



THE SPIGOT

from the NORTH DAKOTA RURAL WATER SYSTEMS ASSOCIATION

Fifth Annual Patrick Denne Memorial Scholarship Live Auction

By Lisa Schatz

The North Dakota Rural Water Systems Association (NDRWSA) held its fifth annual live auction on Feb. 13 during the 27th Annual Rural Water Expo. The Patrick Denne Memorial Scholarship is in memory of a dedicated water circuit rider that traveled around 750,000 miles to provide assistance anywhere or any time it was needed. In an attempt to keep Denne's memory alive, the NDRWSA board of directors awards scholarships to deserving students. Students may use the money to defray tuition, room and board, and books at an accredited institution of higher learning that is approved by NDRWSA. A selection committee appointed by the NDRWSA executive board reviews applications and selects the recipients based on academic performance, career goals, extracurricular activities, leadership, financial need, and a brief essay on a predetermined topic. Watch for this year's winners in an upcoming Spigot article.

The items donated remain a popular topic as crowds gather around the sponsorship table to discuss how much an item may bring at auction. This year's auction raised more than \$5,800 due to the generosity of individuals, associate members, and rural water systems that donated items for the auction. In addition to the money raised from the auction, nearly \$3,000 was received in cash donations. For additional information, call 800-349-6951 or visit NDRWSA's website at www.ndrw.org. Tax deductible contributions may be sent to NDRWSA, 2718 Gateway Ave., Suite 201, Bismarck, ND 58503. All donations are greatly appreciated!

"With the continued support of our members, this live auction will remain an annual event," says Eric Volk, executive director of NDRWSA. "I would like to extend a special thank you to all those who donated items or contributed financially for this worthwhile event. Without your generosity, this event would not be possible."



Mike Ritteman and Joe LaFave of NDRWSA.

AUCTION ITEMS

Barnes Rural Water District	Terry Redlin Print
Bartlett & West	Pride of Dakota Gift Basket
Black Mountain Software, Inc.	Gift Basket
Cass Rural Water Users District	Dewalt Reciprocating Saw Kit
Central Plains Water District	Dewalt Radio/Charger
Cretex	Sioux Hockey Jersey
Dakota Pump & Control, Inc.	Terry Redlin Print
Dakota Rural Water District	170-piece Tool Set
Grand Forks-Traill Water District	Garmin 40
Greater Ramsey Water District	Gift Baskets
Greater Ramsey Water District	Wheel Battery Charger
Joe LaFave	Tekton 50-piece Air Tool Kit
Langdon Rural Water District	Nook with Color Touchscreen
Missouri West Water System	Tool Bag with Tools
N.D. Rural Water Systems Association	Brewmaster Select Beer Kit
N.D. Rural Water Systems Association	Nikon Power Binoculars
N.D. Rural Water Systems Association	Rapala Cordless Fillet Knife
North Central Rural Water Consortium	Game Camera
North Prairie Rural Water District	\$200 Gift Cards
North Valley Water District	Dewalt Circular Saw
North Valley Water District	Framed Print, "Old Farmstead II"
Ramkota Hotel - Bismarck	One Night Stay
Shelah Blixt	Handmade Pottery Pieces
Short-Elliott-Hendrickson, Inc.	Rod and Reel
South Central Regional Water District	Elk Painted Leaf
Southeast Water Users District	Indoor Propane Heater
Southwest Water Authority	Clarke Cordless Screwdriver Kit
Southwest Water Authority	Medora Foundation Bunkhouse Vacation
Southwest Water Authority	Straight-line Stud Finder Kit
Stutsman Rural Water District	Sunflower Arrangement
Traill Rural Water District	Harmon Killebrew Picture
Petersburg Community Center	Backup Camera System
Vernon Anderson	Handmade Wooden Bowl
Walsh Rural Water District	200 Pounds of Red River Valley Potatoes
Western Area Water Supply Authority	Terry Redlin Print, "Birchline"
Williams Rural Water District	Dewalt Lithium Ion Drill/Driver

CASH DONATIONS GOLD SPONSORS

Individuals

Jeff Breker
Bill Link
Bill Ongstad
Gary Rust

Businesses

Agassiz Water Users District
City of Bowman
City of Cathay
EJ USA, Inc.
Engineering America, Inc.
 Fargo Water Equipment, a Division of DSG
HARCO
HD Supply Waterworks
Interstate Engineering, Inc.
K&K Construction & Repair, Inc.
N.D. Water Education Foundation
North Valley Water District
Northern Improvement
Stantec
TrueNorth Steel
Walsh Rural Water District
Western Area Water Supply Authority

CASH DONATIONS SILVER SPONSORS

Individuals

Larry Bares
Clark Cronquist
Chuck Mischel
Keith Olson
Larry Thelen
Eric Volk

Businesses

City of Zap
Echologics
Ford Meter Box Company
Fort Berthold Rural Water Supply System
H&H Coatings, Inc.
Hawkins, Inc.
Imperial Valley Water Company
Kodru Equipment, Inc.
North Prairie Rural Water District

Mark Your Calendars and Register Today!

NDRWSA Upcoming Training Schedule

All Materials Locator Training 9 a.m. - noon

The AML (All Materials Locator) is a revolutionary, scientific instrument that will change the way you locate buried PVC pipes. The AML is a highly sensitive patented tool that utilizes advanced, ultra-high microwave frequencies to find plastic PVC pipes and nearly any other subsurface object that has an edge. SubSurface Instruments will be providing the training to attendees.

June 4 – South Central Regional Water District Office, Bismarck
June 5 – Tri-County Rural Water District Office, Petersburg
June 6 – Kindred City Hall

Hydrants, Valves, Fittings & More 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Mueller Company will be providing a full day of training for attendees that would like information and instruction on the following topics:

- Fire Hydrant Operation and Repair
- Gate Valves and Butterfly Valves
- Check Valves
- Brass Service Fittings
- Hydro Guard Automatic Flushing Systems
- Acoustic Leak Listening Technology
- Pipe Repair Products
- Service Saddles

July 16 – Southwest Water Authority Office, Dickinson

July 17 – Capital Electric Office, Bismarck

July 18 – Enderlin Water Plant

July 30 – R & T Water Plant, Ray

July 31 – North Prairie Rural Water District Office, Minot

Aug. 1 – Gilby Community Center

All of these training sessions are eligible for continuing education credits and operator reimbursement. Breakfast will be provided at both sessions and lunch will be available for the full-day session.

Register online at www.ndrw.org or call 800-349-6951 or 701-258-9249.

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