

Vehicle registration renewal is convenient

The state Department of Revenue, Division of Motor Vehicles, wants to remind South Dakotans how convenient it is to renew their vehicle registrations at any time of day or night.

In addition to the regular options of renewing in person at the county treasurer's office or by mail through the county, the Division of Motor Vehicles also offers online Internet renewal.

Division Director Deb Hillmer says multiple options in the motor vehicle registration process provide the convenience of 24/7 accessibility.

The online Internet renewal system can be accessed at www.SDcars.org and is available from 90 days until 10 days prior to a vehicle's registration expiration date. Online renewals will not be accepted less than 10 days before the expiration date in order to allow time for processing.

Under this schedule, vehicle owners with May renewals have until midnight on May 21 to renew using the online process. An individual wanting to renew online must enter an identification number along with their date of birth. In the case of a company, they are mailed a sealed renewal form containing instructions and a password that must be used in the online renewal process. Because the transactions are completed electronically, Hillmer says a \$1 convenience fee per vehicle is assessed to cover bank processing fees, in addition to the registration and mailing fees.

One other vehicle registration option is available in Rapid City: A self service terminal (SST) at the Public Safety Building on Kansas City Street.

The 24-hour SST is a fully automated motor vehicle registration renewal station and dispenses license renewal tags on the spot. A vehicle owner can navigate through the easy touch screen (voice assistance available) with a valid South Dakota driver's license, South Dakota identification card, or if a company, the information provided on its renewal notice. Once the payment has been submitted and the transaction is completed, the license renewal tags and vehicle registration are dispensed directly from the machine.

The SST allows vehicle owners to register up to 90 days prior and 30 days after the expiration of their current license tags. A \$2 convenience fee per vehicle is assessed.

"During the transaction, the customer is asked to scan the bar code on their South Dakota driver's license or South Dakota identification card," said Hillmer. "This action retrieves all the vehicle owner's registrations and allows them to select only the registrations they want to renew."

While the only SST operating in South Dakota at this time is located in Pennington County, vehicle owners from any county can use the terminal with the proper identification. Hillmer indicates the Division of Motor Vehicles would like to install additional terminals throughout South Dakota and is currently reviewing other possible locations.

For both the online Internet renewal and the self service terminal, acceptable forms of payment include electronic check, credit cards (MasterCard or Discover only), or ATM/debit cards supported by Pulse, Star, NYCE and Accel.

For more information on vehicle registration renewals, contact the South Dakota Division of Motor Vehicles at 605-773-3541 or visit its website at www.state.sd.us/drr2/motorvehicle or www.SDcars.org

USD student awarded Udall Scholarship

Amongst a crowd of teenagers and twentysomethings, Roger Irwin, Jr. has already lived a pretty full life. A nontraditional full-time student, he's married with two children, spent a decade in the Marine Corps fulfilling two tours in Iraq in 1991 and 1992, traveled to 31 countries and he was a highly decorated officer in the Bureau of Indian Affairs Justice Services Department. So how did he, a University of South Dakota junior, become a 2011 recipient of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship?

"I always wanted to get my degree," said Irwin, a 1989 graduate of Yankton High School. "This is my third time attending school and I have no intentions of quitting."

Achieving the goal of getting his college degree isn't for a lack of effort for Irwin, who was born and raised in Yankton. He's just always been busy working. After graduating high school, he spent a decade in the Marines traveling the world and doing two tours of duty in Iraq during the 1991 Gulf War. He rose to the rank of sergeant with duties as Commanding General Inspector for the 1st Marine Division and was looking to make a career out of the military when he was injured, required surgery and was ultimately medically discharged in 2001.



ROGER IRWIN

in Australia. I wished I could've done more."

Irwin moved back to South Dakota and began working in law enforcement. He put his decade's worth of military and firearms training to use as a police officer for the Bureau of Indian Affairs Office of Justice Services at the Yankton Agency in Wagner. Even though law enforcement was something he was good at and he was able to make a career out of it, Irwin still felt the need to return to school. He returned to USD thanks to the VA's Vocational Rehabilitation Program and is taking 16 credit hours this semester. He is poised to earn a bachelor's degree in criminal justice, attend law school and graduate with a juris doctor.

"I would've continued in the Marines if not for injuries," he explained. "It was really fun, what I was doing. I had been to 31 countries; did two tours in Iraq and one in Japan (1995). I was in Somalia in 1993 and spent time

"I quit school twice to go to work," said Irwin, the son of Lois and Roger Irwin, Sr., both of Yankton. "And I was working with the tribal court system, spending a lot of time in the courts as a BIA officer, so I realized that there was a problem."

A member of the Yankton Sioux Tribe, Irwin often worked 20 hour shifts and saw firsthand the problems occurring daily on South Dakota reservations. He watched as the department he joined in 2001 went from 15 officers to one - himself. Tired of being on the arresting end of justice, Irwin has made a commitment to pursue Indian Law once he graduates with his bachelor's degree in May 2012 and enters law school.

"In terms of Roger's pursuit of knowledge, he seems to have an unbridled drive to learn," added Steve Feimer, Ph.D., director of Criminal Justice Studies at USD. "In the end, it will be the Native American communities in which Roger works that will reap the benefit of his scholarly pursuit and his fair handed approach to solving difficult problems. Roger is truly the kind of person who will make a difference in the lives of many people."

A father of two, Irwin is determined to make a difference in the lives of his two sons, Dawson and Alex, as he spends

much of his free time either coaching Little League baseball or as a Scout Leader for Yankton's Boy Scout Troop 258. And while most Udall scholars are excited to talk about what makes them a special candidate to receive such a scholarship, Irwin flashes a quick smile and prefers to talk about his upcoming family camping trip with his children and wife, Christine (Nyvold) Irwin, a Sisseton native and a 2006 graduate of USD.

"My leisure time is spent with the kids," he explained. "Everything from Boy Scouts to swimming lessons and baseball, but we're really excited about this camping trip. It's the first one of the spring and they love to be outdoors. I wouldn't be where I'm at today without their support."

As one of 80 Udall Scholarship winners nationwide, Irwin will receive a \$5,000 scholarship toward his undergraduate degree at The University of South Dakota. He will also attend a week-long seminar in Tucson, AZ this August to receive the award in addition to meeting with policymakers and community leaders in environmental fields, tribal healthcare and governance and other scholarship recipients. He was nominated for the scholarship by Carol Voss-Ward, Arts and Sciences Advisor, Academic and Career Planning Center.

Yankton Medical Clinic, P.C. announces scholarship winners

Yankton Medical Clinic, P.C. is pleased to announce the 15th Annual Yankton Medical Clinic, P.C. Scholarship Program award winners.

Four \$1,000 scholarships were available for application to high school seniors located in the Yankton Medical Clinic service area who have an interest in pursuing a major in a medical field. One \$1,000 scholarship award was available to a student currently enrolled in a laboratory, radiology, respiratory therapy or nursing program, with preference given to those with an intention to return to work within a 50-mile radius of Yankton, SD. In addition, a \$5,000 scholarship award was available to a third-year medical student of Sanford School of Medicine of The University of South Dakota, with preference given to those entering a primary care field (Internal Medicine, Family Medicine, Pediatrics, OB/GYN) with an intention to return to practice medicine within a 50-mile radius of Yankton, SD. Total scholarship dollars amount to \$10,000 for area students.

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created the scholarship program to promote higher education and to provide resources for area youth to seek higher education in the medical field.

The scholarship selection committee reviewed applications from a large and outstanding list of students. The chosen award winners distinguished themselves by their academic accomplishments and their school, church, and civic activities.

One of the six scholarships is being given in honor of the late Dr. Theodore H. Sattler. Dr. Sattler was one of the original physicians of Yankton Clinic, which later merged with the Medical Clinic to form Yankton Medical Clinic, P.C. Dr. Sattler retired from the Yankton Medical Clinic, P.C. in 1992.

The 2010 Dr. Theodore H. Sattler/Yankton Medical Clinic, P.C. winner is Riley T. Paulsen from Yankton Senior High School.

A second scholarship is being given in honor of Dr. Jay W. Hubner. Dr. Hubner began his practice with Yankton Medical Clinic, P.C. in 1973, and retired in 2006. His father,

the late Dr. R.F. Hubner was one of the original physicians of the Medical Clinic, which later merged with the Yankton Clinic to form Yankton Medical Clinic, P.C.

The 2010 Dr. Jay W. Hubner/Yankton Medical Clinic, P.C. winner is Lindsay M. Robinet from Vermillion High School.

A third scholarship is being given in honor of Dr. Michael R. McVay. Dr. McVay began his practice with Yankton Clinic in 1978, and retired in 2009. He began his practice as a cardiologist after completing a fellowship in 1981. His father, the late Dr. Chester McVay, was one of the original physicians of Yankton Clinic, which later merged with the Yankton Clinic to form Yankton Medical Clinic, P.C.

The 2010 Dr. Michael R. McVay/Yankton Medical Clinic, P.C. winner is Mackenzie M. Klinkhammer from Elk Point, SD.

The fourth scholarship is being given in honor of Dr. John C. Sternquist. Dr. Sternquist began his surgical medical practice with Yankton Medical Clinic, P.C. in 1980,

and retired in 2009.

The 2010 Dr. John C. Sternquist/Yankton Medical Clinic, P.C. winner is Bethany R. Barelman from Coleridge, NE.

The 2010 Yankton Medical Clinic, P.C. Medical Professional Scholarship recipient is Jessica M. Weitgenant, Mount Marty College nursing student.

The 2010 Yankton Medical Clinic, P.C. Medical Student Scholarship recipient is

Brandon D. Steger.

The Yankton Medical Clinic wishes the award winners and all of the applicants great success and good wishes in their future endeavors.

Questions regarding the Yankton Medical Clinic Scholarship Program should be directed to your local high school Guidance Counselor or the Marketing Department at the Clinic.

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Upward, other BHSU students to present research

Black Hills State University students are making headlines and transforming their lives.

BHSU senior mass communication majors David Poitra Belle Fourche; Tristen Upward, Vermillion; and Brian Gebhart; Elkton; will be presenting virtually with Dr. Mary Caton-Rosser, BHSU assistant professor of mass

communication, at EDULEARN11, the third annual International Conference on Education and New Learning Technologies in Barcelona, Spain. They will be presenting research entitled "Socially Learning: Building Campus-Community Bridges with Social Media and Service Learning." The project was fund-

ed last year by the Midwest Consortium, which helped form a virtual cross campus/community forum at ning.com, with more than 125 members.

Healing touch class offered

Avera Sacred Heart Pastoral Care and Avera Education & Staffing Solutions are pleased to offer Healing Touch Level 1 on Friday and Saturday, June 3 and 4. The class will be held in the Avera Benedictine Center Conference Room on the Avera Sacred Heart Campus from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Healing Touch Certificate Program is a multi-level course of study in energy-based therapy and is complementary to health care. Level 1 allows persons with varying backgrounds to enter, acknowledge their previous learning and to further develop

concepts and skills in energy-based therapy.

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