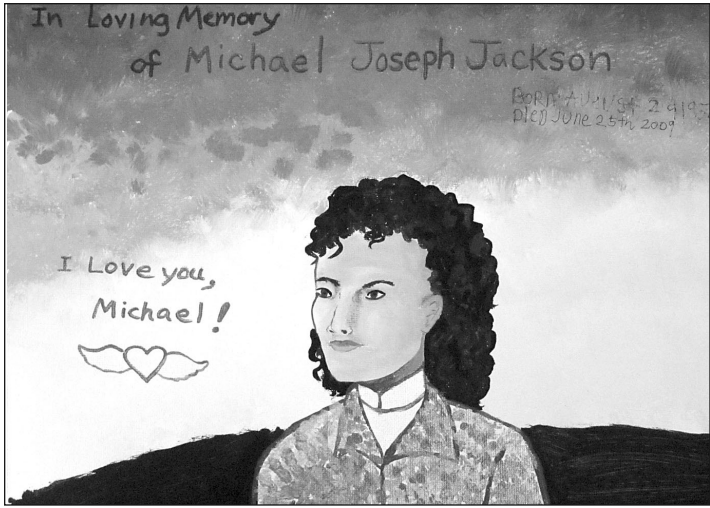


PAINTING HONORS LEGEND



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This painting was created by Ryan Lemon of Yankton to commemorate the anniversary of the death of pop star Michael Jackson. It was created during a four-week period at the Studio Art Center in Yankton.

FOUNDATION GRANT



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The Yankton Community Library was awarded a \$1,000 grant from the Yankton Area Foundation for its summer reading program. The library summer reading a number of programs for the area children. Kids from preschool through high school are eligible to participate. In addition, the children are awarded prizes for reading throughout the summer. (Submitted Photo)

United Way

Highlighting Some Advocates In Action

BY LAUREN HANSON

United Way and Volunteer Services of Greater Yankton

The Southeast CASA (Court-Appointed Special Advocates) Program, a United Way & Volunteer Services of Greater Yankton Partner Agency, provides advocacy services for the abused and neglected children in Yankton County who have been placed in foster care.

During the months that the case is in family court, CASA volunteers get to know the child, the parents, and others who are involved in their lives, and submit reports to the judge. At the end of a case, the CASA volunteer presents the Court with a full, factual report about the child and the child's parents during the time they are involved in family court. This advocacy work will help the Court to determine a safe, permanent placement for the child. CASA volunteers speak for the children in their assigned case, giving those children a voice about their future.

We know CASA advocacy makes a difference: abused or neglected children who have a CASA volunteer spend less time in foster care, are less likely to re-enter foster care, and get more help while they are in the system. With a CASA volunteer as their advocate, they have better school attendance, are more likely to graduate high school, and have the best chance to develop the interpersonal skills necessary for success in life. These are outcomes that certainly benefit the child, but they also benefit the entire community. The children who have had a CASA volunteer will have the best chance to grow up to be productive citizens and loving parents, breaking the cycle of abuse and neglect.

In the fourteen months since the Court began assigning CASA volunteers in these cases, Southeast CASA volunteers have advocated for the best interests of 25 local children. Southeast CASA has thirteen highly-trained volunteers who can promote and protect the best



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Pictured: New CASA volunteers Pam Erickson, Carla Hummel, Melissa Tidwell, and Mary Ellen Hornstra were sworn in by The Honorable Judge Glen W. Eng.

interests of these children at this most difficult time in their young lives.

Carla Hummel signed up to be an advocate for CASA and after attending 30 plus hours of training, was sworn in by Judge Eng in April of this year. Carla shares with us why she got involved.

"Having always felt that no matter what challenges a family, that the kids are not at fault and should have a voice — CASA provides that."

Hummel also commends the Southeast CASA Board of Directors, "CASA has a very active, engaged and caring board. I have already witnessed them give so much to raise funds for the program. They dive in and make it happen. They really understand the importance of the

CASA program and what it means to the kids of the Yankton community."

So, how can YOU help abused and neglected children? You can become involved with Southeast CASA in a variety of ways. Perhaps you are interested in becoming a CASA volunteer. If so, contact the Southeast CASA office. Maybe your skills could be best used as a member of their Board of Directors. You can also help by spreading the word that a CASA program is serving children in Yankton County.

For more information on how you can get involved, contact the Southeast CASA Program at 605-760-4825, or go to www.southeastcasa.org

SDSU Student Documents First Hand Experience Of The Chinese Culture

BY ALAN SCHMIDT

This is the story of a two-week agricultural study abroad trip to China put on by South Dakota State. After a semester of classes with 34 other students, full of preparation for the Chinese culture, it was finally time to see and experience the Chinese way of life firsthand. The trip was emphasized on agriculture, but we were also able to do a lot of tourist activities throughout this two week journey. We took off on May 6th headed for Hong Kong. Descending into Hong Kong is when reality set in and I realized it was time to put our way of life in the backseat and soak in as much as possible to make this a lifetime memory.

The fog and smog combination was thick, the air was saturated with moisture, and people were everywhere after the 14 hour flight across the Pacific. We got our first authentic Chinese meal that night at a restaurant near our hotel, and low and behold a chicken head was there for the taking. After I had put the head in my mouth, beak, comb, eyes, and all, I found it was for decoration and only the older generations ate the entire head of the chicken. I was cautious at most meals from there on out. That next day was our only time in Hong Kong, but we got to tour the entire city. That night we had a very short trip to mainland China, where we stayed in Shenzhen just for the night. The jet lag was hitting every one; an early night was in store.

Now it was Thurs., May 9 and our next stop was Guangzhou, about a two hour drive on the freeway. There we visited the second

largest aquaculture company, Haid Group. We got to see everything from the labs to the production ponds. That night we got to take a Pearl River cruise, which is the second largest river in China and separates Guangzhou into northern and southern parts of the city. It was simply amazing to see the skyline lit up from the river. The next day was started with a briefing by the US Consulate of American Trade Office. After an interesting conference, we made our first visit to a few of the largest open wholesale markets of fish and vegetables. This was by far the most eye opening experience we'd seen yet simply because of the carelessness of sanitation. The variety of seafood was unbelievable. Anything and everything is consumed and not put to waste. That night we experienced the nightlife of Guangzhou and China for the first time; we were treated like celebrities and had the stage.

Saturday, May 11 and we were to fly to Xi'an, which is located geographically in the heart of China. It is a newer urban area and an area that flourishes with agriculture. We toured the city when we arrived, which consisted of a park tour, a Xi'an City Wall tandem bike ride that was 17 km or 10 miles in length, and a dance show along with a mixture of dumplings for dinner. Sunday was a great day and a priority for most of us students. We visited a feed mill, a few beef cattle farms, a dairy farm, and a pig farm. Small scale and waiting for technology to intervene, the farms made me think of what American farms were probably like in the late '70's and '80's. That night we got to experience the



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night life in Xi'an, where we were able to play off being the US Olympic Swimming team, which led to many photos, cheers, and just a great time!

Monday we visited a village farm, this one larger than most with maybe 10 acres and growing everything they need to live a healthy lifestyle. That afternoon we made our way to what is now the 8th Wonder of the World, the Terracotta Warriors, truly amazing. To finish the day we visited a soybean crushing plant where they produced meal and oil. Next to a dairy manufacturing plant where their main products, milk and yogurt, are produced; surprisingly cheese is almost unheard of in China. Tuesday May 14th we visited another very large vegetable wholesale market before we made our way to the bullet train station. The train clipped at 200 miles per hour until we arrived in our final

city, Beijing. Along the way, the mountains and other scenery were astounding and the wheat fields were one after the other.

Wednesday was the day I looked the most forward to being able to get briefed by DuPont Pioneer, the US Export Council, and the large worldwide production to food processing company, Charoen Pokphand (CP). CP is one of the leaders in the consolidation of farmland throughout China. The entire day was interesting, to say the least, learning how these enterprises are managed and operated within China.

Thursday, May 15 was a great day. In the morning we visited Femur Head Hospital, a leader in Femur Head Necrosis treatment. This is a disease of bone degradation; it is done using all traditional medications and procedures. Patrick was a guy that came into our class and told us about his

story with this battle catalyzed by also having leukemia. He was told there are no cures here in America after many appointments and procedures across the country. Now the guy is phenomenally healthy after constant treatment from this hospital; a very cool story. Next we then visited the 1st Wonder of the World, the Great Wall. We didn't have much time, but climbed as much as possible to soak it in. In the afternoon I got to meet Grace, my "email-pal" from the semester at China Ag University. We toured their campus and had a great banquet full of fun in the evening.

Time was starting to come to an end, but we had two awesome days to go. We visited the 5th largest port in the world in Tianjin, two hours south of Beijing on Friday. We also visited a new up and running John Deere factory, also in Tianjin. Along with it all was our first day of experiencing the dirty smog of Beijing and the surrounding area. Fresh air never felt so nice when we arrived back! We sat in on an acrobat show that evening in Beijing, quite the daredevils those men are.

Saturday, the 18th was our last day to spend in China. We visited Tian An Men Square and the Forbidden City in the morning, which was about a mile walk through it all. The art and construction that went into this landmark is very impressive. The Emperor was a lucky man! We also visited the Olympic Grounds that were used in the 2008 Olympics that morning. The rest of the afternoon was spent at a Silk Market, where you can find just about anything imaginable. The bargaining and purchasing of extremely cheap goods was a fun

shopping experience for me. The last night there was our last chance to get out and see the Beijing night life, and it was impressive until the sun came up, treated as celebrities, again. We were on our way to the Beijing airport that Sunday, and needless to say everyone was exhausted and ready to be back on American soil.

Many people's first reaction to most of the trip would be sick, nasty, how could you live like that? Not me, the Chinese are one of the oldest civilizations out there and it is truly amazing to experience it all. However to do it with such a great group of people, and have it so well planned out by our three great professors made the journey extremely awesome. The people are so much more controlled, but it is clear that they bring about the brightest things in life. They are so friendly and fun to converse with because many do know some English. As far as agriculture, it is the land of opportunity in my eyes, there is so much potential for increased production, but it will take a lot time because of the hesitancy to allow the use of technology on the farms, both as equipment and biotechnology within crops. It was just a great experience all around, and I look forward to a future of productive work between America and China as the economy becomes ever global. It really is a small world, but it's awesome to see a whole different perspective on life. Appreciation for the USA is sky high.

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MEETINGS

INTERCHANGE

The Interchange met at noon on June 3, 2013, at Minerva's. Kathy Jacks was the presiding officer.

Announcement made by Kathy Jacobs of Yankton Public Library, the Civilian Conservation Corp meeting Wed at 6:30 at Riverside Amphitheater. Rita Wentworth, Area Arts Association, Earth colors at GAR Hall and summer concerts series begins Wed., June 5th. Linda Stephenson of Linda's Angel Crossing, on going sales in June, support businesses.

Tammy Matuska of Modern Woodman of America introduced Ben Hanten who spoke on upcoming "Wire Me Awake"

A conference is scheduled for Oct. 3, 2013. The conference features networking, communication, inspirational topics, business involvement and will involve Yankton High, MMC and USD. The next meeting at noon on June 10 at Minerva's with Virginia Larson as hostess.

Interchange met on Monday, June 10, at Minerva's for their weekly meeting. Kathy Jacobs, Interchange President, called the meeting to order with the flag pledge.

Guests included Gwen Gevens of 1st Dakota.

An announcement was made by Jackie Quinn that the new exhibit by artist Janet Jensenis now on display at the GAR Hall. She also announced that the summer concert series has begun. Virginia Larson, retired from Anderson Realty, introduced her speaker, Jane Pugh of 1st Dakota. Jane presented a program on her life changing trips to Africa.

The next Interchange meeting will be held on Monday, June 17, 2013, at Minervas. The Hostess will be Kathy Jacobs from the Yankton Community Library. Her speaker will be Francis Serr who will talk about historic airplanes that the Aviation Club will be bringing to Yankton.

TOASTMASTERS CLUB 1294

Yankton Toastmasters Club 1294 met at the Fryn' Pan Restaurant on Saturday June 8, 2013. Club President

Joy Winther called the meeting to order and gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Kevin Buhl served as Toastmaster of the meeting and called on master evaluator Doug Fickbohm to introduce the evaluation team of Steve Hamilton and Jana Lane as speech evaluators. Carol Smith as grammarian and presented the word of the day "Invoke," Tara Arens as timer, Harry Voelzke as ah counter, and Kevin Buhl as vote counter. Matt Stone gave a manual speech entitled "Examples" and Janice Stone gave a manual speech entitled "Our Toastmasters Website." After the speeches, table topics were lead by Joy Winther who called on members at large to respond to questions related to summertime quinsie. The evaluation portion of the meeting was lead by Doug Fickbohm who asked Steve Hamilton to evaluate Matt Stone and Jana Lane to evaluate Janice Stone, and then presented his evaluation of the meeting in general. After the evaluations, Buhl called on Carol Smith to present a joke and then awarded trophies to Janice Stone for best speaker, Steve Hamilton for best speech evaluator, and Doug Fickbohm for best table topics' response.

Joy Winther was voted Club 1294 Toastmaster of the Year for 2012-1-2013. On June 1, 2013, Club 1294 elected the following officers for 2013-2014: President, Steve Hamilton; Vice President-Education, Doug Fickbohm; Vice President-Membership, Carol Smith; Vice President-Public Relations, Janice Stone; Secretary, Kathy Hejna; Treasurer, Roy Wilcox; and Sergeant-at-Arms, Janice Kruse.

Yankton Toastmasters Club 1294 meets each Saturday from 7:30-8:40 a.m. at the Fryn' Pan Restaurant and guests are always welcome to attend a meeting. For information about Toastmasters, call 665-1523 or 660-3904.

SONS OF NORWAY LILLEHAMMER LODGE #1-633

May 21, 2013, the Lillehammer Lodge #1-633 of the Yankton area met at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Yankton. The meeting was opened by President, Carol Broderson leading the

group in the national anthems of the United States and Norway and also the flag pledge of Allegiance of the United States of America. No special music was scheduled.

The Lodge met at 7 p.m. for the regular monthly meeting. Clarice Holm, Treasurer, gave a report of the current expenses & balance on hand.

Garry Grorud, one of Dist. #1 financial advisers introduced a new adviser for this Zone 6 area, Ivan Anderson, Omaha, Neb. Garry gave an informative talk on the benefits of using investment opportunities with Sons of Norway & also spoke about the various insurance policies available to members.

The members recited the table prayer & a pot-luck lunch was served.

The next meeting will be June 18 at 7 p.m. with Mardel Andes as serving chairperson for the potluck lunch. The program will be given by Maggie Peterson, Vermillion, on her visits to her native Norway. Guests are welcome to the meeting & program.

TOASTMASTERS CLUB 6217

Master Evaluator Steve Anderson and Toastmaster Greg Stach introduced their teams at the Club 6217 Toastmasters' meeting June 6 at noon in the KPI Conference Room.

Toastmaster Stach welcomed Joyce Stevens as Speaker of the Day. Her power point presentation was entitled "Being an American Mother." Stevens explained the steps involved, the joys, the education essay contests, and the hopes of the future for the "mothers of the year." Stevens' evaluator, Gale Vogt, complimented her ease of manner and confidence while presenting. Stevens won the Best Speaker award and Vogt won the Best Evaluator trophy.

Master Evaluator Anderson's vote counter and leader of the invocation was Stan Sudbeck, who prayed for the OK tornado victims. The timer was Muriel Stach. Tim Bohn took on dual duties, both counting the speakers' unneeded pauses and, as grammarian, giving the word of the day "efflorescence."

Table Topics participants were quizzed by Kary Beltz with a potpourri set of "teen" topics. Anderson "shuttered to think" about going through the "teen years" again. Bohn, living in the country, "didn't have much time for getting into trouble" as a teenager. Greg Stach moved to a religious school from a small town school and learned a new "point of view" as a teen. Sudbeck's one change in the world would be "changing people's attitudes" as the "wealthy don't really need more while other people are struggling." Muriel Stach doesn't mind legalizing marijuana, if the adults are "really paying attention to their families, especially their children." Table Topics winners were Anderson and Bohn.

Area Governor Stach asked the members to vote for the Club's Toastmaster of the Year in order to have the nomination submitted on time. The winner will be announced at the Club's summer induction party in July.

ROY ANDERSON POST NO. 12

Roy Anderson Post #12 held its regular monthly meeting on May 21, 2013, at the VFW post home with



AM 1450

**MORNING COFFEE**

WEEKDAYS  
MONDAY-FRIDAY

Friday, June 14

7:40 am SD Magazine  
(Bernie Hunhoff)

8:20 am MMC Reunion  
(Barb Rezac, Andy Bernatow)

members Brandt, Studebaker, Darcy, Happe, Krenos, F. Johnson, List, DeBoer, and Adamson being present.

Adjutant Brandt made a motion to bypass the minutes for the purpose of election of officers. Motion carried. Financial report was given by the finance officer Jim DeBoer

•POW/MIA: Chair reported that the remains of 7 comrades were identified and or returned in the last month, from WWII Sgt. Yawney from Korea Msgr Stein, Sgt Knight, Sgt Constant from Vietnam Lt. Peterson, Lt. Laws and Sgt Benedett

Boys State: Director Darcy gave his report and stated that himself and commander Studebaker were going to see the kids off on Memorial Day.

•Americanism: Grocery delivery still going good but the numbers are down a little.

•Children and Youth: Fran reported that he has a full load of bikes and other sport stuff and is working with the Nat'l Guard to ship them out to the Reservation.

• Membership: We have 209-210 and we are down about 15 to make quota.

• Sick Call: Harold Hoffman seems to be doing well at the present time.

• Unfinished: None

• New Business: Post #12 held there elections and installation of officers the 2013-2014 officers are: Commander Clayton Studebaker; First Vice Commander Fran Johnson; Second Vice Commander John Darcy; Chaplain Dave Happe; Finance Officer Jim DeBoer; Adjutant Wayne Brandt

Next meeting will be June 18, 2013, at 730 p.m. at the VFW Post Home.

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