

Churches Receive Additional \$10,000 From Thrivent Financial

Faith United Lutheran in Volin, Gayville Lutheran in Gayville, and St. John's Lutheran in Yankton recently received an additional \$10,000 from Thrivent Financial. Each church had previously received a \$5,000 Economic Outreach Bridge Grant and was eligible to participate in the matching challenge. Funds raised by the organization would

be matched by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Foundation dollar for dollar. Faith United, Gayville, and St. John's all successfully raised \$10,000 and received matching funds of \$10,000 from Thrivent Financial. Congratulations to all three churches for having a positive impact in our community.



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Gayville-Volin Lutheran Church representatives, Barbara Egbert and Pastor Ralph Egbert receive their check from WD Metheny of Thrivent.



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Faith United Lutheran Church representative Pastor Velma Larson receives their check from WD Metheny.



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St. John's Lutheran Church representatives Shellee Heinemeyer, Pastor Steve Wiespfennig, Pastor Dave Gunderson and Lyla Sonnenfeld receive their check from WD Metheny.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

YANKTON REGIONAL AVIATION ASSOCIATION

Twenty-one members and guests of the Yankton Regional Aviation (YRAA) met on March 18 at 6 p.m. for the annual "Chili Feed" potluck supper in the terminal at Chan Gurney Airport. Participants were from Avon, Menno, Tyndall, Vermillion, Yankton and Crofton.

President John Lilleveld called the meeting to order. Dr. Jill Kruse talked about some of things she learned while participating in a course for aeromedical examiners in the Federal Aviation Administration. Jacob Hoffner announced a Big Friend/Little Friend Young Eagles event was set for April 10 in the Hoffner Flying hangar at the Chan Gurney Airport. He also announced that he had sold his ag spraying business to Crop Dusters LLC of Ireton, Iowa. Hoffner will continue to work with the new business during the next year. Denny Martens reported on information about the crash of a Cessna 421 twin-engine aircraft at Sioux Falls on Dec. 9, 2011. Hoffner talked about his ag spraying business and his flying career.

The next YRAA meeting will be a potluck supper meeting at 6 p.m. April 15 in the terminal at Chan Gurney Airport. For more information about the YRAA, call 665-8448.

ASHH TOASTMASTERS CLUB 6217

Toastmaster Gale Vogt called the March 15 meeting of ASHH Toastmasters Club 6217 to order at noon in the Benedictine Center. He introduced guests Brother Marty, Joe Neuhaften and Chauntel Wright. Then Vogt asked MJ Rogers for a meditation and Rogers reminded members to sometimes take "opportunities in life to dance."

Eric Taylor was the day's persuasive speaker with handouts of crime statistics and examples of how the media and the politicians concentrate on the bad news with "Why Do We Have to Be So Negative?" Taylor was evaluated by Sheryl Schwartz. Schwartz complimented Taylor on his examples, his strong vocal pitch and

good pace.

Table Topics Master Tim Bohn used the "chat pack" cards for impromptu speakers' questions. He quizzed Steve Anderson, Taylor O'Bryan, Muriel Stach, Stan Sudbeck, Rogers, Jane Miller, Fran Kocer, and David Fiebelkorn. Miller won the Best Respondent trophy with her take on being Angelica from the animated "Rug Rats."

General Evaluator Eileen O'Connor thanked the meetings participants, especially those in her evaluation team: timer Miller; "er" counter Kocer; grammarian word Fiebelkorn with "subtle" as his word of the day; and speech evaluator Schwartz, who received the Best Evaluator award.

President Schwartz also welcomed the guests. She reminded members of the March 23 Area Speech Contest in Mitchell and of their upcoming dues. Schwartz thanked KPI and Bohn for hosting last week's meeting and explained the Speech Craft Series.

TOASTMASTER CLUB 1294

Meeting notes for March 24, 2012: Club 1294 meets each Saturday at the Fry'n Pan Restaurant, 7:30 a.m. This morning's meeting was called to order by President, John Swensen. The invocation was given by Jeremy Skrenes followed with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Mike Arens was introduced as the meeting's Toastmaster. Arens called on the Master Evaluator, Carol Hale, who announced her evaluation team. The team included: Grammarian, Jeremy Skrenes. Skrenes introduced the word of the day, "fortitude." The Ah counter was Janice Stone and the timer was John Swensen. Vote counter for the day was Matt Stone.

Two members presented speeches. The first speaker was Tara Arens, working out of an advanced manual "Interpretive Reading." The title of Arens' speech was "The Babies", an humorous interpretation of a speech given by Mark Twain in 1879. The objectives of Arens' speech were; to understand the structure of an effective speech; and to interpret and present a

famous speech. Roy Wilcox, working from the Competent Communicator manual, gave the second speech titled, "If it Wasn't for the Last Minute." Wilcox's speech objectives were; select a speech topic and determine its general and specific purposes; organize the speech in a manner to best achieve those purposes; ensure the beginning, body and conclusion reinforce those purposes; do not use notes; project sincerity, conviction, and control over any nervousness you have. Following the prepared speeches, a rousing round of table topics was led by Steve Hamilton. Hamilton provided a variety of historical political quotes for members to expound upon in any way they chose.

Following the table topics, Master Evaluator Hale called upon Vernon Arens to evaluate Tara Arens' speech, and Harry Voelzke to evaluate Roy Wilcox's speech. Jeremy Skrenes then presented the grammarian's report, noting good usage of the word of the day and urging members to purge the word "gonna" from their vocabulary, another word used extensively during the meeting! Janice Stone followed with a positive Ah Counter's report.

The winner of the Best Speaker was Roy Wilcox. The Best Evaluator award went to Vernon Arens. The winner of the Table Topics contest was Janice Stone. The club was pleased to welcome Jana Lane.

Other Club members present included: Kevin Buhl.

Guests are welcome to attend

meetings held on Saturday morning at 7:30 in the Fry'n Pan Restaurant, Yankton, SD. Please call 665-9217

Submitted by Mike Arens, who can be reached at 668-5274 or evenings at (605) 463-2463.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Yankton American Legion Auxiliary met March 26, 2012, President Betty Adam presiding.

Poppy Sales will be May 4-5, this year. There is no Poppy Chairman. Joyce List will be contacting the Yankton Chamber of Commerce and various businesses to set up sites for the sales.

Malena Diede reported on Americanism stating judging has been completed for the essays and poems. The awards will be presented in late April. She thanked the ladies who had helped with the judging.

A get well card was passed for members to sign for Helen Simpson who is currently at the Tyndall Hospital.

President Betty Adam read a communication from District 8 President Linda Youngbluth, stating that the District 8 American Legion and Auxiliary Spring meeting will be Friday, April 13, 2012 at Tyndall, SD. The Social Hour is from 5-6 p.m., the banquet 6-7 p.m. and meetings to follow at 7 p.m. with the Legion members meeting at the 4-H Building and the Auxiliary meeting at the Legion Post Home.

Marlys List introduced Yankton County Legislators, Senator Jean Hun-

Calvary Kids Preschool Helps Out Pine Ridge Christian Sch.



The Calvary Kids Preschool, located at Calvary Baptist Church, is once again serving others. The students and families (Junior Kindergarten class is pictured) have been collecting items for the new Pine Ridge Christian School in Pine Ridge, SD, which is a part of the Oyate Concern, a Calvary-supported mission. Donations included paper, markers, flashcards, books, hats, mittens, hygiene items, and snacks for the students along with a donation of 2 tables and chairs for their classrooms. The items collected will be delivered to the school by preschool teachers Laurie Hanson and Tina Saraceni.

Calvary Baptist Preschool is a Christ-centered preschool which provides a quality education. The dynamic curriculum encompasses reading, math, science, social studies, fine arts, and Bible activities. Students learn through daily reading and writing centers,

journaling, SmartBoard activities, arts and crafts, and various fun and exciting field trips. They also have the opportunity to serve others.

Class ratios of 1 teacher to every 8 students allow a high standard of academic and spiritual learning as well as the opportunity for students to further develop large and small muscle dexterity. The Junior Kindergarten class has been reading Early Readers since February and will complete their school year knowing all the letters, letter sounds, and numbers. All of the classes have enjoyed learning about the world around them through special trips to the zoo, music museum, grocery store, hospital, restaurant, police and fire station, aquarium, park, circus, and more.

If you would like additional information about Calvary Kids Preschool, please contact Laurie Hanson at (605) 665-5594. Registration is now in progress.

March 17 Pack 258 of Yankton had their annual pinewood derby at Stewart School. There were many participants that had close races. The winner of that race will go onto the Outdoor Expo held later in April to challenge many other cars from other dens.

MARCH MADNESS



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Trevor Fitzgerald, Austin Frick, and Simon Hacecky were out enjoying the unseasonably warm temps on the Missouri River, Saturday, March 24. It was a perfect day for boating and tubing as far as they were concerned.

AARP GIVES BACK



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AARP Lewis & Clark Chapter presented The Center with a check in the amount of \$617.74 for the Meals On Wheels Program. Pictured are AARP Members Joyce & Maurice Newman, Frances & Jeanne Lafferty, Art & Marge Becker presenting the check to Tammy Matuska, Executive Director. All funds shall be used to fund close to a full year of meals for one senior unable to contribute the suggested contribution of \$3.25 per meal.

BEADLE MARCH FOR MEALS



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The Student Council challenged the students at Beadle Elementary to raise money for the Meals on Wheels program. There was a friendly competition between the boys and girls to see who could raise the most money and earn an extra recess. Due to the great participation, both groups will enjoy some extra recess time. The girls raised \$786 and the boys raised \$744.15 for a total of \$1,530.15. Thank you to all of the boys, girls and families that supported this event. Pictured are the Beadle Student Council members with The Center's director Tammy Matuska.

hoff and representatives Nick Moser and Bernie Hunhoff, each of them giving their views on the 2012 Legislative Session. Several questions from the audience were asked. Senator Hunhoff mentioned several bills regarding veterans that were passed.

A delicious lunch, including birthday cake for the American Legion was served by Malena Died and Mary Kuchta.

The next meeting is April 16, 2012, the program will be Poppies/Posters and Americanism reports. Lunch Hostesses will be Dorothy Johansen and Marlys List.

INTERCHANGE

Interchange met on Monday, March 26, 2012, at 11:30 a.m. at Minerva's. Kathy Jacobs, Interchange President, called the meeting to order followed by

the Pledge of Allegiance.

Interchange hosted a City Commission Candidate Forum in partnership with the Yankton Chamber of Commerce in advance of the joint municipal/school board election to be held on Tuesday, April 10, 2012. Commission candidates addressed questions concerning a variety of topics including code enforcement, signage, single-stream recycling, restaurant liquor licensing, the possible purchase of state property at the Human Services Center, along with economic and community development.

The next meeting of Interchange will be held on April 2 at Minerva's. Doors will open at 11:30 a.m. and lunch will be served at 11:45 a.m. Interchange will host the School Board Candidate Forum in partnership with the Yankton Area Chamber of Commerce.

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