

## HISTORIC HOMES OF YANKTON

## A Look At An Old Stage Stop?

Yankton's Territorial Homes, Revisited — A Sesquicentennial Series

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## Stage Stop?

## 15th And Pine

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Was the house at 15th and Pine once a stagecoach stop? Pal and Patty Christensen, who raised their large family in the home, are quite certain it was. The Christensens purchased the home in 1960 and many of Pal's numerous stories came from Elmer Waters, whom Pal hired occasionally to do painting. According to Waters, the house was built in 1862 and provided lodging for stagecoach passengers. The stable (still in existence when Pal and Pat moved in) offered shelter to the horses. It is unknown who built the house and its exact origins are unknown. An 1875 map at the Territorial Museum shows a house in the approximate vicinity of 15th and Pine, though 15th Street was not in existence and Pine extended only to 8th Street (called Main Street on the map). The tiny sketch of the house looks remarkably like the present building.

It is not known which stage route might have stopped at this modest house. According to contemporary information, there were a number of stage routes from Yankton. The principle route followed the Missouri through Bon Homme, Springfield, Yankton

Agency, Fort Randall and Fort Pierre and on to Bismarck. This stage ran daily to Springfield with covered four-horse coaches. The James River route ran a daily route from Yankton to Mitchell, through Utica, Lester-ville, Odessa, Scotland, Milltown, Martella, Rockport and Rosedale. Stages also ran across the country intersecting these lines. The stage business did not last many years, as the railroad came to Yankton in 1873, providing a much more comfortable mode of travel.

One of the home's owners, Edward Tenge (1849-1917), arrived in Yankton, DT, from Germany in 1876. He was employed by J.R. Sanborn who had established a funeral business and furniture store in 1874. Tenge purchased Sanborn's interest in 1905 and in 1910 sold the business to his son William. The business was located at 215 West 3rd Street. The Sanborn/Tenge funeral business was the direct antecedent of the present Wintz & Ray funeral service. Although Tenge owned the house at 300 East 15th Street for some time (and his widow maintained ownership until her death in 1952), there is no evidence he actually lived in the house. He had built a small house at 702 Broadway when he arrived from Germany — a house he enlarged and veneered with brick in 1885. His widow lived in this home for many years as did his granddaughter Ella Tenge.

A noticeable feature of the home's basement when the Christensens moved in was the large number of support posts. According to Mr. Waters, when Edward Tenge owned the house, he decided to get rid of all the fireplaces (one in each room of the upstairs and downstairs). To do so, he attacked the brick flue in the basement, bringing all the fireplaces crashing down into the basement! The posts had to be placed to support the floor after that error in judgement.

Pal and Pat described the house's horse-hair plaster walls, the stenciled and coved living room and dining room ceilings, the hardwood floors, the extra-wide window and door frames, the twelve-inch high mopboards. The house's beams were cottonwood, the laths came up the Missouri by steamboat. There is a bay window on the east side of the house. The front door and side door are original. Although much of the home's interior has been changed and modernized (but not the earthen-floored root cellar), the exterior maintains its original form. Pal and Patty have lived in Yankton 64 years; Pal was born and raised in Yankton. The couple moved several years ago to a smaller house. Their daughter Dawn Pesicka and her husband, Doug, now occupy the home which, along with its surrounding lawn, is beautifully maintained.

## Mann Honored as HSC's August Employee of Month

Terry Mann is being honored as the August Employee of the Month at the South Dakota Human Services Center (HSC), Yankton, South Dakota, announced Pam Van Meeteren, CNP, Interim Administrator.

Mann has worked at HSC since September of 1989, when he began employment with Security Services. Colleagues recognized Mann for meeting all of the Pillars of Character Counts including: Trustworthiness, Responsibility,

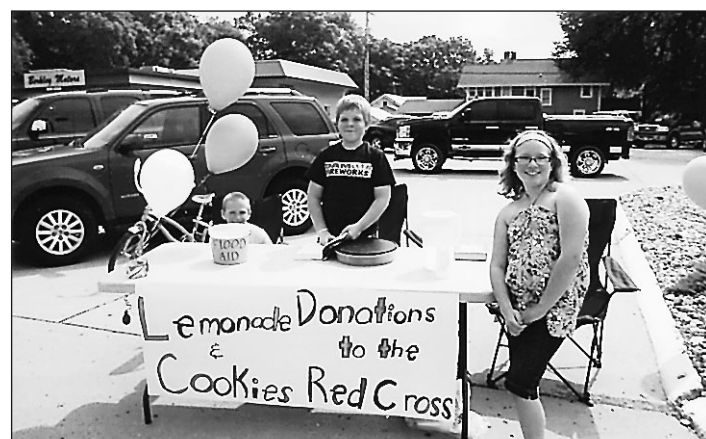


Mann

Respect, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship. Colleagues honored Mann for his commitment to quality service, his friendliness, his dependability and his willingness to assist others.

Mann graduated from Tyndall-Tabor High School and served four years with the United States Navy, earning the rank of E5, Second Class Petty Officer. Mann's family includes his wife Julie and his three children, Joey, Sarah, and Collin.

## RED CROSS LEMONADE



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Harlie and Simon Hacecky and Nick Harris of Berkley Motors set up a lemonade and cookie stand to aid the flood victims. A total of \$238 was donated to the Red Cross.

## A GIVING SPIRIT



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Legion Post #12 would like to thank the community for their overwhelming generosity in the yearly collection of bikes and sporting equipment that was delivered to the Native American reservations earlier this summer. In total more than 100 bikes, two basketball hoops and sacks and boxes of sports equipment of every size and shape were collected. Post 12 would like to give a special thank you to the National Guard who provided transportation to deliver the items. To donate items for next year's delivery call 605-668-0715.

## Bon Homme 4-H Achievement Days August 8-9

The Bon Homme 4-H Achievement Days begin August 8 with the entry of exhibits in the morning. Exhibits are open to the public at 4 p.m.

Exhibits for the Open Class Flower Show, Artistic Photography, & Crafts must also be entered on Monday, Aug. 8, from 8-10 a.m.

The two divisions for the flower show are: 1) Single bud/flower and 2) Floral arrangements of one or more kinds of flowers. Annuals and/or perennials may be exhibited.

Craft divisions include paintings & drawings, needlework, and wood.

Artistic photography is for one photograph that is matted and framed.

The schedule of all the livestock shows, which are open to the public, are as follows:

- Aug. 4 — 5:30 p.m., Dog Show (Hutchinson County 4-H Grounds, Tripp)
- Aug. 8 — 3 p.m., Cat Show; 3:30 p.m., Rabbit & Poultry Show; 6:30 p.m., Sheep & Swine Shows

- Aug. 9 — 9 a.m., Beef Show

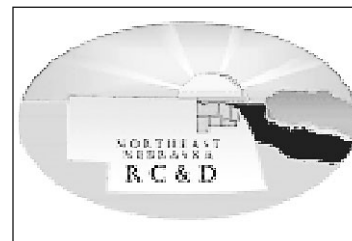
The Tyndall Chamber of Commerce and Businessmen will again sponsor the annual barbecue on Tuesday, Aug. 9. They will feature a 1/2 chicken meal to be served from 5:30-7 p.m. For ticket information, call the Bon Homme County Extension Office at 589-3531. All 4-H exhibit buildings are open for viewing before and after the barbecue.

The finale to the 4-H event will be the "Judges Choice" program on Aug. 9 which is during the barbecue. The 4-H fashion revue begins at 6 p.m. in the park and will feature 4-H clothing projects modeled by the members. Coordinating the show will be Jill Kotalik and Lisa Sestak.

At 6:30 p.m. the Round Robin Showmanship Contest will be held in the showing. The youth-in-action awards and Parade of Champions will conclude the 2011 4-H Achievement Day activities. All animal award winners will be recognized during the Parade of Champions.

## Northeast Neb. RC&amp;D Open For Business

The Council Board Members met on Monday evening, July 25, 2011 at the office in Plainview. Fourteen members were present with one guest. Again part of the agenda was to squelch the myth that the Northeast Nebraska RC&D has closed. The RC&D is "alive and as well as we can be" and continue to do great things for the communities and counties in our six county area. Our hours are shorter as we are only open 20 hours per week, so it would behoove you to call 402-582-4866 to make sure someone is here. If you do not get an answer, please leave a message and someone will get back to you as soon as possible. Or, please email [northeastrcd@plvtelco.net](mailto:northeastrcd@plvtelco.net) as this is checked on a daily basis. If you have old computer equip-



ment or TV's to get rid of, please watch for details of when the sites, dates and times will be announced for a Computer and TV Recycling Event, or call the office for more information. The RC&D recently received a DEQ grant and this very popular event will be taking place near the end of August or beginning of September. Please check the website [www.nenercd.org](http://www.nenercd.org) for more details.

Some of the Board members have been getting out to the local County Fairs with the RC&D booth. You might want to stop by and take a look at what your local RC&D has been doing.

The Grassfed Exchange will be held September 15, 16 and 17, 2011 at the Northeast Community College Ag Complex, 2301 E. Benjamin Ave., Norfolk, NE. Pre-registration discount if paid by Friday, August 26, 2011. Please call 402-582-4866 for more information or 402-322-1608.

The next RC&D meeting will be Monday, August 22, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. at the office in Plainview, NE. Please watch for more information on this meeting and the public is invited to attend.

## MEETING MINUTES

## INTERCHANGE

President Kathy Jacobs called the meeting to order. Hostess Jane Pugh, First Dakota, introduced two guest speakers: Jennifer Adamson, Contact Center Director and Carol Pooler, Homeless Shelter Director. Their topics were history of both organizations and the current needs in Yankton and Yankton County.

Carol Pooler explained the living arrangement availability for the Homeless Shelter. There are facilities for 3 homeless men in one area of the shelter and for a family of up to six in a separate living space. Typically the stay is less than 30 days. You must pass a background check to be allowed to stay. Clients are usually directed to other agencies for additional help as needed.

Jennifer Adamson talked about the increase in Food Pantry assistance from 250 families in 2004 to 750 families in 2010. In addition to food assistance, the staff at the Contact Center help clients with emergency rent and utility assistance; medication assistance, and serve as Protective Payers for 89 clients. The Contact Center has several other projects including a back to school Backpack project and holiday food baskets. Immediate needs for donations of paper goods, personal care items, laundry soap, cereal, canned meats and fruits, spaghetti sauce, and pasta meals would be welcome.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, Aug. 1 at Minerva's. Hostess Mary Pfeiffer's guest speaker will be David Becker with the Army Corps of Engineers.

## ASHH TOASTMASTERS

Melissa Bader called the Avera Sacred Heart Hospital Toastmasters Club 6217 to order at noon on July 21 at the Benedictine Center. Bader asked Jen Howland to lead the invocation and count votes to determine the trophy winners. Taylor O'Bryan was voted "Best Speaker." His speech, "An Entire Nation Reaches for the Moon," was a motivational speech meant to inspire the audience to achieve their best. O'Bryan used some of President JF Kennedy quotes relating to America's surpassing of the Russians in the race to land on the moon.

Table topics were led by Eric Taylor, who based his impromptu questions upon a "summertime" theme. Jane Miller recounted a summertime story from her youth. Miller and three other people all rode the same bicycle at the same time on their way home from swimming.

As General Evaluator, Eileen O'Connor named her team: Stan Sudbeck monitoring the speaker's time and Fran Kocer tracking the number of unneeded pauses during the speeches. O'Connor also asked speech evaluator, Kary Beltz, to give the speaker hints for improvement as well as praise for the "well done" parts of O'Bryan's speech. Beltz enjoyed O'Bryan's enthusiasm and humor. O'Connor named Beltz "Best Evaluator".

Miller presided over the business portion of the meeting. She reminded the officers that Area Governor Jen Howland will conduct training on Wednesday, July 27, 6:30 PM at the Benedictine Center. Miller than adjourned the meeting.

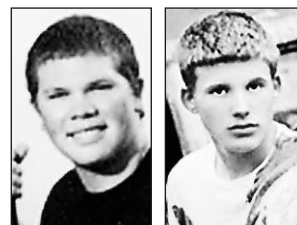
## SCHOLASTICS

## Tri-State Scholarships Awarded

Connor Grosz and Robert Heine each received the 2011 scholarships from Tri-State Old Iron Association which is an antique tractor and small engine club headquartered in Yankton.

Connor is the son of Dean and Lisa Grosz of Olivet, SD. He graduated from Scotland High School this May. He will be attending South Dakota State University pursuing an agricultural related degree in Agronomy/Plant Science.

Robert is the son of Tom and Pat Heine of Yankton. He graduated from Yankton High School this past May. He will also be attending South Dakota State University pursuing a degree in agriculture production and business.



Heine Grosz

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## Dakota State Spring Honors List Released

MADISON — The President's Academic Honors list for the spring semester at Dakota State University (DSU) in Madison has been announced.

A total of 335 students qualified for the honors list. Highest honors were earned by 112 students who achieved a 4.0 grade point average; the remaining students earned a 3.5 to 3.99 average to qualify for the honors list. Highest honors are denoted by an asterisk\*.

From the area are:  
Jefferson: Margie Anthony  
Lake Andes: Ricky Bergin, Brandi Gau, Christa Park, Jay Petrik\*, Cody Thaler

Parker: Sara Schneider\*, Kelly Thon, Lacey Viet  
Parkston: Nicole Beckett\*  
Tripp: Zach Fuerst, Stacy Mueller\*  
Vermillion: Paige Myron, Eric Rasmussen  
Wakonda: Brian Donahue  
Yankton: Michael Hunhoff, Emily Robinson\*

July 30, 2011  
Historic Downtown  
Yankton invites YOU!!!

Registration for Classic Cars & Motorcycles will be at: Anderson Realty, 122 W. 3rd St. Starts at 10am with the "People's Choice" awards - Prizes to be given away at 3pm

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