

Elks Lodge Makes School Donation

Yankton Elks Lodge has donated \$2,000 to the Webster Elementary School playground equipment fund. Exalted Ruler Steven Pietila presented the check to Melanie Ryken, Webster School principal. Yankton Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Wayne Kindle, a member of Yankton Elks Lodge, was also present.

Principal Ryken expressed her appreciation to the Elks lodge members for their donation. She explained the Webster School playground is very important to the Webster community, in that it is the only park playground for many children in that area. She said she expects the playground equipment will be used seven days a week the year around because of the location.

Yankton Elks Lodge earned the \$2,000 donation from the Elks National Foundation. Secretary Karen Payne did all the paperwork necessary for the local lodge to merit the award.

Members of Elks Lodge are encouraged to make donations to the Foundation and that their donations are never spent. Only the interest earned on the Foundation principal is expended for donations such as the Webster School playground fund. The grant was made available to Yankton Elks Lodge from the Elks National Foundation due to the fact so many members of the local Elks lodge made contributions to the Foundation sufficient to meet a national goal.

Yankton Elks Lodge recently received a national award from the Grand Lodge of Elks for sizable donations to the charity, averaging about \$6.50 per member from among the 455 current members.

Delmont Musical Benefit A Success

TRIPP — Tripp hosted a benefit musical jamboree on Sunday, June 7, as a fundraiser for the Delmont community which suffered devastation from a Mother's Day tornado in May. Seven musical groups donated their time and talents to provide entertainment to an appreciative dancing and listening crowd in the Tripp-Delmont School Gym.

The BB Gospel Group kicked off the music fest at 12:30 p.m., followed by Harvey Wormsbecher, The Tyndall Accordion Club, Veryl Hohn, The Bumble Bees Music Show, The Dakota Country Pickers from the S.D. Country Music Hall of Fame and John Grosz, Delmont native and SDCMHOF 2011 Inductee. Wini Iverson, of Garretson, who runs the SDCMHOF provided her "Master Of Ceremonies" talents.

More than 50 items were donated locally by businesses and individuals for silent auction fundraisers, and delicious food was served all day as well, primarily by Tripp Women's Civic Club. The menu included taverns, Bluebird locker hot-dogs, (Delmont) Tyndall Bakery Buns, Tucker's Tavern pizza (Yankton), chips, Pepsi-Cola products (Mitchell), coffee and a wide assortment of desserts donated by generous ladies throughout the area. The First State Bank employees (Tripp & Delmont) handled the freewill donations at the door, as well as clerking the silent auction. School staff helped with set up and clean up.

Gary Gibson, bandleader of The Bumble Bees of Tyndall, lined up the bands. Many Tripp area volunteers helped prepare the food, and many stepped forward from surrounding communities to offer silent auction items. A big "Thank You" to all who helped support this fundraising effort for the Delmont area community. Additional gratitude is expressed to those who donated time and gas expense hanging up posters in a large local radius, those being Kim Sokup, Kathy Koeing, Mary Elder, Linda Gibson and former State Rep Frank Kloucek.

The amount of \$10,400 is outstanding for one fun afternoon, and more volunteer work in Delmont is likely to happen.

MEETINGS

INTERCHANGE

Interchange held its regular weekly meeting Monday, June 15, 2015, at noon at Minerva's. Interchange Board President Ann Clough led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following announcements were made by members: Josahan Jamie-Santacruz from the National Field Archery Association shared an update on the World Archery Youth Competition that was held last week. She said they heard great feedback from everyone who participated, and they were especially impressed and thankful for the volunteers.

Shannon Viereck, Mt. Marty College, shared information on Mt. Marty College's All School Reunion which will be held on June 26-28. The events will kick-off with an alumni baseball game on Friday evening that is open to the public.

Hostess Sherri Conti-Rodgers, CASA, introduced her speaker Pam Erickson, American Family Insurance, who presented a project she founded and is leading to help foster kids in the area. Pam and her husband have been foster parents since 2006. Since that time, they have had 9 youth stay in their home. Pam's experience as a foster parent is what led her to start Sweet Cases.

When most children enter foster care, they receive two trash bags to store and transport their belongings. The "Together We Rise" national organization offers a program which allows children entering foster care to receive a duffel bag with a few personal items inside. To a young child whose life is going through turmoil and change, this duffel bag is a gift. A gift that shows that someone cares. A gift that they can keep and call their own.

A group of Irene volunteers started "Sweet Cases" and has been raising money to prepare 100 bags to be distributed to kids going into foster care in Clary, Turner, and Yankton counties. Delivery of the "Sweet Cases" will happen through coordination with the local Department of Social Services.

To learn more about Sweet Cases or to donate to the cause, go to www.facebook.com/SweetCasesIrene.

The next meeting for Interchange is at noon Monday, June 22, 2015, at Minerva's. For more information about

Interchange send an email to Interchange.Yankton@yahoo.com.

TOASTMASTERS CLUB 6217

On June 11, 2015, Toastmasters (TI) Club 6217 met at noon in the Hospital Conference Room with Stan Sudbeck giving a warm invocation and Chelsi Hames as Toastmaster.

General Evaluator (GE) Muriel Stach introduced her team they were: Sandy Spady, timer; Jennifer Wubbon, evaluator; Kary Beltz, "ah/um" counter; and Jeff May, grammarian. May's Word of the Day was "inculcate".

Jen Hovland was the only speaker for the day and she spoke of how aging is a series process and gave us ten games of old age, some examples were "sag, your it," "doc, doc goose" and "spin the bottle of Mylanta". Hovland was evaluated by Wubbon who gave her praise for her humor throughout the entire speech and hitting every objective head on. She also had great facial expressions and voice tone.

Joyce Stevens presented table topics with her bag of tricks. The digital camera reminded Melissa Christianson of her mom growing up encouraging her to be an optometrist. Eileen O'Connor spoke of how the remote brought back warm memories of her first television as a child and how it brought the family together. Greg Stach told of how the comb represented his life in another time as a hairdresser named Gregor. Eric Taylor explained how salt reminded him of his mother teaching him how to cook and how he enjoys doing it now. Sudbeck's rooster crows all night and chases his grand-kids but as far as chicken in a can, that scares him. May never did get to do a paper route as a young boy but he did meet his wife working in Hardees flipping burgers together. Spady has a hard time being on time, without structure you tend to have another cup of coffee instead of getting on your way. Beltz sold us all on wearing heels, even the men, to help our calves and glutes.

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.

United Way

Because Achieving Doesn't Stop For The Weekend

BY JILL WERMERS

Sack Pack Board President

Many exciting things are happening for the Yankton Sack Pack program! We have just recently completed our seventh successful school year, providing weekend meals to children in need within the Yankton area. It has always been our mission to insure that no child in our community goes hungry, and this past school year, we were able to provide packs to 400 children each Friday.

In the early years of our program, we started out with only enough funds to provide weekend meals to approximately 100 children at Webster Elementary School. In time, we were able to add Lincoln, Stewart, and Beadle Elementary Schools and eventually the Yankton Middle School and Sacred Heart Schools.

Eventually, we were able to reach nearly all the children in need in our community, which is a wonderful success, yet as a Board still had unanswered questions to our true mission statement. "Sack Pack provides food and nutritional education, helping school aged children and their families achieve."

Questions like...



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What happens to local children in the summer when they do not have access to Sack Packs for the weekend?

Sack Pack is excited to announce that we will be piloting a program this summer to help distribute food to children over the weekend. We will be distributing Sack Packs each Friday afternoon at Webster Elementary School in partnership with the Yankton Summer Lunch Program. The packs distributed each Friday will consist of prepackaged meals along with 1 to 2 pieces of fresh fruit.

What is Sack Pack doing to help educate and alleviate hunger for children and families in our community?

Sack Pack is also very excited to announce that we will be partnering with the Yankton County Extension Service to help provide education to children and their families on the importance of nutrition and meal planning. Classes will be taught by a new Nutrition Assistant from the Yankton County Extension Service and are in the works to begin this fall. The Sack Pack Program will provide food and supplies for these classes.

We are also exploring the Bountiful Backpack and Kids in the Kitchen programs thanks to a tour of the Wagner School District and their nutrition education programming.

It is through our generous community, and our local United Way, that we are able to continue to meet our mission to insure that no child in our community goes hungry, "because achieving doesn't stop for the weekend."

For more information on the Yankton Sack Pack program, find us on Facebook, or visit www.yanktonunitedway.org/CommunityPartners.

GFWC Makes Donations

River City Domestic Violence Center



SUBMITTED PHOTO

General Federation of Woman's Club (GFWC) donated \$400 to River City Domestic Violence Center with proceeds from the Spring Fashion Show. Pictured is Pauline Akland, President of GFWC presenting the check to Desiree Warren-Johnson, Executive Director of the Domestic Violence Center. GFWC also throughout the year donated in-kind toiletry items donations to the shelter.

Boys and Girls Club



SUBMITTED PHOTO

General Federation of Woman's Club (GFWC) donated \$600 to the Boys and Girls Club, the Torch and Keystone members of the club assisted with the Fashion Show helping serve coffee, water, desserts and helped clean up after the event. GFWC is proud to partner with the Club. Pictured are some of the kids from the Boys and Girls Club with Pauline Akland- GFWC President and Emma Wagner, Traditional Unit Coordinator for the Boys and Girls Club.

Contact Center



SUBMITTED PHOTO

General Federation of Woman's Club (GFWC) donated \$300 to the Contact Center with proceeds from the Spring Fashion Show. Pictured is Pauline Akland, President of GFWC presenting the check to Jennifer Adamson, Contact Center Department Head. GFWC also provides in-kind donations to the center as needed throughout the year.

Firm Receives Award

Empire Products, Inc., of Yankton has received the General Dynamics-OTS Large Caliber Ammunition - Small Business Supplier of the Year Award for 2014.

Empire Products, Inc., was chosen in a field of 300 Companies to receive this prestigious award.

Larry Clegg, Manager, Supplier Diversity from General

Dynamics Ordnance and Tactical Systems in St. Petersburg, Fla. presented this award on June 2 at the Empire Products Inc. manufacturing facility.

Richard Antone, President of Empire Products, stated, "Receiving this award was an outstanding achievement and represents the hard work and dedication of our South Dakota Employees."

New Manager At L&C Resort

The Lewis & Clark Resort announces the appointment of their new General Manager Julie Hughes.

Julie brings a strong background in management and training skills. She and her husband Toby have managed their own furniture business for 13 years and have traveled to 11 different states selling their handcrafted rustic creations.

They moved to the area in 2009 and love living here.



Hughes

The Lewis & Clark Resort is located in the Lewis & Clark Recreation Area across from the Lewis & Clark Marina and Grill. The Resort features hotel rooms, cabins and a 4,000-square-foot Lodge located on the shores of the Lewis & Clark Lake.

MMC Blue & Gold Campus Visit Day Set

On Saturday, June 27, Mount Marty College's Office of Admission will be holding the kick-off for fall 2016 recruitment events with its first Blue & Gold Campus Visit Day.

Visiting college campuses is one of the most important aspects of choosing a college. Mount Marty College's Blue & Gold Campus Visit Day events are a great opportunity to make sure you have all the facts to make that important college decision.

The Blue & Gold Campus Visit Day event will begin at 1:30 p.m. with check-in and

will include activities such as a campus tour; admission and financial aid information; and panel discussions including faculty, staff, current students, and alumni. The event will conclude with the "Hog on the Hill" evening meal and event in conjunction with MMC's Alumni/All Schools Reunion.

For more information on the Blue & Gold Campus Visit Day, contact the Mount Marty College Office of Admissions at mmcadmit@mtmc.edu or at 605-668-1545; or register online at www.mtmc.edu/admissions/events.

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