

Lakeport Church Holds 29th Celebration

Lakeport Church held its 29th annual celebration on Sept. 9, 2012, honoring Robert G. Hanson and Henry Adam families.

About 70 people attended from Tabor, Tyndall, Wagner, Platte, Lesterville, Sioux Falls and Yankton, South Dakota; Coleridge, Fordyce and Omaha, Neb.

Delight Paulson was the coordinator for the prayer service, altar servers were Matthew Schaefer and Mason Schaefer. Lector was Mary Thone; gift bearers were Amy Beran, Mary Jane Schaefer, Braden Beran and Ann Beran. Florence Sutura was organist for the St. Wenceslaus Parish Choir. Greeters were Ann Beran and Martha Nordby; ushers were Mark Hejna, Jeremy Hejna, Jordan Hejna and George Adam. Dedication readers were Robert G. Hanson and Agnes Hejna.

Names of those buried at Lakeport and Nedved cemetery were read by David Cap. These died this past year: Adeline Pesek, Edna Juran, Mavis Gaul, Alvin Merkwon, Sylvia Fejfar and Gene Miley.

A pot luck dinner was served at Legion Hall, Tabor. Robert G. Hanson told about his work on Masonry. Agnes Hejna told how her father would put tin on the roof at the age of 66 in 1977. He enjoyed mowing at Lakeport Church and preserved it. Porcelain ornaments were given to the honored families.

HUMAN RIGHTS AWARD



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The Church Women United gave the annual Human Rights Award to Dr. Tom and Jane Gilmore on Sept. 20, 2012, in recognition of their service in the community and beyond. Their church, Habitat for Humanity, Hospice, Tutoring at Middle School, Native Americans and Haiti medical service are among their supporting activities.

SHS WATERMELON FEED



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Kindergartener Trey Sager enjoys some watermelon with his mother Sara while fellow kindergartener Connor Perakslis savors the taste.

On Sept. 7, Sacred Heart School held the annual Dave and Connie Tschetter Watermelon feed. SHS students and their families enjoyed some sunshine and delicious watermelon.

The annual event was started in 1981 and has been held every year since (it is believed to be the longest running annual public/private event in Yankton).

Dave and Connie's son Russ and his wife Terri and daughter Aimee presented SHS Principal Regan Manning with commemorative pictures of Dave and Connie that will be displayed in both of the schools. Dave passed away in 2000 and Connie passed away in 2011.

Each year the Kiwanis Club, spearheaded by Dan Rafferty helps deliver and cuts the watermelon for the families to enjoy. The Dave Tschetter Watermelon Feed and Scholarship Fund is set up at the Yankton Catholic Community Development Office.

The short term goal of the endowment is for the watermelon feed to be self-sufficient to cover the cost of the melons each year.

If anyone would like to contribute to this endowment they may do so by contacting the Yankton Catholic Community Development Office at 665-4585.

New Scholarships OK'd By Yankton College

Three new scholarships were approved at the Yankton College Board of Trustees fall board meeting held recently in two parts Friday, Sept. 21, and Saturday, Sept. 22, at the Summit Activities Center in Yankton.

Joining the Yankton College Scholarship Program are the Charles A. Alseth Scholarship, the George & Kay Means Memorial Scholarship and the Gross Family Scholarship for the 2013-14 academic year bringing the total to 15 named scholarships.

Applications for 2013-2014 are now available at the Yankton College office at 1801 Summit St., Door #9 or online at www.yanktoncollege.org.

Other agenda topics included: a presentation from the South Dakota Community Foundation on behalf of the Yankton College Legacy Committee; a recap of the 2012 All-Class Reunion held in July and a proposal for scholarship assistance from Yankton College for the Laity Empowerment Project to be implemented

within the South Dakota Conference of the United Church of Christ.

The Yankton College Alumni Advisory Board also held its meeting, Friday, Sept. 21, at the SAC. Among the items of business on the agenda were a review of the events at the 2012 All-Class Reunion and a plan for the 2014 Reunion; a statement of purpose was accepted for the Giving Committee; the Board officers were re-elected and Dennis Steffen from Viborg was welcomed as a new AAB member.

On Friday, members of the Finance Committee met at 10 a.m. and at the conclusion of the Saturday Action Session the Legacy Committee met.

A no-host dinner was held Friday evening at Murdo's for the trustees, advisory board and their spouses and guests.

For further information about the meetings or the Yankton College Scholarship Program, call the Yankton College office at (605) 665-3661.

Foster Grandparent Program Seeks Volunteers

The Foster Grandparent Program is in need of volunteers in the Yankton area.

This program pays income qualified seniors age 55 and older a stipend for visiting local classrooms several times a week where they act as role models, mentors and friends, serving in schools, daycare centers, Head Start and other youth facilities. They help children learn to read, provide one-on-one tutoring and

guide children at a critical time in their lives by giving comfort and love that can set a child on the path to a successful future.

Foster Grandparent Program Eastern Region is a Senior Corps Program funded by the Corporation for National and Community Service, sponsored by Volunteers of America, Dakotas and is a United Way Agency. The program is based out of Watertown and covers Eastern South Dakota in-

cluding SE South Dakota counties.

Foster Grandparents receive orientation, training, a free daily meal at their site (if available), transportation assistance, supplemental accident and liability insurance while on duty, paid time off and holidays, and recognition for their service. Income qualified volunteers receive a stipend which by law, does not interfere with Social Security

benefits, food stamps, or housing benefits because it's not considered a wage.

For more information, call 877-907-6808 and talk to program coordinator, Kari Johnson.

Volunteering as a Foster Grandparent doesn't just help the children who are served. It helps the volunteer by leading to new discoveries and new friends.

Rogers Returns From The '12 Paralympics

M.J. Rogers, dressed in the opening ceremony's official uniform with white pants, navy jacket and side-set beret, described the athletes, rules, history and procedures involved in the "Paralympics" (i.e., "along side" the Olympics). Rogers has just returned from London and spoke to the Avera Sacred Heart Hospital Toastmaster Club 6217 September 20th at noon in the Benedictine Center.

Rogers' videos of several interviews with the enthusiastic athletes and pictures of the special facilities available in the "Village" (e.g., sinks, buses, and hair stylists) gave the listeners a complete array of both the perspective from the audience's and the special athletes' point of view and how these events have grown from about 400 athletes in the 1960s to over 4000 competitors in London.

Also on display was Rogers' hard covered book furnished to all the American athletes with "how to" instructions for properly wearing their dress uniform and beret during the 1 1/2 mile walk of the opening ceremony. These special athletes participated in activities ranging from archery to rugby (nicknamed "murder ball"). Their abilities also have a wide range from those needing constant care, to those who do archery without arms, to those who use modern technology with carbon fiber limbs. Yet, the rules are the same and competitions are held rain or shine.

"The ability shown by these Paralympians, some without arms, to launch an arrow in 20 seconds, is only part of the eye-opening events seen in London," said Rogers. "The interaction between countries was the best in camaraderie. For example, Iranians helped Americans and Turks



assisted the Israelis. These lessons of mutual rapport found at the Paralympics with athletes from around the world fit that old quote, 'A cloud of limitation has been lifted!,' concluded Rogers.

American Legion Veterans Forum Slated For USD Oct. 15

VERMILLION — The South Dakota American Legion will present a Veterans Forum on Monday, Oct. 15, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Muenster University Center (MUC) ballroom on the University of South Dakota campus in Vermillion.

The forum is focused around general VA benefit topics such as Service-Connection, VA Enrollment, VA Pension, Priority Groups, VA Co-Payments, Claims Appeals and more, all designed to educate veterans and their families. Warren

Aas, Department Service Officer for the South Dakota American Legion will chair the event and provide information on a variety of topics.

Speakers from the Sioux Falls VA Health Care System and the S.D. Department of Veterans Affairs, Sioux Falls office, will also present information and be available for questions.

The event is open to the public.

Donations Sought For Yankton Family In Need

On Aug. 24, Tara Wade — age 18 at the time now 19 — was taken to Avera Sacred Heart Hospital due to bleeding from an abrupton of the placenta and pre-term labor which could not be stopped. Wade was airlifted to Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls accompanied by the Neonatal and Maternal Fetal teams that flew down from Sanford — in case she delivered at ASHH or in flight. Luckily she did not deliver in the air but she did deliver Mariah at 9:35 a.m. on Aug 25, 2012, just 1 1/2 hours after arriving at Sanford.

Mariah was born 16 weeks early, weighing in at 1 pound, 9 ounces and 12 in long. She is in the NICU at Sanford where they anticipate her staying approximately until the date she was due, Dec. 15, 2012. Her parents, Tara and Josh, and her grandmother, Michelle, have been traveling to Sioux Falls daily to nurture, bond, grow, and learn to care for Mariah when she is able to be discharged. This requires Tara, Josh and/or Michelle to travel the approximately 160-mile round trip seven days a week,

which adds up in gas expenses, vehicle maintenance, meals and lodging that may be necessary as it is difficult to secure a room at the Ronald McDonald house due to the huge need. More overnight stays are expected as winter approaches.

Mariah is still critical, but is making progress with the development of her lungs, breathing (now on portable ventilator and she is taking several breaths per minute on her own), growing and getting stronger (she does turn her head from one side to the other at times). As of Sept. 27, she weighed 2 pounds, 6.5 ounces. She has grade 2 brain bleeds, which are not of concern, and they are resolving themselves.

Tara and Marshal, her 3-year-old son, are currently staying with Josh's mom, Michelle, who is a single parent of a 6-year-old and a 4-year-old. Michelle is a stay-at-home mom who is in the process of becoming registered with the state to provide in home child care. (Michelle cares for Marshal along with her own young children while Tara and/or



Josh are in Sioux Falls with Mariah). Tara is not able to work at this time. Josh is employed at Wilson Trailer in assembly.

When Mariah is discharged, Tara plans on bringing her home to Michelle's home. Tara, Marshal and Mariah will reside with Michelle because Tara knows she will be needing help with caring for Mariah and her needs due to her prematurity and with Marshal, she does plan on securing part time employment after Mariah is home from the hospital.

Neither Tara, Josh or his family want to have to ask for or accept financial assistance, but they do know that, at this time, they need it for Mariah.

Donation containers are set out by the registers of various businesses in Yankton and Irene. A benefit account has been set up in Mariah's name too. Donations can be dropped off/or be mailed to: Mariah's Benefit Account, Services Center Federal Credit Union, 609 W 21st Street, Yankton, SD 57078.

MEETINGS

YANKTON TOASTMASTERS CLUB 1294

Yankton Toastmasters Club 1294 met at the Fryn' Pan Restaurant on Saturday, Sept. 29, 2012. Club President Joy Winther called the meeting to order and asked Janice Stone to give the invocation and lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Janice Stone also served as Toastmaster of the Day and asked Master Evaluator, Jeremy Skrenes to introduce his evaluation team. John Swensen, as Grammarian, gave the word for the day "Foment." Advanced Manual speeches were given by Joy Winther entitled "My Vision" and Tara Arens entitled "The Rush of Fishing." After the speeches, table topics were lead by Mike Arens who called on members at large to comment on random questions from our "Speak Up" cards. Jeremy Skrenes led the evaluation portion of the meeting by calling on Kevin Buhl to evaluate Joy Winther and Carol Smith to evaluate Tara Arens. Following the evaluations, Jeremy called on John Swensen to give the Grammarian's report and Kevin Buhl to give the Ah counters report Other func-

tionaries were Vernon Arens as timer, and Harry Voelzke as vote counter. Trophies were awarded to John Swensen for best table topic's response, Tara Arens for speaker, and Kevin Buhl for best evaluator.

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.

INTERCHANGE

Interchange met at noon on Oct. 1 at Minerva's. The meeting was called to order by President Kathy Jacobs and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Hostess Kathie Gertsner of Gertsner Oil introduced Mike Dellinger, President of Yankton Area Progressive Growth Inc. (YAPG) and Executive Director of Yankton Office of Economic Development. Dellinger explained that YAPG is a private not for profit organization that was established in 1978. They work to facilitate growth in Yankton and support the existing employers

also. Dellinger cited numerous examples on how they partner with other organizations to complete projects, for example the city of Yankton. In the next five years they look to facilitate in more available buildings and helping Yankton to become more competitive.

The next meeting will be at noon on Monday, Oct. 8, at Minerva's.

ASHH TOASTMASTERS

Steve Anderson received the Best Respondent Award for the newly interactive questioning led by Eric Taylor at the noon Sept. 27, 2012, Club 6217 meeting in the Benedictine Center. Taylor asked Anderson to quiz Jennifer Wubben about her views and in return Wubben was to quiz Anderson. The back and forth involved childhood memories of hard work, going to town on Friday nights, and "eating mud pies at recess" in country schools.

Taylor also asked Joyce Stevens what fall activity she preferred; Chelsi Hames about elections, although she prefers football; MaryAnn Wortmann's voting preparations; Kary Beltz's opinion on substitute referees; and Jeff May

ideas on the nation's "super committee".

Toastmaster Jane Miller called the meeting to order and Stevens gave the invocation, which was a quote from Ecclesiastics "to everything there is a season."

General Evaluator Muriel Stach's team consisted of timer Wortmann, pause counter May, and grammarian Hames with her word of the day "exhaustion."

Tim Bohn spoke on table etiquette and the value of knowing which of the ten pieces of silverware to use when eating a shrimp appetizer. His humor and vivid descriptions of "drinking right and eating left" were enjoyed by his evaluator Eileen O'Connor. O'Connor praised Bohn's handout of an official state dinner setting. Miller awarded the Best Speaker trophy to Bohn and the Best Evaluator award to O'Connor.

Announcements included the "Who ya gonna call?" song (i.e., "We are family; my twin sister and me" referring to Miller) and the Area Contest being held that evening, 6 p.m., in Freeman.

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