

HOMETOWNNEWS

RC&D NEWS:

Learning About Transitioning To Organic Farming

Twenty-seven people met on Thursday at the Dennis Wacker farm near Osmond to learn more about transitioning to organic farming. There were many questions and conversations taking place, but that's the really important part — interacting with others who've already done this. Dennis has been longing to operate in farm this way because he's been a believer in using less chemicals, in land conservation, plant diversity and more, but he told the group he got caught up over the years in industrialized agriculture as many others did. He's in his first year of transition and is now using strip cropping, so his rotation of corn, soybeans and oats looks like a work of art. He's spent considerable time in planning this change and his happy with his decision.

Bob Berni, his wife Kristine and son Tommy attended and of their Clear Creek Organic Farms operation, a grass-based dairy near Spalding. They make a large variety of organic cheeses and have just begun making organic butter. Bob has been working with Terry Gompert, Knox County Extension Educator on using raw skim milk to increase production on his pasture. Early results show a positive effect and Bob thinks it could be coming from the calcium in the milk. This test has shown they are growing more pounds of forage as well as increasing the microbial activity in the soil where the milk was applied. They've also been using fish

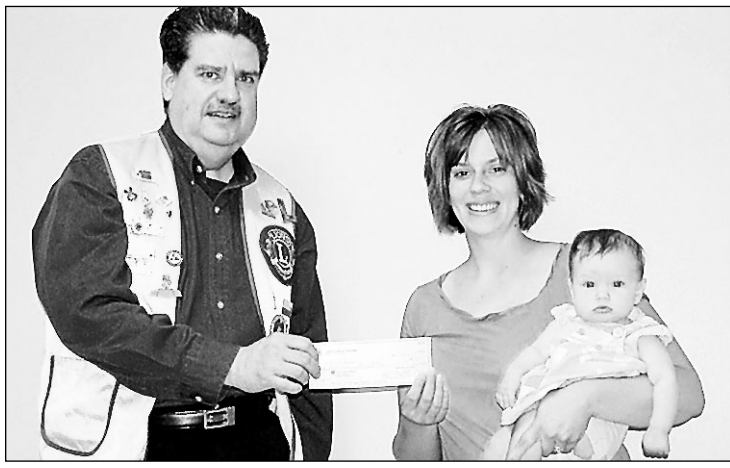


Dennis Wacker talks with members of the RC&D tour about changes he made on his farm near Osmond, Neb. when transitioning from traditional farming to organic farming.

emulsion as a nitrogen source. This tour was part of the Statewide Organic Project, a support program and mentoring effort for those making the switch to organic operations. It is being led by project Coordinator Martin Kleinschmit in partnership with the Northeast Nebraska

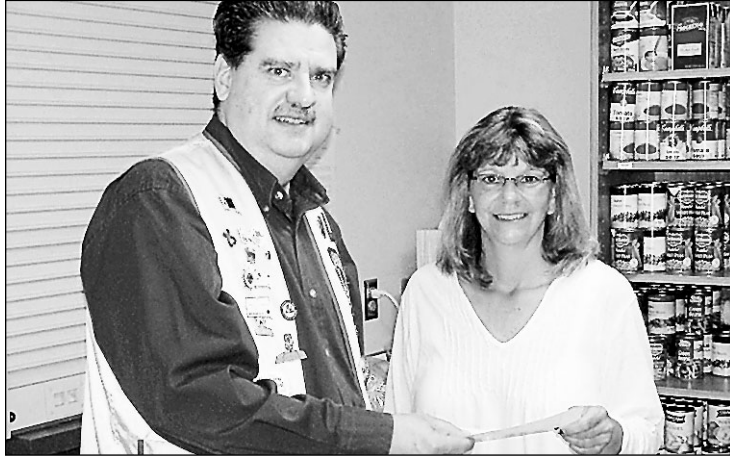
Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) Council. Funding has been provided in part by the Nebraska Environmental Trust. For more information about this project or others contact the RC&D office in Plainview at 402-582-4866.

LIONS GIVE BACK



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The Yankton Lions Club recently presented the net proceeds of their 34th Annual Law Enforcement Dance and Recognition Night to five local organizations. Each organization received a check for \$330. Local officers were recognized for exemplary service to their law enforcement or corrections agency at the dance held this past March. This year's dance was chaired by Yankton Lion Ted Risty. Pictured: Lion Jack Steiner presents a check to Lisa Koerselman of the Child Protection Team.



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Lion Jack Steiner presents a check to Kelli Stange of the Contact Center.



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Lion Jack Steiner presents a check to Desiree Slaba of the Women's Shelter.



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Lion Jack Steiner presents a check to Officer Rob Buechler of the Yankton Police Department for the benefit of the Yankton DARE program.



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Lion Jack Steiner presents a check to Carol Pooler for the benefit of the Homeless Shelter.

MEETING MINUTES

YANKTON AREA WRITERS CLUB

The Yankton Area Writers Club met Monday, July 12, at the Yankton Community Library. John Gasahl, Judy Jensen, Lorinda Pullen and Dr. Luetta Werner all read original works. Lorinda Pullen offered a writing prompt, and all in attendance read their responses.

The Yankton Area Writers Club meets the second Monday of every month (the third Monday if the second falls on a holiday), at the Yankton Community Library. Meetings begin at 7 p.m.

Membership is free and open to all ages and all genres of writing. For more information, please visit our Web site: <http://www.iw.net/~nnburk/>, e-mail yankton.area.writers.club@gmail.com, or contact Nancy Burk at (605) 664-6582.

INTERCHANGE

Interchange was called to order by President Paula Tacke at the Waterfront on Monday, July 19, at noon. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

There were no guests. Jane

Bobzin shared a recap of the Yankton College reunion that was held over the weekend.

Ann Clough, City of Yankton's Deputy Finance Officer, was the hostess for the meeting. She introduced Yankton Police Chief Brian Paulsen, Y Prison who provided his personal background before presenting his vision for the police department. They included, but were not limited, expanding the D.A.R.E. program, new trainings the officers will become involved in, and expanded community involvement of the officers. He spoke briefly on a new state initiative that may bring about a regional communications center that could be located in Yankton.

Interchange meets weekly at the Waterfront. The next meeting will be July 26, at noon, with Mary Kay Cwach, a New York Life Insurance agent, as hostess. Her speaker will be Sesquicentennial Committee Chair and City Manager Doug Russell who will update the members on the Committee's progress in planning for Yankton and Dakota Territory's Sesquicentennial celebration in 2011.

VFW Post 2975 Wins Awards At State Convention

The 80th VFW State Convention was held in Custer on June 10-13, 2010.

Donald A. Dahlin and his wife, Gerri attended all four days of the convention.

Gerri, representing the VFW Post 2975 Auxiliary, accepted the awards for 101 percent membership, Community Service, Americanism, Youth Activities, Service and Rehabilitation, Voice of Democracy and Buddy Poppy. She presented the awards and certificates at the Beresford June Auxiliary meeting.

Donald, representing VFW Post 2975, accepted awards and certificates consisting of Community Service, Americanism, Youth Activities, Safety, Service and Rehabilitation, Voice of Democracy, Veterans Day and Buddy Poppy. He also brought home a plaque for the donation given to the WWII honor flight program.

Donald, as District I Commander was recognized for the district 1st place in the state for the Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen and Elementary Teacher of the Year program.

As District I Commander, Don received his prestigious white hat for being the Outstanding District Commander in South Dakota.

He was also presented the top award of TGR for his dedication to the VFW at the local, district, state and national level. The TGR award was first presented to members of the South Dakota

Veterans of Foreign Wars in 2006, the year the department of South Dakota VFW celebrated its 75th anniversary.

The award was named after Merton Tice, past National Commander-in-Chief, 1954 and 1955, Ray Gallagher, past National Commander-in-Chief, 1969 and 1970, and William Rodigan who served as State Adjutant/Quartermaster for 47 years. These three individuals symbolize the character of leadership, loyalty to their nation, the belief of their fellow man with in the rituals of the department of South Dakota VFW.

Each individual receiving this award is held to the following standards: must have held an elected position as a post or district office, must have been a VFW member for at least 20 years and a life member for at least 10 years, must have served as post committee chairman or program chairman, must be involved in the every day and extra activities at the post level, must be involved in the district and department level programs and events.

From 2006 to 2007 there were 12 recipients of the TGR award. It wasn't presented again until 2010 when Donald Dahlin of Beresford Post 2975 and Wayne Mitchell of Canton Post 3164, both members of District I, received the award. This award is only presented to those who have served the VFW with beliefs in our rituals. Remember the dead by helping



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During the 80th VFW State Convention several awards were presented to area members. Pictured are just a few of the members of the VFW Post 2975 with their awards.

the living, and we are the VFW and we will do anything for this country.

Donald was also appointed to serve on the National Committee

of Veterans Service Resolutions and will be attending the 111th National Convention to be held in Indianapolis, Indiana, Aug. 21-26, 2010.

CREATIVE ART FESTIVAL



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Meredith Graber (daughter of Joey & Patti Graber, Marion) and Andrea Wollman (daughter of Craig & Lois Wollman, Menno) enjoy a morning exploring the arts during Freeman Academy's creative arts workshop. Approximately 20 students, grades 4-8, from several communities, including Avon, Marion, Menno, and Freeman attended this free event which provided opportunities in visual arts, musical rhythm or drumming, and dance as it pertains to musical theatre. Instructors included Freeman Academy's Joe Mason (visual arts) and Amy Hofer Vetch (musical rhythm). Freeman Academy plans to offer another creative arts workshop next summer.

SATURDAY FOR SUSAN



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A total of \$13,451.50 was raised at the "Saturday For Susan" event held recently at Memorial Park. The fundraiser picnic and raffle proceeds were presented to Susan Goeden and her family recently at their home in Yankton. Goeden is undergoing treatment for Large B Cell Non-Hodgkin's with characteristics of Hodgkin's Lymphoma. Donations to the Susan Goeden Fund can be made directly at Wells Fargo Bank at either location in Yankton. The family was recently presented the check by Pauline Akland (Shur-Co), Melanie Ryken (Webster Elementary School), and Pauline Rhoades. Susan is pictured with her husband Trevor and daughters Kaylee and Brooke.

KUPFER WINS AWARD



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Eric Edrup right the Grand du South Dakota Chef de Gare of the 40 & 8 presents Richard Kupfer of Lewis and Clark Voiture 842 of the 40 & 8 in Yankton the Voyageur of the year award. Chef de Gare Edrup presented the award to Mr. Kupfer at the Gand du South Dakota Promenade in Sioux Falls.

SDCF PRESENTS CHECK



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Jim Means (center), member of the board of directors of the South Dakota Community Foundation, presents a check to Greg Henderson (left), executive director of Planning District III, and Eric Ambrosion, community development specialist.

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