

United Way

# The True Spirit Of Giving

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United Way & Vol. Services of Greater Yankton

From the Holiday Bed Giveaway and Payless Gives Grant, to the Yankton Toys for Kids Program, the United Way & Volunteer Services of Greater Yankton has been fortunate to witness firsthand the true spirit of giving this holiday season.

This year, through the annual Holiday Bed Giveaway, Slumberland of Yankton donated 18 bed frames and 24 mattresses to referred families throughout the community. Slumberland has donated over 20,000 new beds to families nationwide since their Making Homes for the Holidays program began in 1993. More than 1,000 new beds are given away each year across the 12 states Slumberland serves.

THANK YOU to Slumberland of Yankton and the Knights of Columbus for delivering the beds, for warming hearts, and for bringing smiles to many. We are so grateful for your partnership.

The United Way & Volunteer Serv-

ices also called on our community to support over 130 families within the greater Yankton area in need through a partnership with Pat Robinson's Yankton Toys for Kids and Adopt a Family Program. We were overwhelmed by the generosity of individuals and businesses that stepped in and made the annual gift giving program a huge success.

Yankton Toys for Kids would not be possible without the efforts of Pat Robinson and caring neighbors who help Santa Claus ensure that every referred child received a toy. THANK YOU Pat for all that you do! Many thanks to the local businesses, individuals and families, who participate in our Adopt a Family Program, and of course to all the community members that donated gifts. This program is made possible through your generosity and kindness!

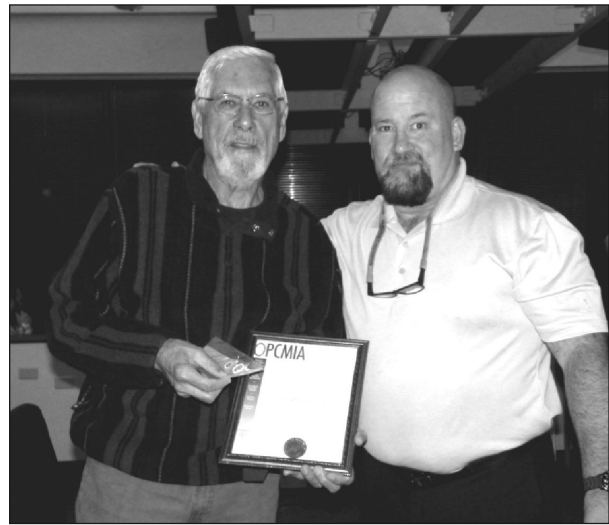
THANK YOU to this year's Toys for Kids drop off locations: Maurices, Menards, Dunhams and Walgreens. Also, to the Yankton Mall for providing store space to use as the Yankton Toys

for Kids headquarters.

We at United Way & Volunteer Services are also grateful for a grant we received through Payless ShoeSource's Payless Gives Shoes 4 Kids program to outfit Head Start children in the Yankton area. Head Start is an income based pre-school program that serves children ages 3-5 in Yankton County. They have both home-based and center-based families that they accommodate. Seventy five \$20 merchandise certificates were distributed and redeemed during a one day event at Payless in the Yankton Mall. THANK YOU Craig Somner and Payless ShoeSource, we are very grateful for this program and your support of the Yankton community.

The greater Yankton community continues to go above and beyond to make the holiday season special and we are appreciative of your tremendous generosity. THANK YOU Yankton for all that you do. Thank you for LIVING UNITED. Happy Holidays!

## Huntley Honored



ROGER HUNTLEY was presented his gold card from the OP&CMIA (Operative Plasterers & Cement Masons International Association) for 40 years of continuous membership in the Plasterers Union. Gregg Rhoades, Business Manager of Local #538 presented Roger with a plaque and gold card at the Holiday Party in Omaha, Neb., Dec. 5. Roger is retired from Job Corps Training Programs. He is active in Yankton Area Arts and has two sculptures on the Yankton RiverWalk. He also volunteers at the Mead Building Project.

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## Knights Donate \$2,000



Council 1536 recently donated \$1,000 to both of the Religious Education Programs at St. Benedict and Sacred Heart Parishes. Pictured is religious education coordinator, Dave Goeckner (left) receiving a check from Kevin Binder, Deputy Grand Knight of the Yankton Council. The money will support scholarships for youth to attend retreats and bring in outside speakers to enrich the faith of our catholic community. Thank you to the religious education programs of both parishes for all their hard work with our children and families.

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# Sertoma Club Donation Puts Soundfield Amplification Systems In Classrooms

The Yankton Sertoma Club's recent \$8,546.00 matching donation to Yankton school district fulfills their pledge to insure every Yankton Public School Elementary Classroom has a soundfield amplification system. The Better Community Through Better Hearing project was developed to raise funds to purchase soundfield systems for every Yankton Elementary School classroom. The project began slowly five years ago with the purchase of only one system per year. Commitments from the Yankton Sertoma club and significant support from Sertoma International, Yankton School District, Avera Medical Group Audiology, Avera Foundation, Otto Ulrich Foundation, Yankton Area Foundation and area Parent Teacher Associations raised nearly \$65,000 to reach the goal of purchasing and installing 65 Lightspeed RedCat soundfield systems. Beadle Teachers Melanie Vlasman and Paula Weydert



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along with Beadle Principal Carey Mitzel went above and beyond to support the project, which was crucial to securing the final funding required to complete the project.

The American Speech, Language and Hearing Association identified four escalating ways in which hearing loss impacts children. First, it causes delays in the development of receptive and expressive communication

skills. Second, those language deficits cause learning problems that result in reduced academic achievement. Thirdly, communication difficulties often lead to social isolation and poor self-concept. These all culminate in reduced vocational options.

Michigan State University reports that 45 percent of a student's school day requires active listening. They found students who used

soundfield FM systems demonstrated a 12 percent improvement on vocabulary test scores, an improvement in means spelling scores from 9 percent in the fourth grade to 22 percent in the 5th grade and significant improvements in Scholastic Reading Achievement Scores.

Sheryl Rehurek, a Yankton teacher who received one of these soundfield systems in her classrooms, reported, "I believe the children are more active listeners with the system...I know more are participating because of this opportunity. Their classmates are listening better as well. Thank you so much for this opportunity!" Reports like this are what motivated the Sertoma club to see this project to completion. The Yankton Sertoma Club is happy to invest in these units for the district knowing they are improving the lives of children at a critical point in their development.

## MEETINGS

### YANKTON REGIONAL AVIATION ASSOCIATION

Forty-six members and guests attended the YRAA dinner meeting on Dec 14 at JoDean's Restaurant. Attendees came from Avon, Elk Point, Jefferson, Mission Hill, Tripp, Tyndall, Vermillion, Volin, Yankton, Crofton, Hartington, and Norfolk. Entertainment included Francis Serr showing his images from AirVenture 2014. Skip VanDerhule provided more images from AirVenture 2014. The Olson Quartet played Christmas music with Scott on trumpet, Kim on alto saxophone, Michael on trumpet, and Sophie on bassoon.

President John Lillevold presented Certificates of Appreciation to the outgoing officers: Roger Huntley & Skip VanDerhule as Directors-at-Large, Lillevold as President, Jim Eisenmenger as Vice President, Jacob Hoffner as Treasurer, and Steve Hamilton as Secretary. Newsletter Editor, Young Eagles Coordinator, and Eagle Flight Coordinator.

Hamilton presented Certificates of Appreciation to Ground Volunteers who helped make the three Young Eagles Rallies a success this year: Jerry Bailey, Butch Becker, Judy Eisenmenger, Pam Hamilton, Steve Hamilton, Sandy Hoffner, Marilyn Huntley, Roger Huntley, Krystia Kjerstad (Sacred Heart School), Ed Lamers, Louella Machin, Gary Palmer, Dick Payburn, Dan Specht, Judy VanDerhule, Skip VanDerhule, and Devin Wagner.

An election was held for new officers for the 2015. Elected were Petra Wilson as President, Lillevold as Vice President, Jacob Hoffner as Treasurer, Steve Hamilton as Secretary, and Butch Becker and Scott Olson as Directors-at-Large. On behalf of the YRAA officers, Hamilton presented Lillevold with a Jade-colored glass paperweight engraved with the YRAA logo and "John Lillevold President

2009-2014." Hamilton noted that Lillevold had written 72 President's columns for the newsletter, and started and coordinated five 6th Grade Reading Program Young Eagles rallies. Over the past five years, the rallies have provided 384 Young Eagle rides.

Following the meeting, Serr showed images from the Aircraft Light Painting event held on Aug. 23 at Chan Gurney Airport by the Yankton Photography Club. Photographers included Roger Dietrich, Pat Hansen, Nick Hauser, Austin Jerke, Luana Johnson, Sharon Koller, and Corey Strub. Aircraft photographed included Crop Dusters "DeTasselin" Air Tractor, Gene Ebneter's Bonanza, Jim Eisenmenger's RV-4, Steve Hamilton's "Whamo Airlines," Dave Kline's Cherokee Arrow, KPI's Cessna 425 Conquest, John Lillevold's Cirrus, Scott Olson's Cherokee, Jim Smith's Mini-Coupe, Myles Tieszens' Cirrus, Skip VanDerhule & Jim Cox's Mooney, Mark Yonke's Centurion, and a visiting Westwind.

### GFWC YANKTON WOMAN'S CLUB

The Yankton Chapter of GFWC Woman's Club met Dec. 6, 2014, at 11 a.m. at Hillcrest Golf and Country Club. President Pauline Akland called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance, South Dakota Pledge and Collect for Women were given.

Guests: Peggy Schiedel introduced her guest Marlys Balaad. Rose Waterbach was the guest of Ellen Rodenberg.

Program: The Yankton Children's Choir, accompanied by Dot Stoll, presented a program of Christmas Carols.

Correspondence: Secretary Arlene Young read thank you notes from Gert Van Lent, YMS and YHS Science Olympiad Teams and Cheri Loest.

Minutes were read and approved as written.

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

Leadership: Ellen Rodenberg read famous quotes relating to leadership.

Old Business: President Pauline thanked Fran Fox, Mary Pietilla, Julie Dykstra, and Gladys Johnson for helping serve at Habitat for Humanity on Nov. 7.

New Business: Cancellation of meetings due to weather will be announced on KYNT by 8:30 a.m. on the day of the meeting. President Pauline shared sad news of the passing of Toni Collins, Mississippi Valley Region Vice President and member of GFWC Hastings Woman's Club. The Annual Convention will be held in Pierre on April 10-12. We will be collecting jewelry and food for silent auction items. Each club is to bring an International Basket.

Welcome of New Members: Muriel Van Gerpen, Sharon Kreitzinger, and Alberta Binder were installed as new members and presented a red rose. A group picture of new members installed this fall was taken. Marilyn Christiansen was recognized and given a red rose.

Bingo: There will be no volunteers needed for Bingo for December.

Fundraising: Items from Teri Lynn, Inc. have arrived and are ready for pickup.

A Christmas game was played with a gift prize for each table.

Hostesses: Fran Fox and Vi Ranney.

Door Prizes: Denise Erickson, Donna Fischer, Judy Ray, Marlyce Micklos, Priscilla Mazourek, Char Herman, Virginia Larson, Mary Jo Schneider, Julie Clifton, and Judy Woerner.

No further business the meeting was adjourned.

### YANKTON AREA WRITER'S CLUB

The Yankton Area Writer's Club met Monday, December 8, at the Fry'n Pan in Yankton. In attendance were: Heidi Andersen, Scott Bormann, Judy Jensen and Margaret Rahn.

The December meeting was called to order.

1. Location  
Members discussed a possible move to the Masonic Lodge for the monthly meeting. Scott offered a tour of the building. Half of the members said that they preferred the Fry'n Pan location. Issue is tabled for now.

2. Writing Exercise  
Members will have creative writing prompts at the next meeting. Heidi will bring a prompt book to the meeting.

3. Recitations  
a. Margaret read a poem, "The Power of Me" and her short story "Christmas Blessings."  
b. Judy read her short story, "A Holiday Murder."  
c. Heidi read three poems, "Intruder," "Some Girls" and "The Dance."  
d. Scott read three poems, "21," "Los Reyes Magos" and "Boot Camp Reality Check."

The Yankton Area Writer's Club is pleased to announce our presence on social media! Follow us on Twitter at @YanktonWriters (https://twitter.com/YanktonWriters). Like us on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/yanktonwriters.

The Yankton Area Writer's Club will meet Monday, January 12, 2015, at the Fry'n Pan in Yankton. Meetings begin at 7:00 pm. Membership is free and open to all ages and all genres of writing. For more information, please visit our NEW website: http://yanktonwriters.com, e-mail info@yanktonwriters.com, or contact Nancy Burk at (605) 664-6582.

# NorthtownUSA.com PRE-OWNED CARS

- '06 Chrysler 300C SRT-8 #4351D, 97k miles, 6.1L V8, loaded... \$14,990
- '06 Pontiac Grand Prix #4487A, Maroon, 80k miles, alloy wheels... \$6,990
- '07 Nissan Maxima SL #4389B, Diamond White, 100k 1 owner miles, loaded and clean... \$10,990
- '07 Ford Fusion SEL #P2454A, Blue, 110k miles, very clean... \$6,990
- '08 Buick Lucerne CXL #4163A, White Diamond, 103k miles, new LaCrosse trade... \$10,990
- '08 Pontiac Grand Prix #4261A, Gray, 130k miles, alloy wheels... \$8,990
- '08 Cadillac CTS AWD #3687A, Crystal Red, 85k miles, 1 owner, we sold new, very nice... \$16,990
- '08 Pontiac G6 #4189A, Blue, 86k miles, local new Equinox trade... \$8,990
- '09 Buick Lucerne CXL #4227A, Brown, 44k 1 owner miles, gorgeous unit!... \$16,990
- '11 Chrysler 200 Touring #92470, Black, 41K miles... \$13,990
- '11 Cadillac CTS AWD #P2471, Crystal Red, 31k Miles... \$20,990
- '11 Buick Regal CXL #P2469, Silver, 37K miles... \$15,990
- '11 Buick Regal CXL #P2472, Silver, 44k miles... \$13,990
- '11 Buick Regal #3963A, Gray, 31k 1 owner miles... \$14,990
- '12 Chevy Camaro SS RS #4197B, Orange, 28K miles, V8, Sun Roof, loaded... \$24,990
- '12 Chevy Malibu 2LT #4368B, White, 62k miles, chrome wheels \$11,990
- '12 Lincoln MKS AWD #4271A, Black, 34k 1 owner miles, Ecoboost, loaded... \$29,990
- '13 Chevy Camaro LT RS #P2388, Red, 18k miles, sun roof, alloy wheels... \$23,990
- '14 Chevy Camaro LT #P2385, Black, 13k miles, sunroof and alloys... \$23,990

# PRE-OWNED TRUCKS

- '06 Chevy Trailblazer LS #3511B, White, 81k miles... \$7,990
- '06 Chevy HHR LT #4483A, 82k miles... \$6,990
- '07 GMC Yukon XL SLT #4524A, Maroon, 96k miles, salvage title... \$14,990
- '07 Chevy Tahoe 4WD LTZ #3839A, Silver, 125k miles, loaded with roof, NAV, DVD, 20" s... \$17,990
- '07 GMC Yukon Denali #4267B, Blue/Green, 100k miles, loaded and a looker!... \$22,990
- '07 Chevy Colorado Crew 4WD LT #4236A, White, 81k miles, V6, Z71... \$17,990
- '07 Chevy Colorado Crew 4WD LT #4417A1, Maroon, 87k miles, V6, Z71 \$17,990
- '08 Chevy Silverado Ext Cab 4WD WT #4457A, White, 5.3L V8, 67k 1 owner miles... \$16,990
- '08 Dodge Grand Caravan SXT #4217A, Maroon, 105k miles, stow-n-go... \$9,990
- '08 GMC Acadia AWD SLT2 #4273A, Maroon, 72k miles, quad seating, NAV... \$21,990
- '08 Buick Enclave CXL #3773A, Mocha, 120k miles, chrome wheels, clean!... \$14,990
- '09 GMC Acadia AWD SLT2 #4344A, Gold, 80k miles, roof, NAV, DVD, heads up display, loaded... \$20,990
- '09 GMC Yukon XL Denali #P2390, White Diamond, 73k miles, 1 owner, loaded, NAV, roof, DVD... \$35,990
- '09 Chevy Avalanche 4WD LS #4151A, Black, 150k 1 owner miles, well cared for... \$13,990
- '09 Chevy Traverse AWD LS #4264A, White, 50k miles... \$16,990
- '10 Chevy Silverado Crew 4WD LT #4082A, red, 33k 1 owner miles, 6.2L V8... \$28,990
- '10 Ford F150 SuperCrew 4x4 Lariat #4310A, Blue, 56k 1 owner miles, leather... \$27,990
- '10 Ford F-150 SuperCrew XLT #3834A, Maroon, 45k miles, 5.4L V8, new Silverado trade... \$19,990
- '11 Dodge Ram Crew 4WD Sport #4459A, White, 54k miles, 5.7L HEMI... JUST IN
- '11 Buick Enclave AWD CXL #4130A, Black 74k miles, 1 owner, we sold new, Loaded... \$23,990
- '11 Cadillac Escalade ESV #3688A, Mocha, 54k miles, Nav, DVD, sun roof, 22" wheels... \$43,990
- '12 Cadillac Escalade ESV Platinum #4479A, Mocha, 82k 1 owner miles, LOADED, upgraded wheels... \$44,990
- '13 GMC Sierra 3/4 Ton Crew SLT #4317A, White, 25k miles, 1 owner, Diesel very nice!... \$48,990
- '13 GMC Sierra Crew Denali #4407A, Maroon, 76k 1 owner miles, 6.2L V8... \$34,990
- '13 GMC Sierra Ext Cab 4x4 SLE #4409A, White, 17k 1 owner miles, 5.3L V8... \$29,990
- '13 Ford F-150 SuperCrew Lariat #4281A, black, 41k miles, 1 owner, loaded, new tires... \$32,990
- '13 Nissan Xterra PRO-4X #4188B, Gray, 14k 1 owner miles, manual, rare vehicle... \$24,990
- '13 Ford Explorer Limited #4382A, Silver, 38k 1 owner miles, Nav, leather, new SRX trade... \$29,990
- '14 GMC Yukon Denali #P2468, Black, 13K miles, 1 owner, sunroof, nav., DVD... \$52,990
- '14 Chevy Silverado Crew 4WD LTZ #P2474, White Diamond, 300 miles, leather... \$39,990
- '14 Chevy Silverado Crew 4WD LT #P2475, Red, 3k 1 owner miles, leather... \$35,990
- '14 GMC Sierra 4WD Denali #P2476, Black, 5,900 1 owner miles, 6.2L V8... \$52,990

# CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED

- '11 Chevy Malibu LS #4169A, White, 54k miles, very nice, trade in... \$13,990
- '11 Chevy Equinox AWD LTZ #P2370A, Brown, 46k miles, chrome wheels, very sharp... \$22,990
- '11 Chevy Cruze LT #3279A, Black, 25k 1 owner miles, leather, we sold new... \$14,990
- '12 Buick Enclave AWD CXL #4398A, Ming Blue, 46k 1 owner miles, LOADED... \$32,990
- '12 GMC Terrain AWD SLT #4244A, Bronze, chrome wheels, roof, 41k 1 owner miles... \$22,990
- '12 Chevy Impala LTZ #4186B, White, 45k miles, sun roof... \$17,990
- '12 GMC Acadia SLT #4489A, Gold, 27k 1 owner miles, leather... \$31,990
- '13 Chevy Malibu LT #4119A, Silver, 3,000 miles, 1 owner, like new!... \$18,990
- '13 Chevy Impala LTZ #P2396, Silver, 36K miles, leather and loaded... \$16,990
- '13 Buick Enclave Premium #4393A, Gold, 24k 1 owner miles, LOADED!... JUST IN
- '14 Chevy Cruze LT's 6-23k miles, 16 choices - starting... \$13,990
- '14 Chevy Cruze 2LT's 11-18k miles, leather, MyLink, 5 choices only... \$15,990
- '14 Chevy Malibu 2LT's 10-14k miles, 4 choices, leather - starting only... \$19,990
- '14 Chevy Captiva LS's 10-26k miles, 4 choices - starting... \$15,990
- '14 GMC Acadia AWD SLT1 #P2387, Gray, 13k miles, leather, quad seating... \$34,990

## - SPECIALS -

'14 Chevy Cruze LT's  
16 Choices, Starting Only  
**\$13,990**  
-or- \$199/mo\* Certified!  
P2413 \*\$2,000 down on 72 mo. @4.9% WAC

'14 Chevy Captiva LS's  
4 Choices, Starting Only  
**\$15,990**  
-or- \$229/mo\* Certified!  
P2411 \*\$2,000 down on 72 mo. @4.9% WAC

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