

GET TO KNOW PLANNING, ZONING, VETERANS & WELFARE ADMINISTRATOR: CYNTHIA ADEN

By Sarah Wetzel
For the Plain Talk

Clay County Planning, Zoning, Veterans and Welfare is in good hands.

Cynthia (Cindy) Aden is now in her fifth year as administrator of these county services.

Aden began the position in 2010. Although she did have background in some areas of the job, there was still a lot to learn.

"I had to learn how to administer zoning regulations," she said. "I didn't know anything about that when I took the job. So, everything I've learned is from square one."

Aden works with countryside zoning exclusively. And, she says, the issues tend to deal with density.

"I look at what's being built out there and where it's being placed on a property," she said. "We don't allow more than three homes per quarter right now, so we can't have little spot developments. We keep an eye on all of that."

Aden said the reason for this is to support the local economy and in no way hinders growth.

"The county's main purpose in the zoning is to help support agriculture," she said. "When I'm doing my zoning issues, that's the thing I have to keep in the background."

Aden also works with city hall staff regarding zoning issues in the one- or two-mile area around Vermillion.

"That is new," she said. "It has been interesting to take our two different approaches and try to get something worked out together and get a good compromise. Fortunately, the city staff has been very



good to work with." According to Aden, her background complements working with rural development.

"I grew up on a farm north of town," she said. "So, it brings me back to my roots working on that. Having that experience helps me. When farmers talk about the things that they do in their farming, I know what they're talking about."

Aden currently lives on her grandparent's farm, right across the street from her childhood home.

"I think I'm still a farmer at heart," she said. "I've always been more comfortable out in the country than I've ever felt living in the city."

Even working at the Vermillion courthouse, Aden still has chances to satisfy her agricultural urges. She is responsible for the care of the Veteran's memorial on the courthouse lawn.

"I'm a gardener so I don't mind," she said. "To me it's a pleasure to be able to be out of the office and go and mess around."

However, taking care of the memorial is one aspect

of her job that Aden said community members are more than welcome to help out with.

"It's all taken care of with donations," she said. "Right now I'm in need of donations to help with replacing the flag."

Aden said community members are encouraged to donate funds or their time, to help keep the memorial reflective of the community's feelings towards area Veterans.

A subject that hits home for Aden as she is a veteran herself.

"Probably the hardest part of the job is on the Veteran's side," she said. "Sometimes it's hard knowing I'm not going to be able to help the veterans the way I would want to. There's a lot of different ways people can be eligible for veteran benefits but sometimes my job is to tell them they aren't going to be eligible for anything."

Aden cherishes the times she has been able to make a difference in people's lives, especially Veterans.

"A young man came in for assistance with a hospital bill," she recalled. "I discovered that he was a veteran. I was able to work with him and find him benefits that he didn't have before. Before that, he was basically living with friends and kind of on the streets. Now, he's got some type of income."

Aden said she has a great life here in Vermillion.

Anyone interested in contacting Aden to volunteer assistance for the Veteran's Memorial may reach her at Cynthia.Aden@claycountysd.org or by phone at (605) 677-7145.

Teaching and Talent: The Rawlins Piano Trio

By Amber Margheim
For the Plain Talk

The University of South Dakota (USD) Rawlins Piano Trio warmed Monday's chilly spring evening with a cultured sound, as it performed its final concert of the season.

Founded in 1987 and named after benefactors Marjorie Rawlins, and the late Robert Rawlins, the Rawlins Piano Trio features distinguished musical artists - who are also on the faculty in USD's Department of Music - violinist Eunho

The concert was held at Colton Recital Hall in the Warren M. Lee Center for the Fine Arts on the USD campus.

According to the performers, Colton Recital Hall produced a more intimate setting that lent itself to a slightly different kind of concert.

Throughout the concert, the trio played small excerpts of the pieces using a few measures at a time to explain and illustrate the thoughts and driving emotions the composers sought to communicate.

an ever-growing cohesiveness has allowed them to become more intuitive when performing together.

"It gets easier to read everybody," said Kim.

Gray added that because they know each other so well, they are able to do things different from each other while still providing a uniform sound.

"We can take more chances and sometimes it works and sometimes it doesn't. We can react from each other and balance off each other. We do that really well now at this point," said



Eunho Kim, Susan Keith Gray and Marie-Elaine Gagnon of the Rawlins Piano Trio smiling together after their final concert for the season in South Dakota. AMBER MARGHEIM/ FOR THE PLAIN TALK

Kim, cellist Marie-Elaine Gagnon and pianist Susan Keith Gray.

"I think it is really amazing to see musicians like this in such a small town and have the opportunity to hear this wonderful music," said Michelle Chaussee who attended the concert with her son Jacob. "It was a good night."

Monday program, entitled "In Memory of a Great Artist", featured "Trio in F Major, Op 22" by Johann Nepomuk Hummel and "Trio in A Minor" by Piotr Ilyitch Tchaikovsky.

The audience was then able to listen for and identify these smaller snippets within the movements as a whole during the performance.

"We frequently talk a little about the pieces," said Gray. "We don't necessarily demonstrate as much as we did this evening. With the lopsided nature of the first piece being so short and the second piece so long we felt like it kind of balanced a little better to talk a little bit about them."

The format change was embraced by the audience and showed the trio as true teaching artists, committed to teaching, as well as performing.

The current ensemble has been performing together since 2009 and said that

Gagnon.

The Rawlins Piano Trio has been performing both stateside and internationally in Taiwan, Panama and Korea, engaging in both performance and teaching tours.

"The most recent tour was the trip to Korea," said Kim. "We played in Seoul, which is as big as big as New York. We played in this beautiful prestigious hall. The piano tune there was really different. We use the 440 and they used something like a 445 and it sounded like very different notes. It was an experience! There is always something on these trips and it can be a challenge. But it is good to experience not having the ultimate conditions."

Turn-Key Convenience Store – Gas Station – Repair Shop & Separate Office Building



Thursday, April 16th at 6:30 pm (Derby's 1 Stop selling first)

Located: 102 W. Main St. (Hwy 46) & 113 W. Main St. (Hwy 46) – Irene, SD.

Here's your chance to own & operate a business on one of South Dakota's busiest highways! Currently Derby's 1 Stop; will be offering up at auction the gas station with attached repair shop and lots of personal property to run the business. The convenience store has large area for groceries & product; lots of seating for customers; single bathroom w/sink; two video lottery stations currently with 7 machines; large storage room in back and more! There is a 3 door walk-in freezer & 6 door walk-in cooler; both with compressors new less than 2 years ago. Other personal property included are several shelves for product; 2 TV's; microwave; in-house surveillance system and P.O.S. system. Also has new furnace & heat pump. There is front door & side door access to the convenience store. Video lottery machines are leased and are transferable; along with the off-sale liquor & beer license. There are 2 pumps for fuel with a 10,000 gal. unleaded tank and a 6,000 gal. ethanol tank. Both tanks are polly, underground and up to code. On back side of store is a 1,000 gal Ag fuel tank and a 2,000 gal. road use diesel tank; both tanks are above ground and in containment. Also has small storage building the property, fuel tank and a 2,000 gal. road use diesel tank; both tanks are above ground and in containment. Also has small storage building the property.



Back side of convenience store has a large dual bay repair shop with in floor pit in one stall. Items included in the shop will be Newbawm Drive-On hoist; hyd. Lift hoist; FMG wheel balancer; Coats rim clamp tire machine; oil burner W-200 furnace; (2) overhead shop doors; shelving; C-Aire Compressor; parts washer; torch & cart; LB White heater; misc. tools & more.



Across the street from Derby's 1 Stop we will also offer at auction a nice office building also sitting on Hwy 46. This building is 394 sq.ft. with a single bathroom w/sink and access to a block wall basement. This has Hwy frontage access with parking on the street and all sits on a 125'x24' lot. Building has new siding and shingles along with a new furnace & central air. This would make a great office, hair salon, business or storage. This property will sell separate from the C-Store.

Legals: (Derby's 1 Stop) Lots 19 & 20 & E 21' of S 75' & Lot 18, Block 6, Original Town of Irene, Turner County, SD; 2014 Taxes \$847.46; (Office Building) Lot 9 Blk 7, City of Irene, Clay County, SD; 2014 Taxes \$444.26; Clay County Title Closing Agent.

Auctioneers Note: Derby's 1 Stop has been a fixture in the Irene community for many years and has had a strong business. The video lottery machines have been tremendous income producers. Someone looking for a new business venture, start a repair shop, eatery or investment; this is a must attend auction! Please make plans to attend one of the open houses or contact Girard Auction for a personal showing. More information and financials are available upon request after signing a confidentiality agreement.

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Guns: Daisy22 rifle w/daisy scope nice, 22 cal. Auto MFG Italy, 12 ga. S.S 36 in barrel, Winchester Model 67 .22 cal, H&R 930 .22 cal Rev., Daisy pellet gun

Guest: John Deere 188 tractor mower new blades and battery, John Deere self-propelled push mower, Craftsman push mower, marbles, coins from around the world., antique guns and shells

Guest consigner: Maxim front tine tiller, Troy Built super bronco tiller, Troy Built chipper vacuum, Stihl: FS56rce trimmer, HL45 hedge trimmer, mm55 cultivator, MS290 & MS251C chainsaws, HT131 pole saw. Mowers: John Deere LT180 48", Huskee Supreme LT 46", Yard Man 42", Toro Timecutter 1642z, John Deer TriCycler push mower. Jonsereds 49sp chainsaw, Homelite Super E-Z chainsaw.

Wayne Knutson: 2 book shelves, large mirror, kitchen table w/8 chairs, hide-a-bed couch, Ethan Allen couch, sitting chairs, corner shelf, treadmill, antique chair, oak chair, full size bed, picnic table, grill, pictures.

Jennifer Satter: queen bed w/matching headboard, dresser & chest of drawers, full size bed w/dresser & nightstand, couch, coffee table, sofa table, teacart, kitchen table w/chairs, blue swivel rocking chair, Maytag dryer, wicker nesting tables, day bed, assorted lamps, Brothers printer, office chairs, HP printer, bedding, canning jars, Coca Cola, Cabbage patch & troll dolls, games & kitchen items. Upright crank record player, wooden rocking chair, oak table with leaves & 6 chairs, dressing table w/chair, trunks, ironing board, crocks, tins, coffee grinder, bean pot, wooden sled, coal pile, drop leaf child's table, 12" Sears band saw, ShopVac, dropdown fertilizer spreader, car ramps, assorted power & hand tools.

Lorraine Steward Estate: Entertainment armiores, lighted curio cabinets, dining table w/chairs, cabinet, rocking chairs, end tables, large chair w/ottoman, rocking love seat, oak coffee tables w/stained glass top & matching end tables, small kitchen table w/2 chairs, cedar chest, end tables, full-sized adjustable bed, dressers, side chairs, twin bed, storage racks, misc. household goods.

Agnes Nooney Estate: Dressers, recliners, kitchen table w/chairs, couch, desk, end tables, folding chairs, microwave and cart, pots and pans, kitchen utensils, pictures, lamps, glassware, old maytag washer, washtubs on wheels, Toro push mower, many misc. items.

Marlene Kollias Estate: small sofa, hide-a-bed, desk, antique hutch, bamboo, trunk, small tv, kitchenware, misc. tools, rocker glider, sewing machine, sitting chairs, book shelves, office chair, 3 piece bedroom set, bedding, towels, fan, luggage, plant stands, card table, step ladder, tool box, futon bed, large couch w/matching chairs, keyboard, sewing cabinets, cook books, storage cabinet, lamps.

Arvin Irwin: Dressers, Outside storage containers, Cabinets, Tool (Power and hand tool, Kitchen items, Vacuum, TV, TV Stand, Trophies, Totes with crafts, Totes with Christmas items. (Life time of stuff)

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