

Outlaw Trail Officers Attend Travel Conference

Outlaw Trail Scenic Byway President Mary Rose Pinkelman, St. James, and Marita Placek, secretary, attended the 2012 Nebraska Travel Conference held at the Gering Civic Center Oct. 23-25.

The conference featured speakers, Kelly McDonald, McDonald Marketing, Karen Purves, Dave Snitily from Snitily Carr, Lincoln, Kevin Anderson, Nebraska DED, Michael Geist, Lincoln Southwest High School, Brent Skiles, Philadelphia Insurance Companies, Melissa Trueblood, Nebraska DED, Cheryl Burkhart-Knesel and Connie France, UNL Extension, Marshall Murdaugh, Marshall Murdaugh Marketing, and Kathy McKilip, Nebraska Tourism Commission.

It started raining in Gering on Wednesday afternoon and by evening started snowing. Thursday morning there was about 4 inches of snow on the ground.

Wednesday evening they were treated to a step back in history at a business whose hobby is restoring old Fords and collecting Ford and Coca Cola memorabilia.

Thursday evening, they attended the Nebraska Wine and Beer Tasting reception and Tourism Awards Banquet.

Historical Society Selects New Board

At the Nov. 15 meeting of the Board of Directors of the Yankton County Historical Society, the final two members of that Board were unanimously approved to undertake three-year renewable terms.

Bill Nelson was born and raised in Yankton, graduating from YHS in 1967 and then attending USD. He served in the U. S. Army from 1969-1972, was honorably discharged and in 1974 he and Deanna Safel were married. Bill and Deanna have 2 grown children and are members of St. Benedict Catholic Church. Having been employed by the City of Yankton for 35 years in the Utilities Department and as Utilities Superintendent, Bill was involved in the community by serving on the board of the Dakota (Lewis & Clark) Theatre during the original renovations, the board of Yankton Area Foundation at its beginning, as Exalted Ruler of the Elks Lodge, on the Services Center Federal Credit Union Board and in various capacities at St. Benedict Church. Some of Bill's hobbies include collecting baseball autographs, vegetable gardening, home remodeling projects, and working on the never-ending "honey-do" list.

The second new member of the Board is Nathan Johnson, whose name is well-known in the city, region, state and beyond. Nathan graduated from Mount Marty College in 2001 and began working at the Yankton Press & Dakotan in 2003. At the present time he is the City Editor of the newspaper. Nathan was honored as Mt. Marty College's Young Alumnus of the Year in 2006 and in 2008 he was named S.D. Newspaper Association's Outstanding Young Journalist. Adding to his busy professional schedule, Nathan has been on the Yankton Homeless Shelter Board for 8 years, 4 of which were as chairman. Nathan has written extensively about the history of Yankton and surrounding area and the challenges of preserving it. Recently he has used that knowledge to write a guide to Yankton's history in collaboration with the Yankton Convention and Visitors' Bureau and Yankton County Historical Society. This guide will be available in the spring of 2013.

Nelson and Johnson will join new Directors Carol Hamvas, Dr. Jim Nyberg and Dr. David Olson in an Orientation Session on Dec. 8 and will be seated at the Board table on Jan. 17, 2013.

The YCHS Board is grateful to the retiring members Charles Gauker, Wallace Spencer and Dr. Mal Jameson for their dedication to the mission of the Historical Society.

Open House Planned For Dec. 15-17

Cramer-Kenyon Historic Home will once again offer its Holiday Open House Dec. 15-17. The home is located at 509 Pine St. in Yankton.

This year Event and Decorations Chair Ruby Goeden announces that Frosty the Snowman will be in residence in the parlors and dining room to lend a festive welcoming presence. All "Frosties" which will be seen are vintage and some are one-of-a-kind.

The Board of Directors announced that "as our gift to the community there will be no admission fee to the Eastlake Stick Style historic home this year, although a free will offering will be gratefully accepted".

The home is now handicap accessible with the addition of a lift at the rear entrance.

MEETINGS

KEYSTONE CHAPTER #33, OES

Keystone Chapter #33, OES, met Thursday, Nov. 15, 2012, at the Masonic Temple, Yankton. Sue Koopp, Worthy Matron, presided. Honored guests were introduced. One petition for membership was read. Annual reports were given.

Volunteers are being sought to help start a Job's Daughters Bethel in Yankton.

Due to resignations of some officers elected in November, new officers elected included Sue Koopp, Worthy Matron; Don Koopp, Worthy Patron; Charles Bryan, Associate Patron; and Christine Bryan, Conductress. Officers for the ensuing year were installed by the following: Installing Matron and Patron — Ellen and Bob Helming, Sioux Falls, Installing Marshal — Chris Bryan, Installing Chaplain — Linda Kneebone, Vermillion, and Installing Organist — John Ryger, Beresford.

The next meeting will be Thursday, Dec. 20, beginning with a pot luck supper at 6:30 p.m. Members will bring gifts to exchange.

Sue and Don Koopp hosted the fellowship hour following the meeting.

OUTLAW TRAIL SCENIC BYWAY

The Outlaw Trail Scenic Byway held their October meeting on Thursday, Oct. 18, 2012, at 6 p.m. at the Ohiya Casino east of Niobrara. Members present were: Chris Kreycik, Niobrara, Mary Rose Pinkelman, St. James, Twyla Witt, Nebraska Tourism Commission, Al and Helen Brock, Valentine, Larry Halstead, Lynch, and Marita Placek, Lynch.

Manager Derek LaPointe and his assistant gave an interesting presentation with large print presentations describing the plans and progress of the new Ohiya Casino and Resort being built by the Santee Sioux Nation. They are already interviewing for additional employees for the planned opening in December 2012.

President Mary Rose called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. with introductions. Minutes of the September meeting were passed out for review. Al made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Larry. Motion carried.

Mary Rose presented a brief treasurer's report prepared by Minette showing money deposited in the new bank account and the bills she had paid. Bills presented were: Marita Placek \$14 for phone calls and postage. Al made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Larry. Motion carried.

Chris made a motion to reimburse Al the \$40 he paid for the booth at Wild West Days at Valentine on Friday, Oct. 5, seconded by Larry. Motion carried.

Al made a motion to have the sheriff deliver a summons, in order to get the membership list, checks, and whatever else is left and that Mary Rose have Minette write a check to reimburse her for the summons. Seconded by Larry. Motion carried. Treasurer's report filed for audit.

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Committee Reports:

- Membership — Twyla volunteered to develop and print membership letter on tri-fold and mail out.
- Tourism — Chris and Mary Rose have received scholarships to attend the 2012 Nebraska Travel Conference in Gering Oct. 23-25. Marita will also attend the conference. Al made a motion that they should share the \$800 available to cover conference expenses. Seconded by Larry. Motion carried.
- Brochures — Mary Rose had four boxes of brochures with her. Larry will pick up the rest of the boxes of brochures from Marathon Press and store them and the rollups and banners in his building at Lynch.

Al reported not enough riders were available for the trail ride scheduled for the Niobrara River Ranch and the ride was cancelled. The next ride will be at Lynch to Horse Thief Canyon in April, the Niobrara River Ranch in May, Butte Pancake Days June 28-30, and a ride at Big Canyon Bed and Breakfast Sept. 21-22, 2013. He contacted and purchased wine from the Nissen

Brothers and there was a discussion of a possible ride and wine tasting event in the future.

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Old business: Marita reported she and her husband had the books, Legends and Lore of the Outlaw Trail, at St. James on September 30th for their Fall Festival and at Valentine on October 5th for Old West Days.

Al made a motion to send complimentary copies of the book to the State Historical Society State Museum and the Nebraska Library Commission per Twyla's recommendation, seconded by Larry. Motion carried.

Quiltway -- Mary Rose will be working on plans for the 2013 Quiltway in the near future.

New business: The base for the Nissen Winery building is already formed and they are looking at an opening date in the spring of 2013.

Stacy Miller and her sister-in-law plan on having a Christmas Tour at Kreycik Buffalo Ranch on Saturday, Dec. 1.

Twyla Witt reported Dr. Lisa Pennisi is applying for a World Future Grant of World Development and would like to use the Outlaw Trail as their project area. Larry made a motion to give Dr. Pennisi permission to do so, seconded by Al. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be a telecon-



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Wine & Whiskers Raises \$43,000

Heartland Humane Society's Wine & Whiskers was a huge success, raising more than \$43,000 for the organization. The event, held Nov. 10 at Minerva's in Yankton, featured wine and beer tasting, hors d'oeuvres, live music and a live and silent auction. All of the funds raised go toward caring for the shelter animals, including veterinary expenses, spay and neuter expenses, food and shelter.

"I want to thank every individual and business for helping us make this our largest fundraiser to date," Executive Director Kerry Schmidt said.

The night held many surprises, awarding Linda Fehlberg of Yankton as the first Heartland Humane Society Volunteer of the Year and Arlin and Carol Houtkooper announcing a matching gift of \$20,000 to go towards building a new shelter for the organization.

"We are in the beginning stages of plan-

ning for a new shelter and the \$20,000 gift would be a huge start at moving forward in the right direction," Schmidt said. "I am excited to get out into the community and raise the additional \$20,000 to match Arlin and Carol's gracious gift and help us prepare to kick off a brick a mortar campaign in the future that will allow HHS big growth in the amount of animals we help annually."

Event sponsors included Mike & Rebecca Peshong, Plains All American, Coffee Cup, Mary Mitchell, JMMWH law offices, Feimer Construction, Anderson Realty, Animal Health Clinic, Kaiser Heating and Cooling, Cedar County Vet Clinic, David Hosmer, Mike & Denise Erickson, First Dakota Bank, Jason & Heidi Balasch, Jon Baumann, Kevin Carda Insurance Agency, Kozy's Bar, Leader Larson and Associates, Marv & Karin Ehlers, Schmidt Farms, South Dakota Magazine, Sportsman's



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Webster School Recognizes Friends Of Education

Webster Elementary School recognized its Friends of Education at an assembly recently. Pictured from left are WD Metheny, Larry and Dianne Ness, and Aaron Ness.

Metheny, through Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, donated a

T-shirt for each student at Webster to kick off an anti-bullying program next week.

Larry and Dianne Ness supported 5th grade after-school activities last year after funding was cut.

Aaron Ness represented the YSD Foundation, which provides grants to classroom teachers to purchase extras for the classrooms and computer lab.

Webster's mascot Hootie Hoo and everyone else at Webster Elementary give a hoot about these great supporters of our school.



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Yankton Education Association Honors Newborn

During American Education Week, Nov. 11-17, the Yankton Education Association honored the first baby born at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital. Little Drayson Miller arrived Sunday, on a chilly Veteran's Day, Nov. 11. He is pictured here with his father, Drayson will join his parents, Byson and Elsie Miller, at home in Lake Andes.

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