

## YCL Hosting Summer Reading Program

Area preschool through high school children are invited to register and participate in the Summer Reading Program at the Yankton Community Library, 515 Walnut Street. This program runs through Aug. 2 and is free to all participants.

Children and teens can register and pick up their minute packets and calendar of events. This year's theme is Fizz! Boom! Read! for the younger ones, and the teen theme is Spark A Reaction! Spend the summer learning about and having fun with all things science.

Elementary and middle school children are invited to attend daily programs at the library. Monday, June 16, the library will show the movie *Animals United* at 6 p.m. This G-rated family-friendly movie is 93 minutes long. Families are invited to bring snacks to enjoy during the show.

Tuesday, June 17, science teacher Steve Rokusek will make two appearances at the library sharing physical science experiments. Children in grades K-12 can attend either the 11 a.m. or 2 p.m. presentation. Science and art will be the Wednesday, June 18, theme. Get creative from 1-2 p.m.

Thursday, June 19, is "Snow Day" at the library from 2:30-3:30 p.m. You don't want to miss this fun, summer snow day.

Friday afternoon will be a "free play" day on the Wii from 2-4 p.m. Come play tennis, bowling, and other fun games!

Preschooler story time will be held on Wednesday, June 11 and Thursday, June 12, at 10:15 a.m. Story time activities include stories, music and crafts. The Monday evening story time will resume next Monday, June 23, at 6:30 p.m.

Kids ages 3-18 that read, listen to or read to someone else, can earn book bucks to spend at the library store. For every 100 minutes read and recorded in the minute packets, the library will give you a book buck. The book bucks can then be used to purchase a variety of prizes. Children have already been turning in the minutes and earning fabulous prizes.

For additional information, call 668-5276.

## Read-A-Thon Fundraiser Begins Sunday

How many chances does a student in Kindergarten through fifth grade get to earn a \$50 prize? That is what the Yankton Area Literacy Council is offering as the first prize in the Read-A-Thon which runs from June 15-28. Not just one \$50 prize, but four of them! Four \$25 second prizes will also be awarded.

How do children in Kindergarten through fifth grade earn a prize? Two ways: by logging the minutes read from June 15 through the 28 and by getting pledges for their reading. Those pledges need to be collected by June 30 and turned in by Tuesday, July 2 at the Yankton Area Literacy Council office.

There is a \$50 prize for Kindergarten through second graders for the most minutes read and another \$50 prize for the most pledges turned in by July 2. There is a second prize of \$25 in each of those categories. The same prizes are available for third through fifth grades. The prizes will be awarded on Sunday, July 7.

Just like the summer reading program at the library, an older sibling can read to his younger sibling and both receive points for reading a book. For example, a fourth grade girl likes to read to her little brother who is in Kindergarten. They both will receive points for the minutes read. Also, there is no need to choose between the programs, minutes read June 15-8 for the YALC prizes also count for the summer reading program at the library.

Packets may be picked up at the Yankton Community Library until Thursday, June 12, at 5 p.m., or at the YALC office at 610 West 23rd Street, Suite 111 until Wednesday, July 11, at noon.

This summer fundraiser is being held to help support the YALC's efforts to provide tutoring to individuals who struggle with reading and math. Anyone with questions about this program can call Bev Calvert at (605) 665-3048.

## Parkinson's Support Group Meets Fri.

If you are a person with Parkinson's Disease (PD), a caregiver, family member, friend or a professional person wanting to learn more about PD, you are invited to attend the Parkinson's Support Group meeting at 1:30 p.m. Friday, June 13, at the Avera Professional Pavilion, Room 111.

This month's speaker is Amy Nelson, occupational therapist at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital. She will bring some adaptive equipment and information useful for coping with PD. There will be time for questions.

There is no need to register.

## Hands-On History Event Set For Saturday

The fourth annual Riverboats, Roads and Rails will be held at the Dakota Territorial Museum from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday, June 14.

The free family-fun event gives kids, and their parents or grandparents, a more hands-on approach to history. There will be crafts for kids to do, and the opportunity to make butter to take home. Kids can have the chance to sit in the school desks at the one-room schoolhouse.

Members of the Yankton Antique Auto Association and Tri-State Old Iron Association will have vintage cars and tractors to look at. In the depot, visitors can take a look at a model railroad thanks to the Missouri Valley Model Railroad Club.

Everyone is encouraged to stop by the museum on June 14 and have a fun day outdoors. A concession stand will be available. Representatives from the Heartland Humane Society will also be here.

The event will be held rain or shine. The Dakota Territorial Museum is located at 610 Summit Street, Yankton; across the street from Avera Sacred Heart Hospital.

## OBITUARIES

### Elaine (Soucek) Ryan

Memorial services for Elaine M. (Soucek) Ryan, 90, of Loveland, Colorado, formerly of Verdigris and Niobrara, are at 1 p.m. Friday, June 13, 2014, at Brockhaus Funeral Home in Niobrara, Nebraska, with the Rev. Gary Panko officiating.

Brockhaus Funeral Home of Niobrara is in charge of arrangements.

Elaine died Tuesday, June 3, 2014 in Loveland.

### Norma Tramp

Norma Tramp, 70, of Yankton died Monday, June 9, 2014, at her home.

Mass of Christian Burial is at 10:30 a.m. Friday, June 13, 2014, at St. Benedict Catholic Church in Yankton with the Rev. Ken Lulf officiating. Burial

will be in the Sacred Heart Cemetery in Yankton.

Visitation is 5-8 p.m. Thursday, June 12, at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton with a rosary and vigil service at 7 p.m.

To send an online sympathy message, visit [www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com).

### Jean Stine

Funeral services for Jean M. Stine, 62, of Wausa, Nebraska, are at 2 p.m. Thursday, June 12, 2014, at Brockhaus Funeral Home in Creighton, Nebraska, with John Petersen officiating.

Visitation will be one hour prior to services at Brockhaus Funeral Home in Creighton.

Jean died Saturday, June 7, at Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls.

# Kollasch Named MMC Mother Jerome Scholar

Mount Marty College student Anna Kollasch, of Wittemore, IA and 2011 Bishop Garrigan High School graduate, was recently selected as the Mother Jerome Schmitt Presidential Scholar for the 2014-2015 academic year. The prestigious, full-tuition scholarship is awarded to a senior based on scholastic achievement, participation, and contribution to the academic and civic community, along with faculty recommendations.

As a pre-professional health and biology double major with a chemistry minor, Kollasch is active in a variety of campus organizations. She is currently a member of mixed choir, chamber choir, Smooth Benediction, vocal studio, concert band, pep band, ADMIT, ambassador, campus ministry, Catholic Leadership and Lancers outdoor track.

According to Sarah Carda, Vice President and Dean for Student Affairs, Kollasch is a deserving recipient. "Anna will make a fine Mother Jerome Scholar. She is an all-around student who is serious about her academics but lives a



Kollasch

balance with her extracurricular activities and athletics. Anna carries a deep respect from the faculty, staff and students."

Upon hearing of her selection for the honor, Kollasch said, "Receiving this scholarship is a huge blessing in my life and I am very grateful for it. Mount Marty College was definitely the best choice for me. I know when I leave MMC I will be prepared to impact my community, my church and my workplace."

According to Assistant Professor of Theology, Dr. Terry Lafferty, "Anna is a holy woman. She often cantors and sings in the choir at campus masses; both on Sunday and at special school masses. She spends time with her prayer partner in the monastery and helps in various volunteer opportunities with Campus Ministry. She is a true leader among her peers and has em-

braced the Benedictine values and the mission of our college and in particular, exemplifies the virtue of humility."

After Kollasch graduates from Mount Marty College, her goal is to continue her studies. "I want to continue on and become a family practice physician in a rural area. I know that no matter what I do, I want to use the values I have learned while at Mount Marty and the talents God has given me to make an impact on my community in whatever capacity I can."

The Mother Jerome Schmitt Presidential Scholarship is presented every year in honor of its namesake, Mother Jerome. She assisted in opening Mount Marty Academy in 1922, where she taught for ten years. In 1932, she was elected Prioress of Sacred Heart Convent and served in that position for 29 years. Under her leadership, Mount Marty Junior College began in 1936. Mother Jerome Schmitt served as Mount Marty College's first president from 1936-1957.

Anna is the daughter of Steve and Deb Kollasch, Wittemore, Iowa.

# 4-Hers Sought For SD Public Speaking Contest

BROOKINGS — 4-H members from more than 40 Eastern South Dakota counties are invited to participate in the annual 4-H Public Speaking Contest at the Sioux Empire Fair Aug. 6.

All 4-Hers who participate will receive five gate passes, five lunch tickets and \$20 to spend at the fair. The Contest provides 4-H members the opportunity to use their critical thinking, writing and speaking skills to tell an audience how CHARACTER COUNTS! fits into a 4-H project area, current event or a personal experience.

All contestants will present their speeches in morning rounds. There are two divisions, Juniors (ages 8-13) and Seniors (ages 14-19). Within these two divisions, the top two senior speakers

and the top junior speaker at each judging station will advance to the championship round. Prizes for the contest include: in the senior division, the first place winner receives a \$1,000 certificate of deposit and the second place winner receives a \$500 certificate of deposit. In the junior division, the first place winner will receive a \$500 certificate of deposit and the second place winner will receive a \$250 certificate of deposit.

A Novice Junior and Novice Senior Division will be offered for contestants new to the 4-H Character Public Speaking Contest. \$100 cash will be awarded to the top speaker in both the Novice Junior and Novice Senior Divisions based on the points earned in the

morning competition. Novice competitors will not advance to the championship.

For more information on the SD 4-H Character Public Speaking Contest, visit <http://igrow.org/events/sd-4-h-character-public-speaking-contest-sioux-empire-fair/>. 4-Hers may register on line at <https://sd.4honline.com/>. The link for the Registration Help Sheet <http://igrow.org/up/resources/01-4008-2013.pdf/>. The contest is hosted by South Dakota 4-H, Sioux Empire CHARACTER COUNTS!, Sioux Falls Chamber of Commerce with generous sponsorship from First PREMIER Bank/PREMIER Bankcard.

The registration deadline is July 18.

The 4-H CHARACTER COUNTS! Public Speaking

Contest held during the Sioux Empire Fair is open to 4-H members in the following South Dakota counties: Aurora, Beadle, Bon Homme, Brookings, Brown, Brule, Campbell, Charles Mix, Clark, Clay, Codington, Davison, Day, Deuel, Douglas, Edmunds, Faulk, Grant, Hamlin, Hand, Hanson, Hughes, Stanley, Sully, Hutchinson, Hyde, Jerauld, Buffalo, Kingsbury, Lake, Lincoln, Marshall, McCook, McPherson, Miner, Minnehaha, Moody, Potter, Roberts, Sanborn, Spink, Turner, Union, Walworth and Yankton counties.

If you have any questions, contact Phil Olson, SDSU Extension 4-H Character Education Regional Coordinator, at (605) 212-6175 or [philip.olson@sdsu.edu](mailto:philip.olson@sdsu.edu).

# Bikers

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with us, because we're students who value education," Mobley said. "To build a three-room schoolhouse, it will cost \$50,000. We're halfway there."

The bikers have traveled to Honduras, meeting the students who will benefit from the school and forming a relationship.

The trip was an eye-opening experience, Richfield said.

"We got to see the real people of Honduras in their environment and the hardships they go through," he said. "It's not like here (in the United States), where some people are upset if they order their food (in a restaurant) and don't get it in five seconds. In Honduras, you see the reality of the situation and you learn how you can help them."

The bikers are handling their own logistics for the trip.

"We didn't want an organization to plan this for us," Mobley said. "We decided that we wanted to use the trip to bless someone else, and we wanted to take matters into our own hands to make this happen."

In seeking financial support for the school, the bikers provide examples of what a donation can purchase, such as a uniform and books or a desk and blackboard.

The Belmont bikers emphasized they saved up for the trip and are covering their own expenses. They want the donations to go towards the Honduran school rather than underwrite their trip.

"147 Million Orphans was excited that we would be doing this," Hartwig said. "There is a sense that we are blessed, and it's been nothing but good for both sides."

The bikers — along with brothers Jefferson Brown and Jenkins Brown serving as videographer — are breaking new ground with their current journey. They are the first cross-country bike ride to raise money for 147 Million Orphans.

Hartwig originally wasn't going to join the ride, as he had graduated from Belmont and was looking to complete an internship with its accompanying job offer in St. Louis. In the end, he realized the summer-long ride would provide a life-changing experience.

"This was too big an opportunity to pass up," he said. "I could help someone in Honduras, and this has benefited me personally. I have gained so much from the trip, and I have even ended up with a better job in Nashville. I have way better options, and I am blessed to have this opportunity."

Jenkins Brown attended Columbia College in Chicago and decided to join his brother as part of the Belmont group.

"I'm the wild card, I'm the outside guy who is part of the crew," he said.

Jenkins Brown, who studied film and television in college, is taking photographs, shooting video and handling the website and social media during the trip. He has posted some items on YouTube, but his ultimate goal is to produce a documentary once the cross-country trek has been completed.

The bikers have run into adventures, such as snow in the Rockies and fighting their way through mountain passes. In Montana, they settled down for the night only to be told by police to vacate the area because it was a public park.

The bikers found a cheap hotel room — and the police found the students on Facebook and inquired if they had found a place to stay for the night.

In the process, the young men are learning more about each other and themselves. They joke with each other, and they have become quite good at reading each other and giving space when needed.

In addition, they have become mentally as well as physically tough. And they have learned that God has provided for them, offering overnight stays or opportunities they never expected.

Interested persons can follow the bikers through a "live tracker" radar that shows them as blue dots.

The Belmont bikers plan

to travel to Honduras later this summer, likely in August, after they complete their cross-country trek. The bikers expect to see walls going up on the school.

"But we don't just say, 'Here's a bunch of money,'" Mobley said. "It's an inclusive effort. The community needs to help solve the problem and become stakeholders by providing supplies and labor. It empowers them and gives them a sense of ownership, something they can be proud of."

While they look forward to seeing the new school, the Belmont bikers are also eager to reunite with the people who are benefiting from the college students' efforts.

In the process, Mobley believes the bikers have enjoyed a wonderful ride in a different sense.

"This ride is a blessing for other people, but we're blessed, too," he said. "It's been a blessing and a wonderful experience."

For more information, visit [www.ridingwithareason.com](http://www.ridingwithareason.com), follow them on Facebook (Riding With A Reason), Twitter at @ridingwithareason or contact them via email at [team@ridingwithareason.com](mailto:team@ridingwithareason.com) or by telephone at (615) 613-5915.

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