

MVCA Holds Annual Race For Christ



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The fifth annual Missouri Valley Christian Academy Race for Christ took place Saturday, March 30, at Riverside Park. There were 174 participants from 6 different states and 34 different communities. Our overall first place winners were: DeAnn McClure (Women's 5K Run), Sam Gusso (Men's 5K Run), Heidi Merriman (Women's 10K Run) and Chris Riley (Men's 10K Run). The race had a very fun ending as everyone waited for 2nd grader, Collin Nickels, to finish running the 10K. As he made his way to the finish line, the other students ran out to meet him and run along side him. He completed the 6.2 mile course in 84 minutes.

Another highlight was the Children's 1/2 mile Fun Run which included 47 participants racing twice around the park. The day ended with an awards ceremony, prize giveaways and lunch.

MVCA would like to thank all of the volunteers for their time and dedication in making the Race for Christ such a success. A special thank you to Scott Kooistra/KYNT radio, RSVP Volunteers and the Chamber of Commerce. Also, thank you to the following groups and businesses for their generous donations: Thrivent Financial, Hubbs Agency, Kopetsky's Ace Hardware, Scott Dentistry, Vision Real Estate, Yankton Insurance

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RAFFLE WINNER GIVES BACK



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The Yankton Children's Theatre Co. held a prize raffle in conjunction with their production of "Aladdin & His Wonderful, Magical Lamp" last month. YCTC extends a sincere thank you to the local businesses that donated prizes for the raffle, Eco Auto-Wash and Slumberland. Kevin Dinger, with YCTC Executive Director Allison Spak, was the winner of a \$50 Slumberland gift certificate. Dinger generously donated the gift certificate back to the organization. Julie Perakslis was the winner of \$56 in car wash tokens.

FIRST UMC CHURCH PACK



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First United Methodist Church of Yankton recently packed meals for families in need at the Rosebud Indian Reservation. The food they packed will be distributed through the Tree of Life food pantry in Mission, SD. To learn more about how you can make a difference in the lives of children, please visit www.kahyankton.org.

YCTC RECEIVES GRANT



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The Yankton Children's Theatre Company recently received a \$2,000 grant from the Elks National Foundation. Elk representatives, Dick Piller, John Cornette and Ted Mickelson, presented this generous gift to Allison Spak, YCTC Executive Director, and a group of YCTC members. This generous gift will help YCTC continue to live its youth-centered mission to instill a passion for the dramatic arts while building confidence and leadership skills that will serve participating children throughout their lifetime. YCTC is offering two dramatic arts programs through The City of Yankton Department of Parks & Recreation summer programs. Please see the City of Yankton or Yankton Children's Theatre Co. website.

Yankton Sears Store Receives National Recognition For Customer Service

The Sears Hometown Store of Yankton has been named a 2013 Sears Hometown Premier Store. This award recognizes Sears Hometown Stores across the country that consistently offers the highest levels of customer service, outstanding store performance and standards. At the end of last year, the Yankton store was one of only 293 locations throughout the U.S. to receive this national recognition.

"To be honored as a Premier Store is a great achievement not only for our store, but also for the community we strive to serve everyday," said Toby and Kerry Woehl, owner and operator of the Sears Hometown Store in Yankton. "We could not have earned this without the support of our community, and we want to thank our customers for shopping with us throughout the year."

Only 32 percent of Sears Hometown Stores receive this prestigious award, and this year, each store receiving Premier Store status will be given the opportunity to participate in special events along with other Premier Stores.

"We are thrilled to designate the Woehl's and the Sears Hometown Store of Yankton as a Premier Store, as a testament to the hard work and dedication shown each and every day to support the community," said Will Powell, Senior Vice President/COO of Sears Hometown Stores and Outlet Stores, Inc. "We are committed to continually assisting Hometown Stores and their communities, so that customers everywhere can shop closer to home and enjoy the quality and value found at Sears."

Sears Hometown Stores are a unique retailing concept; they combine the value, selection and services associated with larger retail stores but are owned and operated by a member of the local community. Sears Hometown Stores provide exceptional customer service along with a wide assortment of appliances, tools, electronics, fitness equipment and lawn & garden merchandise. In addition, Sears Hometown Store associates can order anything from the entire selection of merchandise offered by Sears Holdings including apparel, footwear, jewelry and much more for the customer. This unique format allows customers in small communities to have access to the great products and brands usually found only in Sears's stores.

Applied Engineering Employees Recognized For Service



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Employees of Applied Engineering were recently recognized for their years of service with the company. Pictured (left to right) Randy Greeley, 5 Years; Galen Weberg, 5 years; Allison Gullikson, 5 years; Dan Pospishil, 25 years; Les Leichtnam, 5 years.

MEETINGS

GFWC YANKTON WOMAN'S CLUB

The Yankton Chapter of GFWC Woman's Club met at 11 a.m. April 6, 2013, at Hillcrest Golf & Country Club. Past President Julie Clifton called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance, S.D. Pledge and Collect for Women were given.

Program: Julie Dykstra presented a very informative program on Habitat For Humanity. It is centered on God's love for his people for basic human rights and shelter. Since 1976, 500,000 homes have been built worldwide. In 1996 Dr Ken Halverson founded Habitat for Humanity for Yankton County. In 2002 the first paid contractor was hired. In February 2013 the 35th home was built. Families must provide 300 sweat equity hours toward their home. Currently 136 families are on a waiting list. Habitat works in partnership with God and his people for basic human rights and shelter. We are a part of Habitat International.

Sally Welter introduced her guest Sheryl Dykstra who is joining today

also Gay Kennedy is a new member today. Dot Blaha gave the treasurer's report it will be filed pending audit. She also gave proceeds for the luncheon-style show. Julie Clifton thanked everyone for bringing salads and desserts. The secretary minutes will stand as written.

Bingo: JoAnne Weber stated the next bingo at Majestic Bluffs is April 27. State Convention is April 19-21 in Huron. Sally Welter showed members a jewelry set she purchased with a voucher from GFWC. She is still in the running for the GFWC tag line for volunteers.

Leadership: Julie Clifton said we lead at home, to our children, in our community and GFWC Club. Still there is hate, violence, intolerance and confusion. We need to realize we all have the same needs, respect and kindness. We must understand our differences and celebrate our oneness to make the world a better place where love and friendship dominate our hearts and guide our actions, very nice report. April 24 is GFWC Federation Day. Cor-

respondence: Secretary Ellen Rodenberg delivered thank you notes from our club to J.C. Penney, Edge Clothing, Christopher & Banks, Linds Angel Crossing, Riverside Bridal, LuLu's, Maurices and Lisas Fashions for our style show. Also The Center for allowing us to have our luncheon/style show there and the Boys & Girls Club members and Mike for all the wonderful help with the luncheon.

2012 Empowered Woman: Marilyn Huntley reported on our club's Maysel Goltz as our Empowered Woman. Maysel has been a member for 40 years, she has served as President & Vice President of our club twice. Her club activities during 2012 are parliamentary and home life chair for the Yankton Club. She is also by-laws chair for the eastern district and attended both district and state conferences. Maysel is a great asset to GFWC at all levels, congratulations Maysel.

Hostesses for today were Anneliese Dehmer and Caprice Benoit, their door prizes were won by Eileen Leshar, Maysel Goltz and Gay

Kennedy. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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ALA MEETING SURPRISE



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Gert Boyles was surprised at the ALA meeting on Monday, April 15, by Helen Simpson and members. Boyles was presented an honor for her 54-plus years of continuous membership. In those years, she continued to be active in the organization, having served as president as well as in many other positions. She has been Girl's State chairman for more than 13 years and is currently serving in that capacity. Pictured with Boyles (center) is, from left: Betty Adam, president, and Helen Simpson, membership chairman.

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