

Homeless Shelter Looking Toward Expansion

As our community continues to grow the Board and Staff of the Yankton Homeless Shelter find it necessary to expand our facility to meet the needs of those who, for brief periods of time, cannot maintain affordable housing.

The Homeless Shelter was originally designed to serve single men. However in the past few years we have experienced an increase in families and single parent households that have no other available options for temporary housing. The Shelter is also seeing increased times when the current facility is at capacity and additional people need to be placed in local motels until room is available at the facility.

The Mission Statement of the Homeless Shelter is "To serve the immediate needs of individuals and families experiencing homelessness within the Yankton area while engaging partners in developing long-term solutions. The Shelter is founded on the belief that everybody deserves a home"

We are pleased to announce Eric Miller as our new Executive Director. The addition of Mr. Miller is one of the first steps the board felt

was necessary in order to move forward with expansion plans.

Eric grew up in Yankton and attended Yankton schools. He has a Bachelors in Science Degree with a double major in Political Science and Psychology from the University of South Dakota and a Master's in Public Administration from USD. He previously worked as the Deputy Director for the Santee Sioux Nation Office of Environmental Protection in Niobrara NE, and as a Supervisor at Baldwin Filters in Yankton.

The Homeless Shelter Board also wishes to thank the United Way and Volunteer Services of Greater Yankton who recently recognized the Homeless Shelter Board as their July Volunteers of the Month for their dedication toward transforming the Yankton Homeless Shelter into a program better suited to meet our communities need.

We look forward to the support we anticipate from this great community as we work toward our goal of helping individuals and families who have found themselves in a temporary situation with no place to lay their heads.

Webinar To Focus On Labor Among The Disabled

PIERRE - South Dakota's low unemployment rate can make it difficult for employers to find an adequate number of employees.

The South Dakota Department of Human Services/Division of Rehabilitation Services is partnering with the South Dakota Retailers Association to shine a spotlight on one untapped labor pool. The two groups will host a webinar on August 11 to guide employers through the process of finding and hiring people with disabilities.

The webinar will provide information on what diagnoses are considered disabilities, where employers can reach out to hire people who have disabilities, basics on the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), examples of ADA compliance for businesses including what are considered "reasonable accom-

modations", and examples employers should avoid in job interviews.

The webinar is part of ongoing educational efforts resulting from an Employment Works Task Force established by Governor Dennis Daugaard in 2013. The group brought private and public sectors together to study the issue of employment problems and opportunities for people with disabilities.

"We appreciate the collaboration we've developed with the Retailers Association," said Eric Weiss, Director of the Division of Rehabilitation Services. "This webinar is part of our effort to provide resources and information to employers across the state."

Shawn Lyons, Executive Director of the South Dakota Retailers Association (SDRA), says the webinar is one way to show employers the ben-

efits of expanding their labor pool to include people with disabilities.

"We support the Governor's efforts to look for ways to improve competitive employment opportunities for people with disabilities while simultaneously meeting the needs of employers," he said. "Hopefully, this webinar will help employers look for opportunities rather than looking for barriers when a person with a disability applies for a job."

The "Disability 101: Disability Inclusion and the Americans with Disabilities Act Essential Building Blocks" webinar will be held at 10:00 AM CST on Tuesday, August 11. Participants may register on the SDRA website at www.sdra.org or email donna@sdra.org.

Youth Develop Skills At SD Farmers Union Camp

HURON, S.D. - Rural youth from 27 counties across South Dakota attended the 2015

South Dakota Farmers Union State Leadership Camp held at Storm Mountain Center just outside Rapid City.

During the week-long camp, youth who have completed the seventh grade through high school developed leadership and communication skills as they organized and operated five cooperative businesses.

They also learned about the Farmers Union and other cooperative businesses, participated in leadership workshops, listened to guest speakers and participated in talent night. A tour of the Black Hills, hiking, volleyball, basketball and fun cooperative games completed the camp experience and left campers with lasting memories and many new friends, says Karly Schaanaman, 15, who lives on her family's crop and livestock farm near Aberdeen.

"Because I go to a bigger school not many of my classmates live on farms or show cattle like I do, so it can be difficult to identify with them. That's what's different about my Farmers Union friends; we have a lot in common," Schaanaman explains. "These are the friends who have encouraged me to be myself and step out of my shell."

Kiana Brockel, 19, would agree.

"I've met so many friends through Farmers Union these friends encouraged me and helped me develop confi-

dence," said Brockel, a 2015 graduate of Bison High School, who explained that before she attended Farmers Union Camp, she would describe herself as self-conscious and awkward. "After State Leadership Camp, I realized that other people thought I was fun. This motivated me to do more in my high school back home."

Brockel was one of six students to plan the camp agenda and activities as a member of Farmers Union 2014/2015 Junior Advisory Council (JAC). "As a JAC I am able to help other kids who, like me, are shy and need someone to help them break out of their comfort zone. For me, Farmers Union Camp is the best week of my summer. Our team worked to make camp the best week for others," says Brockel, who will attend Colorado State University this fall.

Schaanaman and Brockel's camp experiences are not unique, explains Bonnie Geyer, S.D. Farmers Union Education Director "We make sure camp is fun, but also informational. It's our hope that through camp, youth learn more about themselves, gain confidence, make friends and glean a clear understanding of the cooperative system, agriculture and farm safety," Geyer said.

During camp the 2015/2016 Junior Advisory Council was elected. These students are responsible to plan the 2016 State Leadership Camp. They include: Kaden Kummer, Parkston; Jesse Carlson, Seneca; Tess Heidenreich,

Faulkton; Jeana Nuss, Tripp; Kyle DeBoer, Tripp; and Windsor Barry, Carter.

Along with the Junior Advisory Council members, a team of four summer interns also helped Geyer with State Leadership Camp.

Helping keep things running smoothly to ensure a positive experience for campers was a role that Summer Intern, Myles Bialas, took seriously.

"I've always thought South Dakota is the greatest state, and the opportunity this internship gave me to visit rural communities throughout the state has convinced me," says Bialas, a junior Agronomy major at South Dakota State University. "I enjoyed working with all the youth and the great team of Education Directors."

Bob Janish Memorial Friendship Award Jesse Carlson of Seneca was awarded the Bob Janish Memorial Friendship Award during State Leadership Camp. Each year this award is given to a camper who exemplifies the most friendship toward other campers throughout the week.

It is given in memory of a former state camper and Junior Advisory Council member, Bob Janish, who was killed in a tragic accident in 1980. To learn more about Farmers Union Youth Programs, contact Geyer at bgeyer@sdfu.org, 605-352-6761 ext. 125 or visit www.sdfu.org.

Museum Preps For Move



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In preparation for the eventual move to the Mead Building, the Dakota Territorial Museum is hard at work cataloging and storing every item in the collection so it will be safe with the move to a new home. Sometimes, we find pieces that would be better used by another museum. Such was the case with our historical fire hose cart which has long been on display outside. This week it left for restoration before finding a new home with the Yankton Fire Department Museum, opening later this year. If you have questions about the project or events please contact us at the Dakota Territorial Museum at 610 Summit Street (in Westside Park), on Facebook, visit our website at www.meadbuilding.org, or call us at 605-665-3898. The museum is open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday and noon-4 p.m. weekends.

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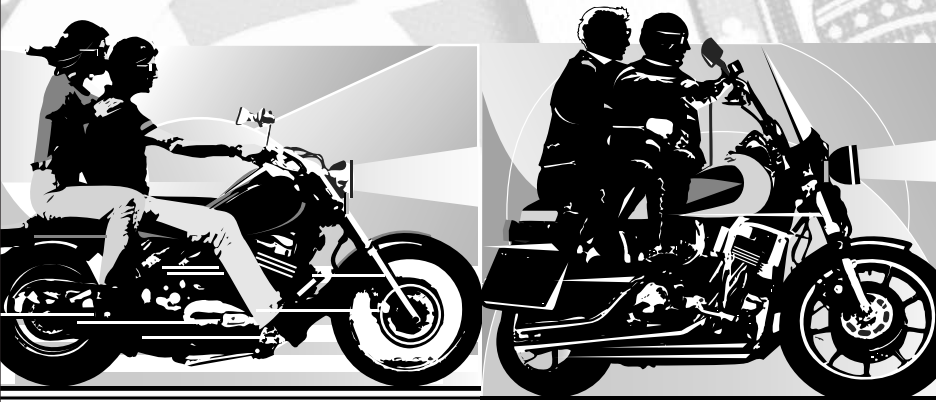
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On behalf of the 4th Annual Upper Deck Bar & Grill & Station 57, Fire & Iron Motorcycle Club Charity Poker Run we would like to say thank you to the family, friends and businesses that very generously donated to this year's event. Huge thank you to the 144 riders and drivers that participated, and everyone that came and purchased auction items. All of you helped to make this another successful year. The poker run, the auction, the gun raffle the 50-50 and the cash donations helped us to raise \$32,000 that will be split between the Yankton Sack Pack Program, the Jody Sage Memorial scholarship fund and fire victims.

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