

IT'S NO ILLUSION



Carol Pooler, Yankton Homeless Shelter; Cathy Lynch-Becker, Modern Woodmen of America; and Jennifer Adamson, Contact Center are shown with the check from Modern Woodmen.

More Than \$8K Raised For Contact Center And Homeless Shelter At Reza Show

Members of the Yankton Modern Woodmen of America Chapter 3893 recently helped raise money for the Contact Center and Homeless Shelter by helping sponsor the "Reza the Illusionist Show" on Feb. 25.

In addition to being a wonderfully entertaining evening for the whole family, we were able to raise more than \$8,000 for the Contact Center and the Homeless

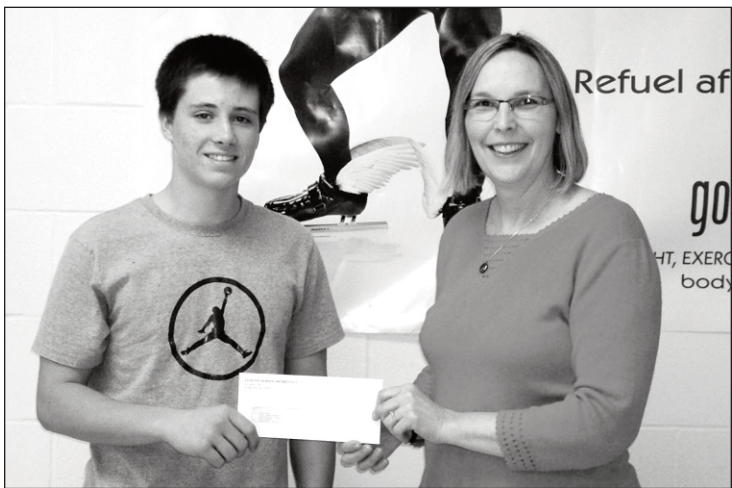
Shelter. This includes \$1,000 matched by the Modern Woodmen's home office through the organization's Matching Fund Program.

Thank you to all of you who attended this event.

For more information about the local chapter and how you can get involved contact Cathy Lynch-Becker at 605-665-7799.

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A THREE-POINT PLAY



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The Yankton High School Student Council held a 3-point hoop shoot-out during the halftime of the girls basketball game against Mitchell on January 24th and during the boys basketball game against Huron on February 21st raising \$255 for the Sack Pack Program. Student Council President Drew Konopasek is pictured presenting the check to Sandy Kramer.

A BLAST OF FUN



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Big Friend Little Friend had a blast of cold on an unusually warm winter day. A big thank you goes out to the Knights of Columbus for sponsoring an ice skating event for Big Friend Little Friend. The Knights of Columbus provided two hours of skating fun, hot dogs and hot chocolate. Thanks to them we were able to work on our self confidence on and off the ice while having fun with our mentors and peers.

MEETING MINUTES

GET UP & GO 4-H CLUB

The Get Up & Go 4-H Club met March 4th, 2012 at the Irene Legion Hall. President Haley Hinseth called the meeting to order. The American Flag Pledge was led by Heather Hauger and the 4-H pledge by Hunter Hinseth. The roll call topic was Favorite Food. This year the South Dakota 4-H Leaders Conference will be held March, 31 in Yankton. Our Leader Karen handed out 4-H handbook. Peter Hauger's demonstration was on his Collection of DS games. Katrina Hauger's demonstration was on First Aid Kit. Heather Hauger's demonstration was on How to pick eggs for 4-H. After the meeting we played Games Around the World. Lunch was served by Macaulay McDonald. our next meeting will be on April 1, 2012, at the Irene Legion Hall.

OUTLAW TRAIL SCENIC BYWAY

The Outlaw Trail Scenic Byway held their February meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 29, 2012, at the Riverside Café in Niobrara. Members present were Mary Rose Pinkelman, St. James, Chris Kreycik, Niobrara, Larry Halstead, Lynch, and Marita Placek, Lynch. Also present were Jan Jorgensen, RC&D, Plainview, and Twyla Witt, Nebraska Tourism, Thedford.

Mary Rose called the meeting to order at 10:50 a.m. Minutes and treasurer's reports were given and approved. Voted to pay bills. Treasurer's books to be audited for the past three years by March 30.

Mary Rose gave report on membership. No report on Tourism.

Members appointed to the brochure committee are: Mary Rose, Chris, Twyla and Al.

Al Brock reported on the trail ride via phone. (He was snowed in.) The

trail ride will be held June 15-16. He has applied for a grant to help with advertising. Will also have T-shirts, bandanas, pins, and books for sale.

Marita updated members on the book, Legends and Lore of the Outlaw Trail. Article will appear in the March/April issue of the Nebraska Life magazine. Also the website www.nebraskautlawtrail.org is up and running and has been updated with information on the book.

A suggestion was made to inquire if there would be a Historical Society or library along the Outlaw Trail that would be interested in taking and displaying the history books of the Outlaw Trail Scenic Byway (1999 to 2011).

Meetings will be held in the months of January, April, August and November on the third Tuesday. An executive meeting will be held the month before the meeting via phone conference.

Twyla gave her report. She will be attending the Northwest Sport Show at Minneapolis, Minn., and will take the Outlaw Trail's brochures. The Federal government is considering a bill to cut funding to the Federal Byways. Please take time to write and make your opinion known. Also, there are a couple of bills pending in the Nebraska Legislature that will concern the Byways.

The March meeting will be a teleconference call on Tuesday, March 20.

The annual meeting will be on Tuesday, April 17, at the Niobrara Valley House of Renewal at Lynch with election of officers.

Meeting adjourned.

ROY ANDERSON POST NO. 12

Roy Anderson Post No. 12 held its monthly meeting on March 8, 2012, at the V.F.W. Post home. All saluted the flag and recited the Preamble and Vice Commander Studebaker gave the Invocation.

Commander Ausbourne then de-

clared the meeting open with seven members present The Financial report was read and approved by the members.

Children and Youth, 70 bikes on hand with other athletic equipment. Americanism grocery delivery going well Gene List taking over for Chuck Tienken while he recovers from his illness. 7 or 8 boys interested in Boys State

Membership Don List reported that we have 211-212 paid members please keep the dues coming in thank you. Just a note dues will be \$ 35.00 next year as National has increased by \$5.00

Post POW/MIA representative reported that 8 POW/MIAs had been identified and or returned to their families in the last month, 5 Korea, 2 WW2 and 1 from Operation Enduring Freedom Welcome home.

Sick Call: Chuck Tienken Post Everlasting: Raymond Pavlish New Business We will be holding elections in April with Installation in May. Don't forget Fun Nite will be April 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the VFW Home, Spring District meeting will be April 13 in Tyndall at the 4-H Building. Social at

5 dinner at 6 and meeting at 7

Vice Commander Studebaker gave the benediction and the meeting was declared adjourned. The next meeting will be April 12, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. at the V.F.W. Home.

INTERCHANGE

Interchange met on Monday, March 12, 2012, at noon at Minerva's. Kathy Jacobs, Interchange President, called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Announcements were made by Kathy Greenaway, Pauline Akland, Emma Laird, Nancy Wenande and Kathy Jacobs regarding upcoming events and opportunities.

Nancy Wenande of Paul's Kwik Stop was the hostess and introduced her speaker Devin Warren, Unit Director of the Yankton Boys and Girls Club. Mr. Warren gave an informative talk and provided updates on the Club through a power point presentation.

The next meeting of Interchange will be held on March 1 at noon at Minerva's. Carla Addy is our hostess with speakers Greg and Diana McCann presenting a "History of Bon Homme County: Lewis & Clark's expedition,

Custer and the 7th Cavalry, Sitting Bull, and the first Hutterite Colony in the U.S."

TOASTMASTERS CLUB 6217

Avera Sacred Heart Hospital Toastmasters thanks Kolberg Pioneer for hosting their March 8 noon meeting with the following guests in attendance:

Jay Kaddatz, Travis Hinnerichs, Steve King, Keenan Henseler, Nick Barbour, Gary Engel, Joe Rust, Joe Neuhaufen, Chauntel Wright, Beth Westergaard, Linda Stock, Casey Sloan, Chelsi Hames, and Area Governor Angela Mann.

Toastmaster MaryAnn Wortmann called the meeting to order with Jeff May leading the invocation.

Taylor O'Bryan demonstrated a sales manual speech entitled "Cold Call." This role play focused on teaching the various parts of introducing yourself to a potential customer, played by Bruce Viau. O'Bryan took questions from the audience on best selling tech-

niques and received the Best Speaker award.

MJ Rogers, as part of General Evaluator Tim Bohn's evaluation team, introduced "motivation" as the word of the day. Bohn's other team members were timer Sheryl Schwartz and "ah" counter Eileen O'Connor.

Speech evaluator Jane Miller was given the Best Evaluator trophy for her feedback to O'Bryan on his cold call demonstration. Miller liked O'Bryan's use of the "question and answer" session, his good eye contact, and the audience's involvement.

Table Topics Master Gale Vogt had impromptu questions for Greg Stach, O'Connor, May, and Jennifer Wubben. May's mini-speech, about "students deserving to be loaded down with homework", won him the Best Respondent's award.

Club 6217 President Schwartz thanked the KPI guests for coming and Bohn for organizing the meeting details.

YCTC Provides Youth With Great Opportunities

BY RYAN EICHACKER

10 years old

What the Children's theatre means to me: My name is Ryan Eichacker and I have done several plays and musicals with the Children's theatre.

I am in the next play that is "No Strings Attached." I play Pinocchio, a marionette, and a villager.

What I like about the Children's theatre Company is that you can experience having a good time. I get to meet a lot of good friends. All the kids there laugh and have fun. Allison (our director) is nice to the kids and sometimes she will give us a treat.

It is fun to be on stage and make people laugh and be happy. Allison gives a lot of different people big parts and will always give the kids a part whether big or small. When I see my name on the cast list, I am always excited.

Acting gives me self confidence that I need to be on stage and in life. It also allows me to express myself in many ways.

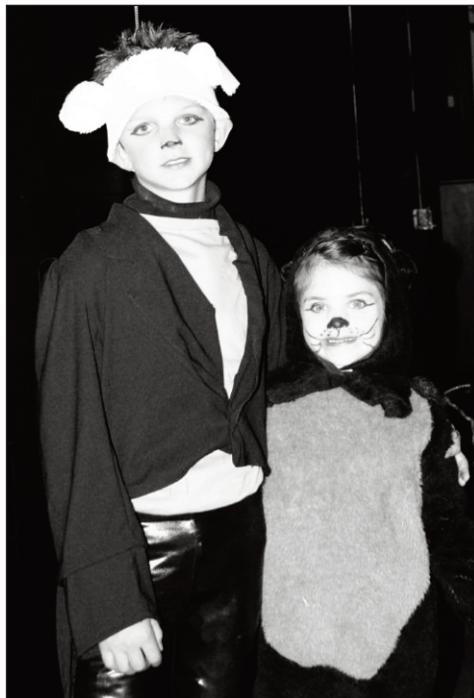
The parents make amazing costumes too! They make a lot of costumes.

When the set comes on the stage it looks awesome. The plays are splendid and enjoyable to go to. The kids there are very grateful to Allison for all the hard work she puts in the plays to make them fun for all the kids.

The Yankton Children's theatre is the way to go. I hope everyone comes to enjoy a play and to get involved.

 The Yankton Children's Theatre Company (YCTC) Board thanks Ryan for the column he wrote above about his experience with YCTC. Ryan is one of over 300 kids who have participated in YCTC programs and productions since the children's theatre started in 2007. You may have seen Ryan in a YCTC play over the last couple of years or in the Lewis & Clark Theatre December production of "A Christmas Spectacular."

You can definitely see him next weekend in a hip and fresh adaptation of Carlo Collodi's Pinocchio story entitled "No Strings Attached," playing at the Dakota Theatre and



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Pictured is Ryan Eichacker with his little sister Emma in last summer's production of "On the Other Side of the Fence." The author of the play, Andrea Green, liked the sets and costumes so much, she asked YCTC photos and permission to use them on her website.

running from Thursday night, March 8th at 7:30 p.m. through the Sunday, March 18 at 2 p.m.

This musical is a fun spin on the traditional Pinocchio story with a cast of close to 60 kids! If you have been to a previous production, you know how much fun they are and how wonderful it is to see these kids (ranging in age from 4 to 18) pull-off a large production! If you've never been, please make plans to come.

The kids love having a big audience to perform to and there is no question you will enjoy the show! In addition to a great show, the American Girl® Doll company donated

A DINO-RIFFIC PERFORMANCE



Mrs. Wagner's Kindergarten students from Lincoln Elementary School put on a dinosaur play this week. The children did an awesome job singing and acting out their parts. We had fun making our costumes, painting the background and practicing our songs! It was great to see so many parents, grandparents, friends and neighbors come to see our performance! Kindergarten rocks!

Stegosaurus: Baylee, Braeden, Taten and Jaiden

Pterodactyl: Landon, Isabelle, Jade and Maddie

Triceratops: Alexis, Kiyson, Nathaniel, Payge and Patrick

Brontosaurus: Aubrie, Lily, Hunter and Austin

Tyrannosaurus Rex: Jarrett, Aurora, Arianna, Dylan and Cooper



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