

Schloss Appointed To State Law Board

Brooke Swier Schloss of Swier Law Firm was recently appointed to serve on the South Dakota Bar Association's 2015-2016 Family Law Committee.



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The State Bar Association's Family Law Committee maintains and improves the practice of family law through effective interaction with the courts and by informing lawyers and the public of current legislation and regulations. The Family Law Committee focuses on all matters relating to marriage, dissolution, custody and support, and adoptions.

Brooke was recently named by the National Academy of Family Law Attorneys as a "Top 10 Attorney Under the Age of 40" and is the author of the books "The South Dakota Child Custody and Divorce Handbook" and "15 Tips for Choosing a South Dakota Divorce Lawyer."

Book On SD Aviation History Published

PIERRE — From the barnstorming era to the space age, the state's colorful aviation heritage is the focus of the latest issue of "South Dakota History," the quarterly journal of the South Dakota State Historical Society.

The centerpiece of the Summer 2015 issue is an article by Steven J. Bucklin, professor of history at the University of South Dakota, titled "Fly-over Country": A Glimpse of South Dakota through Its Aviation History."

South Dakotans had their first experience with "flying machines" at the 1911 South Dakota Stock Growers Association convention in Rapid City, where the Curtiss Exhibition Company, owned by aviation pioneer Glenn H. Curtiss, provided thrilling entertainment. Later, in the wake of Charles A. Lindbergh's visits to Sioux Falls and Pierre after his heroic solo flight across the Atlantic Ocean in 1927, entrepreneurs looked to aviation as a means to stimulate South Dakota's economy. By the mid-1930s, federal, state and local officials saw the need to regulate and promote the new industry along with providing essential aviation infrastructure.

Bucklin consulted state government records, interviewed notable figures such as former Gov. William J. Janklow (a licensed pilot), and read extensively in historic newspapers in the course of his research. Much of the author's source material and most of the article's illustrations were found in the State Historical Society's archival collection at the Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre.

"We enjoyed the opportunity to provide Professor Bucklin with some of the resources he needed to write an insightful article on such a fascinating topic," noted Matthew T. Reitzel, manuscript and photo archivist for the State Historical Society-Archives.

A subscription to "South Dakota History" is a benefit of membership in the South Dakota State Historical Society. For information on membership, call (605) 773-6000. Individual issues may be purchased for \$10 plus tax and shipping by calling (605) 773-6009.

Yankton Consultant Earns National Recognition

A business consultant with the Yankton office of the South Dakota Small Business Development Center has been honored for exemplary performance in 2015. Lori Cowman, who has been a consultant with the Yankton SBDC for seven years, has been named South Dakota's "State Star" for 2015 by America's SBDC, the national trade association for the SBDC network.

Cowman was recognized in a trophy presentation recently at the America's SBDC Conference in San Francisco. Each year the organization honors an exemplary performer from every state. Winners must have made significant contributions to their local program and shown a strong commitment to helping small businesses.

Cowman was humbled to receive the award. "I think everybody in the state works hard. Anybody could have received it. But it's nice to be recognized," she said. One of the highlights of the national convention was that she joined about 70 other business consultants on a tour of three of the nation's entrepreneurial giants: Facebook, Intuit and Google.

Cowman's recognition was well deserved, said Jeff Eckhoff, state director of the South Dakota SBDC. "She's well known and well respected. She's doing a great job for us in the Yankton area," he said. The recognition process is peer-driven, which makes the award especially flattering. "Nobody knows better what you do than those you work with," Eckhoff said.

The South Dakota SBDC contracts with the Planning and Development District III office to provide business services in the Yankton area. Greg



Lori Cowman and Jeff Eckhoff. They attended the 35th annual America's SBDC Conference in San Francisco, where Cowman received her award.

Henderson, executive director of the District III office in Yankton, said Cowman is an outstanding employee. "She's very dedicated to helping her clients come up with viable business plans. She's very good at troubleshooting and helping people come out problems."

The Yankton office of the SBDC serves a 16-county area that includes Chamberlain, Mitchell, North Sioux City, Vermillion, Winner, Yankton and areas in between. In addition to Yankton, the SBDC has regional offices in Aberdeen, Pierre, Rapid City, Sioux Falls and Watertown. The state office is hosted

by the University of South Dakota in Vermillion. Brookings and Mitchell have satellite offices.

Other programs in the SBDC network include South Dakota Manufacturing & Technology Solutions, South Dakota Procurement Technical Assistance Centers, International Trade Center and Small Business Innovation Research. Most of the help available to business people is free.

For more information about the South Dakota SBDC and affiliated programs, see www.sdbusinesshelp.com.

South Dakota State Historical Society

Gift To Missionary Is Crown Jewel In Museum

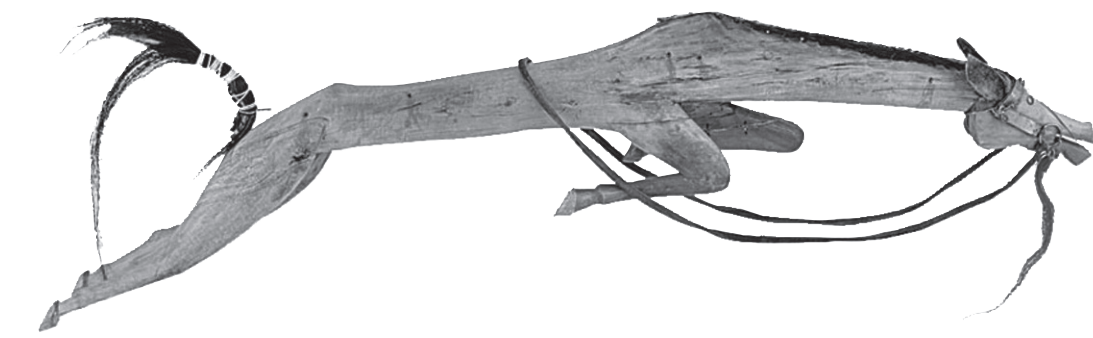
PIERRE — Mary Collins' commitment to the people of the Standing Rock Reservation and their appreciation of her delivered to the generations a masterpiece of American Indian sculpture.

The Sioux Horse Effigy is a three-foot-long carved horse dance stick that is the crown jewel of the museum of the South Dakota State Historical Society at the Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre.

Collins donated the effigy and other artifacts to the South Dakota State Historical Society in 1920. The effigy was recently part of an international exhibit. Events celebrating the effigy's return to the Cultural Heritage Center will take place Oct. 10-12 in Pierre. For a schedule, visit www.history.sd.gov.

"Miss Collins was a distinctive type of philosopher," stated an article in *The Tomahawk*, a newspaper of the Minnesota Chippewa, published a few years after Collins' death. "She was first a teacher in the schools in Keokuk, Iowa. After three years of this work she decided there were others who could fill her place there, and she was more fitted to a life on the frontier. Therefore, in 1875, she left for Dakota territory as a missionary to the Sioux Indians."

The 29-year-old Collins was as-



signed to the Oahe Mission, established by Congregationalist minister the Rev. Thomas L. Riggs, and his first wife, Cornelia "Nina" Riggs, on the east bank of the Missouri River at Peoria Flats, north of what is now Pierre.

As Collins traveled by horse-drawn wagon from the Dakota Territorial capital of Yankton to the Oahe Mission, she noted, "I began to realize the isolation and the loneliness which it was possible for the years to bring. But 'I had put my hand to the plow.' The first year for a Missionary is the hardest to endure: Adjusting oneself to such a different environment, not only of people and things, but of the country, climate and even to one's own room." Collins comments are contained in her autobiography in Volume 41 of the "South Dakota Historical Collections" compiled by the South Dakota State Historical Society. Her autobiography can also

be found in the South Dakota Digital Archives collections.

At the mission, Collins taught children in the morning and visited families in the afternoon.

"We taught in the Dakota language at the same time we were learning it," Collins wrote in her autobiography.

To carry on his work west of the Missouri River, Riggs built out-stations where workers could hold church services. In 1885, Collins was assigned to an out-station on the Grand River near Running Antelope's village. The name of this out-station was later changed to Little Eagle.

"It was a hard, long winter," Collins wrote. "I was living in a room about fourteen by twelve feet and all my worldly possessions were in there. A large room was used for the church services and school room and office."

Collins would often travel with

her team of horses over a large region to visit American Indian families. According to an article by her niece Ethel Collins Jacobsen published in the monthly bulletin of the South Dakota State Historical Society, Collins gave religious instruction, advice, and visited and helped the sick, all the while conducting weekly services at the mission building.

Her ability to speak the Lakota language, her understanding of the Lakota's needs and her knowledge of simple medical remedies made her popular among American Indians.

"The people had so long been without any one to help them in time of trouble that I was always greeted with the warmest kind of reception and often when passing through a village when on a journey have had people sick brought to me," Collins wrote in her autobiography.

The American Indian Chief Sitting Bull was one of her neighbors. The two became friends.

In the introduction to Collins' autobiography, Richmond L. Clow wrote that Collins eventually came to better understand American Indian beliefs and traditions. She became less harsh toward American Indians and more critical of the government's policies regarding them.

She joined national reform movements and traveled throughout the country giving lectures, working to better conditions for American Indians. Collins was ordained a minister of the Congregational Church in 1899, one of the few ordained women in American churches at that time.

Collins retired from mission work in 1910 and returned to Keokuk, Iowa, where she died on May 25, 1920.

The items Collins donated to the South Dakota State Historical Society became part of the foundation of the museum's American Indian collection. Generations can see the artistry of American Indians and gain a better understanding of how they once lived.

This moment in South Dakota history is provided by the South Dakota Historical Society Foundation, the nonprofit fundraising partner of the South Dakota State Historical Society. Find us on the web at www.sdhshf.org. Contact us at info@sdhshf.org to submit a story idea.

MEETINGS

INTERCHANGE

Interchange met on Monday, Sept. 21, 2015 at noon at Minerva's. The meeting was called to order by President Sherri Rodgers-Conti and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Two guests were present. Announcements were made by Shannon Viereck (MMC) about upcoming noon forums, Sheila Kuchta (Avera) about upcoming Simply D'Vine, Peggy Schiedel (Homeless Shelter) about purchase of new property and Deb Bodenstedt about the upcoming proposed levy vote.

Hostess for this week was member Linda Stephenson and her business, Linda's Angel Crossing. Her guests modeled some of the latest trends and wardrobe items available at her store.

The next meeting of Interchange will be held on Monday, Sept. 28, 2015, at

noon at Minerva's. Hostess will be Susan Schavee. Program will be presented by Sherry Rabenberg with Weight Watchers.

TOASTMASTERS CLUB 1294

Yankton Toastmasters Club 1294 met Saturday Sept. 19, at 7:30 a.m. at the Fry'n Pan Restaurant. The meeting was called to order by President Roy Wilcox who also gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Toastmaster Lee Felder introduced his guest, Debbie Lavelly. She was familiar with Toastmasters and excited to be back at a meeting. This meeting was special as the club was having its Fall Humorous Speech contest. Wilcox introduced Angela Mann as the contest chair for the meeting. She introduced the Master Evaluator, Vernon Arens, to tell us his evaluation team. Jana Lane was introduced as the

Grammarian. Her word of the day was "protean" which means "readily consuming different forms or characters, extremely variable; changeable in shape or form as an amoeba; versatile, able to play many kinds of roles (as in an actor or actress)." The first speech contestant was John Swenson giving a speech titled "John" about his struggle with weight and health issues. The second speech contestant was Jeremy Skrenes. His speech titled "BK/AK" was all about how life is before kids (BK) and after kids (AK). After the contestants spoke, Toastmaster Mann introduced Table Topics Master Teresa Rentsch. The theme of her table topics was fall and she called on Toastmasters Steve Hamilton, Roy Wilcox, Janice Stone, Debbie Lavelly, Kathy Hejna, Steffon Newsome Harris, and Lee Felder to respond to different questions

about Fall. Master Evaluator Arens evaluated the meeting as a while and called on Jack Dahlseid to give his Ah Counter's report and Jana Lane to give her Grammarian's report. There were no formal evaluations because of the contest, but fellow Toastmasters were invited to give contestants tips for improving their speech at the Area level. After the evaluation of the meeting was complete, Toastmaster Mann presented the awards. Table topics winner was Lee Felder. Second place winner in the humorous speech contest was John Swenson and first place went to Jeremy Skrenes. Toastmaster Mann then introduced President Wilcox to close the meeting. President Wilcox announced that next week would be the Table Topics contest. The Area contest will be held Saturday, Sept. 26, at 11 a.m. in Mitchell at the

Overtime Steakhouse and Bar (716 N. Rowley St.). Past club president Vernon Arens presented the club with the Select Distinguished Club ribbon which will be added to the club's banner. Lee Felder also announced that there would be a demonstration meeting for starting a Toastmasters club in Vermillion. The meeting will be held Tuesday, Sept. 29, at 11:30 a.m. at the Muenster University Center on the campus of USD in Room 211. Guests are welcome at the demonstration meeting or at the Saturday morning meeting.

For more information, call 605-665-8448.

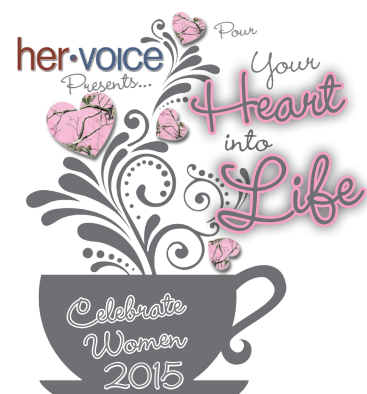
KEYSTONE CHAPTER #33, OES

Keystone Chapter #33, OES, met Thursday, Sept. 17, at the Masonic Temple, Yankton. The evening started with a potluck supper served at 6:15.

Chris Bryan, Worthy Matron, presided at the meeting. She reported on her attendance at the annual fall practice of Grand Chapter officers held in Presho on Sept. 12. She will be leaving on Oct. 28 to attend the General Grand Chapter session in Pittsburgh. She is a member of the General Grand Chapter Scottish Rite Charities Committee.

The family of Earl Lipp, who passed away recently, presented the chapter with a monetary tribute in his honor. The chapter decided to donate the money to the Eastern Star Home in Redfield to help purchase chairs.

The next regular meeting will be at the Masonic Temple in Yankton, on Thursday, Oct. 15, starting at 7:30. Election of officers will be held. Sue and Don Koepf will be hosts at the social hour following the meeting.



with Event Speaker Julie Clark

FREE Wine Tasting

Saturday, Oct. 17th

NFAA Easton Archery Complex

Advance Tickets Only \$20

Tickets available at Yankton Hy-Vee and the Press & Dakotan

Doors Open at 11:00 am

Lunch Served 12:30pm-1:45pm

Speaker 2pm • Booths Open at 11am