

Kraemer Lauded In Cedar Co.

During an Appreciation banquet held in Marlen Kraemer's honor following his 20 eight years as Cedar County Commissioner, Kraemer was presented a plaque by Commissioner Terry Pinkelman and Commissioner Dave McGregor. Kraemer



Kraemer

is the longest running commissioner in Cedar County history. Approximately 125 constituents, friends, family, former and area county commissioners attended the event. Master of Ceremonies was Commissioner Dave McGregor who introduced former commissioner

Frederick Pinkelman who presented a short rendition of Kraemer's years as a commissioner dating back (according to Pinkelman) to the horse and buggy days. Cedar County Clerk Dave Dowling presented a brief history of Kraemer's background knowledge and how many commissioners had served in each district during Kraemer's tenure. Butch Arduser, Randolph, and Bill Mallatt, South Sioux City, shared remembrances of working for Logan Valley Construction and as a county employee. Shirley Kraemer spoke on Kraemer's years of his youth and history of Logan Valley Construction Company which lead to his successful years as a County Commissioner. Randi Hale, Norfolk presented Kraemer with Caterpillar memorabilia.

Kraemer will retire from office on Dec. 31, 2012.

The event, held at the Laurel Country Club Nov. 17, was sponsored by Caterpillar Nebraska Machinery Co., Norfolk, Oden Enterprises, Wahoo, B's Enterprises, Norfolk and Backus Sand and Gravel, Pierce.

Those attending the event were from Laurel, Belden, Randolph, Coleridge, South Sioux City, Ponca, Dixon, Norfolk, Hartington, Wynot, Newcastle and Allen.

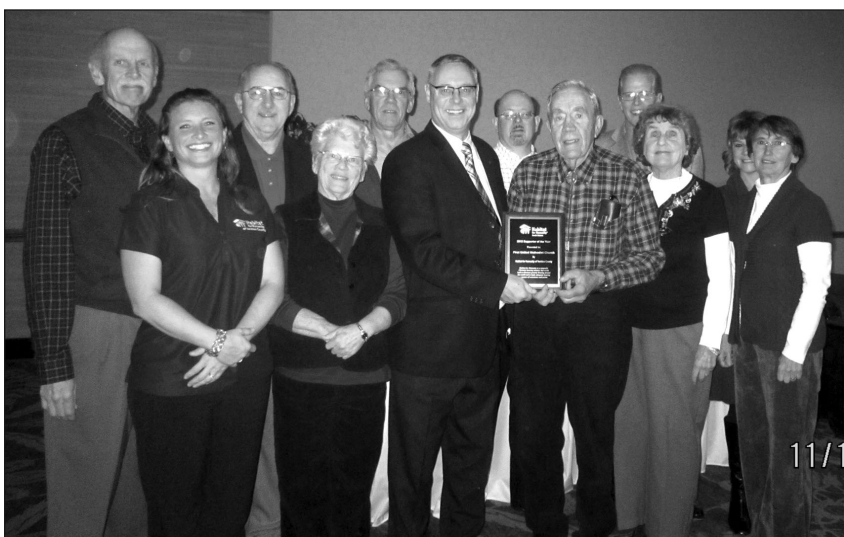
First United Church Honored By HFH

First United Methodist Church was honored as Habitat for Humanity of Yankton County's 2012 Supporter of the Year at South Dakota's annual Recognition and Fundraising Banquet hosted in Sioux Falls on Nov. 17, 2012.

In an ongoing effort to provide quality homeownership opportunities to families in need, First United Methodist Church provides both financial and volunteer support to Habitat for Humanity.

Habitat's founding Father, Kenneth Halverson and his wife Mary Alice, have faithfully served the Yankton affiliate since 1995. Ken was inspired to organize a Habitat in Yankton County after volunteering at a Jimmy Carter building project on the Eagle Butte Reservation where at least 5 other members from the Methodist Church participated.

The Methodist's mission statement is "To make disciples of Jesus Christ and equip them for ministry in the world." Their involvement with Habitat is a true affirmation of the congregation putting their faith into action. Tom



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and Jane Gilmore continue to ride in the Habitat 500 to raise awareness of the need for affordable housing and to raise funds for the affiliate. They have recruited 6 additional Methodist to participate in the ride including Karen Miller, Barb and Heidi Olson, Dan and

Leslie Johnson and Julie Dykstra. As a fund raiser for the bike ride, the Gilmore's organize an annual rummage sale which is hosted at the Methodist Church. Church members have always been very generous with contributions and providing volunteer labor. Those

members who show up to volunteer at the rummage sale every year include: Joyce Newman, Loy and Ruth Gravholt, Carol Becker, the Halversons, David and Marilyn Holzwarth, Gena and Merle Brandt, Craig Sherman and many more! In 2012, through the rummage sale and other fundraising efforts the team raised \$16,319.90 for the affiliate!!

In addition, the church members pull together every time Habitat has a need to serve meals, to provide volunteers for builds and special projects, to serve as mentors for partner families and to serve on committees. Our partner families and guests at ground-breaking and house dedications have been blessed by Reverend Ron Johnson who has led several programs and by the beautiful voices of Julie Mooney and Jan Lyso who have provided special music. First United Methodist Church truly believes in laying a foundation of hope and supports the Habitat mission: "To build homes in partnership with families so that they can grow into all that God intended."

Gall Receives VFW Award



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Shown left to right: Tom Hafner, District #7 Commander; Marvin Gall; Rick Barg, State Adjutant/Quartermaster, Department of South Dakota VFW.

At the VFW District #7 meeting held in Plankinton, SD last month, Marvin A. Gall (Post 3239, Lake Andes) was presented the "TGR" award. This award was named after Merton Tice, National Commander-in-Chief 1954-1955, Ray Gallagher, Commander-in-Chief 1969-1970 and William Radigan, State Adjutant/Quartermaster for 47 years.

Gall was selected for his many years of service to the organization. He joined the Veterans of Foreign Wars in 1960 and has been a Life Member since 1970. He was Post #3239 Commander for 3 years, District #7 Commander for one year; he has been Post Quartermaster since 1980 and District #7 Quartermaster since 1998 and still holds both Quartermaster positions.

DARE GRADUATION



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Congratulations to the Beadle fifth graders on their recent completion of the DARE program. On Thursday, December 6, the students participated in a DARE Graduation. Dare Officer Jeff Johnson, Chief Paulsen and Officer Nolz all shared information with students that will help them stay drug-free and will help them with decision-making throughout their lives. Students received DARE certificates and were able to see a special demonstration from Officer Nolz and his K9 partner, Grief. Pictured are Dare Essay Award winners: Ashlyn McGhee, Kalob Worm, Dare Officer Johnson, Cayden Peterson, and Bailey Wieseler.

MEETING NOTES

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Yankton American Legion Auxiliary met November 19, 2012 with First Vice President Joyce List presiding.

Gloria Pibal introduced Pat Garrity, who is the Yankton County Zoning Administrator. Mr. Garrity spoke on fostering the social fabric of Yankton county in order to sustain small communities and townships.

Helen Simpson reports that we have 98 members and reminds members to pay their dues, if they have not already done so.

Judy Eisenmenger advises that the Gift Shop at the Human Services Center will be November 26, 2012. There are an adequate number of gifts at this time and with each unit providing 2 volunteers, there will be sufficient help. Meet at the Human Services Center between 8 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. if you are helping. Volunteers will meet, for lunch, at JoDeans. Gifts to Veterans in the Nursing Homes will be delivered later that day.

Audrey Lubbers reports that the dictionaries have arrived. Audrey, Malena Diede and Joyce List will be delivering these after Thanksgiving.

Marlys List reports that the 2013 Legislative Session will begin January 8, 2013.

A bingo party will be held at the Human Services Center January 24, 2013. Volunteers from Gayville will assist with this activity.

The membership dinner for the American Legion and Auxiliary will be held January 15, 2013.

A delicious lunch was served by Marlys List and Donna Jambor.

There will not be an Auxiliary meeting in December. The next meeting will be January 21, 2013 with Community Service as the program. Lunch hostesses are Helen Simpson and Judy Eisenmenger.

OUTLAW TRAIL SCENIC BYWAY

The Outlaw Trail Scenic Byway met via a teleconference call on Tuesday evening, Nov. 20, 2012. Members present and introducing themselves and the organizations they represent were: Mary Rose Pinkelman, St. James Marketplace, Al Brock, Valentine, Twyla Witt, Tourism Commission, Thedford, Marita Placek, Lynch, Rhonda Kneiff, Newcastle, Matt Cerney, Knox County Development Director, Center, Gary Kimm, Welcome Center, Yankton.

Minutes were approved with corrections and the treasurer's report approved and filed for audit. Bills were presented and approved.

Committee reports:

Membership — Twyla reported on her work with the membership list with a possible list of 675 to 725 pieces to be mail. expected expenditures to print and mail membership dues will be about \$450.00.

Tourism — Marita, Twyla and Matt gave report on the Tourism meeting in Gering Oct. 23-25.

A budget meeting will be held before the January meeting to set up a budget for 2013, possibly at the Fire Hall in Spencer on Saturday, Dec. 15.

Trail Ride — Al has revised the trail rider poster and will bring to the January meeting. He is working with the Butte people on the trail ride in connection with Butte Pancake Days. Marita gave report on sales of the

"Legends and Lore of the Outlaw Trail." She has signed and agreement with The Elkhorn Valley Museum in Norfolk to sell the book. While at the Tourism meeting she donated one for the Silent Auction, and one to the Nebraska State Historical Society in Lincoln, and one to NETV representative, Ron Kallhoff.

The deadline for the grants for the Quiltway is Jan. 23.

Twyla reported they still have large quantities the Nebraska Byway Brochures "Unexpected Adventures," and the 5 niche maps available for distribution and would like to get them out so they're available to the traveling public. The 2013 Nebraska Travel Guides will be available in early 2013, if you're in need of quantities of 10 or more boxes, please let Heather Hogue know so they can be shipped to the specific community, or Twyla will bring quantities of the 2013 NE Travel Guides to the January meeting for distribution.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, Jan. 15, at Crofton at 10 a.m. Meeting place to be announced.

GFWC YANKTON WOMAN'S CLUB

The Yankton Chapter of GFWC Woman's Club met at 11 a.m. Dec. 1, 2012, at Hillcrest Golf and Country Club. The meeting was called to order by Vice President Donna DeJean. The Pledge of Allegiance, South Dakota Pledge and Collect for Women were given.

Program: Joan Neubauer introduced Allison Spak director of the Yankton Childrens Theatre. Allison introduced author Marilyn Kratz and musician Jane Bobzin. Marilyn wrote "A Christmas To Remember" a story based on the true life of Betts Pulkrabek. Several cast members of the play performed music selections accompanied by Jane Bobzin. The play is at Marion Auditorium on MT Marty Campus on Dec. 6-8.

Joan Neubauer sent a card to member Louise Anderson and family on the loss of her husband Dick expressing our clubs deepest sympathy..We are in need of a caller. Joan volunteered to call members.

Guests: Fran Fox introduced Gladys Johnson, Gay Kennedy, and Pam Monfore. Agnes Eide's guests were Mary Walkes, Gloria Pearson, and Allison Schmidt. Vice President Donna presented a rose to our newest member Judy DeRoos.

The secretary minutes were approved as written. The treasurer's report was given by Marylce Miklos. It will be filed pending audit..

Leadership: Peggy Schiedel presented a poem by author Rudyard Kipling dealing with leadership. Keep your head up, trust yourself, make allowances for others who are doubting. Dream and think, dont be afraid or take risks. Yours is the earth and everything in it. Very interesting.

Uncle Als Pecans: Marilyn Huntley has all the orders at the meeting today to be paid for and picked up. She also stated the Crimson Door at GAR hall is open every afternoon through the holidays.

Vice President Donna thanked members for the donations brought today for the contact center, also for members who brought Christmas items for show and tell. Each member

who brought an item shared and told club members about their Christmas item. Vi Ranney extended an invitation to the bake sale & pie-coffee at UCC Church. Cindy Fillips member of Keep Yankton Beautiful asked for donations of old discs to make hanging Christmas decorations.

Vice President Donna thanked our hostesses for today Diane Butzlaff and Marylce Miklos. Their door prizes were won by Priscilla Mazourek and Ellen Rodenberg. Joan Neubauer reminded members the Cramer Kenyon Holiday Open House is Dec. 15-17. No further business the meeting was adjourned.

INTERCHANGE

Interchange met on Monday, Dec. 3, at Minervas for their Annual Christmas Meeting.

Kathy Jacobs, Interchange President, called the meeting to order with the flag pledge. Pam Kettering introduced her guest, Lauren Hanson, who will take over the duties as the Executive Director of United Way Jan. 1. Members shared community announcements and upcoming events with the group in attendance.

Members were also encouraged to make a contribution at the meeting to the Interchange Scholarship Fund at Mount Marty College.

The next Interchange meeting will be held Monday, Jan. 7, 2013, at Minervas.

TOASTMASTER CLUB 1294

Yankton Toastmaster Club 1294 met Saturday, Dec. 1, at the Fry'n Pan Restaurant. The meeting was called to order by Vice President of membership, Mike Arens who called on Roy Wilcox to lead the invocation and pledge of allegiance. Mike Arens, Toastmaster, introduced Master Evaluator, Vernon Arens who introduced the evaluation team. Grammarian Janice Kruse gave the word of the day "oppress." John Swenson served as vote counter, while Joy Winther kept everyone on time. Jana Lane served as ah counter.

Tara Arens presented a speech entitled "Execution of Fate." Her project was number 5 from the Advanced Communications storytelling manual. Her objectives were to understand the purpose of stories about historical events or people, and to use the storytelling skills developed previously to tell a story about a historical event or person. Kathy Hejna followed with an interesting speech about occupational therapy entitled "How Occupational Therapy can Improve Your Life." Kathy's project was also from the Advanced Communication storytelling manual, the objectives of which were: to learn the elements of a good story and to create and tell an original story based on a personal experience.

Toastmaster Arens then called Carol Smith to lead table topics. Carol asked members a variety of impromptu questions based on current events. Master Evaluator Vernon Arens the called on Harry Voelzke to evaluate Tara Aren's speech. Matt Stone followed with an evaluation of Kathy Hejna's speech. Table topics winner was John Swenson. Stone was Best Evaluator. Best speaker was Kathy Henja. Joke Master Doug Fickbohm helped wrap up the meeting with a couple of Ole/Lena jokes. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 a.m. Guests are always welcome. For more information, call 665-9217.

Yankton Toastmasters Club 1294 met at the Fry'n Pan Restaurant at 7:30 a.m on Saturday, Dec. 8. The meeting was called to Order by president Joy Winther. The opening invocation was led by Carol Smith who than led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance. Doug Fickbohm was introduced as the Toastmaster. Matt Stone was the Master Evaluator and called on his team. Jeremy Skrenes and Carol Smith were evaluators. Grammarian was Tara Arens who chose "Dubious" as the word of the day. Steve Hamilton was the Ah counter and Kathy Hejna timer. Jana Lane had double duty as Vote counter and Joke Master. The speakers were Mike Arens and Janice Stone. Table Topics was led by Roy Wilcox. Mike Arens won for best speaker, Table Topics top vote getter was Jana Land and Jeremy Skrenes best evaluator. Joy Winther than held a brief business meeting. Next meeting will be December 15. If your interested in improving you leadership, communication and speaking skills come to one of our meetings and see what Toastmasters International can do for you.

ROY ANDERSON POST NO. 12

The regular monthly meeting of Roy Anderson Post #12 was held on Tuesday, Nov 20, 2012, at Ernest Bowyer Post 791 of the VFW, with both the Commander and Adjutant being present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Finance gave the monthly financial report and was approved as read.

Reports were also received from Membership, Americanism, Children and Youth and Pow/Mia.

Americanism reported that the grocery delivery is still going well. No report on the upcoming Boys State.

Children and Youth reported that he has about 50 bikes along with other sport stuff in storage and is always looking for more. If you have any sports equipment to donate please call Fran Johnson at 668-0715. Fran also reported that he has

a contact at the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

Membership reported that we have 170 or 171 paid members so far for the year; we still need about 65 memberships for goal if you haven't paid your dues yet please do so as soon as possible.

POW/MIA reported that there have been 8 MIA's returned home or identified in the last month

New Business a hardy thank you

went out to new member John Darcy and Fran Johnson for their membership drive they conducted during the Veterans Day breakfast at Hy-Vee.

Membership Dinner will be on Jan. 15. We will be getting a headcount soon.

The next meeting will be on Dec 18, 2012, at 730 p.m. in the VFW Post Home



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