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Legion Awards Young Speakers

The South Dakota American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program "A Constitutional Speech Contest" in Huron on Jan. 26, 2014.

Contestants were required to deliver a prepared oration of 8-10 minutes on the U.S. Constitution as their first oration. In turn, a constitutional topic was assigned to the contestants and a 3-5 minute extemporaneous oration was required on that topic. They were allowed five minutes of preparation time.

Each of the contestants in the finals had previously won competition at the local and district levels of competition. Those eligible to compete at the finals consisted of Swift, a homeschooled student, sponsored by Burke Post No. 28; Emily Meier, a junior at Aberdeen Central High School, sponsored by Aberdeen Post No. 24; Kimberly Chow, a senior at Dakota Valley High School, sponsored by North Sioux City Post No. 319; Abby Boner, a junior at Castlewood High School, sponsored by Castlewood Post No. 250; Esther Grassmid, a homeschooled student sponsored by Scotland Post No. 155 and Kaitlyn Dix, a senior at Lemmon High School, sponsored by Lemmon Post No. 66. Each contestant won a \$100 scholarship for winning their respective area competition.

Swift was awarded a championship trophy, a \$1,000 scholarship, and a plaque to be displayed in her high school's trophy case as the first place winner of the state contest. She now has the opportunity to represent the South Dakota American Legion in the National Contest which will be held April 4-6, 2014, at the University Place Conference Center & Hotel, Indianapolis.

Swift will receive an additional \$1,500 scholarship for participating in the first round of competition at national and an additional \$1,500 if she advances to the second round of national competition but does not make it into the final round. Scholarship awards possible in the national level of competition are \$18,000 for first place, \$16,000 for second place and \$14,000 for third place.

Second place in the state finals contest was awarded to Emily Meier of Aberdeen. Third place was awarded to Abby Boner of Castlewood, fourth place Kimberly Chow of North Sioux City, fifth place to Esther Grassmid of Scotland and sixth place to Kaitlyn Dix of Lemmon. Second place received a \$500 scholarship; third place received a \$300 scholarship and fourth-sixth places received a \$100 scholarship. All contestants received trophies for their placing.

United Way

211 Takes Off In Yankton, Bon Homme Counties

BY SUSAN KROGER
 Helpline Center

Simple answers and serious help are now just a quick phone call away for residents of Yankton and Bon Homme counties.

As of last week, county residents can call 2-1-1 from any landline or cell phone and be connected with the Helpline Center, whose trained call specialists can provide information on everything from emergency food supplies to local library hours to addiction treatment programs - basically, any service provided by a non-profit organization, social service or government agency.

Calls are free and confidential, and service is available 24/7. A searchable database is also available online at www.helplinecenter.org.

Access to 211 means residents won't need to waste time searching for resources or making multiple phone calls to find the help they need. And they'll always get a live person on the line, no matter what time of day or night.

Callers receive more than just information when they dial 2-1-1. Call specialists also offer listening and support, and they're trained in suicide and crisis intervention. In fact, Helpline Center is the only certified suicide crisis center in South Dakota.

The 211 service can also help the local community as a whole. Callers can learn where to donate used furniture or appliances, for instance, and find out which agencies need volunteers.

In the past year, 211 has proven especially valuable following natural disasters. When the ice storm hit Sioux Falls last spring, and when Winter Storm Atlas dumped piles of snow on the Black Hills in October, Helpline Center was there to answer questions and provide information about emergency shelters and safety advisories. They also served as a link between people in need and agencies and volunteers that could help them, whether by clearing downed branches or by providing counseling services.

In times of crisis, having 211 available

can lessen the strain on 911 — another easy-to-remember number that people sometimes resort to when they don't know where else to call.

Helpline Center has a long track record of "offering help and hope, all day every day," as its mission states. The 211 line has been active in Sioux Falls since 1974 and in the Black Hills since 2005.

Now the nearly 30,000 residents of Yankton and Bon Homme counties can also benefit from the service, thanks to the support of the Yankton County Commission, and the Bon Homme County Commission.

Supporters say having 211 service available will allow local agencies to help more people. But those agencies need to be listed in Helpline Center's database in order for that to happen.

The bigger the database, the better the service Helpline Center can provide. Local agencies are encouraged to contact 211 or go online at www.helplinecenter.com to get their program information listed.

Science Olympiad Teams Selected

BY ALLYSON TRENHAILE
 Yankton Middle School

Yankton Middle School wrapped up its local competition with its awards ceremony Monday, Feb. 10. This year, more than 50 students competed for a shot at the 15-member team that would be selected to represent Yankton Middle School at the State Competition March 22. Students have been meeting two nights a week since November to study and prepare for the local competition that was held Saturday, Feb. 8.

Coaches Brooks Schild, Cheryl Schaeffer and Tom Merrill opened the award ceremony by thanking all of the parents, teachers and Subject Matter Experts (SME's) for helping the students prepare for the competition.

Mr. Merrill talked to the students and families about how in the 30 years he has been involved with the Yankton Science Olympiad program he said: "I have seen so much good come out of this program and it has triggered many careers in science and math...others have also chosen other careers, but they have all been good citizens."

Mrs. Schaeffer and all of the coaches of the Middle School team wants to let the students, parents and Subject Matter Experts (SME) "to know how great it is to see so many people involved in science and everyone involved in Science Olympiad are winners."



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Front row: Kyle Rowe, Skylar Brockmuller, Leola Felton, Katie Hammond, Allyson Trenhaile, Sam Herrboldt, Jacob Paulsen, Cole Miller, Price Jensen and Javier Lopez; back row: Coach Tom Merrill, Ryan Knight, Lauren Schild, Lauryn Perk, Kelsey Westermann, Coach Brooks Schild, Katie Schaeffer, Leah Waid, Hunter Lippert, Alex Palacek and Coach Cheryl Schaeffer.



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Front Row: Brock Mauch, Sophie McKee, Kierra Schaffer and Mikayla Trenhaile; Middle Row: Cody Perakslis, Heather Hauer, Kim Cap, Story Leshner, Layne Droppers and Coach Bob Medeck; back row: Joseph Kelly, Sam Gusso, Ted Anders, Jon Barkl, Amber Livingston. Not pictured: Alyssa Schild, Garrett Adam, Alexa Bryan and Callie Pospishil.

Alternates — 6th grader: Skylar Brockmuller; 7th graders: Leola Felton; and Katie Hammond.

The following students were selected to the Yankton High School Science Olympiad Team:

10th grade — Sam Gusso, Joseph Kelly, Mikayla Trenhaile, Ted Anders, Cody Perakslis

11th graders — Garrett Adam, Brock Mauch, Heather Hauer, Kim Cap, Story Leshner, Alexa Bryan, Jon Barkl

12th graders — Layne Droppers, Amber Livingston, Alyssa Schild,

Alternates — 9th grader: Sophie McKee; 10th graders: Kierra Schaffer; 11th grader: Callie Pospishil

Here is the complete list of place winners in each event:

Anatomy — 1. Katie Schaeffer; 2. Hunter Lippert; 3. Amanda Haas

Boomer — 1. Jacob Paulsen; 2. Joe Zolar; 3. Cole Miller

Can't Judge a Powder — 1. Lauryn Perk; 2. Mary Schmidt; 3. Sophie McKee

Crime Busters — 1. Alex Palacek; 2. Leah Waid; 3. Ryan Knight

Disease Detectives — 1. Javier Lopez; 2. Leola Felton; 3. Kyle Rowe

Dynamic Planet — 1. Alex Palacek; 2. Hunter Lippert; 3. Ethel Flores

Entomology — 1. Ryan Knight; 2. Katie Schaeffer 3. Kyle Rowe

Experimental Design — 1. Katie Newland; 2. Sara Stoddard

Helicopters — 1. Price Jensen; 2. Jacob Paulsen; 3. Brianna Seinoha

Heredity — 1. Alex Palacek; 2. Ben Rust; 3. Ryan Knight

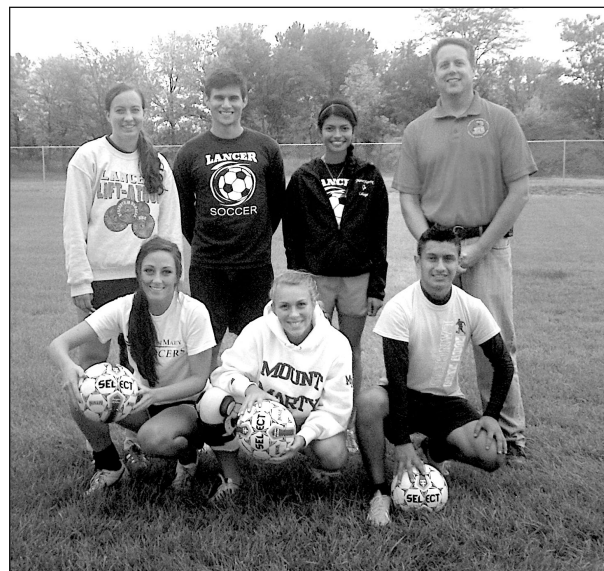
Write It Do It — 1. Sophie McKee and Kelsey Westermann; 2. Joe Soeler and Elijah Jones; 3. Skylar Brockmuller and Sean Westermann

The Yankton Middle School and Yankton High School team members will start preparation for the 30th annual State Science Olympiad competition to be held on the campus of the University of South Dakota, Vermillion, on March 22. The teams will compete against other schools for the opportunity to represent South Dakota at the National Science Olympiad competition to be held May 16-17 at the University of Central Florida in Orlando, Fla.

The Yankton Middle School Team has been the defending Class B (Middle School) state champion for 29 years running. The Yankton Middle School Team is coached by Cheryl Schaeffer, Brooks Schild, and Tom Merrill.

The Yankton High School Team is coached by Mr. Bob Medeck and Brooks Schild.

Riverboat Donation



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The Riverboat Days Board of Directors made a \$500 donation to the Mount Marty Soccer Program for their help with the children's rides. Members of the men's and women's teams are shown accepting the donation from RBD Board member, John Kraft.

MEETINGS

GFWC YANKTON WOMAN'S CLUB

The Yankton Chapter of GFWC Woman's Club met Feb. 1, 2014, at Hillcrest Golf and Country Club.

President Pauline Aklund called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance, S.D. Pledge and Collect for Women were given.

Music was provided by the Mount Marty Acapella Choir under the direction of Dr. Kenneth Tice. The music and presentation by the young group was wonderful and they received a standing ovation.

Judy Woerner introduced her guest Vickie Thon. President Aklund reminded members when you bring a guest remember to follow up with a call to see if they would like to join.

Program: Camille Swift Slowey is the new director of Keep Yankton Beautiful and she gave a very informative talk. Their mission is to "improve and enhance the Beauty of our City with Community Involvement through Recycling Education and Promotion, Clean-up Efforts and Beautification Projects." You can see some of their efforts at the Spirit of Dakota Fountain at 4th & Broadway, the Liberty Garden at 4th & Douglas or the new Westside Park Fountain. Some of their recycling and clean up efforts include the Great American Clean-up in April; clean up after Riverboat Days in August picked up 100 pounds of trash. They are also partners on the Missouri River Clean up and the Watershed Education Festival in May that removed 6,660 pounds of trash from the Missouri River. They are also involved in a number of education events. She encouraged us to become members and get involved.

Old Business: President Aklund announced the project at the homeless shelter was now completed and thanked those that helped with this project. Our February project was to bring valentines/cards of thanks for the wounded soldiers.

New Business: There was some discussion on the fashion show which will be held on March 29. Those that will be helping stay after for a meeting. The participating stores are Christopher Banks, JC

Penney's, Linda's Angel Crossing, Lisa's Fashions, Maurice's, On the Edge, Riverside Boutique, Totally Twisted T's and Rita's Purse-Na-tivities. Tickets are \$15. Sheets are going around to sign up to bring salads and bars. Signup sheet was passed around for volunteers to bring lunch to Habitat for Humanity workers in March, April and May.

Secretary Minutes: Joan Neubauer made a motion, second by Julie Clifton to approve the minutes of the January meeting. Motion passed. Treasurer's Report: Dot Blaha gave the treasurer's report it will be filed pending audit. The money received for the Heifer Program was deposited and she received a thank you. Marilyn Huntley read two "Thank You" notes received from Walnut Village for Christmas presents donated from our club.

Bingo: JoAnne Weber reported helpers for Bingo at Majestic Bluffs in February are Mary Pietila, Priscilla Mazourek, Eileen Leshner, Connie Rucker and Joan Neubauer.

Leadership: Joan Neubauer's leadership was titled "I can't Say it Any Better Than They Have" and was quotes from famous people including Christopher Reeves, Arthur Turock, Booker T. Washington, Margaret Thatcher, Albert Einstein, Howard Thurman, Bill Cosby and from Mary Stewart's Collect for Women — GFWC. Joan also reminded members to let her know if someone is sick or in need of a card.

President Aklund installed Joan Wolf as a new member and presented a rose as she was being welcomed into our club. Door prizes were won by Fran Fox, Judy Woerner, Diane Butzlaff, Carole Hurley, and Karen Schulz. Hostesses today were Lynda Healy and Peggy Schiedel.

No further business the meeting was adjourned

LILLEHAMMER LODGE NO. 1-633 SONS OF NORWAY

Lillehammer Lodge No. 1-633 of the Yankton area met Jan. 18, 2014, at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Yankton. The meeting was

opened by President, Carol Broderston 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. Phyllis Neilsen led and accompanied the group for the song, "Per Spelman" and the hymn "Beautiful Savior" in English and Norwegian.

The minutes of the Nov. and Dec. meetings were read and approved. There was not a financial report. There was a discussion of the Tubrim Stamp program, including needing more cards to include with the prepared stamps. Programming ideas were discussed including a possible short bus trip for summer. The list of January birthdays was read.

Marilyn List led the members in the Norwegian table prayer leading to the members enjoying a generous pot-luck lunch.

The next meeting will be Feb. 15 at 2 p.m. with a potluck lunch.

ROY ANDERSON POST NO. 12

Roy Anderson Post No. 12 held its regular monthly meeting at the VFW post home on Dec. 17, 2013, with members Brandt, Happe, Huisman, F. Johnson, D. List, Monfore and DeBoer being present. All saluted the flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes were not read and the financial report from the previous meeting was approved as read. The financial report is as follows \$11,227.81 in the general.

Americanism: No funerals in Dec, but there were 3 in Nov. there was a Veterans Christmas party at HSC for 57 Veterans Dist. 8 Cmdr. Jim Hornstra and the Aux. President and her spouse were in attendance

Membership: Membership chairman Don List stated that we are 35 short yet of making goal of 217

Boys state: Director Darcy to talk to Boys Stater Bryce Cowman about speaking at the membership Dinner.

Children and Youth: Director Fran Johnson reported that he is still collecting stuff.

Old business: Members finalized plans for the membership dinner, with following

Motion to have JoDeans be the caterer for \$5.50 a plate and \$9.00 at the door for nonmember guests.

New Business Cmdr Johnson made a motion to make a donation to the Boys/Girls Club for new sports equipment. In turn they will donate the old to Post 12 motion tabled til Feb meeting.

Motion also made by Jim DeBoer to have the Post pay for Lunch for the full time regular grocery delivery guss motion carried

Sick CALL: Robert DeYoung and Don List doing well

Pow/MIA: Director Brandt reported that 3 had been returned since the last meeting, from Korea Cpl William Newton and Pfc Jerry Craig. From Vietnam Col. Francis McGouldrick welcome home brothers

Next meeting: Feb 18, 2014, at 7:30 p.m. at the VFW Post Home.

OUTLAW TRAIL SCENIC BYWAY

Outlaw Trail Scenic Byway held a teleconference on Jan 21, 2014. Members present for the meeting were Al Brock, Valentine, Chris Kreyck, Kreyck Riverview Tour and KSK Big Game Outfitter, Niobrara, Marita Placek, Lynch, Twyla Witt, NE Tourism Commission; Mary Rose Pinkelman, St. James Marketplace, St. James, and Rhonda Kneiff, PRO & Sunny Brook Camp, Newcastle/Sparks.

President Mary Rose called the meeting to order. The secretary's report and treasurer's report were given and approved.

MEMBERSHIP: The Partner/Membership forms will be sent out in February.

Signage committee of Al, Twyla and Rhonda reported on signage.

Trail Rides -- Al reported the June trail ride is set and ready to go for June 28 and 29th at Caroline Holden's cabin. Cost of the ride will be \$100. for Outlaw Trail members for the weekend and \$125.00 for non-members.

AI received a magazine from the AQHA with the story and pictures of the Outlaw Trail ride at Butte during the 2013 Pancake Days celebration and also reported on an article in the Dec. 3, 2013, Omaha World-Herald, announcing plans to establish a nationally recognized Chief Standing Bear Trail from Niobrara, Nebraska, to Oklahoma.

Mary Rose would like to know how many brochures we actually have. Please check and see how many brochures you have and report at the next meeting, so a decision can be made as to whether we need to order more.

Marita reported on the book signing for "Legends and Lore of the Outlaw Trail" she did at the Hartington Library in conjunction with their Parade of Lights.

Mary Rose and Rhonda gave a report on the Quiltway. No decision yet if the Quiltway will be in 2014 or 2015. Input from the quilters and public concerning a better time to hold the Show and/or better places to display quilts. One suggestion was: if we do it, to keep the same days, Oct. 10-12, 2014, and promote other activities along the trail. If you have suggestions or would like to be on the committee, please contact Mary Rose at 402-357-3330 or Rhonda at 402-322-3360

The Nebraska Cattlemen's Ball will be held 4 miles south of Lynch June 5-6, 2015. Chairmen are requesting help from local people in making preparations for the Ball.

To be announced at a later date the Feb. 18 meeting will be either a regular meeting or teleconference.

Dates for upcoming meetings: March 18 teleconference, April 14-16 is Heartland Byway Conference, Kansas Wildlife and tourism, April 22 is the annual meeting. The May 20 meeting will be at Niobrara.

There was one guest in addition to the speakers that was introduced and one new member was introduced. Members were invited to make announcements regarding business news, opportunities and upcoming events. The hostess was Paula Tacke from Mount Marty College, and she introduced the program for the day.

The speakers were Dr. Theresa Lafferty, MMC Assistant Professor of Theology, and Macey Fuerst, MMC student, who did a presentation on their Mission Service Trip to Oklahoma and Texas which took place in early January.

The next meeting will be held at noon on Monday, Feb. 24, 2014, at Minervas with Michelle Tycz as the hostess, her speaker will be Dawn Pesicka of Dakota Beverage. No meeting on Feb. 17 due to the Women of Distinction Luncheon at Roncalli Center at the Mt. Marty campus.

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