

HOMETOWNNEWS

Elections, Award Presentations Highlight Girls State

VERMILLION - The 64th annual session of Girls State at The University of South Dakota concluded recently with the election of officers and presentation of awards.

Under the direction of Cheryl Hovorka, the South Dakota American Legion Auxiliary Girls State featured 445 girls entering their senior year of high school, selected from across the state based on scholastic achievement, leadership skills and interest in government.

At the closing assembly in the Muenster University Center Ballroom on June 5, Erin Williams of Watertown was elected Girls State Governor and Kjerstin Cosand of Sioux Falls Washington High School was elected Lt. Governor. Additional elections included: Megan Shumaker of Humbolt, Attorney General; Megan Raposa of Rapid City, Secretary of State; **Rachel Weinandt of Yankton, State Auditor**; Allison Duffy of Winner, State Treasurer; Rebecca Clausen of Sturgis, Commissioner of School and Public Lands. Elected as members of the Public Utilities Commission were Sarah Olson of Sioux Falls, Emma Larson of Stockholm and Lindsey Evans of Rapid City.

In non-political elections, Girls State dele-

gates elected Jenaye Brenner of Bristol, Morgan Kleinsasser of Huron, Kelsi Bell of Clark, Hannah Gacke of Sioux Falls, Leah Nielson of Rapid City, and Chelsea Gustafson of Sioux Falls as six justices to serve on the Supreme Court. Jenna LaMee of Andover was elected as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. Alayna Ackerman of Rapid City was chosen as the Speaker of the House of Representatives while Brenna Rausch of Big Stone City was selected as the Nationalist Party Chair and Claire Stone of Watertown as the Nationalist Party Keynote Speaker. The Federalist Party elected Kira Stammer of Sioux Falls as party chair and Kelsey Kimbler of Sioux Falls as keynote speaker. Samantha Kohonen of Dell Rapids was recipient of the Outstanding Journalist award and Kathryn Blumhardt of Rapid City received the Highest Exam Score. Sarah Wilcraft of Rapid City captured Outstanding Speaker honors and Julianna Diddle of Brookings was selected as the Outstanding Girls State Citizen.

Awards were also presented to Meg Townsend of Sioux Falls, Best Circuit Court Judge; Breanna Helland of Frederick, Best Prosecuting Attorney; **Olivia Hopewell of Yankton, Best Defense Attorney**; Hayley

Hardie of Watertown, Best Appellant Attorney; Maddie Howey of Watertown, Best Appellee Attorney; Kae Januschka of Sioux Falls, Outstanding Forensic Investigator; Mackenzie Holm of Sioux Falls, President of Citizen Forum; and Shelby Eschenbaum of Faulkton received the Vice President Citizen Forum award.

Hannah Gacke of Sioux Falls and Andrea Paulson of Garden City were chosen as delegates to represent South Dakota at The American Legion Auxiliary Girls Nation in Washington, D.C. (Tess Wentworth of Stickney and Rachel Massopust of Rapid City are alternates). Mackenzi Rogers of Sturgis was selected as the 2010 recipient of a \$1,000 Samsung American Legion Scholarship while Autumn Simunek of Hot Springs was awarded the Bonnie Slade Memorial Scholarship and **Jerrica Huber of Yankton received the Travis Memorial Scholarship**. Notable speakers throughout the week included United States Sen. John Thune, (R-S.D.), Rep. Stephanie Herseth-Sandlin, (D-S.D.), Public Utilities Commissioner Dustin Johnson, State Sen. Jean Hunhoff of Yankton and Gov. Mike Rounds.

KIDS AGAINST HUNGER



On April 17th, Webelos Den/Pack 138 and a few other volunteers of Yankton visited the Kids Against Hunger Organization in Norfolk, Nebraska. This organization is a local food relief program that packages and ships bags of rice, soy, dried vegetables and chicken flavoring to countries that are in need of food assistance (such as Haiti and the Philippines). During their visit they processed five boxes, which would feed one meal to 1,080 people.

MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIPS



Third-year medical students Katie Larson, David Cowles, Ron Ottenbacher, and Monique Yoder were recipients of the 2010 Sanford School of Medicine of the University of South Dakota Medical Student Scholarships from Avera Sacred Heart Hospital and the Benedictine Health Foundation. Presenting the scholarships were Bernie Hunhoff, Benedictine Health Foundation Chair, and Lori Hansen, M.D., Dean of the Avera Sacred Heart Campus of the SSOM/USD. The scholarship criteria are based on interest in the geographic area, interest in primary and/or rural care and community activities. Pictured above from left to right: Dr. Lori Hansen, Katie Larson, David Cowles, Ron Ottenbacher, Monique Yoder and Bernie Hunhoff.

DIALYSIS DONATION



The Avera Sacred Heart Craft Committee donated a funds to purchase a recliner for dialysis patients to use at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital. Pictured from left to right are craft committee members: Dianne Wubben, Audrey Lubbers, Priscilla Mazourek, Barb Specht and Lucille Justra. Not pictured are Judy Lundy and Edna Juran.

COMPLIANCE CHAMPION



Congratulations to Bernice Tramp, Home Health, on being named the 2010 Compliance Champion at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital. Tramp (pictured above with ASHH President/CEO Pamela J. Rezak, right, and ASHH Compliance Officer Jean Hunhoff, left) was chosen because of her dedication to promoting a culture of compliance at Avera Sacred Heart. In addition, Bernice developed a process for prior authorization of visits and has become the expert for coding at Avera Sacred Heart.

SCHREMP MEMORIAL



Joann Sahagun, left, was presented with the 8th Annual Lori Schrempp Memorial Nursing Student Scholarship by Lori's husband Jeff. The award is in memory of Lori Ann Schrempp, an RN at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital for more than 22 years. Lori was an LPN who continued her studies to become an RN, while also being a mother to two sons. Her life was tragically cut short in the summer of 2002 when she was involved in a fatal Life Flight helicopter crash. The scholarship fund is administered through the Benedictine Health Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Avera Sacred Heart Hospital.

LARSON MEMORIAL



Shawna Suurmeier, left, was presented with the 1st Annual Mike Larson Scholarship by Mike's wife Kathy Larson. The award is in memory of Mike Larson, former Avera Sacred Heart Hospital Emergency Department director. Larson's focus was always on patient satisfaction and quality. His life was tragically cut short in a boating accident in May of 2009. Suurmeier used the scholarship to attend the Press Ganey Regional Educational Conference. The scholarship fund is administered through the Benedictine Health Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Avera Sacred Heart Hospital.

BALLET MAGNIFICAT



Kelsey Moser (right) & Elisa Olson, both dancers at the Academy of Dance, will be attending Ballet Magnificat Summer Intensive in Jackson, MS in July. They each received scholarships raised through the Ballet Magnificat performance last fall. Kelsey will attend the intensive for two weeks and Elisa for four weeks. The girls will receive intensive training in ballet and contemporary dance with a strong Christian foundation.

MEETING MINUTES

INTERCHANGE - JUNE 7

Interchange met on Monday, June 7 at the Waterfront. Paula Tacke, Interchange Vice President, called the meeting to order with the flag pledge.

Denny and Jan Everson presented the program this week, speaking to us about their recent Agri-business trip to Africa, titled "Wheat, Rhinos and Wine!" The Eversons traveled with 31 South Dakota Ag Rural Leadership students. The students attend this International Seminar to gain a cultural experience and study agriculture and culture in other countries. Interesting highlights of the Eversons trip and a photo presentation were shared with the Interchange members.

The next Interchange meeting will be held Monday, June 14 which will be the Interchange Annual Meeting. Serving will start at 11:45 a.m. with the meeting beginning at noon. All Interchange members are encouraged to attend.

INTERCHANGE - JUNE 14

The annual meeting of Interchange was called to order Monday, June 14, 2010 at the Waterfront. The presiding officer was Stacy Winteringer. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and members were invited to make announcements regarding business news, opportunities, and upcoming events. The minutes and treasurer's report from 2009 were approved. New members of the Board of Directors are Susie Frick, Susan Schavee, and Tammy Matuska.

Committee reports from the following committee chairmen were approved: Classification, Membership, Membership Development, Interchange Information, Public Relations, Program and Scholarship. Kathy Jacobs was elected to the Vice Presidency.

Fifty meeting pins were awarded to Char Herlein and Kathy Jacobs. Four honorary names were renewed. Gifts to retiring board members were given to Nancy Sternhagen, Ann Clough, and Gert Thomas. Stacy Winteringer gave a farewell reading as retiring president. Paula Tacke was installed as incoming president. Table

plant decorations were given as mementos at the close of the meeting.

The next meeting of Interchange, Inc. will be held June 21, 2010 at 12 noon at the Waterfront with Barb Aman as hostess.

SHANNON TRAIL PROMOTERS

Members attending the meeting of the Shannon Trail Promoters were Laurie & Gil Larsen, Steve Ruzicka and Shirley Kehne. Toni Tauber, Knox County Development Coordinator was a guest.

At 6:30 the group toured the Creighton Historical Center seeing where the Lewis & Clark/Shannon collection is stored as well as many interesting artifacts.

The dinner meeting was held at Drovers Steak House. Pres. Larsen called the meeting to order and invited Ms. Tauber to describe her position. She works for a governing board whose goals are to encourage and support new businesses, retain youth or bring them back to the area and show them opportunities to do so.

The group also see the need to promote tourism and will be publishing a travel guide of the county. Her findings should prove valuable to the promoters.

Four towns have paid \$200 in membership, one-\$100 and one-\$75. The 2.5 Carrot Run Walk, with the Promoters as co-sponsors, will be held at the Hartington Athletic Complex on June 19th. Volunteers should be there before 7:15 a.m. The plan is to hold this annually at a different location on the Shannon Trail.

Reports on the Progressive dinner were "It was great!" "It's hoped we will do it again. Copies of recipes used are available at our meetings. Folks are out and about on the Geocache Trail.

Laurie and Dale Riesberg are investigating the type of corporation the Upper Missouri United Chamber of Commerce was and that we are now. Progress is being made in the placement of the Shannon County sign on Hwy 81.

Herb and Susan Bengston were able to attend the Northeast NE Travel Councils Annual meeting at Niobrara on May 21. The Shannon Trail Promoters received the

Presidents Award for the Dancing for Tourism event.

No word on the Knox County Lodging Tax Grant. \$600 was requested.

Shannon the Mannequin is on the move from park to park; June at Ashfall and July to Niobrara. Park passes are sponsored by the Braun Back and Nerve Center Yankton and Green Gables.

The Shannon Trail is listed on the new Lewis & Clark Trail rack card.

The Promoter sponsored Archery Shoot is Sun. Aug. 29 at the range east of Hartington. Check out the Northeast Nebraska Archers.com web site. Membership to the PC&D was paid.

The Cozy Corner Café in Verdigré will be the destination for the Tues. July 6 meeting.

TOWN AND COUNTRY GARDEN CLUB

The June meeting of the Town and Country Garden Club was called to order by President Betts Plukrabek on the second Friday of the month, June 11, at the Yankton Public Library. Twenty seven members and three guests were in attendance. Hostesses for the meeting were Linda Scott and Lois Quatier.

Our annual plant sale at the Territorial Capitol was a huge success. A motion was made and seconded that we use some of the profit from the sale to purchase new Yard of the Month signs. Marge Becker volunteered to look into the cost for this project. Also, in May the Club toured and purchased plants from Fensel's

Nursery in Freeman for our summer road trip.

Connie Zimmerman and Carol McKim requested volunteers to tend the Territorial Capitol flower beds on Friday mornings for the Summer and Fall seasons. A schedule will be forthcoming.

The June Yard of the Month prizes have been selected and are: Christine and Steve Vellek at 1507 Peninah St. Mary Jo and Bud Schneider at 2803 Lakeview Dr. and Nancy and Pat Zelenka at 901 West 4th St.

The Club's annual Flower and Vegetable Show will be held Sat. July 31st at the Yankton Public Library. Entries are open to the public, garden club members and prison inmates. Flyers are being prepared for distribution.

Dan Cwack from rural Utica presented a short program on his family's organic farming business and how they incorporate the use of hydrolyzed fish fertilizer to grow their crops. It had proved to be a successful and productive product for their business.

The July meeting will be a membership working meeting in preparation for the Flower and Vegetable Show.

GET UP & GO 4-H CLUB

The Get Up & Go 4-H club met June 6 at the Irene Park. Our leader Karen Richelleu opened the meeting. We discussed Alton Nieman's sale on Saturday June 26th at 10:00 a.m. We will be serving taverns, hotdogs, bars, chips and drinks. The location of the

sale is 1107 East 15th Street Yankton, SD. Our 4-H club served ice cream at Sunday in the park in Irene. Our club was asked to help at the Irene Legion Flag Retirement Program at 7 p.m. at Irene in the North Park. We served 5 gallons of ice cream. Our next 4-H meeting will be July 11th at 1:30 p.m. at the Irene Legion Hall.

YANKTON AREA WRITER'S CLUB

The Yankton Area Writer's Club met Monday, June 14, at the Yankton Community Library. Carolyn Gartner read an original work. John Gasahl spoke about the book he is working on, and read some of the poems. Margaret Rahn read a poem and let us know she had entered it in a poetry contest. Dr. Luetta Werner read her latest article. Lorinda Pullen offered a writing prompt, and all in attendance read their responses.

The Yankton Area Writer's 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 7:00 p.m. Membership is free and open to all ages and all genres of writing. For more information, please visit our website: <http://www.iw.net/~nburk/>, e-mail yankton.area.writers.club@gmail.com, or contact Nancy Burk at (605) 664-6582.

ROY ANDERSON POST #12

Roy Anderson Post #12 held its monthly meeting on June 6th, with 9 members and two prospects Don Koepf of Yankton and Dean Neil of

St. Helena in attendance.

Commander Ausborn called the members to attention, which was followed by salute to the flag and the Preamble. Chaplain Tenken gave the invocation then the meeting was declared open.

First order of business was the reading of minutes from the May meeting then reports from Finance, Americanism and Membership.

Unfinished Business: none. New Business: Post discussed the upcoming State Convention June 17-20 at the Holiday Inn and Convention Center in Spearfish. There will be two delegates going from Post 12 and they are Fran Johnson and Chuck Tenken.

Post had also talked briefly on the sports equipment; we have enough for another load already. Our Officers for the next year are official; we also had the swearing in of the Officers for the 2010-2011 year.

Sick Call: Wally Boyles had undergone a serious operation and is now at home doing really well; let's wish him a speedy recovery. Post Everlasting: we had lost 2 more members recently and they are Lorenz Fox and Dennis Kaiser.

I would like to announce that if there is anyone who would like to transfer a membership or to become a new member to contact Don List at 605-665-5924 for more information. Chaplain Tenken gave the benediction and the meeting was declared adjourned. The next meeting will be July 8th at 7:30 p.m. V.F.W. Post Home

IN CONCERT

During Milbank's Farley Fest...

June 25 Arts in the Park, Beer Garden, Burnout Competition, Fireworks at Dusk
June 26 Arts in the Park, Farley Fest Shootout, Q-Fest, Beer Garden, 5K run/2 Mile Fun Walk, CONCERT
June 27 Arts in the Park, Gesswein Motors Car Show, Parade
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