

Ford Tri-Motor Days Tour A Success

The visit of the 1929 Ford Tri-Motor aircraft to Chan Gurney Airport on June 20-23 was a great success with 296 passengers riding in the vintage aircraft. Many more people came out to the airport to view the rare aircraft.

About 16 Ford Tri-Motor aircraft are known to exist out of the 199 produced between 1926 and 1933. Only two are available for passenger flights. The nine-passenger aircraft conducted four flights on June 20, 10 flights on June 21, 12 flights on June 22, and 9 flights on June 23 around the Yankton area. The co-pilot position was available sometimes and passengers eagerly filled that seat when it was available.

All passengers received a safety briefing concerning seat belts, floatation devices, fire extinguishers, and exits. Part of the briefing included a brief history about the particular aircraft at Yankton. It originally flew for Eastern Air Transport, followed by 19 years of service with Cubana Airlines in Cuba. The aircraft later served in varied roles including being "Air Force One" for the Dominican Republic, crop dusting, fire-fighting borate bomber, barnstormer, and smoke

jumper. The aircraft was a "movie star" having played a role in the 1965 movie "The Family Jewels" with Jerry Lewis, and the 2009 movie "Public Enemies" with Johnny Depp.

Three vintage cars were also on display at the airport. Lowell & Judy Christenson displayed a 1929 Model A, and Pat & Pearl Lyons displayed a 1927 Ford Model T and a 1931 Model A.

Yankton Boy Scout Troup 102 offered hot dogs and taverns at the airport on June 22-23. A generous donor paid for passenger rides on the Ford Tri-Motor for four boy scouts who were working the food stand on June 24.

About 35 members of the Yankton Regional Aviation Association (YRAA) and Yankton Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Chapter 1029 provided ground support for the Ford Tri-Motor visit to Yankton. The sponsors of the Ford Tri-Motor visit included the YRAA, Yankton EAA Chapter 1029, Country Ford (Tyndall), First National Bank South Dakota, Applied Engineering, Kolberg-Pioneer, SAFA Extrusions, Wells Fargo Bank, City of Yankton, Best Western Kelly Inn, and Daktronics.

Hillcrest Holds Memorial Fundraiser

On Thursday, May 23, knowing that Memorial Day was just around the corner, Hillcrest Golf & CC head golf professional Sean Riley, took the opportunity to raise some money for the "Folds of Honor Foundation," a foundation created to help the families who have lost loved ones in the field.

During Men's Day Sean stood on the par 3, 11th hole to greet and ask each member playing that day to contribute \$20 to the cause. In return, each participant received a sleeve of PRO V 1's, a raffle ticket for some things that had been donated, and the chance to participate in the "closest to the pin" contest. By day's end, Sean had raised just more than \$1,300 to send to the foundation.

"The day was very successful," Riley said. "In fact it exceeded all of my expectations and I look forward to doing something again in the fall to co-inside with 'Patriot Golf Day.'"

Some of the items donated were a mini-fridge by Conkling Distributing, a pair of Nike, Tiger Woods golf shoes by Sean Riley, and some tour sticks and Adidas golf shoes from Hillcrest Golf & CC.

"The idea to do something for this foundation came to me when I was sitting at our Nebraska Section Spring Meeting," Riley said. "The section had arranged for a guest to come and speak to us, and as it turned out the woman who spoke had in fact lost her husband, and had now become a spokeswoman for the foundation. I wanted to be part of something special and so I organized this simple event"

Before the night ended, Riley took some time to read the mission statement of the foundation, along with the story of Major Dan Rooney, an F-16 pilot in the Oklahoma National Guard at the time. The room was silent and filled with admiration and respect for these brave men and women. Before the night went on, a member stood up and offered a special toast in honor of our troops:

"I want to thank the members of Hillcrest for participating in this special day and hope they will remember those who have fallen in the defense of our freedom. May God bless our troops, their families, our freedom and our country."

United Way

Unique Apart, But Together United

BY LAUREN HANSON

United Way and Volunteer Services of Greater Yankton

Two individuals, different by nature yet UNITED by a local youth program - The Boys & Girls Club.

Established in 2009, The Boys & Girls Club, Yankton Unit, a United Way & Volunteer Services Partner Agency, is an after school and summer year-round program designed to provide safe, educationally enriching, quality programs for children.

Angela and Jesse, like all Yankton Unit staff, are experienced and trained in the area of youth development. All staff members are also background checked and trained annually in CPR, and First Aid.

Angela Knodel was first introduced to the Boys & Girls Club organization as an AmeriCorps volunteer in Sitka, Alaska. After moving to Yankton in December 2012, Angela has been working at the Yankton Middle School as a paraprofessional and at the Boys & Girls Club tutoring youth.

The Yankton Traditional Unit, where Angela spends her time as an Academic Success Youth Development Specialist, is a dedicated facility located at 1804 Broadway, and is open Monday - Thursday from 3:30-7:30



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Pictured from right: Angela Knodel, Academic Success Youth Development Specialist; Boys & Girls Club, Traditional Unit and Jesse Bailey, Lead Academy Teacher; Boys & Girls Club, The Academy.

p.m., Friday 3:30-7:30 p.m. and 7:30-10 p.m. (for teens only). The cost to enroll is \$25 per child annually; however, no child will be turned away due to inability to pay.

Programs and activities provided at the Traditional Site are for youth in 5th through 12th grades, and are within three priority outcomes: Academic Success, Good Character & Leadership and Healthy Lifestyles. This programing is conducted and planned by a staff member, like Angela, who is trained to meet the

needs of children and provide positive adult role models.

Angela enjoys the creative aspect of her position as well as the Academic, Leadership and Healthy Lifestyles programming the Club provides for youth. "It is such a fun and accepting environment. Everyone is connected here at the Boys & Girls Club, everyone is like family."

Jesse Bailey was introduced to the local club in the fall of 2010, through community service learning as a Mt.

Group Kidney Walk



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Team Keegan recently took part in the 2013 Sioux Falls Kidney Walk and raised \$1,150 for the National Kidney Foundation. Several members of the Keegan family, including Ken Keegan of Yankton, have polycystic kidney disease (PKD). The team members were among hundreds that took part in the event at Sioux Falls' Sertoma Park.

Lyons Recognition



KELLY HERTZ/P&D

Alpha Pi State recently honored Margaret Lyons with the 2013 Alpha Pi State Achievement Award. The Achievement Award is the highest award presented to any educator who has shown leadership skills and made contributions to the Society of Delta Kappa Gamma on both the state and local levels.

MEETINGS

POST 791 LADIES AUXILIARY

The Ladies Auxiliary to Ernest Bowyer V.F.W. was opened by President Joyce Stahlecker. Roll Call of Officers was taken. Opening prayer by Slowey, Patriotic instructions by Stahlecker, Pledge to the Flag and Star Spangled Banner was sung.

Minutes of last meeting were read by Schramm and the Treasurers Report giving by Olson. Committee reports were giving: Church: Christensen, Hospital: Slowey, placing and removing flags and banners at the Cemetery for Memorial Day was done, and was advised to for future, to do it at 9 a.m. on Saturday. Cancer Aid and Research, Membership, and Ways and Means was giving by Olson, Yankton Care Center by Gwinn, Poppies By Blaha, displays on hand and will be delivered to the State Convention by Stahlecker. National Home by List, received Campbell labels and has National Home Life Memberships.

New Business: President Stahlecker advised June 29th is the Relay for Life and volunteer's should be at Riverside Park by 6:00pm. Stahlecker will bring the flags. Stahlecker asked to bingo helpers for Sunday night and any Auxiliary member wanting to volunteer to work bingo on Sunday evening is more the welcome. June 14 is Flag Day and there will be a program at the Elks at 5:00pm.

State Convention will be in Watertown June 15-16, with 3 Local Auxiliary Sister attending, a monetary gift will be giving to the State President. Registration fees for the National Convention will be sent.

Next meeting will be July 9 at 7:30 p.m. All members are welcome.

YANKTON REGIONAL AVIATION ASSOCIATION

Thirty-five members and guest of the Yankton Regional Aviation Association (YRAA) held a potluck meeting on June 16 at Chan Gurney Airport at 6:00pm. Participants came from Allen, Norfolk, Randolph, Menno, Springfield, Tyndall, Utica, and Yankton. President John Lillevoed called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. He thanked Joe Pihl of Country Ford, Tyndall, for being a major sponsor of the Ford Tri-Motor Tour Stop in Yankton. Scott Morgan reported that Valyn Kirkpatrick of Wakefield, Neb., arrived at the EAA Air Academy today in Oshkosh, WI, for his aviation camp. Carr thanked the Yankton EAA Chapter 1029 for helping pay for Valyn's tuition with some of our Young Eagle credits. Lillevoed mentioned that Cole Steffen of Crofton would be participating in the EAA Air Academy in late July with support from Chapter 1029. Steve Hamilton reported on the Young Eagles Rally held on June 15. Rick Daugherty, Roger Huntley, and Hamilton flew a total of 23 kids. Jim Smith reported that his Minicoupe project has received official approval for flight - after 40 years of work.

Francis Serr reviewed the status of the Ford Tri-Motor visit to Yankton. The merchandise trailer will arrive on June 18, and the plane will arrive on June 20. The media flight will have 9 seats. Butch Becker said that Boy Scout Troup 102 would be providing food services during the Tri-Motor visit. Hamilton reported that Yankton Mayor Nancy Wenande signed a "Ford Tri-Motor Days" proclamation and presented it to the Yankton EAA

ASHH TOASTMASTERS CLUB

Chapter 1029 at the City Commission on June 10. The volunteer sign up sheet for the Tri-Motor visit was passed around and several people signed up for various positions. For more information about the YRAA, contact Steve Hamilton at 605-665-8448.

Stan Sudbeck called the June 6, 2013, Avera Sacred Heart Hospital Toastmasters Club to order at noon in the KPI Conference Room and asked Jane Miller to lead the invocation. Miller's reflection centered on a Gandhi quote, "What he thinks, he becomes."

Master Evaluator Jennifer Wubben enjoyed the "light hearted" meeting and named her team of evaluators. They consisted of "er" counter Eileen O'Connor, timer Tim Bohn, and grammarian Greg Stach citing "patriarchal" as the word of the day.

Table topics were conducted by Muriel Stach, who suggested giving "Dad a hat instead of a tie" as a Father's Day gift. The hats scattered around the tables became the focal point for the impromptu speeches. Wubben, who chose a "shadowy" sombrero, related a story of her grandmother's "spunk" which kept her "Grandma out of the shadows."

Picking two hats, Miller led a story for each. First, the "conjurer's" warlock's hat reminded her of the "enigma that her dad could be" and how she resembles her mother more in personality. The "rice hat" brought back historical memories to Miller of the degrading terms used during the Vietnam War and how she hopes America has changed in judgments.

Steve Anderson's Jewish prayer cap, the "kippah," caused him to be even more thankful for good health and to appreciate blessings "day to day." O'Connor's turban brought reflections on the cultural lessons she's learned through her "African sisters coming to study at the monastery."

Bohn's gondola hat was "too feminine" for him to wear in public as he usually sees construction hats at his work and wore "caps as a kid on the farm." Although Sudbeck called the Panama hat "too debonair for daily use," he feels that the "bar has been raised" with his children's opportunity to travel abroad. Stach's "Australian ringer" hat reminded him of the story tellers in the "local Sydney pubs weaving their long tales while downing their tall ales."

Wubben closed the meeting by announcing next week's schedule and asking for suggestions for the upcoming picnic and induction ceremony.

OUTLAW TRAIL SCENIC BYWAY

Members present at the June 18, 2013, meeting were Larry Halstead, Village of Lynch, Marci Broynhill, Studio B, South Sioux City, Al Brock, Valentine, Chris Kreycik, Kreycik Riverview Tour and KSK Big Game Outfitter, Niobrara, Twyla Witt, Nebraska Tourism Commission, Tedford, Mary Rose Pinkelman, St. James Marketplace, St. James, and Marita Placek, Lynch.

The meeting was called to order at 10:40 a.m. by president Mary Rose. Items added to the agenda were Snacks, Twyla's report and Desperado Day in Niobrara. Minutes and treasurers reports were given and accepted and bills paid. Chris reported on membership.

At reported on the upcoming trail ride at Butte on June 28-29. He passed around newspaper articles on Monowi in the North Platte paper and Doc Middleton in the Omaha World Herald. The American Horse magazine is sending a writer to cover the trail ride and take pictures.

Nissen's Brothers did not get their grant from the Humanities.

Marita reported on book signings at Mars and the South Sioux City Library.

Six speakers have been lined up for "See the Byway the Quiltway." Rhonda is to pick up the postcards in Lynch at Larry's and take to Quiltway sites along the way to Valentine.

At Twyla, Rhonda and Jan were appointed to the signage committee and will have the groundwork for the project at the next meeting.

The Northeast Nebraska Travel Council received the grant for a free booth at the Nebraska State Fair. Members of the Outlaw Trail will volunteer one day at the booth.

The Outlaw Trail's share of the ad in the Yankton Lake Guide was \$168. A membership was purchased to the Northeast RC&D at Plainville.

The Corps of Discovery Welcome Center will host an all day Family Music Festival on July 4 starting at 10:30 a.m. At 2 p.m. a brick dedicated by the Outlaw Trail in honor of the late Janet Eckmann will be dedicated. A fireworks display will end the festivities in the evening.

Kreycik's Elk Ranch will be having a special tour on July 12 at 6 p.m. followed with a buffalo meal cookout and a performance by Annie Oakley from the Humanities. Call 857-3850 for more information and reservations. Chris gave a report on events being planned for Desperado Day in Niobrara on July 20.

Twyla gave her report. Marci is seeking information on someone who

makes or would be interested in making Outlaw Trail trail mix snacks.

The July 19 meeting will be a teleconference meeting at 7 p.m. Toll free number is 1-866-390-3901. When asked for your conference ID number, dial 52003.

If calling from your cell phone, you may call 402-254-2525 rather than the toll free number.

KEYSTONE CHAPTER NO. 33, OES

Keystone Chapter No. 33, OES, met Thursday, June 20, 2013, at the Masonic Temple, Yankton. Members enjoyed a pot luck supper before the meeting. Sue Koopp, Worthy Matron, presided at the meeting.

The chapter will hold a bakeless bake sale to benefit the ACTS program which helps needy children with dental expenses.

Koopp presented an inspirational reading at the close of the meeting.

The next regular meeting will be Thursday, Sept. 19, beginning with a potluck supper at 6:15, at the Masonic Temple in Yankton.

INTERCHANGE

Interchange met on Monday, June 24, 2013 at noon at Minerva's. The meeting was called to order by President Kathy Jacobs and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Paula Tacke announced that the Mount Marty All-School Reunion will be held this weekend beginning on Friday. Jane Bobzin reported that the UCC church choir just returned from a successful tour in Italy. Susie Frick reminded members that 2013-2014 dues are \$35 and now due. Kathy Jacobs announced that the Yankton Community Library will be hosting a historic walking tour of the city cemetery on Tuesday evening.

Mindy Schweitzer of KPI-JCI was the hostess and introduced her speaker Dr. Michael Peterson, Radi-

ation Oncologist at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, and guest Darla Gullickson, Director of the Avera Cancer Center. Dr. Peterson spoke on cancer prevention and outlined how to minimize the risk of developing cancer.

The next meeting of Interchange will be held on July 11, 2013, at noon at Minerva's. Frani Kieffer is our hostess with speaker Barb Rhode on B-Dazzled talking about - Historic Downtown Yankton and the Farmer's Market.

NORTHEAST NEBRASKA RC&D

The Northeast Nebraska Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) Council met on June 24 to handle their regular order of business and make plans for upcoming projects.

On Thursday, July 11, in northeast Cedar County a Habitat Management Tour will be held from 2-5 p.m. This is a no-fee workshop and there's no need for pre-registration. The tour will examine techniques used for managing grassland habitat for wildlife. Biologists will share what they've learned in trying to re-invigorate old Conservation Reserve Program lands for a more productive wildlife habitat, and discuss long-term management and maintenance.

Later that same day the Wining & Dining Event will be held at the new Nissen Winery & Outlaw Trail Center. There is a cost to attend and pre-registration is required since this event is limited to 40 people. Council members will help prepare the meal and

serve as hosts for the evening.

A Dixon-Wayne County Cemetery Tour will be Sept. 2, and begin in Wakefield. Historian and local expert, Brad Kellogg, will lead it. One grant request has been submitted and a second will be developed to assist with marketing this event.

The Northeast Nebraska Weed Management Area finalized plans for signage that will be placed at public boat ramps along the Missouri River from Ft. Randall to Ponca. They will soon do an aerial survey of that area with the addition of areas along the Niobrara and Elkhorn Rivers to get an accurate assessment of the spread of several noxious weeds. In August a landowner workshop will be offered at Niobrara State Park to inform and educate attendees on what they found and steps being taken to control the spread of these weeds.

One new project was approved - a Pollinator Workshop. Bees and other pollinators are in trouble due the lack of habitat and more. This morning event will focus on what farmers can do to help pollinators thrive again. A workshop for Gardeners is also being considered. Watch for more information on both of these activities.

The next RC&D meeting will be Monday, July 22, beginning with a tour of the aronia berry field, high tunnel and orchard at the Sandy Patton and Gary Bodenstedt farm near Brunswick. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend. Call the RC&D, 402-582-4866, or email them at northeastrcd@plwtelco.net for more information.

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