

Rich Wright Elected As District Commander



Yankton VFW Post 791 Commander Rich Wright was elected as District Commander of South Dakota VFW District 1, at the District meeting on April 28, in Beresford. As District Commander, he will oversee VFW posts in Alcester, Beresford, Canton, Elk Point, Freeman, North Sioux City, Parker, Vermillion, Vyborg, and Yankton. He will also serve on the South Dakota VFW Council of Administration and on the South Dakota Veterans Lobbying Board.

Commander Wright spent six years on active duty in the US Navy, from 1974 to 1980 and was in the US Navy Reserve from 1981 to 1986. He spent four years in the US Seventh Fleet on board guided missile destroyers. In 1979, he was involved in missions to Iran and Yemen, in which he was awarded the Navy Expeditionary Medal.

Commander Wright has served as Yankton Post Commander since June, 2011. He will assume the District Commander position on June 16, 2013, at which time he will step down as Yankton Post Commander.

Asche Earns Customer Experience Certification

MADISON, Wis. — Tim Asche, an American Family Insurance agent in Scotland and Yankton, has been recognized for providing outstanding customer experience under the American Star Excellence in Customer Experience Certification. Asche joins other American Family agents who have demonstrated the highest level of commitment to outstanding customer service.

Asche has been an agent for American Family since January 1991. “When choosing an insurance agent, consumers can rely on the American Star Excellence in Customer Experience Certification to help them identify agents with a proven dedication to meeting customer needs,” said Dan Schultz, American Family president and chief operating officer. “This is an outstanding accomplishment.”

The service excellence distinction was determined through an evaluation process conducted under guidelines established through the American Star Excellence in Customer Experience certification. The process consists of a customer satisfaction survey which measures customers’ overall experience with their current American Family agent. Only agencies that perform in the top 20 percent of all insurance agencies nationwide, based on customer satisfaction surveys, are eligible to become American Star Excellence in Customer Experience certified.

Haberman Celebrates 50 Years At First Dakota

Larry Ness, CEO, First Dakota National Bank of Yankton, has announced Mary Haberman’s 50th Anniversary of employment and recent retirement from First Dakota National Bank.

Mary began her career at American State Bank in December 1962, six months after graduating from Mount Marty High School. She continued her career in banking in the same building when First Dakota acquired American State Bank in 1988. She started as a Bookkeeper and over the years transitioned and advanced through the following positions and departments: Head Bookkeeper, Teller, Head Teller, Discount Department (known today as Loan Ops/Accounting), Personnel (HR), Operations, Audit and Compliance. She completed her career as Vice President/Compliance.

At her retirement celebration, Mary was presented with a plaque from South Dakota Bankers Association, recognizing her 50 years of service to the banking industry. “Her 50-year career with First Dakota is truly amazing, and we thank her for her loyalty and dedication to the bank for all these years,” said CEO Larry Ness. “She certainly made her mark with us, and it’s unlikely anyone will ever match Mary’s service record with us. We are proud of her association with First Dakota and wish her well in her retirement.”

First Dakota Completes Bank 360 Integration

First Dakota National Bank of Yankton South Dakota announced the substantial completion of the full integration of deposit and lending operations of the former offices of Bank 360 into First Dakota.

Earlier this year, First Dakota acquired Bank 360 in an unusual transaction involving a supervisory conversion of Bank 360 from a mutual charter to a stock charter, immediately prior to merging the two banks. Lindquist & Vennum LLP represented First Dakota National Bank in the transaction.

“We are very happy with how smoothly the transition has gone,” said Rob Stephenson, President of First Dakota. “Nearly all of Bank 360’s staff have chosen to continue their employment with First Dakota, so customers are seeing familiar faces when they come into the bank. And virtually all of Bank 360’s customers are continuing with First Dakota.”

Nate Franzen, President of First Dakota’s agribusiness division, added, “We are particularly pleased to offer the full range of First Dakota’s agribusiness financial products and services.”

First Dakota also announced financial contributions totaling \$400,000 to community foundations in Beresford and Elk Point, South Dakota. “This is our way of recognizing the value of these communities to this Bank,” said Larry Ness, Chief Executive Officer of First Dakota.

The Lindquist & Vennum attorneys on the transaction team were Steve Johnson, Elizabeth Sandberg and Edward Wegerson.

SDSD Awards Eight High School Scholarships

Eight high school seniors are the recipients of scholarships from the South Dakota School for the Deaf Foundation. The SDSD Foundation awards scholarships to students who have received services from South Dakota School for the Deaf, are high school seniors, and have provided service to their school and community.

This year the Minnehaha Sertoma Club \$2,000 scholarship was awarded to Kristin Inman of Pierre. She plans to attend Creighton University. The Kevin Roth \$2,000 scholarship was awarded to Jaden Kellogg of Miller who plans on attending Lake Andes Technical Institute.

Six additional SDSD Foundation scholarships for \$1,000 each were awarded to Cierra Hauf of Dell Rapids, attending USD; Shelby Johnson of Sioux Falls, attending SDSD; Cody Martinz of Custer, attending Jamestown College; Dustin Schmidt of Huron, attending NSU; Kale Smith of Canton, attending SDSU; and Sierra Svatos of Lake Andes, attending Northeast Community College.

The SDSD Foundation provides financial support for student and family activities sponsored by South Dakota School for the Deaf statewide, as well as the annual scholarships for high school seniors.

Jeannine Evans Cares By Volunteering

BY LAUREN HANSON
United Way and Volunteer Services of Greater Yankton

One evening per week at the Yankton Women & Children’s Center (YWCC), you will find Jeannine Evans caring for a group of children while their mothers attend a peer support group. Without Evans’ care, the mothers would not be able to seek out the support and guidance of the group.

The United Way & Volunteer Services of Greater Yankton had the honor of presenting Jeannine with the April Volunteer of the Month award during the Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) fundraiser on Friday, April 26th. Evans humbly and tearfully accepted the award on stage while the room gave her a standing ovation.

Jeannine took the time to tell us about volunteerism, in her own words.

I have lived here in the Yankton Area since: I have lived here most of my life. I moved here from California when I was 11.

I began volunteering: About 15 years ago, when my children were young. Now that they are grown, I continue my volunteer work.

I continue volunteering because: I want to give back to the community and help those people who may be less fortunate, or those organizations that provide service to the Yankton community.



SUBMITTED PHOTO
Jeannine Evans has lived in the Yankton area for most of her life, and has been volunteering for about the last 15 years. She said she wants to give back to the community and help people who are less fortunate.

I volunteer at: PTA- serving as a parent on PTA helping to raise money for playground equipment; Parents for Safe Prom- Fundraising

and working the After Prom event; Yankton Skate Park- Helped to build the original skate park and served on the Skate Park Advisory

AMERICAN LEGION AWARDS



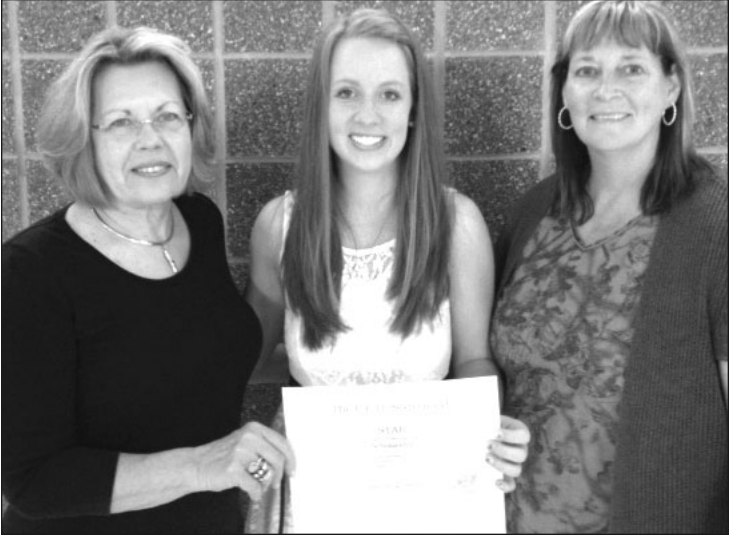
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The prestigious American Legion Citizenship Award was presented last week at the Yankton Middle School recognition ceremonies. YMS recipients pictured on either sign of American Legion Post 12 representative Darrell Ausborn are, left to right, Treyson Slate, Mason Townsend, Isaac Schulz, Lindsey Hale, Mason Steffen, Christopher Kinsley, Madason Tessier and Jacey Anderberg. In the picture on the right, recipients Kelsey Westerman and Katina Schaeffer received their American Legion Awards before leaving with the YMS Science Olympiad team for the national competition in Ohio.

WAYNE STATE INDUCTION



SUBMITTED PHOTO
Dr. Patricia Lutt (left), president of Sigma Beta Delta chapter at Wayne State College, congratulates Travis Arens of Fordyce on his induction into the Sigma Beta Delta chapter at WSC.

SPECHT SCHOLARSHIP



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The prestigious P.E.O. Star Scholarship, for the 2012-2013 academic year, was presented to Whitney Specht, a senior at Yankton High School. The scholarship was presented at the Yankton High School awards ceremony by Sharon Heisinger and Marcia Withrow. Whitney is the daughter of Chris and Stephanie Specht and was recommended for this scholarship by Chapter K of Yankton. Specht has been accepted and will attend South Dakota State University where she has plans to study Pharmacy beginning this fall. The P.E.O. Star Scholarship is a \$2,500 scholarship based on excellence in leadership, extracurricular activities, community service, academics and potential for future success. The program is open to young women who are citizens or legal permanent residents of the United States or Canada and who are graduating high school seniors at the time of application. A student must be recommended by a P.E.O. chapter.

STEWART WALKING CLUB



SUBMITTED PHOTO
The Walking Club at Stewart Elementary School handed out awards at the end of the year assembly for the top walker of the year. Pictured with Miss Card, physical education instructor, are Samantha Aune, Kylie Gengler and Jenna Diede.

MEETINGS

GET UP & GO

The Get Up & Go 4-H Club met on May 5, 2013, at the Irene Legion Hall. President Katrina Hauger called the meeting to order. Roll call topic was “What is your favorite flavor of ice cream?” The American flag pledge was led by Peter Hauger and the 4-H pledge by Daniel Dangel. Korie Norris’s demonstration was on how to make a duct tape pencil case. Our leader Karen Richelieu handed out state fair books. We discussed serving ice cream at Sunday in the Park in Irene. After the meeting we judged animal photos, dental floss sewing buttons, freezer packs, scrapbook pages, and children books. Lunch was served by Heather, Katrina, and Peter Hauger. Our next meeting will be on June 2, 2013, at the Irene park.

LADIES AUXILIARY V.F.W. MAY 2013 MEETING

The meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary to Ernest Bowyer V.F.W. Post 791 opened by President Stahlecker. Roll call of Officers taken. Opening Prayer by Slowey and Patriotic Instructions by Stoddard followed by the Pledge to the Flag and the Star Spangled Banner. Treasurer’s Report was giving by Olson, and then thanked Christensen and Stange for all

of their help and assistance during her and Edwin’s health problems.

Correspondence were read by Schramm. Slowey presented \$100 to Auxiliary Treasurer from her brother, Tom Devine to donate to Hot Spring Veterans Home.

Committee Reports were giving: Americanism: Stoddard, Church: Christensen, Hospital: Slowey, Funerals: Schramm, Cancer Aid and Research: Ways and Means: Members: Olson. Poppies: Blaha, the Poppy displays for the State Convention were brought and Stahlecker will take them to the State Convention. National Home: List, thanked all for Campbell labels, Yankton Care Center and EARTH was giving by Gwinn.

New Business: Olson reported that after a discussion, it was decided there will be no new membership booklets this year. She will be printing up sheets with the new names and other correction. The new booklet will be printed next year. Stahlecker advised from National, she has received 2 certificates- one for Econo-mical Relieve Training Handicap (ERTH) and a “Healthy” Certificate for Yankton Auxiliary.

Draping of the Charter was draped by Schramm for the fallen Sisters, followed by the Installation of Officers. Christensen was the Installing Officer and presented with a gift.

June 28 is the date for Relay for Life and the Auxiliary will present the flag at the opening Ceremony at 6pm at the riverbank.

Mike Murphy addressed the organization and thanked everyone for helping with the job fair. There were 40 employers and 71 job seekers.

President Stahlecker reported on Loyalty Day Dinner. The turnout was small, Scott Koisitra was the speaker and his wife led the singing. Plaques were presented to the Law enforcement and Fire Officials.

Meeting adjourned and the next meeting will be June 11 at 7:30 p.m.

TOASTMASTER CLUB 6217

Chris Svarstad was Eileen O’Connor’s guest at Club 6217’s noon meeting May 23 at KPI’s conference room with Toastmaster Kary Beltz leading the invocation and the pledge.

Master Evaluator Joyce Stevens introduced her team: attendance keeper and vote counter was Gale Vogt; tracking speakers’ time was Stan Sudbeck; announcing the “triple crown” in unneeded “so” use was Jeff May; and grammarian, with the word of the day “parched” was Fran Kocer.

Speakers were Eric Taylor and Muriel Stach. Taylor gave a researched speech, providing statistical handouts explaining the manipulation of gas prices, entitled “How do You Figure?” Stach recounted her Irish-Australian mother-in-law in

“Comment Allez-vous?”

Speech evaluators were Chelsi Hames for Stach and O’Connor for Taylor. Hames suggested displaying a picture to enhance Stach’s speech and O’Connor appreciated Taylor’s informative aides.

Table Topics Master Jennifer Wubben asked impromptu “life” questions. She quizzed Vogt about learning from his mistakes. He replied “Engineers need to make mistakes and take chances to improve the way things work”. When Greg Stach was asked about the advice he’d give a child, he replied, “Stay in shape

and take one day at a time.” Sudbeck’s response to what place he’s like to visit was “I’ve always wanted to walk the Great Wall of China.”

Beltz presented awards to Best Evaluator Hames, Best Speaker Stach, and Best Respondents Stach and Sudbeck. Then she turned the business meeting over to Vice-President of Membership Wubben, who reminded members to get their manuals signed and their nominations for Club Toastmaster of the Year into the Area Governor.

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