

Hank Williams Tribute At Gayville Saturday



John and Susan McNeill (shown) of Springfield and Owen DeJong and Nick Schwebach of Wakonda star in "A Celebration of Hank Williams" at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 17, at Gayville Hall in Gayville.

Gayville Hall presents "A Celebration of Hank Williams," starring John and Susan McNeill, Owen DeJong, and Nick Schwebach, on Saturday, October 17, at 8 p.m. in Gayville.

The two-hour tribute to country-music's greatest songwriter and singer is Gayville Hall's most enduring presentation. First performed as the fourth show of the hall's inaugural season in 2001, it has been repeated annually at Gayville Hall and multiple times on the road in Sioux Falls, Brandon, Dell Rapids, and Okoboji, Iowa.

Gayville Hall's country music host, John McNeill, who created the tribute and sings most of the tunes, plays drums, guitar, and harmonica in the show. Susan McNeill sings a number of songs as well and plays bass.

Schwebach plays lead and steel guitars, and DeJong, who holds a Master's degree in violin performance, plays fiddle. They are members of the band Poker Alice and regular performers at Gayville Hall.

Gayville Hall is at 502 Washington Street. Call (605) 267-2859 for ticket information.

Registration Now Open For South Dakota Farm Bureau Annual Meeting

Huron, SD (October 8, 2015) - The annual meeting of the South Dakota Farm Bureau (SDFB) is set for Friday, Nov. 20 and Saturday, Nov. 21 at the Ramkota RiverCentre in Pierre, S.D. Registration is now open for this event at www.sdfbf.org or by calling SDFB at (605) 353-8050.

Delegates from county Farm Bureau organizations all over the state will gather for SDFB's 98th annual meeting and policy-making session. The conference kicks off at 9:00 a.m. on Nov. 20, and the delegate session convenes at 1:30 p.m. that day. All of Farm Bureau's local, state and national policy positions come from its grassroots membership, sourced and voted on first at the county Farm Bureau level.

"In today's world where we are not only outnumbered but often misunderstood, farmers and ranchers need to stick together, and involvement in Farm Bureau is the best way to do that,"

said Wanda Blair, SDFB Vice President and rancher from Vale, S.D. "If you haven't gotten involved in your local Farm Bureau, or if it's been awhile since you've participated, I really encourage you to attend the annual meeting and see all that Farm Bureau has to offer."

The delegate session is one of the central features of the event, but it's not the only reason to attend. Key-note speakers include State Veterinarian Dr. Dustin Oedekoven and South Dakota Secretary of Agriculture Lucas Lentsch. In addition, the Department of Revenue will discuss ag land taxes and valuations, and the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks will share information on animal damage control. During both Friday and Saturday, a variety of informational sessions will be provided on these and other topics:

- How to explain GMOs to the non-farm public
- Ways to become "likable" on social media

- Organizational and leadership training from Farm Bureau University
- Ideas for your County Farm Bureau
- Telling your ag story through photography

The Saturday evening "Farm Family Celebration Banquet" will feature Erin Freel, a nationally noted speaker with a unique and motivational-agriculture and health message. The complete schedule for the South Dakota Farm Bureau 98th Annual Meeting can be found at www.sdfbf.org through a link on the homepage. Hotel reservations are made on your own by contacting the Pierre Ramkota at (605) 224-6877.

South Dakota Farm Bureau is the state's largest general agriculture association, representing more than 16,000 farm, ranch and rural families across the state. The American Farm Bureau Federation represents 6.1 million member families nationwide.

Peterson And Zoss Crowned Mr. And Miss Dakota




University of South Dakota students Lucas Peterson, of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Sami Zoss, of Beresford, South Dakota, were crowned Mr. and Miss Dakota at Saturday's coronation in the DakotaDome during halftime of the homecoming football game against Youngstown State.

Peterson, who is studying business administration, was sponsored by Tau Kappa Epsilon and is active in Dakotans, College Republicans, National College Scholars, Golden Key, and National Society of Leadership and Success. Zoss, who is USD's Student Government Association president and is studying

criminal justice and political science, was sponsored by SGA and is also active in Kappa Alpha Theta, Criminal Justice Club, Dakotathon and National Society for Leadership.

They were among 14 royalty candidates who represented USD during Dakota Days homecoming activities this week. The others: Eric Roach, Shane Wernke, Bill Belch, Joey Snyder, William Lewis, Jacob Munger, Mary Dick, Kaitlyn Stern, Sarah Barthel, Emily Jansen, Carrie Wintle and Rachael Ruba.

Dakota Days featured numerous student, community and alumni activities.



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OCTOBER IS National Breast Cancer AWARENESS MONTH

In the battle against breast cancer, early detection is a woman's most powerful weapon. In fact, according to the National Cancer Institute, when breast cancer is detected in an early, localized stage, the five-year survival rate is 98 percent. That's why it is so important for all women to make breast health awareness a regular part of their healthcare routine.



Growing Awareness to Save Lives

A mammogram can detect breast cancer in its earliest, most treatable stages, and many major health organizations recommend annual mammogram screenings for women beginning at age 40. Experts also recommend clinical breast exams and breast self-exams to check for breast abnormalities on a regular basis. Any woman noticing unusual changes in her breasts should contact her healthcare provider immediately. Women of all ages should speak to their doctor about his or her personalized recommendations for breast cancer screening.

As we recognize Breast Cancer Awareness Month, we remember the women who have lost their lives to the disease, and we voice our support for those in the fight of their lives.

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