

ANNUAL BOWL-A-THON



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Big Friend Little Friend, Inc recently held their 17th annual Bowlathon thanks to many area business sponsors and individuals. Yankton community youth were invited to play two games at the Yankton Bowl. They were given pop tickets, t-shirts, and over 40 prizes were given away. Winners for the day were Highest score grade 1-3 Darius Stolz, grade 4-5 Donnie Bonneau, Most spares grade 1-3 Chloe Vander Twig, grade 4-5 Kole Simonson, Most strikes grade 1-3 Logan Payer, grade 4-5 Zachery Swaney, Most Inspiring grade 1-3 Malachi Sifuentes, grade 4-5 Jaden Rouse. We thank all the youth that participated in this fun day.

SOCCER FIELD SET UP



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You wouldn't believe it with all this snow, but the Yankton Youth Soccer Association (YWSA) has managed to get a handful of games in and most of their fields set-up in-between all the snow and ice storms! It takes quite a few people to set-up soccer fields. We have two U12 and two U14 and above soccer fields at the Lewis & Clark Soccer Complex (HSC Campus) and seven U6 - U10 fields at Memorial Park! Each age level has a different size field and goal. The fields need to be measured, staked, lined with string, then painted with white paint. The nets need to be attached to the goals and the goals moved to their proper locations! A lot more work than one might realize, but thankfully with close to 20% of Yankton youth in U6 - U10 groups and a healthy group of players in U12 and above, we had plenty of wonderful parents, YWSA board volunteers and even youth players come out to help with set-up! Now that the weather is warming up this week — let's play soccer!

United Way

BY LAUREN HANSON

Executive Director, United Way & Volunteer Services of Greater Yankton

Two local individuals, different by nature yet UNITED by mission. VOLUNTEERISM!

Throughout the Greater Yankton community, individuals, families and groups volunteer countless hours to a multitude of programs and projects. They mentor our youth, organize food drives, advocate for a cause, deliver nutritious food to our neighbors or serve as Board Members for nonprofit organizations. Volunteers give of their time, talents, and passions. They are invaluable!

April 21-27 is National Volunteer Week. This is a time to celebrate extraordinary people doing extraordinary things through service. Annually, during National Volunteer Week, we at the United Way & Volunteer Services, alongside the Yankton Volunteer Leaders, host a Community Volunteer Celebration. This is a time to encourage and recognize local volunteers for their efforts. At this year's celebration, Volunteer of the Month recipient, Diana Roth was presented with the 2012 Volunteer of the Year Award.

After retiring from the Yankton Public School District where she worked as a School Cook for over 30 years, Diana started volunteering at the Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, helping at the Information Desk. Diana continues to volunteer at the hospital as an escort where she helps people find their destination within the hospital. She also delivers newspapers, mail, and flowers to patients. On average, Diana contributes over 25 hours a week to volunteering. These hours include time spent at the hospital, multiple volunteer opportunities through the Retired Senior Volunteer Program, quilting for St. John's



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United Way and Volunteer Services Board of Directors, Aaron Hansen (left), and United Way and Volunteer Services' Volunteer Of The Year, Diana Roth (right).

Lutheran Church, and reading to first graders at Beadle Elementary.

Fellow volunteer and VP Market Manager at Home Federal Bank, Aaron Hansen volunteers with many local organizations as well including the Yankton Sertoma Club, Calvary Baptist Church, and is one of the newest members of the United Way & Volunteer Services

Board of Directors.

The roles and responsibilities of board members, like Aaron, are crucial in helping any nonprofit program accomplish their mission. Some of the most important roles of this volunteer position include raising funds and awareness for the program, overseeing program management, and strategic plan-

Phi Alpha Theta Honor Society Inductions Held

On Sunday, April 14, the Mount Marty College's Alpha Gamma Rho Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, the National History Honor Society, inducted four new members.

New members included: Brian Bartlett, Kaylor; Haley Lind, Marathon, Iowa; Kristin Strickland, Yankton; and Weston Swanson, Norfolk, Neb.

The requirements for induction into the honor society are a minimum of 12 credits of history with at least a 3.1 GPA in those 12 hours.

For more information on Phi Alpha Theta, visit www.phialpha-theta.org or contact Mount Marty College Alpha Gamma Rho Chapter advisor, Dr. Richard Lofthus at rlfthus@mtmc.edu or 605-668-1462.

MILITARY

CODY SCHWARTZ

Army National Guard Pvt. Cody J. Schwartz has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and cere-

mony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

Schwartz is the son of Michelle Schwartz of East 100 North, Provo, Utah, and John Schwartz of Foxbury Lane, Woodbury, Minn.

He is a 2007 graduate of Irene High School, S.D.

MEETINGS

POST NO. 12 AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Roy Anderson Post #12 American Legion Auxiliary met on April 15, 2013, with President Betty Adam presiding.

Helen Simpson presented a Certificate of Membership to Gert Boyles, who has been a member for 54 yrs. Helen thanked Gert for all the work she has done, for the Legion Auxiliary, over the years.

Helen also passed around the membership roster, asking members to update their names and address, if needed. The Yankton American Legion Auxiliary dues will increase to \$20 annually, starting in September, 2013. Helen encourages members to consider a Paid up for Life membership (PUFL).

Poppy sales will be May 3-4, 2013. Joyce List and Betty Adam will contact various businesses to obtain their permission to sell at their location. Please contact Joyce, Betty or Priscilla Mazourek if you are able to help with this project.

Joyce List gave a report on her visit to Webster School, where she gave a talk about veterans and poppies to the Kindergarten class. She passed out Poppy coloring sheets which will be returned and posted at various businesses.

Marilyn List and Helen Simpson gave reports on the District 8 Convention held in Springfield, S.D. on April 6.

Kelly Geigle, a 6th grader at Sacred Heart School won 3rd place in the National American Legion Americanism Essay Contest. Betty Adam read the winning entry to the members.

A delicious lunch was served by Nadean Auch and Dorothy Johansen.

The next meeting will be held May 20, 2013, with a Memorial Service as the program. The lunch hostesses are Floris Woodhouse and Shirley Juffer.

TOASTMASTER CLUB 1294

Club 1294 meets each Saturday at the Fry'n Pan Restaurant at 7:30 a.m. on April 13, 2013. This morning's meeting was called to order by President, Joy Winther. The invocation was given by John Swensen followed with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Roy Wilcox introduced his guest, Steve Fisher. Mike Arens was introduced as the meeting's Toastmaster. Arens called on the Master Evaluator, Janice Stone, who announced the evaluation team. The team included: Grammarian, Joy Winther. Joy introduced the word of the day, "Fluent or Fluency." The Ah counter; Carol Smith. Matt Stone was timer.

Table Topics were led by Vernon Arens. The theme of table topics was "How well were you prepared for a winter storm."

Two members presented speeches. The first speaker was Tara Arens. The title of Arens' speech was "I'd Rather be a Bear." The objectives of Tara's speech were; Prepare a speech that opens with a self-deprecating joke, strings together 2 or 3 related jokes in the speech body, and close the speech with a humorous story. Doug Fickbohm gave the second speech titled, "South Dakota Mexican War." Fickbohm's speech objectives were; Use vocal variety, volume, pitch and rate and to use pauses to enhance your message.

Master Evaluator, Janice Stone called on Roy Wilcox to evaluate Tara Arens' speech. Kevin Buhl evaluated

Doug Fickbohm's speech. Presentations were also given by grammarian, Joy Winther, the Ah Counter, Carol Smith, and the Joke Master, John Swensen. The Voter Counter was John Swensen.

The winner of the Best Speaker was Tara Arens. The Best Evaluator award was a tie between Roy Wilcox and Kevin Buhl. The winner of the Table Topics contest was Steve Fisher.

Guests are welcome to attend meetings held on Saturday morning at 7:30 in the Fry'n Pan Restaurant, Yankton.

SHANNON TRAIL PROMOTERS

Shannon Trail Promoters arrived at Creighton's Historical Center at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 3, 2013. Director, Connie Mach gave a brief tour. The group then moved to Zion Lutheran Church for a Pizza meal and meeting.

In attendance were Becky and Larry Leaply, Will and Shirley Dangler, Marlin and Sharon Braun, Gil and Laurie Larsen, Steve and Bonnie Ruzicka, Susan Bengston, Sally Gubbels, Joan Thomsen and Shirley Kehne.

Pres. Laurie conducted the meeting. Town memberships have been received from Creighton, Wausa, St. Helena, Crofton, Winnetoon, Bloomfield, Hartington and the Ponca Tribe. Most business membership fees of \$10 have been collected.

Will and Shirley Dangler have been busy setting up geocaches and now there are 120 new ones marking nearly every mile of the trail. These will be released to the public May 22 via the internet. With original caches the trail sports 253. At 28 different locations the cache contains a code letter. This starts at Verdigris. When put in order these make a sentence. Solving this makes qualifies for a prize available at the Hwy 81 Welcome Center. The couple request plastic pill bottles, peanut butter or mayo plastic jars for use in this project. Many thanks for their great effort. 50 path tags with an image of Private Shannon are on order for collectors.

The spring archery shoot is on Saturday, April 6, in Yankton at the National Archery Foundation building. Helpers, rolls and bars are requested. Hot dogs and buns have been donated. Kevin Millikan will supervise the actual shoot.

Randy Erb says that the Shannon carving that will replace Centers will be finished by May 1 at a cost of \$850. The Knox Co. visitors grant received will pay the Promoters share. Grant forms for both Knox (\$1000 for statue replacement) and Cedar counties (\$630 for 1/2 brochure printing cost) have been submitted. In 2013-14 Bloomfield's will be replaced.

Speedway Auto, Bloomfield, has promised the web site part of the Shannon Country sign for Highway 81 will be finished. The website looks great and Sharon updates face book regularly. send her interesting photos of the area and events. She'll again post the Voices of the Trail C-Ds for sale.

Herb Bengston is to speak at the April 8 meeting of the Friends of Lewis and Clark. Shirley Kehne had Nebraska and Northeast NE travel guides available for distribution.

The Outlaw Trail group are applying for a booth at the Nebraska State Fair. Help from all tourism venues will be needed to man the booth. John Berry will be the entertainer at the W-J ranch summer concert. He will sign a guitar for our fund raiser.

Shannon park size flags have been selling. Only 2 left. The National Park Shannon story sign at the old Ohiya Casino will be moved when landscaping at the new casino is complete.

The date for the annual progressive dinner will be Wednesday, May 15. Laurie is working on details.

Speakers for our end of year party in Nov. will be the NE mothers of the year from 2011-12. Sally is no longer doing meals but we can hold this event at her building with a possible pot luck meal.

Members were given copies of the proposed new 2013 brochure. Corrections were made. These are to be printed by May 15 in time for the next meeting. The meeting adjourned with a motion by Susan and second from Sally.

Laurie told of a fundraiser in Bloomfield to pay for air conditioning for the Fairgrounds Pavilion. This on Sunday, April 14. 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Food, entertainment, silent auction, bake sale etc.

Becky told of upcoming events sponsored by the Welcome Center. The first is a book signing on Sunday, May 5. Presentation at 1:30 p.m. by author Nivan Hornik.

OUTLAW TRAIL SCENIC BYWAY

The annual meeting of the Outlaw Trail Scenic Byway was held at the Niobrara Valley House of Renewal at Lynch on Tuesday, April 16, 2013.

Present for the meeting were: Mary Rose Pinkelman, St. James Marketplace, Chris Kreycik, Kreycik Elk and Buffalo Ranch, Niobrara, Becky Leapley, Corps of Discovery Welcome Center, and her husband, Larry Leapley, both of Crofton, Pat James, Lynch Artist, Kathy Purviance, Lynch, Rhonda Kneifl, Newcastle, Larry Halstead, Village of Lynch, LeRoy Purviance, Ponca Valley Oil, Lynch, Al Brock, Valentine, Doug Smith, National Park Service, Missouri National Recreation River, Yankton, Marita Placek, Outlaw Trail Secretary, historian, correspondent, Lynch, Angie Peitz, Angie's Etchings, Hartington, Will and Shirley Dangler, Yankton, geocaching, Sandi Kinzer and Chris Ryan, Niobrara National Scenic River, Valentine, and Sabrina Paltz and her mother, Minette, Wynot.

President Mary Rose opened the meeting. Minutes and treasurer's reports were given and approved. Bills were presented and paid.

Lynch Trail Ride -- Because of the Bargain Buyway being the same weekend as the ride, the trail ride meals will be served in the Catholic Church basement instead of the Lynch Community Hall.

Marita will do book signings at the Lynch Trail Ride, Saturday evening, April 27, Welcome Center, May 5, Dick Haskins 'Hills of Mars' celebration on Saturday, May 25, and the South Sioux City Library on June 4.

Mary Rose reported on "See the Byway the Quiltway." Angie has or-

dered more signs and 10,000 post cards, which will be delivered tomorrow. They will be advertising in the Nebraska, South Dakota and Iowa Country Register, and Nebraska Life, depending on available funds. Have applied for county grants. The committee will be working on brochures next week with Angie and Studio B. Suggestions on advertising and ways to promote Northeast Nebraska, especially FREE, are appreciated.

Please get dates and other information for coming events in your area, to Rhonda, so she can get it on the website.

A letter to Kathy Mckillip, Director of Nebraska Tourism, and cc to Michael Collins, Nebraska Tourism Commission, and State Representative Tyson Larson, on behalf of the Corps of Discovery Welcome Center requesting funding to employ a fulltime director and promote Northeast Nebraska was passed around for signatures.

Northeast Nebraska Travel Council is applying for the grant from Nebraska Tourism to get a booth at the State Fair and several entities are working with them including the Outlaw Trail.

The Outlaw Trail, Shannon Trail and Corps of Discovery Welcome Center will purchase an ad in the Yankton Lake Guide for the 2013 tourist season.

No report on the signage. Several members commented on the fact that the Outlaw Trail signs are missing from the scenic byway highway signs.

Rhonda Kneifl was elected vice president and Chris Kreycik treasurer.

Flyers advertising the 10th annual Missouri River Cleanup set for Saturday, May 4, 2013, were passed out.

The next meeting will be Tuesday evening, May 21, via teleconference at 7:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned.

After the meeting, the Outlaw Trail Scenic Byway honored Marita Placek with a "glass book" award for her distinguished work on the book, "Legends and Lore of the Outlaw Trail."

A PowerPoint presentation of places of interest along the Outlaw Trail presented by Sabrina Paltz started the afternoon program, followed by Sandy Kinzer of the National Park Service U. S. Dept. of the Interior Chief of Interpretation and Education, spoke on the Niobrara River and upcoming events planned, including building a visitor center in Valentine.

Willard and Shirley Dangler spoke on the fun of setting up and hunting geocaching sites that are available all over

the world. Searching for geocaches is a hobby that can include the whole family.

The last speaker was Pat James, Lynch, who had several of her photos, "Hills of Boyd County," on display and gave an overview of her methods of creating the pictures. She has more photos on display at the O'Neill Public Library for the month of April.

GET UP & GO

The Get Up & Go 4-H club met on April 14 at 1:30 p.m. at the Irene Legion Hall. President Katrina Hauger called the meeting to order. The American Flag Pledge was led by Stephanie Hauger and the 4-H Pledge by Heather Hauger. The roll call topic was "What is your favorite class in school?". Cole Norris's demonstration was How to make M&M cookies in a jar. Our leader Karen Richelleu discussed 4-H camps and upcoming due dates for showing livestock. She also mentioned if you wanted to send any recipes to nielsonlivestock5@hotmail.com/, they are making a recipe book for 4-H. After the meeting we made a garden in a glove with flower seeds. Lunch was served by Stephanie Hauger. Our next meeting will be on May 5 at 1:30 p.m. at the Irene Legion Hall.

INTERCHANGE

Interchange met at noon on April 22, 2013, at Minerva's. The meeting was called to order by President, Kathy Jacobs, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Jackie Quinn, Yankton Area Arts, reminded everyone that the Artist Unleashed fundraiser is winding down. There are just a couple classes


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