

## MEETINGS

## ROY ANDERSON POST NO. 12

The June 16, 2015, meeting was called to order by Commander Fran Johnson with members Amon, Brandt, Darcy, Davies, Happe, Hollenbeck, Don L. and guests and Wes Rye being present. All saluted the colors which were in place and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Chaplain Happe gave the invocation.

Minutes: Previous months minutes and Financial report were read and approved.

with a Financial report of \$12,088.78

Boys State: Director Darcy stated that 13 out of 14 boys had got on the bus, Good report from all those that went.

Don L. suggested to possibly use POV's to transport Boy's Staters to Aberdeen to cut down on the cost of transportation. Tabled for now.

Children and Youth: Director Johnson stated he has 3 loads scheduled to go out, also talked to Tribal leaders from Flanderau tribe about sports stuff also has 1 load going to Lake Andes and Chamberlain.

Membership: 221 seven short of missing goal of 228.

POW/MIA: No report

Americanism: Don L. read a thank-you letter from the Human Services Center, also recieved a grocery delivery donation from Jackie Simonson along with a card

Don also stated that the Honor Guard has been to busy by presenting full honors at funerals, example 5 funerals in one week.

Looking for members to walk in the Czech days parade.

Unfinished Business: Post finished up loose ends from Fun Night. If a loser prize winner is present and does not have his ticket but his name is on the board he shall be awarded the prize providing he has sufficient ID example drivers license.

John Darcy made motion to reimburse DeBoer \$25 from Fun Night.

New Business: Adjutant Brandt has reported that all year end reports have been sent in.

Motion by Paty second by Adjutant Brandt that the Commander of the current year shall have the same privileges as the Finance officer if he shall become unable to fulfill his duties, and will be the second signer when needed on important documents.

Roy Anderson Post #12 2015-2016 officers are:

Commander: John Hollenbeck  
Vice Commander: John Darcy  
Adjutant/ Finance: Wayne Brandt  
Americanism: John Darcy  
Chaplain: Dave Happe  
Sick Call: None  
Post Everlasting: None  
Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Next meeting July 21, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. at the VFW Post Home.

## INTERCHANGE

Interchange met on Monday, July 13, 2015, at noon at Minerva's. The meeting was called to order by President Clough and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. There were no guests present.

Members gave the following announcements: Sherri Rodgers-Conti, Southeast CASA, announced that the Superhero Fun Run/Walk fundraiser for CASA will be held at Memorial Park on Saturday, July 18, starting at 9 a.m. Linda Stephenson, Linda's Angel Crossing, made members aware that the Mead Building restoration project progress kiosk is on display in the lobby of Linda's Angel Crossing. Rita Wentworth, as a volunteer for the Yankton Area Arts Association, announced that tickets are still available for the Dinner en Blanc event being held on Saturday, July 18 on the Meridian Bridge in Yankton.

Sherri Rodgers-Conti of the Southeast CASA Program served as today's hostess. Her guest speaker was Scott Kooistra of Riverfront Broadcasting, who gave a presentation on the American Cribbage Congress Grand National Cribbage Tournament, a national tournament that will be held in Yankton at the Kelly Inn on September 17-20, 2015. Scott said that at least 500 people will be in Yankton for this tournament, representing 35 states and Canadian provinces.

Cribbage, a card game in which the score is kept on a wooden board with 121 holes for pegs, was invented in 1630 by an officer in the English Army. A perfect hand is worth 29 points, and a player will receive \$100 for a perfect hand during a cribbage tournament.

Scott began playing cribbage at the age of five, and entered his first tournament at age 19. He has won a couple of national cribbage tournaments, and has played in as many as 18 tournaments in one year! Scott is the youngest person to have been inducted in the American Cribbage Congress Hall of Fame. He started the Cribbage Club in Yankton two years ago, and it has 38 members in the American Cribbage Congress. Club members play twice each month at the VFW.

The community is invited to observe the Grand National Cribbage Tournament at the Kelly Inn, and local businesses are asked to welcome cribbage players on their marquees during the Sept. 17-20 tournament.

The next meeting of Interchange will be held on Monday, July 20, 2015, at noon at Minerva's with Gwen Stockler as hostess. The speaker will be Sandi Isburg, speaking on "Caregivers Support."

## YANKTON TOWN &amp; COUNTRY GARDEN CLUB

• Opening — Terre, president, began the meeting of the Yankton Town & Country Garden Club at 1:30 p.m. on July 10, 2015, in the Yankton Library. Pledges were stated by the group.

• Roll Call — Fifteen members responded for roll call. We had three visitors: Arlyce Grothe, Debbie Grothe and Susan Taeker. They were a welcome addition to the meeting.

• Reports — Minutes of the last meeting and treasurer's report were read and approved. The treasurer reported that the club earned \$1,105 for the plant sale and \$60 for the raffle of a fern leaf peony won by Vickie. Two bills were also presented for approval. They were approved and paid.

• Old Business — Gay presented an update of improvements made to the Territorial Capital including: plants donated by the city and prison, a fence around the state rose garden, organic fertilizer applied and donated by Paul, and painting of the signs by Lois.

• New Business — The status of taking road trips was discussed. The club voted to go to the Prairie Arboretum in Freeman. The group attending will meet in the Fryin' Pan parking lot Aug. 14 by 10 a.m. and carpool. Any other details will be decided by the group attending the road trip.

• Program — The "Flower Show" will be held July 25, with registration from 10 a.m.-noon, judging from noon-1 p.m. and public viewing from 1-4:30 p.m. All members are encouraged to enter the show.

• Closing — Mary presented the door prize, a candle, to Terre. The hostesses, Vickie and Diana provided coffee and treats.

The meeting was adjourned at 3 p.m.

# Fighting Ebola

## Dave Ausdemore Is NGO Director In Liberia

*EDITOR'S NOTE: Dave Ausdemore is the son of Bill and Janet Ausdemore of Yankton. Dave was born in Yankton before moving away at a young age. This story is reprinted with permission from the Mankato Free Press.*

BY NATE GOTLIEB

Mankato Free Press

MANKATO, Minn. — Dave Ausdemore worked in public health and environmental engineering for more than 20 years, first for the U.S. Air Force and later at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

This past year, the Mankato resident has been tackling arguably his most dramatic assignment yet: The deadly Ebola epidemic in Western Africa.

Since November, Ausdemore has spent much of his time in Monrovia, Liberia. He serves as the Country Director of eHealth Systems Africa, a nongovernmental organization fighting the deadly disease, which has killed more than 11,000 since the first case last spring.

Ausdemore returned to Mankato last month for just the second time since November. On Friday he and his son, a senior-to-be at Mankato West, will return to Monrovia. His son will volunteer there for three weeks, while Ausdemore could stay for another year, depending on what work remains.

Ausdemore oversaw more than 200 workers in the country's 15 counties at the height of his organization's response. He and his co-workers worked 16-hour days, he said, working to construct and renovate the country's poor infrastructure.

The atmosphere in the country was worrisome, tense and uncertain, he said of his early days there. People were dying in the streets, and the country didn't have adequate infrastructure.

"There was just that desperation of, 'This is getting out of control and we really don't know what to do,'" he said.

His field teams worked to build trust with the local chieftains, trying to get the villagers to report symptoms to the Ebola treatment centers.

"It was common for people to hide their loved ones, so it was very tough to identify who had been affected," Ausdemore said. "It was a



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Dave Ausdemore who was in Liberia recently, enjoys downtime at his Mankato home. Ausdemore leads a nongovernmental organization that worked on the Ebola response in Liberia.

stigma that people just did not want to be associated with."

eHealth Systems worked with the World Health Organization and Liberia's Ministry of Health to develop rapid isolation centers, Ausdemore said. Those were tented living areas on the outskirts of villages in which people were more willing to go through the quarantine process.

The organization also offered staff support to local areas and incentives for people to stay in quarantine.

A 'no-brainer'

Ausdemore reached out to eHealth Systems in October, after hearing about it from a former colleague. The next month, he was on a plane to assist in the fight against the epidemic.

It was a tough decision to go there, he said. But Tiffany said it was something toward for which he had been preparing his entire life.

"I was like, 'Are you kidding me?' You're going to go where?" she said of her initial response. "Then I started thinking about it, him as a person,

his career and who he is, and knew he had to go. It was a no-brainer."

eHealth Systems was privately funded during the initial part of its Ebola response. Ausdemore said he worked with a portfolio of \$15 million, including money from billionaires Mark Zuckerberg and Paul Allen.

The nongovernmental organizations in Liberia all worked out of one building, he said, and worked with each other to coordinate their response. He created strong relationships with the Ministry of Health in Liberia, which looked to him to help solve problems.

Fewer cases of the disease appeared in the winter months, and the World Health Organization declared Liberia Ebola free in May. Now eHealth Systems is working on strengthening the country's health systems, facilities and public-health programs, Ausdemore said. It received funding from the CDC for some of those efforts.

He said he's wary about a poten-

tial measles outbreak there because of the weakened health systems, noting that eHealth Systems is now working closely with vaccination programs. "If that measles outbreak isn't dealt with properly, it has the potential of having more fatalities than Ebola," he said.

Tiffany Ausdemore said she hasn't felt nervous when Dave has returned home, noting he has never been sick in Liberia. He did, however, cause a minor scare in February when he went to his doctor's office.

Ausdemore said his organization is using its Ebola response and surveillance systems to help develop health-surveillance networks for measles and seasonal diseases, such as Lassa fever. It's also working to expand the Ebola call center into a national public health hotline.

"People are relieved now, realizing a majority of their problems have been fixed," Ausdemore said. "Now there is a plan of action to deal with the small amount of cases that might surface."

## Coming Up

## Flower/Vegetable Show Slated July 25

BY BRENDA K. JOHNSON

P&D Correspondent

Adults and youth of the region are invited to see and enter some of the best of 2015 growing season at the upcoming Yankton Flower and Vegetable Show on July 25.

See theme arrangements, flowers, vegetables and canned items. The free event will be held Saturday, July 25, from 1-4:30 p.m. in the Yankton Community Library's Meeting Room, 515 Walnut St. The site is accessible to all.

Creative flower arrangements include farm, patriotic, miniature, fairy garden, crazy creepy critters and other themes.

Enter items in the Flower and Vegetable Show by using creativity and following entry guidelines. No entry fee. Ask for the guidelines at Yankton Community Library, Yankton Area Visitor Center, Boiler Printing, or the Yankton County Extension Office. Bring entries to the library meeting room on Saturday, July 25, between 9 a.m.-noon.

Yankton Town and Country Garden Club sponsors the annual event for all to view and participate in the show. Exhibitors grow the flower and vegetable horticulture entries. Entrants' design theme arrangements need not be grown by exhibitor. Each entry is judged on its own merit, so there may be more than one first, second, and third award certificate per category. Junior entries have their own award certificate.

For other questions, call Betts Pulkrabek at 605.463.2206.

## MEET A SHOW ENTRANT

Carol Hauger of rural Irene plans to enter flowers and vegetables in the show. She didn't get an award last time, but enjoyed meeting others and showing what her garden produced.

She plans to enter flowers from those in bloom. Maybe daylilies? From a large pot of daylilies, she divided them, found a new spot in the yard



BRENDA K. JOHNSON

Yankton Flower and Vegetable Show will be July 25 from 1-4:30 p.m. at the Yankton Community Library. See the free event and enter your own plants and vegetables with no fee. Carol Hauger of rural Irene is considering plants in bloom such as this for her entries. The entry guidelines are found at Yankton Community Library, Yankton Area Visitor Center, Boiler Printing and Yankton Extension Office.

and now she has a whole border. Maybe her garden blanket flowers, hollyhocks, coneflowers or delphiniums will be blooming then.

Like some who garden, she adds a rusted wagon wheel touch to a swath of orange tiger lilies. Old washtubs are now bright

with color and filled with petunias. Stepping stone paths wind through lush flowerbeds. She enjoys bouquets of cut flowers for her table.

A secret ingredient for her vibrant flowers and vegetables is aged cow manure. She adds the powdery ma-

nure to beds as soil amendment and other fertilizers are not needed.

She plans to collect vegetables that look attractive and fit guidelines the morning of the show. Maybe green beans, beets, onions, potatoes, squash and home canned items?

She raises produce to can, freeze and eat fresh from her vegetable garden. This year she restocks salsa, spaghetti sauce, taco sauce, plain tomatoes, tomato juice and tomato soup, so she has 40 hybrid and heirloom tomato plants.

Her husband Terry turns hog panels upside down and places them along a row of tomato plants on either side. He drives steel fence posts in at a slant to form sturdy V-shaped cages. She can easily gather tomatoes from the sturdy cages. Her yellow pear tomatoes are a favorite for church friends who don't garden.

As she gardens, she likes to try new ideas. Because potatoes sometimes grow deep and are hard to harvest, she's trying some hills where she planted potato eye pieces in a horizontal car tire about half filled with soil. She added grass clippings on top. If it works, the potatoes will grow closer to the soil surface for easy harvest.

Hauger has retired after 30 years at Vishay Dale Electronics as a Methods and Standards Technician. She is active in the Town and Country Garden Club. She has taken master gardener training and is president

of Missouri Valley Master Gardeners.

"I would never have done this much gardening if not for the clubs," Hauger says. "I've met friends. We go on fieldtrips and garden tours. We do things for the community. I started with flowers eight years ago and now have way too many." When a plant overruns an area, she finds it a new spot, trades it with friends, or contributes it to a plant sale. Sharing plants with others at the show is another expression of her interest in plants.

## TIPS FOR ENTRANTS

She will review the guidelines for her entries. She says that creativity beyond the guidelines makes the entry unique. See where you can be creative. An entry stands out when something is new. All show participants have the chance to be creative.

Hauger is also one of several judges for the flower and vegetable show. Later she judges for 4-H Achievement Days. She encourages youth to enter items in both events; two chances for recognition.

She will bring her flowers and vegetables as other entrants and then leaves until time for judging. Entries don't have names visible during judging. Others judge her entries. All items are judged on their own merit.

"If you put items in the show, they will be beautiful. Come and join in. No matter if it wins, you have the chance to make something with plants. It's fun," Hauger says.

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