

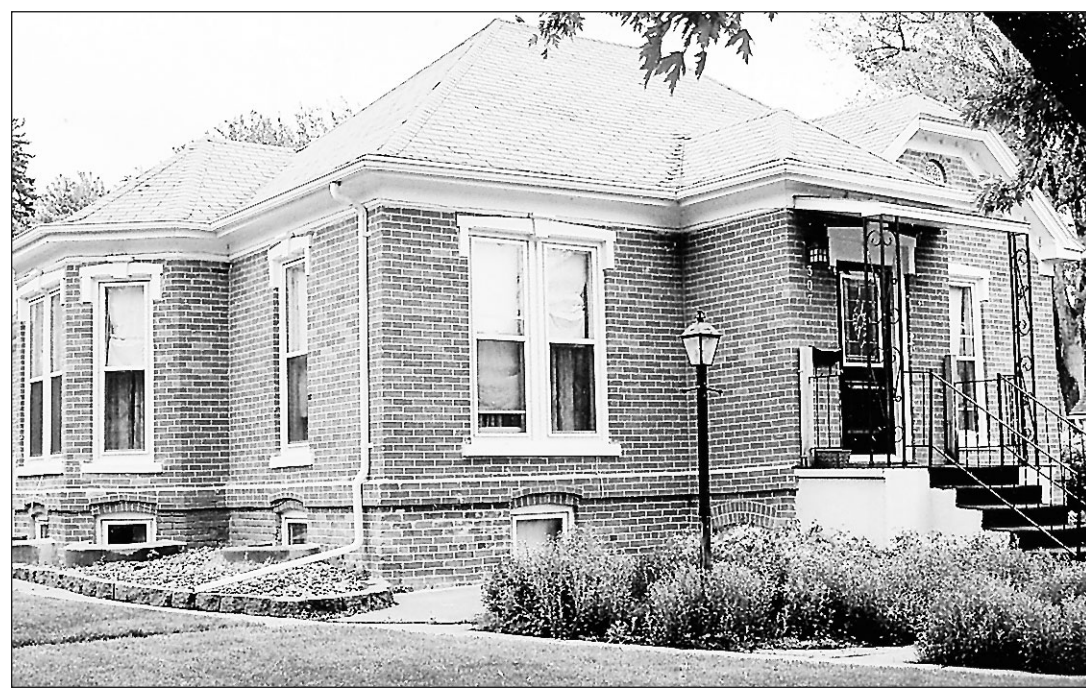
HISTORIC HOMES OF YANKTON

A Look At The Hoffman House

Yankton's Territorial Homes, Revisited — A Sesquicentennial Series

"The sesquicentennial series titled "Historic Homes of Yankton" prepared by members of Yankton Questers Dakota

Territory Chapter No. 794 continues this week with its fourth selection."



The Hoffman House 307 Green Street

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George B. Hoffman built his historic home on 307 Green Street about 1880, bringing a new look to Yankton, Dakota Territory. Its Italianate architecture, including brick walls and tall narrow windows, featured decorative window hoods and low-pitched roof. Special features included full basement with large windows, dining area and servants' quarters. From there an open stairway led to the main level which housed parlor, two bedrooms, and what is now a charming kitchen and dining combo. The unusual flooring lay at an angle, carved woodwork featured pineapple shaped decorations, and ornate wooden screens filled in door arches. The home was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2008.

In 1861 when George Hoffman was in his early twenties, he moved from Michigan to Fort Randall, Dakota Territory. Initially a store clerk, he soon

opened his own store which he operated for five years. After spending the next two years river at Fort Sully working for Northwestern Fur Company, he moved to Yankton and opened a harness store. A successful businessman, he earned the respect and esteem of both friends and business associates. In Lot 4, Block 506 in Yankton Cemetery are the graves of George B. Hoffman, 1839-1914; wife, Julia, 1847-1915; and child, Dallas, 1880-1883.

During the decade following 1910 the home was occupied by a Kositzky family. It was reported they had several sons who were outstanding high school athletes. Other persons may have occupied the home, including a Larson family.

Around 1928 John (Jack) and Helen Smith Donohoe purchased the home. Jack was one of three sons and three daughters of James and Mary Donohoe. (To revisit the Donohoe family history, refer to the *Press and Dakotan* article of May 13, 2011.) Jack Donohoe was associated with the Box Factory east of Yankton and other endeavors. His wife Helen was daughter and

granddaughter of prominent early Yankton residents. Her father Dr. Frank Smith was first male graduate of the music department at Yankton College. Smith went to Boston to continue his study of music but decided to complete a medical degree. He returned to Yankton in 1913 to practice medicine. Helen's grandfather, Harvey Smith, who had arrived in Yankton in 1867, owned the two story frame hotel known as the Smithsonian. After retiring from the U.S. Marine Corps as Major, Jack and Helen Donohoe's daughter Katharine lived in the family home with her mother. Our thanks to local residents Jack and Margaret Lyons for furnishing background information on this historic home.

The Hoffman House was left to the Yankton Benedictine Sisters, who in turn sold it to Austin and Sherry Battin in 2003. Since Austin's death, which occurred after only one night in their new home, Sherry has spent countless hours restoring it to its original charm. A new deck, kitchen, garage and bath have been added as well as many more unique touches to this special home.

The Full Circle Of Life

BY CAROL MAYER GUTHMILLER

When I was about five years old my aunt Mary and uncle Gottlieb Meidinger came to live in the house located across the street from my parents' home. They had been wheat farmers in Montana, hit it big one year and with that retirement money in hand came to settle into what had been my grandparents' home in South Dakota.

For my three sisters and me their move provided us a place for us to visit and to explore. The Meidinger home was situated on quite an acreage. Aunt Mary had a huge garden. Her specialty was red geraniums. She would winter them in her dining room and we would enjoy them during the winter months. In the spring when the earth had warmed up they would be placed back into her garden.

On the acreage was an apple orchard we loved to visit. Green apples sprinkled with salt were a favorite treat back then. I can't ever remember getting sick. Climbing the trees to pick the apples was half the fun of the adventure.

On some summer evenings my younger sister and I would go to visit my aunt and uncle. Their only son was grown and lived far away so they were glad to have children around. At least that was the impression I received. Gottlieb and Mary would be seated on metal lawn chairs enjoying the warm summer evenings together. They laughed a



Carol GUTHMILLER

lot and anyone could tell they just enjoyed being together.

On one of those summer evenings, I remember thinking: "How come they want to sit all of the time? Don't they ever want to run around?"

The picture of them seated in their chairs and my unanswered question came to my mind very clearly recently. My 5-year-old granddaughter Erica wanted me to view a bird's nest she and her older cousins had spotted recently. I put on my walking shoes and we trudged out to the nest. From there we proceeded to visit the fort they had all been working on. It consists of old fence posts piled up into the shape of a house. They have spent hours on it and couldn't be more proud of it if it were a palace.

Erica wanted to finish a project they had begun: placing tree branches over a small body of water, forming a bridge. She began lifting the tree branches and said: "Grandma, you want to help me?"

I answered: "No, because I am tired." Her reply was: "You are tired? How come?"

In Erica's five year-old body and mind she cannot imagine being tired at the beginning of the day. That only comes at night when the day is done. And for energetic Erica even that is difficult to come by, some evenings.

Suddenly Uncle Gottlieb and Aunt Mary came to mind. I think I have come full circle. And I know the answer to my question.

SCHOLASTICS

KIM HAGEDORN GRADUATES FROM DRAKE UNIVERSITY

Kim (Rasmussen) Hagedorn of Ankeny, Iowa received her Masters of Business Administration degree from Drake University on May 14th at the Knapp Center in Des Moines, Iowa.

Kim is a graduate of Vermillion High School and of the University of South Dakota. She is a recruitment consultant with the Principal Financial Group in Des Moines, Iowa.

A graduation reception for Kim was hosted by her husband, Brian, and their daughters Emily, Grace and Kara at their home in Ankeny. Kim is the daughter of Cordy and Diane Rasmussen in Yankton.

MTI ANNOUNCES GRADUATES

MITCHELL — Four hundred seventy five students graduated from Mitchell Technical Institute on Friday, May 6, 2011, in a ceremony held at the World's Only Corn Palace. Area graduates included:

Centerville: Tyler Andersen*, Outdoor Power & Recreational Vehicle Tech. (Diploma)

Centerville: Luke Hansen, Wind Turbine Technology (Diploma)

Freeman: Tracy Heirigs, Medical Assistant (AAS)

Hurley: Jacob Buehler*, Wind Turbine Technology (Diploma)

Irene: Jason Burfeindt*, Power Line Construction & Maintenance (Diploma)

Irene: Katey Hansen, Business Management (AAS)

Irene: Zachary Sorensen, Power Line Construction & Maintenance (Diploma)

Jefferson: Joey Knutson, Propane & Natural Gas Technologies (Diploma)

Lesterville: Cassondra Auch*, Agricultural Technology (AAS)

Lesterville: Calby Auch*, Electrical Construction & Maintenance (AAS)

Parker: Lee Berens, Power Line Construction & Maintenance (Diploma)

Parker: Adam Hogg, Agricultural Technology (Diploma)

Parker: Allan Hogg, Electrical Construction & Maintenance (AAS)

Parkston: Jayme Juhnke**, Power Line Construction & Maintenance (Diploma)

Parkston: Scott Roth, Outdoor Power & Recreational Vehicle Tech. (AAS)

Parkston: Marcus Schmitz**, Electrical Construction & Maintenance (AAS)

Parkston: Amanda Stucky*, Accounting (AAS)

Parkston: Justin Thomas, Electrical Construction & Main-

tenance (AAS)

Platte: Miranda Brondsema, Medical Assistant (AAS)

Platte: Matt Gukeisen, Agricultural Technology (AAS)

Platte: Wendell Kuipers, Agricultural Technology (AAS)

Platte: Nick Strand, Heating & Cooling Technology (AAS)

Platte: Alyssa Tronvold, Business Management (AAS)

Presho: Abigail Perry, Medical Assistant (AAS)

Scotland: Anthony Edwards, Network Administration (AAS)

Scotland: Cody Soukup, Wind Turbine Technology (Diploma)

Springfield: Mikka Pechacek**, Business Management (AAS)

St. Helena, Neb.: Tyler Kleinschmitt*, Architectural Design & Building Construction (AAS)

Tabor: Jesse Boden*, Heating & Cooling Technology (AAS)

Tripp: Hannah Beaton, Business Management (AAS)

Tripp: Nicole Janssen**, Business Management (AAS)

Tripp: Ryan Permann**, Power Line Construction & Maintenance (Diploma)

Tyndall: Joey Davis, Architectural Design & Building Construction (AAS)

Tyndall: Edwin Gall, Wind Turbine Technology (Diploma)

Utica: James Murphy*, Network Administration (AAS)

Vermillion: Jeffrey Donnelly, Agricultural Technology (Diploma)

Vermillion: Curtis Haakinson*, Utilities Technologies (AAS)

Vermillion: Ryan O'Connor, Architectural Design & Building Construction (AAS)

Viborg: Eric Christiansen, Power Line Construction & Maintenance (Diploma)

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Viborg: David Nelson, Utilities Technologies (AAS)

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Wagner: Bryce Eggers**, Outdoor Power & Recreational Vehicle Tech. (Diploma)

Wagner: Steven Koupal**, Agricultural Technology (Diploma)

Wakonda: Andrew Ganschow**, Wind Turbine Technology (AAS)

Wakonda: Kevin Henriksen, Agricultural Technology (Diploma)

Yankton: Tyler Jensen, Information Systems Technology (Diploma)

Yankton: Max Korus, Power

Line Construction & Maintenance (Diploma)

Yankton: Ryan Kostel*, Automation Controls/SCADA (AAS)

Yankton: Paul Kruse, Power Line Construction & Maintenance (Diploma)

Yankton: Megan Plautz, Culinary Academy (AAS)

BAUER RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP

Emmalynn Bauer, a 2009 graduate of Yankton High School, has received the F. Gerald Kline Memorial Scholarship from the School of Journalism and Mass Communication (SJMC) at the University of Minnesota. Emmalynn is the daughter of Christopher and Julianne Bauer of Yankton.

F. Gerald Kline (Ph.D. 1969) taught at the University of Michigan before returning to SJMC in 1978 to become its third director. Dr. Kline's research on the mass media was respected and known internationally. Dr. Kline died of cancer in 1986 at the age of 49.

Emmalynn is also the recipient of the L. Steven and Mary Goldstein Scholarship, a four-year scholarship for promising young men and women in the College of Liberal Arts.

This year, the SJMC awarded nearly 100 scholarships to undergraduate students, totaling approximately \$200,000 for the 2011-12 academic school year.

The School of Journalism and Mass Communication at the University of Minnesota prepares students to be leaders in communication fields and to be thoughtful, productive citizens in their communities and in public life by promoting the advancement of knowledge about mass communication as it relates to the individual, community and society. More information about the school and its programs is available at www.sjmc.umn.edu.

Area Students Earn Sanford Vermillion, Dakota Hospital Scholarships

VERMILLION — Sanford Vermillion Medical Center (SVMC) and Dakota Hospital Foundation recently awarded \$4,000 in academic scholarships to area high school students.

HEALTH CAREER SCHOLARSHIP

Lindsay Marie Robinet, a 2011 graduate of Vermillion High School was awarded a Sanford Vermillion Healthcare Career Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. Robinet will be attending the University of South Dakota in the fall of 2011 majoring in nursing. Lindsay is the daughter of Jim and Cathy Robinet.



Robinet

Cassie Hilbrands, a 2011 graduate of Elk Point-Jefferson High School was awarded a Sanford Vermillion Healthcare Career Scholarship in the amount of \$500. Hilbrands will be attending the University of South Dakota in the fall of 2011 majoring in Health Sciences. Her goal is to become an oncologist. Cassie is the daughter of Dori and Dave Hilbrands.



Hilbrands

Kyle DeLay, a 2011 graduate of Beresford High School was

awarded a Sanford Vermillion Healthcare Career Scholarship in the amount of \$500. DeLay will be attending the University of South Dakota in the fall of 2011 majoring in nursing. Kyle is the son of Paul and Mary Ellen Saugstad and Jeff DeLay.



DeLay

The purpose of the Sanford Vermillion Healthcare Career Scholarship is to identify and retain outstanding Vermillion area students dedicated to furthering their education in a health related occupation at the University of South Dakota.

EMPLOYEE DEPENDENT SCHOLARSHIP

Area students Levi James, Ian Berens, and Kaycee Michael were each awarded a 2011 Dakota Hospital Foundation Employee Dependent Scholarship.

Levi James, a 2011 graduate of Vermillion High School was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship. James plans to attend South Dakota State University majoring in engineering and graphic design. Levi is the son of Kari Jo



James

and Brad James. Kari Jo is a family and child life specialist at Sanford Vermillion.

Ian Berens, a 2010 graduate of Bishop Heelan High School was awarded a \$500 scholarship. Berens attends The University of South Dakota and is majoring in nursing. Ian is the son of Jeffrey and Ann Berens. Jeff is the chief nursing officer at Sanford Vermillion.



Berens

Kaycee Michael, a 2009 graduate of Yankton High School was awarded a \$500 scholarship. Michael attends Augustana University and is majoring in communication disorders. Kaycee is the daughter of Margaret and Dennis Michael. Margaret (Peg) is a medical technologist at Sanford Vermillion.



Michael

The purpose of the Dakota Hospital Foundation Employee Dependent Scholarship is to identify outstanding achievement on the part of employees' children who are planning to pursue a post-secondary education in a two or four-year college, university or vocational-technical program.

MEETING MINUTES

INTERCHANGE

Interchange held their annual meeting at Minerva's on June 6, 2011.

President Paula Tacke called the meeting to order. Celia Minor presented historical information about the formation of the organization, and gave the group a challenge to consider what is needed for members in the future.

Tammy Matuska was introduced as the incoming Vice-President. Newly elected board members are Frani Kieffer and Nancy Willert.

Committee reports were read and accepted.

Out going Board members recognized were Marcy Moser and Stacy Starzel.

By-law changes to allow for electronic voting and conference calls to conduct business were introduced and approved.

Paula Tacke, outgoing President inducted Kathy Jacobs as incoming President. Both gave short presentations to the group.

Kathy introduced the continuing Board members: Tammy Matuska, Vice-President, Susie Frick, Treasurer, Emma Laird, Deb Overseth, Susan

Shavee, and ex-officio member Lois Varvel and new members Frani Kieffer and Nancy Willert.

The next meeting will be held at Minerva's on June 13th with Kathy Nordstrom hostess.

ASHH TOASTMASTERS

Jeff May led table topics at Club 6217 ASHH Toastmasters noon meeting June 2 in the Benedictine Center. His impromptu questions dealt with unusual activities, e.g., end of the world to unique town histories. May asked Sheryl Schwartz who she follows on twitter. Schwartz response of "not being intoxicated" with twitter won her the Best Respondent Award.

Toastmaster Greg Stach welcomed guest Ulrike Hovland to the meeting. He also asked Muriel Stach to lead the invocation. Then Stach proceeded to introduce both the speaker of the day, Jen Hovland, and the General Evaluator Jennifer Wubben.

Hovland speech, "Save Union County", demonstrated how to speak-off-the-cuff to a hostile audience. Her evaluator was Tim Bohn, who commented on Hovland's use of pauses and emotional involvement. Hovland accepted the Best Speaker trophy and Bohn received the

Best Evaluator award.

Other members of Wubben's evaluation team included: Grammarian Jane Miller, with "wane" as the word of the day; "ah" counter Muriel Stach; and timer Eileen O'Connor.

Schwartz announced the induction date for new officers as June 30th during an evening meal at the Convent Patio. She then adjourned the meeting.

P.E.O.

Yankton's four P.E.O. Chapters, K.B.T.A.S and CO, will have a post State P.E.O. convention brunch on Saturday, June 18.

The gathering will be at 9:30 a.m. at Roncalli dining room of Mt. Marty College. All four chapters will have an opportunity to hear what transpired at the State convention in Huron as well as meeting with other members from the different local chapters. It is a time of fellowship for all.

P.E.O. is a women's philanthropic educational organization which supports and encourages education for women through it's six educational projects. It is an International organization having members in both the United States and Canada.

Member reservations for the gathering may be made through the local chap-

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