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Yankton Elks Lodge made nearly a clean sweep of the available awards at a recent state Elks meeting. From left to right, Exalted Ruler Steve Pietila accepted the lodge of the year award; Secretary Karen Payne accepted the plaque marking the largest membership gain among lodges in the state; Ted P. Mickelson received a plaque noting achievement in donations to the Elks National Foundation; and John K. Cornette received a certificate of merit marking his 33 years service to the state Elks as drug awareness chair.

## How Sweep It Is For Yankton Elks

Yankton Elks Lodge made almost a clean sweep of the available awards at the recent South Dakota Elks Association in Huron by winning the SDEA Elks Lodge of the Year award. The local Elks lodge also received a large plaque honoring the locals, acknowledging Yankton had the greatest membership gain in the last year, with a net gain of 42 members, even though the lodge reported 11 deaths among their membership.

John Lynch, Watertown, state membership chairman, cited at the state meeting that Yankton Elks Lodge records indicate that just two members failed to remit their Elks dues this year.

John K. Cornette was honored with a meritorious service commendation from the state Elks association

for his 33 years of service to the SDEA as drug awareness committee chair.

Ted P. Mickelson earned a plaque of recognition noting that members of Yankton Elks Lodge donated \$6.37 per member to the Elks National Foundation which greatly surpasses the Elks national ENF goal of \$4.85 per member. Mickelson, local ENF chair, noted that all the funds donated to the Elks National Foundation will never be spent. Only the interest earned on the ENF principle is spend on charitable donations to activities such as veteran's service activities and college and vocational education scholarships. Only the federal government spends more on such scholarships than does the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

### United Way

# Creating Good Citizens One Meal At A Time

The mission of the Boys & Girls Club is to inspire and enable all young people, especially those who need us most to realize their full potential as caring, responsible and productive citizens. And, that is exactly what is happening at the Boys & Girls Club of Yankton this summer.

At the Traditional Unit, which serves sixth- through 12th-grade members, new programs are being introduced to kick off the summer programming. All of the Boys & Girls Club programming is based on three Priority Outcomes: Academic Success, Good Character & Leadership, and Healthy Lifestyles. With membership being only \$25 a year for our youth, the Traditional Unit is a safe, productive environment where all youth can come and grow.

The diversity of programming at the Traditional Unit appeals to a wide variety of our members, with everything from Fishing Club to Positive Sprouts Gardening being offered. One of the favorite programs of the Club members at the Traditional Unit is the Master Chef Program.

Master Chef, part of the Healthy Lifestyle Outcome, is a three-month program that provides an overview of cooking and healthy eating habits to youth. With collaboration from Hy-Vee's dietitian and the Club's trained staff, youth are



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taught the basics of following a recipe, health facts, measuring ingredients, eating together and are encouraged to bring in their own recipes to try cooking.

Emma Wagner, Traditional Unit Coordinator, says, "The Master Chef program was an impactful experience where members had the opportunity to learn about cooking techniques as well as the nutritional facts of the foods that they eat every day. My goal was teach them details about

cooking and food that they had not previously known or thought about in a fun and safe environment."

More than 650 youth in Yankton at the Traditional Unit and the Academy are making strides towards realizing their full potential and becoming productive, caring and responsible citizens and Master Chef is just one of the ways that is possible. The community of Yankton and the support of United Way are a huge part of that transformation. The Boys &

Girls Club is grateful to have great partners that invest in the youth of the community, the most valuable resource.

The Traditional Unit is open Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.

For more information on the Boys & Girls Club of Yankton or to get involved with the Club, call 605-692-3333 or visit [www.greatfuturedd.org](http://www.greatfuturedd.org).

### MEETINGS

#### RC&D COUNCIL

The Northeast Nebraska Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) Council met at their office in Plainview recently and reviewed the activities of on-going projects. The Grandparent Grandchild Day will be Saturday, Aug. 1, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the historic Mars campground. The day will include exploring animal tracks with the Nebraska Game & Parks outdoor activity trailer and an artifact search in the Verdigris Creek. The Farmers Market starts on June 10 in the RC&D parking lot with sales going from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Additional vendors — and of course customers — are always welcome.

The two pop-up canopies and 4 tables arrived and are now available to Plainview community members. A deposit fee is required and only a small processing fee will be retained when the items are returned in good condition.

The W.O.W. Tour — Wings on Wildflowers — is Saturday, June 27. Participants will gather at the RC&D office at 8:30 a.m. and be transported to various sites in Pierce County to view wildflowers, learn how to harvest them, while discovering more about their use by pollinators. Outstanding speakers will make this event a must-do. Preregistration is required by June 18.

Electronic waste recycling events will be held this summer in the communities of Tilden, Plainview, Hartington and Wakefield. These collection events are for households only, no businesses. The project is being funded in part by a grant from the Nebraska Environmental Trust and hosting communities.

Shirley Hoffmann, Plainview, has another beautiful quilt on display. This quilt top was a shower gift given to Shirley in 1956 and it was then hand-quilted by her grandmother. The 50's fabric is cool! Shirley also has one of her own hand-embroidered quilts on display as well.

The RC&D Council looks forward to continuing their service to citizens through projects that will make life better for people in Antelope, Cedar, Dixon, Knox, Madison, Pierce and Wayne counties.

#### TOASTMASTERS CLUB 6217

On May 28, 2015, Toastmasters (TT) Club 6217 met at noon in the Hospital Conference Room with Sandy Spady giving a warm invocation and Jane Miller as Toastmaster. We were delighted to have two guests DJ Knadel and Melissa Christianson attend.

General Evaluator (GE) Amy Williams introduced her team they were: Steve Anderson, timer; Chelsi Hames, evaluator; Gale Vogt, "ah/um" counter; and Eric Taylor, grammarian. Taylor's Word of the Day was middling.

Mandy Green was the speaker for the day; she gave the second part to a speech she gave a couple weeks back about multitasking and how it isn't productive. Hames evaluated Green and she enjoyed all the quotes and personal experiences that helped keep the audience's attention. She also enjoyed the catchy title and challenging everyone at the end of the speech.

Greg Stach presented table topics with simple life questions as his topic. Joyce Stevens used to be a much better sewer than she is today, she no longer has the patience. Guest Knadel would choose to teach how to play the banjo if she could pick something new to teach, she would have to master it herself first. Eileen O'Connor regrets not learning how to sew; she admires those with the ability to do so. Guest Christianson loses track of time when she teaches her kids how to bake, since she has enjoyed baking with her mom when she was little. Jennifer Wubben says when she turns eighty family will be what matters most and she will enjoy watching her family grow. Williams' smiles for many reasons but the biggest reason for her smiles are her daughters who bring so much joy to her life. Spady says as humans we all make mistakes and if we could only forgive easier maybe we would accept our mistakes more.

Then President Greg Stach, proceeded to finalize next week's agenda and also reminded everyone that people can contact him for more information on ASSH Club at 665-6776.

## Hartington Scholar



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Dr. Pat Arneson of Wayne State College (left) congratulates Cody Stappert of Hartington (right) for being awarded the Janis Ann Dislevy Trust Endowed Scholarship in the amount of \$3,460 for business majors who are Nebraska natives. Recipients must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher. The recipient is a senior business, marketing, information technology education major. At Wayne State College he is the President of Wayne State College Navigators, Wayne State College Telecounselors Supervisor, Northeast Nebraska Teacher Academy, Education Quest KnowHow2Go Ambassador Program, National Business Education Association (NBEA) Member, Pi Omega Business Education Honor Society President, Blue Key Honor Society and has been listed on the dean's list for academic achievement.

## De Witt Awarded FNB Scholarship

In a continuing effort to retain our best and brightest students, First National Bank and the South Dakota Bankers Foundation have announced the 12th year of the high school scholarship program. Participating South Dakota banks have agreed to match Foundation funds to provide scholarships to graduating high school seniors in their local communities.



De Witt

The recipients will all attend post-secondary South Dakota institutions of higher learning, and one of this year's recipients of the \$1,000 scholarship sponsored by First National Bank is Julie De Witt from Yankton, announced Jeff Jones, market president, First National Bank. De Witt plans to attend Augustana College in Sioux Falls majoring in biology/premed.

Established in 1982, the South Dakota Bankers Foundation was endowed by the South Dakota Bankers Association to provide scholarships, and special educational programs and awards to the secondary and post-secondary levels. In 2000, the industry took action to refocus its mission to provide an opportunity for even more visible consumer programming, including the expansion of the high school scholarship program. With the demand exceeding the available funds, a three-year fundraising campaign led by current Foundation Chair and former SD Secretary of State, Joyce Hazeltine, raised more than \$900,000.

First National Bank is a division of First National Bank of Omaha and subsidiary of First National of Nebraska. First National of Nebraska is the largest privately owned banking company in the United States. First National and its affiliates have \$19 billion in managed assets and 5,000 employee associates. Primary banking offices are located in Nebraska, Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, South Dakota and Texas.

### From Our Readers

# Thank You For Making The 2015 Missouri River Events Successful

#### BY THE MISSOURI RIVER EVENTS PLANNING COMMITTEE

Mary Robb, City of Yankton; Dugan Smith, National Park Service; and Paul Lepisto, Izaak Walton League of America

The Missouri River Events Planning Committee sincerely thanks you for your recent help and generosity. We specifically want to thank the *Yankton Press and Dakotan* for your coverage of the Missouri River Events. Randy Dockendorf did a great job.

The seventh annual Missouri River Watershed School Festival, 12th annual Yankton area Missouri River Clean up, seventh annual Missouri River Clean Boat Event and the Missouri River Rendezvous were held May 1 to May 9.

More than 400 area high school students attended the School Festival Friday, May 1, in Riverside Park. The students engaged with 21 hands-on educational presentations learning more about the Missouri River and our natural resources.

On Saturday, May 2, a record 130 volunteers gathered more than two tons of trash, lumber, tires, and metal along the Missouri River from Gavins Point Dam to past Yankton. The annual clean up makes the Missouri River cleaner and healthier for people and for fish and wildlife.

The Missouri River Rendezvous on May 2 in Riverside Park was held in conjunction with the

Boy Scouts of America. The Rendezvous gave the public the opportunity to see presentations on river-related outdoor activities and learn about our natural resources.

More than 360 boaters and anglers from seven states were contacted during this year's Missouri River Clean Boat Event May 2-9. The event raises awareness of the threat posed by invasive species and how people can prevent their spread.

The following graciously donated money, time, equipment, and knowledge for the events:

• **2015 DONORS** — S.D. Canoe and Kayak Assn's Fort to Field 50, NuStar Foundation, Eagle Eye Ride, John A. Conkling Distributing, Vishay-Dale Electronics, Kolberg-Pioneer Inc., First Dakota National Bank-Yankton, Izaak Walton League-Yankton, Koletzky Implement Inc.

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Your help and important contribution enabled us to complete these events. On behalf of the Missouri River Events Planning Committee we thank you and we deeply appreciated partnering with you on the 2015 Missouri River Events.