



South Dakota Farmers Union District Camp Held In Viborg

VIBORG — Young people from across Charles Mix, Douglas, Hutchinson, Bon Homme, Yankton, Turner, Clay, Lincoln, Union, Buffalo, Brule, Jerauld, Aurora, Sanborn, Davison, Hanson, Miner, Lake, McCook, Moody, and Minnehaha counties are 'Wild About Cooperation' after attending the District I and II Farmers Union camp held May 29-June 1, 2012 at Swan Lake Christian Camp near Viborg, SD.

A total of 50 young people attended this year's camp themed, 'Wild About Cooperation.' The camp was a celebration of the United Nations' declaration of 2012 as the International Year of Cooperatives. The camp focused on the cooperative philosophy and teaching kids the important role cooperative business plays in our state's economy.

"Cooperatives have had such a positive impact on our rural communities in South Dakota. We want to celebrate that and teach young people how to work together," said District I Education Director Denise Mushitz. "The young people at camp participated in cooperative games and activities that taught them about teamwork and how when we work together, we can achieve our goals."

Among the activities at the district camp

were team basketball games to test campers' knowledge of Farmers Union history, rural electric cooperative games and campers built their own "Co-op City" and created a commercial for their cooperative business.

"It's vitally important to teach our next generation about cooperation, in business and their personal lives," District II Education Director Pat Larson said. "The campers have also gained important leadership skills that will help them and their communities in the future."

Along with various camp activities, games and singing, each child also took part in a craft activity building nature mobiles. Participants at this year's District I and II Farmers Union camp were: Luke Christensen from Alcester; April Will from Delmont; Makenzie Jo Oberbroeking from Platte; Grace and Macy Quartier from Beresford; Devin Blindauer, Kayla Kluth, Bailey Schmiedt from Mt. Vernon; Abby Dethlefsen, Lauren Bruinsma, Bryce and Hayden Plamp from Stickney; Levi and Kathryn Nightingale from White Lake; Kally Pulse, Kailey Roesler, Rachel Schwans all from Salem; McKenzie Van Pelt, Brianna Stoebner, Jackie Nuss from Tripp; Caleb and Joseph Nugteren, Bree and Myndi Weiden-

bach from Canistota; Chloe Wegehaupt, Samantha Murtha from Dimock; Cole VanZee, Erin Sommer, Paige Semmler, Trent Weber, Dawson Semmler, Rachel Mahoney, Rylan and Brayden Leischner, Samantha Kinneberg, Katie Hyke, Morgan Heisinger, Hannah Braley, Jenna Bialas and Brady Albrecht all from Parkston. Megan and Nathan Linke, Riley and Morgan Schmiedt, Nick Snedeker, Kaylee White, Trista White, Wesley and Carter Linke, and Jesse Fisher all from Woonsocket.

District I and II Farmers Union camp was directed by Denise Mushitz from Geddes, SD and Pat Larson from Woonsocket, SD. Also, The Farmers Union summer interns Brittany Gassman from Canova and Hannah Lily from Lily. Also helping with the camp were Maria Nightingale from White Lake; Nathan Nugteren from Canistota; Myles Bialas from Parkston; Alison Nesheim from Woonsocket; and Jackie Dethlefsen from Stickney.

For more information on South Dakota Farmers Union and how you and your children can get involved in the organization's youth activities, visit the education page at www.sdfu.org or call Bonnie Geyer, State Education Director at 605-352-6761 ext. 125.

Old Iron Scholarship Recipients Announced

Tri-State Old Iron Association presented two \$250 scholarships in May, 2012.

In order to qualify for these scholarships the individuals must pursue a degree in the field of Agriculture.

Timothy Sternhagen, son of Steven & Nancy Sternhagen of Scotland, graduated from Scotland High School. He will be attending the University of South Dakota in Vermillion majoring in Veterinary Science (Pre-Vet).

Lacey Quail, the daughter of Kevin & Laura Quail of White, graduated from Deubrook High



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School in May. She will be attending South Dakota State University in Brookings majoring in a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree.

HSC Honors Boehrns As May's Employee Of The Month

Renee Boehrns, PA-C, is being honored as the May Employee of the Month at the South Dakota Human Services Center (HSC), Yankton, South Dakota.

Boehrns began employment at HSC in October of 2000, as a Physician Assistant and has remained in that position throughout the past 11.5 years. She primarily serves the treatment units of Cedar View 1, Maple View 1, Willow Terrace 1 and Birch Ridge 2.

HSC colleagues recognized Boehrns for modeling all of the Pillars of Character Counts including: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship.

Boehrns was recognized for her professionalism, efficiency, kindness, and especially for her outstanding care, as well as her



Boehrns

genuine concern for patients' dignity.

Boehrns earned a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing at Minot State University, in Minot, North Dakota. She

then completed her Physician Assistant Degree at the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks. Prior to joining the HSC staff, she worked with Jo Bugbey, MD, Internal Medicine, in Vermillion.

Renee and her husband Bruce Boehrns have two grown daughters, who live in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Norwalk, Connecticut, and nine grandchildren.

MEETINGS

INTERCHANGE, INC.

Interchange, Inc. met at noon on June 25, 2012 at Minervas. The Presiding Officer was Kathy Jacobs. The meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Guests introduced included: Terra Fisher of Daktronics by Jean Hunhoff; Rhonda Wesseln of State Farm by Susan Schavee; Christy Hower, the future Director of The Center, by Tammy Matuska and Mindy Schweitzer of Avera Sacred Heart Hospital by Frani Kieffer. Paula Tacke announced that Mount Marty College will be concluding their 75th anniversary with an all school reunion this weekend.

Pam Kettering reminded members that the United Way online Community Survey to assess their services will be available on their website until July 3, 2012. Pam Frick announced that Keep Yankton Beautiful is still looking for a new Director and currently working on obtaining funding for the fountain at Westside Park. Susie Frick reminded members that it is time to submit dues and Kathy Jacobs added that it is also a good time to make a contribution to the Interchange, Inc. scholarship with Mount Marty College. Hostess Melea DeJean of WNAX introduced the speaker, Jerry Oster, also of WNAX. Jerry, a Broadcaster and News Director, who has been with WNAX for the past 36 years, discussed with the group the news business and doing news at WNAX. WNAX is in its 90th year of broadcasting and currently covers a five state area including 85 counties. The next meeting will be held on July 2, 2012 at noon at Minervas. The hostess is Donna Dietrich.

Interchange met at noon on July 2 at Minerva's. The meeting was called to order by President, Kathy Jacobs, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Frani Kieffer introduced guest Mindy Schweitzer of Avera Sacred Heart Hospital. Rita Wentworth, Yankton Area Arts, invited everyone to First Friday on July 6 at GAR Hall, featuring artist David Jensen and his photos of the Meade building. Kathy Jacobs spoke on behalf of Pam Kettering and reminded everyone that there is one more day to fill out the United Way survey. Donna Dietrich introduced her guest speaker, Nancy Teachout. Nancy gave the history of Riverboat Days along with an update of the upcoming Riverboat Days celebration on Aug. 17-19. The theme this year is "Weekend at the Movies."

The next meeting will be at noon on July 9 with a new member forum.

TOASTMASTER CLUB 1294

Toastmaster Club 1294 met at 7:30 a.m. June 16, 2012, at the

Fryn' Pan Restaurant. The meeting was opened by the president, John Swensen. He introduced Mike Arens, who gave the prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Swensen then introduced Kathy Hejna, the Toastmaster of the Day. The Master Evaluator, Joy Winther introduced her team: Jana Lane, Grammarian, who gave the word of the day, "inundate," meaning to cover with as in a flood; Evaluators Roy Wilcox and John Swensen; Ah Counter and Timer, Tara Arens; and Vote Counter, Joy Winther.

Mike Arens gave his speech from the Storytelling Manual, Project One, The Folk Tale, entitled "Big Liz." Janice Stone gave her speech from Interpretive Reading Manual, entitled "The Class Reunion."

Kevin Buhl led the Table Topics regarding accepting nominations for cabinet positions, such as for the Department of Labor. Participants included Janice Stone, Jana Lane, Tara Arens, Mike Arens, John Swensen, Joy Winther and Kathy Hejna.

Roy Wilcox evaluated Janice Stone's speech and John Swensen evaluated Mike Arens' speech. Then the Master Evaluator, Joy Winther evaluated the meeting. Joke Master Joy Winther told the joke of the day.

Awards were given to Janice Stone for best speech plus table topics, and to Roy Wilcox for best evaluator. For more information, call Steve at 665-8448. Guests are always welcome.

The June 30, 2012, meeting was opened by President John Swensen. Mike Arens led the group in a prayer and a pledge of allegiance. The Toastmaster of the day was John Swensen. Speeches were given by Carol Hale and Steve Hamilton. Table topics were led by Jana Lane.

Master Evaluator Doug Fickbohm, introduced his evaluation team, evaluators Matt Stone and Joy Winther, Ah counter Tara Arens, Grammarian Roy Wilcox, Timer Janice Stone, and vote counter Mike Arens. Joke master of the day was Carol Hale.

The winners of the trophies were Carol Hale speech, Joy Winther evaluator and Tara Arens for best table topics.

Meeting are held every Saturday morning 7:30 a.m. at the Fryn' Pan Restaurant. Everyone is welcome.

TOASTMASTERS CLUB 6217

Avera Sacred Heart Toastmasters Club 6217's Toastmaster Tim Bohn welcomed guests, Hunter Neuhalfen and Peggy Venteicher, both of Nebraska, to the June 21 noon meeting in the Benedictine Center with Joe Neuhalfen leading the invocation, which emphasized "this opportunity to grow,"

The two speakers, MJ Rogers and Taylor O'Bryan, were evaluated by Stan Sudbeck and Eileen O'Connor, respectively. Rogers' "Mentor! Me?" named 3 pillars needed to successfully help others. They are nurturing, mirroring, and trusting. O'Bryan's "Proposal: Creating a Part-time Janitorial Position" was a manual speech meant "to persuade with facts." O'Bryan's objective was to convince the audience that his suggestion be adopted. Sudbeck complimented O'Bryan on his organization and O'Connor enjoyed Rogers' vocal variety.

Table Topics were presented by Muriel Stach with an "up" theme. She "dressed up" for the occasion and asked Jeff May about "eating up"; Venteicher about "speaking up," Jennifer Wubben concerning "up lift," Steve Anderson for a "thumbs up" moment, Sheryl Schwartz switched from "sops up" to "acts up," and Gale Vogt described a "man up" event.

General Evaluator Greg Stach got a thumbs-up from timer Jane Miller signifying that all speakers were within time. The Grammarian Chelsi Hames was upbeat with her word of the day "shenanigan" and "er" tracker. Joyce Stevens made everyone sit up and take notice with her nail dropping.

Toastmaster Bohn gave awards to Best Speaker Rogers, Best Evaluator O'Connor and Best Table Topics Respondent Vogt.

President Schwartz read an essay Rogers had written when first joining ASHH Toastmasters on mentor support and wished him farewell! Schwartz reminded members that there's no noon meeting July 5. Also, the July 19 meeting will not be at noon but at 6:30 p.m. with a pot luck picnic at Bohn's home.

GET UP & GO 4-H CLUB

The Get Up & Go 4-H Club met July 1, 2012, at the Irene Legion Hall. President Haley Hinseth called the meeting to order. The roll call topic was "What is your favorite song?" Our leader Karen Richelieu discussed Achievement Days on Aug. 25. This year Stephanie Hauger got a purple in Special Foods and on her demonstration at county level. Caitlin Hinseth's demonstration was on how to make a Friendship Bracelet. Bailey Hinseth's demonstration was on "How to set a volleyball." Hunter and Kevin Hinseth's demonstration was on "How to make baby calf milk." After the meeting, we learned about what drink we should choose, Functional Fitness, and nutrition among youth athletes. Lunch was served by Stephanie Hauger. Our next meeting will be on Sept. 9, 2012, at the Irene Legion Hall.

Secretary, Stephanie Hauger.



Submitted photo for patients' dignity. Pictured left to right: Jody Haase — Manager; Jessica Haase — Co-owner; Sherrie Lewis — Rural Development Area Specialist; and Mel Haase — Co-owner.

USDA Rural Development Celebrates Main Stop's Ethanol Blender Pump

SCOTLAND — Sherrie Lewis, Rural Development Area Specialist represented South Dakota State Director Elsie M. Meeks during an Open House at the Main Stop in Scotland to celebrate the installation of an ethanol blender pump.

"USDA Rural Development is working towards creating a brighter future for South Dakota's farms and small businesses through the use of renewable energy and energy efficient technologies," said Meeks. "I congratulate Main Stop on their efforts to become energy-efficient and self-sustaining."

Main Stop is a commercial site in Scotland, SD. This project will replace one gasoline pump with one flexible fuel dispenser and associated equip-

ment. Rural Development funding for the project was awarded through a Rural Energy for America Program grant of \$9,934 that was leveraged with an applicant contribution of \$39,736.

"The edition of the blender pump has been a new and exciting addition to the city of Scotland and all of our patrons," said Mel Haase, Co-owner of Main Stop.

For more information on the REAP program, which is authorized under the 2008 Farm Bill, please visit www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/farbill/index.html or contact Ken Lynch, Business and Cooperative Programs Specialist, at 605-352-1120.

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