

## HOMETOWNNEWS

# Vermillion Family Honored As SDSU Family Of The Year

**BROOKINGS** — The Francis "Bud" and Doris Heine family of Vermillion was honored Saturday, Feb. 13, as the South Dakota State University Family of the Year for 2010.

Eight of their 10 children as well as four future in-laws have attended SDSU, and two grandsons are current engineering students. In addition, the family has been long-time supporters of the Agricultural Heritage Museum, the South Dakota 4-H Foundation and the College of Agricultural and Biological Sciences.

"I really do feel a strong connection to SDSU because of the children. We've watched it grow," Doris Heine said.

The Heines have been watching State grow since son Tim came to campus after graduating from Vermillion High School in 1983.

"Administration and faculty provide the vision and leadership," Heine said of how SDSU has evolved in the past quarter-century. "It continues to progress with new areas of study, construction and athletics. We're so impressed with how generous the alums are with their time, their money, their interest. It shows how they appreciate their education."

Heine's appreciation for her children's education is just as great any alum.

"We're just grateful that the children got such good education. It's such a strong school in agriculture and science," Heine said, noting that the family alums include an ag journalist, a physician's assistant, an optometrist, an electrical engineering technologist and a nurse as well as keeping the animal science, agronomy and mechanical engineering technology majors at home to help run the farm and Heine Hybrid Seedcorn Co.

"Our children also were involved in

University activities such as meat and crop judging teams, Microbiology Club, University 4-H, Little International and Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity," Heine said.

Family members who have attended State include Tim and his wife Julie, Todd, Robyn, Mark and his wife Marci, Gretchen and her husband Patrick O'Reilly, Nick and his wife Jamie, Joel and Nancy. "With that many children we knew public education had to be the route, but we were convinced they could do what ever they wanted with that education," Heine said.

She noted that this was the second time for Marci Heine to be part of the SDSU Family of the Year celebration. Marci's family, the George Dylla family of Watertown, was honored as family of the year in 2000.

There were 39 Heines on hand for the Feb. 13 observance, which is coordinated by the SDSU Alumni Association and Staters for State, the student alumni organization. Doris Heine said eight of their 10 children were in Brookings. The two who live in Houston were unable to attend. In addition, 21 of their 22 grandchildren were on hand.

Activities included a luncheon and awards ceremony as well as being recognized during halftime of the women's basketball game.

Although the second generation of Heines are no longer at State, Doris Heine said she always makes an annual trip to Brookings. She was selected as an Eminent Homemaker in 1989, and since her retirement in 2004 has made the trip back to SDSU for the Eminent Farmer and Homemaker banquet with a couple other former recipients.

"We make it a day. The University just shows us all the new things that are going

on the campus. We just learn a lot every time we come back," Heine said.

She associated SDSU with learning long before Tim strolled onto campus in the mid-1980s.

"The 4-H program (run by the SDSU Cooperative Extension Service) really bonded us in the beginning," Heine said. "All 10 of our children went through all 10 years of 4-H. I was an Extension member for years, and I was a 4-H leader for years."

"If you talk to any of our children, they will say 4-H was the best foundation they could have ever gotten. They learned public speaking, selecting a project, working through difficulty and gaining the reward of a job well done; working at a project, failing, getting up and redoing was important training for life."

Consequently, four of them are 4-H leaders today even though they live in such diverse places as Spearfish and Indianapolis as well as Vermillion.

Other connections to Brookings include support and participation in Catholic Campus Parish, seed performance testing services and the veterinary diagnostic lab.

Bud and Doris Heine were raised in Cedar County, Neb., were married in 1963, and soon began farming in the adjacent Clay County. Doris Heine was trained as a nurse, but set that career on hold while raising their children.

Later she refreshed her nursing skills through an SDSU correspondence course, reactivated her nursing license and worked as a skills lab technician with the University of South Dakota nursing program from 1989 to 2004.

Families of the year are selected by Staters for State based on dedication, loyalty, support and contributions to SDSU, members of family who attended SDSU and involvement as students and alumni.



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The Francis "Bud" and Doris Heine family of Vermillion was named the South Dakota State University Family of the Year for 2010. Recognition Feb. 13 brought 39 Heines to SDSU for events coordinated by the SDSU Alumni Association and Staters for State, the student alumni organization. Eight of the couple's 10 children and 21 of their 22 grandchildren came to Brookings to mark the feat. Their two children who live in Houston were unable to attend.

## SUCCESSFUL STEPS



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Shriner Charles Bryan that introduced Nicole Jurrens at her first visit to the Shriner's hospital is pictured with: Her Dad, Dennis Jurrens; Mother, Dixie Jurrens; Nicole; and El Riad Oriental Guide from Sioux Falls, Rob Joyce

## A Crippled Children's Hospital Success

When Nicole Jurrens was 7 years old, she could not walk anymore because the tendons in both of her legs would not develop correctly. She had to be carried or placed in a wheelchair to go anywhere.

When she was 9, her parents were introduced to the possibility of helping her at the Crippled Children's Hospital, so the Shriners here in Yankton took her up there.

After the examination, it was decided that her legs could certainly be operated on so she could grow up with better abilities.

So, during her second trip up there, they operated on the ten-

dons of each leg. After that for the next nine years, she went back up there for examinations to maintain proper development with properly sized braces.

On Jan. 20, she came to the Shriners' general meeting to explain to everyone what the doctors were able to do to bring her back to 100 percent ability with those legs. She now is competing with track and field in Avon, and will be going on to college next year.

Her mother and father, Dixie and Dennis, also wanted to extend their gratitude to the Shriners for the 100 percent free cost of the operation.

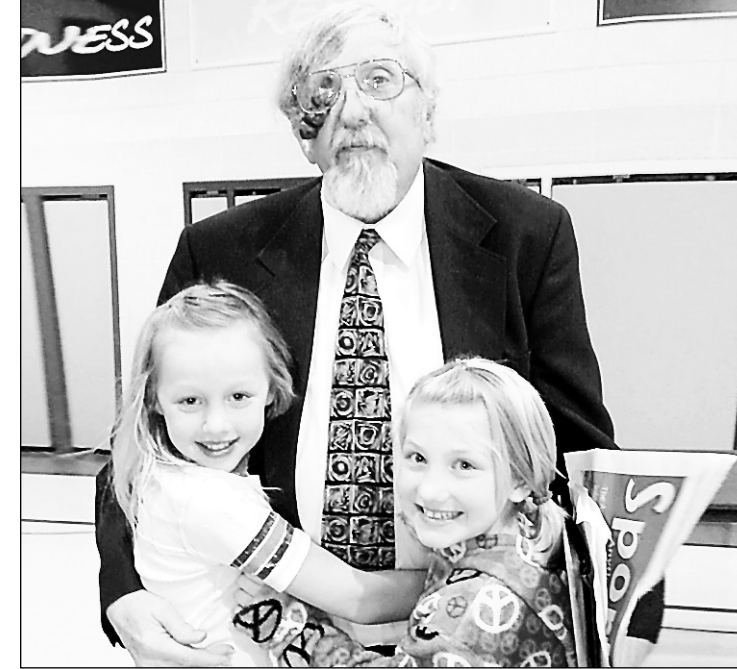
## COMMUNITY SERVICE



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Yankton Girl Scout Brownie Troop #50129 led by Tamara Haki of Yankton provided community service to The Center in Yankton. The girls prepared 300 Valentine favors and donated them to The Center. The favors will be served with their Valentine dinner at The Center and will also be delivered to Meals On Wheels participants in Yankton. The girls made boxes, filled them with candy and decorated the boxes with scrapbook supplies. The girls learned about team work and helping others in our community. Thank you to Linda Steinberg for donating the supplies for this project. Pictured above is Girl Scout Troop 50129 and volunteers Abby Lichter and Zeta Weber both of Yankton.

## THE UNKNOWN STAR



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Elton Rokusek, The Unknown Star, from Tyndall, is getting hugs of appreciation from Morgan and Kasey after his inspirational message about bullying. The assembly was presented to 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders at Stewart Elementary School.

## MEETING MINUTES

### YANKTON WOMAN'S CLUB

Members of GFWC/Yankton Woman's Club enjoyed a program presented by Mike Johnson and Paula Tacke of the Boys and Girls Club. They explained what the Club is and how it works. Boys and Girls Club of America is one of a number of organizations that are financially enriched by GFWC/Yankton Woman's Club.

Members were reminded that Nancy Burgess has raffie tickets for the maghlab lines. Christmas stockings, that will be filled and sent to American military, should be brought to the March or April meeting and will be presented at the May Convention. Recycled blue jeans projects will be auctioned at the State Convention with local clubs receiving half of the monies received.

The nominations for officers for 2010-2012 are: Alta Kussman, treasurer; Kathy Bruce, secretary; Pauline Aklund, 2nd vice president; Donna DeJean, 1st vice president; Julie Clifton, president. Election of officers will be held at the March meeting and installation will be at the May meeting.

Volunteers are needed for April's Bingo at the Bluffs.

The next will be March 6 at Hillcrest Golf and Country Club.

### TOWN & COUNTRY GARDEN CLUB

The Yankton Town and Country Garden Club met at the Yankton Library on Friday, Feb. 12. Twenty-two members and two guests were in attendance.

Officers for the coming year were sworn in and are as follows: President: Betts Pulkrabek; Co-Vice Presidents: Joan Branaugh and Carol McKim; Secretary: Joanne Willson; and Treasurer: Lois Quatler.

Special thanks and gifts were presented to Darlene Branaugh and Mary Klimczyk for their long standing membership on the Board and as out-going officers.

The monthly Garden Club program booklets were reviewed including dates for special events throughout the year.

The idea for the club to purchase exotic and/or hard to find plants that could be shared with members in future years as these plants matured was pre-

sented and tabled until next meeting so members can review.

A White Elephant Exchange was held after the meeting. Hostess for the afternoon were Donna Anstine and Norma Luebbert.

The March meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m. Friday, March 12 in the Yankton library.

### ASHH TOASTMASTERS

On Feb. 4, Avera Sacred Heart Hospital Toastmasters met with Toastmaster Bruce Viau calling on Bridget Hively for the invocation. Grammarian Jeff May explained the word of the day, "panjandrum".

Sheryl Schwartz made her presentation entitled "Pet Story Two and a Half." Schwartz's speech gave a funny perspective of raising chinchillas. She received the Best Speaker trophy.

Table Topics Master was Gale Vogt with impromptu questions on loyalty to brand names. The respondents were Melissa Bader, Laura Schmidt, Greg Stach, MJ Rogers, Jennifer Wubben, Connie Stenson, and Jane Miller. Stenson took the Best Respondent award.

The General Evaluator Muriel Stach in the afternoon session, Steve Anderson said all the speakers were within time; Laura Schmidt recorded the "ahs"; Hively counted the votes; May listed the special phrases; and Eileen O'Connor praised Schwartz's humorous speech.

Viau turned the meeting over to Vice President Wubben to handle the scheduling.

### TOASTMASTERS CLUB 6217

Toastmaster Jennifer Wubben welcomed guest James Wortmann and members to a Valentines themed meeting on Feb. 11.

In his invocation as CPA, Jeff May listed the eight free gifts which everyone can have everyday including: listening, affection, laughter, noticing, complimenting, doing favors, allowing solitude, and being cheerful.

The speakers were Sherry Soukup and Eric Taylor. Soukup's "Happiness, Love and Success" speech told about the lucky number seven and Taylor delivered a "Do You Hear Me Now?"

### ROY ANDERSON POST #12

The monthly meeting was held Jan. 11 with 8 members present. Past District 7 Commander Wes Rye was also in attendance.

Commander Brandt called the members to attention, followed by the salute to the flag and the Preamble. The minutes from December were read followed by reports from Finance, Americanism and Membership. We have 134 paid members with 41 PUF/L we are still 54 short of our goal. Please keep the memberships coming in.

Post 12 has won the bid to host the Legion Baseball Tourney in July of 2011. We as a Post have a lot of work to do before then. Any and all help will be highly appreciated.

Per Rye, the District 7 meeting will be March 13 in Corsica with a noon meal. Americanism Officer Tienken reported on Boys State with 16 boys to State and 1 to Journalism City. We also discussed the upcoming Vegas Night which will be April 17, more information will be released in March. Anyone interested in selling tickets should contact Don Krenos.

Lee Skalberg talked about his Honor Flight trip to D.C. in November. Darrell Ausborne talked on the possibility of three flights next year. There are approximately 637 Veterans still awaiting their turn to D.C.

The next meeting will be 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 11.

### GET UP & GO

The Get Up & Go 4-H Club met Jan. 10 at the Irene Legion Hall.

President Trevor Hanson called the meeting to order. The American flag pledge was led by Kevin Hinseth and the 4-H pledge by Erin Hanson.

Our 4-H leader, Karen Richelieu, discussed community service projects for our club. We will be selling turf next month.

This year we have two new members. They are Cole and Korie Norris. We played Beef Bingo.

Bailey, Caitlin and Hunter Hinseth served lunch. The whole club helped clean the Legion Hall this month. The host will do the cleaning from now on.

## HONOR FLIGHT DONATION



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Terry Fiedler, left, commander of Yankton's Ernest-Bowyer Post No. 791, presents a check for \$3,000 to Larry Rohrer, state chairman of the Honor Flight program, which flies veterans to Washington D.C. The money for the presentation was donated on behalf of the Lewis and Clark Specialty Hospital, Yankton.

## HATS FOR HAITI



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Beadle Elementary students and staff raised \$435 for Haiti Relief. The money was given to Melissa Smith from the Yankton Red Cross. Students and staff were asked to donate \$1 to wear a hat to school on February 5. Pictured from left to right are: Josh Caruthers, Alex VanArsdale, and Jonny Wick presenting the money to Melissa Smith.

## Need Help Planting a Crop?

Call Farm Rescue, the nonprofit organization that plants and harvests crops for family farmers who have experienced a major injury, illness or natural disaster. Up to 1,000 acres planted free of charge. Go to [farmrescue.org](http://farmrescue.org) or call 701-252-2017 for an application.

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