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## Koletzky Implement Receives Demco Manufacturing Award

On March 31, Ed Stael, territory manager from Demco Manufacturing presented Jae Koletzky an award for being a member of the "Top Five Dealer Club" for 2014. Koletzky Implement's sales volume earned him a position in this club. Ed stated, it is very much an honor for me to be able to present this award to Jae and his staff. I have personally worked with Jae, Larry and Leroy for over 10 years

and the dedication I see from them is very rewarding. Demco, as well as farmers in the area are very fortunate to have a dealership that will go the extra mile to take care of the customer's needs. Demco Manufacturing is located in Boyden Iowa and builds a complete line of sprayer equipment, grain handling equipment and fertilizer equipment that is sold in the lower 48 states and Canada.

## Applications For Lunch Sub-Grants Due

**BROOKINGS** — The South Dakota Department of Education, Child and Adult Nutrition Services (SD DOE CANS) in collaboration with SDSU Extension have announced the Smarter Lunchrooms sub-grant opportunity.

"The Smarter Lunchrooms Movement and techniques are based on the principles of utilizing environment cues to influence healthy eating behaviors," said Megan Olesen, SDSU Extension Nutrition Field Specialist. "Budgets are tight and time is often in short supply. The Smarter Lunchrooms Movement recognizes these factors by providing research based and affordable solutions for lunchrooms."

Ten, \$1,000 grants are available, and can be applied for now through May 1, 2015. The sub grants are provided by USDA Team Nutrition State Training Grant 2014-2016.

Any South Dakota school district or organization that participates in the National School Lunch program and has a full lunchroom that serves students in grades 7-12 is eligible for the grant. Notification of grant approval will occur by May 15, 2015.

For applications, visit iGrow.org and open the electronic version of this release under "News." Once your application is filled out, mail, fax or email the completed application to Olesen at [megan.olesen@sdsstate.edu](mailto:megan.olesen@sdsstate.edu) or Megan Olesen, 1800 E Spruce St, Mitchell, SD 57301 or Fax: 605-995-8089.

For more information, contact Olesen at 605-995-7382 or [megan.olesen@sdsstate.edu](mailto:megan.olesen@sdsstate.edu). Additional information on the Smarter Lunchroom Movement can be found at: <http://smarterlunchrooms.org/homepage>.

## United Way

# We All Have A Role To Play In Ending Child Neglect

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Experts lump abuse and neglect together under the umbrella of "child maltreatment." While they often occur together, abuse and neglect are fundamentally different experiences and they produce different consequences. If "child abuse" is the term that describes all the bad attention rained down on some unlucky children, "neglect" is the term for all the love, care, kindness and protection that so many more children never get.

Severe neglect, a failure to act, can take many forms: the withholding of things such as physical touch, emotional nurturing, medical care, and educational services. In such cases, a parent is ignoring what the child needs for normal development. Severe neglect is the most common type of child maltreatment by far, accounting for about four of the five calls to Child Protective Services nationally — more than calls about sexual, physical and emotional abuse combined. Because neglect does not leave a visible bruise, it can be harder to see, and harder to prove, and so is likely to be underreported compared to abuse.

When an infant's cries for food or attention go unmet, its natural stress response continues to increase until the problem is remedied. When a baby's needs go chronically unmet, the stress override can lead to serious health consequences. A theory of how neglect affects the developing brain is that sensory deprivation accelerates a natural pruning



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process designed to clear away connections that aren't being used. The result? The brain of a severely neglected child is much smaller and that works differently than one which has been exposed to positive human attention, comfort and support.

Neuroscientists' studies of brain development are beginning to explain why neglected kids and teens often develop mental health problems, struggle in school and are far more likely to become victims of violence and sexual abuse. Children who are severely neglected and do not get the support they need to heal are more likely than other kids to drop out of school, end up homeless, turn to crime, and rely as adults on social welfare programs.

Thankfully, the research also shows that, with the right inputs, dysfunctional brain patterns can be overcome.

When we take stock of these sobering stories during

April — National Child Abuse Prevention Month — it's easy to be overwhelmed and to ask yourself, "What can I possibly do to make a difference?"

The answer is, you can do a lot. Everyone can play a role in preventing child abuse and neglect by becoming advocates for children.

Anyone can be an advocate for children. Here are some steps you can take to make our community safer for our children.

- Be vigilant for signs of abuse and neglect when you are with children. Offer extra time and attention to fragile children.

- Keep the Social Services number, (877) 244-0864, close at hand. If you suspect a child is being abused or neglected, you can report your suspicions confidentially. Reporting can do more than make a difference. It can save lives.

- Become a CASA (Court-Appointed Special Advocate) volunteer to stand up for abused and neglected

children, giving them a voice while they are involved with the foster care and family court systems.

- Donate your money or volunteer your time to a social service agency that helps children who have been, or are at risk for being, abused or neglected. Agencies such as the River City Connections Family Visitation Center, the Parents As Teachers Program, Southeast CASA, or the Sack Pack Program are good examples of programs that help at-risk children.

Your advocacy for children will not only help lessen child abuse and severe neglect, it will improve our community for everyone who lives here. When we work together to protect vulnerable children, it saves lives while also breaking the cycle of child maltreatment.

We all have a role to play. What will yours be?

Find out more at [www.southeastcasa.org](http://www.southeastcasa.org).

## MEETINGS

### LILLEHAMMER LODGE #1-633 SONS OF NORWAY

Lillehammer Lodge #1-633 of the Yankton area met March 21, 2015, at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Yankton. The meeting was opened by President, Carol Broderson leading the group in the national anthems of the United States and Norway and also the flag Pledge of Allegiance of the United States of America. Music Director, Phyllis Neilsen led the group in singing "See Norway's Flowery Vale".

The minutes of the January meeting were read by Secretary Diane Reese and approved. The financial record by Clarice Holm, Treasurer, was given and approved.

Visitors Cheryl Holm and Clay Broderson were welcomed.

Secretary Diane Reese will bring envelopes to have the stamps clipped for Tubfrim. June Munkvold brought 4 pounds of stamps to be sent. Some smaller amounts have also been received and need to be weighed and labeled. Pres. Carol will deliver them to Sioux Falls.

A sympathy card was signed by the members to be sent to Mary Quissel & family to let her know that we are also missing Dennis, who has been serving as the Zone 6 director.

Members that are now in Care Facilities were reported by family members and friends.

Several suggestions were given for local items of interest for future meetings.

The birthday list for Feb. and March was read and the Birthday song sung to them.

Marlys List led the members in the Norwegian table prayer, and the members enjoyed a generous pot-luck lunch.

The next meeting will be May 16 at 2 p.m. with a potluck lunch.

### INTERCHANGE

Interchange held their weekly meeting at noon on April 6, 2015, at Minerva's Restaurant in Yankton. Ann Clough, president, was the Presiding Officer. The meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. No guests were present.

The meeting was an Open Forum. Kathy Wibbels from Yankton County Library announced that they will have "Drop Everything and Read" on Friday April 10. Next week the Library will celebrate National Library Week. Kathy Gertsner announced that the Middle School Arts will be discussed at the May 11 Yankton School Board meeting. She encouraged members to write to the members on the school board. Paula Tacke, Mt. Marty College explained the search for a new President. Jane Bobzin shared that Mt. Marty College and the Community Choir will be presenting on April 28. Discussion was held on new businesses, Onward Yankton and needs of the community.

The next meeting will be April 13 at noon located at Minerva's in Yankton. Daisy Kamback will be hostess and her guest speaker will be Todd Larson, director of the Yankton Parks & Recreation Department, with discussion about the new bike path.

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called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Guests present were Josahan Jaime-Santacruz, Coach Director and Program Director of NFAA was introduced by Nancy Wenande, Elyse Brightman, reporter with *Plain Talk* of Vermillion was introduced by Sherri Rodgers-Conti. Kathy Wibbels from Yankton County Library announced that they will have author in to talk about her book related to adoption.

This week is National Library Week. Nancy Wenande, NFAA announced the need for volunteers for the upcoming Youth Archery competition in June, posters are available from her with information on how to volunteer. Crystal Nelson announced the Mead event on 5/9 and 5/10. The hostess was Daisy Kamback, AFLAC and her speaker was Todd Larson, Director of Yankton Parks and Recreation. He explained the summer recreation program and stated that there are scholarships available for those in need he talked about the TAP grant to assist with the trail system; this will be done in 3 different phases. He discussed the Meridian Bridge project as well and the plans for that area. He spent some time discussing the sports needs, community garden and playground equipment.

The next meeting will be April 20, 2015, at noon located at Minerva's in Yankton Shauna Kauth will be hostess and her guest speaker will be Dan Specht, he will provide an update on the Yankton Area Progressive Growth's housing initiative.

### ROY ANDERSON POST NO. 12

The March 17, 2015, meeting was called to order by Commander Fran Johnson with members Ausborn, Brandt, Darcy, Davies, DeBoer, E. Johnson, Happe, D. List and guest John Hallenbech being present All saluted the colors which were in place and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Chaplain Happe gave the invocation.

Minutes: Previous months minutes and Financial report were read and approved.

Boys State: Director Darcy stated that he has accepted 15 participants with tow sets of forms waiting to come back.

Children and Youth: Director Johnson said that he has a lot of equipment on hand and has been in contact with the St. Francis Indian School in Chamberlain, Lake Andes Community Center, Standing Rock Indian Reservation and the Winnebago Indian Reservation in Iowa

Membership: 212 we are quickly approaching another year gone and only have a few months left to make our quota. If you haven't paid your 2015 dues yet please do so, we do not want to see any members losing there consecutive years for not paying there yearly dues,also we cannot function properly without your support.

POW/MIA: Director Brandt reported that there were 8 that were either returned and or identified.

Americanism: Don List talked about the Korean War Certificate of Honor that were recently found.

Unfinished Business: Post talked on the upcoming fun Night which will be April 25th at the VFW Post home.

Ms. Davies made a motion to make a monetary donation to Boy Scout Simon Caroleon for his trip to the World Jamboree in June.

Darrell Ausborn said the he will be presenting 12 school awards present year down from 14 last year.

New Business: None

Sick Call: None

Post Everlasting: None

Meeting was adjourned at 835 p.m.

Next meeting is April 21, 2015, at 730 p.m. at the VFW Post Home.

### GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB

The Yankton Chapter of GFWC Woman's Club met March 28, 2015, at 11 a.m. at Hillcrest Golf and Country Club. President Pauline Aklund called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance, South Dakota Pledge, and Collect for Women were given.

Guests: Barb Carda was the guest of Cindy Filips. Guests of Vi Ranney were Arlyne Brin, Jean Fitzgerald, and Jean Schaecher.

Program: Sarah Carda, Vice President of Student Affairs at Mount Marty College, presented the program on Autism and Education.

Treasurers' Report: Denise Erickson gave the treasurer's report. This report is for information and is filed for audit in June 2015.

Minutes: Minutes were approved as written.

Correspondence: Secretary Arlene Young read a thank you from Operation Gratitude and a newsletter from Cramer Kenyon Heritage Home.

Bingo: Volunteers for Bingo at Majestic Bluffs on Saturday, March 28, are Joan Neubauer, Dot Blaha, Relda Trout, Jill Huettig, and Judy DeRoos. On Saturday, April 25, Sandy Battin, Connie Rucker, Ellen Rodenberg, Priscilla Mazourek, and Vi Ranney will be assisting with Bingo at Majestic Bluffs.

Announcements: President Pauline thanked the members for the donations of jewelry for State Convention to be held on Saturday, April 10, in Pierre.

Business: President Pauline reviewed the GFWC Strategic Plan with the members. The GFWC Strategic Plan outlines GFWC's goals and objectives for the present and future and is available to all GFWC clubwomen. One of the primary goals of the Strategic Plan is to increase membership. GFWC Yankton Woman's Club was tied for 5th place bringing in twelve new members in our fall campaign. This year GFWC Yankton Woman's Club will be celebrating its 120th Anniversary. There will be a kick-off in the fall to celebrate this anniversary. The luncheon and style show will be held Saturday, April 18, at the Calvary Baptist Church.

Hostesses: Marlyce Micklos and Diane Butzlaff

Door Prizes: Maysel Goltz, Marilyn Christensen, and Arlyne Brin were awarded door prizes.

No further business the meeting was adjourned.

### TOASTMASTERS CLUB 1294

The Yankton Toastmasters Club 1294 met at the Fry'n Pan Restaurant at 7:30 a.m. on April 11, 2015. The meeting was called to order by Vernon Arens, Club President. The Prayer was given by Janice Kruse, who also led the group in the Pledge to the American flag.

Roy Wilcox was introduced as the Toastmaster of the meeting. Wilcox introduced his guest, Azure Rodriguez, a college student from Mount Marty College. Then Wilcox introduced Teresa Rentsch as Master Evaluator, who in turn

introduced her evaluation team: John Swensen, grammarian with the word for the day, "compulsion," Ah Counter Jana Lane, Speech evaluators Vernon Arens and Steve Hamilton and Timer Matt Stone.

Toastmaster Wilcox introduced Janice Stone who spoke first, with her speech titled "Evaluations and Habits," with her objectives from the CTM manual number 10 on inspire your audience and second speaker Matt Stone with his impromptu speech titled "A Thing For Redheads," with his objectives being from project number #5 from the CTM Manual, Using body language.

Table Topics was led by Teresa Rentsch with the following participants: Janice Kruse, Steve Hamilton, Jack Dahlseid, Janna Lane, Guest Azsure Rodriguez, John Swensen and Vernon Arens.

Steve Hamilton evaluated Matt Stone and Vernon Arens evaluated Janice Stone. Master Evaluator Angela Mann called on John Swensen for the grammarian report and Jana Lane for the Ah Counter report. All participants were timed by Matt Stone and Steve Hamilton, who advised that all speeches and evaluations were within time. Teresa Rentsch then gave her evaluation of her evaluation team and the meeting in general.

Meeting winners were Azure Rodriguez, Table Topics, Vernon Arens, Speech Evaluator and Janice Stone, Speaker.

Wilcox relinquishing control of the meeting back to President Vernon Arens, who called on Joke

Master John Swensen. Before closing the meeting, President Arens announced the results of the Area Speech and Evaluation Contest: John Swensen placed 2nd in the Speech Contest and will advance to the Division Contest.

Guests are welcome. The meeting begins at 7:30 a.m. and concludes at 8:40 a.m. at the Fry'n Pan Restaurant on Saturday morning. For information, call 660-2485 or 665-7140.

### VFW POST 791 AUXILIARY

The regular meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary to Ernest Bowyer V.F.W. Post 791 opened at 7:30 by President Joyce Stahlecker.

Roll Call of Officers found the following officers absent: Sr. Vice-Novak; Jr. Vice-Mangold; Secretary-Simonsen; Treasurer-Stoddard; 2-year Trustee-Christensen; Color Bearer-Larson

Opening Prayer: Slowey  
Patriotic Instructions: Olson  
Pledge to the Flag  
Star Spangled Banner  
Applications for Membership: None

Reading of the Minutes from the Previous Meeting: Accepted as read.

Treasurer's Report: Olson (pro tem) Accepted as read.

Correspondence:

OFFICIAL: A letter from District President Donita Mullinix concerning place and time of District 1 April 19 in North Sioux City.

GENERAL: Thank you notes from Sarah Stoddard; Delores

Gwinn and Charlotte Herlein. Thank you notes from the families of Roy F. Braunesreither; Edward Bergstrom; Allan Sathe and Violet Waters.

Committee reports were heard and/or filed.

Unfinished Business: Gold Star Mothers dues and banquet at state convention. Discussion was again tabled pending further information.

New Business: Loyalty Day Pot Luck will be held at the Post beginning at 6 p.m. on Friday May 1.

Results of Election of Officers: President Dorothy Stanage; Senior Vice-President Marge Olson; Junior Vice-President Cheryl VanDyke; Chaplain Jane Slowey; Conductress Marlene Schramm; Guard Iona Fisher; 2 year Trustee Judy Potts; Treasurer Shelly Stoddard. Dot Blaha was appointed Secretary.

A reminder that the State Convention will be held in Yankton on June 18-21.

A report of the Trustees was heard.

Delegates to the District meeting are Jane Slowey, Marlene Schramm, Joyce Stahlecker, Shelly Stoddard and Dorothy Stanage. There will be a special training session at both the District meeting and State Convention.

Joyce Stahlecker won the 10-cent cup. The meeting as adjourned until May 12 at 7 p.m. There will be a special presentation prior to the regular meeting time of 7:30.

A delicious lunch was served by Norma Bender and Judy Potts.

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