

USD Chapter Receives National Honor

VERMILLION — The Delta Gamma Chapter of Delta Tau Delta at the University of South Dakota was honored as one of the top chapters in the nation during the Western Plains Divisional Conference in Kansas City earlier this month.

Twelve members of the fraternity were on hand to receive the Hugh Shields Award for Chapter of Excellence by the International Fraternity. One of 10 chapters in the fraternity to earn the distinction, USD's Delta Gamma Chapter also received the Court of Honor, which presented to the top 20 Delta Tau Delta chapters across the United States.

The Hugh Shields Award for Chapter Excellence was officially established in 1965 and is named for the late Hugh Shields (Indiana University, 1926), the first executive vice president of the fraternity. The award's criteria are designed to recognize overall excellence in academics, chapter finance, membership education, operations, campus leadership and university involvement, service and philanthropy, alumni relations and overall chapter programs.

Delta Tau Delta has 126 chapters and colonies across the United States with a membership of approximately 6,000 undergraduates and 140,000 alumni members. Delta Tau Delta, a values-driven fraternity, was founded in 1858 and fulfills many purposes, including cultivating and developing its members' leadership skills, academic achievement, community service efforts and assisting members with life and career planning.

Heritage Partnership Seeks Documents

PROTIVIN, Iowa — The Czech Heritage Partnership (CHP), via its Family History and Documents Center in Protivin, Iowa, is seeking to obtain copies of letters, cards, diaries, scrapbooks and similar related communication associated with the immigration of individuals and families from Bohemia and Moravia in the 1850 to 1900 timeframe. Family trees and genealogies are also being sought.

If you are in possession of such documents, the CHP would appreciate receiving a copy of those items, now or in the future, in order to ensure the historic record they contain is preserved for future generations.

This effort is undertaken in cooperation with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic. The Czech Heritage Partnership (CHP) is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit Iowa Corporation.

Send copies of your documents to the CHP Family History and Documents Center, P O Box 186, 131 South Main Street, Protivin, Iowa 52163. If you wish to designate the CHP as recipient of these documents in the future, or if you have any questions about the project, call Eileen at 563-569-8700.

Volunteers Sought For Annual Cleanup

Keep Yankton Beautiful will be hosting our annual Great American Cleanup on Saturday, April 12.

It's that time again to sign up for the annual community-wide cleanup and volunteers are needed to help make this a successful event. Families, individuals, businesses, schools, and other groups are encouraged to sign up soon to join in keeping the community clean and beautiful.

Volunteers will meet at the Memorial Park Picnic Shelter at 8 a.m. for an informational meeting and safety briefing regarding the cleanup and routes. Volunteers will receive complimentary donuts, coffee and bottled water as well as needed supplies for the cleanup.

Keep Yankton Beautiful will be selecting cleanup routes before the actual cleanup. KYB officials welcome suggestions in regards to cleanup locations, so let them know if there are any areas around town that you feel need special attention. If you are interested in participating as an individual, a family unit or you would like to sign up your workplace and volunteer as a team, contact KYB Director Camille Swift-Slowey at info@keepyanktonbeautiful.org or find Keep Yankton Beautiful on Facebook.

Last year, more than 275 volunteers attended the day of the cleanup and many others participated in their own cleanups the week prior. Altogether, they picked up almost 5,000 pounds of trash off of Yankton's streets and walkways.

If you or your group are unable to attend on the actual day of the cleanup, you can schedule your own cleanup during the week prior and KYB will come take pictures of your group in action.

Keep America Beautiful's Great American Cleanup is the nation's largest annual community improvement program that harnesses the power of more than 4 million volunteers to build vibrant communities. Each year, more than 1,200 affiliates and participating organizations engage volunteers to take action in their communities through programs that deliver positive and lasting impact through events focused on waste reduction, recycling, beautification and community greening. In 2013, more than 4 million Great American Cleanup volunteers worked to return nearly \$230 million in measurable benefits in 20,000 communities across the country. The National Sponsors and Partners provide substantial support to the Great American Cleanup program in a variety of ways, from funding and in-kind donations to employee volunteer participation. America's leading companies and brands support the campaign.

The National Sponsors of the Great American Cleanup to date are: The Dow Chemical Company; The Glad Products Company; Troy-Bilt® Lawn and Garden Equipment; and Waste Management.

W.H. Over Museum Banquet Is March 9

VERMILLION — The Friends of the W. H. Over Museum are sponsoring their annual benefit banquet at 6 p.m. Sunday, March 9, at the Over Museum in Vermillion.

Cherry Street Grille will be catering the always delicious meal featuring roast beef and chicken which will be topped off with the favorite "make-it-yourself-sundae-in-an-edible bowl."

The evening's featured entertainer will be master banjoist Daniel Kilbride of Sioux Falls. Kilbride is a native of Wakonda and a regular performer at Gayville Music Hall on many Saturday nights during the year. He presents wonderful music and banter and promises a good evening of entertainment.

In lieu of the traditional auction, centerpieces will be created and sold to the highest bidder — you will be able to bid on the centerpiece at your table or find another one you like better and bid on that one.

Tickets are available at the Museum. All proceeds go towards the support of the W. H. Over Museum which is being maintained by the Friends of the W. H. Over Museum.

For more information, call 677-5228. Museum hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. daily.

Ag Scholarship Deadlines Is March 19

Area High School seniors who plan on pursuing an agricultural related degree are invited to apply for the "Promoting Agricultural Youth" scholarships being awarded by the Yankton Chamber of Commerce Agri-Business Committee.

Four awards of \$3,500 will be given to 2014 graduates planning to pursue an agricultural-related degree at a two or four year university, college or technical institute. Applicants must be residents of Yankton, Bon Homme, Clay, Hutchinson or Turner counties in South Dakota or Boyd, Cedar or Knox counties in Nebraska.

The objectives of the scholarship program are to recognize local youth who are leaders in agriculture, provide local financial support for their academic study and help foster their development as future leaders in rural America, agribusiness and production agriculture.

Applications may be obtained at the Yankton Chamber, 803 E. 4th St. They must be completed and returned to the Yankton Chamber by March 19. The recipients will be selected by the P.A.Y. Scholarship Committee Members and awarded at the 2014 Ag Gala in June hosted by the Yankton Chamber Agri-Business Committee.

For an application go to www.yanktonsd.com/pay or contact the Chamber at (605) 665-3636.

OBITUARIES

Ruth Walz

Ruth Margaret Owens Walz, age 100 of Hartington, Nebraska, died on Monday, February 24, 2014 at the Golden Living Center in Hartington.

Mass of Christian Burial will be on Saturday, March 1, 2014 at 10:30 a.m. at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Hartington with the Rev. Jeffery Loseke officiating. Burial will be at St. Michael's Cemetery in Hartington.

Visitation will be on Friday from 5-8:00 p.m. with a Vigil Service at 7:00 p.m. at the Wintz Funeral Home in Hartington. Visitation will continue on Saturday at church one hour prior to services. In lieu of flowers the family prefers memorials to the Holy Trinity Church.

Pallbearers will be: Chris Walz, John Walz, Scott Dickinson, Chad Dickinson, Patrick Walz, and Rick Moses.

Ruth was born on August 16, 1913 in Pierce County, Nebraska to John



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and Hattie (Huwaldt) Volk. She grew up on a farm near McLean, Nebraska and graduated from Randolph High School in 1930. She received her teaching certificate from Wayne State Teachers College in Wayne, Nebraska and then taught in a one room school house in Pierce County near McLean. She would ride her horse to school and when it was stormy, her dad would take her to school in the horse drawn sleigh. On the way home, she would drive the sleigh through the pastures while her dad hunted pheasants. Ruth graduated from the Reynolds-Russell School of Cosmetology in Norfolk, Nebraska in 1936. On December 26, 1938 she married J. Edmund Walz in Norfolk. They moved to Hartington in 1941 where they raised their family and

Ruth worked for various businesses in Hartington. Ed died on October 28, 1976 at the age of 62. Ruth married Bob Owens on April 3, 1990 in Sun City, AZ. Bob died on March 1, 1996 at the age of 92. Ruth moved to the Golden Living Community in 2008 and Golden Living Center in October of 2013.

Ruth was a member of the Holy Trinity Catholic Church, the parish Guild, Christian Mothers, Ministry of Praise; and a 50 year member and former Regent of the Catholic Daughters of America. She was a former board member of the Hartington Senior Citizen Center. She was an avid sports fan and enjoyed following the New York Yankees, Nebraska Cornhuskers and the Washington Redskins. She also enjoyed attending her grandchildren's sports activities and was awarded the very first Fan of the Year Award at Hartington Public School. Ruth loved to golf, bowl, play cards and

board games, and spend time with her family.

Ruth is survived by 4 children and their spouses, Jay and Ann Walz of Sun City, Arizona; Larry and Margaret Walz of Darnestown, Maryland; Charles and Linda Walz of Omaha; Janice and Fred Dickinson of Shelton, Washington; 11 grandchildren, 32 great grandchildren and 4 great great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and step mother Lizzie Volk; both of her husbands; and 2 brothers and their spouses; Ray and Dorie Volk and Roy and Bette Volk.

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Kenneth Petersen

Kenneth A. Petersen, age 90, of Gayville, South Dakota died Tuesday, February 25, 2014 at his residence, in Gayville.

Memorial services will be 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 1, 2014 at Gayville Lutheran Church in Gayville, South Dakota with Reverend Lance Lindgren officiating. Burial will be in the Vangen Lutheran Cemetery in Mission Hill, South Dakota with military honors provided by the Rudolph-Christensen American Legion Post No. 237 and the South Dakota Army National Guard.

A gathering of friends and family is from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, February 28, 2014 at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home with a prayer service at 7:00 p.m.

Kenneth A. Petersen was born September 25, 1923 in rural Irene, South Dakota to John and Gina (Eide) Pe-



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tersen. He grew up on the farm and attended Clay Valley Country School in rural Irene. After finishing school, Kenneth worked as a hired man for many area farmers, until he enlisted in the United States Navy, where he served his country during World War II. After the war, Kenneth returned to Yankton County and started farming on his own just north of Mission Hill, South Dakota. He married Jane VanOsdel on June 12, 1949 in Gayville, South Dakota. Kenneth continued farming in the Mission Hill and Irene areas and began working as a mechanic for C.H. Gunderson & Sons in Irene, Kenny Rye's in Irene, and later Odens Implement in Vermillion. Kenneth retired in 1998 and he and

Jane moved to Gayville that year. Even though Kenneth was working as a mechanic, he was always a farmer and continued to farm his entire life.

Kenneth was a member of Vangen Lutheran Church where he ushered for several years, Gayville Lutheran Church, and the Rudolph-Christensen American Legion Post No. 237. He loved being outdoors and fishing. He was very patient and loved working as a mechanic. He could fix anything. He loved being with his family, whether it was playing pinochle or having his coffee and cookie. Kenneth was truly the foundation of his family and they always knew he would be there to support them.

Survivors include his wife of 64 years, Jane Petersen of Gayville; three children: Carolyn Burgod of Ipswich, South Dakota; Cathy Burke (Robin Keller) of Sacramento, California;

and Mike Petersen of Gayville; four grandchildren: Courtney Burgod, Danielle Petersen, Jonathan Petersen (Olivia Orwig), and Tad Petersen; two brothers: Johnny and Clifford Petersen of Yankton; two sisters-in-law: Dorothy Petersen and Dolores VanOsdel; as well as many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters: Grace Johnson and Eilene VanOsdel; and two brothers: Melvin and Orlin Petersen.

To send an online sympathy card, please visit wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

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Stella Hanson

Stella Marie (Peterson) Hanson passed away February 7, 2014, at Lotus Park Assisted Living in West Haven, Utah.

She was born April 15, 1926, in Yankton, SD, to Bernhard (Ben) and Durdei (Dorothy) Peterson. A life-long resident of the area, she moved to Utah in July 2012 to be near her oldest daughter, Grace Boyd, who helped care for her.

She attended schools in Yankton, graduating from Yankton High. After graduation, she married Ray Hanson on May 18, 1946, in Yankton, where they lived a short time before moving to nearby Gayville to raise their family. After many years of being a stay-at-home mom, she operated The Corner Cafe in Gayville for a short time, before being hired by the state



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to be one of the first officers at the newly opened South Dakota State Women's Penitentiary in Yankton, SD. She worked there for 16 years and enjoyed her work, feeling she was touching the lives of many women with her caring and counseling. After retirement from the state, she worked for Walmart in Yankton.

Stella was blessed with a beautiful singing voice and an ear for playing the piano. She was a long-time member of the Gayville Lutheran Church choir and was often asked to perform as a soloist. Her favorite singing, though, was done in harmony with her sisters and family. She also loved to write, taking a writing course and submitting articles for publication.

She enjoyed watching baseball with Ray, cheering for the Cubs and Twins. She seldom passed up a chance to play bingo.

She was preceded in death by Ray, her husband of

62 years; her brother, Edward; and sisters, Dorothy, Josephine, and Inga. She is survived by sisters Emma Peterson, Aptos, CA; and Gertrude Fassio, Santa Cruz, CA; her four children; Ray Hanson, Jr. (Linda), Huntsville, AL; Grace (Kaleb) Boyd, Sunset, UT; Stephanie (Jerry) O'Connor, Omaha, NE; and Rodney Hanson (Barb), Yankton, SD; three grandchildren, Andrew O'Connor, Kelly (Jon) Nice, Michael O'Connor and two great-grandchildren, Jacob and Ethan Nice, all of Omaha.

The family would like to thank Autumn Winds Assisted Living in Yankton for their care of Stella during her time there, and most recently the staff at Lotus Park for loving and caring for her during the last 1 1/2 years. They made her feel like family and that is a blessing.

A memorial service and interment will be held later at Bethlehem Cemetery, Midway, SD.

Condolences may be sent to the family at <http://www.myers-mortuary.com/>

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Gene Burgess

Gene M. Burgess, 85, of Yankton, died at his residence at Autumn Winds of Yankton on Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2014.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Monday, March 3, at St. John's Lutheran Church, Yankton, with the Rev. Dave Gunderson officiating. Burial will be in the Garden of Memories, Yankton, with military graveside rites with the Ernest-Bowyer VFW Post #791 Honor Guard and SDARNG Honor Guard.

Visitations being at 7 p.m. on Sunday, March 2, at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Chapel, Yankton with family present. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

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schools because they know we have access to a 90-meter indoor range," he said. "For Mount Marty it gives us a bit of a competitive edge in the fact that we can train to shoot distance year-round whereas other schools can't. No matter what, we can come in any day of the week and practice."

This year, Mount Marty is fielding five archers in the tournament.

As for Hewes, the sport has been more than coaching and competition — it's been a life-long passion of his.

"It's my hobby, too," he said. "It's not just a job for me."

Hewes' road to Yankton began nearly 26 years ago when he picked up the sport of archery for hunting.

"I got into it recreationally for hunting," he said. "That was big with the friends I had growing up. Professionally, Easton built a facility in Florida where I started volunteering, going down there with my kids. Then I was asked to come on

part-time, and I was trying to get full-time when I was asked to come up (to Yankton in 2011)."

Hewes began coaching the MMC club team this season after assisting the team the last three years. In addition to his duties as a coach, he also oversees shipping logistics at the Easton Yankton facility, along with maintaining the complex grounds.

Hewes added the transition from his previous job as a sergeant with the Florida Department of Corrections to working with young archers has been a rewarding experience.

"I left a job in law enforcement where I'd work with the worst everybody had to offer, to working with kids offering them something that they can enjoy and a hobby they can have where they're not getting in trouble all the time," he said. "This sport teaches them discipline. You have to be safe — you stand on that line until you're told you can go down and get your arrows. There's not many of these kids I don't trust when I'm down range."

Foss — a junior nursing student at MMC — said he's also found archery to be a rewarding experience.

"I went from just being a shooter and coming here doing everything for myself, to volunteering my time helping a lot of kids and helping explain how to shoot and tune their equipment," he said. "It's helped me a lot just for what I want to do with my career, and just be able to slow down and help everybody out and just make it more fun for everybody. It's getting to the point where now it's not just my success that makes me happy, it's seeing these kids shoot really high scores in the tournaments."

Competition in Yankton will be taking place Saturday and Sunday.

Additionally, the National Indoor Tournament is being conducted in other sites across the country including Michigan State University, Texas A&M University and Tulare, California, who held their events last weekend, and Georgia Southern University, Salt Lake City, Utah, University of Connecticut and Lancaster Archery Supply in Pennsylvania who will hold events this weekend.

You can follow Rob Nielsen on Twitter at twitter.com/RobNielsenPandD/. Discuss this story at www.yankton.net/

IN REMEMBRANCE

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Bonnie Rose Nielsen
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Kenneth A. Petersen
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