 or skyhawk@iw.net.

INTERCHANGE

The Annual Meeting of Interchange, Inc. was held at Minerva's on Monday, August 17.

The meeting was called to order by President Ann Clough and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Twenty-seven members were in attendance. Ann presented her remarks as

outgoing President. Thanks were given to Gert Thomas, Jamie Schaefer and Frani Kieffer for their terms served on the board. New board members elected are Julie Amsberry, Lavonne Halvorsen and Shannon Viereck. Ann installed Sherri Rodgers-Conti as President for 2015-2016. Cynthia Miller was voted as Vice President at the July 15th board meeting. The 2015-2016 Board of Directors also includes Marie Steckelberg, Mary Pesek, Kathie Gerstner, and Advisor to the Board, Lois Varvel.

Members were invited to make announcements regarding business news, opportunities, and upcoming events. Stephanie Moser informed members of the Friends of the Missouri Recreational River (FOMRR) which is a new non-profit coalition formed to work on education, preservation and conservation of the Missouri River.

Tammy Matuska announced the Patsy Cline Show will be performed on August 29th with performance at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the Dakota Theatre in downtown Yankton.

Julie Amsberry with Yankton Area Arts reminded everyone if they haven't seen the Mighty Mo photo exhibit at G.A.R. Hall that it is on display until August 25th.

Lauren Hansen invited all to attend the kickoff of the community campaign and donor appreciation to be held Tuesday, Sept. 8th.

Carmen Schramm reminded everyone of the Chamber Golf Day on Friday, Aug. 28th. Contact her to sign up a team! Also beginning the 2nd week of Sept. is the start of Leadership Yankton. There are scholarships available for this 5 week program. "Mind your own business" (MYOB) will be held from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Sept. 25. This program is for women who are looking to start up their own business.

Marcy Moser announced that there are positions on the City Commission opening up.

Crystal Nelson announced the Brown Bag program will begin the first Friday in September. This takes place over lunch.

Sherri Rodgers-Conti with CASA shared information about the Golf Ball Drop fundraiser for CASA. Raffle tickets are on sale for \$5.00 or 4 for \$20.00. The Golf Ball Drop will take place during Riverboat Days near the park entrance just to the east of the water treatment plant.

The next meeting will be Monday, August 24 at Min-

erva's at Noon.

TOASTMASTERS CLUB 1294

The Yankton Toastmasters Club 1294 meeting of Aug. 15, 2015, was held at the Fry'n Pan Restaurant at 7:30 a.m. The meeting was called to order by club President, Roy Wilcox who then led us in Prayer and the Pledge to the American flag. He then introduced Jana Lane as Toastmaster of the meeting. Lane called on Steve Hamilton as Master Evaluator who presented his evaluation team: Timer, John Swensen, Ah Counter, Jeremy Skrenes, Speech Evaluators Teresa Rentsch and Kevin Buhl, Vote Counter Angela Mann and Grammarian Steffon Newsome Harris who presented the word for the day "eclectic."

Lane introduced the two speakers, Jack Dahlseid with his interactive speech on Facilitating Discussion and Vernon Arens' speech from the Competent Communicator Manual, Project "How to Say It."

Table Topics was led by E. Lee Felder, Jr. who called on Janice Kruse, Angela Mann, John Swensen, and Steffon Newsome Harris for impromptu speeches.

Master Evaluator Steve Hamilton called on his evaluation team, Speech Evaluators Kevin Buhl evaluating Jack Dahlseid and Teresa Rentsch evaluating Vernon Arens. Steffon Newsome Harris, Grammarian, Jeremy Skrenes, Ah Counter, and John Swensen, Timer. Hamilton concluded with an evaluation of the meeting in general.

Lane announced the winners as follows: Best Table Topics Janice Kruse, Speech Evaluator winner Teresa Rentsch and Best Speaker Vernon Arens.

Harry Voelske gave a Joke Master presentation, concluding the morning session. Lane then relinquished control of the meeting back to President Roy Wilcox who led the group with a business meeting, consisting of discussion on our club helping South Dakota Public Broadcasting on the 16th and in the near future, assisting with starting a new Toastmasters Club in Vermillion.

Guests are welcome. For information about Toastmasters, call 665-7104 or 660-2485.

ERNEST BOWYER VFW POST 791 LADIES AUXILIARY

Ladies Auxiliary to Ernest Bowyer VFW Post 791 met Tuesday, August 11, 2015 at the Post Home with President Dorothy Stange presiding.

The meeting opened according to ritual. Roll Call was answered by all officers with exception of Marge Olson, Val Larson, and Marlys List. There were no membership applications.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as corrected. Treasurer's report was presented by Treasurer Shelly Stoddard and was filed subject to audit. Reports were presented by Hospital Chair Judy Potts and Veterans family support Chair Jane Slowey and were filed. General Orders from the State President as well as thank you notes from Past State Commander Donald Dahlin, Velma Wagner, Bob Ekeren family, Edith Weisz family, Tate Mollony, Mary Kay Waldner family, Joyce Combs, Velma Klein family.

An American Flag was presented to the Dakota Territorial Museum by Dorothy Stange and Shirley Chrl Stensen. It was decided that the Ladies Auxiliary would not march in the Riverboat Days Parade. There was little discussion concerning a name change for the Auxiliary made at the recent National Convention. "Ladies" will be removed from the official name of the Auxiliary and member eligible males will be admitted. There will be a five year time span for the necessary changes to be made. Bills were presented for payment. Motion by Shirley Christensen second by Joyce Stahlecker to pay the bills. Motion passed.

The 10-cent cup was won by Pat Cerney. Diane Pinkelman's name was drawn for the attendance prize (\$4) however she was not in attendance. The prize will be increased to \$6 for the September 8th meeting.

Meeting was adjourned following the closing prayer by Chaplain Jane Slowey. Arlys Rye and Dot Blaha chaired the lunch committee.

ROY ANDERSON POST NO. 12

The July 20, 2015, Meeting was called to order by Commander Hollenbeck with members Amon, Brandt, Davies, Huisman, F. Johnson, Don L. and guests and Wes Rye being present. All saluted the colors which were in place and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Chaplain Hollenbeck

(Pro tem) gave the invocation. Minutes: Previous months minutes and Financial report were read and approved.

Boys State: Director Absent Children and Youth: Director Johnson and gene List took a load to the Standing Rock Reservation also took a load to the St. Francis School in Chamberlain. Fran also had stated that he had received a letter from one of the children's father at Chamberlain. Still has 2 loads to go to Lake Andes soon.

Membership: 110 with a goal of 238

POW/MIA: Korea- PFC Charlie Wilcher/ US Army, WW2- 2Lt. Robert Ward/ Army Air Force, Pvt. Arthur Kelder/ US Army

Americanism: Don L. talked about the State Convention. The new State Cmdr is Terry Hanson.

Commander Hanson had commented that the American Legion in SD had lost around 800 Legionaires in the last year. We have a lot of work to do in the coming yr to gain new members at the local and State level to keep our numbers up.

Unfinished Business: Lee Rist Dist 8 Commander would like Yankton to host the meeting but due to scheduling conflicts we had to decline.

New Business: Adjutant Brandt talked a little on the upcoming Walk A Mile in her shoes which he will be walking in again in support of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault awareness in the Yankton Community.

Member Amon made a motion for a Donation to the cause with a second by Davies, motion carried.

Commander Hollenbeck has been working with the Federal Prison Camp in possibly organizing a Post there, with the request by the Warden and Commander Hanson.

Also Dave Hosmer former Attorney in Yankton will have a lifeseize cutout of Gen Patton on Sat Aug 22, 2015 from Noon til 6:00 p.m. at the Old Mill located just north of the Landing or right across from the Ice House for a small donation you may have your picture taken with proceeds going to our Boys State program. This is during Riverboat Days.

Sick Call: Myron VanGerp-

pen Post Everlasting: Doyle Stewart

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.