

Area Band Named To SD Country Shrine

Thirty-five years ago, two young men met while hunting. Little would anyone have believed that those two men would create a combination that would last for over three decades.

Recently, the Vermillion-area band was named to the South Dakota Country Music Hall of Fame.

The Clay Creek Deaf Cowboy Band (CCDCB) came together when Kirk Sorensen and Rick Martz discovered each other's propensity to play guitars. Practice and jam sessions ensued and before long the band had its first paying show at the Eagle's Club in Vermillion. With Sorensen on bass guitar and vocals, Martz on lead guitar and vocals, and a borrowed drummer they were on their way. Shortly thereafter, Sorney enlisted veteran drummer Skip Johnson to keep them steady as they were honing their craft.

It wasn't long before the roadhouses, bars and communities of the surrounding areas were calling them to play. The early days found the three on the road nearly every weekend playing small towns in southeast South Dakota, northeast Nebraska and northwest Iowa. The band has played hundreds of wedding and anniversary dances, rodeo and Fireman's dances, birthday parties, graduations, community celebrations and even one



The Clay Creek Deaf Cowboy Band. (Submitted Photo)

"stop and think it over" party when the wedding had been called off. Many of the honky tonks and road houses that were once the mainstay of their performances have closed. In their place now are the clubs that hold regular weekend dances.

Working as a team has kept the band solid for all these years. It's always been a group

effort. These self-taught musicians keep in touch with the pulse of country music and with three vocalists, the band is able to cover many country artists — both classic and current.

The band has played many benefits over the years for various causes ranging from people who needed medical assistance, fami-

lies of the terminally ill, to natural disaster fund raisers. They have donated all money raised from CD and T-shirt sales to charitable organizations. Donations went to help with Honor Flight — a group that flew WWII veterans to the memorial in Washington DC. They even sponsored two middle school students from Hawaii who needed assistance affording a trip to a music festival in California.

The CCDCB has played for crowds from 25 to 2,500 enjoying new venues while valuing the established circuit. While they love seeing the new young faces getting into country they are blessed to see many of the same familiar faces at many of their dances.

In addition to Sorensen (1979-present), Martz (1979-present) and Johnson (1979-1989), other long time members of the band include Lee Schaffer (drums 1989-2001), Chad Peterson (rhythm guitar/vocals 1997-2010), Dawn Nelson (rhythm guitar/vocals 1999-present) and Tom Zoss (drums 2002-present).

The members of this band believe in the power of country music. They believe they are fortunate to be able to replicate the music that people want to hear. They are grateful to the people of the state of South Dakota for allowing them to do what they love to do — play country music.

United Way & Volunteer Services Campaign Under Way

BY LAUREN HANSON

Yankton Executive Director, United Way & Volunteer Services of Greater Yankton

The 2014 United Way & Volunteer Services campaign has begun! Once again this year, we ask that you look for the double sided mailer coming to your door the week of September 3rd. The mailer lists our partner agencies supported through this campaign, pictures of people that live and work in the greater Yankton area, a tear-off pledge card, plus information on how our partner agencies and programs network with each other to address community issues.

The 2014 Campaign theme, "Alone you can do incredible things, but TOGETHER we can do ANYTHING", emphasizes that your

much appreciated gift, combined with the gifts of others, will improve thousands of lives each year.

Your contribution goes far, but not far away. It stays right here in the Greater Yankton area, improving the lives of our neighbors, friends, relatives, and co-workers.

When that one sheet mailer comes to your mailbox, please take a few minutes to read it, decide the donation you would like to share, and mail the pledge form and your donation to: United Way & Volunteer Services, 610 W. 23rd St., Yankton, SD.

If you would like more information, go online to www.yanktonunitedway.org, call 665-6766 or email us at unitedway@iw.net

Please help us make this year's campaign a success. Give. Advocate. Volunteer. LIVE UNITED!

Cooling Off At The Carnival



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Students, teachers, and parents enjoyed freebies on a hot August night as Lincoln's PTA sponsored their annual Back to School Carnival on the east lawn of Lincoln School Thursday, August 29. Food, games, and a variety of activities made for a fun evening for everyone who attended.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship Recipients Honored

HURON — Recipients of the 2013 "Insuring a Brighter Tomorrow" scholarships from the South Dakota Farmers Union Foundation were honored Saturday as part of Farmers Union Day at the South Dakota State Fair.

A total of 26 students who graduated in 2013 received \$1,000 scholarships. Nine of the students attended the ceremony held on the Freedom Stage at the State Fairgrounds.

"We're honored to be able to be able to help these young people achieve their dreams and pursue their post-secondary education," said Wayne Bartscher, regional manager of Farmers Union Insurance Agency and vice president of the South Dakota Farmers

Union Foundation. "All of these young people are enrolled this fall in a South Dakota college, university or technical school, and it's a pleasure for us to be able to invest in their education and in the future of our state."

For the sixth straight year, the South Dakota Farmers Union Foundation, in cooperation with Farmers Union Insurance Agency, awarded the funds through the "Insuring a Brighter Tomorrow" scholarship program. Over the past six years, the Foundation has awarded over \$150,000 in scholarships to students attending South Dakota post-secondary schools.

The recipients were chosen from among a large pool

of applicants. They were scored based on a combination of academic record, activities and awards, financial need, and an essay relating to how they will, "Insure a Brighter Tomorrow," in South Dakota. Farmers Union Insurance agents throughout the state fund the scholarship program administered by the Farmers Union Foundation.

Area recipients include:

- Anna Chicoine: Elk Point — Elk Point Jefferson High School
- Abigail Mitchell: Yankton — Yankton High School
- Brooke Schwasinger: Vermillion — Vermillion High School
- Whitney Specht: Yankton — Yankton High School.

Harrington Lecture At USD Sept. 23

The 61st annual Harrington Lecture, featuring Dr. Tina Keller presenting "Counting What Counts," will be held at the University of South Dakota's Farber Hall at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 23. This event is free and open to the public.

For more information, visit www.usd.edu/as/.

MEETINGS

RIVER CITY HARMONY SWEET ADELINES

River City Harmony Sweet Adelines met Tuesday, Sept. 3, at First United Methodist Church. Meeting called to order by President Marlene Herman. Minutes of last meeting and treasurer's report were read and approved.

Secretary Sue Mellegard read a review of summer events of the chorus. In June we sang for the 50th anniversary of member Carol and Don Hurley. In July we traveled to Springfield to sing for the church service at the UCC church. August brought us back to Yankton to participate in two services at the First United Methodist Church. We welcomed two new members into the group — Merrilee Allen from Centerville and Betty Koerner of Freeman. They will be a real asset to our group.

Members were reminded of our upcoming coaching session to be held at FUMC on Saturday, Sept. 7, with Regional coaches Connie Miller and Bonnie Rust. Sunday, Sept. 15, we will sing for charter member Dorothy Olson's 85th birthday party.

Final plans were made for members traveling to Spirit Lake, Iowa, to take part in RAVE (regional annual vocal education) session on Sept. 21. Members were reminded that tops for our fall show have arrived at Lisa's in Yankton and need to be picked up. Our annual show is scheduled for Oct. 13 at The Center in Yankton at 3 p.m. Meeting was adjourned.

SCHOLASTICS

RYAN FORD

OMAHA, Neb. — Thirteen Creighton University Arts and Sciences students who received 2013 Ferlic Research Scholarships will present their original research findings from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 24. A formal program acknowledging their efforts will begin at 5:15 p.m.

The eighth annual event is open to the public and will take place in the Suzanne and Walter Scott Jr. Atrium of the Hixson-Lied Science Building on the campus of Creighton University.

The presentations contain overviews of what the students discovered and the critical thinking they applied to these topics representing basic science research in biology, chemistry and physics. Students worked alongside faculty mentors at least 40 hours a week for 10 weeks. Faculty members guided them in research planning; taught them how to conduct their research;

and worked with them on how to communicate the results.

Ryan Ford of Yankton worked with Physics professor Gintaras Duda on Form Factors from Theoretical Hartree-Fock Calculations and Dark Matter Detection.

The undergraduate research projects are made possible by the generosity and support of Randolph M. Ferlic, M.D., his wife, Teresa Kolars Ferlic, Ruth and Bill Scott and others. Ferlic earned his Bachelor of Science degree at Creighton in 1958 and graduated from the Creighton School of Medicine in 1961. The Ferlics are ardent supporters of higher education in Nebraska.

Each of the student scholars received a research stipend as well as access to state-of-the-art laboratories, simulation centers, microscopes and other equipment, facilities and supplies to perform full-time research project.

MILITARY

JESSICA L. NOVACK

Navy Seaman Jessica L. Novack, daughter of Karlene R. Mastenbrook of Yankton and Phil J. Novack, of Spring Park, Minn., recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Novack completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, fire-fighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

The capstone event of boot camp is "Battle Stations." This exercise gives recruits the skills and confidence they need to succeed in the fleet. "Battle Stations" is designed to galvanize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork and endurance in each recruit through the practical application of basic Navy skills and the core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment. Its distinctly "Navy" flavor was designed to take into account what it means to be a Sailor.

Novack is a 2013 graduate of Mound-Westonka High School of Minnetrista, Minn.

SAC Aquatics Area To Be Closed

The Summit Activities Center will be closing the aquatics area on Sunday, Sept. 15, for cleaning and routine maintenance. The pool is tentatively scheduled to reopen on Saturday, Sept. 21. Water aero-

bics classes will resume Monday, Sept. 23, at 8:30 a.m.

For further information, call 668-5234 or stop by the Summit Activities Center at 1801 Summit Street, Yankton.

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