



COURTESY PHOTO
Dennis Heine (front left) is pictured here with his family on the steps of Bede Hall on the Mount Marty College campus.

MMC Honors Heine With Distinguished Professional Achievement Award

Each year Mount Marty College recognizes an alumnus who continues to live the core values taught at the college and who represents the mission of the college in their professional endeavors. The 2013 award in the area of Distinguished Professional Achievement was given to Dennis Heine of Yankton, South Dakota.

As one of the first male graduates of Mount Marty College, Heine has always blazed a trail. Prior to coming to Mount Marty he served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War, earning two Purple Hearts and two Silver Stars. He persevered after his discharge and eventually landed at Mount Marty College where he majored in business administration and accounting, earning his degrees in 1972.

Heine's first professional venture was operating an electrical wholesale company called Wye Electric in Yankton, South Dakota. He currently co-owns and operates Fejfar Plumbing, a residential and commercial plumbing contractor company in Yankton. He and his wife of 40 years, Judy, have always been

very involved in the community of Yankton, living the core value of the college in their daily lives. They have five children: Jen, Eric, Tonya, Ryan and Katie and 13 grandchildren. Heine's daughter Katie is also a graduate of Mount Marty College and the college's most recent member of the Athletic Hall of Fame.

Mount Marty College Chief Advancement Officer, Barb Rezac, felt the award was well deserved. "Dennis is a perfect example of what this award is all about. It's about learning the mission of the college and then living it throughout your life – in everything you do. The nomination that was received for this award read in part, 'Dennis should be recognized for his outstanding contributions to the Yankton community and the professional and Christian manner in which he has conducted his life,' and we couldn't agree more with that statement."

For more information on notable alumni at Mount Marty College, visit www.mtmc.edu/alumni/notable.aspx.

United Way: 'Big Thanks' To Supporters

All of us at United Way & Volunteer Services of Greater Yankton are in the process of planning our upcoming 2014 Campaign that kicks off on August 31st. However, we must first take time to reflect on the generosity of our friends and neighbors during our 2013 campaign.

Our community accomplished great things this past year, demonstrating our collective strength and proving that our campaign theme holds true. "We can make a difference!"

We thank our loyal supporters as well as everyone who gave for the first time. You donated more than \$430,000 to help over 35 local programs address critical needs within the greater Yankton area.

By so many people reaching in their pockets to give what they could, it is possible for others to have a better life. On behalf of the board, staff and volunteers of the United Way & Volunteer Services of Greater Yankton, we want to say THANK YOU for showing the community that you truly LIVE UNITED.

A BIG THANKS also goes to each and every campaign volunteer:

Our 2013 Campaign Committee and Campaign Chair, Dave Becker, did a wonderful job, providing strategic planning and support. These individuals have kept the quality of the campaign and its events high while keeping the campaign's expenses low.

Thank you also to all of the many Campaign Advisors, including Co-Chairs Shauna Kauth and Matt Tereshinski, for playing a key role in educating, energizing and inspiring action within companies who support United Way.

The Heart Club Committee is a crucial and much appreciated component to a successful United Way campaign. Thank you to Jeannine Economy, Peg Ellingson, Aggie Heine, Marlene Johnson, Jill Kleinschmit, Skip Ludwigs, Beth



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Pietila, Angie Schoenfelder, Nancy Willert, and Jessica Woerner for all your help writing thank yous and making asks.

The 2013 theme, "One can make a difference, are you the one?" was carried throughout our campaign because of the great creative help we received. Thanks to our Publicity Committee for underwriting all our materials, and to the Yankton Press & Dakotan and Riverfront Broadcasting for their in-kind donations of media coverage we receive for our campaign and our activities throughout the year.

Many other organizations also contributed in-kind gifts through goods and services for this year's campaign. To all of you, thank you. We could not do what we do without you!

So many of you have given in so many ways, and what you give to United Way & Volunteer Services of Greater Yankton is critically important. Your donations are managed with dili-

gent stewardship, distributing them to our partner agencies, projects and programs that help many people in the most effective ways in our community.

In an effort to show our appreciation, we will be conducting a BIG THANKS event, Wednesday, August 28th, during our LIVE UNITED Campaign Kick-off Week. The BIG THANKS event is where United Way volunteers, wearing LIVE UNITED shirts, will be standing outside establishments who are loyal supporters of United Way, holding signs, thanking them for their support! Keep your eyes peeled!

In these changing and challenging times, we say a very BIG THANKS to all of you who volunteered, advocated and gave to us, trusting United Way & Volunteer Services to make a difference in the lives of the people in the greater Yankton area.

Thank you for LIVING UNITED!



Practice Makes Perfect

Yankton County Search and Rescue had a training session at Midway Beach Saturday morning. The group had four new divers go through DRI (Dive Rescue International) training in the spring. This extensive training gets them up to the level that is required to be a diver on the team. The number of qualified divers for Yankton County and the surrounding areas has essentially doubled in the last couple of months. Saturday morning's training was a basic refresher for the course. The training helps to evaluate the team's strengths and identify possible complications that can arise during any given situation. The mock drill included an underwater mannequin that the divers had to run search patterns to find. (Courtesy Photos)



YHS Grad Named Orthotics Manager

Rehabilitation Medical Supply welcomes Mark Swanstrom, CP, BOC Orthotist, as the new Orthotics & Prosthetics Manager for Rehabilitation Medical Supply in Sioux Falls.

Mark graduated from Yankton High School and received his degree from USD in 1999. He received his Prosthetics Technician and Practitioner certificates from Century College in White Bear Lake, Minn., and did his residency at Kessler Rehab Hospital in New Jersey where he became certified in prosthetics. He then moved to Wichita, Kan., to work for Hanger Orthotics and Prosthetics in 2003. In 2007, he began working for Prosthetic Labs in Sioux Falls. In 2008 Mark received his certification in Orthotics.

Mark and his wife have been together for 15 years and have a one year old son, Oliver. Mark is the son of Seth and Becky Swanstrom of Yankton.

Flower/Vegetable Show Set For July 27

The Yankton Town and Country Garden Club is sponsoring a Flower/Vegetable Show on Saturday, July 27, at the Yankton Community Library.

Guidelines for entering may be picked up at the Library, the Chamber of Commerce, The Center, and the 4-H office.

Submit your entries from 9 a.m.-noon (no charge), with judging from noon-1 p.m. The show is then open for free public viewing in the library meeting room from 1-4:30 p.m.

The club is encouraging all junior gardeners to enter as there is a special division just for them.

For more information contact Betts Pulkrebek at 605-463-2206.

1209 Green Street Is Yard Of The Month

Homeowners at 1209 Green Street in Yankton are our July Yard of the Month.

Sally L. Slama and her husband created a lovely landscape starting at the stone patio with a stand out smoke tree on one side to the cool blue hostas on the other. The many flower beds are all lined with brick leading the eye from bed to bed with this repeat design.

The main flower bed in front has a multitude of plants, shrubs and trees including nicely placed statuary. Quaking aspen, Praire Fire Crab Apple, Blue Spruce Globe, Primerose, Stello D'oro Daylilies, berigated Iris, dark Coral Bells, shrub roses, columbine and white Daisies. Placement of all plantings is a pleasure of discovery.

This yard is a slow drive-by, a must see!

Local Insurance Agent Awarded For Service

MADISON, Wis. — Eugene Kocer, an American Family Insurance agent in Yankton and Irene, has been recognized for providing outstanding customer experience under the American Star Excellence in Customer Experience Certification. Kocer joins other American Family agents who have demonstrated the highest level of commitment to outstanding customer service.

Kocer has been an agent for American Family since Feb 1989. His offices are located at 413 W. 15th St., Yankton and 300 W. Main St., Irene.

"When choosing an insur-

ance agent, consumers can rely on the American Star Excellence in Customer Experience Certification to help them identify agents with a proven dedication to meeting customer needs," said Dan Schultz, American Family president and chief operating officer. "This is an outstanding accomplishment."

Kocer has qualified for this award for seven years.

The service excellence distinction was determined through an evaluation process conducted under guidelines established through the American Star Excellence in Customer Ex-

perience certification. The process consists of a customer satisfaction survey which measures customers' overall experience with their current American Family agent. Only agencies that perform in the top 20 percent of all insurance agencies nationwide, based on customer satisfaction surveys, are eligible to become American Star Excellence in Customer Experience certified.

Based in Madison, Wis., American Family Insurance offers auto, homeowners, life, health, commercial and farm/ranch insurance in 19 states. American Family is

the nation's third-largest mutual property/casualty insurance company and 14th-largest property/casualty insurance group.

MEETINGS

SHANNON TRAIL PROMOTERS

The Shannon Trail Promoters gathered on Wed., July 10, 2013, at the Gil and Laurie Larsen home in Bloomfield. In attendance were the Larsens, Richard and Mary Rose Pinkelman, Herb and Susan Bengston, Will and Shirley Dangler, Larry and Becky Leaply, Marlin and Sharon Braun, Sally Gubbels, and Harold and Shirley Kehne.

The group enjoyed a delicious pot luck meal, held the meeting and then adjourned to the patio for a pleasant time of visiting and taking pleasure in the lovely environment.

The business meeting consisted of the decision to order 2500 more brochures as the supply is gone. These will be made with no year stated and minor corrections. We've received \$500 from the Knox Co. Lodging Tax grant and it is to be used in advertising. This will nearly cover this expense.

The Dangers said visits to and the hits on the trials geocaches has been good considering most were released only 6 weeks ago. Will has consented to write another item on the subject for local papers.

Due to an accident and injury, Randy Erb has not completed the

Shannon figure replacement for Center.

Sally and Ron Gubbels were thanked for their work in installing our web site sign for the Shannon Country sign on Hwy 81. A pay pal account has been set up on the Trails web site for the sale of the Voices of the Trail CDs.

Mary Rose said at least 10 people have volunteered to help at the Northeast Nebraska tourism booth at the State Fair. A \$200 grant received pays the booth expense.

Sharon Braun continues to update us on facebook. She will feature a member town each month.

The first is to be Lindy.

John Barry will be featured at the WJ Ranch country music concert on Sept. 7th. Herb and Susan were selected to represent the Promoters. Gil made a motion that their tickets will be purchased. Marlin made the 2nd. All were in favor. Tickets will be sold on a guitar again as a fund raiser.

A grant application has been sent to the Cedar County board for their Lodging Tax allotments. The 2012 tax filing is now complete.

Shannon the mannequin spent June at Ash Fall and is now at the Niobrara State Park. Marlin and

Sharon Braun, Joan Thomason and Artie were thanked for their donations for day park passes for this popular promotion.

The next event is the Adult Youth "Team" 3D Archery Tournament on Sunday, August 18 at the Hartington Outdoor Archery Range. Volunteers, rolls & bars are needed. Hot dogs will be served.

A date change for the next meeting. It will be Wednesday, Aug. 14, at the St. James Market Place.

The motion to adjourn was made by Marlin with the seconded by Mary Rose.

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