

HOMETOWNNEWS

MAKING TRACKS



SUBMITTED PHOTO
Employees of Hy-Vee donated \$1,000 to the Scotland Track Restoration project. This money will be used to upgrade the current Scotland track from a cinder track to an all weather track. Pictured are Scotland Head Track Coach Gary Pepper, Superintendent Damon Alvey, Hy-Vee Manager Tonya Graff, Asst. Manager Becky Soucek and Asst. Manager Josh Suing.

MAKE A SPLASH — READ!



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Congratulations to Erica Westerman (top), age 13, participant in the Yankton Community Library Summer Reading Program. She read more than 4,000 minutes to earn one of the top prizes at the library's Coral Read Store. Congratulations also to Kaley Ulmer (bottom) for reading over 6,500 minutes to earn the scooter for her little sister, Taylor. Good job girls! It's not too late for children of all ages to join the summer reading program at the library. Call 668-5275 for details.

HIKING FOR YANKTON



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Thirty-one kids participated in the summer hiking program sponsored by Keep Yankton Beautiful. The group hiked around the Summit Center, did a mini Great American Cleanup, had a trash and recyclable objects treasure hunt, and the kids drew or wrote their vision of what the world would look like if people stopped focusing on litter reduction and recycling, and how it would look if that focus was continued. They also discussed why litter reduction and recycling are important to them and to the world.

RC&D HAPPENINGS

Blossoms, Butterflies And Birds Galore

A cool July day out in nature couldn't have been better for the seventy-seven participants on the Blossoms, Butterflies & Birds Tour. They came from as far away as Yankton to Allen to Norfolk and everywhere in between. "We saw 43 species of native wildflowers, three different kinds of butterflies and 12 species of birds" according to RC&D President Dennis Wacker, the official tally keeper.

Experts from the Nebraska Game & Parks Commission Gerry Steinauer, botanist; Lucas Negus, a wildlife biologist; and Scott Wessel, private lands biologist, were fascinating to listen to. Their wealth of knowledge amazed everyone. No matter what native grass or wildflower

was presented to Gerry he knew what it was. Lucas specialized in the birds and recognized all their calls even though they weren't visible. Scott's knowledge covered all categories and his special addition to the day was a taste of the cooked root of the wild turnip.

Having a noon meal at the Amish home of Mattie and Eddie Pedersheim was a highlight for many. Sponsored by the Northeast Nebraska Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) Council in partnership with the Nebraska Natural Legacy Project this event exceeded expectations and many look forward to this tour and others continuing.



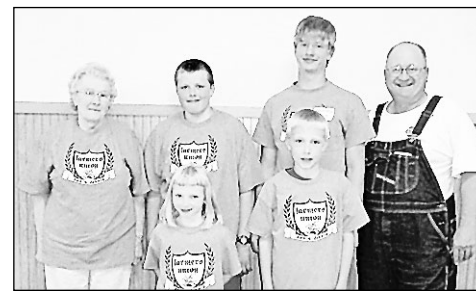
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The bush morning glory was an interesting find that Gerry Steinauer could share information about.

Campers Learn The Value Of Cooperation

TABOR — Youth from across Bon Homme and Yankton Counties learned the value of working together and serving their communities while gaining skills to become the leaders of tomorrow during the annual Bon Homme/Yankton County Farmers Union camp held June 29 at the Senior Citizen Center in Tabor.

Young people ages 6 to 13 attended this year's camp themed, The Power of Cooperation. The kids participated in activities and games that taught them about cooperative businesses, rural communities, agriculture, and community service in a fun and safe setting. There were also activities based on the Farmers Union "Leading by Serving" curriculum.

In 1945, Farmers Union was a founding member of Cooperative for American Remittances to Europe (CARE), which has become one of the world's largest private humanitarian organizations. The first CARE packages were filled with food given to soldiers fighting in World War II. The youth attending this year's camp had the opportunity to create



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Farmers Union Camp was held recently in Tabor where participants learned the power of cooperation.

their own CARE packages filled with various products from local cooperative businesses. The campers were challenged to bring those CARE packages back to someone in their community who they would like to help. This activity also taught the children about the cooperative businesses which produce the products included in their CARE packages. They also had the opportunity to decorate their CARE bag.

"This year's curriculum was very valuable to the development of leadership skills and the spirit of community service," Yankton County Education Director Dolores Felmeier said. "The future of rural South Dakota depends on these young people, and we're working to develop them into the leaders of tomorrow by teaching them to cooperate and serve others."

Participants at this year's Bon Homme/Yankton County Farmers Union camp were: Megan and Justin Cap of Yankton. Bon Homme/Yankton County Farmers Union camp was directed by Dolores Felmeier and Frank Kloucek and the Farmers Union Summer Interns Anne Wudel and Morgan Bushfield. Also assisting were senior youth Jared Kloucek and Tyler Novak.

For more information on South Dakota Farmers Union and how you and your children can get involved in the organization's youth activities, visit the education page at www.sdfu.org or call Bonnie Geyer, SD Farmers Union State Education Director at 605-352-6761 ext. 125.

BIRTHDAY GIFTS



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On July 8, Natalie Woerner celebrated her ninth birthday, but instead of being showered with presents, she gave back to Heartland Humane Society. Natalie's guests were encouraged to bring donations for the local animal shelter in lieu of presents. The day after her birthday, she and her family brought the donations to share with the animals. Donated items included cat and dog food, litter, bowls, collars, treats, toys, cleaning supplies and even a cash donation. If you would like information on donating to Heartland Humane Society, contact Anderson at 605-664-4244 or email hhs@midconetwork.com.

RESTORING THE DAKOTA



KELLY HERTZ/P&D
Lewis and Clark Theatre Co. (LCTC) Executive Director Chuck Lambert, left, recently received a \$2,000 grant from Midcontinent Communications Yankton Manager Bill Underwood for the stage one of the Dakota Theatre Exterior Renovation project. LCTC is doing a three-stage restoration of the historic theater in downtown Yankton. Stage one is the roof restoration, with a need of \$75,000. The roof work is planned to begin around Aug. 1, but LCTC needs to raise \$9,000 to meet its goal. Stage two will be the restoration of the front facade, marquee, doors and windows, which will cost approximately \$300,000. For questions, pledges and donations, call LCTC at 605-665-4711.

MEETING MINUTES

SHANNON TRAIL PROMOTERS

Shannon Trail Promoters meeting was held July 6 in Verdigris. Attending were Herb and Susan Bengston, Gil and Laurie Larsen, Bonnie Ruzicka, Sally Gubbels and Shirley Kehne.

News: Cindy Howey and Mary Rose Pinkelman helped with the 2.5K Carrot Man Run/Walk at Hartington's Athletic Complex on Sat., June 19. Participation was good. No financial report was available.

A reminder to check geocaches frequently. By a unanimous vote it was agreed \$500 grants would be made available for Shannon Statue replacements. A location for the Shannon Country sign is still being sought.

The Promoters received \$600 from the Knox Co. Lodging Tax. Thank Yous were signed. This will be used for advertising.

The Bengston's encouraged attendance at the Friends of Lewis & Clark meeting to be held in Yankton on Friday, Aug. 27 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Site to be announced.

Shirley Kehne will go to the Northeast Nebraska Travel Council meeting at Wayne on July 22. Shannon the Mannequin is now at the Niobrara State Park for July having spent June at Ash Fall.

The park show on KK93 is underway.

The Archery Tournament for youth/adult teams will be held Aug. 22 beginning at 7:30 a.m. at the range east & south of Hartington.

The August meeting will be in the Hartington Area and will be announced.

ROY ANDERSON POST #12

Roy Anderson Post #12 held its monthly meeting July 8, with 8 members present.

Commander Ausborn called the members to attention followed by the salute to the flag and the Preamble. Chaplain Tienken gave the invocation then the meeting was declared open.

First order of business was the reading of minutes from the June meeting and the reports from finance,

Americanism, youth sports and membership.

Rich Kupfer had a rough draft of the letter being sent to the Post 500 members asking them to transfer to Post #12. The format was approved and signed by the Commander. The letters are now ready for mailing.

New Business: Commander Ausborn presented ideas for the membership dinner in Jan. 2011, including having a Korea theme recognizing and honoring all Legion members that served during the Conflict. At present we have approximately 35 members that served. Commander Ausborn also suggested having a guest speaker for the occasion.

Sick Call: Morris Wachendorf Post Everlasting Paul Hanson had passed away since the last Post meeting.

I would like to announce that if there is anyone who would like to transfer a membership or to become a new member to contact Don List at 605-665-5924 for more information.

Chaplain Tienken gave the benediction and the meeting was declared adjourned. The next meeting will be 7:30 p.m. Aug. 12 at the V.F.W. Post Home.

INTERCHANGE

Interchange was called to order by President Paula Tacke at the Waterfront on Monday, July 12, 12 noon. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

There were no guests. Members made announcements regarding the Relay for Life, the open house at the new Republican Party headquarters and the new exhibits at Yankton Area Arts.

Tara Van Gilder of Psychological Associate of Yankton, LLC, was the hostess for the meeting. She introduced Brad Kopp, Drug Treatment Specialist at the Yankton Federal Prison who spoke briefly about the rehabilitative process at the prison called Choices. He then introduced Brad, an inmate, who talked about his life and how his alcoholism and involvement with trafficking drugs brought him to this point in his life. Interchange meets weekly at the

Waterfront. The next meeting will be July 19 at noon, with City of Yankton Deputy Finance Officer Ann Clough as hostess. Her speaker will be Brian Paulsen, Yankton's new Police Chief, who will speak on his vision for the Yankton Police Department.

GET UP & GO

The Get Up & Go 4-H Club met July 11 at the Irene Legion Hall. President Trevor Hansen called the meeting to order. The American Flag Pledge was led by Erin Hansen and the 4-H Pledge by Stephanie Hauger. Macaulay McDonald's demonstration was How to Pack Groceries. Stephanie Hauger's demonstration was How to Play Sky Darts. Trevor Hansen talked about what he learned at the first Agronomy Field School. Our leader discussed our club's work duties for the Yankton County Achievement Days. Trevor and Erin Hansen served lunch. Our next meeting will be Sept. 12.

LEWIS AND CLARK VOITURE-842

Voiture 842 held its monthly promenade on May 25 at the Moose Lodge in Yankton with Chef Pro Tem Bender presiding. There were eight voyagers present. Remember it is important that we attend all Promenades if possible.

During the opening of the Promenade we had saluted the flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Chef de Train (Pro Tem) Budig placed

the POW/MIA flag and the opening prayer was given by Aumonier Brandt. Chef (Pro Tem) Bender had then declared the Promenade open in due form. This was followed by the roll call of officers with 3 being absent. Financial statement was read and approved; there was no correspondence this month.

The Voiture had one nomination this month, U.S. Navy veteran Diana Larsen. Motion made and seconded notion carried. Welcome aboard, Diana.

Just a note we have started our new fiscal year so dues are due. Please remit dues fee of \$25 to correspondent Kupfer as soon as possible as the Voiture has paid them already. Thank you.

Voyagers Beegle, Goeden, Paulson and Schaefer, Pullman and Larsen still need to be wrecked before they can attend any functions.

Cabane 842 donated two checks to the Voiture, one for \$50 to go to the nurses training program and a check for \$25 to go towards the flags for first graders program.

Directors if you have something to add to the letter please let me know by the 15th of each month so I can get it in, in time before the upcoming Promenade.

The Voiture would like to put together a color guard. Would you be interested? Please let me know at the Promenade. We could possibly use the color guard at the Riverboat Days

parade in August.

Correspondent reminder: The Grande Promenade will be held this weekend July 16-18 at the V.F.W. in Sioux Falls.

100 club drawing results for June Rich Kupfer \$25, Preston Olson \$15, and Doug Lillie \$10. Congratulations to all winners.

The Promenade was closed in do form at 19:55 hours. Next Promenade: July 27, 2010, at the Moose Lodge in Yankton.

YANKTON TOASTMASTER

Yankton Toastmaster Club 1294 met Saturday, July 10 at 7:30 a.m. at the Fry'n Pan Restaurant. The meeting was called to order by President Matt Stone. The invocation was given by Mike Arens followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Kathy Hejna was introduced as a new member. Vernon Arens was introduced as the Toastmaster of the meeting. He called grammarian Tara Arens to give the word of the day, which was "eclipse."

Table Topics was led by Kevin Buhl on the subject of additional Federal Holiday considerations. Speeches were given by Angela Mann on "Yoga for Beginners," from the Speaking to Inform manual, Roy Wilcox on "Experiencing the European Culture" from the CTM manual using visual aids.

Master Evaluator of the meeting was Matt Stone, who evaluated the meeting and called on Jeremy

Skrenes to evaluate Mann and John Swensen to evaluate Wilcox.

Presentations were also given by grammarian Tara Arens, joke master Skrenes, An Counter/Nail Dropper Janice Stone, timer Steve Hamilton, and vote counter Mike Arens. Table Topic winner was Hejna, best speaker was Mann, and best evaluator was Skrenes. Other participant in the meeting was Carol Hale. Guests are welcome. For more information, call 665-8448.

GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUB

Twelve delegates attended the international General Federation of Women's Clubs convention held in Omaha, Neb. June 12-16 at the Hilton/Quest Center. They witnessed the inauguration of Carlene Garner of Washington state as the incoming president of 2010-2012. South Dakota clubs won first place awards in the Creative Arts program, Arts in the Community program, Focus on Health program, Focus on Financial Issues program, Reaching Out Internationally program, United Nations program, UNICEF program, and the Citizenship in Action program. Delegates from Brookings, Alcester, Beresford and Yankton (represented by Nancy D. Burgess) enjoyed workshops, excellent speakers and outstanding entertainment.

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