

United Way

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United Way & Volunteer Services of Greater Yankton is grateful for a grant 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. United Way alongside Head Start presented a THANK YOU to Craig Somner and Payless ShoeSource for their generosity of seventy five \$20 merchandise certificates. These certificates were distributed to Head Start families during a one day event in December at the Yankton Mall. Pictured are Lauren Hanson, Executive Director, United Way; Julie Nohr, Director, Head Start; and Craig Somner, Payless ShoeSource. (Submitted Photo)

Paper Planes



INSPIRED BY some favorite library books, Stewart 4th and 5th graders participated in a little STEM fun at a recent recess. Students built their best paper airplanes and took flight in the gym to determine whose creation could fly the furthest. Awards were given to the top three flights and the most creative design.

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Band Festival



SIX STUDENTS from Yankton High School participated in the 17th Annual Quad State Honor Band Festival. The students auditioned in December and were selected to two different bands. Featured conductors were David Shaffer, the director of the Miami University Marching Band and Dr. Gary Reaves, Associate Director of Bands at USD. The concert was held in Aalfs Auditorium in Slagle Hall on the campus of the University of South Dakota. Pictured from left to right are: Madeleine Logue, Steven Bray, Erica Westerman, Ashlynn Schwarz, Sophie Drotzmann, Natalie Ferris and Selena Olvera.

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Encounter Center To Feature The 'Missouri River Creatures' Program Feb. 8

SIOUX CITY, Iowa — The Sioux City Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center will present "Creatures of the Missouri River" with fisheries biologist and outdoors photographer Sam Stukel at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 8 at the Betty Strong Encounter Center. Admission will be free.

The audience will learn about some of the rare, unique and important species that make their homes in the local Missouri River's underwater world.

"The Missouri River is full of interesting characters: prehistoric relics; heavily armored super-predators; eat-anything omnivores; and fish that grow huge by eating tiny plankton," he says.

The fisheries biologist will shed light on the world of the pallid sturgeon and a few other creatures that share the Missouri River's muddy waters.

"No species' fate is tied more closely to its Missouri River habitat than the pallid sturgeon's," says Stukel. "These are ancient, odd-looking fish facing an uphill battle against extinction."

A fisheries biologist with the South Dakota Dept. of Game, Fish and Parks, Stukel is on the river more than 100 days each year. His work has

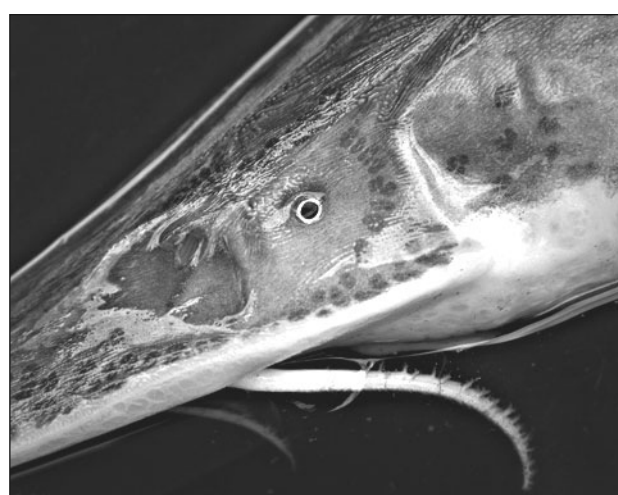


PHOTO: SAM STUKEL

Siouxland photographer and fisheries biologist Sam Stukel will present "Creatures of the Missouri River," including the pallid sturgeon, at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 8 at the Betty Strong Encounter Center. Admission will be free.

deepened his appreciation for all that the Missouri River offers, especially in the Yankton area that straddles the line between the reservoirs of the upper river and the engineered channel of the lower river.

The Gregory native earned a bachelor's degree at Mount Marty College in Yankton, where he spent many evenings fishing in the Gavins Point Dam tailrace or exploring the shores of Lewis and Clark Lake. Those

experiences inspired him to choose a career working with the river.

After an internship with the South Dakota Dept. of Game, Fish and Parks on Lake Oahe, Stukel earned a master's degree in fishery biology at South Dakota State University, Brookings. In his first position he was based at Lake Andes, where he evaluated the water quality of streams flowing into Lewis and Clark Lake.

"I gained new hands-on

appreciation for threats to the clean water we all take for granted."

Stukel has fished, boated, hunted and explored the Missouri River year-round since his youth. "The river was an endless source of entertainment for a boy who loved nothing more than outdoor adventures."

Some 20 years ago Stukel began to photograph landscapes, wildlife and people. As his hobby progressed, he was increasingly drawn to Missouri River landscapes. Encouraged by reaction to his photography, he committed a year to shooting river images. The results have been described as "stunning."

The Betty Strong Encounter Center and adjoining Sioux City Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center comprise a private, non-profit cultural complex built and sustained by Missouri River Historical Development, Inc. (MRHD). It is located on the Missouri Riverfront, exit 149 off I-29. Admission is free. For more information visit www.sioux-citycic.com or call 712-224-5242. Find the Center on Facebook: www.facebook.com/siclandc

MEETINGS

TOASTMASTERS CLUB 6217

Kary Beltz called Toastmasters Club 6217 to order Jan. 15, 2015, at noon in the KPI Conference Room with a warm welcome and invocation by Jesse Bailey.

Eileen O'Connor presented the word of the day, "Eclectic," and tracked its use by the speakers as well as unusual and interesting phrases, like "spectator sport" and "seek your soul."

Joyce Steven's evaluation team included timer Chelsi Hames and "ah" counter Jan Schiferl.

Speaker Jennifer Suing spoke of parent's trash talking at sporting events. We as parents need to remember our kids are watching and learning from us all the time. Suing was evaluated by Greg Stach, he praised her for mastering the pause and her excellent eye contact. Suing's opening was very enjoyable and had great voice inflections.

Table Topics Master Stach used "dreams" as his topic. Muriel Stach says to pay attention to your dreams they mean something. Bailey can remember a specific dream that had very vivid colors, not just black and white. Sandy Spady's recent dream of losing her husband in a museum is curious if it meant something. O'Connor has many dreams that she is responsible for a child or something. Stan Sudbeck says most of his dreams seem to be past issues that he never resolved. Schiferl believes you should take your dreams and act on them. Hames says she rarely takes any issues or problems and sleeps on them. Stevens has had many un-pleasant dreams ever since her husband's farming accident.

Toastmaster Beltz then turned the podium over to the President Stach for upcoming events which are Area Speech Contest coming up in February, date to be determined.

TOASTMASTER CLUB 1294

Yankton Toastmaster Club 1294 met Saturday, Jan. 24, 2015, at 7:30 a.m. at the Fryn' Pan Restaurant. President Vernon Arens called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Jeremy Skrenes gave the invocation. President Arens led the Pledge of Allegiance and introduced Toastmaster of the Day, Jack Dahseid, who conducted the meeting.

Angela Mann was introduced as Master Evaluator of the meeting. Grammarian, Steve Hamilton, gave the word of the day, "blarney" which means skillful flattery, non-

sense. Prepared speeches were given by Vernon Arens on the topic of "Toastmaster Distinguish Club Program" based on the Competent Communication Manual, Project#3, "Get to the Point." Janice Stone spoke on the topic of "It's an Invasion" based on the Competent Communication Manual, Project #5, "Your Body Speaks." Table Topics was led by Jeremy Skrenes who asked members to put themselves in the role of the TV character "Ron Swanson" of "Game & Parks" TV Sitcom and share insights of life from Ron Swanson quotes. Master Evaluator, Angela Mann evaluated the meeting and called on Kevin Buhl to evaluate Vernon Arens and John Swenson to evaluate Janice Stone. Presentations were given by grammarian, Steve Hamilton, timer, Matt Stone, and joke master, Doug Fickbohm. Trophies were handed out to Janice Stone for Best Speaker, Angela Mann for Best Table Topics and John Swenson for Best Evaluator.

LILLEHAMMER LODGE #1-633 SONS OF NORWAY

Lillehammer Lodge #1-633 of the Yankton area met Jan. 18, 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 "Kan du glemme gamle Norge?" (or "Old Norway") a group favorite. Members agree that we need some language lessons to get our pronunciation corrected.

The minutes of the July meeting was read by Secretary Diane Reese and approved. The financial record by Clarice Holm, Treasurer, was not read in her absence.

Secretary Diane Reese brought envelopes to have the stamps clipped for Tubfrim. Several members have been helping with this and some turned in clipped stamps to be sent. Members are requested to ask members of other groups they are members of to also submit clipped stamps. Some submit entire envelopes and members will clip the stamps to the proper size to send to the Tubfrim Charity Organization in Norway.

There was no program presented at this meeting. Members were asked for suggestions for programs for upcoming meetings. The

President will follow up on some of the suggestions.

There was a discussion held on holding meetings every-other month to possibly encourage members to be present & coordinate other activities to be able to attend SON. A vote of the members present approved this action — this will place the next meeting on March 15.

The birthday list for November, December and January, 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 March 15 at 2 p.m. with a potluck lunch.

INTERCHANGE

Interchange met on Monday, Jan. 26, 2015, at noon at Minerva's. The meeting was called to order by President Ann Clough and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Carla Ewald introduced her guest, Mandy Ewald, from First Dakota National Bank. Announcements were made by Ann Clough encouraging members to invite other professionals to join Interchange, Kathy Wibbels (Yankton Community Library) announced upcoming Women's Shelter fundraiser, "Dancing with the Stars", Jan. 31, Deb Overseth (RSVP) stated the book drive for the Red Box Book program was very successful (517 books collected), Crystal Nelson (Yankton Territorial Museum) announced the upcoming program on Feb. 13 "Collection Care" to be held at the Museum, Marie Steckelberg, announced the Vermillion-Yankton Town Hall Meeting to be held at "One Million Cups" Wednesday at 9 a.m. at the Avera Pavilion.

Hostess for this week was Frani Kieffer (Resource and Development for Boys and Girls Club) presenting her program about the Boys & Girls Club. She introduced Kelsie Thoreson, Director of the Yankton Unit. They informed the group about the Academy and Traditional sites and the age groups and programming that are at each site. The big news for the Boys and Girls Club is the \$7,000,000.00

Fundraising Campaign for the new building that will be built in partnership with Yankton School District. Groundbreaking is expected to be in the fall of 2015.

The next meeting of Interchange will be held on Monday, Feb. 2, 2015, at noon at Minerva's. LaVonne Halvorsen will be the hostess, and the program will be presented by artists Mary and Mark Zimmerman.

VFW LADIES AUXILIARY

The Ladies Auxiliary to Ernest Bowyer V.F.W. Post 791 January meeting was opened by President Joyce Stahlecker. Roll call was taken, followed with opening prayer by Slowey, patriotic instruction by Stahlecker, the pledge to the flag and the Star Spangled Banner. Minutes of previous meeting were read by Schramm and the treasurer's report by Stoddard. Bill and correspondence was giving by Schramm.

Committee reports: Church by Christensen, Funerals by Schramm, Hospital by Slowey, Yankton Care Center by Gwin, National Home by List, Publicity by Potts. The audit quarterly report by Stange, a motion was made to accept and was seconded.

New Business: Schramm brought up the subject of being able to report hours donated by members for the soup kitchen and bingo hours to R.S.V.P. (Retired Senior Volunteer Program). After some discussion it was felt we need to check on this further to make sure the V.F.W. concurs with R.S.V.P. Bender brought up Jan Endes Bulletin n.N.C.R.T. (National Certified Recruiter Program). It was discussed, no conclusion made.

Novak asked about the Leprechaun Special Olympic raffle tickets. If they could be printed with one or more of the special prizes and update the appearance of the ticket. A hand vote was taken and the results were to continue printing them through Stahlecker. St. Patrick's Day is Tuesday, March 17, and the Leprechauns will go out that day.

Stoddard then reported on membership, she presented a list of delinquent members. President Stahlecker appointed a committee

MILITARY

DAMARIS HOUTCOOPER

Army Pfc. Damaris E. Houtcooper 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 train-

ing, drill and ceremony, 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.

Houtcooper is the daughter of Rhonda K. Houtcooper of Viborg. Pfc. Houtcooper is a 2014 graduate of Viborg-Hurley High School, Viborg.

to get together and go over the list. She also reported on the following items: 1/2 cost of the Veteran's Day dinner, Soup Kitchen Revenue, Donation Fund. Simonsen motioned to give Broders Donation to the Post for their remodeling and repairs. Bender seconded and carried. General Orders can now be seen on line. Stoddard brought up the lunch committee for each month. Presently the committees are made up of members that come to every meeting. It was decided to go make to the monthly committee and call members to bring sandwiches and bars. Lunch will be served by Val Larson, Sarah Larson, Ramona Meyer and Judy Olson.

Report of Trustees was given, accepted and second and carried. Next meeting will be Feb. 10 at 7:30 p.m.

4-H JUNIOR LEADERS

The Yankton County 4-H Junior Leaders met on Jan. 25 at 1 p.m. at the Yankton County Extension Office. There was an attendance of 10 members present.

We started our meeting with an airlock teambuilding game. Then our leader Stephanie Siebrandt went through our membership forms to make sure they were all completed. President Tyler Novak took over the meeting.

Our first major discussion was on fundraising ideas for 2015, because we need at least \$300 for our Capital Campaign donation this year. Our ideas were: work at Pizza Ranch, host a car wash, host a bake sale, host a dance, have a raffle, have a 50/50 drawing, have a t-shirt/sweatshirt sale, participate in the county-wide 4-H design contest, host a mini show, or host some kind of petting zoo farm. We debated which ideas would give us the best fundraising outcome. The ideas with the top votes were: work at Pizza Ranch, host a car wash,

and participate in the county-wide 4-H design contest. The design contest got quickly shot down, since the 4-H t-shirt idea contest is due Feb. 6. We felt like we didn't have enough time to complete this, so we went to the idea with the next amount of votes. The next idea was hosting some kind of petting zoo farm.

With further discussion we decided to work in Pizza Ranch sometime during the last week in May, and our car wash would be held sometime around June 27. The petting zoo farm will be held during Achievements Days. We will be incorporating our project of being a 4-H'er for a day along with this. We decided to also do a 50/50 raffle during Achievement Days.

Our next topic of discussion was our February community service project. Our ideas consisted of: helping set up and take down the ice skating rink on February 21, a fun day at the nursing home with the elders, assisting Keep Yankton Beautiful, 4-H project camp, and an activity with the Boys and Girls Club.

Ideas were discussed, and we voted to have a fun day with the elders at Majestic Bluffs. We discussed dates, and February 7 was our first option. However, it still needs to be planned out with the nursing home.

Discussions moved on to our social activity in March. Activity ideas were: laser tag, bowling, archery, Sky Zone, movie night at the Extension Office, movie night at the movie theater, and eating out. We voted on these ideas, and the movie night at the Extension Office in Yankton idea won. The date for our March activity is March 7 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Our next meeting will be held on April 26 at 1 p.m. in the Yankton County Extension Office. The meeting was adjourned.

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