

Jones Distributing Announces Grill Winner

Jones Distributing of Yankton gives away a propane grill to a drawing winner each holiday season.

This year's winner was Jesse Lammers of Yankton. Jones Distributing presented Lammers with the grill on Saturday, Jan. 12.

Yankton Historical Society Elects Board Members

At its first meeting of the New Year, the Board of Directors of the YCHS unanimously elected new members Steven J. Pietila and Lola Harens, each of whom will serve until 2014 and then may seek reelection. They join current Directors Jane Bobzin, Carol Hamvas, Stan Hoffart, Nathan Johnson, Bill Nelson, Joan Neubauer, Jim Nyberg, David Olson, Dick Pillar, Tom Steinbach and Wade VanGerpen, along with City representative Pauline Akland, County representative Donna Freng, Executive Director Crystal Nelson and Assistant Director Heidi Henson.

Lola Harens earned both a BA and an MA from USD, taught in this area for a few years, then had a 38-year career at the Yankton Community Library. She served on the South Dakota Humanities Committee for the South Dakota Centennial, creating a comprehensive bibliography of territorial materials and was involved in the creation of the program now known as One Book South Dakota. Her interest in history led her to serve on a joint committee designed to digitize newspapers on microfilm. She and her husband Chuck have a son and family in Yankton and a son in Ft. Pierre. Her hobbies include reading and travel, with both focusing on art and history.

Lola has been a volunteer for the Dakota Territorial Museum/Yankton County Historical Society for many years and is responsible for much of the research that has been accomplished.

Steven J. Pietila and his wife, Mikael, are recently moved to Yankton, having come from the Brookings area, but Steve, a financial advisor for Thrivent Financial, is already active in Yankton Area Foundation, the Chamber of Commerce, the Sertoma Club and Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks, as well as being on the Church Council for his church. Steve graduated from SDSU with a BS degree so is a passionate follower of SDSU Jackrabbit athletics, but also enjoys bowling, golf, fishing and hunting. He likes to meet new people and talk with them about his passions, and theirs, and values hearing their opinions. His interest, now, is to help educate the public about the history of the Dakota Territory and the area now known as Yankton County.

The museum volunteers hosted a "Meet and Greet" prior to the beginning of the Board meeting, and exhibited to the members the projects with which they've been involved over the past year(s). Included was an introduction to Past Perfect, the computer program which allows Museum personnel to track and organize not only the collections from the Dakota Territorial Museum but also historical items which are held in other locations, such as the Cramer-Kenyon Historic Home. It was noted that an incredible 10,000 volunteer hours have been logged by volunteers over the past five years and they were thanked for their dedication.

Yankton Republicans Select Leadership

Yankton County Republicans chose officers to lead the party through the 2014 election. The new slate of officers was chosen at a county committee meeting in Yankton on Saturday, Jan. 19.

Chosen as chairman to succeed Greg Adamson was Roger Meyer. Vice-Chairman will be Deb Bodenstedt, who continues in the position she held the previous term. New to the leadership is Terra Fisher who will serve as Secretary following Julie Stotz, who served for several terms in that position. Dr. Tom Stotz will continue as Treasurer. Adamson, who did not run for another term, was elected committeeman and Van Pace, who headed the county get-out-the vote drive last November, was elected committeewoman.

The newly elected officers will lead the party through the 2014 election which will feature races up and down the ballot from the U.S. Senate to the county level and include the governor and all state constitutional offices. Their term will end in January, 2015 when elections will be held for the next two-year term.

Meyer said, "This is a well qualified and experienced team and I look forward to working with them for the next two years which I believe will be exciting and active ending in success in November 2014."

SDRVMOC To Hold Training Session In Pierre

PIERRE — The annual training session of the South Dakota Reserve Veterinary Medical Officer Corps (SDRVMOC) was held Jan. 3, 2013, in Pierre. This was the 13th training module for the Corps which was established in 2001. Dr. Jesse M. Hostetter, with Iowa State University's Center for Food Security and Public Health presented materials from his Emerging and Exotic Diseases of Animals course.

Dr. Donald Lepp of Yankton is a member of the South Dakota Reserve Veterinary Medical Officer Corps which consists of 42 private veterinarians who have participated in specialized training in foreign animal diseases (FAD) and emergency response. In the event of a FAD occurrence the Corps members may be called to assist in responding to the event.

"The SDRVMOC program is in its 12th year and it is important to sustain this group and expand their training in animal health emergency management and knowledge of foreign/emerging animal diseases," says Dr. Dustin Oedekeoven, State Veterinarian.

He said he is very grateful of the commitment from the Corps Veterinarians to assist the South Dakota Animal Industry Board in the preparation for animal health and food safety emergencies.

Pugh Honored As VOM

On the snowy morning of December 27th, the employees of First Dakota National Bank's downtown Yankton branch gathered in the lobby to witness one of their own being honored. Though she is not a native to Yankton, it would be difficult to find anyone who has done more for the greater good of the community than Jane Pugh. Jane was awarded by the United Way & Volunteer Services of Greater Yankton as Volunteer of the Month for November 2012. In her 23 years in Yankton, she has volunteered for innumerable agencies and causes from the Chamber and the Contact Center to planning and implementation of the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure in our area.

We asked Jane to tell us about her life as a volunteer.

I have lived here in the Yankton Area since: I moved to Yankton in 1989. I became a true Yanktonian with my first job being at Gurney's and then started working at First Dakota National Bank in 1990.

I began volunteering: First Dakota encourages their employees to volunteer in our communities and so I began right away with the Yankton Chamber on the Community Health Committee in 1991. (I am not sure that was what it was called back then but that is when I met Pam Kettering.)

I continue volunteering because: Yankton, and the people of Yankton, have welcomed me and I have made this community my home. I like to give back to my community and if we didn't have volunteers many of these agencies, programs, projects, etc. would not exist. My parents were great mentors as they spent many hours volunteering in LeMars, Iowa, as I was growing up.

I have volunteered at: The Yankton Chamber, Interchange, Hillcrest Golf & Country Club, Trinity Lutheran Church, United Way & Volunteer Services, Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, Junior Achievement, the Contact Center and a few others. I also help people who struggle with drug and alcohol addictions whenever possible.

Approximate hours per year that I volunteer: Oh my — it is



hard to say — my guess would be between 75 - 100 hours a year.

Volunteer work is enjoyable because: It makes me feel good and gives me an opportunity to meet people in the community I normally would not know. It just seems natural for me.

My best volunteer experience was: I don't have a best - I have enjoyed every experience and every experience has been worth my time spent. I have learned so much about our community and how it works. Just like I tell my Junior Achievement 2nd graders — "It takes all kinds of people and talent to make our community work!"

The advice I would give to those thinking about getting out there and volunteering in their communities is: Just do it! There are always opportunities available no matter what your interests are. You not only help others but you will feel good about yourself after helping others.

For more information about volunteering in the Yankton area please contact the United Way & Volunteer Services of Greater Yankton at (605)665-6766 or volunteer@iw.net.

New Leadership At Cain Consulting Group

Bob Fitch Jr., a 1983 Yankton High School graduate, is the new owner and president of Cain Consulting Group Inc. Based in Hawarden, Iowa, the company provides consulting, training and publications to help non-profits achieve organizational success. Serving clients across North America, Cain Consulting's services and publications help maximize the effective operations and leadership of non-profit boards. Information about the products and services available from Cain Consulting Group can be found at www.cain-consulting.com or email fitchccg@gmail.com.

Fitch has 20 years of successful experience managing non-profit organizations, most recently wrapping up more than 16 years as executive director of the Minnesota Nursery & Landscape Association, based in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area. He attributes a great deal of his success to the writing and editing skills honed by his high school journalism teacher, the recently deceased Richard Anderson.

Fitch purchased the company from founder Dan Cain, who is now semi-retired. Cain will continue to consult with selected clients and is working with the new owner to ensure professional continuity. Associate Gary Hayden, Ph.D., will also continue to serve clients.



Fitch Jr.

Druin Graduates From Basic Training

Air National Guard Airman Ethan R. Druin graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force. Druin is the son of Wade and Chris Druin of 457th Avenue, Volin. He is a 2011 graduate of Vermillion High School.



Druin

VISITATION CENTER RAFFLE



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Shirley and Arnold Stelling were the lucky winners of the Family Visitation Center (FVC) Bean Bag Raffle, which was held in December. Lyndsay Evans, Coordinator of the Family Visitation Center, presented the winners with the bean bag prize. The funds raised will be used to supplement the scholarships for FVC clients to utilize the center's services. The FVC sends a BIG thank you to those who supported this cause!

FCA HELPS GIVE BACK



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Yankton High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes recently packed over 6,000 meals for children in need of our care at Kids Against Hunger in Yankton. If you would like to learn more about how you can make a difference, please visit www.kahyankton.org.

MEETINGS

KEYSTONE CHAPTER #33, OES

Keystone Chapter #33, OES, met Thursday, Jan. 17, at the Masonic Temple, Yankton. Sue Koeppe, Worthy Matron, presided.

Final plans were made for Official Visit on Feb. 1. The school of instruction will be at 2 p.m., followed by a no-host supper. The evening meeting with initiation will be at 7 p.m. Official Visitor will be Bonnie Koch, Associate Grand Matron.

Darlene Ireland was hostess for the social hour following the meeting.

The next regular meeting will be Thursday, Feb. 21, at the Masonic Temple in Yankton, beginning at 7:30.

V.F.W. POST 791 LADIES AUXILIARY

Preceding the regular meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary, Sherry Rogers of CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) was introduced as the Speaker of the Evening. Sherry's office is located in County Clerk's office and its function is to care and protect abused children in Yankton County and assist in placing them in foster care with the decision made by the judge.

The organization depends on donations and contributions to take care of their expenses. The average cost of one case is \$1,000. Starting last April they have 22 children ranging from the age of Newborn to 16 years of age.

She then listed 6 points for consideration: become a volunteer, tell people about the program, check out the website, they are on the Face book, have fund raisers efforts during the year, and donation made to Southeast C.A.S.A. Program - P.O. Box 7017, Yankton, S.D. 57078.

The regular meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary opened at 7:30 by President Joyce Stahelecker. Roll Call, Opening Prayer: Slowey. Patriotic Instructions: Stoddard, followed by Pledge to the Flag and Star Spangle Banner. Minutes of last meeting by Schramm and the treasures report by Olson was read and accepted. Correspondence by Schramm with a letter from Dept of Social Services thanking us for our service to HCS, and a letter from National Home thank for the donation the new phone service.

Reports were giving: Church Christensen, Hospital: Slowey, CA&R, Ways and Means, Membership: by Olson, a list of members still owing their dues was read and a reminder the Live members insurance of \$5. is due. Majestic Bluffs:

Mellem, National Home: List.

New Business: Slowey needs note card (with no message) and a donation to the CSAS Program was made. Jan. 28 is the V.A. Hospital Visit. A donation to the HSC was overlooked at the last meeting, a motion was made to give and seconded.

The Quarterly Audit report was read, was accepted and seconded. The Report of Trustees was accepted and seconded.

Meeting adjourned and a lunch was served by Delores Kafka and Mary Johnson.

The next meeting will be Feb. 12.

OUTLAW TRAIL SCENIC BYWAY

The Outlaw Trail Scenic Byway meeting was held Jan. 15, 2013, at Wiebelbausch's Recreation Center, Crofton, Neb. Members present and introducing themselves and the organizations they were representing were: Mary Rose Pinkelman, St. James Marketplace, Larry Halstead, Village of Lynch, Matt Cerny, Knox County Development Director, Linda Wubben, Crofton Economic Development, Al Brock, Valentine, Chris Kreyck, Kreyck Riverview Elk and Buffalo Ranch, Twyla Witt, Nebraska Tourism Commission, and Marita Placek, Lynch.

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

Membership: Twyla reported on progress of membership. A sample flyer was passed around for inspection and corrections.

Tourism: Mary Rose reported that she has found a high school student to do a power point of the Outlaw Trail for her school project.

Brochures — Omaha Sports show is Feb. 21-24. Minneapolis Sports Show is March 30 to April 3. Will have brochures at the Minneapolis Sports Show.

Trail Ride — Al reported he is working with Kelli Heiser on a trail ride to Horse Thief Canyon in Lynch on April 27-28. Marie Brohl and her sister will provide the entertainment for Saturday evening.

Legends and Lore of the Outlaw Trail: Marita reported books are still selling well.

See the Quiltway the Byway: Mary Rose reported the quilt show will be held Oct. 11-13 — the second weekend of October to coordinate with Wild West Days.

Signage: Al checked into interpretative signage. Signs will cost anywhere

from \$40 to \$350 per square foot and more.

Twyla gave her report. Please send community events to the tourism website. Agri/Eco Tourism Workshop will be held Feb. 5-6, at the Sandhills Convention Center, North Platte. The next Marketplace conference will be February 12 at the Nielsen Community Center in West Point.

The most tourist traffic in Nebraska for 2012 came from California, Texas, Florida, Illinois and Nebraska. The top two closest to Nebraska were from Missouri and Iowa.

Meeting schedule for 2013: Feb. 19 — Teleconference call at 7 p.m.; March 19 — Niobrara; April — Annual meeting Lynch Niobrara Valley Retreat Center, May 21 — teleconference 7 p.m.; June 18 — Butte; July — teleconference call 7 p.m.; NO meeting in August; Sept. 17 Big Canyon, Springfield, October — teleconference 7 p.m.; Nov. 19 — to be decided at a later date.

Meeting adjourned.

YANKTON REGIONAL AVIATION ASSOCIATION

Thirty-four members and guests of the Yankton Regional Aviation Association (YRAA) met on Jan. 20 at 6 p.m. for a "Men Cooking" potluck supper in the terminal at Chan Gurney Airport. Participants were from Avon, Irene, Menno, Tyndall, Vermillion, Yankton, Hartington, Norfolk and Randolph.

The meeting was led by Vice President Jim Eisenmenger. Steve Hamilton announced the 10th annual Ground School Refresher would be held on Jan. 27 at the Hartington Airport at 1:30 p.m. and presented by Master Pilot Denny Martens. Taylor Donnelly received her student pilot certificate and is training with Martens at Vermillion. Dan Johnson has soloed and is continuing training with the Yankton Flight Training Center in Yankton. The YRAA finished 2012 with 120 members.

The next YRAA meeting is set for Feb. 17. For more information about the YRAA, call 665-8448.

ASHH TOASTMASTERS 6217

Sheryl Schwartz, who has been sorely missed, was warmly welcomed by all Club 6217 members at the noon meeting held in KPI's conference room on Jan. 17 with Eric Taylor performing the Master Evaluator duties and Muriel Stach as Toastmaster.

Taylor's team consisted of "ah" counter Gale Vogt (who used both the bell and the nails) and timer Joe Neuhaufen (reminding respondents that being under time is just as much of a faux pas as being over time). Fran Kocer prayed that we might "learn from others, but often humans have a disinclination to do so." Grammarians, Eileen O'Connor, presented "aval" as the word of the day.

Joyce Stevens' speech, "Who Had More Fun?" told tales of availing herself of the opportunity to be a "cheerleader advisor" as an adult, after being unable to cheerlead during high school.

Evaluator Kary Belts availed herself of time, which led to a round of applause for her efforts. She enjoyed Stevens' vocal variety in actually "leading the cheers."

Chelsi Hames' Table Topics were a sexual switch as men were to explain the use of a generally feminine article and vice versa. It started with Beltz taking a wrench to hold dirty hands; Jennifer Wubben using a Stanley tool to rewind through teen-hood; Stan Sudbeck was "bringing back the buzz"; Kocer decorated an "Easter egg" with a foam makeup remover; Schwartz used a "twirler to shave"; Steve Anderson "has baited fish with this scent"; Neuhaufen liked having "anti-aging dust"; and Vogt used an "x-ray vision sight finder."

The awards and announcement followed. Best Speaker award went to Stevens and the Best Respondent trophy was presented to Anderson. For officers' training during the Jan. 24 meeting, please all print and bring the attached review plus your manuals. Also, Feb. 14 is both Valentines and Guest Day.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Yankton American Legion Auxiliary met Jan. 21, 2013, with First Vice President Joyce List presiding.

Mae Tenken and Gert Moore gave an informative talk about Girls and Boys State. They discussed how students may apply for this program, the process for acceptance and the activities the students are involved in during their time at Girls and Boys State.

Helen Simpson reports that the Auxiliary has reached its membership goal plus 3. She reports that June Baggs is a 65-year member and a Certificate honoring that membership will be made and given to Mrs. Baggs.

The Bingo Party, at the Human Services Center is Jan. 24, 2013. Volunteers should arrive at 12:40 p.m. as the Bingo

games will start at 1 p.m. The Gayville Unit will be assisting with this activity.

Marys List reports that a Cracker Barrel Session with the S.D. State Legislators will be held Feb. 19, 2013 at the Avera Sacred Heart Pavilion. The three Yankton County legislators will speak at the Legion Auxiliary meeting March 18, 2013.

Thank you notes were read and passed around from Veterans and their families who received gifts through the Legion Auxiliary Gift Shop and from students in the Yankton School district who received dictionaries from the Legion Auxiliary.

A delicious lunch was served by Helen Simpson and Judy Eisenmenger. The next meeting will be Feb. 18, 2013, with Children/Youth/Education reports. The lunch hostesses are Martha List and Gloria Pibal.

INTERCHANGE

Interchange met on Monday, Jan. 21, 2013, at Minervas for their weekly meeting.

Kathy Jacobs, Interchange President, called the meeting to order with the flag pledge. Kathy Jacobs introduced her guest, Amy Nelson, new Yankton City Manager. Members shared community announcements and upcoming events with the group in attendance. The Hostess was LaVonne Halvorson, retired employee from First Dakota National Bank. Her speaker was Jane Pugh, Relationship Banking Officer/First Partners Coordinator from First Dakota National Bank. Her topic was "Travel Tips."

The next Interchange meeting will be held Monday, Jan. 28, 2013, at Minervas. The Hostess will be Lynette Hansen, from Yankton Transit and her speaker will be

Steve Mach who will present on Kids Against Hunger.

YANKTON TOASTMASTER CLUB 1294

Yankton Toastmaster Club 1294 met Saturday, Jan. 18, 2013, at 7:30 a.m. at the Fry'n Pan Restaurant. The meeting was called to order by President Joy Winther. The invocation was given by Roy Wilcox followed by Roy leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Mrs. Winther introduced the guest, Rachael Hejna. Carol Smith was introduced as the Toastmaster of the meeting. The Grammarian of the meeting, Harry Voeltzke, presented the word of the day, which was "austerity." Table Topics was led by John Swensen on current events.

Speeches were given by Tara Arens titled "Lewis Did What?" using the Humorously Speaking Manual Project #1 on Warm Up Your Audience; and Janice Stone titled "My Dad" using the Competent Communicators Manual Project #6 on Vocal Variety. The Master Evaluator of the meeting was Kathy Hejna, who evaluated the meeting and called on Vernon Arens to evaluate Tara Arens and Kevin Buhl to evaluate Stone. Reports were also giving by Grammarians Voeltzke, Ah Counter Joy Winther, and Timer Matt Stone. Steve Hamilton was the Vote Counter of the day and Janice Kruse gave the Joke of the Day. Table Topic winner was Matt Stone, Best Speaker was Arens, and Best Evaluator was Buhl. The business meeting was led by Winther.

Guests are always welcome. For more information call 665-1523.

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