

## MEETING MINUTES

### AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Yankton American Legion Auxiliary met March 21, 2011. President Betty Adam presiding. There are 114 Auxiliary members, one over goal; three new members are: Martha Ausborn, Loretta Runestad and Janice Weiss.

Gert Boyles reported 17 girls will be attending Girl State also two for Journalism City.

Malena Diede reported on Americanism stating judging has been completed for essays and poems; seventh grade was included this year.

Jean Droppers reported Poppy Days will be May 13 & 14, 2011; posters for the poppy poster contest will be picked up and judged prior to Poppy Days.

President Betty read a communication from District Seven President, Kathy Hornstra, stating the District Seven American Legion & Auxiliary Spring Meeting will be held at Tripp, SD on Sunday, April 10, 2011; meal at 12:30p.m., meetings to follow at 1:30p.m. Kathy also stated the State Convention will be at Cedar Shore on June 24-26, 2011.

Amanda Johnson sent cheer cards to Pat Keller, Alta Kussman and Pat Hansen.

Marlys List introduced Yankton County Legislators, Senator Jean Hunhoff and Representatives Nick Moser and Bernie Hunhoff, each of them giving their views on the previous Legislative Session with veto day being March 28th, several questions from the audience were asked. Senator Hunhoff mentioned several bills regarding veteran matters that were passed.

A delicious lunch including birthday cake for the American Legion was served by Malena Diede and Mary Kuchta.

The next meeting is April 18, the program being Poppies/Posters and Americanism Reports. Lunch hostesses are Lily Pokorney and Audrey Lubbers.

### TOASTMASTER CLUB 1294

Yankton Toastmaster Club 1294 met Saturday March 19th at 7:30 am at the Fry'n Pan Restaurant. The meeting was called to order by President Matt Stone. The invocation was given by Steve Hamilton followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Harry Voelske introduced his guest Marge Kril. Vernon Arens was introduced as the Toastmaster of the meeting. He called on grammarian Woody Sanders to give word of the day, which "Elixir" meaning a miraculous substance. The club conducted its evaluation contest. The contest chairman was Jeremy Skrenes and the contest judges were Kevin Buhl, Carol Hale, and Joy Winther. The evaluation contestants were Janice Stone and John Swensen. The evaluation speech was given by Lorena Riechert titled "Skin Cancer Awareness" from the CTM manual. The evaluation contest result was Stone first and Swensen second. Table Topics was led by Kathy Hejna on the subject of conversation starters. Master Evaluator of the meeting was Matt Stone, who evaluated the meeting and called on Angela Mann to evaluate Riechert. Presentations were given by grammarian Sanders, joke master Voelske, Ah/Counter Hamilton, timer Mann, and Vote counter Sanders. Table Topic winner was Hamilton, best speaker was Riechert, and best evaluator was Mann. Guests are welcome. For more information call 665-9217.

### YANKTON REGIONAL AVIATION ASSOCIATION

Thirty-eight members and guests of the Yankton Regional Aviation Association met on March 20 at 6:00pm in the terminal at the Chan Gurney Airport for a potluck supper meeting. Participants were from Avon, Menno, Springfield, Tyndall, Vermillion, Yankton, Allen, Dixon, Hartington, Randolph, Redcliff, IA, and Whiteman AFB, MO. President John Lillevold called the meeting to order. The group voted to change the criteria for the YRAA Flight Training Scholarship. Funds will be distributed as follows: \$150 for passing the written knowledge test, \$250 for soloing an aircraft, \$250 for passing the check ride, and \$100 for submitting a one-page story about their training. Jacob Hoffner announced that there would be a Big Friend / Little Friend Young Eagles Rally on Thursday, April 7, with a rain date of April 12. The event would be at Hoffner Flying hangar from 5 to 7pm. The program for the meeting was long-time pilot Ted Lindeman of Springfield talking about his aviation experiences growing up in the Yankton area, his enlistment in the U.S. Navy, and flying PBY aircraft during WWII. For more information about the YRAA, call 665-8448.

### RC&D COUNCIL

The Northeast Nebraska Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) Council held their March 28th meeting in Concord at the Haskell Ag Lab. Lisa Lunz of Wakefield and current chair of the Nebraska Soybean Board told of a recent visit to China for the purpose of discussing expanded purchase of Nebraska-grown soybeans. 65% of U.S. soybeans are exported to China and 11% of those come from Nebraska. Chinese buyers were all interested in knowing how many acres of soybeans were going to be planted in Nebraska and the protein and oil content of those beans because they use the oil for cooking and the soybean meal to feed their livestock. If China's growth rate continues at the current level they could use a shipload of soybeans every 2 - 3 days. Lisa stressed the importance of dispelling myths about the agriculture industry through expanded education.

President Dennis Wacker led the business meeting. Dennis, Virginia Buerman and Carol Peters reported on their attendance at the Western Regional RC&D Conference in Lewiston, Idaho recently. At that meeting this Council was awarded the Outstanding RC&D Council for the year in the western region and the Niobrara High School Purple Loosestrife project received the Youth Involvement award.

Virginia Buerman provided a project summary of the Antique Critique event that was held March 26th in Bloomfield. This was the second year for the project which also served as a fundraiser for the Council. A new project - Prescription Drug Collection - will be done in various locations around the RC&D area on Saturday, April 30th as part of the "National Take Back Initiative" in conjunction with local law enforcement. The RC&D will have an information booth at the Wayne Green Expo on Saturday, April 9th. An update was provided on the effort to expand the Volunteer Stream Monitoring program for the RC&D area.

For more information about any Council project or to get involved, contact the office at 402-582-4866, via email at northeastrcd@plwtelco.net or check out www.nenercd.org -http://www.nenercd.org-. The next meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 25th at the RC&D Office in Plainview. Missouri National Recreation River superintendent Steve Miezit will provide the training. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### ROY ANDERSON POST #12

Roy Anderson Post #12 held its monthly meeting on March 10 at the V.F.W. Post home all saluted the flag and recited the Preamble, Chaplain Tienken gave the invocation.

Commander Ausbourne then declared the meeting open with seven members present. The Financial report was read and approved by the members.

Dr. Tom Stotz of the legion Baseball Assoc. talked on the upcoming tournament in July. The members tossed around ideas for the use of funds, should it be spent on a monument or plaques at the ballpark? One idea was to use them to help defray the cost of replacing the turf. Post passed out a sign-up sheet for workers for the tournament.

Clayton Studebaker talked on forming a Legion Fiders Club at Post 12 if there is any members interested please call Clayton at 605-661-1870.

We are still 12 short of goal for membership our goal is 225 please send in your membership if you haven't done so already so we can make goal THANK YOU.

Post talked briefly on the upcoming Spring District Meeting on April 10th in Tripp and the State Convention June 24-26.

Chuck Tienken talked about the grocery delivery that is going well numbers very on the weather. Chuck also had talked briefly on Boys State.

Chaplain Tienken gave the benediction and the meeting was declared adjourned. The next meeting will be March 10th at 7:30pm at the V.F.W. Home.

### INTERCHANGE

Interchange met at noon, Monday, at Minerva's. The hour was devoted to a City Commission Candidate Forum, an Interchange/Yankton Chamber joint effort. The candidates were able to give their opinions on various questions submitted by the audience. All candidates were present and included: incumbent Nancy Wenande, Pat Bohlmann, Lola Harens, Craig Sommer, Jeff Swedeen and Jake Hoffner.

## Antique Critique Was Unique, Fun Event

Lots of interesting items were brought to the Northeast RC&D's Antique Critique event on Saturday, March 26th in Bloomfield, NE. People came from communities all around the region to have their family heirlooms evaluated by expert estimators who either have businesses or collections of their specialties.

The highest value item was a Karl Bodmer lithograph dated 1840. Local expert Clarke Wilke of Osmond felt it was worth thousands of dollars, but referred the owner to others who were more specialized in that type of artwork. A hand-painted Silesia porcelain cake plate with four matching cups and saucers were valued at \$500 -

\$600. Some of the more interesting items brought in were a "one of the more sought after" 1920-1930 Buick or Pontiac hood ornament valued at \$250, a toy roller coaster worth about \$350, and a Humpty Dumpty game board from the early 1900's estimated at \$350.

For those who brought in items it was chance to learn more about what they'd been hanging onto. Many learned a lot from just being there, by listening and seeing new things. Others found out that what they thought might have real value didn't after all, while many were surprised to discover that the cash value was pretty significant.

This fundraiser was chaired by Virginia Buerman, Knox County

representative to the RC&D board of directors. The three goals for the project were met:

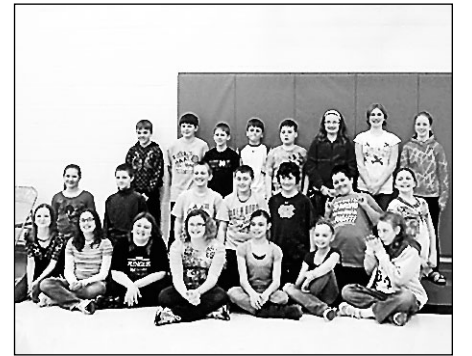
Citizens gained an appreciation of the antiques they possess and their possible value;

Antique dealers got to see more of what's out there in case they're interested in purchasing some for collections or to enhance their business offerings;

The RC&D Council got their name out there and raised some funds for the operation of the organization;

Contact the office at 402-582-4866 for more information about activities of the Council or any of their ongoing projects.

## BEAUTIFUL MUSIC



The Stewart School 5th grade band performed for the third nine weeks perfect attendance assembly held recently. There are twenty-two fifth graders involved in the band program at Stewart Elementary. (Courtesy Photo)

## MARCH FOR MEALS



The Beadle Elementary Student Council raised over \$120 through a spare change drive. The money will be given to The Center for their March for Meals campaign to end senior hunger. Thank you to everyone who helped with this project. Pictured are students from the Beadle Elementary Student Council. (Courtesy Photo)

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