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 Pictured are, from left, Mount Marty College President Dr. Joseph Benoit, MMC Chief Advancement Officer Barb Rezac and Yankton Rotary Club President Gary Dybsetter.

Yankton Rotary Club Gives Scholarship To Mount Marty College

The Yankton Rotary Club has graciously gifted \$1,000 to Mount Marty College for use as an educational scholarship. This gift will be awarded to a student according to the scholarship criteria established by the Rotary Club and MMC.

"The Yankton Rotary Club is the oldest service club in Yankton being formed over 90 years ago. It has a long history of focusing on youth and education and recognizes the importance of supporting our local college", states Gary Dybsetter, president of the Yankton Rotary Club. "Through our local fundraising efforts, the Yankton Rotary Club directs funds through our Foundation to support Mount Marty College's scholarship program.

Chief Advancement Officer at MMC, Barb Rezac, is excited about the gift from the Yankton Rotary Club. "Scholarship gifts, no matter what size, help to defray the cost of a higher education. That can be a great benefit and make a huge impact. The generosity of the Yankton Rotary Club is greatly appreciated. Through donations such as this we can continue to provide quality and affordable education to students in our community and region."

For more information on Mount Marty College and donation opportunities, please contact Chief Advancement Officer, Barb Rezac, at 605-668-1292 or barbara.rezac@mtmc.edu.

Who Are The Cramers And The Kenyons, And Why Are They Having A Party?

The year is 1886. James H. Teller was well known as the Mayor of Yankton, the Indian Treaty Commissioner and the Secretary of all of Dakota Territory and he was building a huge new home at what would



ABOVE: The grave of James Teller, who built what is now known as the Cramer-Kenyon Home. RIGHT: Nelson Cramer, who purchased the home in 1890.



become known as 509 Pine Street. This home, he said, would be the tallest Queen Anne structure in the Territory. It was to be built in the Eastlake Stick Style which had originated in England in the 1870's. Build it he did, and he occupied it until 1890, then went on to serve as a Justice and a Chief Justice in the Colorado Supreme Court until 1925.

The home was bought in 1890 by Mr. Nelson J. Cramer, an attorney originally from New York, and his wife, Alice Bullfinch Cramer. They had been living at 411 Linn Street since 1872, but saw the purchase of the Teller home as a way to communicate affluence to the community. The Cramers lived in the house until the time of their deaths — Alice in 1916 and Nelson in 1929.

Having no children, the home was willed to Mr. Cramer's great-niece Esther Kenyon and her family, who lived there until 1972 when Mr. Kenyon died.

During the 82 years of occupancy by the Cramers and the Kenyons, many enhancements and modifications were made to the home and grounds. Many of the original features and furnishings remain intact to this day, and share the home with contributions from the living members of the Kenyon (and Lovelace) families.

The grounds have been enhanced with a gazebo and formal gardens inspired by Dorothy Jencks, and have the focal point of the original carriage house, in which the carriage still resides in winter weather.

Experience the story and the feeling of an elegant time in history at 1-4 p.m. Sunday, June 3, when you are invited to a Garden Party hosted not by the Cramer's and the Kenyon's, but by the Board of Directors of this Heritage Home whose responsibility it is to continue to preserve, maintain and improve the message it tells. An historical vignette will be performed at 2:00 p.m., a dance performance at 3 p.m. and tours of the home's gardens and a street tour of other historical homes in the area will also be held. You will even peek briefly into the rooms on the first floor of the Cramer-Kenyon Home itself. There is no admission price, but donations are vital to the continued existence of the home. Bring a lawn chair and spend the afternoon, transported to a softer more gentle time in history. Light refreshments will be served.

MEETING MINUTES

NAIFA/LEWIS & CLARK

Current office positions were established at the NAIFA-Lewis & Clark April 18, 2012 meeting: Cathy Becker, Secretary/Treasurer; Julie Auch, National Committeeperson; Doug Frederick, President-Elect and Roy Wilcox, President. The officers will complete the current year term to June 30 and be the officers for the next fiscal year, July 1, 2012, to June 30, 2013.

NAIFA-Lewis & Clark was chartered in 1959 at the time the local association was called Lewis and Clark Association of Life Underwriters. There were then and are today nine local associations tied in with the South Dakota State Association of Life Underwriters and the National Association of Life Underwriters.

In 1999 the National, State and Local Associations changed their name to: National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors (NAIFA).

NAIFA-Lewis & Clark has had five members that have held the position of President to NAIFA-South Dakota, with the most current being Paul Steffen, 1995-1996. Others were Byron Bymers 1991-1992, Dennis Westgard 1988-1989, Dale Oleson 1977-1978 and Howard Winstead 1969-1970. The local NAIFA-Lewis & Clark hosted the State Conventions the year our local members were State President.

NAIFA Code of Ethics establishes the responsibility for each member: "To hold my profession in high esteem and strive to enhance its prestige; To present accurately and honestly all facts essential to my clients' decisions; To perfect my skills and increase my knowledge through continuing education."

NAIFA-Lewis & Clark has held meetings in February, March and April this year the third Wednesday of the month. The May meeting will be held at

Rockne, Barkley Win SHS Awards

Vanessa Rockne, a member of Sacred Heart Parish, the daughter of Tom and LeAnn Rockne, is the 2012 recipient of the (first place) Spirit of Service Award and Scholarship. In recognition of this honor she received a plaque and a \$1500.00 scholarship to the college of her choice.

Vanessa graduated from Sacred Heart School in 2008 and spent her high school career involved in tennis, basketball, and track and field. She has been a part of the spring musical as well as choir. Vanessa participated in Science Olympiad four years, and math team for three years. She is currently the President of National Honor Society, and Vice President of the senior class.

Vanessa enjoys tutoring daily with the younger students and giving to those in need through Gift Givers. Numerous times she has helped serve food at the community banquet and visited the nursing homes. When we had the flood last summer, Vanessa helped fill, lay, and remove sandbags. She has been a bible school teacher and an assistant teacher for Religious Ed, and helped out many times at the church bazaars.

Sarah Barkley, a member of St. Benedict Parish, the daughter of Ron and Lee Barkley, is the 2012 recipient of the (2nd place) Spirit of Service Award and Scholarship. In recognition of this honor she received a plaque and a \$500.00 scholarship to the college of her choice.

Sarah graduated from Sacred Heart School in 2008 and spent her high school career involved in sports, music, theater, and volunteer groups. Some of her favorite things in high



school have been volleyball, acappella choir, and National Honor Society. Sarah has made it to the South Dakota State Honor Choir twice and the All-State Choir twice.

While balancing a job, school, and family and friend time, Sarah has been able to work at



Sarah Barkley (left) and Vanessa Rockne were recently honored with awards and scholarships from Yankton's Sacred Heart School. (Submitted photos)

the Banquet, serve the Women's Shelter, help last summer with the flood sandbagging, directing Bingo at the nursing homes, and work with peer tutoring. She also helps with religious education classes, and cantors for the church on Sundays.

This award, funded each year by an anonymous donor, is based on a record of service to the church and the community. The service must reflect the values of the Catholic Church and those taught at Sacred Heart School. Academic records are of secondary consideration. The recipient must be a graduate of Sacred Heart School's eighth grade.

Scotland

Schmidts, Fosses Get Spark Plug Honors

SCOTLAND — The 2011 Spark Plug of Scotland award winners are Don Schmidt and family and Wilbur and Elizabeth Foss. The winners have done a lot to help make Scotland a better place to live raise and family and retire in.

Don Schmidt and family have been very active volunteers in Scotland for many years. Don and Delphine have been very active in the LEE committee [Life Enrichment for the Elderly] serving meals on wheels in the community for many years and assisting current President Luann Bertrand and Elevator Fundraiser Chair Corrine Kubal obtain funding for the City Hall elevator project. They have been active members of the Scotland Historical Society volunteering for various projects including the museum. Don has served as a Historical Society board member for many years. Don served on the LJM hospital board working for the hospital pharmacy and West winds Apartment additions. He is a retired volunteer fireman, current American Legion Officer assisting with military funerals, past member St. George Church Council, Knights of Columbus 50-year member, Scotland Veterans Memorial Committee.

Ray and Don Schmidt came from a family of 10 children. Ray was in-



PHOTO: SCOTLAND JOURNAL
 State Rep. Frank Kloucek (center) is pictured with "Spark Plug of Scotland" Award winners Wilbur Foss, left, also accepting on behalf of his wife Elizabeth; and Don Schmidt, also accepting on behalf of his family.

involved in the Scotland Historical Society, Scotland Veterans Memorial project and a 50 year Knights of Columbus member. Delphine Schmidt was a member of the Red Hatters Club, Scotland Historical Society, St George Altar Society and taught youth CCD classes for many

years. Ray and the Schmidt family led efforts for funding the Crucifixion scene at the Rosehill Cemetery. The Schmidt family has volunteered both time and resources for many other betterment projects in the Scotland community over the years.

Wilbur and Elizabeth Foss also

were strong supporters of the Scotland City Hall Elevator project, members of Scotland Historical Society, Zion Church members, Scotland Youth Center supporters, worked to bring small businesses to town including Pietz Kuchen Kitchen, 40 years with the South Dakota Old Time Fiddlers, Elizabeth helped organized the Scotland Community Choir which is still performing today. She was also active in the Scotland Civic Club. Wilbur is a volunteer for SCORE a group of retired business professionals who advise small business owners. Wilbur plays the fiddle with Maurice Bueber and the Happy Memories Band including three trips to the state capitol to promote Scotland Kuchen Feier in Pierre. He has been involved in many fundraisers over the years including Red Cross baseball games, lights for the baseball diamond, recruitment of Doctors to locate in Scotland and much more.

For their efforts the Schmidt and Foss families received beautiful engraved clocks.

Rep. Frank Kloucek said, "It is an honor to present Don Schmidt and the Schmidt Family and Wilbur and Elizabeth Foss with the Spark Plug of Scotland Award! They are truly deserving of this award."

Applicants Sought For Century Farm Program

HURON — Families who have retained ownership of a farm or ranch for 100 years or more in South Dakota are encouraged to apply for the Century Farm recognition. Farms and ranches passed through the family generations for 125 years or more are eligible for the Quasquicentennial Farm recognition.

The recognition program is coordinated by the South Dakota Farm Bureau and the South Dakota Department of Agriculture. This year's application deadline is Aug. 15. To be eligible, farms must have ownership consecutively within the same family and consist of a minimum of 80 acres of the original farmland.

The recognition ceremony is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 30, at the Dakotaland Stage on the South Dakota State Fairgrounds.

Eighty-seven year old Albert Vliem of Lodgepole, and his wife Dorothy were pleased to earn the Century Farm recognition in 2011. Vliem's father Gerrit came to Lodgepole in 1911 from Holland, MI, and homesteaded 160 acres. As the second generation, Albert and Dorothy raised 10 children on the farm. Today, the grain and cattle operation has grown to 1,100 acres and is operated by their son Jerry, along with his wife Melody and their three children.

Albert, who is also a long-time South Dakota Farm Bureau member, states, "I just love farming and ranching. I always enjoyed it; it's a wonderful life."

Jerry and Melissa Stearns of Edgemont also believe in the lifestyle that farming and ranching offers and are passing that on to their own children — who represent the fifth generation on the Stearns ranch.

In 2010, the Stearns operation earned the Century Farm recognition. Of the honor, Jerry Stearns — whose great-grandfather came to southwestern South Dakota from Brewster, Minn., to homestead the ranch — says their family takes great pride in knowing their ranch has remained in the family through the generations. He and his wife Melissa hope to continue that tradition by passing the ranch to the next generation as well. Presently their children are ages 11, 9 and 6.

Near Carter, Maurice Hinman is also carrying on his family's farming legacy on their cattle and hay operation in the south central part of the state. He is the third generation and his two sons are today working with him as well. They earned the Century Farm recognition in 2011. Of the recognition, Hinman says, "It meant a lot to my mother who is now in her mid-80s." He explains that her parents homesteaded near Wood on land that continues to be in the family today.

To other family operations who have a century or quasquicentennial milestone to mark, Melissa Stearns encourages them to apply for the recognition. "It's a wonderful legacy and a true piece of history," she concludes.

Application forms are available online at the South Dakota Farm Bureau website (www.sdfbf.org) or the South Dakota Department of Agriculture website (http://sdda.sd.gov/Secretary/Century-Farms/default.aspx), or by calling the SDFB office in Huron at 605-353-8052.

Century Farms have been recognized at the State Fair since 1984 by the S.D. Department of Agriculture and S.D. Farm Bureau.



Five Generations Gather In Lincoln For Graduation Event

Don and Mary Fran Thompson traveled to Lincoln, Neb., over the weekend to celebrate their third grandchild's graduation from high school this spring!

On hand were Justin Lillie — grandson; son of Deb and Doug Lillie; Haley Roach — great-granddaughter; daughter of James and Lea Ann Roach — and Zachary Roach — great-grandson; son of Paul and Rebecca Roach.

Bob, son of James and Alice Roach, and Dee, daughter of Clifford Cook and Mary Fran Thompson, are the proud parents of the guys in the five-generation picture! Standing left to right is Dee, holding Ryder, Zachary's son, Matt, Zachary and Paul Roach; sitting Mary Fran Thompson holding Bentley, Matt's son. We celebrate the joy of God's promises — Psalms 78:7.

the NAIFA-South Dakota State Convention in Aberdeen May 16-18. The June 20, 2012, NAIFA-Lewis & Clark meeting will be held at noon at Minerva's.

Submitted by Roy Wilcox, President, NAIFA-Lewis & Clark

TOASTMASTERS CLUB 6217

Trophies were given to Best Speaker Joe Neuhaufen, Best Evaluator Fran Kocer and Best Table Topics Respondents Melissa Bader and Robin Bonaventura by Toastmaster Greg Stach on May 24 at the noon meeting of Avera Sacred Heart Hospital Toastmasters Club in the Benedictine Center.

MJ Rogers introduced his three out-of-town guests: Bonaventura from OH, John Corriveau from MI, and Jered Hoover from VA. Other guests were presented by Kari Beltz, i.e., her son

Weston and daughter Jaden. All of Rogers' guests and Weston Beltz volunteered to try answering Tim Bohn's "cowboy wisdom" questions during Table Topics.

General Evaluator Eric Taylor asked Taylor O'Bryan to track the "ums", Kari Beltz to time the speakers, and Jane Miller to provide the word of the day "abstruse".

Kocer complimented Neuhaufen on his speech "Summer Time". Kocer especially liked the organization of the speech and the speaker's energy. Neuhaufen displayed fishing equipment which included rods and the 440Zebco.

President Sheryl Schwartz reminded all of the May 31 "Speech Craft" Potluck, of the need for a VP of Public Relations candidate, of the proxy materials being sent to the TI convention, and of the Club's being on track for accomplishing this year's goals.

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